

Officers' Reports

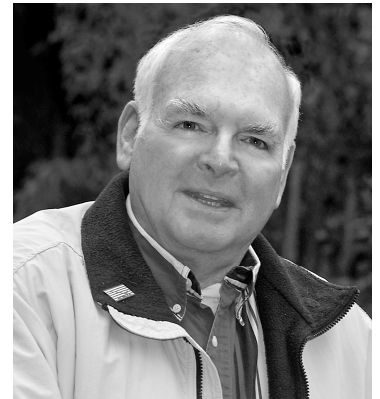
President's Report

Jack Hamilton, MMR

I am approaching the end of my first year of service as your Region President. By the time you read this we will be about to start our annual PNR Convention in Edmonton, Alberta. I hope to see many of you there. In case you cannot make it, here is where we currently stand on a number of issues.

Officers

The departure of Steve Prevette to South Carolina, in a major job move, left the office of Vice President and the position of Office Manager vacant. Steve provided years of invaluable service to the Region and he will be missed. However, some veteran players stepped forward to fill the holes. Walt Huston, past Superintendent of Division 4 has been approved by the Board of Directors and is now serving as Vice President. Walt has already started to make his mark, working with the Divisions on membership and other significant issues. Ed and Gay Liesse volunteered (without being asked) to serve as Co-Office Managers and have been approved and appointed to that position. As with everything else Ed and Gay undertake, look for positive progress in the office management of the Region. Ed has also been appointed as the Education Committee Chair and continues the progress of that group to enhance the benefits of NMRA membership by expanding the opportunities for learning and skills improvement throughout the Region. On the down side, Past President Kevin Oleson, driven by work-related demands, had to step away from active service as the Region Convention Committee Chair. I have not identified an individual willing to undertake that responsibility and have been doing my best to fill in. I am open to suggestions and nominations.



Membership

I began my term in office with emphasis on developing a solid program of retention and recruiting new members. The statistics show that over the past year membership has remained relatively stable with no appreciable losses or gains. Unfortunately, because of the “graying” of our membership, if we do not bring new, younger members into the organization, the trend will be downward at an ever-increasing rate. In the coming year, working with VP Walt and the Division Superintendents, I expect to develop and implement a strong and effective series of membership initiatives that will get us back on the track of positive growth.

Organizational Documents

Over the past year we, the membership and the Board of Directors, have approved revisions to the by laws and adopted a new Policy Manual. Both documents are on our website, pnr.nmra.org. It is in your best interest as a member to read the documents to gain a better understanding of how we work. This is, after all, *your* association and we exist primarily to serve the members.

Work is currently underway to develop and adopt a Superintendent's Guidebook and a revised Convention Handbook. I plan to have both items on the September BOD meeting as action items for the Board.

Annual Membership Meeting

Our Articles of Incorporation and our by laws require that the Region conduct an annual meeting of the membership. That is one of the primary reasons for and most important events of our annual convention. This year, stressing the importance of that meeting to the membership, time has been set aside to hold the meeting free of competition with clinics and tours. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 8:30–10:00 AM. This is the meeting for the members. If you cannot attend but would like to bring an issue to the Board and the membership, please contact your Division Superintendent or me, gradiver@wavecable.com, 360-308-9845.

Cross Border Travel

There is a growing concern that recent revision to the immigration laws of Canada and the US with regard to personal identification are impacting the willingness of NMRA members to participate in activities “cross border.” If true, that can be a major difficulty for PNR because of the significant cross border structure of our re-

gion. The new requirement is for either a passport or an “enhanced” driver’s license. Currently only Washington State and British Columbia offer “enhanced” licenses. If the new requirements for personal identification are causing you to not cross the border, I need to know that and what the real nature of the problem is. I know that cost has been mentioned, but I also know that some of my fellow countrymen consider a passport a form of National ID card. Because this issue has far reaching impact on NMRA organizational structure and membership, we need to address it now. Please give me your input.

NMRA and PNR Belong to YOU

I have always been mystified why someone would become a member of an organization such as NMRA and then fail to actively participate or take advantages of the benefits of membership. Participation does not require running for office, presenting clinics, or volunteering for a committee position at some level, although those are certainly anticipated and worthy endeavors for members. Active participation does entail participation in discussions about the organization and the direction it should move in. Participation involves making input anytime you might desire but most certainly when directly asked. And, most important of all, participation means voting on every issue placed before you. This is your organization and it cannot meet your desires and demands if you do not make them known.

See you in Edmonton.

Treasurer’s Report

Dirk Kruysman

The finances of the PNR are in an excellent condition. We have started the last month of our fiscal year which ends on August 31st. Our income to date is \$10,525.43, which is 115% of our budget estimate. Our expenses to date are \$7,163.71, which is 78% of the budget. Our investments have survived the storm and, while we have not earned all that much, we have not lost a penny this fiscal year. A complete and detailed financial report will be provided to the PNR Board of Directors at the meeting in Edmonton in September and then will be available to the members of the PNR in the next *Switchlist*.

News

Lee Oman, 1949-2009

Stephanie Oman

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of the death of my husband and best friend, Lee Oman, founder and designer of Yesteryear Creations products. Lee’s love of model railroading was contagious. He was extremely detailed and a perfectionist which showed in the intricate design of his photo-etched brass kits. Best known for the N Scale Windmill, Yesteryear Creations went on to design kits in HO as well as N. The business is based out of Florence, Oregon but Lee and I had the wonderful opportunity to market our products by traveling in our motor home to retail hobby shops across the country. Lee loved meeting and visiting with each of you and he never forgot a face or where you were located.

He was unexpectedly stricken with an aggressive malignant brain tumor. He loved life and loved people, and fought diligently, but lost his battle on September 16, 2008. He was ready to be with his Lord and Saviour but also hated to leave us here. If you have a fond memory of Lee or would just like to send your condolences please go to www.mem.com and type in his name. It will allow you to sign in to an on-line registry.

For those of you who carry our products, thank you for helping to keep his legacy alive. He would be so proud. Lee, a native of Northern California served his country in the Submarine Service and continued to serve the public with a career in law enforcement in Pascagoula, MS, before becoming involved with the model railroad industry. He was 59 years old.



News

NMRA Award Winners from PNR

Ed Liesse

At the NMRA National Convention in Hartford, CT, President Mike Brestel presented a Distinguished Service Award to Brian Ellerby of Evergreen Scale Models and a President's Award to Di Voss. Since neither was in attendance at the banquet, I had the privilege of making the local presentation. Here is what Mike had to say in his presentation:

Distinguished Service Award

Other than Alan Armitage, who received a Distinguished Service Award for his introduction of styrene as a serious modeling resource, no one is more responsible for the vast use of styrene in the modeling world today than Brian Ellerby. With the increasing use of styrene and other plastics as a preferred modeling medium, Brian founded Evergreen Plastics to bring readily available styrene sheets and dimensional strips to the modeler. He has championed the use of styrene in modeling and has written many articles on the treatment of styrene to represent wood, metal and other materials. Brian has also been a very good friend to the NMRA over the years, with repeated donations of product to the Modeling with the Masters Program and other NMRA efforts.



President's Award

The President's Award is given to Didrik Voss for the giving of his time and abilities to the NMRA as the Standards & Conformance Department Manager, as well as for accepting an additional position as Nominating Committee Chair and for his service as Chairman of the NMRA National Convention, held in Seattle in 2004.

Achievement Program Moments

Jack Hamilton

The following individuals have received Achievement Program Recognition during the last Quarter. Our most sincere congratulation to each awardee. Keep up the good work!

Colin Truss, Golden Spike; Thomas Burch, Golden Spike; Sonny Potiuk, Golden Spike; Anthony Lee, Merit Award—Structure; Sonny Potiuk, Merit Award—Structure (3); Phillip Everett, Merit Award—Structure (2); Sherman Stevens, Volunteer; Anthony Lee, Scenery; Walt Huston, Chief Dispatcher; Paul DeMuth, Electrical; Paul DeMuth, Scenery; Richard Meicho, Scenery; Richard Meicho, Electrical

Phillip Everett and Walt Huston are each one certificate away from achieving MMR. Please offer these gentlemen your encouragement and assistance to complete their certificates. There are also a number of individuals with 4 or more certificates in hand. You are more than halfway to the end point and a little more effort is all that is required. I look forward to seeing a number of good models and layouts in Edmonton.

Bogus Renewal Notices

Jack Hamilton

It appears that a company called the "Publishers Billing Exchange" is sending out fake renewal notices to model railroad publications, hoping you'll send them a check instead of the magazine's publisher.

According to Kalmbach Publishing, "Publishers Billing Exchange is not affiliated with Kalmbach Publishing Company. Like many other publishers, we have been victims of fraudulent use of our mailing list. We have been actively pursuing this agent, working with several state attorneys general, as well as other publishers, to curtail this unauthorized activity. We strongly recommend you do not remit a renewal payment of any kind to this company and renew directly through the publisher. We are not responsible for payments sent to Publishers Billing Exchange, as they do not represent our company in any way. If payment was remitted to this company, we would strongly recommend contacting them immediately by mail requesting a full refund."

News

NMRA Info Net News

Gerry Leone, MMR, NMRA Communications Director

The Hartford Convention drew over 1,000 attendees and returned a surplus larger than the Anaheim and Detroit conventions combined. 28% of Hartford Convention registrants used online registration. Volunteers at the NMRA Membership booth, headed by Jody Hendricks and “Doc” Robert Chait, signed up over 250 new NMRA members at the National Train Show in Hartford.

The RailPass program (\$9.95 for a six-month trial membership) is increasingly successful, with about 45% of those signing up for RailPasses converting to Regular memberships when it’s time to renew. This is up from 35% at this time last year.

The first in a new series of NMRA Data Sheets is ready for publication. They’ll first appear in Scale Rails and then be placed on a members-only section of www.nmra.org.

Want to host a National Convention? The Board is still accepting bids. The 2014 convention is scheduled to be held in the central portion of North America. Interested host groups should contact Henry Jordan at nmracd@aol.com.

Wanted: Division and Region handbooks! A special committee is assembling a guidebook for Regions and Divisions and is looking for any existing handbooks to use as a guide. If your Region or Division has one, please send it to me, Gerry Leone, at nmra-infonet@earthlink.net. In addition, the book will also contain a listing of what Regions and Divisions have done to successfully raise money, increase membership, and revitalize. If you have a success story you’d like included, please email it to me.

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Major topics included retaining and attracting members, reducing the cost of attending National Conventions, and moving the Howell Day Model Railroad Museum and Kalmbach Memorial Library to the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, CA.

Treasurer Tom Draper reported that the NMRA is operating at a surplus through May 31, 2009. He also noted that membership remains steady at around 19,500. Revenues for Scale Rails were up this year, over the same period in 2008.

The Board approved a \$1,000 fund to enable the Standards and Conformance Department to purchase products through normal retail channels, ensuring that all samples are typical of those being purchased by consumers. Models purchased through this program will be sold in the Silent Auction at the National Convention.

The Board voted to end the “Patron” category since it closely resembled the “Sustaining” class of membership.

Tom Draper will soon retire as Treasurer, to be replaced by Kevin Feeney, former Eastern District Director. Mr. Draper has taken over the duties of Marketing, Advertising, and Promotion (MAP) Manager.

Nominations Chair Frank Koch stepped down and has been replaced by Standards & Conformance Manager Didrik Voss. The Nominating Committee is currently soliciting candidates for the office of Western District Director.

The Board viewed a presentation of turning Scale Rails into an electronic publication. The Board has not yet made a decision about whether to explore this venue further.

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Board member or Officer. You’ll find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in Scale Rails.

More News Highlights

- The Federal CFC program (which was mentioned in Mike Brestel's Scale Rails column late last year) raised almost \$5,000 so far this year for the NMRA. Contributions for this program come in throughout the year. Plans are to continue the program again next year.
- The NMRA return address labels, which were mailed out last month to all NMRA members, is a major fund raiser. It paid for itself with member donations within two weeks, and continues to generate income for the NMRA. To date, over \$31,000 has been raised.

- Speaking of fund raisers, the 2009 NMRA calendar raised almost \$10,000 in contributions this year, in addition to the funds raised during 2008.
- The Milwaukee Convention National Train Show vendor booths are already 20% sold out!
- The Kalmbach Library's "Postwar Freight Car Fleet" book has been wildly successful, and is now in its 3rd printing.
- The NMRA Convention Committee is currently looking for cities in the Central U.S. to host the 2014 convention. If your Division or Region is interested, please let one of the NMRA Officers or Board members know.
- Region Presidents: if you're not receiving National Board Meeting agendas and other items from NMRA Secretary Bob Gangwish, please let him know by emailing him at secy@hq.nmra.org

If you have any questions or comments, please send them directly to a Board Member or Officer at the address found in Scale Rails or at nmra.org. And if you've recently changed your email address, please tell us at NMRA-infonet@earthlink.net.

PNR Convention

Northern Lights 2009, PNR Regional Convention Edmonton, Alberta, September 17-19, 2009

Rob Badmington, Northern Lights 2009 Publicity Chair

Momentum is rapidly building for PNR's annual Convention to be held in mid-September in Edmonton, Alberta. New activities are being added to the program almost daily. Over 90 people have already pre-registered to participate, with almost every Division of the PNR represented.

In the last issue of *The Switchlist*, I described some of the highlights of the convention, including the banquet speaker, a few of the layouts, the tour of the Alberta Railway Museum, and the evening barbeque and reception at Fort Edmonton Park.

Since the article was published in May, another **six** clinics have been added to the program to bring the total to 20. We are pleased to announce that Ken Goslett, Associate Editor of *Railroad Model Craftsman*, will present two different clinics at *Northern Lights 2009*. Ken is a very entertaining speaker, as well as an accomplished photographer and rail historian. His presentations will be on the GS Gondola in

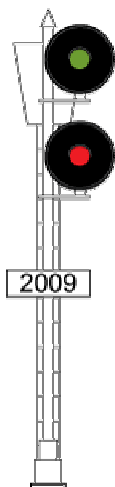
Canada, describing the dumping gondola, a very common freight car, and on Alberta Railnet, a modern northwestern Alberta short line with a brief but colourful existence. Other clinics will appeal to operations enthusiasts, model builders, and those building layouts. There will also be a room available for impromptu discussion forums, where attendees with similar interests can get together to explore topics and exchange ideas on operations, DCC, cataloguing photo collections, weathering, or anything else.

Two different prototype tours are available for delegates at a small extra charge. How about visiting Edmonton's newly expanded Light Rail Transit shops, traveling to the facility on the LRT itself? Here you will have a chance to get an up-close look at the cars and how they are kept running. This tour is Friday afternoon.

If you like really big industries, you won't want to miss the bus to Lehigh Inland Cement on Thursday morning. This guided tour will show you the process of making Portland cement at the plant in northwest Edmonton. This is a very rail-oriented operation, with raw limestone arriving on unit trains from the quarry over 340 kilometres away and plenty of cement leaving every day in huge covered hoppers. Both



Some of the special hopper cars used to bring limestone to the plant have just been unloaded at the Lehigh Inland Cement plant in Edmonton. A special tour will show the inner workings of this huge industry.



tours will likely fill up quickly, so your best chance of securing a seat is to sign up for the tours when you pre-register.

More layouts are being added to the Layout Tour program. I personally find that I learn something new at every layout I visit, whether it is a scenery tip, a new operating idea, or a layout design trick. The tour will be self-guided, with very detailed maps available for all delegates. We will help facilitate carpooling, a great way to make new friends.

If you haven't pre-registered, you are welcome to register at the Convention when you arrive. The registration desk will be open at the Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel starting at 5 PM, Wednesday, September 16. But pre-registering gives you better odds of getting the prototype tours you want, as well as giving you an entry in the early-bird drawing for a pair of InterMountain FP-9's. Download a registration form at NorthernLights2009.ca, and click "Registration Form."

Edmonton is a modern city of over a million people, with plenty of exciting places to explore. There is something for everyone: museums, shopping, professional sports, outdoor recreation, and sightseeing. For a taste of what awaits you, visit DiscoverEdmonton.com. There are many things near the convention to keep the non-rails busy including a spa at the hotel and a free shuttle to numerous attractions, malls, and museums. A complete list is on the "Attractions en-route" page of the convention website: NorthernLights2009.ca. If you travel by road to Edmonton, you will discover even more, so check out www1.travelalberta.com/en-ab.

Whether you pre-register or sign up at the convention, please make sure you arrive early. Activities start right at 9 o'clock Thursday morning with the Lehigh Inland Cement tour and the first of 20 different clinics. The registration desk will open at 8 am. The complete convention schedule is at NorthernLights2009.ca, and click "Schedule." Changes are posted promptly. It is the Convention Committee's goal to offer you more activities than you can fit into your schedule. But whatever you choose to do, please make sure you leave some time to renew acquaintances and make some new friends. After all, isn't that what it's all about?



You can ride this streetcar from downtown Edmonton to the Strathcona shopping district and enjoy the spectacular views of the North Saskatchewan River valley from the top of the 96 year old High Level Bridge.



Brian Stokes' Nelson and Fort Sheppard is one of the featured layouts as well as the OPSIG's special operating sessions which are open to all convention registrants.

Division Reports

1st Division

Ed Schaezner, Superintendent

Nothing submitted.

2nd Division

Doug Auburg, Superintendent

Nothing submitted.

Division Reports

3rd Division

Terry A. Nelson, Superintendent

This summer has been very busy here in the 3rd Division. We have been sharing work on each other's layouts. It's a "pay it forward" deal: one of us makes a new diesel fueling depot for someone else and then that person helps scenic an area on someone else's layout, and so it goes. Lots of great progress is being made. Also, work or operating sessions are happening almost every night of the week. The 3rd Division is busier than I've ever seen it.

Our fall meet is scheduled for September 26th in Boise and we are bringing out the hustler drag track. If you attended the Regional Convention when it was held here last, you will remember the craziness. Lots of paybacks and grudge run-offs are certain to occur. Bring your hustler and get ready to have fun no matter what. The usual fare of clinics and layout tours will be provided. One layout on the tour will be to MMR Clyde Queen's On30 layout that is to be featured in the September issue of the *Short Line & Narrow Gauge Gazette*. I bet you can get Clyde to autograph your copy. And don't forget to bring your latest project for the favorite model contest or judging for the AP program.

The next Mini-Meet is scheduled for August 22nd. We are making the Nampa loop to MMR Rick Uhlenkott's wondrous N Scale layout and to the Nampa Club's HO layout.

Upcoming events include the Treasure Valley Train Expo sponsored by Team Dewey Hobbies in Nampa, September 11–13; the Twin Falls Swap Meet, September 19th, 9AM to 5PM at the Jerome County Fair Grounds, 200 N Fir Street, Jerome; and the Eagle Rock Rail Show in Idaho Falls, October 10th. Our fall is shaping up to be a busy time here in Idaho. See our website for all the details.

4th Division

Dennis Hill, Superintendent

As the summer months begin to pass into fall, we can reflect on the railfan activities we enjoyed during the last three months! The PNR "Northern Lights 2009" Convention is now on the horizon in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. If you are able to attend this one, please do so as I understand it will be a good one! A full slate of activities is planned for your enjoyment.

In the coming months the Fourth Division and its members will participate in the PNR Convention and many other railroad-related activities. Some are still outdoors or enjoying day trips, while others are involved in getting the train room or shop ready for winter and hobby time.

Don't forget to check the calendar of events in your area to see what activities are still available to you in the near future. Planning to share time with a friend and doing the "Train Thing" one more time before the season changes always benefits more than just yourself! Happy Rails to you.

5th Division

Shirley Sample, Superintendent

I hope everyone has had a great summer and enjoyed the hot weather. We have had a conflict of dates for the fall mini-meet in Missoula, so at this point doesn't look like it will happen. I am hoping we can do a spring mini-meet there in conjunction with our April 2010 Annual Meeting and am looking for volunteers in that area to help.

It would also be great to start planning the 2010 fall mini-meet and I think the Lewiston-Clarkston area would be the next one to consider. It has the 3rd largest membership of the 5th Division. If there are any volunteers in that area willing to help get it set up, please let me know (information below).

At the 5th Division Annual meeting in April, John Decker from Kennewick, WA volunteered to be the Editor of *The Goat*. He will be getting an issue out soon, so be sure to check the website for it: pnr.nmra.org/5div. If you have anything you would like to have included in it, be sure to email John at jrdecker@verizon.net. Thanks to John for stepping up to help out.

Contact information for your PNR officials are always listed on "The Masthead," located on page 11 of each edition of The Switchlist.

Division Reports

The by-law revisions for the 5th Division are underway and we are hoping to get the revisions out to the membership for voting soon.

As I mentioned in my last article, we need to get educational clinics set up for this fall. I would like to have some volunteers to help do this. If I don't hear from you, you will be hearing from me! I'm willing to act as Superintendent until we hold elections in the spring, but I will be appointing others to fill in offices and to be Trainmasters in the various areas of the division so we can become more active. *We need volunteers – that means you!*

Bob and I will attend the PNR Annual Convention in Edmonton, AB in September. From looking at clinics, layout tours, and extra fare tours, it is shaping up to be an excellent convention. I hope to see some of you there. If there are any issues you would like brought up at the Board meeting, let me know so I can present them.

I can be reached at shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com, home: 509-292-8332, cell: 509-991-2317, work: 800-366-6975 or mail: P. O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009.

6th Division

Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

I hope you have all had a good summer so far. The Regional Convention Committee has been hard at work finalizing details for the upcoming convention. Some really great prototype tours have been added to the agenda, so keep checking NorthernLights2009.ca for updates.

The 6th Division hosted a Meet & Greet with the Mainline Model Railroad Fellowship (MMRF). This event was well attended. It is always great to meet other model railroaders. CN provided many trains for our enjoyment. Plans are in the works for similar events in Calgary and other parts of the Division. It is exciting that membership continues to grow in the Division. The Convention Publicity Chair has a great article in this issue of "The Switchlist." So take the time to look at the article, it is a wealth of information. Have a great rest of your summer and I hope to see you all in September!

7th Division

Gary Hazell, Superintendent

From a very long winter to an incredibly hot summer, B.C. has had over six weeks with very little precipitation and none in some parts especially in the Okanagan and Interior of the Prov. There have been many fires and the temperature has broken the all time highs in many spots. We are all waiting for cooler temperatures and hopefully we will get some rain.

We are all looking forward to the 6th Division holding the Edmonton PNR Convention September 17–19 in conjunction with the Edmonton Train Show, September 19–20. If you haven't registered there is still time so check out their website at NorthernLights2009.ca

There are still a number of meets planned in the 7th Division: CN Community Day, September 6; Surrey (near Vancouver) and the Victoria Train Show, September 13; Saanich (suburb of Victoria) and the annual 7th Division Train Show at the Cameron Centre in Burnaby, B.C., November 13–15, www.bctrains.org; Salmon Arm will hold the annual 7th Division Interior Spring Meet, Easter weekend, April 2–4, 2010. Check out SAMRA's new website at SalmonArmModelRailway.com. Click on the history tab to see me in a red plaid shirt when my hair was brown, not grey, and there was a lot more of it! The meet will take place at the Prestige Harbourfront Resort & Convention Centre, PrestigeHotelsAndResorts.com, 877-737-8443, ask for Salmon Arm.

Hope to see you in Edmonton!

Pacific Northwest Region Activities

*To add your activities to the Switchlist Timetable or PNR web page contact the
Timetable Editor, Mark Johnson at 780-436-2480, timetable@pnr-nmra.org*

Aug 22 (Sat), FIELD, BC

Spiral Tunnels Centennial - Interpretive Theatre Show. Field Community Centre. Info:- www.friendsofyoho.ca

Sep 5 (Sat), FIELD, BC

Spiral Tunnels Centennial - Canadian Pacific, Parks Canada, Friends of Yoho and the Burgess Shale Geoscience Foundation are planning an exciting centennial event. Ask for more information at the Visitor Centre in Field. Info:- (250) 343- 6783 www.friendsofyoho.ca

Sep 5 (Sat), METALINE FALLS, WA

NPOV Lions Excursion Train Ride - Labor Day Weekend - \$12.00 ages 13 - 64; \$8.00 ages 2 - 12; \$8.00 ages over 64; children under 2 free. Info:- www.lionstrainrides.com

Sep 11-13, CALDWELL, ID

Treasure Valley Train Expo. O'Conner Field House, 2207 Blaine. Noon to 8:00 P.M. Friday and Saturday, Noon to 6:00 P.M. Sunday. Admission \$5.00 Children 12 and under Free. The event will include modular layouts, model contests, vendors and clinics. Clubs are encouraged to participate. Vendor tables are available. For further information contact Troy Dewey, 208-461-5028 treasurevalleytrainexpo@gmail.com 1509 Caldwell Blvd. #19, Nampa, Id. 83651

Sep 12 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

West End Model Train Swap Meet, sponsored by the Tualatin Valley Model Railroad Club. 10AM-3PM, vendor setup at 7:30AM. Oregon Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5500 SW Dosch Rd. on the North side of Beaverton Hillsdale Hiway. Tables \$15 for the first and \$10 for additional to a maximum of 5. Info:- Jim Young, Show Chair, 503-643-1701, rvntrak@yahoo.com

Sep 13 (Sun), VICTORIA, BC

Victoria Model Railway Show - Operating Model Railroads, Popular Vote Contest, Commercial & Individual Sales & Displays Cedar Hill Recreation Center, Saanich, B.C. Free parking Admission: Adults - \$6; Family - \$13; NMRA/PNR - \$5; Under 10 - Free when accompanied by an adult. Info:- Ted Alexis, 250-595-4070,

Sep 17-19, EDMONTON, AB

Northern Lights 2009. PNR Regional Convention. Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel. Info:- Mark Johnson, registrar@northernlights2009.ca www.northernlights2009.ca

Sep 19-20, EDMONTON, AB

2009 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 AM - 5 PM, Mayfield Trade Centre, 16615 - 109 Ave (Mayfield Road). 40,000 sq. ft. of layouts, displays, clinics, dealers and LEGO! Info:- www.mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 19-20, RAINIER, OR

The LK&R Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet Saturday: 10-5 Sunday: 12-5 Riverside Community Church Gymnasium, 303 3rd Street (behind the Chevron station) Admission: \$2 or \$1 with a can of food. Vendor Tables: \$15 each Info:- Dave Helton: 503-556-2362; Robert Whiffen: 360-425-0058

Sep 26 (Sat), VANCOUVER, WA

Southwest Washington Model Railroaders Open House. Many different types of HO gauge engines from the small logging area to the Big Boys on the main line. Hours are from 10AM to 4 PM Located at 8100 E Mill Plain Blvd in Vancouver, Washington. One block east of Garrison Square, in the building behind Safe Harbor Nazarene Church bordering the parking lot off of 82nd Ave. FREE ADMISSION food donations accepted. Info:- Richard Renihan rrenihan@msn.com 360 892-3410 www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Sep 26-27, CALGARY , AB

23rd Annual Railway Days. Two operating 0-6-0's, spike driving competition, and model railway exhibits. 1900 Heritage Dr. SW. Info: - (403) 268-8500, www.heritagepark.ca.

Oct 3-4, NORTH BEND, WA

PNW Milwaukee Road Modelers Meet combined with MilWest Meet., Cedar River Watershed Education Center, 19901 Cedar Falls Rd SE (I-90 exit 32). Info:- Paul Krueger, kruegerp@nwlink.com or www.milweelectric.org

Oct 3 (Sat), VANCOUVER, WA

37th Annual Great Train Swap Meet by the Southwest Washington Model Railroaders. There will be an operating HO Gauge layout of the Columbia Gorge and over 125 tables with vendors from all over the Northwest. Located at Hudson's Bay High School at 1206 E Reserve Street in Vancouver, Washington. It is located just off the I-5 Bridge at Exit 1-C on Mill Plain Blvd (east). Hours are from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Admission for Adults is \$4.00, students are \$2.00 and children under 6 are free with paid adult. Vendor's tables are \$14.00 for a 6 foot table, set up at 7:30 AM. Info:- Richard Renihan @ rrenihan@msn.com, www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Oct 10 (Sat), EUGENE, OR

1st Division PNR/NMRA Mini-Meet as hosted by the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club of the Eugene-Springfield area. Event will take place at the Eugene Water & Electric Board Corporate Headquarters at 500 East 4th Avenue. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with clinics starting at 9:00 a.m. followed by never before seen layout tours in the afternoon. The oldest and largest railroad club in the area invites you to take part in clinics, layout tours, door prizes, enter your favorite engine or train contest and see what kind of draw bar pull your locomotive has. Could possibly even be a tour on your own of a private railroad museum. Day finishes at 5:30 p.m. Info:- Lee Temple 541-954-4917 or email tandt@ram-mail.com FREE ADMISSION!

Oct 10-11, IDAHO FALLS, ID

Eagle Rock Railroad Historical Society Railshow 2009. Multiple Scale Model Railroads; Swap & Commercial Dealer Tables; 1-1/2" Scale Trains to ride! Idaho Falls Recreation Center, 520 Memorial Drive Sat: 9 am. - 5 pm. Sun: 10 am. - 2 pm. Info:- (208) 681-7383; errhsi@ida.net or www.ida.net/org/errhsi/

Oct 17-18, CHILLIWACK, BC

Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Info: James Hill, (604) 824-1757, Fax: 604-795-5046, gdee@telus.net.

Oct 17 (Sat), CALGARY, AB

30th Annual Boomer Auction, Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW, 10am, auction starts at noon. Info: - John Wrinch, (403) 281-5745, jawrinch@shaw.ca

Oct 17-18, SEQUIM, WA

North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Train Show and Swap Meet, Sequim Prairie Grange, 290 Macleay Rd, Sequim, WA.. 10 am to 4 pm Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm Sunday. Info:- Lauren Scrafford, (360) 379-3280. e78milrd@q.com

Oct 17-18, EDMONTON, AB

Edmonton Model Railroad Association Open House, at the Freight Shed, Fort Edmonton Park, 10am-5pm. Info: - www.EMRAonline.ca.

Oct 18 (Sun), CALGARY, AB

Calgary Model Railway Society, (CMRS), AGM and Fall Mini-Meet, Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE. Info: - www.calgarymodelrailway.org.

Nov 13-16, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2009, 26th Annual 7th Div Fall Meet, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. Trains Meet Registrar, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (604) 987-4237 (Registration ONLY), ras1@uniserve.com, Info:- www.bctrains.org.

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Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club Annual Swap Meet Kent Commons 525 4th Ave. N Kent, Washington Saturday November 814, 2009 9:30am to 4:00pm Admission \$6 adults, children 14 and under free Info:- Ed Sherry 550 SW Colewood Ln. Normandy Park, WA 98166 206 244-3884 swap-meet@bemrrc.com

Nov 14-15, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2008, 27th Annual Public Show, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 10am-4pm. Info: - Trains RE: Public Show, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, trains2009@telus.net, www.bctrains.org.

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