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Superintendent's Report

Jim Trunzo, 5th Division Superindendent

2008 is upon us, and we have a number of activities planned for 5th Division members, as well as in the PNR.

First up on our schedule is the 5th Division Annual Meeting. This is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th at the Cascade Mobile Community Clubhouse, 2311 W 16th Ave Spokane, WA 99224 (entrance at Highway 195 and 16th street in east Spokane). Registration begins at 8:30. Look for the agenda on the 5th Division website <http://pnr.nmra.org/5div>, and yahoo groups <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/5dpnr>, to be published March 1. The agenda is up in the air a bit because we need volunteer help to get things moving along. Please contact me at jet51@aol.com if you would (please!) like to make this the best annual meeting so far. There will be a special door prize for those attending as there was in Kalispell. We need help on clinics presentation, judging, organizing lunch, and layout tours. There has been some discussion of a Sunday presentation, tour, or another kind of activity. Your comments are appreciated.



If your are attending the PNR 2008 convention in Chilliwack, BC this year, <http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com>, please consider giving a clinic as requested elsewhere in the newsletter.

We are struggling to get content and help for the GOAT. Sarah Park is doing a fine job as editor but can only do so much without content from the members and reports form the various areas in the Division. We need your help! The lack of submissions has made it difficult to keep the GOAT on schedule. We have decided to go with a schedule that keeps us in sync with the PNR bulletin, The Switchlist (see the table to the right.)

John Decker has agreed to chair the Second Annual Traveling Meet this fall, but I have no more information at this point.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me with your suggestions, offer to volunteer, or just to chat.

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<i>Winter (Dec - Feb)</i>	December 15	December 1
<i>Spring (Mar - May)</i>	February 15	February 1
<i>Summer (Jun - Aug)</i>	May 15	May 1

Above: The Goat s new publication schedule.



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Tell THE GOAT!
 Send your club news to Sarah Park at sarahthepark+TheGoat@gmail.com

What's Going On at the Club? INSHOME

Sarah Park

I took the time to visit a few clubs in December to see what they had to offer. I was pleasantly surprised to see the variety and creativity among INSHOME's members.

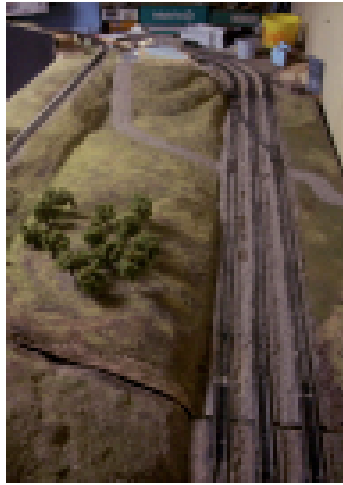
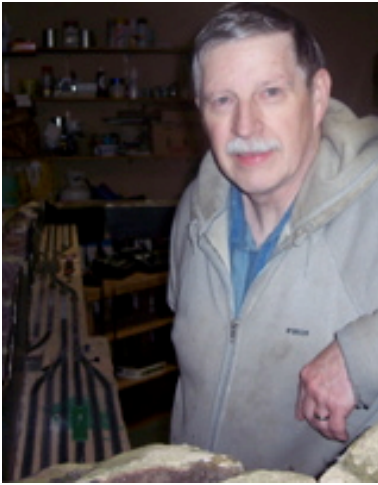
The Inland Northwest Society of HO modular Engineers, better known as INSHOME, is a 100% NMRA HO scale modular club. If you're as inexperienced with modules as I am---no experience---then you're probably wondering what a module is. A module is a small, portable layout, usually 4' wide and 24" or 30" deep and standing 40" off the ground. HO modules are required to have two tracks 5" and 7" deep from the front edge of the module. A secondary track is also required (more information about module requirements can be found on the NMRA's website at www.nmra.org/standards/modules.)

Provided you have two modules that meet all the requirements for height, depth, and track spacing and location, you can connect the modules together to make a bigger layout. And, since the modules are small and light-weight---well, more light-weight than your typical basement layout---they are easy to transport.

The club doesn't require its members to model a theme or era. This freedom has resulted in a wide variety of modules with scenery ranging from mountains and lakes to cities and country farms. INSHOME's modules are usually put on display at swap meets in the Spokane Area.

If you are interested in visiting or joining the club, contact Larry Nelson at (509)924-5891. The club still meets every Friday night at 6:00 PM in the University City Mall on Sprague Avenue.





Inland Empire N Scalers

Sarah Park

The Inland Empire N Scalers is also a modular club. Operated out of John Henry's basement on Spokane's South Hill, the club meets once a week to do routine maintenance on the layout. Unlike other module clubs in the Spokane area, the Inland Empire N Scalers modules are modeled after the Palouse/Columbia River areas.

Since the club's start in 1989,

the layout has evolved to capture much of the geology and habitat characteristic of the Palouse region of Washington. To achieve the texture of columnar basalt, a blunt instrument was used to chip off pieces of foam. After a few layers of rusty and dark brown paints, the result is a fairly convincing N-scale basalt cliff.

The layout includes a waterfall flowing into a river at one end of the layout and a switching yard at the other. A variety of bridges and tun-

nels help weave the track from one end of the layout to the other. Despite the fact that none of the trees were on the layout during my visit, I was very impressed with the amount of detail and continuity of the layout.

Like INSHOME and other Spokane area modular groups, the Inland Empire N Scalers take their layout to swap meets in the Spokane Area. If you would like more information about the club and their layout, you can contact John Henry at (509)534-9347.

Tri Cities Model Railroaders

Bob Jekel

The Tri-Cities Model Railroaders were busy during December. We displayed our portable railroad at the Richland Community Center in conjunction with lighted boat parade on Friday evening December 7th and Saturday afternoon and evening the 8th.

The clubs annual Christmas party was held at the home of John and Sue Decker on Saturday night December 15th. The pot luck party was very well attended by over 30 current and past members and their wife's. Many thanks to the Deckers for again hosting this annual event.

The clubs portable layout has been on display at Parkade Hobbies for the use of the club members and the enjoyment of the public. This public display has netted the club one new member so far and has created some interest for additional members. Two sections of the portable have undergone major rebuild-

ing and created additional operating possibilities. The club is now doing monthly operating sessions on the first Thursday of the month using the layout.

The club has started doing monthly clinics directed towards the new modeler at the Richland Community Center. Clinics started on January 30th. Additional clinics will be available in February, March, and April. Two advanced clinics on DCC decoder installation and structure lighting were held at Parkade Hobbies in January and February.

For the first time in many years we did not host a public show and clinic at the PUD in January. Light attendances at last year's event plus the December display were the main reason for not holding the event this year.

The layout the club built to display at the Columbia River Exhibition of History Science & Technology (CREHST) Museum was removed at the end of February. This not so portable display layout was

built for a two month display of railroading in Tri Cities. It is a computer controlled layout operating with NCE DCC featuring an abbreviated North Coast limited passenger train and either a NP or SP&S freight train. The railroad was such a success (a 30% increase in museum visitors) that it stayed longer than originally planned and has been back again to the museum for several times over the last two years. Continued tear down and setup have taken its toll on the layout and the handful of club members who maintain it. There is a possibility of a new Transportation Museum in the Tri Cities and the layout may go there as a permanent display after some much needed R&R.

AP Program Information

If you have items for judging, contact me, Phil Everett, at lazytwo@gmail.com. Put AP in the e-mail subject. I would like to help you if you have any questions.

From The Editor

We didn't receive many submissions over the last 4 months. Consequentially, we cancelled publication of the winter edition and went straight for spring. I'm hoping to make some changes to improve submission rates for the next issue by recruiting some "reporters" from

various clubs in the division.

As Jim mentions in the Superintendent's report this issue, we've gone to a new schedule for publication. The Goat publish on the same schedule as the Switchlist. Hopefully, this will mean more reliability on both my part and those who wish to contribute to the publication.

I would like to encourage more submissions on club news, business, and opportunities in the 5th division. I made an effort to contact some clubs over the last two months. I will continue my efforts to talk with all groups; however, I do not have the time to write reports for every club. Hopefully, I can reach a compromise with every group.

PNR 5th Division Clubs

IDAHO

Coeur d'Alene

Inland Northwest Garden Railway Society

G Scale. Contact Chuck Inlow 208-772-7031

Lewiston

Lewis-Clark Train Club Inc.

O(modular),HO,HO(modular), and N Scales. Contact Lee Knapp knapplebee@clarkston.com

MONTANA

Bitterroot Valley

Bitterroot Valley Model Railroad Club

HO(modular) Scale. Contact Kirk Thompson 406-777-3145 or Earl Lord 406-777-2663

Helena

Helena Model Railroad Group

HO(modular) Scale. Contact Eugene Koch by phone (406-459-7492) or email (vektrain@msn.com)

Libby

Club at Don's Depot

HO Scale. Contact Don Smart donsmart@libby.org

Missoula

National Railroad Historical Society, Western Montana Chapter

Contact Mike Seitz 406-543-5201 or Mac Palmer 406-251-5418

Missoula Model Railroad Club Inc

HO(sectional) Scale. Contact Bill Rutledge 406-543-6123

Polson

Mission Mountain Model Railroad Club

HO Scale. Contact Manfred Schneider sharman@pocketmail.com

WASHINGTON

Pullman

Palouse Empire Rail Society

Contact Ken Vogel 509-332-0505

Spokane

Inland Empire Railroad Historical Society

Contact Dave Snyder 509-487-0357

Inland Empire Live Steamers

VAI Scale. Contact Lee Tillotson 509-535-8417

Inland Empire N Scalers

N(sectional) Scale. Contact John Henry 509-534-9347

Inland Northwest Garden Railway Society

G Scale. Contact Steve Hughes 509-891-1695

INSHOME (Inland Northwest Society of HO modular Engineers)

HO(modular) Scale. Contact Larry Nelson ljnemson@q.com or Rick Stoneman sabban@comcast.net

River City Modelers

HO Scale. Contact Jerry Quinn jerry@signalsigns.com

Spokane Model Railroaders

HO Scale. Contact Lee Tillotson 509-535-8417

Tri Cities

Tri City Model Railroad Club

<http://www.owt.com/tcmr>

HO(modular) Scale. Contact Steve Prevetie prevette@owt.com

Yakima

Yakima Valley Model Railroaders

HO(modular) Scale. Contact Bruce Baxter 509-972-



Chilliwack Interchange 2008 PNR Regional Convention June 12th-15th, 2008

Hosted by the
Chilliwack Model Railway Club
of the 7th Division



Visit <http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com> for more information

1786 or Les Wedman 509-248-9650

Timetable

2008

Mar 16 (Sun), PULLMAN, WA

12th Annual Palouse Empire Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum, Washington State University, 10 AM to 3 PM, - \$3.00 under 12 free. Info: - Jay Weidner, 3701 Evertsville Road, Pullman, WA 99163, 509-332-4438 or email: palouse_empire_rs@yahoo.com

Mar 16 (Sun), BURNABY, BC

Western Rails 2008, Canada's largest railroadiana show, 26th annual, sponsored by the West Coast Railway Association. Displays, models, collectibles, photos, time tables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment, and more. 200+ display and sales tables. Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 9 am to 4 pm. Contact westernrails@wcra.org or call 604-484-2791.

Mar 22 (Sat), OLYMPIA, WA

Capitol City Lions 23rd Annual All Scales Model Railroad Swap Meet, at the St. Martin College Pavilion, 5300 Pacific Ave., Lacey, Washington. Dealer set up is at 8:00 AM and the show is from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM and the admission is Adults \$5.00, Senior Citizens & Students \$4.00 and Age 12 & under free with paying Adult. Tables are \$21.00 and for more information contact Bill Zidel on email at ZIDELRCSD@aol.com or call 360-438-3503.

Mar 29 (Sat), ROSEBURG, OR

1st Division Spring Mini-Meet at the Roseburg Community Library. Coffee and donuts will be available at 8 am with the meeting starting at 9.

Apr 5-6, MOOSE JAW, SK

Moose Jaw Model Train Show. Western Development Museum 50 Diefenbaker Drive Moose Jaw. The museum is opened from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info :- www.tcmrc.org

Apr 12-13, EUGENE, OR

Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club 20th Annual Train Show & Swap Meet at the Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. 13th Avenue. Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Vendors can set up on Friday, April 13th from 10 am to 10 pm. Admission: 11 and older \$5.00, 10 and younger free if accompanied by an adult, early bird special (9 am) for \$10 (admission is good for both days). Info:- Lee or Diane Temple at 541-954-4917 or 541-225-7394, ttandt@ram-mail.com

Apr 13 (Sun), NANAIMO, BC

5TH DIVISION HOBBY SHOPS

The listing of Hobby Shops in the 5th Div web sight has recently been updated. Objective is to list only hobby shops that have significant model railroad involvement. Also we prefer not to list individuals that are selling from their own home. Most of the update has been done with the assistance of Google Maps. There may be errors. We request your help. Let us know if: -

1. We missed anyone.
2. We've listed a hobby shop that doesn't stock model railroad equipment.
3. We've listed someone that is not a true hobby shop and is selling from home.

There's a e-mail or web address that should be added.

Hugh Mackenzie

hcmac@roadrunner.com

(208) 777-8024

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOBBY SHOP

24th Annual Mid Vancouver Island Model Railway Show, Beban Park Rec. Center 2300 Bowen Road, 10:00 am until 16:00 hours (4:00 PM), Admission, \$3.00 member, \$5.00 non member, \$10.00 family, \$4.00 seniors. For information contact Rick Lord at 250-724-4205 or e-mail rblord@telus.net

Apr 19-20, CALGARY, AB

Supertrain 2008 *NEW DATE AND LOCATION* Calgary Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. Time: 9-5 both days. Families: \$20, Adults: \$10, Children 12 and under: \$5. Info:- www.supertrain.ca

Apr 19 (Sat), KENT, WA

Open House Boeing Employees Model Railroad club from 10am to 4pm at Boeing Recreation Activity Center (22649 83rd Av. S., Kent, WA)-free admission.

Apr 19 (Sat), KENT, WA

9th annual Mini-Meet of Santa Fe Railway fans and modelers in the Northwest. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat., April 19, 2008, in conjunction with the annual open house of the Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club. The Mini-Meet will feature clinics on Santa Fe's Freight F-Units and HO Models, Postwar Operations on Santa Fe's Freight Line from San Bernardino to LA, and other topics to be determined. Admission is just \$7. For more information contact William Messecar P O Box 7750 Kent, Washington 98042 or Santafe-mail@comcast.net.

Apr 26 (Sat), EDMONTON, AB

Annual Swap Meet: 9 AM -1:30 PM, Northgate Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 7524-139 Ave. Admission: \$2 (6 and under, free); Tables \$10 for MMRF members, \$15 others. Info :- Ron Boyer, 780-466-2670, www.mmrf.ab.ca

Apr 26-27, PUYALLUP, WA

April 26 & 27, 2008 Trains, Trains and More Trains Train Show and 4dPNR Spring Meet At Puyallup Fair and Events Center, Pavilion and Expo Halls, 9th and Meridian, Puyallup, WA Saturday 10-5 (early admission for a fee) Sunday 10-4 Info:- www.ttmtshow.com or ttmt@4dprn.org

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Apr 27 (Sun), HELENA, MT

28th Annual Helena Railroad Fair, Civic Center, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, \$3 under 12 free. Info: - Helena Railroad Fair, P.O. Box 4914, Helena, MT 59604-4914, 406-227-7469 or email: rfair@mt.net

Jun 12-15, CHILLIWACK, BC

Chilliwack Interchange 2008 - PNR 2008 Regional Convention. Best Western Rainbow Country Inn. Info :- www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com

Jun 21 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

The Rose City Garden Railroad Society Summer Tour of Portland area layouts (8-10) from 10AM to 5PM. Booklets with directions are available from local area hobby shops and select nurseries for \$10 per family (grandkids to grand-parents count as one family). Info :- www.RCGRS.com

Jul 13-19, ANAHEIM, CA

NMRA National Convention, sponsored by the Los Angeles Division/Pacific Southwest Region. Info:- www.nmra.org/2008/

Aug 15-24, REVELSTOKE, BC

Railway Days 2008, Revelstoke Railway Museum. Railfan day is Saturday, August 18. Includes slide show and Rogers Pass bus tour. Info: - Roberto Rodriguez, 250-837-6060, president.railway@telus.net, www.railwaydays.com.

Aug 16-17, BIG VALLEY, AB

Alberta Free-mo 2008 Info:- www.calgaryfreemo.ca

Aug 29-31, LETHBRIDGE, AB

Galt #8 in 2008 - Sixth Division meet. German Canadian Club 902 6th St. North. Prototype and Layout Tours, Con-tests, Clinics, more... Info:- Harry Lubbers, hlubbers@lis.ab.ca

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

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Address: _____ City: _____ St _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ FAX (____) _____ - _____ e-mail _____

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