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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year to everyone! Not much new to report for the first quarter of 2009. At this point we are due to elect a whole new slate of officers from Superintendent through Treasurer. If anyone is willing to volunteer to do any of these positions, please let me know. If you wish to nominate someone for a position, please check with them first, then let me know. It would be nice to announce the nominations at our annual meeting in April and get ballots out soon thereafter. The duties are not difficult, just need someone with a little time available.

We also need to have an editor for "The Goat". Some computer knowledge would be helpful. The person would need to be able to pull everything together and get it into a format to be published or put out via the PNR/NMRA website.

Our annual meeting will be held April 18th in Spokane at the Cascade Mobile Home Park. Registration will start around 8 AM with clinics, lunch and layout tours to follow. We do have three clinics lined up and will have a listing in the next issue of "The Goat". We need to update our by-laws and will be asking for a few volunteers to help with that too.

Sorry this issue is late, but things have been crazy at work since the middle of December and are just now slowing down a little.

We have two active clubs in Spokane building new layouts. River City Modelers are now at 1130 E. Sprague Ave. and are making great progress on their new layout. Evergreen Modelers are at 18213 E. Appleway in the Greenacres Shopping Center and have track down and are getting started on the scenery. Both clubs are 100% NMRA clubs and both are having open houses on February 14, 2009. The information is on Page 2 & 4.

Shirley Sample
Superintendent

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The 5th Division membership as of December 31, 2008 is 215. Welcome to all the new members. If you haven't done so, please email me your email address so I can add you to my email list.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOBBY SHOPS – THEY ARE AVAILABLE WHEN YOU NEED SOMETHING RIGHT AWAY AND ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP YOU IF YOU NEED TO ORDER SOMETHING SPECIAL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2009

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SWAP MEET

SPONSORED BY THE RIVER CITY MODELERS

9:30 AM TO 3:30 PM

SPOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – LAIR BUILDING

Admission - \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 11 to 16 years of age and free for children under 10 when accompanied by an adult.

For information contact: Bob or Shirley Sample at 509-292-8332, 509-991-2317 or email shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com

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OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2009

RIVER CITY MODELERS

6:00 TO 8:30 PM – 1130 E. SPRAGUE AVE., SPOKANE, WA

COME & SEE THE PROGRESS BEING MADE ON THE NEW LAYOUT

for more info please contact – John Langlot 509-981-5017 or Bob Sample 509-292-8332

Pictures below show the progress that has been made in just the past few weeks

Below is benchwork in the northwest corner section where the helix will be located.



Below is benchwork in northeast corner with some backdrop painting started



RCM members work & discuss the upper & lower Decks of the new layout. Work is progressing rapidly as several members continue to work each day on the layout. Stop by to see what is happening!

Regular meeting nights are Thursday's from 7:00 PM until about 9:30 PM at 1130 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane, WA



SPOKANE AREA CLUB NEWS

THE INSHOME MODULAR GROUP – U CITY MALL – REAR ENTRANCE – CONTACTS:
LARRY NELSON (509) 924-5891 or Rick Stoneman (509) 535-2120 – The group is still meeting every Friday night around 6 PM to work on the modules. Some members traveled to Ritzville in October to set up the layout for the Great American Train Show. A lot of positive comments from those viewing the layout.

INLAND EMPIRE N SCALERS – MEET ON WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 PM – CONTACT: JOHN HENRY (509) 534-9347 -

IERHS (INLAND EMPIRE RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY) – FOR INFO CONTACT: MIKE MCMACKIN AT (509) 924-9781. Work is continuing on the site at Reardan.

INLAND NORTHWEST GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY – FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: STEVE HUGHES AT 509-891-1695 OR CHUCK INLOW AT 208-772-7031. Website: INGRS.COM.

INLAND EMPIRE S-GAUGE ASSOCIATION OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST – FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: JON KETTNER 509-924-2024, jkettner@boink.net;

LEWIS CLARK TRAIN CLUB, LEWISTON, ID – CONTACTS: CHUCK ANGELL 509-758-0988 OR LEE KNAPP 509-758-6368. Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month for business meetings and every Friday & Saturday mornings for work sessions. Public is welcome on these days.

13th Annual Palouse Empire Railroad Show & Swap Meet

Sunday, March 22, 2009

9:30 am to 3:00 PM

\$3.00 adults, under 12 free

Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum

Washington State University Campus, Pullman, WA for information contact:

Jay Weidner, 509-332-4438 or email: palouse_empire_rs@yahoo.com

Achievement Program

This has been a very good quarter for the 5th div. We have a lot of participation in the Achievement Program and it appears to be growing.

Bob Sample received his Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical Certificate.

Jerrold Kinney will receive two Merit Awards for Motive Power.

John Decker has received 6 , yes 6 Merit Awards for his work and will receive his Model Railroad Engineer -Civil Certificate.

We have others asking if they can have something judged also.

There are individuals out there who deserve to get merit awards that I know of but have not come forward. This is a shame because they should receive the acknowledgement that they deserve.

Don't for get about the meet in Spokane in April, bring those models for the contest or have a merit judging or just show the rest of us some new ideas that you would like to display.

Call 509 443 2457 or e-mail me at lazytwo@gmail.com (subject AP) if you have questions or need help.

Phil Everett, 5th Division A/P Chair

EVERGREEN RR CLUB'S FIRST OPEN HOUSE

The first open house will be held by the newest model railroad club in Spokane County on Saturday, February 14th from 6 to 9 pm.

Our facility at 18213 East Appleway in the Greenacres Shopping Center is a storefront that is a 25 by 60 foot room.

Its comprised of veteran model railroaders that saw an opportunity to have a club that can have fun and friendship and still participate in what must be the world's greatest hobby...model railroading in a group setting. Rarely can any individual have the ability to build such a layout of this size. Our layout has 3 distinct operating divisions....the Blue Main that has multiple passing tracks and a very large yard with engine facilities. A Red Main that would reflect a smaller railroad and a Green Branch that serves an industry on the top of a mountain. All lines are DCC operated on Code 83 rail. There will be 19 tunnel portals and about the same amount of bridges, maybe more. A large city will be served by both mains and a small town only by the Red Main.



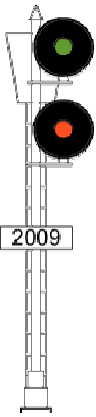
You can see the area where the big city will be located at the rear of the layout.



Featured on section 1 is a maze of tunnels, bridges, canyons and 3 rail lines. This is the start of the process by applying rock castings to the sub surface. Next comes the colorization of the same with talis to follow.



The Wyatt boys show off a magnificent structure that will go in place above the Blue Main yard. Kyle and his son Kyle proudly show off their newest creation while Terry puts on some finishing touches of plaster on Section 1. We are fortunate indeed to have this quality of work included on the layout.



Northern Lights 2009

It's not too early to start thinking about attending the 2009 PNR Regional Convention, to be held September 17 to 19, 2009, in Edmonton Alberta. Northern Lights 2009 promises to be one of the best in recent memory.

The Convention will be held at the downtown Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel.

www.coasthotels.com/hotels/canada/alberta/edmonton/coast_edmonton/overview

We will provide updates in future editions of your Divisional newsletter as program additions are confirmed. Here are some of the highlights that are already lined up:

1. A reception for all attendees will be held at Fort Edmonton Park. www.fortedmontonpark.ca/ The Park by itself is a great attraction, with many historical buildings and artifacts showing the development of the City of Edmonton from a Hudson Bay Company fur trading fort in 1795 to a modern city of a million people. For modelers and rail enthusiasts, the Park features a fully operating steam engine and train which will be available exclusively for our guests. The Edmonton Radial Railway Society operates several streetcars at the Park, with rides and tours of the car barns. The Park is also home to the Edmonton Model Railroad Association. www.emraonline.ca The EMRA built a 40 x 100 foot replica of a typical Canadian freight station, with the interior filled with a mushroom design double deck model railroad, the Monashee Pacific Railway. The layout features one of the most innovative track plans you will see anywhere. Operating sessions on the MPR for all skill levels will be available.
2. The after-dinner speaker at the Banquet will be Tom Price, a third generation Canadian Pacific railroader. Tom's career at the CPR has included many assignments in the Engineering department, including several years as Roadmaster in charge of the Lagan Sub, based in Banff. His territory encompassed the famed Spiral Tunnels and the Big Hill down into Field BC. Tom and his Dad are both avid collectors of historical artifacts and documents from more than a century of railroading. Tom's talk will entertain and enlighten you as he weaves his stories around pictures, letters, and his experiences.
3. A prototype tour will take you to the Alberta Railway Museum. www.railwaymuseum.ab.ca/ The museum's collection is focused on Northern Alberta Railway and Canadian National and includes many significant locomotives and pieces of rolling stock, as well as structures, signals, and work equipment. CN 1392, a Ten-wheeler built in 1913, is operational, as are a number of diesels.
4. To encourage early registrations, a draw for significant prizes will be made from all pre-registrants. For every calendar month that you are pre-registered, a ticket will be entered in the draw. So if you send in your registration now, you will have more than a dozen chances to win, but if you wait until next July, you will have only three. While the prizes haven't been finalized yet, be assured that they will be worthwhile. If you wait to find out what they are, you'll have missed several chances.
5. Edmonton is home to West Edmonton Mall, the world's largest shopping and entertainment centre, and Alberta's number one tourist attraction. www.wem.ca All indoors at 5.3 million square feet, the Mall includes a water park and wave pool, NHL size ice rink, an amusement park, casino, 110 eating establishments, and over 800 stores and services. Set aside time before or after the convention to visit the "8th Wonder of the World."

If you are traveling to Edmonton from near or far, there are many, many interesting things to see and do along the way. In the next update, we will begin to suggest some places you might like to visit. If you like scenery, history, archeology, museums, animals, trains, excitement, or relaxation, you will have plenty to choose from.

In the meantime, please check our website at www.northernlights2009.ca for all the latest information.

Top Ten Reasons to Attend Northern Lights 2009

1. See and ride behind at least two Live Steam Engines during Convention activities
2. Great program of Clinics and Layout Tours
3. A very entertaining after-dinner speaker at the Banquet
4. Participate in operating sessions on the HO scale Monashee Pacific Railway
5. Emphasis on an open social atmosphere where you can meet old friends and make new friends
6. Convention is linked with the Great Edmonton Train Show, one of the largest model train shows in the PNR
7. Ride North America's very first modern Light Rail Transit system
8. Lots of main line CN and CPR prototype rail action nearby
9. Visit North America's Largest Shopping Mall - West Edmonton Mall
10. See the real Northern Lights

NMRA / PNR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Valid until 06/30/2009

Please accept my Membership application (renewal or new) in the NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

which includes the PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION and my local area PNR Division # _____

 New Member Renewal of membership NMRA # _____ PNR # _____

	<u>Annual Membership Dues</u>		<u>Amount</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular with subscription to Scale Rails	\$58	US	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular without subscription to Scale Rails	\$39	US	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Member (US only) (must be full time student)	\$32	US	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family members of a member (EACH)	\$8		\$ _____
Names: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Subscription to Switchlist hard copy (Electronic version free!)	\$6	US	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (Business or Club) Includes Scale Rails	\$116	US	\$ _____

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Name: _____ Birth date (m/d/y): _____ Scale Preference: _____

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