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Welcome!

Hooray! Spring has finally arrived in the Pacific Northwest., at least according to the calendar. So now the dilemma begins anew. Do I work/play outside or spend time indoors on my train room and layout? For some of you, there's no conflict if you're into garden railroading. Which reminds me that I've been informed a really active garden railroad club is in the Vancouver, BC, area—the [Greater Vancouver Garden Railway Club](#). But that's not the only garden railroading club in the PNR. The [Rose City Garden Railway Society](#), located in Portland, is another and I'm sure there are more. If you're interested in this aspect of the hobby, please check out their websites to learn more.

On a sad note, we've been informed of the recent passing of two distinguished PNR members—Wil Seaver and Jim Whaley. Ed Liesse, Dick Sutcliffe, Bob Chaparro, and Doug Auburg have provided some brief background information about these two amazing guys on page 3. Our condolences go out to Wil and Jim's families and friends. They will both be sorely missed.

This issue of *The Switchlist* is normally the election issue for the President and Vice-President positions, which are elected in even numbered years. We are still seeking nominees, so anticipate the election will be held later this Spring or early summer. Please consider running for one of these positions. Contact President Shirley Sample for more information.

Don't forget that [Selkirk Express 2016](#) will be June 15–19 in Salmon Arm, British Columbia. Registrations are still being accepted. David Walker, the Convention Chair, provides updated information on clinics and other activities in this issue of *The Switchlist*. But you'll also want to check out the convention website for the most current info. And, you still have time to work on your entry for the contest or AP merit awards.

If you are unable to attend the PNR convention this year because of a scheduling conflict, or if you're in the vicinity of Arlington, Texas, around June 22–25, you may want to consider attending the Lone Star Region's convention, the [Daylight Express 2016](#). You can get info about other regional conventions on the [NMRA Region Conventions](#) web page.

Even though it's summer and you'd think model railroading shows and meets have thinned out and taken a back seat to other summer activities, think again! The Timetable posted on page 11 in *The Switchlist* and also on the PNR website continues to have a large number of fun events on tap to keep you and family members connected with the hobby throughout the summer.

Have a great summer and safe travels!

Greg Kujawa, Editor

Have you changed your address or other membership information?

Notify NMRA Headquarters

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PNR News and Announcements

Recent Passing of Two Notable PNR Members

Wilmer (Wil) Seaver, 83 years old, of Grangeville, Idaho, former PNR Past President (two non-consecutive terms) passed away on April 13. Wil had been very active in the Pacific Southwest Region (especially the Los Angeles Division) for a number of years before moving to Idaho and getting active in the PNR. He helped resolve and align some PNR division boundaries and was an early participant and promoter of HO modular railroading. Wil was also quite active in the NMRA at the national level, being a contest judge at the National Convention for many years. He was a 49-year Life Member of NMRA. — Ed Liesse, Dick Sutcliffe, and Bob Chaparro

James Whaley MMR of Portland, Oregon, passed away on May 4 at age 85. Jim was a Life Member of NMRA, long-time PNR 2nd Division member, and member of the Pacific Coast Region, as well as a Master Model Railroader. He was a past 2nd Division Superintendent (multiple times), PNR President, and National Trustee. He served as AP Chair for the Region and Division for many years. He was also a strong member of my Clinics team during the six years that NMRA National ran the clinics program at the NMRA National Conventions (2005 – 2010). Jim was also a Life Member of the Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club in Portland and a charter member of the SP&S Railway Historical Society. Jim was a 40+ year friend of mine and many others and will be missed. — Doug Auburg

Selkirk Express 2016

David Walker, Chair

Update April 24, 2016. The convention and public train show are almost here so we hope you have made your plans to attend the event starting June 15, 2016.

There is still room on the *No Tracks! No Trains! Just Fun and Games Mystery Tour*. The tour is designed especially for the ladies attending the event with their spouses. Join the group for an all-day excursion visiting some of the beautiful and fascinating locales in the Shuswap and North Okanagan Valleys. The tour will be departing from the Prestige Harbourfront Resort (convention hotel) at 8:30 a.m. and will return between 3–4 p.m. The tour includes transportation on a comfortable motor coach, special luncheon, and other hidden surprises. Please wear comfortable walking shoes as there are some paths and stairs on the tour. *Please note there may be areas not accessible to participants with mobility issues.*

A room is being set aside at the Prestige Harbourfront Resort for those ladies looking to take a break from the train side of the event. The room will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Activities being planned are:

Book Swap—Bring a few novels and trade for others. Magazines welcome.

Puzzles, crib board and playing cards

Adult Colouring Pages and felt pens—These were very popular at the National Convention!

Quilting, Knitting, Crocheting—Bring your own supplies and projects. If you want to share, maybe trade yarns (pun intended!) with each other.

Possible Bingo Night

The other tours to Summerland and Revelstoke are quickly filling up as well. On the Summerland tour, we have added a stop at the Central Okanagan Railway Company in Peachland, BC.

Don't forget the contest being held during the event. Using the Crossing Shanty Kit from Inter-Action Enterprises, kitbash the kit into anything but the crossing shanty. The Salmon Arm Committee has a limited number of the Interaction Kits available for \$27.95. Contact the Chairman if you wish to purchase a kit. The contest room is also open to presenting equipment and structures for AP judging. There will be plenty of room for those RPM modelers to display their work as well. To register for both the contest and the RPM entries, please fill out the Contest Entry Form #901 available on the NMRA website under Education/Contests/Forms.



Salmon Arm, British Columbia
June 15th – 19th, 2016

The block of rooms at the Prestige Harbourfront Resort is fully booked and information on other accommodation sites is available on the website.

Our guest speaker at the banquet Saturday night will be Tom Price from Calgary and the topic is “Race for the Boundary.” Tom is well known for his “XX Years of Mayhem” presentations focused mainly on CPR mishaps over the past 125 years.

Current list of clinics to be offered (exact times to be set in May):

Rene Gourley—Timetable and Train Order Operation

Lori Sebelley—Hands-on Structure Construction

Paul Hobbs—45 Years of Amtrak

Dale Sproule—Roseberry Barge Diorama

Jack Hamilton—Basic Electrical Concepts and Layout Wiring for Model Railroaders

Tony Lee—West Coast Logging Railroads – Then and Now

Charlie Comstock—Scenery – Making it Real

Dale Kraus—Realistic Rock Formations

Tom Waters—Solid Foundations for Your Model Structures

Kevin Rudko—1. Fundamentals of Signal Systems and How to Model Them

2. Understanding Signal Aspects: CROR Speed Signalling Aspect

Rob Kirkham—CPR Early House Cars – 1920’s

Fred Kaser—Layout Design for Operations and Operating with Protrak

Doug Mayer—Field to Kamloops – The Revelstoke Division: A Photographic Journey

Mike Chandler—Reviving Strathmore

Anthony Craig—Modeling the Kettle Valley

Scott Calvert—Building the Boundary Sub

Walt Huston—Making Trees Using Natural Materials (Mostly)

Greg Madsen—Basics of Decoder Pro and Why You Want to Use It

Alan Ashton—LED 101: An Introduction to Lighting Principles

Russell Segner—The Coal Mines of Newcastle

The Public Show is set for the Shaw Centre located at 2600 10th Ave NE, Salmon Arm, British Columbia, with show times set for Saturday June 18, 9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Sunday June 19, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Layout and Vendor set-up is Friday June 17, 9:00 a.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. As we get closer to the event and more confirmations of vendors and layouts are received, they will be listed under the public show on the convention website.

Be sure to check out all the latest updates on the [Selkirk Express 2016 website](#).

President’s Award — Call for Nominations

Dave Liesse, Chair

It's time for nominations for this year's President's Award! This award is presented annually to honor a member of the PNR who has, through signal service to the hobby of model railroading, made the most significant contribution to the benefit and betterment of the PNR for at least the 12 months prior to the close of nominations.

Anyone except the Program Chair may submit a nomination, and anyone is eligible to win it except the winners in the previous 3 calendar years. Those previous winners who are not eligible this year are:

2013 Gene Swanson

2014 Gary Hazell

2015 (no award)

For full details of the nomination requirements please check the PNR Policy Manual, a PDF version of which can be found at pnr.nmra.org/policies. Click on the link for the [PNR Policy Manual](#) (the President's Award links on this page are to out-of-date information and may have been removed by the time you read this). The award information itself is on pages 23 through 25 of the Policy Manual. For quick reference, here is a summary of the requirements:

A special form is not required. Nominations do require the following information:

1. Nominator's (that's you) name and contact information.
2. Nominee's name and division.
3. Reasons for the nomination, preferably addressing one or more of the following categories:
 - a. NMRA national service
 - b. PNR regional service
 - c. Divisional service
 - d. Club participation
 - e. Membership recruitment, retention, and service efforts
 - f. Public support of the hobby
 - g. Creative contribution to the NMRA, PNR, or division
 - h. Other significant contributions in support of the hobby
4. Additional comments in support of the nomination.

Nominations are due no later than Wednesday, 25 May. They can be submitted to the Program Chair in either of two ways:

A. Email to: NMRADave@liessefamily.net – DO NOT send copies to anyone else. Or...

B. Mail to:

Dave Liesse
 104 S 296th Pl
 Federal Way, WA 98003-3626
 USA

DO NOT make any copies of the nomination.

This is the most prestigious award given by PNR. Please help by nominating someone to receive it!

Call for Exhibitors—Vancouver Train Expo 2016

Tom Lundgren

Vancouver Train Expo 2016 (the 34th) will be held November 5 and 6 (set up November 4th) at The Forum, Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver, British Columbia. If you are interested in displaying your modeling work or operating railway setup, selling railway-related items, have a children's oriented exhibit, are a manufacturer of model railway items, are a railway historical group or business looking for a chance to explain what you do, now is the time to reserve your space on the 44,000 square foot show floor.

Last year's show, the 33rd, attracted over 5,000 participants. Attendance grew by 35% from 2013 to 2014, and the move to the Forum in 2015 saw attendance increase by 67% over 2014. In addition to the general public, close to half of which were families with children, also attending were registrants to a concurrent model railway convention (NMRA PNR 7th Division Meet) and exhibitors. Exhibitors included model railway groups displaying models and operating displays in all scales, retail and private vendors, special interactive displays for children, manufacturers and the national passenger rail provider VIA Rail Canada. The event was covered by The Vancouver Sun, Vancouver Courier, CBC News, and NEWS 1130.

To view pictures and videos of previous shows or to obtain additional information, visit our website: www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca or our Facebook site www.facebook.com/Trains2014.

To inquire about reserving space, contact our Show Manager at: show-manager@vancouvertrainexpo.ca

Officers' Reports

President's Report

Shirley Sample

We are anxiously awaiting the upcoming PNR Convention "Selkirk Express 2016" being held in Salmon Arm, British Columbia, June 15–19. The volunteers in the 7th Division have been doing a great job of planning and have several great clinics, layout tours, and extra fare tours available. They will also have a huge public show with displays, layouts, and Free-mo modules. Their website is www.selkirkexpress.ca. Check it out and be sure to get registered.

We are still seeking volunteers for the Nominations, Ballot (USA), Education, and Membership chairs. If you would like to find out more about any of the positions, please feel free to contact me. Nominations need to be submitted soon for both the President and VP positions because the terms expire at the end of July. We will mail out a ballot in May or June if we have any nominees for those positions.

The PNR membership is staying steady—we currently have 1664 members total. I know most Divisions have had a presence at local train shows and swap meets.

Greg Kujawa has done an excellent job with *The Switchlist*. He is always looking for articles from members, so be sure to contact him if you are interested in submitting articles.

Be sure to check out the [NMRA website](#) as they have done more updates and changes.

Vice-President's Report

Don Locke

Well, I'm out of the hospital from my cancer surgery, my radiation treatments are finished, and my infections are gone. Now you know why I have been the "Do Nothing" Vice President for the past two years.

I have some ideas for reaching out to get more members to join the NMRA and get more people involved in model railroading.

1. Clubs have more open houses.
2. Model railroaders with layouts have open houses.
3. Have a NMRA booth at ALL model railroad functions.
4. Get younger people involved in clubs.
 - Welcome youth to club membership and activities.
 - Work with the boy and girl scouts.
 - Let the kids run the trains.
 - When they pay their dues, they are full members with no waiting period.
 - Lower the cost of model railroad equipment so a young family can afford to enjoy the hobby.

What are you and your clubs doing to increase our membership and participation? Let's all share our ideas and successes.

Treasurer's Report

Dirk Kruysman

Since our last Switchlist report, we received the first installment of member rebate payments from the NMRA that will eventually total approximately \$2,200.00 for our fiscal year. Several years ago, the PNR Board of Directors voted to use this money plus some of our own to send member support payments to our Divisions at the rate of \$3 per member. This year that totaled \$3,525.00 for the US Divisions and \$1,793.40 for our Canadian Divisions. As of the end of April, our US Bank account total is \$25,828.00 and our Canadian account total is \$10,281.00. In addition to these accounts, we have a Life Member account with a value of \$20,052.00. So you can see we are in a good financial condition.

Office Manager's Report

Ed Liesse

Membership figures for the months of January, February, March, and April are shown in the chart below. While total membership increased by 20 members, you can see three big changes in three of the Divisions. While I can't say specifically what happened to cause the changes in any Division, I do know that 6th Division was making a concerted effort to bring some members back into the ranks. It appears that 7th Division has been doing the same or has been recruiting at various train shows. 2nd Division, on the other hand, appears to have had a number of Rail Pass members join right around National Convention time in Portland and now their 6-month membership has expired and they're all on the 30-day Past Due report.

This is where we, as a Region, seem to fall down with membership. We don't appear to have a successful plan for following up with people we get to join using the Rail Pass to convert that 6-month trial membership into a full 12-month membership. I do know that if the new Rail Pass member doesn't have contact from or with someone within the first month or two of membership, we won't keep him or her as a member. Any new member, whether it be a Rail Pass or regular membership, needs to be contacted by someone in the Division and made aware of any coming meetings/events where they can meet other members and find out what we, as an organization, have to offer them.

If any of the Divisions have a program that's working for them, please think about sharing it with other Divisions.

PNR Membership Comparison						
Division	Dec 15	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16	Apr 16	Net Gain/(Loss)
1	106	105	107	107	107	1
2	249	242	239	230	199	(50)
3	83	83	83	82	86	3
4	542	539	544	537	544	2
5	196	200	202	207	202	6
6	179	181	197	202	203	24
7	287	290	293	298	321	34
Total	1642	1640	1665	1663	1662	20

Achievement Program Report

Jack Hamilton, MMR

Interest and participation in the Achievement Program seems to have waned just a bit over the past several months. Perhaps it is the result of pulling out of the winter months and taking care of all the outside projects that are a part of Spring. Whatever the reason, I certainly hope that those already involved in the program will continue their efforts and some of you who have "thought about" taking advantage of the learning opportunities offered by the program will become engaged.

Since the last report in January, we have had a number of earned awards.

Joe Green and **Roy Mackey** both earned Golden Spikes for their home layouts.

Joe Green earned six Merit Awards for structures, a Merit Award for Scenery, and a Merit Award for his Prototype Modeler presentation.

Wain Miller earned a Merit Award for Scenery.

Jack Tingstad earned two merit awards for cars

The following members have earned Achievement Program Certificates as noted.

Geoffrey Bunza—Association Volunteer

Joe Green—Master Builder – Scenery, Structures, and Prototype Modeler; Association Volunteer

Wain Miller—Master Builder – Scenery

Brian Pickering—Association Volunteer

Congratulations to all. Well done!

The 2016 PNR convention in Salmon Arm will provide a major opportunity for evaluation. If you plan to bring a model for AP evaluation, please let me know now. I would like the opportunity to get your assistance in validating our effort to create a distant evaluation program to serve our members in very remote locations.

For those members not currently active in AP, please reconsider using this primary benefit of membership and get engaged. Try it, you may just find that you will enjoy the program. While the Division AP Managers will continue to seek out potential participants, it works much better if any interested members simply contact their Division Manager to get the process started. See you in Salmon Arm!

Division Reports

1st Division

Rich Pitter, Superintendent

PNR's 1st Division held its Spring Mini-Meet on April 23 in Eugene. Rich Pitter and the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club co-hosted the gathering. Presentations by Jeff Johnson, Bruce Kelly, and Ed Schaezner covered three widely diverse primary industries that railroads have served over decades: logging, steel making, and oil fields. The Corvallis Society of Model Engineers presented a slide show and video on how they approach operations. A presentation by 1st Division Webmaster Charlie Hutto presented our Division's web presence and his efforts to keep it up-to-date and easy to use. Three layout tours were available, all of which were on the PDX 2016 National Convention layout tours. The owners, Walt Mulford, Dave Clune, and Jeff Johnson, gave presentations on what people could see when they visit. Jeff Johnson also gave a presentation on how he approaches a structure build using a lasercut kit.

On April 9–10, the 1st Division sponsored a table at the Eugene Swap Meet and Train Show, sponsored by the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club. Also at the show, the Umpqua Valley Model Railroad Club, recently formed as a 100% NMRA Club, operated their HO scale Free-mo layout.

Our Fall Mini-Meet will be held in Bend in September, on a date to coincide with the weekend of the popular Bend train show. More information will be available on our website shortly.

2nd Division

Charlie Comstock, Superintendent

The 2nd Division will be having its annual business meeting on June 4th. Location is the Washington County Library Brookwood facility (Hillsboro Public Library), 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy, Hillsboro, OR 97124-5327. We'll be electing division board members and discussing future plans. The business meeting will be followed by clinics, show-and-tell, and open mic presentations, with layout tours in the afternoon. Call 503-710-5276 or email superintendent@2dpnr.org for more information.

The 2nd Division is also making plans to host the 2018 PNR Regional Meet in Portland. We'll be at Salmon Arm to make a presentation (and look for help/advice).

3rd Division

Tom Waters, Superintendent

Engineer's Side of the Cab

Howdy all! Here we are, spring 2016, with the yard work looming. So far, I have managed to avoid working in the outside yard (although I mowed once and fertilized). As for the inside yard(s), much progress is being made. One can only hope that you are all making progress on some facet of your model railroad projects.

The Spring Meet was yet another success with 39 attendees, including five new Rail Pass six-month memberships. If you didn't make it, you missed out on our new "50/50 Split" fundraiser. After paying an admission fee, donating for coffee/soda and doughnuts, and winning bids in the silent auction, a total of \$50 was donated of which \$25 was awarded to one lucky attendee. I need to thank all of those that show up to help set up, operate the various functions, and make sure the church looks like we were never there when we get done.

Regarding the Spring Meet, it seems every year there are reasons that some folks can't attend. This year we managed to hit the Easter weekend. We try to hold our events on the fourth Saturday of the month. In the future, if you feel that a different weekend would be better than the one scheduled, please let us know so we can discuss alternatives.

As you are probably aware, the 2016 Regional Convention is being held this June in Salmon Arm, BC. I can tell you from personal experience this convention will be somewhat expensive. But, I remember all of those Canadians who have come to our past conventions and feel that I need to show them the same support. I hope you will feel the same.

The Region is still looking for a new President and Vice-President. The 3rd Division is currently represented by Bruce McCosh who is Regional Member Aid, and Greg Kujawa who is now publishing the Switchlist. It would be really something if someone from the 3rd Division stepped up to fill one of these very important positions.

The Caldwell Club is holding an open house Saturday May 14 11 a.m.–4 p.m. I would encourage you to go see all of their wonderful progress.

Also, there will be a Train Show during the Emmett Cherry Festival in June. I am still looking for someone to volunteer to staff the John Allen Time Saver switching puzzle. This is a great opportunity to share the hobby and possibly increase our membership. At the very least, it is great fun watching the kids actually operate.

Lastly, I want to thank Jerry Thomas, Andy Doll, Terry Nelson, Bob Parrish, and Warren Smith for their help at the Spring Meet. And thanks to Jack Cunningham for another fine clinic.

And as always, if you need help with your model railroading, please give me a call and I'll do my best to get you help!

4th Division

Russ Segner, Superintendent

The 4th Division has had a very good year so far. The clinics remain very active and one new clinic has been added to serve the southeastern part of the Seattle area. Plans are well underway for next year's Seattle Center Show.

Our election of officers for the next two years has just been concluded with Superintendent Russ Segner and Director David Yadock re-elected. Saturday May 14 will be our Annual Meeting with clinics and our Awards Luncheon to be held at Tacoma Community College. We expect over 100 to attend. Assistant Superintendent Kurt Laidlaw is Chair of the event.

The Grab Iron has a new format and our efforts to reach more members with it continue to improve. Olympia layouts were open for tours May 7 and we hope to have several layouts in the Seattle area open in late July.

In addition to this year's Seattle Center Show, several regional events such as the United Northwest Show in Monroe, gave many of the module groups an opportunity to show off their skills. These shows remain our major outreach to enroll new members. We look forward to the Selkirk Express in Salmon Arm and hope to see many of our members from all across the region.

5th Division

Gary Thurow, Superintendent

Since my last report, the 2017 Spokane Falls Express Convention has made good progress in finalizing some of the convention items. The committee was able to contract for the hotel's exhibition hall. The committee has obtained this area for the Inland Washington Free-mo group to set up an operation layout during the convention. The days of operation will be Thursday June 8th to Saturday June 10th. We have also obtained the use of another room for non-rail activities. The committee has also finalized the banquet menu. Those attending the convention can choose from Mesquite Smoked and Roasted Angus Prime Rib; Honey and Sesame Seed Marinated Chicken Breast; Cedar Plank Salmon; or vegetarian meal. The final cost for the banquet has not been finalized as of yet. The hotel has stated that it cannot give us a set price until the first of June. We hope the price will be agreed upon prior to the Salmon Arm Convention. The committee has also approved the logo for the convention. The logo will be placed on convention shirts, hats, and pins and these will be available for sale on a pre-convention order basis. A sample of the shirt and hat will be available at Salmon Arm. Suggestions are always welcome for the committee to consider and act upon.

Concerning train shows, three have been held within the Division over the past two months. The first show was the Spokane Spring Train Show on March 6th. This is the largest show in the Division. This year, over 200 sales tables were sold. Final figures for attendance are not in yet, but an estimated 1500 people came through the door. This doesn't include children under the age of 12. Five operating train layouts were on display, including for the first time the Inland Washington Free-mo group. This layout generated great interest among the public. The next show was the Lewis-Clark Train Club & Collectables Swap Meet held at Lewiston, Idaho, on April 3rd. This is one of the smaller shows to be held, but there was a good turnout in support of this show. There were three operating train layouts. I talked with some of the vendors and they seemed to be pleased with the amount of sales. The last and final show of the year was the Helena Railroad Fair in Helena, Montana, on April 24th. This show is a medium-size show. Again, the public support for this show was very good. I did not get to talk too much with the vendors as Jim Haley and I were kept quite busy staffing the recruitment table. We signed up two new members at this show. I was also informed there is an effort to establish a new train club in the Billings, Montana, area. More details regarding this proposed club will be in later reports.

Finally, the 5th Division held its annual business meeting April 16th in Spokane. With 27 members in attendance. Mr. Bill Kleinert, of Lewiston, Idaho, was elected to fill the vacant position of Assistant Superintendent. Congratulations to Bill. I look forward to working with you in the coming year. Richard Smith of Hamilton, Montana, was reelected as Chief Clerk for another two-year term. The Chief Clerk and Paymaster presented their reports, both of which were approved. The Division has 207 active members, based on the latest quarterly membership report from the NMRA. Other items on the agenda were the 2017 convention, a request to authorize purchase of projectors for the 2017 convention, a request to authorize the Division's Board of Directors to fund educational grants to the Boy Scouts of America and other divisional non-profit

groups, and a request to fund table rental at the various train shows and other meets in the coming year. All requests for authorization and funding were approved.

6th Division

Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

Ed was unable to submit a report this quarter.

7th Division

John Martin, Superintendent

The annual Nanaimo train show on Vancouver Island in late April was a great success. A major contributing factor was a PeeWee lacrosse tournament in the adjacent arena which generated lots of interest and traffic. Great planning by the committee!

The Victoria show will take place on May 29th and then we will be hosting the Pacific Northwest Regional gathering at “Selkirk 2016” in June in Salmon Arm. We hope to meet you there.

A group of 7th Division members has recently been involved in an impressive project to relocate part of Brian Pate’s HOn3 Klondike Mines Railway from the Vancouver area to Dawson City, Yukon Territory. The historical accuracy of the layout and its many structures is amazing to see. Team leader Mark Dance, with Anthony Craig and Brian Dobbin, just returned from completing installation of the layout in its new home at the Dawson City Visitor’s Information Centre.

Hundreds of hours of labour combined with support from community businesses and several governments to make the project possible. In addition to Mark, Anthony, and Brian, those involved were Al Lill, Rene Gourley, Doug Hicks, Gordie Mitchell, Scott Calvert, Mike Chandler, Colin Dover, John Green, Bill Dixon and Doug Mayer.

You can look at the links shown below for some interesting pictures and information. Dawson City was at the heart of the Klondike Gold Rush and I very enthusiastically recommend a visit to this fascinating area and the KMR layout.

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<http://www3.telus.net/KMR/>

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Right: A scene of the model display of Dawson City’s Front Street a century ago as modeled by Brian Pate of North Vancouver. It has been relocated to the actual Dawson City, Yukon. In the foreground is the tower that was part of the Reaction Ferry that transported people and vehicles across the Klondike River. The KMR passenger train steams quietly at the depot before departing for points south. The upperworks of the ferry S.S. Keno is seen above the rooftops and the real one is preserved nearby. The yellow bank building and the white building in the background still stand to this day. They are visible on street views of Google Maps. Anthony Craig photo



Remember to register for the PNR Convention—Selkirk Express 2016

**June 15–19, 2016
Salmon Arm, British Columbia**

Online registration available at: <http://www.selkirkexpress2016.ca/>

Timetable

To add your events or activities to the Switchlist Timetable, PNR web page, and PNR Train Orders, contact the Timetable Editor, Mark Johnson at timetable@pnr.nmra.org

2016

May 29 (Sun), Victoria, BC

Victoria Model Railway Show, West Shore Curling Rink at Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre, 1767 Island Highway, Colwood, BC, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Adults \$7, Youth (11–16) \$3, Family \$14, Children (8 and under) Free with an adult. Operating layouts, vendors, displays, door prizes and more. Info: Ted Alexis (250) 595-4070

Jun 15–19, Salmon Arm, BC

PNR Regional Convention—Selkirk Express 2016. There will be bus trips to the Kettle Valley Steam Railway and to the Revelstoke Railway Museum. Layout tours, clinics, contests, a public show, and Free-mo meet. Info: www.SelkirkExpress2016.ca

Jun 18–19, Fort Steele, BC

Father's Day at the Fort Steele Railway! Throughout the day... special displays, BBQ, engine shed tours, and entertainment. Steam train rides \$2 all weekend long. (Dads ride free on Sunday!) Info: www.fortsteele.ca

Jun 18–19, Mossleigh, AB

Train Days at Aspen Crossing—an entire system of G scale model trains by the Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders. Enjoy 1 hour in length train experience on the full size excursion train that hosted The Polar Express™! Info: www.aspencrossing.com, 1-866-440-3500

Jun 18 (Sat), Portland, OR

The Rose City Garden Railway Society Summer Tour of Portland area layouts 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Booklets with directions are available from local area hobby shops and some garden centers for \$10 per family (grandkids to grandparents count as one family). Info: www.RCGRS.com

Jul 15–17, Snoqualmie, WA

Day Out With Thomas—The Ready, Set, Go Tour 2016, providing children of all ages the opportunity to climb aboard and take a ride with Thomas as well as participate in Thomas & Friends-themed activities. 38625 SE King St, Snoqualmie, WA 98065. Info: Peggy Barchi, PO Box 459, Snoqualmie, WA 98065; 425-888-3030 ext: 7203; peggy@trainmuseum.org www.TrainMuseum.org

Jul 16–17, Ilwaco, WA

Clamshell Railroad Days. For over 40 years (1888–1930), the quirky little narrow-gauge railroad, begun as the Ilwaco Railway and Navigation Company, ran along the Long Beach Peninsula. Now come join the fun as we celebrate Clamshell Railroad Days. The \$5 fee includes a souvenir pin and Museum entrance for 2 days, free for kids under 12. Info: columbiapacificheritagemuseum.com/clamshell/

Aug 11–14, Big Valley, AB

Annual Alberta Free-mo. An entire hockey rink filled with a modular layout! Event open to all Free-mo module owners across North America. Set up begins Thursday August 11th; commence running on Friday and go until Sunday at 4 p.m. Public viewing is 10–4 on each day, and admission is free! Sponsored by Calgary Free-mo, a 100% NMRA Group. Info: www.calgaryfreemo.ca, info@calgaryfreemo.ca

Aug 14 (Sun), Wetaskiwin, AB

Alberta Central Railway Day. Pancake breakfast served 10 a.m.–11:30 p.m.; Beaver Tails served 1 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Model Train Exhibits and Collectors Show; Exhibits and Telegraph Service Demonstrations; Train Rides, Speeder Rides, Wagon Rides; Spike Pounding Demonstrations; All-inclusive fare of \$8 per person aged 2 and older. Info: www.abcentralrailway.com 780-352-2257 acrm@xplornet.com

Aug 19–21, Snoqualmie, WA

Snoqualmie Railroad Days 2016, a community festival celebrating our spirit and origins as a railroad and logging town, and the home of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe. The Santa Cruz and Portland Cement locomotive 2, a 1909-built Porter locomotive, will let you step back in time to the early days of Snoqualmie during this year's festival. Northwest Railway Museum, 38625 King Street. Info: www.railroaddays.com

Sep 8–10, Fife, WA

SP&S Historical Society Convention. Emerald Queen Casino & Hotel, 9700 Pacific Highway E. Info: www.spsrhs.org

Sep 17–21, Spokane, WA

Great Northern Railway Historical Society Annual Convention. Info: www.gnrhs.org

Sep 17–18, Sherwood Park, AB

2016 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Millennium Place, 2000 Premier Way, Sherwood Park. Layouts, displays, clinics, dealers, and LEGO! Info: www.mmrf.ab.ca email: trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 18 (Sun), Missoula, MT

37th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at Big Sky High School, 3100 South Ave., West. Adults and Youth 16 and over \$3; 15 and under FREE! Info: Mike or Elaine Brown at 406-543-6123, or missoulamodelrail.org/Home/TrainShowandSwapMeet.aspx

Sep 24–25, Calgary, AB

Railway Days at Heritage Park. 9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Info: www.heritagepark.ca/plan-your-visit/event-calendar/railway-days.html

Nov 5–6, Vancouver, BC

Vancouver Train Expo 2016 is the reinigorated 34th annual train show. Info: www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca

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