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Cabin Fever?

I know it may be difficult for you folks within the PNR's "banana belt" to relate, but we've been having quite a winter here in Montana! Lots of snow and cold temps. I haven't seen bare ground since early November. This may be pretty depressing for some folks, but on the bright side, these are great conditions for winter sports and also indoor activities such as (you guessed it...) model railroading.

After you've shoveled snow off the driveway and sidewalk for the umpteenth time, here's hoping you can find some time to settle near your favorite heat source, tune in the Winter Olympics, and work on a model (or module) you plan to exhibit at one of the many model railroad events in the region. Or, you could even consider entering that model in the contest at Stumptown Express.

"What is Stumptown Express?" you ask. If you haven't heard much or anything about [Stumptown Express 2018](#), it's the PNR's convention being held May 30–June 2 this year in Portland. The location is the Red Lion Hotel on the River—Jantzen Beach. The 2nd Division has been hard at work planning this event. Beginning on page 3, you'll find an extensive description of what is on tap. Early-bird registration is open until March 15, so make that commitment to attend and save \$10 towards your next model purchase.

Another major, multi-day event within the region, the [Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia](#), is scheduled for May 4–6 in Burnaby, BC. This event features a keynote address by noted model railroad author Bernard Kempinski. It also will include clinics, operating sessions, layout tours and other activities. See page 6 for more details.

If you can't wait until May or are unable to travel very far from home, the Timetable on pages 17–18 (also posted on the [PNR website](#)) has the entire list of upcoming events happening throughout the PNR.

With the recent passing of another distinguished PNR member, Bob Gardner, we are reminded again of our own mortality. Based on her own recent experience, Shirley Sample provides sound advice in her article on page 9; it is a "must read" for all of us.

One doesn't need to be among the "gray-haired population" to give serious consideration to Shirley's suggestions. About 15+ years ago, I decided to build an inventory (Excel spreadsheet) of my growing "collection" of kits, RTR models, detail parts, paints, supplies, etc. It includes the manufacturer, product number, road name/number (where appropriate), the MSRP, purchase price, date purchased, and other notes such as the type of couplers and wheel sets installed. This provides a pretty good record of what I've accumulated over the years, including an item's individual value and the total value.

Another benefit of this inventory is that I occasionally print it and take it to train shows and hobby shops to avoid buying a duplicate. I don't have the ability to remember every boxcar's road number or the model and color of vehicles I've bought over the years. Anyway, enough of my personal ramblings. I strongly encourage you to read Shirley's article.

Speaking of memory...**Don't forget to register for Stumptown Express 2018!**

The best way to survive winter conditions is to stay warm and dry, and to convert an emerging case of cabin fever into a severe case of model railroading fever.

Greg Kujawa, Editor



PNR News and Announcements

The 2018 PNR Convention: Stumptown Express

Richard Kurschner, 2nd Division



Stumptown Express is coming to Portland. (Photo by Joe Brugger)

Portland, Oregon, is the site for this year's PNR convention, the 2018 Stumptown Express. The convention will be held May 30th through June 2nd at the Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach.

The Second Division has put together an outstanding 3-1/2 day program of activities to hone your modeling skills, to increase your knowledge of the prototype, and to renew your friendships. There will be the usual array of clinics, tours, and non-rail activities, plus a couple of very special activities that we know you will enjoy! If you have any questions, check out our convention website at <http://www.pnr2018.org>.

Open Mic Session

We will start off your convention experience on Wednesday night with our own version of Show and Tell. This is your chance to give a short talk and share your experience on something that is interesting to you. It will be a low-key event: just an easy conversation between you and a bunch of friends, so don't worry that you don't have a "professional" presentation. And if you only want to show off your models, finished or in-progress, no presentation is needed, just bring them with you!

If you wish to take part, bring a thumb drive with no more than 10 PowerPoint slides. You will have 10 minutes to chat with us about your topic. If your presentation needs more time or slides, well, it sounds like you really have a full clinic to offer us! If so, give Charlie Comstock a call right away at 503-710-5276 to get on the schedule.

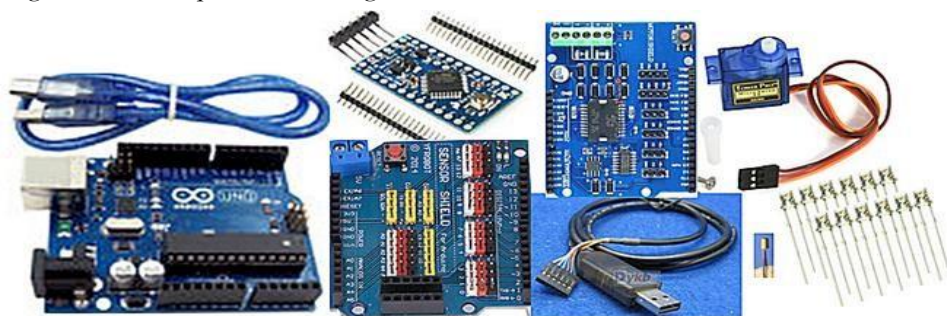
Please bring your presentation in PowerPoint (ppt/pptx) or Open Document Presentation (odp) formats. (Sorry, there will be no slide or overhead projectors available.) There is no advance sign up, just show up. If you have any questions, contact Richard Kurschner at asstchair@stumptown2018.org.

And if you're not interested in presenting? Come anyway; you will have an enjoyable time learning. This will be a great opportunity to identify folks that you want to chat with during the rest of the convention.

Arduino Make & Take

Saturday will feature a special "Make & Take" clinic showing modelers how to combine small, low-cost Arduino controllers, LEDs, servos, and other goodies to create many different working features for your layout, including a DCC base station that can interface with JMRI throttles and WIFI controllers. You can take all the projects and materials home with you, too! Model railroad author Dr. Geoff Bunza and a team of experts will help you bring your projects to life. You are encouraged to bring your own Windows laptop (WinXP, Win7, Win8, or Win10 with working USB port) to set up and use during the clinic. A small materials fee will be charged. Pre-registration is required as seating will be limited and we want to make sure we have a kit for you.

This clinic is all about giving you new tools and hands-on experience using them. Soldering and programming skills are **NOT** required to finish these projects! Participants will learn how to set up their own laptops and use an Arduino Uno and an Arduino Pro Mini for a wide range of modeling and animation applications. Expert



Arduino Make and Take kit (Photo by Geoff Bunza)

staff will be on hand to give individual attention to everyone to ensure success.

Attendees will receive everything needed, including two different types of Arduinos, setup cables for both, a motor driver board, a prototype interfacing board for ease of connections, a 9G servo motor, an assortment of LEDs, jumpers, and a solderless breadboard. All projects, setups, and software used during the clinic will be provided to you on a CD that you can keep.

This clinic is limited to 40 participants, so make sure you sign up soon!

Banquet Speaker: Mr. Doyle McCormack

We are fortunate to be able to bring Doyle McCormack to our convention. Mr. McCormack is a retired locomotive engineer who came to Portland in order to oversee the restoration and operation of Southern Pacific No. 4449, a GS4 class Northern "Daylight," for use pulling the American Freedom Train. He is now the president of the Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation, which is dedicated to the restoration, maintenance, and operation of SP 4449 and several other historically significant pieces of railroad equipment.

Mr. McCormack's topic at the banquet will be "Kitbashing at 1:1" covering his current project, the restoration of the last surviving Alco PA locomotive, the former Delaware & Hudson No. 18.



Doyle McCormack (Photo by Steve Morgan, Wikipedia)

Prototype Tours

Two prototype tours are currently planned. First, on Friday, is a trip to the Oregon Rail Heritage Center (<http://www.orhf.org/oregon-rail-heritage-center/>). The museum centerpiece is three steam locomotives: Northern SP No. 4449 (operational), SP&S No. 700 (undergoing its 15-yr. boiler overhaul), and Pacific OR&N (UP) No. 197 (being restored). In addition, there is the last Alco PA 1 (being restored), and several passenger cars that are regularly paired with SP 4449 and SP&S 700 in excursion service. This is your chance to see these beauties up close. Doyle McCormack will be our host for an exclusive talk before the venue opens to the public. We will then break into small groups for guided tours of the equipment and exhibits. This will be an exciting addition to Mr. McCormack's banquet speech that you don't want to miss!



Oregon Rail Heritage Center's restored SP 4449 (Photo by Drew Jacksich, Wikipedia)

On Saturday, if you aren't attending the Arduino Make & Take, how about you and your family going for a ride up the slopes of Mt. Hood on the Mount Hood Railroad (<https://www.mthoodrr.com/>)? This trip starts (and ends) with a drive



Mount Hood Railroad (Photo courtesy of Mount Hood Railroad)

through the beautiful Columbia Gorge, past world famous Multnomah Falls, to Hood River. There you will board the train for a scenic journey through woods, orchards, and vineyards up the side of Mt. Hood to Parkdale for a classic BBQ picnic lunch.

Other Convention Activities

Besides these exciting opportunities, the 2018 Stumptown Express includes numerous other activities that make a regional convention great.

We are building an extensive list of clinics covering both models and prototypes. We currently have over 20 scheduled clinics on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Topics range from photography, to scenery, to TT&TO operation, and on to wine tank cars (it is Oregon after all). In addition, on Thursday night, we will have an open session with multiple hands-on mini-clinics running concurrently.



Clinic (Photo by Jeff Shultz)

Should layout tours be of interest to you, we have 20 home and club layouts lined up. These layouts range from N up to O scales, plus large-scale outdoor pikes. Self-guided tours are scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

It wouldn't be an NMRA convention without a contest, and the Stumptown Express will not be an exception. All the normal categories for models and photography will be accepted, and judging for AP/Merit awards will also be available.



Pacific City & Northern Railway (HOn3)
(Photo by Ross Ames, MMR)



Bear Creek & South Jackson (HO) (Photo by Charlie Comstock)



Baker & Grand Ronde RR (G, Outdoor)
(Photo by Gary Lee, MMR)

Bring your best to share with everyone on Thursday and Friday; the awards will be presented at the banquet.

Finally, your family won't be forgotten. We are planning two non-rail tours. On Thursday is the Wine and Hazelnuts tour, visiting a local Hazelnut (Filbert) grower and a local winery. In both cases, you will see the production process and even sample some of the product!

On Friday you can treat yourself with a trip to historic Pittock Mansion, a Portland attraction since 1965. The scenic views from the grounds are spectacular. After breathing in the grandeur of the house and the grounds, you'll be taken to a nearby restaurant for no-host lunch, and then on to the International Rose Test Garden in Washington Park. The beds should be a riot of color as this is, after all, during Rose Festival. (More on that shortly!)



Model Contest (Photo by Jeff Shultz)

Extend Your Stay!



Pinot grapes growing in the Willamette Valley
(Photo by Ethan Prater, Wikipedia)



Pittock Mansion (Photo by Chrismiceli, Wikipedia)

Portland has many other activities to attract your attention. Why not turn your convention experience into a family vacation? Note that most Portland-area schools stay in session until mid-June, so you won't be competing with local families during your outings!

Many of Portland's best attractions can be accessed via our Light Rail system, MAX (<http://www.trimet.org>). The closest stop is just a short Uber ride from the convention hotel (Yellow line, Delta Park stop). From MAX, you can easily access all the best museums, parks, dining and shopping available in the metro area. Going further afield, there are several tourist railroad operators in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington. Within a less than two-hour drive, there are the wineries of the Willamette Valley and the scenic beauty of Mount Hood, the Columbia Gorge, and of course the ocean beaches. If all of this is too far for you to go, then simply board the cruiser docked at the hotel for an enjoyable tour of the Columbia River.



Mt Hood reflected in Mirror Lake
(Photo courtesy of Federal Highway Administration)



Rockaway Beach kite festival (Photo courtesy of City of Seaside, Oregon)

This year our convention ends as Portland's premier event, the Rose Festival (<http://rosefestival.org>) gets started. Stay for the next week to enjoy Fleet Week, when ships from the US and Canadian navies dock right at the downtown seawall; the Junior Parade with floats and displays made by local children; and City-Fair a full carnival on the banks of the Willamette River. The week culminates on Saturday with the Grand Floral Parade winding its way through downtown. Most events are easily accessible via MAX.



Float in Grand Floral Parade

Come to Portland!

As you can see, we have a full slate of activities planned for you, with more to come.

Rooms at the convention hotel, the Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach, are still available (<http://www.stumptown2018.org/pnr2018.html#hotel>) at the special convention rates of \$109 and \$119 per night. The hotel is extending this rate both before and afterward so that you and your family can take in more of what Portland has to offer. The hotel is right on the Columbia, with many rooms overlooking the water and the BNSF mainline over on the Washington side of the river. It is located just off Interstate 5 and north of Interstate 84, so it has easy access from anywhere in the Region.



Convention Hotel (Photo courtesy of Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach)

Registration is now open on our website (<http://www.pnr2018.org>). Now is a great time to register, as you will save \$10 by registering before March 16th. Registering early will also give you the best chance to score a seat on the tours or at the Arduino Make & Take clinic!

Please check back to the convention website often, and follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/StumptownExpress/>), to receive the latest details and updates. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our convention chair, Dave Holden (chair@stumptown2018.org).

I hope we have whetted your appetite for the 2018 Stumptown Express. We are really looking forward to seeing you in Portland!



See you in Portland! (Photo by Jeff Shultz)

Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia

Marc Simpson, 7th Division

The [Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia](#) (RMMBC) is fast approaching and the committee is hard at work preparing for the upcoming meet happening May 4th to May 6th, 2018, at Simon Fraser University's Burnaby campus. After last year's successful meet at SFU, we are working to make this year even better.

The PNR's 7th Division is sponsoring this event and we are excited that Bernard Kempinski will be presenting a keynote address at the meet. Bernard is a freelance writer who has written dozens of magazine articles and several books on model railroading, many of them on layout planning. His latest book from Kalmbach Publishing is entitled "Waterfront Terminals and Operations," released in 2017. He is an active model railroader and proprietor of Alkem Scale Models. He has built many models on commission for museums and individuals. Bernard's widely followed blog (<http://usmrr.blogspot.ca/>) covers many aspects of modeling both early steam and modern diesel eras.

Bernard will be presenting a talk titled "High Tech Approaches Applied to a 19th Century Railroad." He will cover the application of laser cutters, 3D printing, photo etching, battery power, and casting techniques to model an unusual early steam prototype. Bernard's presentation promises to be a fascinating, interesting look at what is possible with the state of the art techniques available to all modellers.

In addition to Bernard's keynote presentation, the meet will feature an eclectic range of presentations that will have something of interest for all meet attendees. The clinics will cover steam and diesel era modelling, scenery modelling, prototype operations, electronics, and more. In order to allow attendees to see all the excellent [clinics](#) on offer this year, we will have a third clinic room for repeats of many of the clinics so you won't have to choose which clinics to attend and which ones to miss.

The ever popular operating sessions are filling up quickly, so don't delay registering. Spaces are extremely limited. Once the operating sessions are full, they're full. All the details on the operating session layouts can be found at: <http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/node/30>.

As part of the operating session offerings, we will again be offering Time Table and Train Order (TT&TO) learning sessions. These are designed for people who have little knowledge on how this prototype operating strategy actually works. These sessions will combine some "classroom" time with actual hands-on layout experience. All of this will be without the stress of a full-blown operating session.

There will be numerous experienced "home crew" mentors to help everyone have fun and learn about this popular operating methodology. More details on this learning opportunity are at: <http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/node/30#Learning>.

In addition to the clinics and operating sessions, the meet will feature self-guided layout tours along with the heart of any modeling meet — the model display room. Bring your models, either finished or in progress, be it a locomotive, freight or passenger car, building, diorama, or vehicle. Literally anything you have been working on is probably interesting to someone else. If you have them, it is always a good idea to bring prototype photos, in-progress shots of the model construction, and a few notes about the parts and methods used. Help us to understand why you built it and what makes it interesting. The 2017 meet featured some outstanding models, and this year's meet will be all the better if you bring some of your own work to share. Spend some time in the display room viewing the models, chatting with the other modellers and pick up some ideas for your next project. You can see the models on display in 2017 at: <http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/2017-model-photos#overlay-context=node/378>. We hope the 2018 meet will have even more models on display.

SFU offers inexpensive comfortable accommodations and numerous dining options just steps from the meet. Register today to take advantage of this great opportunity to see some great layouts, clinics, and model displays and socialize with your fellow modellers. We'll see you at the meet!

In Memoriam

This section is dedicated to the remembrance of those members of the NMRA Pacific Northwest Region whom we have lost over the past year. We extend our deepest sympathies, thoughts, and prayers to their families and friends. We will sincerely miss the fellowship of these folks and all their contributions to the NMRA and hobby.

Deceased Members of the PNR — December 2016 through January 2018				
December 2016	Div 3	Paul Remaley	Twin Falls, ID	Life Member
January 2017	Div 5	Robert L. Sample	Elk, WA	Life Member
February 2017	Div 5	Don Locke	Wenatchee, WA	Past Vice-President, PNR
March 2017	Div 4	Rick Scarvie	Federal Way, WA	Life Member
		Milton N. Thomas	Chehalis, WA	Life Member
		Kenneth M. Young	Boise, ID	Inactive member
April 2017	Div 3	Karl R. Baker	Preston, ID	
		Philip J. Garlock	Boise, ID	Inactive member
		Robert W. Smylie	Boise, ID	Inactive member
May 2017	Div 1	David R. Kleger	Eugene, OR	
June 2017	None			
July 2017	Div 5	Bill Rutledge	Missoula, MT	
August 2017	Div 4	Allan F. Rathbun	Redmond, WA	
	Div 7	Peter Gilbertson	Cobble Hill, BC	
September 2017	Div 3	Bruce McCosh	Boise, ID	Past Member Aid Chair, PNR
October 2017	Div 1	Willard L. Leeds	Depoe Bay, OR	MMR, Life Member (102 years old)
	Div 7	John W. MacWhinnie	Kamloops, BC	
November 2017	Div 4	Mildred F. Reber	Poulsbo, WA	Life Member
December 2017	None			
January 2018	Div 7	Robert J. Gardner	Salmon Arm, BC	MMR

Robert J. (Bob) Gardner, MMR **July 12, 1927–January 12, 2018**

Gary Hazell, Ed Parsons, and John Martin, 7th Division

On Friday the 12th of January, 2018, we lost Mr. Bob Gardner at the age of 90-1/2 years. Bob was just a wonderful person who enjoyed life to the fullest and he was the kind of man, which when you met him, you would never forget. He was very kind and gentle, always willing to help, very intelligent, had a great sense of humor, and always participated in everything from camping to attending NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) events and train meets.

After graduating from the University of British Columbia, Bob started his career in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and was part of the Model Railway Club there. Then he spent many years in Lethbridge, Alberta, as Chief Engineer at Lethbridge Iron Works. His wife, Von, did all sorts of things with the cubs and scouts including camp-outs.

After retirement and four children, Bob and Von retired to Salmon Arm, British Columbia, where they built a beautiful log home and he built an award winning layout in the new basement. He joined SAMRA (Salmon Arm Model Railroad Association) where he helped with many projects.

Bob was a long time member of the NMRA and Master Model Railroader #103. He was always happy to pass his knowledge on to anyone who wanted to listen. He will be missed by so many of us, particularly the SAMRA members and those of us who went camping with Bob to Juniper Beach Provincial Park where, late at night, he would say “let’s have another thimble full” (of Scotch).

We are much better off for having known Bob and we will cherish his memories. When our members get together, we will have another “thimble full” for Bob.



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Features

My Spouse Has Passed Away ... Now What Do I Do?

Shirley Sample, Vice President

As a lot of you know, my husband Bob passed away a year ago. I thought we had talked about what to do and how to do it, but guess you are never prepared enough.

Over the past five years, we had sorted through a lot of boxes of model train stuff and had it sorted by categories—scenery, buildings, vehicles, cars, etc. We had started taking boxes to swap meets and train shows, so I thought I had a good idea of what to do with it and how to price it. I wish I would have taken the time to bring boxes up out of the basement while he was able to tell me what he would price it at.

Bob not only collected model railroad, he also had books, modules, tools, fly fishing equipment, guns, photos, and camera equipment. He had started into model railroading when he was 17 and had collected stuff during his 20 years in the Air Force and the years after that. When we owned Sunset Junction Hobby Shop, at least one of everything new came home to reside in our basement and sometimes two or three of everything made its way to our house. Fortunately, I did work at the hobby shop some, helped with inventory, and was familiar with a lot of the model railroad items and values. Bob did also bring everything home and didn't hide it away without me seeing it, so I did know the amount he paid for most of it.

However, just the sheer volume of stuff is overwhelming when you are dealing with it by yourself. Fortunately, I have a sister-in-law who has been very helpful and has been traveling with me to the various train shows and swap meets.

I would just like to encourage all the modelers out there to have a disposition plan for what they have. No matter how big or small, all of it is worth something to someone. If you have not talked to your spouse or family about what to do if something happens to you, you need to sit down and at least have an inventory and an idea of what it is worth. If you have a certain person in mind to leave it to or someone who can help your family, let them know. In the past, I've heard several spouses say they would have no clue what to do with their husband's model railroad stuff.

I've heard stories of families who have just taken everything to Goodwill, have had a yard sale, and some who have even taken it to the landfill. Then there are those who have been told that anything old is worth a lot of money. At the two train shows we do in Spokane every year, we have at least two or three families who are left to dispose of items a loved one has left behind. Most of the time, the ones selling really don't have an idea of what they have or how to price it. It is so easy for them to be taken advantage of.

This also applies to those of us who have other collections of "stuff". I know Bob would have been overwhelmed with what to do with all of my collections of knickknacks, Department 56 Christmas villages, fabric and sewing stuff, collectible plates, cups, and my multitudes of other stuff.

I really want things I'm selling to go to people who will enjoy them and appreciate them like Bob did. I have a lot of mystery boxes that were projects and contain lots of parts and pieces because Bob liked to do a lot of kit-bashing. I'm trying to match up locomotives and rolling stock with empty boxes, and it may just come down to "offer me something for this box of stuff". As I've said, I encourage all of you to have a plan to leave behind or at least give your spouse an idea of what you have and how much you think it is worth. It will make life much easier for the ones left behind.

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Officers' Reports

From the President's Outbox

Jack Hamilton, MMR

OK, we survived another holiday season and we have not gained so much weight that we need to divert funds from the train account to the new clothes account. With a little bit of concerted effort at the gym or in the train room we should be able to restore equilibrium to our scale balancing act.

First item of business this year is the Region Convention in Portland (Stumptown Express 2018) May 30–June 2. Charlie Comstock and his crew have struggled a bit (don't we all) but have put together what appears to be a quality offering. The price is right and the hotel accommodations are reasonable. Please make it a point to go to the [Stumptown webpage](#) or the [PNR website](#) to check it out and register now. Early registration means a lower cost and it helps the Convention Committee with seed money and a much better count of attendees. Since this is a hobby based on fun, let's not make our convention host struggle any more than absolutely necessary. (No, it is not fun watching Charlie and Doug pull their hair out. Wait...)

The NMRA National Convention will be in Kansas City this year August 5–12. This is going to be one to remember. Kansas City is one of the few remaining active railroad cities in the country and also has a great railroad history. If you have never been to a national convention, this a good one to start out with. If you have attended conventions before, this is one you need to add to your "I was there" list. In addition to all the actual railroad opportunities, the clinics and the chance to meet new and old friends makes it well worthwhile. Donna and I missed Orlando in 2017 but we are already signed up and creating our itinerary to get to Kansas City.

The efforts within the Divisions to place greater emphasis on retention and recruiting seem to be bearing fruit. Participation in the Achievement Program is up and new people keep asking for assistance and consideration. If you are not in that number, please consider joining the crowd. Divisions are looking for more ways to deliver services to the members and are achieving success. Let's make sure we share with each other the good ideas and things that work.

This year we will elect a President and Vice President for our region. I will not be a candidate for reelection and I am reasonably sure that Shirley would also like a break from her near-continuous years of service. It is time for new and younger representation in positions of leadership. I am asking that each of you consider how you can help the Association grow through your active participation. If you are asked by the Nominating Committee to run, please do not respond with the normal automatic default. If you have an idea of someone who would serve well in either office, please contact them and then the Nominating Committee. We need to get well passed the time of sending "press gangs" out to find candidates for office.

What do you think about where we are and where we are going?

Jack

Vice-President's Report

Shirley Sample

I am still sending out letters to members whose dues have expired. Again, the responses have been varied but most do have valid reasons - loss of job, retirement, moved out of the area, etc. Since a few have just forgotten to renew and were happy to have a reminder, I will continue to send the letters out.

We all need to step up and welcome new members and keep doing division activities so all can participate. If anyone has ideas on membership, retaining members, or anything else, please feel free to share them with me.

Looking forward to the PNR convention May 30th thru June 3rd in Portland. Sounds like they have plans for lots to do and see.

I can be contacted via email: shirley@busnws.com; home phone: 509-292-8332; or my cell phone: 509-991-2317. If I don't answer, please leave me a message and I will call back.

2016 Treasurer's Report

Dave Liesse

No report this quarter.

Office Manager's Report

Ed Liesse

This report to the Members of the Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA, covers the months of December 2016 through January 2018.

You can see by looking at the figures below (Tables 1–4) what's happening with the membership of the Region. Our numbers are going down as are most other regions of the NMRA. We're all trying to figure out the reasons why! As you can see below, we took in 175 new members, including 62 Rail Pass members, yet we end up with a net loss of 9 during the year period. We did lose 10 active members to death and 4 members on the inactive roster. The inactive members are not included in any of the numbers below.

As has been mentioned in the past, we need to look at how we take care of the new members in the Divisions. Are we reaching out to them to get them involved in the local activities? Are we following up with them to see if they have any questions we can help them with? Remember, Membership retention is the job of every member! Another thought we might consider would be to look at the upcoming expiration dates on the 30-day Past Due report and possibly contact those members reminding them that their membership is about to expire. This would give a chance to hear from them as to whether they might have misplaced the renewal form sent to them, or if they have already renewed, or if they don't plan to renew. If the latter reason, it gives the member making the contact a chance to find out why they don't want to renew and maybe convince them to renew!

Much of this report (Tables 1–4) centers on the relationship when they come on board as a new member and the time they go on the 30-60-day Past Due Reports. You can see by looking at the tables how your Division is performing.

Table 1. Membership showing Rail Pass (RP) portion by Division

Div	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-18	Jan-17	Net +/- over year Dec-Jan
	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	
1	109 1	110 2	106 2	108 2	106 2	105 3	103 3	101 2	101 2	98 1	96 1	102 2	102 2	105 1	-4
2	155 2	155 2	155 2	153 3	150 2	142 2	140 2	144 3	143 3	141 3	140 2	140 2	142 2	148 3	-7
3	69 4	69 4	69 4	71 4	76 5	76 5	73 2	73 2	73 2	72 3	77 8	74 8	71 6	72 6	3
4	520 5	529 7	523 6	528 8	529 9	529 9	525 10	527 9	526 8	515 6	509 6	508 5	507 6	515 7	-5
5	197 1	195 0	192 0	189 0	188 0	194 6	195 7	195 7	196 9	197 9	195 9	196 10	190 4	188 4	-9
6	198 5	207 7	204 5	203 5	196 3	206 4	206 4	206 4	204 2	218 2	217 2	214 2	212 0	211 0	13
7	332 10	334 9	332 9	331 10	318 10	321 11	317 10	314 9	316 10	317 7	323 17	317 15	331 17	332 15	0
Tot	1580 28	1599 31	1581 28	1583 32	1563 31	1573 40	1559 38	1560 36	1559 36	1558 31	1557 45	1551 44	1555 37	1571 36	-9

Table 2. New members showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Total
	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP
1	0 0	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1	0 0	2 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	4 1	0 0	2 0	10 3
2	0 0	1 0	0 0	1 1	0 0	1 0	0 0	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	3 1	8 3
3	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1	4 4	0 0	0 0	1 0	8 7
4	2 0	11 3	1 0	8 2	7 3	5 0	3 1	0 0	2 0	1 1	0 0	3 1	6 3	5 2	54 16
5	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	6 5	3 1	1 0	1 1	0 0	0 0	3 1	1 0	1 1	17 9
6	0 0	2 1	1 0	0 0	4 0	8 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	12 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	28 2
7	3 1	1 0	2 1	1 1	2 1	3 0	5 5	0 0	2 1	1 0	10 9	5 0	11 2	4 1	50 22
Tot	5 1	16 5	5 1	10 4	15 6	24 7	12 7	4 1	5 2	15 2	14 13	15 3	19 5	16 5	175 62

Table 3. Members 30-days Past Due showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18
	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	Mem RP	MEM RP
1	1 0	0 0	4 0	0 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	3 1	1 0	2 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
2	2 0	2 0	3 0	4 0	6 0	11 0	2 0	0 0	1 0	2 0	3 0	0 0	1 0	0 0
3	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	3 3	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	4 0	3 2	1 0
4	9 3	6 0	8 1	5 0	11 0	9 0	13 1	3 1	7 0	12 1	9 1	7 2	7 1	6 1
5	3 0	2 1	5 0	6 0	1 0	1 0	2 0	3 0	2 0	0 0	2 0	2 0	6 6	4 1
6	6 3	1 0	5 2	3 0	17 2	1 1	1 0	0 0	2 2	0 0	1 0	6 0	4 2	4 0
7	11 3	0 0	7 1	5 0	17 0	6 0	10 5	3 0	0 0	0 0	5 0	11 0	4 0	5 0
Tot	33 9	11 1	32 4	23 0	54 2	30 1	33 9	12 2	13 2	17 2	22 1	30 2	25 11	20 2

Table 4. Members 60-days Past Due showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Dec-16		Jan-17		Feb-17		Mar-17		Apr-17		May-17		Jun-17		Jul-17		Aug-17		Sep-17		Oct-17		Nov-17		Dec-17		Jan-18			
	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP		
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	7	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	11	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	
3	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	1
4	9	2	8	2	6	0	8	1	4	0	9	0	6	0	13	1	2	1	6	0	9	1	7	1	7	2	5	1	7	2
5	3	2	3	0	2	1	4	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	6	6
6	7	1	5	3	1	0	5	2	3	0	16	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	3	2	5	0
7	6	0	10	3	0	0	4	1	4	0	16	0	5	0	10	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	7	0	2	0	7	0
Tot	36	7	30	8	11	1	27	4	20	0	47	2	26	1	32	9	10	2	11	1	10	2	18	1	25	2	18	10		

Achievement Program Report

Jack Hamilton, MMR, AP Chair

Two more individuals have completed the requirements for recognition as Master Model Railroad and have been given that designation by NMRA.

Mark Malmkar, MMR 604, Division 4

Richard Karnes, MMR 606, Division 4

Mark comes to us from Mid Continent Region where he earned most of his AP Certificates. It was our pleasure to help him finish up in PNR. Dick Karnes is a long time member who decided to get with the program and asked for a visit. It was a great visit to a very nice layout. The results of the work are pretty obvious.

Congratulations MMRs and Well Done!!!

If you have a layout and you have not invited your Division AP Manager or a member of the Evaluation team to stop by and take a look at it, you may be missing out on the benefits of a great program. **Give it a try – you might just like it.**

Since the last report, we have had a number of earned awards. In addition to those noted above:

Daniel Toneges earned a Golden Spike Award

Richard Astle earned a Golden Spike Award

Richard Karnes earned a Golden Spike Award

The following members have earned Merit Awards for their work:

Mark Malmkar earned a Merit Award for Structures

Jim Little earned Merit Awards for Structures (3) and Scenery

Dan Figy earned a Merit Award for Scenery

Richard Karnes earned Merit Awards for Civil (3), Motive Power (3), Scenery, Structures (10), and Cars (6)

The following members have earned Achievement Program Certificates:

Mark Malmkar—Master Builder – Structures

Jim Little—Master Builder – Scenery,

Doug Burton—Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical; Chief Dispatcher

Richard Karnes—Master Builder – Motive Power, Cars, Structures; Model Railroad Engineer – Civil, Electrical; Model Railroad Author; Association Volunteer; Chief Dispatcher

Congratulations to all. Well Done!

If you ain't havin' fun, you ain't doin' it right!

Nominations Committee Report

Brian Stokes, Chair

The PNR membership actions this year include elections of a President and Vice President. Volunteering for the Region can be a very enjoyable and rewarding experience, and I would like to encourage you to consider putting your name forward!

The Nominations Committee is responsible for making every effort to recruit individuals to run for office — but we need your help. You very probably know the individuals in your community better than any of the Nominations Committee members. I bet you can name at least one person who would make a great addition to the Region's Executive. Please consider encouraging someone to run and nominating them!

To nominate someone for office, you must submit: *A petition filed with the Nominating Committee Chairman no later than 15 April. Such a petition shall contain the signatures of at least 15 voting members of PNR and shall be accompanied by a written statement of consent signed by the candidate.* (Article V of the PNR Bylaws)

Eligibility requirements and the Terms of Office are included below from the Bylaws.

Consider running for office this year, and please reach out if you have any question or would like to nominate someone! Remember, the **nominations deadline is April 15th.**

Thank you!

Brian Stokes (6D), Nominations Committee Chair bstokesndp@gmail.com 780-904-1168
Charlie Hutto (1D), and Gary Thurow (5D), Nominations Committee Members

Duties of BOD Members

1. The President shall:
 - a. Preside over meetings of the BOD and the Annual Membership Meeting.
 - b. Sign all contracts or other instruments in writing authorized by the BOD.
 - c. Be bonded in an amount sufficient to cover all PNR assets.
 - d. Call special meetings of the BOD whenever deemed necessary.
 - e. Have and exercise, under the direction of the BOD, the general administration of the affairs of PNR.
 - f. Be responsible for enforcing the Bylaws and Policies of PNR.
 - g. Appoint various officers and committees as needed with approval of the BOD.
 - h. Appoint various committee chairs without the advice and consent of the BOD.
2. The Vice President shall:
 - a. Perform the duties of the President during his or her absence.
 - b. Assist the President as requested.
 - c. Be responsible for membership promotion.

Eligibility

1. Each candidate for region office must:
 - a. Be a PNR member.
 - b. Be a natural person.
 - c. Not be under suspension from holding office.

Nominations

1. The procedures for nominations shall be published in the Region's official communication medium no later than 15 March of an election year.
2. Candidates for President and Vice President shall be nominated by one of the following methods:
 - a. Action of the Nominating Committee as published in the Region's official communication medium no later than 15 March.
 - b. A petition filed with the Nominating Committee Chairman no later than 15 April. Such a petition shall contain the signatures of at least 15 voting members of PNR and shall be accompanied by a written statement of consent signed by the candidate.
 - c. A letter of intent to return from incumbents running for re-election, or from a Vice President running for President. Letters of intent must be filed with the Nominating Committee Chairman no later than 15 April.

Division Reports

1st Division

Rich Pitter, Superintendent

The South Coast Train Club of Coos Bay, Coquille, and North Bend, a group close to 100% NMRA membership, hosted a Christmas train show at the Pony Village Mall in North Bend, OR on December 15-17, 2017. Several club members brought portable layouts for display and several set up temporary trackage of all scales for the public to see.

The next First Division Mini-Meet will be held on March 24, 2018, at the Grace Bible Fellowship, 33990 McFarland Rd., in Talent. Doors will open at 9 and the program will begin at 10. The mini-meet includes clinics and model contests. Lunch will be available for \$5, although reservations are requested in advance, to charliehutto@hotmail.com. The First Division Board will hold a meeting, with all members invited, and model evaluations will be conducted toward NMRA AP awards. We are currently working on open houses for several local layouts.

2nd Division

Charlie Comstock, Superintendent

The Second Division has been hard at work on the Stumptown Express – PNR 2018 regional convention. The convention website is up at www.pnr2018.org and online convention registration is functioning. Register before March 15th and get an early-bird discount.

We will have a full slate of clinics, contests, and tours. Doyle McCormack, principle in the restoration of the SP 4449 will be our keynote speaker. We expect he'll be talking about Kitbashing in Full Scale – the process of restoring the last Alco PA unit. Prototype and non-rail tours should be firmed up by the time you read this. Check the website for details. And we have 19 of the top layouts in the area available for self-guided touring.

The convention will be held at the Red Lion on the River at Jantzen Beach in north Portland. It's easy to find, located on the Columbia River, just exit I-5 at the northern-most offramp in Oregon.

In addition to the hotel, Jantzen Beach has a number of restaurants and shops. Don't forget, there's no sales tax in Oregon.

We are also planning to have a few divisional meets happening before the convention. Check the www.2dpnr.org website for info.



3rd Division

Tom Waters, Superintendent

We continue to hold our monthly meeting with average attendance around twenty members. At our monthly Mini-Meets, which are not sanctioned as an NMRA event, attendance varies from 30 to fifty as we encourage non-NMRA members to come and get acquainted. One of our last visits in the fall was to a member's railroadiana collection and full sized simulated depot where he is building a new HO scale layout.

Discussions at this point around the Regional Convention are concerning lodging options.

And as you probably know we are in the process of finalizing our election and will soon have a new Superintendent and Treasurer.

4th Division

Russ Segner, Superintendent

No report this quarter.

5th Division

Bill Fassett, Superintendent

The days are finally getting longer in North America and we will soon see flowers and highways reopen in Division 5. With the eventual coming of Spring, the members of the Division look forward to three spring train shows that happen each year:

- March 4 — Spokane Model Train Show, Spokane, Washington
Spokane Fairgrounds, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM
Information: email shirley@busnws.com
This show is accompanied by open houses at River City Modelers on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.
- March 25 — 7th Annual Lewis-Clark Train Show, Lewiston, Idaho
Nez Perce County Fair Building, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM
<http://www.lewis-clarktrainclub.com/lctctrainshowinfo.htm>
- April 29 — 38th Annual Helena Railroad Fair, Helena, Montana
Helena Civic Center Auditorium, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Information: email rrfair@mt.net

The 5th Division Annual Business Meeting will be held on April 21, 9:30 AM–3:30 PM in Lewiston, Idaho, at the Lewiston Community Center, 1424 Main Street. We will have mini-clinics and tours of the Lewis-Clark Train Club layout. \$10 registration fee includes lunch.

The 5th Division welcomes the Inland Northwest Rail Museum as a Sustaining Member of the NMRA. The museum will extend a discount on its admission charge to NMRA members. The Museum's 2018 schedule opens on Friday, March 31, and the Museum will be open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through November, from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM, in Reardan, Washington, about 20 miles west of Spokane. www.inlandnwrailmuseum.org.

Finally, two large layouts in the 5th Division were featured in recent editions of *The Mainstreeter* and the *Great Northern Goat* — magazines published by the NP and GN historical societies, respectively. The *Mainstreeter* featured the Missoula-area layout created by Kirk Thompson, which reproduces the NP in Mullan Pass [Brumback L, Thompson K. Over Mullan Pass in HO scale. *The Mainstreeter* 2017 (Winter); 36(4): 4-11.] The *GN Goat* featured the River City Modelers layout in Spokane. [Middleton KR. Model Layout Feature: The River City Western. GNHRS Modelers Pages No. 81, 2017 (December); M.P. 81: 8-13] It's good to see the work of railroad modelers in Division 5 being recognized by these national publications.

6th Division

Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

No report this quarter.

7th Division

John Martin, Superintendent

The 7th Division is focused on our upcoming events this Spring. Train shows are planned for Nanaimo (Apr 22nd) and Victoria (May 27th) and registrations are filling up quickly for the annual Railway Modeller's Meet of BC (May 4–6) at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby. After a very successful 2017, the "meet" has attracted unprecedented interest among modellers.

The 2018 event features an outstanding choice of Clinics, plus Operating Sessions and Layout Tours, and a chance to meet fellow modellers while learning more about our hobby. Special guest speaker Bernie Kempinski will deliver a talk and a clinic.

I urge you to visit <http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/> and register now to avoid disappointment. Space is limited, and we don't want anyone in the PNR Division to miss the opportunity to attend the event. Cost is only C\$45 (that's about US\$35) after your NMRA discount, for 3 days of activities. Very inexpensive accommodation is available at the University for those traveling to attend.

PNR Interchange

The **PNR Interchange** is a free service for PNR members wishing to buy, sell, donate, or exchange model or prototype railroad related items. Commercial enterprise transactions and advertisements are not allowed except as provided for hobby stores below. Members may also use this service to request or solicit hobby or railroad related information, research results, and other resources or materials from other members. Members' classified ads and notices are restricted to text format only (no graphics) and length should be no longer than 120 words. Sequential ads of the same nature or having the same or nearly same content are not permitted. The suitability of submitted classified ads for publication is determined at the sole discretion of the Switchlist Editor. Email your submission along with your NMRA membership number to the Editor at switchlist@pnr-nmra.org

Hobby stores that support model railroading may include an advertisement in PNR Switchlist. The ad is limited in size to a business card size and should be provided in ready to copy and print format as determined by the Switchlist Editor. Advertisements for hobby stores that provide a discount for NMRA members shall be so identified with the advertisement. Hobby store ads may be run sequential issue to issue.

Do you have “excess” model railroad equipment, kits, or supplies?

Searching for that special run or hard-to-find locomotive?

Looking for prototype or historical photos, track diagrams, or other information?

Place your classified ad here in the PNR Interchange and connect with fellow PNR members!

Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendar!

May 30–June 2, 2018



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

2018

Feb 17 (Sat), Portland, OR

SP&S Railway Historical Society Railroad Swap Meet. 9:30 AM–2:30 PM. This will be held at Warehouse 23 at the exQuay, 100 Columbia St, Vancouver, Washington. Parking across the street, or on the street. Admission \$5, under 12 free. For more information or table rentals, contact: Jerry Pickell: pickell5141@msn.com or try 360-735-0516. Messages will be returned.

Feb 24–25, Saskatoon, SK

All Aboard 2018 Model Train Show, Western Development Museum 2610 Lorne Ave. Saturday 9–5:00, Sunday 9–4:30. Layouts, Vendors, and Consignment Tables. Info: www.prairierailworkshop.com/train-show, allaboardtrainshow@gmail.com

Feb 24–25, Monroe, WA

United NorthWest Model RR Club's 27th Annual Model Train Show and Marketplace, Evergreen State Fairgrounds. Saturday 10–5, Sunday 10–4. Layouts, vendors, clinics & entertainment. Benefitting Snohomish County 4-H Foundation. Info: www.unwclub.com/unwshow.html email: tables4unw.trainshow@gmail.com

Mar 2–3, Calgary, AB

Railroad Prototype Modellers Meet, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive SW. Friday 7 PM–9 PM - Slide Night, with an emphasis on subjects you can model. Bring some slides or digital images to show; Saturday 9 AM–4 PM - Show and Tell to share modeling ideas, four clinics, draw tickets for displaying your models. Door Prizes! Entry for all sessions is \$10 Info: Dave Audley, 403-275-1869 daudley@telusplanet.net

Mar 3 (Sat), Elsie, OR

The 14th Annual Pacific Model Loggers' Congress—takes place at the Camp 18 Restaurant and Logging Museum, 42362 Highway 26, Elsie, Oregon. Info: www.pacificmodelloggerscongress.com

Mar 3–4, Spokane, WA

River City Modelers, 1130 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane, WA 99202 will have their HO Scale "River City Western" layout open on Saturday March 3rd 4–8 PM; and Sunday, March 4th Noon–4 PM. Stop by to see the progress that has been made. More scenery, buildings, and details are being added every week. Info: River City Modelers website—www.rivercitymodelers.org, call 509-535-3462 or email RCMinfonow@gmail.com.

Mar 4 (Sun), Spokane, WA

The Spring Spokane Train show sponsored by the River City Modelers will be held on Sunday, March 4th at the Spokane Fair & Expo Center, Bldg. A, B & C. Show hours are 9:30 AM–3:30 PM, admission \$6.00 for adults, 12 & under free. Over 200 tables of all things railroad related for sale - model & toy trains, photos, books, toy autos & trucks, bridges & buildings. Train memorabilia - old lanterns, signs, china, linen, switch locks & keys and much more. There will be operating train layouts in N, HO, S, O and G Scales along with a very large Free-Mo setup. Operations Lifesaver will be there too. Free parking, food available. For table rental or general information, please contact: Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 3065, Spokane, WA 99220; call 509-991-2317 or email: Shirley@busnws.com.

Mar 4 (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Spring Mini-meet follows the CMT Flea Market at 11:00 at the Glenmore Inn with several clinics lined up, along with Show and Tell. www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html

Mar 4 (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMT Annual Flea Market, Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE (corner of Glenmore Trail & Ogden Road, SE). The Flea Market runs 8:30–10:30. Time to start putting aside those items you no longer need so that you can buy more stuff that you do need! Tables are \$20 each, half tables can be booked for \$10. To book a table, contact Brookes Harrow at bharrow@nucleus.com or 403-201-4937.

Mar 10 (Sat), Portland, OR

Willamette Model Railroad Club 33rd Annual Swap Meet. 9:30 AM–3 PM. Jackson Armory, 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd, Portland, Oregon 97218 Over 100 tables, all scales of trains. Admission Adults \$5, children under 12 free, 8 ft. tables \$30 each. Info: Brigg Franklin at wrmrswapmeet@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/704921526367515

Mar 17 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Spring Swap Meet: Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 11113 113 St. 9 AM–Noon, Admission \$3. Info: Ric Francoeur, Ph. 780-458-1032 www.mmrf.ab.ca

Mar 17 (Sat), Corvallis, OR

40th Anniversary Winterail Railroad Photography Exposition & Railroadiana Show. Corvallis High School - Student Center, 1400 NW Buchanan Ave. Info: www.winterail.com

Mar 18 (Sun), Burnaby, BC

Western Rails 2018. Displays and models of all kinds. Operating model layouts, collectables, photos, timetables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment, and much much more. Cameron Recreation Complex, 9523 Cameron St. (behind Lougheed Town Centre) 9 AM–4 PM. Admittance: (cash only): Senior (60+) and Youth (6–15) \$4, Adult (16–59) \$8, Child (under 6) Free, Family \$20 (Maximum 2 Adults, 3 Youth). Info: westernrails@wcra.org 604-484-2791.

Mar 24 (Sat), Boise, ID

3rd Division NMRA Spring Meet, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 3100 S. Five Mile Rd., Boise, ID 83709 (Victory and Five Mile). Registration: 8 AM, Meet: 9 AM. Coffee, Donuts, Conversation, Clinics, Favorite Model Contests, NMRA Achievement Award Judging, Displays, Silent Auction, Layout Tour. Info: pnr.nmra.org/3div/default.htm or Chris Mesa cmesa57@gmail.com

Mar 24 (Sat), Tangent, OR

1st Division MINI-MEET. Doors open at 8; Program starts at 9. Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 33990 McFarland Rd. Clinics, model contest, AP judging, layout tours. Info: pnr.nmra.org/1div/

Mar 24–25, Moose Jaw, SK

Model Train Show. Sponsored by the Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club. Western Development Museum, 50 Diefenbaker Drive. The museum is open 9 AM–5 PM. Admission is \$10 for adults which then provides full access to the show and all museum exhibits. There is no charge for show participants or vendors who may rent tables for a small fee. Info: www.tcmrc.org

Mar 25 (Sun), Lewiston, ID

7th Annual Lewis–Clark Train Club and Collectables Swap Meet, 9:30 AM–4 PM, Nez Perce County Fairgrounds, 1229 Burell Ave. Admission \$5 and children under 12 free with an adult. There will be vendors from around the Northwest with displays, railroad collectables, and layouts. Operation Lifesaver will have the train simulator trailer on display for viewing. Info: Dan Wise, wrails@cablone.net, 208-816-0845 (cell) or Mike McGee, 208-816-6072; www.lewis-clarktrainclub.com

Apr 14–15, Calgary, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2018, Canada's Biggest and Best Annual Model Train Show, 9 AM–5 PM both days. Genesis Centre, 7555 Falconridge Blvd. NE, Calgary. FREE PARKING at McKnight-Westwinds C-Train Station with free shuttle. Adult \$15, under 16 free. Over 70,000 sq. ft. of operating layouts, exhibits and displays, railroad artists, hobby shops, model manufacturers, demonstrations, clinics, museums and railroad historical associations, Lego and Thomas Play Area, garden railways, ride-on trains, and much more. Info: www.supertrain.ca or email to info@supertrain.ca

Apr 14–15, Prince Albert, SK

7th Annual Prince Albert Model Train & Hobby Show at the Prince Albert Golf & Curling Club. 900-22nd St E Saturday 9–5; Sunday 10–5. info: riverxingnorth.webs.com/

Apr 21 (Sat), Lewiston, ID

Division 5 Annual Business Meeting, 9:30 AM–3:30 PM. Lewiston Community Center, 1424 Main St., Lewiston, ID. \$10 registration. Lunch included.

Apr 22 (Sun), Nanaimo, BC

34th Annual Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show. Beban Park Rec Center, 2300 Bowen Rd. Open 10 AM–4 PM. Operating model railroad layouts, vendors, swap tables. Popular vote contest. Info: Ken Rutherford (250) 724-4698 email kj.rutherford@shaw.ca

Apr 29 (Sun), Helena, MT

Annual Helena Railroad Fair, 9 AM–4 PM, Helena Civic Center, Info: 406-443-1578 or 406-227-0158 (please leave a message), email: rrfair@mt.net

May 4–6, Burnaby, BC

Railway Modelers Meet of British Columbia (RMMBC) at Simon Fraser University. The emphasis is primarily on "modelling," as the name implies, with many interesting clinics, layout tours, and operating sessions. Full information and registration is at: <http://railwaymodellermeeetofbc.ca/>

May 5–6, Regina, SK

Regina Railfest, the largest model railroad show ever held in Regina. At the Tartan Curling Club, it will have 20,000 square feet of layouts, displays, exhibits, and vendors. Info: Tyler Smith, smithtyler@sasktel.net or 306-351-2040

May 30–Jun 2, Portland, OR

PNR Regional Convention 2018: Stumptown Express; Red Lion Jantzen Beach Hotel. Info: www.pnr2018.org and www.facebook.com/StumptownExpress/

Jul 18–21, Olympia, WA

Union Pacific Historical Society Annual Convention 2018. Info: www.uphs.org/

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