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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The main purpose of this issue is to announce our 5th Division Annual Meeting. It will be held on Saturday, April 18th at the Cascade Mobile Community Clubhouse, Highway 195 & 16th Ave., in Spokane, WA. Registration starts at 8:30 AM with clinics, annual meeting & lunch to follow. The afternoon will be set aside for layout visits. If anyone would like their layout to be open for visitors in the afternoon or evening, please let me know so we can get that set up. It is always nice to visit new layouts whether they are completed or not. A flyer is enclosed with this newsletter for you to share with your fellow modelers.

It is also time for nominations for all the offices of the 5th Division. There will be some discussion on this at the Annual meeting as we need to redo our by-laws so that could affect the way we do elections too.

The PNR Convention this year will be held in Edmonton, AB and a flyer is also attached for that event too.

Please remember that this is your organization and you do have input about how it is operated. If you have ideas or suggestions please feel free to let me know so I can voice your opinions at the Annual Meeting or can at least forward them to the PNR President, Jack Hamilton.

Shirley Sample

Superintendent – email: shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

5th Division has 215 members as of January 30, 2009 which makes us the 3rd largest in the PNR of the NMRA. Total membership in the PNR is 1,669. We have had a steady monthly growth over the past two years.

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, APRIL 26, 2009
HELENA RAILROAD FAIR
9:30 AM TO 4:00 PM
HELENA CIVIC CENTER**

BENTON & NEIL AVE, HELENA, MT

Admission - \$3 for adults, 12 years and under free with an adult

**For information contact: Helena Railroad Fair, P.O. Box 4914, Helena, MT 59604
or email rrfair@mt.net**

LIVINGSTON RAILROAD SHOW & SWAP MEET

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

LIVINGSTON DEPOT CENTER, 200 WEST PARK STREET

9 AM TO 3 PM

ADMISSION \$1, CHILDREN UNDER 10 FREE

CONTACT: LIVINGSTON DEPOT CENTER, P.O. BOX 1319, LIVINGSTON, MT 59047, 406-222-2300

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SPOKANE AREA CLUB NEWS

EVERGREEN MODELERS – Greenacres Shopping Mall – Contact: Jerry Quinn, 509-939-5845

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.

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.

RIVER CITY MODELERS – 1130 E. SPRAGUE AVE., Spokane, WA – Contact: John Langlot, 509-981-5017, Thursday nights at 7:30 PM. The Annual swap meet in February was very successful.

REMINDER TO ALL 5TH DIVISION MEMBERS

You can be among the first to know what is going on in the 5th Division and get issues of “The Goat” via the web. All you need to do is sign up for the 5th Division Yahoo website and you will be notified via email of special events and other information about what is happening in the Division. I think you still need to sign up for a yahoo email address, which is free. Then you can go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/5dnpnr/> and join. When you sign up, you can have your email notifications go to any email you choose so you can be notified of up-coming events, messages, etc. from the 5th Division website. You can include as much information in your profile as you wish or as little as you wish.

We are trying to use this method of getting out issues of the newsletter so we can save on postage. We now have over 200 members so with printing and postage it costs around \$125 to send out each issue. The only issues we are currently mailing is the one with the annual meeting notice and we will mail out either an issue with the ballots for elections or the ballots by themselves for people to vote on officers. I would also like to get updated emails for members, so you can email me at shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com and I will add you to my email list too.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in being nominated to serve as Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk or Paymaster for the 5th Division, please let Shirley Sample know. Elections are due for all positions this year since we did not have elections last year. It would also be nice if we could two or three members to serve as at large board members or "Train masters" as we show in our current by-laws. We will be discussion this at the annual meeting so if you can't be there and would like to voice your opinion, please let me know.

3RD ANNUAL FALL MEET

We are growing in numbers so need to start doing things to keep our members involved. The 3rd Annual Fall Meeting is being discussed with the Missoula Model Railroad Club to see if they would be willing to host the event in the Missoula, MT area the first part of October 2009. The last two have been a big success and we want to keep the momentum going. We are open to suggestions for areas to visit to have our annual meeting in April of each year and the fall meet the end of September or first part of October. The 5th Division is a large area with several big cities to choose from, so if there are clubs or members in those areas who would be willing to help plan these events please step forward.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

By Phil Everett

Another Goat already. Time just flies. I have been working towards getting a MMR and it has been hard. Sometimes frustrating but in the end when I get a merit award or a certificate I feel a little gratification and think it was worth it. We have a tendency to think it isn't worth it—but you bet when we get it, it's worth the work we put into it.

Ron Petersen of Spokane received a Golden Spike award this time around. I want to see some of you ask me to come over and see your layouts and have them judged. You may think that they may not be good enough but let me be the judge of that. Besides I like to see other layouts. Think about this, you can improve on it if it falls short.

Don't forget that the mini meet is April 18. Bring some of those model your proud of for judging.

You can still call me or email any time if you have any questions.

Recent A/P certificate awards went to John Decker & Steve Prevette of the Tri-Cities, Bob Sample of Elk, Phil Everett of Spokane, and Jerold Kinney of Wenatchee.

JUST A THOUGHT . . . from John Bilahorka If your harbor needs a boat

And you don't want to spend a tremendous amount of time on a prize-winning model I suggest you take a look at the ones from Frenchman River Model Works. They have several including a utility, fishing, freighter and tug boat for a relatively reasonable price and they pride them selves on producing boat kits for model railroaders who don't want to spend a lot of time building boats. The one shown here is their 68' Steam Freighter I just finished which is about 90% stock kit. I did build my own pilothouse as I wasn't happy with their resin cast one but that was just my preference. This particular freighter was called a Clyde Puffer. They were built starting in the 1850's and were still around into the 1920's with a few existing beyond that and were primarily used in Scotland. While I know this isn't what anyone is modeling just remember it's your railroad and you can have whatever you darn well please. Over all I rate the instructions about an 8 out of 10. Mostly pretty good but a few areas could use some improvement. An interesting change would have been to scratch build a new cargo hold cover and model it in the open position because the hull is open directly beneath it and you could model it loading or unloading cargo.



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	\$ _____

TOTAL DUES PAYMENT ENCLOSED (Make checks payable to NMRA) \$ _____

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Credit cards accepted: MasterCard VISA American Express Diner's Club Discover

Card #: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Issued to (Print): _____

Expires (mm/yy): _____ Signature: _____

Member Information: Please print and fill out **COMPLETELY**. Email is important, if you have use it.

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

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

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

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5th Division PNR/NMRA ANNUAL MEETING



SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009

**Cascade Mobile Community Clubhouse
Highway 195 & 16th Ave., Spokane, WA**

Tentative Schedule

**8:30 – 9:00 AM – registration
(coffee & donuts)**

**Clinics – DCC programming & installation
Air brush painting
Annual meeting**

Lunch – we will provide lunch

**Cost: \$12 for non NMRA members
\$10 for NMRA members**

(this includes coffee, donuts, lunch, etc.)

1:30 – 5:00 PM – local layout tours

**Judging will be available for models for the NMRA
Achievement Program**

Schedule is subject to change!

**For information contact: Shirley & Bob Sample,
509-292-8332 or email: shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com Please RSVP
by April 15th so we can estimate food. Thanks!**

Northern Lights 2009
 PNR Regional Convention
 Edmonton, AB
 September 17-19, 2009
 www.northernlights2009.ca



Registrant Information: (one form per registrant, please)

Name:

Name for Badge

NMRA#:

Street Address:

City:

Province or State:

Postal/Zip Code:

Phone (with area code):

Email:

Preferred contact:

 postal

Postal

 email

Email

Item	QTY .	Each	Amount t
Registration (before June 1 , 2009) (includes clinics, layout tours, contests, auction, operating session)			\$109
(after June 1 , 2009)			\$119
Non-NMRA member add			\$10
Spouse/Youth (under 18)			\$50
Thursday BBQ			\$15
Saturday Banquet & Speaker			\$35
			Total:

Please make cheques payable to "Northern Lights 2009"

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