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Shuswap Rails 2010

PNR Spring Meet in Salmon Arm

Eric Reynard

A little more than a month to go before Shuswap Rails 2010 is set to commence. Our planning and organisation is bearing fruit and we look forward to an enjoyable meet here in the sunny Shuswap. Our weather has been most unwinter-like with no snow in 2010 so travels should not be difficult.



Brian Golds' new HO_n3 Layout

We have 14 layouts committed for the layout tour portion of the meet with scales ranging from N to garden layouts. Work on some of these layouts has been made a priority and great progress has been made in advance of the meet. There is nothing like a deadline to get a lot of work done. The meet is being held at the Prestige Inn and Conference Centre on the shores of Shuswap Lake and directly adjacent the mainline of the Canadian Pacific Railway. For those of you wanting to get away from the hotel for a bit there are beautiful walks out onto the wharf and into the nearby Nature Reserve. In addition several reasonably short drives will get you to the Notch Hill Loop or the Revelstoke Railway Museum. There will be representatives from both the Kamloops Heritage Railway and the Kettle Valley Steam Railway to help you schedule a railway excursion for the summer.

To see more about the meet visit the website at www.salmonarmrailway.com

Shuswap Rails 2010 Contests

Bob Gardner, MMR

Fun and relaxation will be the theme for contests at Salmon Arm. Judging in most categories will be by popular vote of the registrants. Trophies will be awarded for the favourite Locomotive, Rolling Stock, Structure, Train, Display (diorama), Model Photo, Prototype Photo, and Craft Item. The Craft Item can be entered by either registrant or spouse. (Ladies ~ don't be beaten by a mere male!) All ballots should be placed in the ballot box by 1:00 p.m. Saturday.

Two fun contests are the Car Rolling and Loco Pull to be held during the Friday burger bash. Cars can be any type or scale but must have at least 2 axles and run on HO track. Locos must be HO only, steam or diesel. The NOMRA group from Vernon is providing the contest fixtures. To ensure a "snappy" contest, times will be limited. No rubber tires, please! A trophy is up for grabs in each category so weight those locos and bring them along!

Also there will be a trophy for the most popular layout voted on by the public and one for the best operating layout voted on by the registrants.

Don't forget if you love modeling but don't go for contests, the Achievement Program is always available. Judges will mark your model against a set of points. A Merit Award here could start you on your way to being a Master Model Railroader. AP entrants must, of course, be NMRA members.

Lets have lots of entries and show the public (and each other) the high calibre of modeling in our division!



NMRA Websites

7th Division	http://pnr-nmra.org/7div
PNR	http://pnr-nmra.org
NMRA	http://www.nmra.org
NMRA Canada	http://www.nmracanada.ca

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Timetable

Mar 13 (Sat), Clackamas, OR

The Willamette Model Railroad club presents 25th Annual Model Railroad Swap Meet at the New Hope Church 11731 SE Stevens Road. 10AM - 3PM. Admission \$3.00, under 12 free. Tables are \$18 each. Info:- Steve Cook 503-309-9543 or 503-236-1481. stephen.cook@comcast.com Table requests can be sent to: Willamette MRC Swap Meet P.O. Box 2621 Clackamas, Oregon 97015

Mar 14 (Sun), Burnaby, BC

Western Rails 2010. Displays and models of all kinds - Ride the indoor Miniature Train Collectables, photos, time tables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment and much much more. Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 9 am to 4 pm. Admittance: (cash only): Senior (60+) \$2.00 Adult (16-59) \$3.00 Child (under 6) Free Family \$6.00 (Maximum 2 Adults, 3 Youth) Info:- westernrails@wcra.org 604-484-2791.

Mar 14 (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Spring Mini Meet & Annual CMT Flea Market. Glenmore Inn. Flea market 9:00 AM - Noon Vendors \$20, CMRS members \$2, others \$5, Mini Meet 10:30 - 3:30 Info:- Swap meet: Garth Praestegaard 403-650-1391 or Brookes Harrow 403-

201-4937, bharrow@nucleus.com; Mini meet: Marvin Burk, 403-995-3319, burkpm@telus.net, www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html

Mar 20 (Sat), Olympia, WA

Capitol City Lions 25th Annual All Scales Model Railroad Swap Meet. Thurston County Fair Grounds, 3054 Carpenter Road SE; 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Adults \$6.00, Senior Citizens & Students \$4.00 and Age 12 & under free with paying Adult. Tables are \$25.00, set up at 8:00AM Info:- Bill Zidel, ZidelRCSD@aol.com or 360-438-3503.

Mar 21 (Sun), Pullman, WA

14th Annual Palouse Empire Rail Society Train Show and Swap Meet, 9:30 am to 3:00 PM. *New Facility this year!* SEL Event Center, 1825 Schweitzer Drive - Admission \$3.00 adults, under 12 free. Info:- Tim Davidson, 509-332-4404, davisonrr@hotmail.com; Mike Kauffman, 208-882-3796, mkauffma@verizon.net, or Lance Gallagher, 509-432-1875, lwg104@yahoo.com. Palouse-empire-rs.webs.com

Mar 27 (Sat), Olympia, WA

Seventh Annual Olympia Layout Tour hosted by the Olympia Open House & Operations Group (OO&OG). 10:30-5:00. Ten layouts have committed to be on the tour, with a possibility of two more. Various scale and gauge combinations will be represented, including N, HO, On30 and 3/8n20. Info:- Scott Buckley, sbuckley@nwrain.com or 360-352-5567

Mar 27-28, Moose Jaw, SK

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 2-4, Salmon Arm, BC

Shuswap Rails 2010 - 7th Division Spring Meet, The Prestige Harbourfront Resort & Convention Centre, 251 Harborfront Drive NE Info:- www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com

Apr 10-11, Eugene, OR

22nd Annual Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Train Show & Swap Meet, Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. 13th Avenue. Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Admission: Early Bird Special (Saturday only 9:00 a.m.) \$10 per person. Adults: \$6.00 per adult, children 10 years and younger free if accompanied by an adult. Optional vendor set up on Friday, April 9th 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. This is one of the largest train shows and swap meets in the Pacific Northwest as we fill up 22,000 square feet with over 200 vendor tables with vendors from 9 different states, operating train layouts in a variety of scales, speeder display, historical society displays with literature, Operation Lifesaver trailer with educational literature, and hourly door prizes for the public. Info:- Lee Temple at 541-954-4917 or tandt@ram-mail.com or Diane Temple at 541-225-7394 or LDTemple@ram-mail.com.

Apr 11 (Sun), Nanaimo, BC

26th Annual Mid Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show, Beban Park Rec. Center 2300 Bowen Road, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Operating Layouts, Swap & Shop Tables, Retail Sales Model Contests (Popular Vote) Admission (cash only), \$3.00 NMRA member, \$5.00 non member, \$10.00 family, \$4.00 seniors, Child (6-12) - \$1.00. Info:- Ken Rutherford kj.rutherford@shaw.ca, (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Apr 17-18, Calgary, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2010 Canada's Biggest and Best Annual Model Train Show. 9 AM til 5 PM both days. Subway Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. Calgary FREE PARKING Adult - \$10, Youth (6-12) - \$5, under 6 - free Over 60,000 sq. ft. of operating layouts, displays, railroad art, hobby shops, model manufacturers, demonstrations, clinics, Lego and Thomas Play Area, garden railways, ride-on trains, and much more. Info:- www.supertrain.ca or info@supertrain.ca

Apr 25 (Sun), Helena, MT

30th 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, 406-443-1578 or 406-227-0158 or email: rrfair@mt.net

May 1-2, Rickreall, OR

Rickreall Grange Train Swap Meet & Show 10AM-4PM Admission \$5.00 good for both days. \$1 off with canned food. Swap Meet tables: 6 ft - \$15, 8 ft - \$20; Vendor move-in Friday noon to 8PM, Saturday 7AM. 280 Main Str. "HWY 99W". Operating P.S.R. Club layout in 30 x 30 Room see at www.trainweb.org/psr Info:- Pry626@juno.com or 503-606-0398

May 1 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Annual Swap Meet: Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 11113 113 St. 9AM-1PM, Admission \$2, tables \$20, \$15 for MMRF members. Info :- Ron Boyer, 780-466-2670, www.mmrf.ab.ca

May 21-23, Camrose, AB

6th Division Spring Meet, "Battle River Rails 2010", sponsored by Battle River Railway Modellers, at the Moose Family Centre. Info:-

www.battleriverrailway.ca/battle-river-rails-2010/

Jun 12-13, Port Alberni, BC

2nd Annual Vancouver Island Logging Modelers Meet McLean Mill National Heritage Park, Port Alberni, B.C. All logging modelling will be represented - Trains, trucks, and all other equipment from N scale to you name it. Info:-

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Jul 14 (Wed), Spokane, WA

SP&S Historical Society Convention. Info:- www.spsbs.org

Jul 14-17, Spokane, WA

Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association Annual Convention; Mirabeau Park Hotel. Info:- m1amikea@gmail.com, www.nprha.org

Sep 12-15, East Glacier Park, MT

Great Northern Historical Society Annual Convention Info:- www.gnrhs.org

Sep 16-18, Lynnwood, WA

Cascadian International, PNR 2010 Regional Convention. Embassy Suites hotel.

Info:- www.4dpr.org/CascadianInternational2010.htm, Stu Rogers,

sturogers@comcast.net

Oct 23-24, Red Deer, AB

Red Deer Model Railroad show. Westerner Park in the Harvest Center 4847A 19th

St. Red Deer. 10AM-5PM. \$5.00 per person, children under 5 are free. Info:-

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A full list of tapes is published in the September issue of the BULLETIN BOARD



**Bob Gardner's Coquihall Sub
On Shuswap Rails 2010 Tours**

AP Corner

Russ Watson

You may have read Gary's announcement in the Sep/Oct BB that I have volunteered to take over the duties of the 7th Division Achievement Program (AP) Chairman. Although I have not obtained Master Model Railroader (MMR) status yet, I do hope to have enough done to apply for it in within the next year. I only require three more certificates.

I won't be able to attend every 7th Div meet in every year, however I will work with the meet contest organizers and judges to ensure that AP judging is available at every meet. I have compiled a list of 7th Div members who I know have judged in the past. Please check the list below and let me know if your name should be included on the list (email russwatson@telus.net or phone 250-992-3452). I will be calling upon you to help out with AP judging at 7th Div meets.

Also contact me if you are interested in learning how to judge. It's a great opportunity to work with experienced judges and gain valuable modelling information, whether you are working on your MMR or not.

Next time I'll talk about how you can get started on, or keep working towards your MMR. In the mean time if you're not really sure what the AP is all about, check out <http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/> or give me a call, I'd be happy to chat about it with you. Happy modelling.

Past Judges

Mike Barone	Scott Calvert	Hugh Clarke
Don Forsyth	Bob Gardner	Patrick Lawson
Dave Nickerson	Dick Sutcliffe	Ken Rutherford?
Gordon Varney		

Superintendent's Report

Gary Hazell

I am sitting here in the sunshine writing this report from an RV resort near Parker Arizona and it is early Feb – temperature in the low 70's. Donna and I decided to leave right after Christmas but plan to be back in early March as we are both involved with some of the organization for Shuswap Rails 2010 at Easter April 2-4. You can still register and get the early discount as long as you do it by the end of Feb. Please go to www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com and click on [Shuswap Rails 2010](#) or fill out the form in this Bulletin.

I am very pleased to announce that the Salmon Arm Club (SAMRA) passed a motion at their AGM in Jan to have everyone an NMRA member. There were only 5 members who were not NMRA so it was not a hard sell. This makes SAMRA the 3rd 100% NMRA club in the 7th Div. This means that the NMRA covers all the liability insurance. This along with a few other new members increases our overall membership in the 7th Div. to 355.

In emails from other Divisions, the idea of giving a Rail Pass trial membership to those modellers that register for meets that are not NMRA. Maybe what we should consider in the 7th is at all meets in the division, have the NMRA discount for registration \$10.00 less than the non NMRA registration and then present a trial membership Rail Pass to the non-member.

Gerry Leone, MMR NMRA Communications Director asked Superintendents to include information about things going on at National so at the NMRA mid-year Board Meeting Feb 19-20 in San Diego the following items are to be discussed:

- Diamond Club update
- Report on status and design of the Galley Exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum
- Financial and budget review
- Five year review of the new regulations
- Update on the NMRA Branding Program
- Report from the Garden Railways Working Group
- Report from the Train Show Group

In addition, the NMRA Convention Clinic Director Doug Auburg reports:

- The Milwaukee Convention currently has 163 different clinics
- Of these 123 have never been offered before

The only Railroad around here is the Arizona & California Railroad branch line owned by Rail America and it is 12 miles away. I was fortunate today to catch 3901 westbound after leaving Parker, AZ and crossing the Colorado River into California at a place called Earp with about seventy cars. This short line interchanges with BNSF at Matthie, AZ but also has trackage rights to Phoenix in the east and Cadiz CA in the west, again interchanging with BNSF.



Well I'll be home soon to the Shuswap Sub. Hope to see a lot of you in April.

PNR Election Nominations**Dick Sutcliffe**

The PNR election of President and vice-president will take place in the Spring of 2010.

The PNR is an international region and nominations/office holders can be residents of either the USA and/or Canada.

The PNR, as is the NMRA, is a membership organization. Its success depends on the active involvement of its members.

Please actively consider contributing your talents to the future growth and success of the PNR and the hobby.

As a member of the PNR nominations committee, Hugh Mackenzie is chair and Roger Ferris is the other, I am calling on the NMRA Canada members to put forth nominations or volunteer to run for one of the positions.

Jack Hamilton, the current President has agreed to run again, however he is running for NMRA Western Region Representative, and would have to step down from President, to be WRRep, if elected to both positions. Therefore the vice-President nominees should be prepared to step up if the occasion arises.

You may submit nominations or volunteer to myself, Dick Sutcliffe - Canadian nomination committee member, at [ras1 at uniserve.com](mailto:ras1@uniserve.com), or Hugh Mackenzie at [hcmac at roadrunner.com](mailto:hcmac@roadrunner.com)

Editor's Desk**Eric Reynard**

We are working feverishly to get Salmon Arm ready for the Shuswap Rails 2010 PNR Spring Meet. As with most things there is never enough time and not enough bodies but things seem to be coming together quite well. I had intended to use the threat of a deadline to get my own layout ready for the tours associated with the meet but alas I was able to procrastinate to the point where nothing is ready. Maybe when Salmon Arm holds another meet I'll be ready for display. Although most current volunteers for the meet have said never again, that is probably just in the heat of the moment. On reflection after the fact we may be persuaded to do it again. I have always appreciated the effort it takes to put on a meet but until you are part of organising one yourself you don't really understand all the nail biting and hair tearing involved. As Meet Registrar I watch as registration trickles in agonizingly slowly hoping that this visit to the mailbox will bring that great influx of registrants that will push us into profitability or at least alleviate the anxiety over registration numbers. Beyond the pressure of losing money is worrying about the experience that registrants, vendors and the public will have. Are there enough registrants to make the vendors happy? When to advertise to the the public? Why aren't more model railroaders registered? There is obviously no easy or right answer to any of these questions but you constantly ask them. All in all I have a greater understanding and respect for those of you who do this kind of thing year after year.

Hope to see you all in Salmon Arm for Shuswap Rails 2010.

NMRA PHOTO CONTEST**Click the shutter and win a steam cab ride!**

With the single click of a shutter, you could find yourself riding for a full day in the cab of an historic mainline steam locomotive operated by the Union Pacific! It can happen if your photo is the winner of the National Model Railroad Association's 75th Anniversary Photo Contest.

Your day-long cab ride will begin in Cheyenne, WY in May, 2010, behind some mighty big steam power on its first leg of an excursion. And we'll make sure you're there when the conductor yells "All aboard!" because the winner will also receive airfare (up to \$500), two nights in a hotel, plus transportation to and from the excursion.

If you're an NMRA member in good standing, all you have to do is submit a photograph depicting one or more models of UP equipment and/or structures in a realistic scene. Your photo will be judged for prototype fidelity of both the modeling and the scene, as well as for photographic art. You can submit color prints, color slides, or digital files on CD.

To be eligible, your photo must be postmarked by April 15, 2010 (or originated in transit by a third party service such as FedEx or UPS), and received no later than April 20. Only one photograph may be submitted per envelope, but there's no limit to the number of photos you can submit. All photos become the property of the NMRA, which may use the photo in any manner it chooses. In addition, participants agree to provide the NMRA with the original medium of the photo (negative, transparency, or digital file) if requested.

Send your entries to: Robert J. Amsler, Jr., 514 Dover Place, St. Louis, MO 63111. And if you send a print, be sure to protect it from bending!

So get modeling and shooting right away. Because this May you may be behind a few horses in Wyoming!

Snow on the BNSF

Submitted by Roy Kelleway

Ever wonder where our winter went?

These photos (photographer unknown) were submitted by Roy Kelleway and show a BNSF at milepost 601.1 on the Bellwood Subdivision, between Seward and David City, Nebraska on the BNSF RR. Seward is about 25 miles west of Lincoln, on the Ravenna Sub. A few blizzards and sub zero temperatures coupled with moderate winds made for a beautiful, but, flash frozen environment. A freight train was snowed in at David City and a rotary snow plow was sent to clear the track of drifts that varied from 6ft or less up to 12ft in spots!! The photos were taken on Jan. 8th through Jan. 10th, 2010



LOOKING WEST AT THE
EASTBOUND ENGINES



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Deferred Maintenance?

Forwarded to Editor by John Green



North Fraser Report

Tom Carr

With the Christmas holidays now over and the Olympics due to start before you read this article we remember the massive snow falls of last winter and hope there will be enough snow left on the north shore mountains to host the Olympic events scheduled there. What a difference a year makes.

The TraiNgang held it's Annual General Meeting on January 17th at Confederation Park in Burnaby, they set their show schedule for the year, discussed plans for their 25th Anniversary in 2011, and held their annual elections. Congratulations to Superintendent Bob Berbeck, Coordinators Emil Ferry, Marty Goodrich and Clint Maxwell, Treasurer Tom Jones and Secretary Rob McKee on their election to the 2010 executive. Their first show of the 2010 season was at Baillie House extended care centre at Ridge-Meadows Hospital in Maple Ridge, where TraiNgang members entertained residents, staff and visitors each weekend and several evenings from January 30th till February 14th. Webmaster Patrick Schafli has photos of the event posted on the club web site.

Dewdney Alouette Railway Society (DARS) members have been busy sorting several collections of model railroad equipment they acquired over the past few months. They held a successful sale at St. Andrew's Church in Maple Ridge on February 6th that was attended by members of several local clubs, as well the general public. Rumour has it that they might decide to make this an annual event and invite other area clubs to participate. Their next project is cleaning out their storage areas, and hopefully finding hidden treasure in the process. DARS is open to the public at the Maple Ridge Museum on the last Sunday of each month.

The Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club continues to meet every Tuesday evening to enjoy fellowship, coffee, light refreshments, and they even run some trains. Several club members participated in a joint operating session with members of the TraiNgang at Baillie House, which proved interesting as TraiNgang is N-Trak and Maple Ridge is mostly HO, but a good time was had by all. Club members also participated in the annual Mt. Pleasant Lions' Club train show in Vancouver on February 14th.

Francina and I took advantage of Amtrak's recent seat sale and travelled to Portland, OR on the Amtrak Cascades for an extended weekend from January 22nd to 25th. We attended the annual swap meet sponsored by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Historical Society, visited local hobby shops, and generally had a good time playing tourist in Portland. I fondly remember my first trip to Portland as a young boy many years ago, I came home with my first model train set, an HO scale Athearn freight set with a rubber band drive Great Northern GP-7. Some 50-years later the cars and caboose are long gone, but I still have the GP-7, which got a new motor and new rubber bands this year and runs great.

RPM at NMRA 75**Gerry Leone, MMR****RPM REVS UP AT NMRA 75.**

It started 75 years ago in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders intent in setting interchangeability standards for motive power, rolling stock, and track formed the National Model Railroad Association or NMRA.

It started 25 years ago at the 50th Anniversary NMRA convention in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders interested in the contemporary scene formed The Modern Prototype Modelers. Over the years the emphasis changed to prototype modeling from all eras. As a result the name changed too, and the group became known as Railroad Prototype Modelers or RPM.

Over the years both the NMRA and the RPM continued to grow and now 25 years later, both are meeting once again in Milwaukee.

The event is NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association's 75th anniversary convention. From July 11 through the 16th, RPM modelers and NMRA members from all over the world will join together to celebrate the accomplishments of two great organizations.

Just as NMRA standards spawned innovations that have changed the hobby, so too has the innovative modeling of RPM members. In fact the level of detail and the technical excellence of today's models owe much of their origins to the NMRA and the RPM. No doubt about it, there is much to celebrate, which is why you should come to this party!

An entire room will be devoted to RPM models from all over the world and you're invited to bring yours to display as well. The room will be open from Wednesday to Friday during convention week.

In addition to the RPM exhibit, NMRA 75 will offer a huge array of tours, clinics programs, and special events designed for model railroaders and their non-modeling family members. That means NMRA 75 makes for an ideal family vacation this summer!

Get all the details by visiting our website at www.nmra75.org. You can even register online. So join the party. Come celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer at NMRA '75!

**Victoria Model Railway Show****Ted Alexis**

The nineteenth annual 2009 Victoria Model Railway Show was held at the Cedar Hill Rec. Centre on September 13th with an attendance of almost 1400 people. This was well received by public and sale vendors.

As always a higher attendance would have been desirable, the weather was warm, and we had to move earlier in Sept. because of the Convention in Edmonton and the Fall Threshing at the Saanich Rail Museum. The show displayed some 15 sectional and modular layouts performing for the public.

Some of our main attractions this year were the scenic Vancouver Island Garden Railway Club layout along with the Victoria Lego Group. Also, other clubs and groups had hands on operation for the children, which created lots of smiles. At this time, I would like to thank all of our dealers for providing many door prizes to our guests. We will be giving some of our net profits to the Times Colonist Christmas Fund and the C-Fax Santa's Anonymous. The popular vote contest winners were awarded plaques for their outstanding achievements.

Popular Vote Winners:

Best Layout; Canadian Forces Model Railway Club
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In closing, I would like to thank our executive and volunteers for their hard work in making the show a success. Again, I feel the National body should be doing more awareness about our hobby. So, all aboard for our 20th annual show in September 2010.

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