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PNR SNAKE RIVER REPORT

The following report on the PNR meeting in Boise was provided by Shirley Sample.

Bob and I attended the Snake River Express Convention at the Boise Hotel & Convention Center in Boise, ID June 26-29. The first day was the Board Meeting which was well attended and we accomplished a lot of administrative duties.

It was suggested by the 6th Division that we redraw the boundaries of the Divisions since Montana is now in two divisions. This was approved and the 5th Division now has all Montana members who were formerly in the 6th Division and the 6th Division will be all Canadian members. We will discontinue the use of zip codes to determine which division members reside in and use the county of residence instead.

Jack Hamilton reported that there is now less paperwork for MMR and certificates. Process is very streamlined and easier. Jack continues to put out the PNR Train Orders via email on Constant Contact. So, if you aren't getting them, be sure to let our 5th Division Superintendent Gary Thurow know or you can let me know and we'll get them updated with the PNR Office Managers. We have used *Constant Contact* for the 5th Division and have had a 60% open rate on the emails we have sent out.

Since the 2nd Division was due to host the 2014 PNR Convention next year and they are busy planning the National Convention for 2015, they asked if anyone would be will to switch years with them for the PNR Convention. The 4th Division stepped forward and the 2014 PNR Convention will be in the 4th Division. Details out recently say it will be held in Tacoma, WA June 18-21, 2014. Plans are being made to visit the Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad, Tacoma Rail, and Snoqualmie Pass Railroad. Also visits to Chihuly Glass Museum, LeMay Car Museum, the Natural History Museum including the PSMRE Layout, and the Boeing Museum of Flight. There will also be a number of layout tours available pre- and post-convention. More information will be out soon.

The NMRA is working to become a 501(c)(3) corporation, which means that all Regions and Divisions will be under their umbrella. However, this application process will take them about a year and half to accomplish.

There were a lot of clinics held throughout the convention and all were well received and well attended. **Bob Sample** and **Phil Everett** did a clinic on making trees and received many compliments on their methods of making the various types of trees.

Tours of layouts were available all during the convention. We were only able to visit a couple and they were great. One was **Phil Ulman's** layout in Boise. We have watched this layout progress through the years at various conventions in Boise. Phil models Union Pacific and he has expanded from a small layout to a much larger layout. I believe the bench work is pretty much completed and he is starting on the scenery.

We also visited the **Caldwell Model Railroad Club** layout. They purchased their building a few years ago and have accomplished a lot. They have most of the bench work and track done and are working on scenery. They

have a room that is about 50 ft. x 50 ft. and are doing a double deck HO scale layout. In the front of their club house they have a meeting room, library, displays, and an N scale layout.

A Train show was also held in conjunction with the Convention on Saturday and Sunday. Several vendors were on hand to sell railroad related items and there were 4 layouts for the public to view. I believe this was well received by the Convention attendees and the general public in the Treasure Valley.

The Convention wrapped up with the annual banquet. A great meal was served, awards were given out for the contests and AP program, and several items were raffled off. A very informative and interesting program was given on the history of the Boise Trolley System.

It is always good to see old friends and make new ones at the Conventions. There are always new things to see and learn at Conventions and Mini-meets.

PHOTO GALLERY – SNAKE RIVER SPECIAL



The hotel was located very near both the airport and the freeway so access was about as easy as it could be. The sign showed incoming members that they were in the right place.



The NMRA contest and display room was a busy place throughout the convention.



A lot of well done models were on display including this one depicting the Boise Depot.



There was also a display of incredible detailing accomplished by PNR members.



With the roof removed, the interior details are even more evident. Nice work!



Dioramas are fun to build and make wonderful displays.



One member modeled his home, under construction.



His model drew a lot of attention from visitors to the contest and display room.



There was time to visit with old friends and new acquaintances in the hotel dining room.



Also time to look over items for sale in the convention store.ö



Andy Doll explains how he builds a timber tressle in a clinic.



Presenters always allowed time after the presentation for questions and comments from the participants. **Gil Flores** discusses weathering using hairspray and salt.



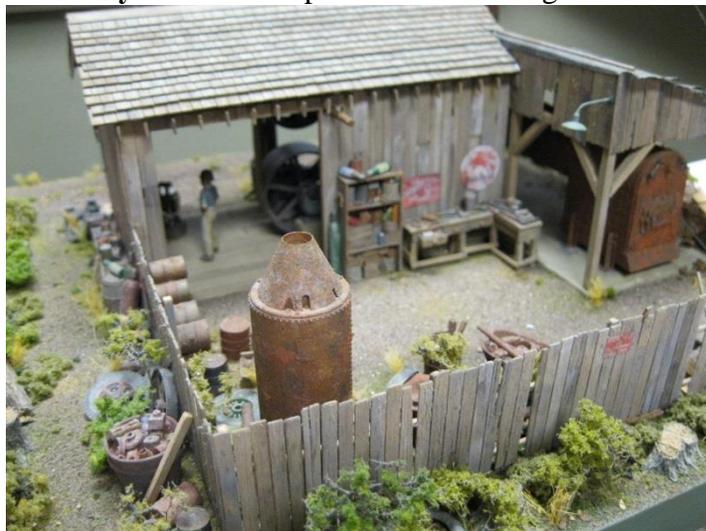
5th Division members **Bob Sample** and **Phil Everett** presented a clinic for modeling evergreen trees.



Different tree making ideas were presented by **Chris** and **Andy Mesa**. Examples are in the foreground.



Edward Schaezner presented a clinic on finishing and weathering with artists' pastels.



Ed also provided some nice examples of how his techniques work.



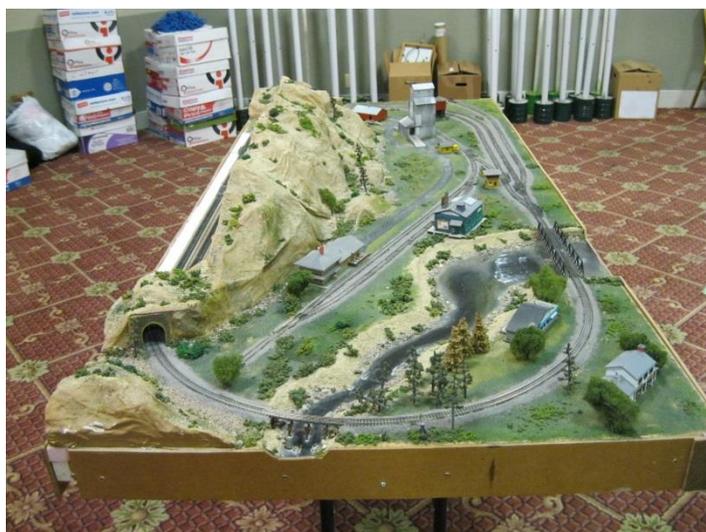
A lot of effort went into setting up the layouts for display.



Some were large



and others smaller. Everyone appreciated seeing the modeling efforts that go into these modular and sectional layouts.



The effort involved in bringing these layouts to the convention was also really appreciated.



For those who were interested, the convention also featured a ride on the Thunder Mountain Line.



The evening ride featured a chuckwagon dinner.

SUBDIVISION REPORTS

If you live in one of the following PNR 5th Division's unofficial "Subdivisions," I would like to hear from you.

- Montana
- Northern Idaho
- Northeast Oregon
- Eastern Washington
- Central Washington

If you have any news and/or pictures to share about any of a number of topics that I can publish in *The Goat* or on our new *Facebook* page, please send them to me at pnr5dnews@gmail.com. I can use:

- Club events and progress reports;
- Pictures of home layouts;
- Modeling ideas and tips;
- Experience with modeling products or tools;
- Prototype pictures that you have taken – especially if they are recent;
- Current or historical information about railroads in your locality, and;
- Passing of fellow modelers, club members, railroad friends who were PNR members.

If you have looked at the most recent editions of *The Goat*, you may have noticed that there are or will be departments for classifieds and a "mailbag" (letters to the editor). Please contribute to those as well.

As your newsletter editor, I may take some editorial license with submissions to make sure that they fit the theme and size of the newsletter. Also, I would like to attribute submissions to each contributor unless you specifically request to have your name withheld.

I want this newsletter to belong to everyone in our organization so, please, contact me with your ideas, text, pictures and ideas. Many thanks!

Alan Ashton
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