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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the warm weather!

Our Fall mini-meet is cancelled due to conflict of dates and availability of people to help with it. However, we WILL have a Spring mini-meet in Missoula, MT in April in conjunction with our Annual Meeting. Dates have not been finalized, but as soon as the Missoula Model Railroad Club confirms the date, I will get flyers out. There are a lot of things to see and do in the Missoula area so I would encourage everyone to attend.

If you would like to get a notice via email that the PNR newsletter "The Switchlist" is available, be sure to update your email with the PNR office managers, Ed & Gay Liesse at EELiesse@aol.com. Let them know too if your email address changes. If you are a life member and are willing to get an electronic edition, be sure to let them know so the information can be changed in the PNR records.

If you would like to get a notice via email that the 5th Division Newsletter "The Goat" is available on line, you can join the 5th Division Yahoo group. This is also a good way to be notified of activities happening in our division. As plans are made for the Spring mini-meet in Missoula, they will be posted on line.

I would like to thank John Decker for stepping up at the Annual Meeting and volunteering to be the Editor of "The Goat". You can submit articles to him at jrdecker@verizon.net. He would especially like to get reports from the various clubs in the 5th Division.

The by-law revisions will be out in the next issue.

Time is getting near to plan for Fall educational clinics. It would be wonderful to have volunteers to help do this. If there is a particular clinic you would like to do or see, please let me know. We need volunteers to help find places to hold the clinics and people to put on the clinics.

I'm willing to act as Superintendent until elections are done, but I will be appointing others to fill the vacant offices and to be Trainmasters in the various areas of the Division so we can become more active. Now is the time to get involved.

A Yahoo group was started for Regions and Divisions the first part of June and has been very informative as to how other Regions and Divisions operate. They are working on a manual for Region & Division officers that will give them some direction on how to do their job. It will just be a guideline, but will be very helpful for people who step into positions. There have been some very good ideas on moneymaking and membership recruitment, and learning how others do things in their Regions and Divisions.

I'm always open to suggestions for ways we can improve communications, things for us to do, etc. It is your organization and we need input from everyone!

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CLUB NEWS

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



The following photos were taken as the new Evergreen Club approached its first year anniversary. Amazing progress for such a young club!

(Right) Big Mike Applegate makes the layout look like N scale! We are looking down at Sheep Creek between Sections 1 & 2. Mike came to Spokane on Wednesday to work on the upcoming NP Convention in 2010 in Spokane. Plus he found some things to fix on the layout. We turned Thursday night into a run session and had numbers of trains operating.



(Left) Mike Baker's grandson showed up the other day and was impressed with what he saw. Yes, after a few adjustments, Big Boys run on the layout.



The clubhouse is easy to find at 18213 East Appleyway 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.

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

IERHS (INLAND EMPIRE RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY) – Spokane – Contact: John Simanton (President) 509-455-8368, Dale Swant (newsletter editor) dale@seniorpages.com. ierhs@yahoo.com

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

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

THE INSHOME MODULAR GROUP – Spokane, U City Mall – rear entrance – Contacts: Larry Nelson (509) 924-5891 or Rick Stoneman (509) 535-2120 – Friday nights, 6 pm.

LEWIS/CLARK TRAIN CLUB – Lewiston, ID – Contacts: Chuck Angell (509) 758-0988 or Lee Knapp (509) 758-6368 knappleebie@clarkston.com. Business meetings first Wednesdays. Friday and Saturday morning work sessions (public welcome).

MISSOULA MODEL RAILROAD CLUB – Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, MT – Contact: Tom McCarthy, show@missoulamodelrail.org.

Since 1992, the Missoula Model Railroad Club has been located in the Milwaukee Road Drummond Depot (right), which was relocated to the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula. A permanent layout is currently on display in the depot. The club now has a "newer" portable HO scale layout and N scale layout that they operate periodically at the depot - most notably on Railroad Day and the 4th of July. They also take it to the annual train show and swap meet at Big Sky High School. The club's membership averages about 35.

The MMRC will be hosting the 5th Division Spring Meet in mid-April. More info to come.



RIVER CITY MODELERS – 1130 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane, WA – Contact: John Langlot, 509-981-5017, or Jim Ballew, Supergranny@roadrunner.com. Meetings Thursday nights at 7:30 PM.

TRI-CITY MODEL RAILROADERS – Parkade Hobbies, 223 W Kennewick Ave. – Contact: Chris Blankenship, 509-628-8220. csb73hoghead@msn.com. Operations, first Fridays at 7:00 PM.



The TCMR showed their modules at the annual Western Art Show in Toppenish, WA on August 15. Unlike last year when we melted in the extreme heat, the weather was fantastic. All had a good time and we plan to return again next year.

The TCMR is holding regular operating sessions on the first Friday of each month. Contact Chris Blankenship if you wish to join us. All are welcome.

NMRA ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM NEWS

Phil Everett has earned two more merit awards for structures.

John Decker had earned one merit award for structures.

Congratulations to both.

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/5dpr/> 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 have two or three members to serve as at-large board members or "Train masters" as we show in our current by-laws.

5th DIVISION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 11-13 (Fri, Sat, Sun) – CALDWELL, ID – Treasure Valley Train Expo.

O'Conner Field House, 2207 Blaine. Noon to 8:00 P.M. Friday and Saturday, Noon to 6:00 P.M. Sunday. Admission \$5.00 Children 12 and under Free. The event will include modular layouts, model contests, vendors and clinics. Clubs are encouraged to participate. Vendor tables are available. For further information contact Troy Dewey, 208-461-5028 treasurevalleytrainexpo@gmail.com 1509 Caldwell Blvd. #19, Nampa, Id. 83651

Oct 10, 11 (Sat, Sun) – IDAHO FALLS, ID – Eagle Rock Railroad Historical Society Railshow 2009.

Multiple scale model railroads; swap and commercial dealers tables; 1-1/2" scale trains to ride. Idaho Falls Recreation Center, 520 Memorial Drive. Sat: 9 am – 5 pm, Sun: 10 am – 2 pm. Info: (208) 681-7383; errhsi@ida.net or www.ida.net/org/errhsi/

Oct 17 (Sat) – SPOKANE, WA – Open House at River City Modelers Club

1130 E. Sprague Ave. – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM – for information contact: Bob or Shirley Sample 509-292-8332 or email shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com

Oct 18 (Sun) – SPOKANE, WA – Spokane Railroad Show

10 AM to 3:30 PM, Spokane Community College, Lair Bldg., Mission & Greene Streets, sponsored by IERHS and Spokane Model Railroaders, contact: Kevin at 509-467-0597 – Admission \$5, under 12 free when accompanied by an adult – Teenager Admission \$1.

Dec 6 (Sun) – SPOKANE VALLEY, WA – Inland Empire Toy & Train Show

Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center, I-90 and Sullivan Road, sponsored by Evergreen Railroad Modelers, for info contact: Jerry Quinn, 509-939-5845, email jerry@signalsigns.com

Feb 13 (Sat) – SPOKANE, WA – River City Modelers Open House

River City Modelers Open House, 1130 E. Sprague Ave., 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM – for information contact: Bob or Shirley Sample, 509-292-8332 or email shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com

Feb 14 (Sun) – SPOKANE, WA – River City Swap Meet

Location to be announced soon – contact Bob or Shirley Sample at 509-292-8332 or email shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com

For events in other Divisions of the PNR refer to the PNR Web Site <http://pnr.nmra.org/> or the latest issue of the PNR Switchlist, <http://pnr.nmra.org/switchlist/>

For historical society events refer to the web site www.ierhs.50megs.com/

JUST A THOUGHT . . . from John Bilahorka, Tri-City Model Railroaders

(First published in the TCMR Ashpit, July, 2009)



One of the drawbacks to having structures built from kits on your layout is that if you build it exactly like the instructions tell you to do, you end up with the same structures a lot of other people have. This is not necessarily bad due to the quality of a lot of today's kits, but there are a couple of things you can do to get some individuality on your layout. One thing you can do is to surround it with lots of details and in an interesting setting. Another tact would be to combine it with other kits or scratch built structures into a larger complex. The third method would be basically a combination of the first two. One of my favorite structures is Tylick Tools from Bar Mills which I decided to use on my waterfront as a seafood processor. This particular structure has a rather unique shape so I snuggled it up close to a scratch built warehouse, added a free lance deck and pier that runs the entire length of the complex (17"), and added as many details as make sense. Once I add a couple of fishing boats out front I hope to have an interesting scene rather than just a unique building similar to what others have built.

Many of you may be looking at the picture here and may be seeing what appear to be lobster traps. Before you email telling me that lobsters are not indigenous to the Northwest let me assure you that I know that. What you believe are lobster traps are really lubester traps. Remember that I am modeling circa 1968 and at that time there was a species of crustacean know as the blue toed lubester found in a small section of the Pacific Northwest.

It was thus named due to the similarity of the claw shape to that of a big toe and it had a slightly bluish tinge that deepened to a GN Big Sky Blue as it went into heat. The meat of the lubester, while similar in appearance to lobster, when prepared properly was said to have tasted like chicken and when overcooked by more than 37 seconds was used as soles for heavy duty work boots. The lubester was first discovered in the late 1950's and was believed to have been the offspring of a geoduck with a Maine lobster. The story has it that the lobster was discarded by visitors to Maine who after returning home felt it would not really be a good pet for their kids much as the decision made by New York visitors to Florida have resulted in alligators inhabiting the sewers of New York. Unfortunately for the lubestermen of this area the lubester bonanza was relatively short lived. Starting in the early 1980's the catches started getting smaller and completely died out by the late 1980's. Lasting only 30 years it was believed that they had not been fished out but had merely changed their diet to that of vegetarians which the lubestermen were never able to figure out. In 2002 a resurgence of interest in the lubester was seen following rumors that the lubesters had actually "returned home". After a series of calls, FBI agents Mulder and Sculley agreed to investigate the sudden disappearance of the lubester but shortly after that their series was cancelled and interest again died out. The complex is still standing, however today it is a Starbucks. Ah progress.

SP&S CONVENTION FUN!!! By Shirley Sample

Bob & I had the opportunity to travel to Klamath Falls, OR in June to attend the SP&S RY Historical Society convention. This is always a fun convention & in 2010 will be in Spokane!

The feature tour for the Convention was on Thursday, June 25th with a trip to Train Mountain in Chiloquin, OR which is about 30 miles north of Klamath Falls. This was the "Triennial" at Train Mountain with people & their equipment from all over the world participating. Train Mountain currently has 69,900 feet (13 ¼ miles) of 7 ½" gauge mainline track and 133,250 feet (25 ¼ miles) of

total trackage, which includes yards, sidings, and connector tracks. In the 2004 Guinness World Records Train Mountain is recognized as the "Longest Miniature Hobby Railroad". We also stopped at the Collier Logging Museum just north of Chiloquin. Below are of some of the trains that were operating that day.

To learn more check out the website for Train Mountain – <http://www.trainmountain.org>



NMRA / PNR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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# _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Regular with subscription to Scale Rails	\$58	US	\$ _____
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5th Division Questionnaire

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Home layout: () yes () no Stairs: () yes () no Willing to have visitors: () yes () no

Scale _____ Complete: () yes () no Benchwork: () yes () no Scenery: () yes () no

Comments Related to Layout: _____

Willing to give clinics: () yes () no Description of clinic: _____

Willing to help in 5th Division: () yes () no Comments: _____

Willing to volunteer to be officer: () yes () no Comments: _____

Other comments or things you would like to see happen in our Division:

Please complete and return back to the above address or email your information back to me. This will be helpful for annual meetings, mini-meets, etc. so we know who & what is available in our Division. Thanks – Shirley