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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

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 AVOID ROUGH HANDLING**
 Santa Fe
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At _____ Station, 1-3-82

Train No. 350/p Engine No. 470/p Time 6/p M.

CAR	No.	Contents	Destination	Consignee	Tonnage
Williams Bros	70	70	2		
68820	70	70	2		
68262	72	72	18		
68758	72	72	18		
	55	72	18		
	55	55	17		

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N.P. Local 1004

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Summertime Slump?

It's hard to believe we're already in the back half of summer. I really like going outside without bundling up or driving without worrying about icy or snow-packed roads. But I have to admit I sometimes think about our long winters in the northern latitudes and how they provide the ideal conditions (or maybe the excuse) to retire to the train room and immerse myself in making progress on my layout.

But wait!. Summer is still here and it also provides numerous opportunities to keep active in the hobby. No need to wait until winter. There are model railroad events to engage in (hint: NMRA national conventions); hobby shops to visit; railfanning; field research; benchwork to build in the garage; and so on. Even I devote time to work on the layout during the summer. So, there's no reason to postpone all model railroading until winter.

In this issue of *The Switchlist*, you will find results of the election for PNR President and Vice President (congratulations Jeff and Richard!), recipient of the 2022 PNR President's Award (congratulations, Lori!), the *Make Tracks to Eugene* convention summary and contest results, and the latest information about the 2023 PNR convention—[Prairie Line Experience](#). Then, Jack Hamilton poses a question to all of us—Are You a Volunteer?

The *In Memoriam* section (p.11) lists those PNR members who have recently passed away. Bill Fassett especially notes the passing of long-time member of the 5th Division Ron Petersen. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of all these members.

Shifting gears a bit, do you remember when you were the new guy or gal in school, the RR club, or division? Please note that we have new members to the PNR and they are listed on p.12. We can't remind you enough how important it is to reach out to these folks at local gatherings, or contact your Division Superintendent to help make those connections. Fellowship, social interaction, and sharing our interest in the hobby are key benefits of NMRA membership.

The first of our two feature articles on p.13 of this issue is by Gregg Longstaff, who writes about Clay Hanson's Great Northern Railway layout and how it evolved over many years. Gregg's article continues our series aimed at sharing basic information about PNR member layouts. I want to emphasize that **we have an ongoing need for layout articles**. These articles don't have to be lengthy or fancy. Article guidelines are located in the [February 2022 Switchlist](#), pp. 6-8. And you can get ideas for writing about your layout by reviewing what others have submitted.

The second feature article (p.15) was submitted by PNR President Jeff Herrmann, who describes his experience using AK Interactive Weathering Pencils.

The PNR officer, staff, and division superintendent quarterly reports begin on p.17. The PNR Interchange (p.25) has a new classified ad posted. And we close out this issue with the Timetable (pp.26-27). It is once again populated with numerous upcoming events throughout the region. Note that the 2023 PNR convention website is active. Convention registration is now open and the hotel is accepting reservations.

Summertime slump? Nope! I've got plenty of model railroad work to do before I winterize the lawn mower and retreat to my train room to hibernate (supposedly). [Hmm. While the weather is still warm, maybe I'll paint some flex track and turnouts outside and stockpile them for installing this winter.]

Stay safe, and happy modeling!
Greg Kujawa, Editor

PNR News and Announcements

PNR 2022 President and Vice President Election Results

Shirley Sample, Nominations Committee Chair

A formal election process for election of the PNR President and PNR Vice President was conducted during the period May 20 through May 30, 2022. The election was conducted in part by electronic means (Election Buddy) and in part using paper ballots and the US and Canadian national mail systems.

A total of 1,310 current PNR members (as of the April membership list) had voting rights and were included in the ballot distribution. Of these, 1,234 ballots were distributed electronically and 76 paper ballots were sent to members by surface mail.

Of the 1,234 electronic ballots, 203 (16.4%) were returned.

Five electronic ballots were rejected due to an invalid email address.

Of the 76 paper ballots mailed, 10 (13.2%) were returned.

One paper ballot was rejected as undeliverable.

Based on the 213 ballots returned, the results are as follows:

PNR President

Candidate	Electronic Ballot	Paper Ballot	Total Votes Tallied
Jeff Herrmann	200	10	210
Abstentions	3	0	NA
Total	203	10	210

PNR Vice President

Candidate	Electronic Ballot	Paper Ballot	Total Votes Tallied
Richard Kurschner	199	10	209
James A. Gamble (write-in)	1		1
Abstentions	3	0	NA
Total	203	10	210

Based on the results of the ballot count, Jeff Herrmann has been elected President and Richard Kurschner has been elected Vice President. **Congratulations to Jeff and Richard!**

Thank you to all members who voted! And my personal thanks go to Robert Leatha, Brian Stokes, Richard Sutcliffe, and Kurt Laidlaw for their assistance in a successful election.

Not getting the bi-monthly NMRA eBULLETIN?

The new **NMRA eBulletin** comes out every other month near the 1st of the month. Either your SPAM filter is blocking it, or you need to update your email address with us. Have HQ update your address at: <http://www.nmra.org/customer-service-request>

Make Tracks to Eugene in 2022— Convention Summary and Contest Results

Rich Pitter, Convention Committee Chair, 1st Division
Photos by Jeff Shultz, except as noted

The PNR 2022 convention, Make Tracks to Eugene, was held May 11–14 in Eugene, Oregon, at the Valley River Inn and was a rousing success. This was our first in-person convention since the beginning of the pandemic, and it was a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and fellow modelers from across the PNR.

There were 104 full registrants and 19 non-rail registrants representing Alberta, British Columbia, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

Activities included self-guided tours to several really nice layouts in the area; 32 information-filled clinics, including Modeling with the Masters, and eight simultaneous mini-clinics; model, photography, and arts & craft contests; a banquet; and a few non-rail excursions around the area.

Saturday evening's banquet, included award presentations, a raffle, and guest speaker Duncan Campbell, owner of Campbell Scale Models located in Central Point, Oregon.

If you couldn't attend this year's convention, you have a new opportunity awaiting you in 2023 in Tacoma. So, start planning now to attend by reading Kurt Laidlaw's article on p.9 about next year's convention, Prairie Line Experience.



Convention kick-off with an ice cream social.



The Umpqua Valley Model Railroad Club's impressive HO scale Free-mo layout was set up at the convention hotel.



Clinics are a key means to delivering NMRA's education benefits.



The evening mini-clinics are always popular.

Make Tracks to Eugene in 2022—Contest Results

Category	Award	Name	Entry
Steam Locomotives	2nd	Nick Lehrbach	Rail Inspection Engine
Diesel and Other Locomotives	1st	Nick Lehrbach	SP EMD SD45T-2
Passenger Cars	1st	Jeroen Gerritson	B&O Dining Car #1035
	2nd	Ted Kruysman	SP Passenger Car
Freight Cars	1st	Bob Parrish	Carter Bros. Flat Car
	2nd	Bob Parrish	Bodie Water Tank Car
	3rd	Rick Martin	38' Wood Truss Flat Car #45 with Pipe Load
Caboose	1st	Larry Sebelley	Soo Line Caboose #99008
Structures	1st	Jeroen Gerritson	Transfer Bridge at Locust Point
	2nd	Bob Parrish	Interurban Passenger Platform
	3rd	Jeroen Gerritson	B&O Signal Tower
Photos—Prototype Color	1st	Michael Huntsberger	UP 7483
	2nd	Michael Huntsberger	BNSF Triple Header
Non-Rail Arts & Crafts	1st	Linda Luz	Chessie
Non-Rail Needlepoint	1st	Al Turnbull	Quilt
People's Choice — Best Model	1st	Alan Murray	Viaduct at Elsie Creek
	2nd	Jeroen Gerritson	Transfer Bridge at Locust Point
	3rd	Buzz Allen	On30 Diorama
People's Choice — Best Non-Rail	1st	Al Turnbull	Quilt
	2nd	Linda Luz	Chessie
People's Choice — Thumbs	1st	Larry Sebelley	



Steam Loco – 2nd Place—Nick Lehrbach. Rail Inspection Engine



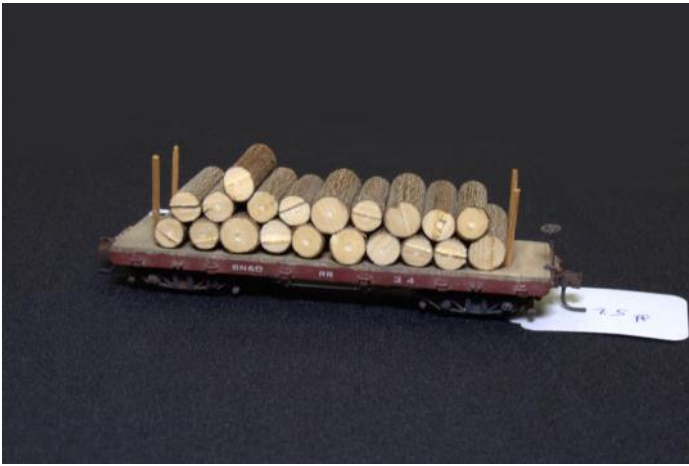
Diesel and Other – 1st Place—Nick Lehrbach. SP EMD SD45T-2



Passenger Car – 1st Place—Jeroen Gerritson. B&O Dining Car #1035



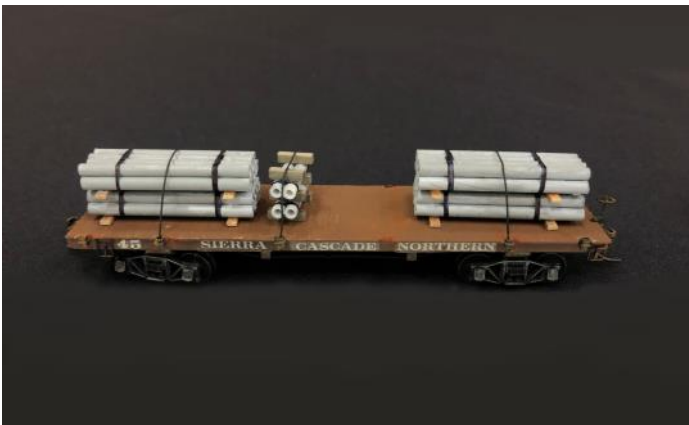
Passenger Car – 2nd Place—Ted Kruysman. SP Passenger Car



Freight Cars – 1st Place—Bob Parrish. Carter Bros. Flat Car



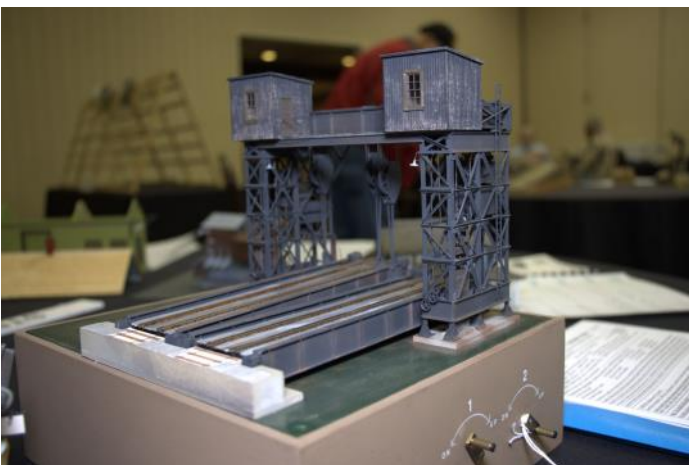
Freight Cars – 2nd Place—Bob Parrish. Bodie Water Tank Car



Freight Cars – 3rd Place—Rick Martin. 38-Foot Wood Truss Rod Flat Car #45 with Pipe Load. Greg Kujawa photo



Caboose – 1st Place—Larry Sebelley. Soo Line Caboose #99008



Structures – 1st Place—Jeroen Gerritson. Transfer Bridge at Locust Point

People's Choice – Best Model – 2nd Place—Jeroen Gerritson. Transfer Bridge at Locust Point



Structures – 2nd Place—Bob Parrish. Interurban Passenger Platform. Greg Kujawa photo



Structures – 3rd Place—Jeroen Gerritson. B&O Signal Tower



Photos – Prototype Color – 1st Place—Michael Huntsberger. *UP 7483.* Greg Kujawa photo



Photos – Prototype Color – 2nd Place—Michael Huntsberger. *BNSF Triple Header.* Greg Kujawa photo



People’s Choice – Best Model – 1st Place—Alan Murray. *Viaduct at Elsie Creek*



People’s Choice – Best Model – 3rd Place—Buzz Allen. *On30 Diorama*



Non-Rail Arts & Crafts – 1st Place—Linda Luz. *Chessie*

People’s Choice – Best Non-Rail – 2nd Place—Linda Luz. *Chessie*



Non-Rail Needlepoint – 1st Place—Al Turnbull. *Quilt*

People’s Choice – Best Non-Rail – 1st Place—Al Turnbull. *Quilt*



Thumbs – 1st Place—Larry Sebelley. Greg Kujawa photo

Lori Sebelley Receives 2022 PNR President's Award

Jeff Herrmann, President, PNR

Lori Sebelley of Chilliwack, British Columbia, (7th Division) was awarded the 2022 PNR President's Award at the PNR's convention (Making Tracks to Eugene) banquet this past May.

Lori has been active in the NMRA for over 20 years and has served as PNR Convention Registrar for the past five PNR conventions and is slated to be the 2024 PNR Convention Chair. In addition to her work as Registrar, Lori has provided countless hours of work towards the success of a number of PNR conventions. She has served in an advisory capacity to the PNR Board and PNR Convention Chairs and has agreed to act as the Registrar for all future PNR conventions, thus providing the organizers of such events with a consistent, experienced, and reliable registration process.

At the Division level, Lori was a founding member of the Railway Modelers Meet of British Columbia (RMMBC) Committee at its inception. She was the Accommodations and Food Service Chair in 2016, 2017, and 2018. She staffed the registration desk each year and ensured that attendees were given a friendly welcome to the event and made aware of its many facets.

Lori is active in the Chilliwack BC area with the local Free-mo club. She attends every public show at which Coldslap Free-mo displays its layout to provide public liaison while explaining the Free-mo concept. She performs as a very capable ambassador for the hobby.

Lori Sebelley is an outstanding member of the model railroading community. She does this work quietly, without fanfare, and "behind the scenes," and never seeks (nor receives) much in the way of recognition. She has worked diligently to support our Region and 7th Division and, with presentation of the 2022 PNR President's Award, is now recognized for her many years of enthusiastic, efficient, and dedicated service.



Jack Hamilton presenting the 2022 PNR President's Award to Lori Sebelley. Jeff Shultz photo

Prairie Line Experience — 2023 PNR Convention

Kurt Laidlaw, Convention Committee Co-Chair

It's official. The 2023 Pacific Northwest Region Convention—Prairie Line Experience—will take place in Tacoma, Washington, May 10-14, 2023. The host committee is working to put together an exciting set of activities for the convention, including multiple tracks of clinics, layout tours spanning the region, contests, AP evaluations, train spotting opportunities, tours, and non-rail events. 2023 is the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the Northern Pacific Railroad at Commencement Bay on the Prairie Line. It is also the 150th Anniversary of the City of Tacoma. Add to those significant dates the 50th Anniversary of the NTRAK modular model railroad standard, and you have exciting possibilities for celebration.

The City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Historical Society have events planned throughout the year and we hope to leverage those activities to enhance our convention. Work continues on the Prairie Line Trail, which crosses the University of Washington Tacoma campus before continuing past the Tacoma Art Museum toward the original Northern Pacific Half Moon Yard.

The convention hotel is the Comfort Inn and Suites next to the Tacoma Dome and one block away from the AMTRAK, Sounder, and free Tacoma Link Light Rail stations. This location provides quick access to downtown Tacoma with its many restaurants and museums, Seattle, and points beyond. The hotel has given us a great deal on room rates for the convention. Standard rooms are offered as follows: two doubles at \$119, two queens at \$129, and single kings at \$129. The end date on these rates is Sunday, May 14th. The hotel provides free breakfast and free parking. See their website for more information on amenities: [Hotel in Tacoma, WA | Comfort Inn® Official Site | Comfort Inn & Suites Downtown Tacoma](#).

Hotel registration is now open. Use the following Group Name: Prairie Line Experience; and Group Number: HX66E6. **All rooms MUST be booked before Saturday, April 15, 2023.** After this date, the group room block is released to the general public and you will no longer have access to the special group rate.

Convention registration is also now open on the website and that website is located here: [PNR Convention 2023 – Prairie Line Experience](#). We will continue populating the website as information becomes available, so check back often. The host committee is dedicated to making this an affordable convention. We are working hard to keep costs down so that everybody can afford to join us next year. Mark your calendars and reserve the dates now. We look forward to seeing you in Tacoma next year.



Prairie Line Crossing Pacific Avenue.
University of Washington Tacoma photo



Northern Pacific Railroad HQ. Tacoma Historical Society photo



Are You A Volunteer?

Jack Hamilton, MMR, 4th Division

For many years, I managed to find ways to push and prod some of you toward involvement in the Achievement Program (AP). What I did not stress often enough was simple ways to earn AP recognition for things you have already done or do on a routine basis. In particular, let's address earning the AP Volunteer Certificate.

Reading the requirements (the list is a page long) normally results in a form of paralysis sufficient to stifle any further action. So don't read the form in its entirety. Just pick out one or two "things" that meet the requirement. If you belong to a club that holds open houses (lets non-club members in to see your work) every once in a while, you earn points. For local (division level) gigs, you get three points each time you participate. The group I am part of is open every Saturday and, after 20 weeks of participation (5 months), the players earned the certificate. In our group, one member kept the records and filled out the record sheets for everyone. How hard could that be? If you conduct operations on your home layout, that is considered an open house. If your modular group travels, you earn points. Just make sure that the travel schedule is part of the division calendar.

While you are participating in open house activities, are all the trains in "around the world in 80 seconds" mode, or are you actually taking the opportunity to conduct operations? Those operating periods are filling time requirements for Chief Dispatcher. Yep, you can earn time credit for two certificates using the same hours.

The trick to making this work is for at least one guy in your group (you, if you are alone) to take charge and log the time. If it is club activity at the same place or a repetitive open house situation, it is easy to fill out the record of validation. The Position Held (actually activity), Level (Division), Points per month (# at Division level), and Points Earned (3) are standard and can be typed in to create a common form. Filling in a date and initialing for verification does not constitute excessive paperwork.

Now that you know how easy it is to get this done, how about we fill Bill Fassett's mailbox with Volunteer Statements of Qualification?



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Did you know the NMRA Video Library has over 150 videos of clinics that were presented at National Conventions from the last 30 years. Virtually every model railroading topic you can think of has been covered ... from scenery to operations to prototypes to electronics. If you missed the last few decades of National Conventions, you can still see some of the best clinics around.

Just log into www.nmra.org as a member, click on "Member / Member Home" and click on the big red box that says "Watch Clinic Videos" next to the photo. It's that easy!

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 — July 2021 through July 2022

Month Reported	Div	Last Name	First Name	City/Town	State/Province	Special Recognition
July 2021	05	Evers	Kenneth W	College Place	WA	
	05	Haley	James F	Spokane	WA	
August 2021	None					
September 2021	07	Fleming	Henry W	Castlegar	BC	
	07	Franko	Robert	Montrose	BC	
October 2021	04	James	Gary	Poulsbo	WA	
	06	Rigsby	Clyde	Edmonton	AB	
November 2021	04	Jillard	William R	Renton	WA	
	04	Virgin	William P	Renton	WA	
December 2021	02	Pratt	Shannon	Portland	OR	Life Member
	03	Cochran	Walter J	Richfield	ID	
	06	Wilson	Douglas R	Grande Prairie	AB	
January 2022	04	Babinsky	Alfred	Gig Harbor	WA	
	04	Wagner	Ken	Bellingham	WA	
February 2022	06	Pollard	Harrie B	Edmonton	AB	Life Member
March 2022	01	Crueger	Elaine	Monroe	OR	Life Member
	01	Filomeo	David	Medford	OR	
	04	Tunnard	Robert L	Kent	WA	Life Member
April 2022	None					
May 2022	06	Fishbourne	T J	Calgary	AB	Life Member
	06	Gibb	William G	Saskatoon	SK	Life Member
June 2022	None					
July 2022	04	Cook	David	Shoreline	WA	

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Passing of Ron Petersen

Bill Fassett, 5th Division

Ron Petersen, long-time NMRA and River City Modelers member, passed away on May 18, 2022, at age 84. Ron came to Spokane as a U.S. Air Force KC-135 navigator, having served two tours of duty during the Vietnam War, and eventually was assigned as Air Field Manager at Fairchild Air Force Base. He retired at the rank of Lt. Col. and remained in Spokane. Ron pursued several hobbies, including raising and racing pigeons, and modeling planes and trains. His HO-scale layout was the home to many operations sessions and served as a learning place for other modelers. His layout was known for its scenery and detailed structures; Ron collected soil, gravel, rocks, and other natural sources to give authenticity to his scenery.

Ron was an active member of the River City Modelers and contributed significantly to its most recent layout. He is remembered as a true gentleman who was always willing to help fellow modelers perfect their craft.

Ron was interred with military honors at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery, following a ceremony on June 9, 2022.

New PNR Members

April 2022–July 2022

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of the Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA. Those listed below have joined the PNR over the past quarter. If you do not see your name listed, please be patient. Your membership is likely still being processed.

We are especially happy to welcome our new Rail Pass members ([identified in blue text](#)). We recognize that you are with us on a trial basis and we will have to work hard to convince you to stay with us. Please make sure to contact your Division Superintendent promptly (listing at the end of this newsletter) so you can be included in all Division activities.

Current Members: Please review this list for anyone living near you and consider initiating a connection with them through your Divi-

Div	Last Name	First Name	City/Town	State/Province	Div	Last Name	First Name	City/Town	State/Province
01	Eldridge	Mike	Eugene	OR	04	Winebrenner	James	Lynnwood	WA
01	Hampton	William	Bend	OR	05	Basford	Sean	Hermiston	OR
02	Parr	Dan	Gresham	OR	05	Beavers	Greg	Cheney	WA
02	Rademacher	Mike	Washougal	WA	05	Dabney	Benjamin	Spokane	WA
03	Adams	Jonathan	Boise	ID	05	Fuller	Kaiden	Hermiston	OR
04	Hofmann	George F	Edgewood	WA	05	Hastings	Clete	Pasco	WA
04	McLurkin	James	Seattle	WA	05	Loughlin	Peter	Orofino	ID
04	Peterson	Family	Mount Vernon	WA	05	Miller	Jim	College Place	WA
04	Peterson	Mark	Renton	WA	05	Schneidmiller	Family	Greenacres	WA
04	Solotruk	Peter F	Silverdale	WA	05	Ypma	Dewey	Manhattan	MT
04	Thomas	Tim	Anchorage	AK	05	Ypma	Sylvia	Manhattan	MT
04	Thurston	William M	Gig Harbor	WA	06	King	Adam	Airdrie	AB
04	Turcott	Mike	Tenino	WA	07	Anstey	Ron	Vancouver	BC
04	Van Gerpen	Cole	Kirkland	WA	07	Croft	Andrew	Surrey	BC
04	Voichita	Calin	Redmond	WA	07	Laws	Charles	Burnaby	BC
04	Whipple	Tamara	Bremerton	WA	07	Pitchford	John	Victoria	BC
04	Whipple	James	Bremerton	WA	07	Skarbo	Terry	Fruitvale	BC

Features

Editor's Note: This ongoing series of articles features model railroad layouts of fellow PNR members. The [February 2022 Switchlist](#) provided an introduction to this effort plus a few guidelines for submitting articles. We do need more articles! So, please consider contributing a basic overview of your layout. It is an easy way to share your modeling interests across the vast distances of the Pacific Northwest Region.

Clay Hanson's Great Northern Railway

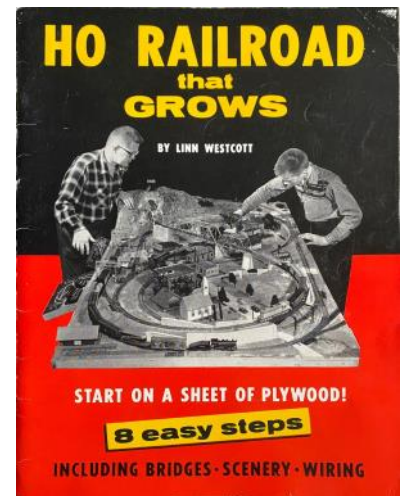
Article, drawing, and photos by Gregg Longstaff, 4th Division, except as noted

This classic layout reflects Clay Hanson's adaptation of the Great Northern Pacific layout, which was published in the December 1956 issue of *Model Trains* magazine (Kalmbach Publishing Co) and which became the basis of a contest with the winning entries published in Linn Westcott's book *HO Railroad That Grows* (Kalmbach Publishing Co.). Clay's latest version adapted the layout to DCC and includes his version of a rail yard added by one of the contest winners. Clay adapted the yard for diesel service and modified the layout for a twice-around run in place of a figure eight crossover.

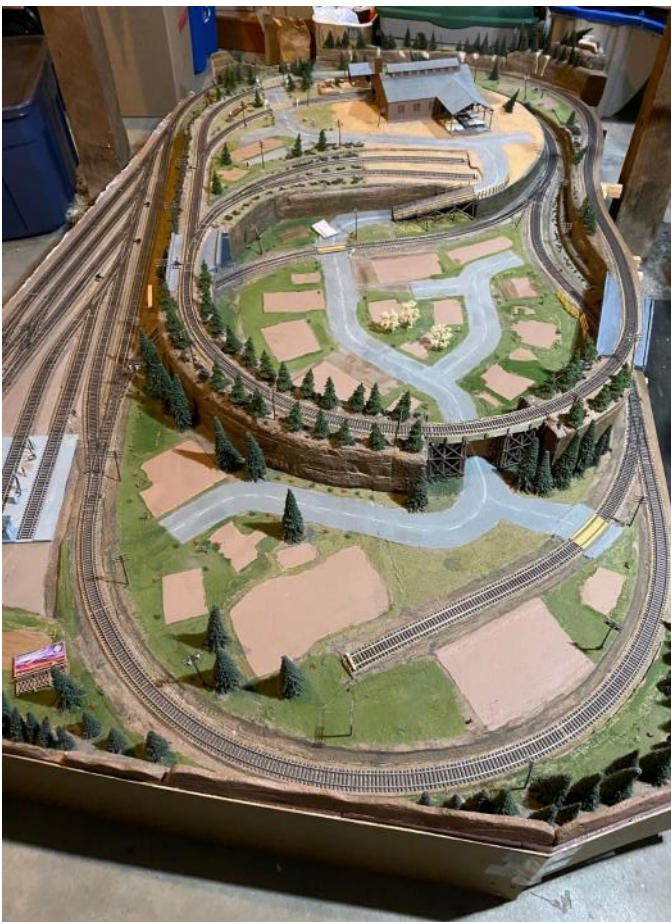
Inside his copy of Linn's book, Clay inserted several layout design revisions covering more than a half century of notes, hand-drawn details, and layouts from 1959, 1967, 1969, and 1978. A lifetime model railroader, Clay built up his fleet of 1950s–70s era diesel locomotives, freight car rolling stock, and structures over the course of that half century of evolving his Great Northern Railway layouts, culminating in his final version begun in 2005. In the fall of 2021, Clay's health forced him to part with his beloved layout which he offered to members of the PNR's 4th Division to keep the layout going. That is how I came to meet Clay and move his railroad into my basement layout room.

While Linn Westcott provided an interesting, detailed chapter on wiring a panel that also runs two trains, Clay simplified the wiring by installing a Digitrax DCC system. This involved simply adding a command station wired to 6-foot or shorter track sections and using a transformer with Atlas switches to control the turnouts.

Clay's version of the Great Northern Railway is a fine example of adapting a great classic layout design to DCC control. His attention to detail and the blending of traditional methods with modern technology needs to be seen to be appreciated. For these reasons, this layout and rolling stock deserve to be preserved. Now I need to move on, and so does the layout to 4D PNR members modeling the Great Northern Railway.



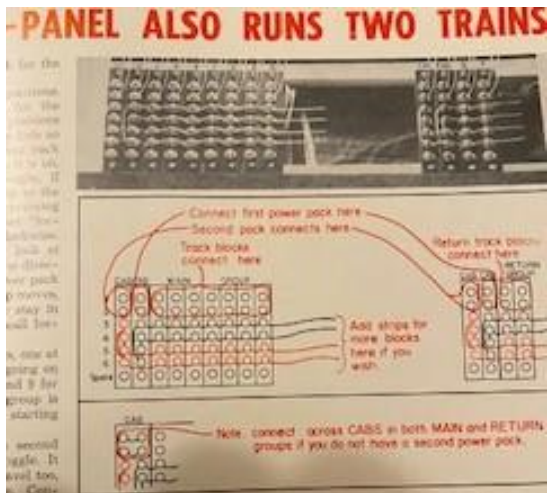
Linn Westcott's book *HO Railroad That Grows*. ©1958 Kalmbach Publishing Co. Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Overall view of Clay's layout looking from City Lumber to the large sawmill.



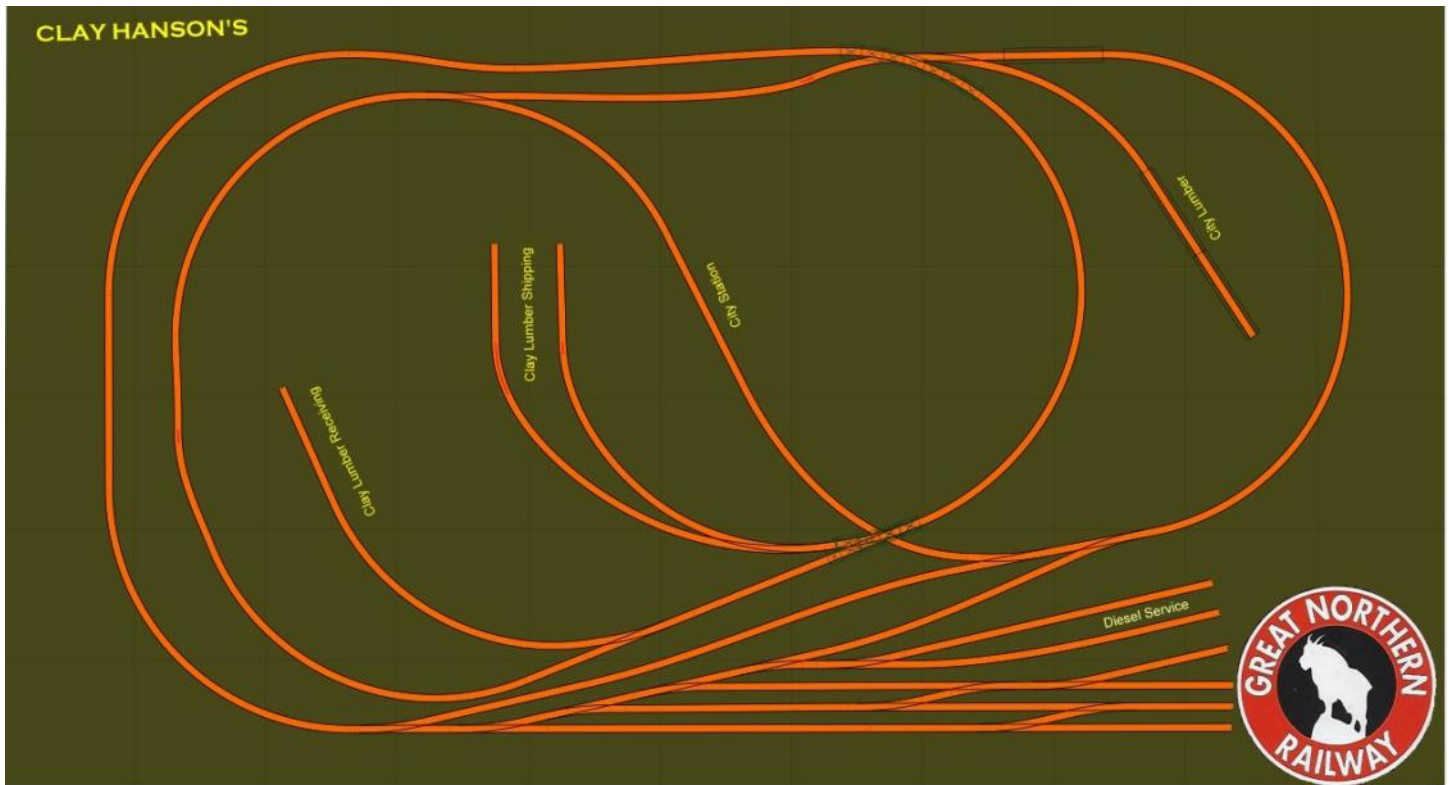
Yard and diesel facilities.



Linn Westcott's panel wiring diagram in his book *HO Railroad That Grows*. Kalmbach Publishing Co.



Digitrax DCS51 command station and Atlas switches.



Clay Hanson's Great Northern Railway layout design.

Layout at a Glance

Name: Clay Hanson's Great Northern Railway

Scale: HO (1:87.1)

Layout size: 10' x 5'-6"

Prototype/Theme: Lumber industry, 1950s–70s

Locale: Pacific Northwest

Era: 1950s to 1970s

Style: island

Mainline run: approximately 50 feet

Minimum radius: 18"

Minimum turnout: no. 4

Maximum grade: 2%

Benchwork: T-Girder single deck, adapted from Linn H.

Wescott's article "L-girder framework," *Model Railroader*, September 1963

Height: 50"

Aisle width: 30"

Roadbed: cork

Track: Atlas code 100

Scenery: foam, plaster cloth, Woodland Scenics products

Backdrop: light blue painted concrete walls

Control: Digitrax DCC, DCS51

Operations: ad hoc

Online presence: none

AK Interactive Weathering Pencils

Jeff Herrmann, 5th Division

I have recently discovered a fairly new product by AK Interactive called Weathering Pencils. AK Interactive is a Spanish company founded by modelers and has been highly regarded in the military modeling community for many years. The set I purchased (about \$65 on Amazon Prime) has 37 colors, but the pencils can be purchased one at a time or in small sets of color pallets (rust colors, grays and blacks, etc.). Like most retailers, AK offers a lower price per pencil in the larger sets. So far, it appears that, with the exception of a few colors (black and gray for example), I think this set will last a very long time even with regular use on my models.



Each pencil looks and feels just like, well, a pencil! However, the color in the pencil also has the properties of a dry watercolor medium, which means it can be applied to the model directly from the pencil or you can use a damp paint brush to get the color from the pencil to your brush. Dry works well for small areas, shading, and sharp lines. Getting a sharp line with these is much easier than trying to get one with weathering powders or PanPastels. If you apply the medium to the model using the pencil, I have also discovered that you can come back with a damp paint brush and soften or “spread out” the effect. I am just learning about this product and doing some experimenting. I like it both dry and wet. So far, when using it as a watercolor, it seems that a damp paint brush is better than a wet one. Just like weathering powders or PanPastels (both of which I use regularly), I have also found out that Weathering Pencils work much better on a dull, flat surface than a shiny one. So I am spraying Testors Dullcote on the model first.

Here are just a few examples of things on which I have been experimenting. Except for the box cars, each example used the Weathering Pencils over a sprayed-on flat gray or black primer coat. I think this product is a winner and will be adding it to my weathering process!





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Bear Creek Model Railroad, LLC	Logic Rail Technologies	Scalecoat Paint
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Green Frog Productions	NScaleWorks by Mike Holly	UGEARS
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Officers' Reports

From the Engineer's Side of the Cab

Jeff Herrmann, President

What a great summer it has been so far! It has been much cooler here (north Idaho's Panhandle region) compared to the 100-degree weather we had for several weeks last summer. I have been able to spend some time outdoors with my family (a welcome break from the COVID restriction days!) and hope you have as well.

I am humbled and excited to have been re-elected to serve another term as President of the Pacific Northwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association. I pledge to continue to bring my passion for scale model railroading and my professional experience of leading large not-for-profit organizations to the position. I look forward to hearing your suggestions and working through our Division Superintendents and Directors to bring added value to your membership in NMRA.

I know that elsewhere in this edition of *The Switchlist* there are many more details about the great convention we had this past May in Eugene, Oregon, but I want to send a shout out to Rich Pitter, 1st Division Superintendent, and his team that did a great job of organizing and presenting our PNR Convention—the first one in three years! My congratulations to Lori Sebelley, who was recognized with the 2022 PNR Presidents Award, and all of the contest winners! Thanks also to the clinicians and layout tour hosts. We had some of the best (and useful) clinics I have seen at a regional convention and I was able to see several layouts that are among the most spectacular I have ever seen! I also enjoyed our banquet program keynote by Duncan Campbell, owner of Campbell Scale Models. He shared the amazing story of how his company came to be and some humorous tales of how some of the Campbell kits got their names.

It was so nice to meet up with old friends in person again and great to make so many new friends! If you weren't able to attend, we missed you but hope you will register early for our 2023 convention in Tacoma, Washington.

A special thank you to Jack Hamilton and his team of MMRs—Di Voss, Greg Wright, and Max Magliaro—who served as faculty for our first "Modeling With the Masters" course at the PNR convention. They had 10 participants and the event was so successful that we have decided to hold "MWTM" at next year's convention as well.

If you were not able to attend the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting held at the convention, here are a few highlights:

- I commented about progress that our region has made this past year despite COVID restrictions including most of our divisions getting really good at hosting ZOOM meetings, clinics, and layout tours!
- Recognition of new MMRs and introduction of the new Achievement Program Managers in each division.
- Announcement of "Transition Support Services" by our Public Service Committee. PNR will encourage and recognize the planned efforts of members or teams of members who assist NMRA members during significant transition times in their modeling careers due to the effect of time, disease, or death. Examples include assisting a widow or widower in relocating the member's layout to a new home, or in helping modify the modeler's physical environment to allow the modeler to continue to enjoy the hobby in spite of disability.
- Special Memorial Tribute to Elaine Jones Crueger.
- Recognition of 100% NMRA Membership Clubs with significant anniversaries this year:
 - Tri-Cities: 50 years
 - River City: 40 years
 - Lewis-Clark Train Club: 25 years
 - Coldslap Free-Mo: 10 years
- Announcement of the 2023 PNR Convention: [Prairie Line Experience](#), to be held May 10-14, 2023, at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Tacoma, Washington.

As a final thought, I recently accompanied 5th Division Superintendent, Peter Armstrong, and our PNR Achievement Program Manager, Bill Fassett, on a trip to Billings, Montana, to visit with NMRA members from the southwestern and south central parts of Montana (primarily the Bozeman and Billings communities). The purpose of our trip was to help them feel better connected to the NMRA by helping organize a 5th Division subdivision. The subdivision would be structured to help members in those distant communities to meet in person regularly without having to travel super long distances or overnight for an NMRA/PNR-sponsored meet or event. I think our trip was successful and productive. They are calling themselves the Yellowstone Subdivision. We came up with a good approach for promoting NMRA membership and encouraging fellowship in a relatively distant part of the 5th Division.

We also visited two really nice club layouts: the Livingston Model Railroad Club at the Livingston Depot Center, Living-



ston, Montana; and the Rimrock Model Railroaders in Billings. Both clubs are led by strong NMRA members and are working on becoming 100% NMRA membership clubs.

If you think I can be helpful in getting NMRA members more engaged or expanding our membership in your area, please let me know. My focus, and that of our PNR Board of Directors, is to find ways to enhance the value of your NMRA membership.

I wish each and every one of you good health and clear tracks ahead! I am humbled and excited to serve as President of the Pacific Northwest Region.

From the Fireman's Side of the Cab

Bob Parrish, MMR, Vice President

This will be my last contribution to *The Switchlist* as your vice president. I have had a great four years and have managed to uphold my original goals in this position. First was to make sure that the President didn't die! That one wasn't too tough. I have served with two people who have done well in their role in the management of the PNR. It has been a privilege to work with Kurt and Jeff in moving the region along the nature of an organization that is all-volunteer and share in the common interest of the hobby.

The second goal has to do with membership. To that, I have not had as much success. Over the recent COVID years, there has been a slow trickle of members dropping off. The two most common responses are change of interests and aging out. Both of these are real issues and do not seem to me to be an indictment of the hobby or the NMRA. I'm not sure how the pandemic has affected our membership rosters but it seems to have an impact on most other areas of our society. So it is only logical that there is a cause-and-effect here also. To that, there is not much we can do as we all are learning our way back into life with a new disease over our shoulder. I am optimistic that local and regional gatherings will serve to bring us back together. I don't think the Zoom gatherings will change much. It is a new technology that has some pretty cool options. The 4th Division has led the way in producing a wide variety of Zoom clinics which are available on their YouTube channel (4DPNR Movies): <https://www.youtube.com/c/4DPNRMovies>

I will remain in my role of 3rd Division Achievement Program Manager for as long as they will have me. The position of vice president is in able hands with Richard Kurschner.

To conclude then, a "Thank You" to all who made my job easier.



Office Manager's Report

Ed Liesse

This report to the Members of the Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA, covers the months from July 2021 through July 2022.

You can see by looking at the figures below what's happening with the membership of the Region. Our membership continued its decline in membership during this last year with a net loss of 42 members. We did, however, bring in 95 new members during this period, of which 23 were Rail Passes and several were Family members and Student members. Unfortunately, we did lose 20 members to death during this period. Please refer to the list of deceased members on p.11.

Remember —Membership retention is the job of every member!!

We currently have 4365 members on the Inactive membership report!! Some of the members on this list are recent adds. Others have been on the list for months and years! We need someone in each of the Divisions to take on the task of checking the names and possibly contact them to see if they are still living in the Division/Region and maybe find out the reason(s) they dropped their membership! Unfortunately, some of the names may be members who have passed away and had no one to notify NMRA (or the PNR) of their passing.

Much of this report (Tables 1 through 4) centers on the relationship when individuals come on board as a new member and the time they go on the 30-60-day Past Due Reports. Look at the tables to see how your division is performing.

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

Div	Jul-21		Aug-21		Sep-21		Oct-21		Nov-21		Dec-21		Jan-22		Feb-22		Mar-22		Apr-22		May-22		Jun-22		Jul-22		Net +/- over year Jul-Jul
	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	86	1	83	1	82	0	84	0	83	0	84	0	83	0	83	1	83	1	83	1	81	1	82	1	82	1	-4
2	123	1	118	1	121	2	121	2	119	2	117	2	116	2	116	2	116	1	119	1	120	2	118	2	118	2	-5
3	74	2	74	2	75	2	73	2	72	2	70	1	67	1	67	1	65	1	66	1	66	1	65	1	64	1	-10
4	450	8	437	7	443	7	446	8	449	10	456	9	457	8	456	7	452	7	453	7	449	7	449	10	447	11	-3
5	198	4	196	4	198	4	201	5	201	4	203	5	207	5	207	5	209	6	207	4	203	4	203	5	200	0	2
6	220	0	219	0	218	0	213	0	209	0	205	0	208	0	212	0	208	0	204	0	203	1	202	0	204	1	-16
7	281	2	281	2	281	2	282	2	279	1	269	1	264	0	267	0	269	0	274	0	268	0	273	0	275	0	-6
Tot	1432	18	1408	17	1418	17	1420	19	1410	19	1404	18	1402	16	1408	16	1400	17	1402	14	1390	16	1392	19	1390	16	-42

Table 2. New members showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Jul-21		Aug-21		Sep-21		Oct-21		Nov-21		Dec-21		Jan-22		Feb-22		Mar-22		Apr-22		May-22		Jun-22		Jul-22		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
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3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
4	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	1	4	2	3	2	4	0	4	0	1	0	4	1	2	1	5	2	2	1	36	10
5	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	4	1	3	1	25	7
6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	1
7	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	15	1
Tot	5	0	3	0	4	2	7	2	8	3	8	3	9	1	10	1	7	2	11	1	4	3	13	3	6	2	95	23

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

Div	Jul-21		Aug-21		Sep-21		Oct-21		Nov-21		Dec-21		Jan-22		Feb-22		Mar-22		Apr-22		May-22		Jun-22		Jul-22		
	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	
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5	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	5	1	5	1	5	0	3	0	6	0	0
6	2	0	1	0	3	0	8	0	6	0	7	0	2	0	11	0	5	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
7	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	6	1	12	0	4	0	3	0	5	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0
Tot	16	2	32	1	13	1	16	0	23	3	28	2	18	0	23	0	23	1	17	2	23	0	17	0	14	0	0

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

Div	Jul-21		Aug-21		Sep-21		Oct-21		Nov-21		Dec-21		Jan-22		Feb-22		Mar-22		Apr-22		May-22		Jun-22		Jul-22		
	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	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	4	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
4	7	0	5	1	9	1	5	0	3	0	0	0	4	2	6	0	3	0	5	0	4	1	5	0	9	0	0
5	2	0	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	5	1	3	1	5	0	3	0	0
6	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	6	0	5	0	1	0	11	0	5	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	0
7	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	6	1	12	0	3	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
Tot	15	0	16	3	15	1	10	2	15	0	19	3	25	2	15	0	18	0	21	1	14	2	20	0	16	0	0

Achievement Program Report

Bill Fassett, AP Manager

The Regional AP Team was very involved in the activities of the PNR Regional Convention in May, in evaluating models in the Contest Room, and also in making visits to members' layouts both in Oregon and on the way to and from the convention. We also presented two clinics at the convention, which were well-attended. Thanks go to Bob Parrish, Jack Hamilton, Didrik Voss, Ed Schaezner, Phil Everett, Jeroen Gerritsen, Doug Burton, Mike Chandler, and Jeff Herrmann for their work at the convention in evaluating models and layouts, and in the clinics. We appreciated very much working with the Convention Contest Chair, Christopher Jones.

Featured Category: AP Certificate for Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical

Recent Changes

Evaluation of a layout for Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical, may now be done via Zoom, Skype, or other remote viewing program. NOTE: This is NOT distance evaluation, but one or all of the evaluators may be viewing the layout remotely. This option is available at the Division level, and is up to the Division AP Manager and Superintendent to determine if the Division has the necessary capability.

Key Elements

- The Electrical award recognizes the ability to build and operate an electrical control system for a model railroad.
- The control system must allow for simultaneous operation and independent control of two mainline trains in either direction.
- Minimum facilities on the layout:
 - Blocks, gaps, switches, protective devices, and power supply.
 - Reverse loop, wye, turntable, or transfer table – properly wired
 - Passing siding
 - Facilities for storing at least two unused power units
 - One yard with three tracks and switching lead independent of mainline
- Demonstrate the wiring of at least three different track types. These do not have to be on the same layout, or even on a layout. For example, few modelers use crossings (“diamonds”), but you can show the wiring of a crossing on a separate piece of foam core board.
- Wire and demonstrate operation of three features out of a list of over 20 choices, such as electrical turnout position, computer control, animated displays, layout lighting, sound in a locomotive, or command control receiver. If you have a completed layout, this is an easy list to complete.

Relationship to Civil

Many of the elements required for Electrical are also elements for Civil, which will be my topic in the next issue. Note that while Electrical focuses on how to wire a working layout, Civil recognizes the ability to plan and build the trackage for a layout. So ask your Division AP manager about the requirements for Civil when you are being evaluated for Electrical.

Paperwork Reduction

The photos or video and description of materials described in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Statement of Qualifications are not required to be sent to the PNR AP Manager, IF the evaluation team is able to view the layout with the modeler and obtain all the information required. Discuss the paperwork requirements with your Division AP Manager before going to extensive effort or simply throwing up your hands!

Do Your Own Pre-Evaluation

- The Statement of Qualifications form for Electrical is available at: https://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/education/achievement/pdf/2019_soq_electrical.pdf

If you have a working layout, you are probably ready to have it evaluated for Electrical. Now that this can be done by Zoom in most divisions, there is no need to wait until a team can visit your layout.

Awards Earned Since the Last *Switchlist*

Master Model Railroader

Dave Clune, MMR #711 – Dave has been an active modeler for several decades, and a frequent contributor to the literature concerning narrow gauge modeling. All of his awards resulted from a visit by the PNR AP team to his layout in Eugene, Oregon, during the convention. As noted below, he earned the MMR by completing AP Certificates for Author, Cars, Chief Dispatcher, Civil, Electrical, Scenery, and Structures.

Golden Spikes—The following members have earned a Golden Spike Award:

Mike Bennette
George Fuchs
Jeff Johnston
Robert Ray

Tracy Stutler
Dewey Ypma
Sylvia Ypma

Merit Awards—The following members have earned Merit Awards:

Mike Bennette—Scenery, Structures (3)
John Bilahorka—Structures (4)
Wayne Bucher—Structures (1)
Dave Clune—Cars (4), Civil (3), Scenery, Structures (6), Motive Power
Ray Davis—Structures
Bill Fassett—Structures
George Fuchs—Civil (3)
Jeroen Gerritsen—Cars, Structures
Rich Hartley—Scenery
Michael Huntsberger—Structures
Greg Kujawa—Structures
Rick Martin—Cars (4)
Phillip Miller—Civil (3), Scenery
Bryan Orszen—Structures
Bob Parrish—Cars, Structures (3)
Rich Pitter—Structures
Robert Ray—Cars (6), Prototype Models, Structures (6), Scenery
Tracy Stutler—Scenery
Tom Waters—Structures
Dewey Ypma—Scenery, Structures
Sylvia Ypma—Prototype Models, Scenery, Structures (6)



A portion of Dave Clune's Cascade County Narrow Gauge layout, which qualified for Electrical, Civil, and Scenery. On the layout are structures and cars that earned merit awards and contributed to Dave's achievement of MMR.

Achievement Program Certificates—The following members have earned AP Certificates:

Mike Bennette—Master Builder – Scenery; Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
John Bilahorka—Master Builder – Structures
Wayne Bucher—Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Dave Clune—Master Model Railroader; Chief Dispatcher; Master Builder – Cars; Master Builder – Scenery; Master Builder – Structures; Model Railroad Author; Model Railroad Engineer – Civil; Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Jim Crueger—Association Volunteer
Lee Chessman—Association Volunteer
George Fuchs—Model Railroad Engineer – Civil; Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Rich Hartley—Master Builder – Scenery
Jeff Johnston—Model Railroad Author; Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Alan Matchett—Chief Dispatcher
Phillip Miller—Model Railroad Engineer – Civil; Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Ed Molenkamp—Association Official; Association Volunteer
David Morgan—Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Robert Ray—Master Builder – Cars; Master Builder – Prototype Models; Master Builder – Scenery; Master Builder – Structures; Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Robert “Shep” Shepperd—Association Volunteer
Tracy Stutler—Master Builder – Scenery
Peter Ulvestad—Association Volunteer
Dewey Ypma—Master Builder – Scenery; Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Sylvia Ypma—Master Builder – Prototype Models; Master Builder – Scenery; Master Builder – Structures

The AP Team congratulates all of these superior model railroaders!

Volunteer Certificate

If you haven't read it yet, please see Jack Hamilton's article titled "Are You A Volunteer?" on p.10 of this issue of *The Switchlist*.

Selected Pictures

For this report, I've selected two photos from the Livingston Model Railroad Club's layout. The club is located in Livingston, Montana, in the historic Livingston Depot. These photos are from a portion of the layout depicting Gardiner, Montana—the gateway to Yellowstone National Park—as it was in the 1930s.



Dewey and Sylvia Ypma collaborated on this replica of the Gardiner Depot. The prototype's curved platform made the model of the structure quite complex to build.



Every building in this photo is scratchbuilt..

Division Reports

1st Division

Rich Pitter, Superintendent

This past quarter, the 1st Division was busy with final planning, hosting, and closing out the 2022 PNR convention, Make Tracks to Eugene in 2022.

For more information about the 1st Division, visit our website at: <http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/>

2nd Division

Jeff Shultz, Superintendent

No report this quarter. For more information about the 2nd Division, visit our website at: <http://www.2dpnr.org/>

3rd Division

Shelley Shelstad, Superintendent

No report this quarter. For more information about the 3rd Division, visit our website at: <http://pnr.nmra.org/3div/>

4th Division

Russ Segner, Superintendent

No report this quarter. For more information about the 4th Division, visit our website at: <https://4dpnr.com/>

5th Division

Peter Armstrong, Superintendent

No report this quarter. More information about the 5th Division can be found on our website: <http://www.pnr5d.org/>



2nd Division Meets Online

2nd Division has scheduled Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month. For more info, see: <https://2dpnr.org/html/events.html>. Recorded Zoom Meets are at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWMrJ-wg0pHqoke3px4F66g>



4th Division Online Resources Open to All

The 4th Division has a lot of resources available on its *Grab Iron* webpage: <http://4dpnr.com/grab-iron-posts/>

These include announcements of upcoming online clinics and layout tours plus a YouTube Channel that includes recordings of past clinics and layout tours and other presentations. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/4DPNRMovies>

6th Division

Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

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7th Division

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Timetable

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2022

Aug 21 (Sun), Saskatoon, SK

Railway Heritage Day at the Saskatchewan Railway Museum will be Sunday August 21st from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a Food Truck, Caboose Rides, Demonstrations and a Show & Shine along with the regular Museum activities. Regular admission fees apply. \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, under 6 FREE. Visit the Museum's website at www.saskrailmuseum.org

Sep 1-4, Tacoma, WA

The 42nd National Narrow Gauge Convention will be held in Tacoma, WA over the Labor Day weekend (September 1 - 4, 2022) at The Hotel Murano in downtown Tacoma. This is a national (international!) convention with 60+ clinics, a contest, modular layout displays, vendor hall, and layout tours to 35+ world-class, local narrow gauge (and standard gauge) layouts. Standard and narrow gauge modelers are both welcome! Registration is \$150 for the complete convention (including a free spouse pass), or a special \$50 day rate (available at the door). Info: www.seattlenngc.com or info@seattlenngc.com.

Sep 10-11, Sherwood Park, AB

2022 Greater Edmonton Model Train Show. Millennium Place, 2000 Premier Way in Sherwood Park. Two soccer fields of model rail-roading fun. Activities for the whole family including the LEGO Activity Centre Info: www.mmrf.ab.ca email: trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 10 (Sat), Kelso, WA

Longview, Kelso & Rainier Model Railroad Club Fall Swap Meet & Train Show, Three Rivers Mall, Kelso, Washington, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$5; Children under 12 free with paid adult. Early Bird Special: get in between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. for \$10 each. Free parking! 200 tables for vendors, On-site food vendor. Vendor info: \$25 for 8' table, bring your own cover, setup 5-9 p.m. Friday and 7-10 a.m. Saturday. Info: visit www.lkrtrains.yolasite.com or contact Rich Easley at 360-431-5790 or Kmann_98632@Yahoo.com.

Sep 17-21, Nelson, BC

Nelson 2022. Joint convention with the Canadian Pacific Historical Association and the Great Northern Railway Association. Prestige Lakeside Resort and Convention Centre. Clinics, tours, photos, and social events. Info: www.cptracks.ca or Scott Calvert at 604-562-1022 or scottcalvert@shaw.ca

Sep 24 (Sat), Battle Ground, WA

The Great Train Swap Meet by the Southwest Washington Model Railroaders 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Battle Ground High School Gymnasium, 300 W Main Street, Battle Ground, WA 98604. FREE Parking - Use N Parkway Ave. Lot Admission: \$10 Beat the Crowd (9:00 a.m.) \$5 Adults (9:30 a.m.) \$3 Students; Under 6 years FREE with adult. Current local COVID Precautions Will Be Recognized. Contact Larry Sprenkel (360) 619-8899 Larry.sprenkel@gmail.com

Sep 25 (Sun), Edmonton, AB

EMRA Open House. Visit the largest HO model railroad in Western Canada at the Fort Edmonton freight shed (T6H 4P3). 10 am - 4:00 pm. Free admission. Info:- www.emra.club

Sep 30 - Oct 2, Lynden, WA

The 37th annual Lynden Lions Club Model Train and Toy Show will take place in Lynden, Washington, on 1 and 2 October, with a setup day on Friday, 30 September. It features over 50,000 square feet of running model train layouts, exhibits, and vendors. Trains of all gauges for train buffs of all ages. We recently added toy vendors to our show as well. As usual, it will be held in the Henry Jansen Agric. Bldg. on the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds, 1775 Front St., Lynden, WA., 98264. Info: www.lyndentrainshow.com or call Gordon Sund at 360-318-8155.

Sep 30 - Oct 2, Edmonton, AB

Northern Rails 2022. September 30 to October 2. This is an operations weekend. There will be prototypical operating sessions at a variety of layouts in Edmonton and area Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There will also be extra sessions in Calgary Thursday evening, Sunday afternoon, and Sunday evening. There will be a social event Friday evening and an extra-fare dinner Saturday evening. There will be a \$25 registration fee collected at the door. For a registration package, please contact Cal Sexsmith at calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net or visit the website at www.infoharvest.ca/northernrails/

Oct 8 (Sat), Spokane, WA

River City Modelers, 1130 E. Sprague Ave., open house from 4 to 8 p.m. Stop by to see the River City Western in operation. This is a 41 x 48 ft. two-level HO scale layout representing operations from the Cascade Mountains through Central and Eastern Washington into the Idaho Panhandle. For more information, contact 509-535-3462 or email rcminfonow@gmail.com.

Oct 9 (Sun), Spokane, WA

Fall Model Train Show, sponsored by River City Modelers, Spokane County Fairgrounds, 404 N. Havana, Bldg. A, B and C. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission \$6 for adults, 12 and under free. Over 200 tables of all things model train and railroad related. Free-mo layouts in HO and N, Wtrak for kids to play with, Operation Lifesaver and other layouts too. For more information or table reservations, please contact: Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 3065, Spokane, WA 99220-3065 or 509-991-2317 or via email: shirley@busnws.com.

Oct 15 (Sat), Calgary, AB

41st Annual Boomer Auction. Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, (www.sbsltrains.ca) St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW. Setup and viewing 8:30 a.m., dining car opens 9:30 a.m., auction starts at 10:00 a.m.

Oct 22 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Fall Swap Meet. Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 11113 113 St. 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Admission: \$3.00. Vendor Tables: \$25.00. Info: Ric Francoeur, swapmeet@mmrf.ca Ph. 780-458-1032 www.mmrf.ab.ca

2023

May 10-14, Tacoma, WA

2023 Pacific Northwest Region Convention "Prairie Line Experience" including multiple tracks of clinics, layout tours spanning the region, contests, AP evaluations, train spotting opportunities, tours, and non-rail events. At the Comfort Inn and Suites. Info: www.pnrtacoma2023.org

NOTE: Because COVID-19 restrictions may change rapidly, be sure to double-check the status of specific events by visiting the PNR website's list of Upcoming Events, the website of individual events, or contact the person in the specific event's listing.

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