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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 5th Division Annual Meeting in April. It was a successful meeting with a very informative clinic on DCC programming and installation. A committee was formed to review the by-laws of the 5th Division and “beef” them up. We are working on that and will have something out to members soon to review & vote on. We were running short of time, so did not do the painting clinic. That will be presented later on. Thanks also to the groups & individuals that volunteered to have their layouts on tour – Jim Ballew, Jim Frick, River City Modelers, Evergreen Railroad Modelers, and INSHOME. I heard nothing but positive comments back about all the layouts that were visited.

We are having a conflict of dates for the Fall mini-meet so I would like to get some feedback from members as to whether we should even have one this year with the economy the way it is and maybe try to do something in Missoula in April or the fall of 2010. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS. I would hate for the group in Missoula to go to a lot of trouble and have us back out at the last minute.

If there is anyone who would like to work with me on getting some clinics set up for this fall in the Spokane area, please let me know. It would also be nice to maybe do a monthly layout tour, so if YOU would be willing to have your layout open to 5th Division members please let

me know. I know there are a lot of home layouts out there that no one knows about. It is always nice to share your work with others. We are not there to criticize but to see how others set their layouts up.

Steve Prevette from Pasco is moving to the East Coast for his job and the PNR & 5th Division are losing a very valuable member. Steve has been the Office Manager & VP of the PNR for years and the webmaster for 5th Division as well. We will miss Steve and thank him for his work in the PNR & 5th Division. We wish him the best in his new location & I hear he is already making plans to build a bigger & better layout!

Once we have the by-laws reworked we will be asking for volunteers for officers in the 5th Division, so please feel free to volunteer! Remember, it is YOUR organization and only as good as members make it!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns or would like to be more involved in the 5th Division, please let me know.

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CLUB NEWS

EVERGREEN RAILROAD MODELERS – Greenacres Shopping Mall – Contact: Jerry Quinn, 509-939-5845 – Thursdays, 1 pm to 9 pm

After 10 months in existence, 20 members of the Evergreen Railroad Modelers Club are running trains and taking names! Our clubhouse is 25 feet by 60 feet long, which allows us to have two main lines that run the entire layout along with a long branch line that serves a mining industry at the end of the line.



Our membership has a core group that has loads of experience in layout construction, bridge building, tree construction, detailed buildings, magnificent rockwork, DCC, wiring and all the other essentials to run a railroad.

What makes Evergreen more impressive is that the group came together with one rule and that was to have fun. No one here is keeping track of hours that any member invests in the club. The layout features 18 tunnels, 19 bridges, a large city with a trolley line, a small agricultural town and plenty of industries to generate revenue for the railroads. We are a group of guys who have the love of trains, models, history, all wrapped up in a club layout that the guys can come to and enjoy each others company.



We have 2 levels of membership, the Equity Member which put up \$500. each to build the structure, buy the track, switches and all the electronics that goes into such a venture. He has an ownership in the layout and a vote on how things should be. We didn't have the luxury of having a fat checkbook to start this project. The other is the Regular member who have all the advantages of working and running on what will be the most detailed model railroad this side of the Mississippi. He just does not have a vote on the major issues when they come up.

Any member can move up to the Equity level if and when they want to. All members have dues to pay and that is \$25.00 a month to take care of the rent and light bills.

We just started a model raffle in which the person can select which item he can take his chance with for only a \$1.00. They can choose from a brass GN caboose, a custom painted RS-1 for the Spokane International or a highly detailed grain storage building all in HO scale. The club is also sponsoring a Toy and Train Show in December at the Mirabeau Park Hotel. If there is a better

way to have a secure location we would like to hear about it. We plan to buy the building in the near future.



We recently remodeled the front of the building for security reasons and it sure looks a lot better for a model railroad club location. Parking and safety are high priorities for our members along with the knowledge that we don't need to deal with stairs as we get older. We are easy to find at 18213 East Appleway near the Barker Road exit. Plenty of Restaurants nearby. Our official meeting day is Thursday from 1 pm to 9 pm with a dinner break in between. Tuesday is our backup day from 1 pm to 6 pm. Some members show up most afternoons and Saturdays. Often non-members stop in and check on our progress. We have a limit of 25 members, maybe you can be one of us.

To be sure someone will be there you can call Jerry at 509-939-5845.

THE INSHOME MODULAR GROUP – Spokane, U City Mall – rear entrance – Contacts: Larry Nelson (509) 924-5891 – Friday nights, 6 PM. Elections were held for the up-coming year. Kevin Conrad was elected President, Rick Stoneman, VP, and Larry Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer. Members meet on Friday nights to work on Modules and have operating sessions.

INLAND EMPIRE N SCALERS – Spokane – Contact: John Henry (509) 534-9347 - Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

IERHS (INLAND EMPIRE RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY) – Spokane – Contact: Mike McMackin (509) 924-9781. An Open house was held on June 12 & 13. Several groups displayed information, pictures, and even a portable layout. Invitations were sent to retirement homes and several groups attended the open house & rode the train. Work continues on getting equipment moved or ready to move to the new site at Reardan.

INLAND NORTHWEST GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY – Contact: Steve Hughes (509) 891-1695 or Chuck Inlow (208) 772-7031. Website: INGRS.COM.

INLAND EMPIRE S-GAUGE ASSOCIATION OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST – Contact: Jon Kettner (509) 924-2024, jkettner@boink.net;

LEWIS CLARK TRAIN CLUB – Lewston ID – Contacts: Chuck Angell (509) 758-0988 or Lee Knapp (509) 758-6368. First Wednesdays business meeting. Fri and Sat morning work sessions (public welcome)

RIVER CITY MODELERS – 1130 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane, WA – Contact: John Langlot, 509-981-5017, Thursday nights at 7:30 PM. Work continues on the new layout. Track & switches are starting to be installed. Once that is done scenery work can start. (see pictures Page 5)

ANOTHER REMINDER TO ALL 5TH DIVISION MEMBERS

Check to see what is happening by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/5dpr/>. When new editions of “The Goat” are done, they will be posted to the website and if you are signed up for the 5th division yahoo group, you will be notified via email that it is ready. You can also go to the NMRA website, then to Regions & Divisions, Pacific Northwest Division and click on 5th Division and it will take you to our website. Since Steve Prevette has moved, we really need someone to volunteer to work on our website. If anyone is interested, please let me know. I know just enough about websites to be very dangerous!

NOMINATIONS ARE STILL 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. In reviewing our by-laws and looking at by-laws from other Divisions, we see most elect the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, then the Super appoints the rest of the officers – Chief Clerk, Paymaster, and Train Masters or other Board members. If this is something you think we should do, please voice your opinion. It is hard enough to get volunteers for Super & Assistant Super, so maybe this would work better for our smaller Division. The term of office is from September 1-August 31. Each is elected for a two-year term, Superintendent in odd years, and Assistant Super in even years.

JUST A THOUGHT . . . from John Bilahorka



Everyone knows you can mix scales for different effects. On the old Tri-City Model Railroaders club layout (the Hanford, Columbia and Northern) we used an N gauge logging truck and in the back room on top of the tunnel entrance we had a TT gauge house. In both cases the purpose was to give the illusion of distance. I went the other way with the 2 models shown here by using parts of plastic kits from WWII 1/72 scale military models. Despite the fact that 1/72 is about 20% larger than HO I think it works here because in both cases there is nothing to really suggest scale such as windows or doors and when combined with HO scale elements you can get away with it. The landing craft is an American LCM(3) that looks very similar to one I have seen in Gig Harbor being used for water front service. The other model is a combination of a Classic Metal Works truck cab and frame with the body from a Japanese aircraft fuel truck.

5th DIVISION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 14-16 – Toppenish, WA – 11th Annual Toppenish Rail and Western Art Show.
Northern Pacific Railroad Museum, Asotin and Toppenish Ave. Tri-City Model Railroaders Module Display.
www.pnrymuseum.org

September 17-19, 2009 – PNR Annual Convention – Northern Lights 2009 in Edmonton, AB, for info contact www.northernlights2009.ca. They have an exciting convention planned with lots of clinics, layout tours, and other things to see and do in the Edmonton area. If at all possible, please plan to attend – it will be well worth the trip.

October 2, 3, 4 (tentative) – Missoula MT. – 5th Division Fall Meet
See Superintendents Report, Pg 1

December 6, 2009 – Model Railroad & Toy Show and Swap Meet, Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley, WA sponsored by The Evergreen Railroad Modelers, for info contact Jerry Quinn at 509-939-5845.

February 13, 2010 – Open House at River City Modelers, 1130 E. Sprague, 6:00 – 8:30 PM

February 14, 2010 – Railroad Model Train Show & Swap, Spokane Community College, Lair Bldg., Mission & Greene Streets, Spokane, WA, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, sponsored by River City Modelers, for info contact: Shirley or Bob Sample, 509-292-8332 or P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314.

RIVER CITY MODELERS UPDATE . . .

Below are some of the views of the progress on the River City Modelers layout at 1130 E. Sprague Ave. in Spokane, WA. These pictures represent what has been done since construction was started shortly after the first of the year (2009). The club has approximately 50 members who are actively working on the approximate 48 ft. x 43 ft. layout at various times throughout the week.

The first Thursday of every month is meeting night at 7 PM, with construction or planning following the meeting. Other Thursday nights are work nights. All the spline roadbed has been installed and they have started to lay cork & track. As you can see some of the backdrop scenery has been completed and as soon as track is down, scenery on the benchwork will begin. Names & industries have been decided on & Committees are anxiously waiting in the wings to get started on buildings, scenery and all the other details that go into a layout of this size.



View looking south along east wall



Upper & lower loop (sign is location name)



Center view of yard & upper deck area



Center portion of lower & upper deck



View of various levels in center of layout

West wall looking south

NMRA / PNR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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