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## Spring Meets

### Vernon

Another successful spring meet in Vernon. As a participant I can say it was thoroughly enjoyable and as part of the Salmon Arm Model Railroad Association I can say the public enjoyed it as well. We have an excellent selection of photographs provided to us by John Green. I thought we should let the photos speak for themselves. I am missing some credits for models so will include those photos in next months issue.

-Editor



John Green - Prototype Photo Award



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The Show Floor

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- Group name; Group contact name;
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  - Looking for members?
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I would like to bring to everyones attention the Great Model Railroad tapes. These are very informative. An example:

- GMR#4 is South Ridge Lines (HO)
  - in it tips on -rock work
  - building foundations
  - weathering hoppers
- GMR#5 is Utah Midland (HO)
  - in it tips on - tools
  - locomotive repowering
  - detailing cars

Over the next few issues I will list more tapes and the tips on them.

-Don Forsyth

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## Member Aid

*Bob Gardner, MMR*

If you have a modeling problem you are wrestling with, why not give me a call or e-mail me in care of Editor Eric and I will try to have it answered for you. We are fortunate in having many knowledgeable modelers in the 7<sup>th</sup> Div. whom we can call on for advice.

In the meantime, here are some modeling tips to "aid" you with your projects:

Mike Beltz, motive power guru of the Salmon Arm Club, came up with a quick and easy "caddy" for his lubricants. He cleans out a tuna or salmon tin and wraps a layer of corrugated cardboard around the inside circumference. He carries the lubes in the can to prevent spills and leakage and uses the holes in the cardboard to hold tooth-picks, cotton swabs and those handy little micro-brushes. Thanks for the tip, Mike.

If your pin-vise has a hole in the butt end rather than a swiveling ball, try inserting a 2 ½ inch (or so) common nail into the end to form a more comfortable hand-piece.

I really enjoyed the May 2006 issue of Scale Rails featuring an article by our own John Ostler on curing troublesome track and derail-

ment problems. John had some great ideas told in an easy-to-read format. I did, however, disagree with one of his ideas. He recommends removing crud from wheels by lightly scraping the treads with a No. 11 X-acto blade. In my experience, using a screwdriver or knife blade for this often results in scratching the treads. The scratches then seem to attract crud, resulting in even faster build-up. I prefer to use a piece of 1/8 inch square scale lumber (hardwood is even better) sharpened to a chisel point. This peels off the junk beautifully with no risk of scratching. The point can be re-sharpened from time to time, using your No. 11 blade.

More tips next time.

### NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome aboard the following new members to the 7th Division of the PNR.

- |                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Russell Cadotte, Vernon     | Tom Combs, Kelowna           |
| Barry Dzurls, Cambell River | Lynn Falloner, Vernon        |
| Herbert Fischer, Vernon     | Keith Franklin, Vernon       |
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### Divisional Report

#### FRASER VALLEY SUBDIVISION

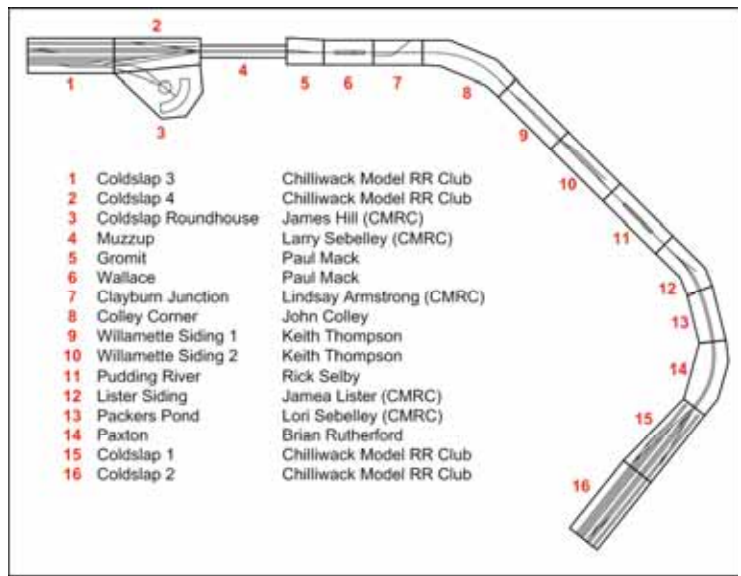
Lori and Larry Sebelley

The Free-mo division of the Chilliwack Model Railway Club attended the Spring Meet in Vernon on Easter weekend, with most of its modules. A point-to-point layout was created with the individuals' modules traversing between. The display generated many questions from interested viewers: both modellers and public alike. A few of our members who had never partaken of such an event came along and thoroughly enjoyed themselves (including one member's wife, Corinna, who participated in a Friday-evening operating session). At the wind-up banquet, the CMRC was congratulated for signing up all its other 24 members to join the NMRA, thus achieving 100% membership status.

On May 20, the Free-mo division also attended the PNW-RPM meet in Bellingham, Washington. Once again a point-to-point layout was created with 1/2 of the CMRC yard at each end. However, this time there were 11 modules in between, as 5 of our American comrades joined with their modules. It was a tremendous leap forward, as we then occupied a 42 foot by 56 foot meeting room, creating approximately 85 linear feet of running. Photos from the event (including the RPM meet) can be viewed at:

[http://www.pbase.com/rselby/2006\\_pnw\\_rpm](http://www.pbase.com/rselby/2006_pnw_rpm)

A diagram of the layout:



Larry at Vernon Spring Meet



Kettle Valley Passenger Train at Vernon Spring Meet

**Editor's Desk****Eric Reynard**

I am including below a letter received after the Nanaimo show as an illustration of the positive impacts meeting and greeting the public can have. I can add that without the friendly, helpful attitude displayed during my many visits to the layout, I would never have become a member of the Salmon Arm club. They made it clear that I was welcome in spite of my total lack of knowledge or experience. Meeting the public is chance to keep the hobby healthy and inspire future model railroaders.

Hello Mr. Rutherford.

We thought it in order to let someone know how impressed we were with the train show and it's participants. Being parents of a 8 year old who lives, eats and breaths model trains, this was our first train show ever. We were very appreciative of all the time, advice, support and enthusiasm all of the participants gave to our son. Because this is more of an adult hobby, we couldn't believe how nice they all were to him, despite knowing that he was not going to be their best customer of the day. We had to ask a lot of questions and it quickly became apparent that he was just starting out. I can't tell you just how many people seemed to be genuinely excited to find a new member of the hobby. They asked him lots of questions, showed him so many tricks and tips to make things at home, etc. Some nice fellow spend at least 20 minutes explaining how to make and mold mountains from things found around the house. A couple of other people showed him the "behind the scenes" of their layout. Everyone shook his hand and made him feel like a club member. A normally shy kid, he was so excited to find other people who loved trains as much as he did, and in no time at all, he was a outspoken, non-stop talker who was soaking up every little tidbit of information he could get out of everybody. It took us almost 3 hours to get around the arena. I don't want to mention all the things people gave him, it was almost embarrassing. Hard to find anyone who would take his money. They were all so generous and it didn't go unnoticed how polite and respectful they were to us all. Anyway, it was just so nice to know what kind of people are involved in a hobby that our son will be involved in for many years to come. He has said over and over again, that the train show was more fun than even birthdays or Christmas!

I wish they could know just well their conduct reflects on their hobby and how much their attitude influenced an 8 year old.

I'm sure we will be seeing everyone again in fall at the next show.

Yours truly, Mrs. Deborah Elliot

On another note, actually the same note as last issue, is anyone ready to have their layout featured in the Bulletin? Sharing is good.

The Bulletin is a bit late this month as I burned the tips of four of my fingers in a pizza cooking accident. Sadly the pizza was a total loss but the fingers are on the mend.

I would like to thank all contributors this month as we have more information and photographs than would fit. I am also reducing the size of the email file so let me know what you think about it, especially picture quality.

**Superintendent's Report****Gary Hazell**

I hope many of you got an opportunity to attend the Spring Meets in Nanaimo and Vernon. I was able to attend both and I am very grateful to the organizing committees. Without these volunteers the meets would not be possible. I know there are some changes in the committee for the Nanaimo Show and I hope new people will step forward. As a result of the shows we had 16 new members join the NMRA and 2 more that renewed their memberships after some time away and I welcome all of you. I was also very pleased to receive a cheque for \$500 from the Vernon Meet to go toward producing the BB. Thank you very much guys.

We are finally getting some of the bugs out of the new Long Range Plan and you should have all received the PNR publication, the Switchlist sometime this June. The NMRA Canada website has been up-dated and is [www.nmracanada.ca](http://www.nmracanada.ca). Hit the "Welcome" button to access the English edition. I would recommend you look at it and those of you in Clubs encourage your organizations to send the webmaster Andrew Chisholm [webmanager@nmracanada.ca](mailto:webmanager@nmracanada.ca) information and events. Also while you are at it, copy our own 7<sup>th</sup> Div webmaster John Zuk [jazuk@telus.net](mailto:jazuk@telus.net) and PNR webmaster [mark.johnson@infoharvest.ca](mailto:mark.johnson@infoharvest.ca) information. Those of you that would like your own layout websites or pictures on the web should do the same.

I am planning on attending the PNR Convention in Wilsonville August 2 to 6<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn right on I-5 just south of Portland. Go to their website for information on prototype tours, layout tours, clinics and non-rail activities [www.pnr2006.com](http://www.pnr2006.com). It is so close to the lower mainland a lot of you should be able to make it. Remember it is our turn in 2008 and we would like to encourage our American modeller friends to attend so we should make a good show at Wilsonville. This is where the Chilliwack group will make their bid presentation (formally) for 2008.

Revelstoke is still planning a Train Show Aug. 18-20 to not only celebrate Railway Days but as a fund raiser to expand the Revelstoke Museum which has plans for a space for the Revelstoke Model Railroad Club.

Our BB editor Eric Reynard is still trying to get articles ahead so as to have information in reserve for the BB. Also I asked the Standing Committee members to send in a small report on activities in their area be it modelling or prototype to put in the "Divisional Report" column. Please, please send him something or we won't have a BB to read. Anyone can send him info. His email is [ereynard@telus.net](mailto:ereynard@telus.net) or you can mail him at 1560 - 10<sup>th</sup> St. SW Salmon Arm, BC V1E 1V3. You can also phone him at 250-832-1352 or fax 250-832-1382.



**Hugh Clark**  
at Vernon Spring Meet

Have a good summer and remember to do some railfanning and take pictures - we need them for our Sept. edition

**TIMETABLE**

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**JUNE 22-25, LEWISTON MT, MRHA**, (Milwaukee Road Historical Association), Annual Convention, Yogo Inn. (800) 860-9646. Info: - [www.mrha.com](http://www.mrha.com).

**JUNE 22-24, CHEHALIS WA**, 12th Annual NW Logging Modelers Convention, Best Western Park Place Inn & Suites, I-5 Exit 76, 201 interstate Ave. Info: - J. Clark McAbee, (360) 748-0831, [lchm@lewiscountymuseum.org](mailto:lchm@lewiscountymuseum.org). [www.lewiscountymuseum.org](http://www.lewiscountymuseum.org).

**JUNE 24-25, CALGARY AB**, Heritage Park Railway Days. Two operating 0-6-0's & streetcars. 1900 Heritage Dr. SW. Info: - (403) 268-8500, [www.heritagepark.ca](http://www.heritagepark.ca).

**JUL 2-9, PHILADELPHIA PA, Independence Junction 2006**. NMRA National Convention, Sponsored by the Mid-Eastern Region. Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St. Info: - [www.ij2006.org](http://www.ij2006.org).

**JUL 9, (SAT), PORTLAND OR**, Annual Rose City Garden Railway Society Summer Tour, 10am-5pm. Info: - [rosecitygrs@aol.com](mailto:rosecitygrs@aol.com), [www.rcgrs.com](http://www.rcgrs.com).

**JUL 12-16, BOZEMAN MT, NPRHA**, (Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association), Annual Convention, Best Western Gran Tree Inn, 1325 n 7th Ave. Info: - Janyce Taylor, 917 Park View Way, Missoula MT 59803-2319, [www.nprha.org](http://www.nprha.org).

**JUL 14-16, 21-23, SNOQUALMIE WA**, Thomas the Tank Engine at Northwest Railway Museum, King St & Railroad Ave, (SR202). Tickets required. Info: - [www.trainmuseum.org](http://www.trainmuseum.org).

**JUL 16-19, KALISPELL MT, GNRHS**, (Great Northern Historical Society Annual Convention), WestCoast Kalispell Center Hotel, 20 N Main. Info: - [www.gnrhs.org](http://www.gnrhs.org).

**JUL 20-22, EUGENE OR**, SP&S Railway Historical Society Annual Convention, Pheonix Inn, 850 Franklin Blvd. (800) 344-0131. Info: - Bruce Barney, 10832 SE Stephens, Portland OR 97216, (503) 257-8855, [bcbarney@msn.com](mailto:bcbarney@msn.com), [www.spsrhs.org](http://www.spsrhs.org).

**JUL 29 (SAT), MELVILLE SK**, Melville Model Railroad Show, Merv Moore Sportsplex, 165 2nd Ave West, Admission \$2 Info:- Jeff Appel

**AUG 3-6, WILSONVILLE OR, Willamette Valley Express**. PNR 2006 Convention, Holiday Inn, 25425 SW 95th Ave. Info: - [www.pnr2006.com](http://www.pnr2006.com), Registrar, John Sparrows, (503) 631-7793.

**AUG 10-12, BOZEMAN MT**, Milwest Annual Meeting, (Milwaukee Road-Lines West Historical Group). Info: - [www.milwest.org](http://www.milwest.org).

**AUG 12-13, BIG VALLEY AB**, Alberta Free-MO 2006, Agriplex, Hwy 590 & Railroad Ave, Sat 10am-6pm Sun 10am-5pm. Info: - [www.calgaryfreemo.ca](http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca).

**AUG 18-27, REVELSTOKE BC**, Railway Days 2006, Revelstoke Railway Museum. Info: - Roberto Rodriguez, (877) 837-6060, [president.railway@telus.net](mailto:president.railway@telus.net), [www.railwaymuseum.com](http://www.railwaymuseum.com).

**AUG 19-20, FIELD BC**, Friends of Yoho Annual Seminar on the Canadian Pacific's Big Hill. Field Community Centre. (For health reasons this is the last year Donald Bain will be presenting this course). Info: - Friends of Yoho PO Box 100 Field BC V0A 1G0, (250) 343-6394, [info@friendsofyoho.ca](mailto:info@friendsofyoho.ca), [www.friendsofyoho.ca](http://www.friendsofyoho.ca).

**SEP 17-18, EDMONTON AB, GETS**, Great Edmonton Train Show, Mayfield Inn Trade Centre, 16615 – 109th Ave. 10am-5pm. Info: - John Patrie, (780) 478-3650, [john@patrie.ca](mailto:john@patrie.ca).

**SEP 24, (SUN), VICTORIA BC**, NMRA, PNR, 7th Div, Vancouver Island Subdivision, 16th Annual Victoria Model Railway Show, Cedar Hill Recreation Centre, 3220 Cedar Hill Rd. 10am-4pm. Info: - Ted Alexis, (250) 595-4070.

**OCT 7-9, ESSEX MT**, 25th Annual Alta/Mont Weekend, Izaak Walton Inn. Info: - (406) 888-5700, [stay@izaakwaltoninn.com](mailto:stay@izaakwaltoninn.com), [www.izaakwaltoninn.com](http://www.izaakwaltoninn.com).

**OCT 14-15, CHILLIWACK BC**, Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Info: James Hill, (604) 824-1757, [qdee@telus.net](mailto:qdee@telus.net).

**OCT 14-15, FIRCREST WA**, N-Track Northwest 19, N Scale Show & Swap Meet, Fircrest Recreation Center, 555 Contra Costa, Sat 10am-5-pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Info: - Walt Huston, 1210 141st St E. Tacoma 98445, (253) 535-8787, [walthuston@earthlink.net](mailto:walthuston@earthlink.net).

**OCT 14-15, EDMONTON AB**, Edmonton Model Railroad Association Open House, at the Freight Shed, Fort Edmonton Park, 10am-5pm. Info: - [www.EMRAonline.ca](http://www.EMRAonline.ca).

**OCT 15, (SUN), SPOKANE WA**, Spokane Railroad Show. Spokane Community College, Lair Student Activities Building, Mission & Greene St. 10am-3:30pm. Info: - IERHS/Train Show, P.O. Box 5334, Spokane WA 99205-0334, (509) 535-7186 [ierhs@yahoo.com](mailto:ierhs@yahoo.com).

**OCT 21-22, RAVENSDALE WA**, 9th Annual Maple Valley Operating Model Train Show, 10am-5pm. Grace Hansen Community Center, 27132 Ravensdale Way. Info: - Steve Hiester, [hies\\_skel@hotmail.com](mailto:hies_skel@hotmail.com), [www.freewebs.com/mytrainshow/](http://www.freewebs.com/mytrainshow/).

**OCT 28, (SAT), PORTLAND OR**, First Annual All Brass Model Train Show, Shilo Inn Airport Convention Center, E. of I-205 on Airport Way, 10am-3pm. Info: - Jim Laskey, (503) 283-6040, Heather Clark, (541)-401-1548, [www.wsor.com](http://www.wsor.com).

**NOV 10-13, BURNABY BC**, TRAINS 2006, 24th Annual 7th Div Fall Meet, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. Trains Meet Registrar, Kathy, P.O. Box 52224, N. Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (6040 987-4237, [Trains-2006-reg@telus.net](mailto:Trains-2006-reg@telus.net), Info: - Dick, (604) 467-4301, [www.bctrains.org](http://www.bctrains.org).

**NOV 11, (SAT), KENT WA**, 27th Boeing Employees' Model Railroad Club Annual Swap Meet, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, (corner w/ James), 9:30am-4pm. Info: - [swapmeet@bemrrc.com](mailto:swapmeet@bemrrc.com) [www.bemrrc.com](http://www.bemrrc.com).

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**Spring Meet – Nanaimo**

**Rick Lord**

The 22nd Annual Mid Island Spring Meet is now history. Sunday April 9, 2006 saw 934 enthusiasts pass through the doors of Nanaimo's Beban Park Rec Center to enjoy a day of operating layouts, checking out the sales tables for items of interest, entering contests and renewing friendships.



Home made food and refreshments were available while one could sit and enjoy watching a video on model railroading.

The number of participants in the popular vote contest was down from last year. Some of the entries were:

- An HO scale modified 4-6-0 for #14 Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir ) Ltd.
- An HO scale Mantua 2-6-6-2 heavily reworked for Coos Bay Lumber Co. #10
- An N scale C.P.R. SD 40-2 added detail and paint



**Cameron Lake Station**

- A G scale scratch built C.P.R. Cameron Lake Station
- An O scale scratch built C.P.R. Port Alberni Round House
- An HO scale scratch built Humdurgan log car unloader like the one used at Ladysmith 1940's to 1970's

The popular choice winners were:

Favourite Train: Rick Salewski – N scale C.P.R. GP38 and grain train

Favourite Locomotive: Rick Slingerland – ON30 scale 30 ton diesel scratch built



30 Ton Diesel - Rick Slingerwood

Favourite Rolling Stock: Rick Slingerland – ON30 scale firewood car scratch built

Favourite Structure and Display: Ed Warren – O scale scratch built C.P.R. station at Port Alberni, B.C.

Favourite Operating Layout: Ray Brown of Nanaimo with his portable N scale layout



Port Alberni Roundhouse

As in past years all those who enter our popular choice contest have their name entered to win a \$20 gift certificate from Leisure Time Hobbies of Nanaimo. Congratulations to Rick Salewski and Ed Warren our 2006 winners.

The door prize raffle of a \$100 gift certificate at Leisure Time Hobbies was won by Paul Roberts of Nanaimo, B.C.

A special thank you to the following for donating door prizes;

- Charlie’s Choo Choo – Courtenay
- Leisure Time Hobbies – Nanaimo
- Victoria Scale Rail Ltd. – Victoria
- Via Rail – Victoria

To all those who got up extra early and transported operating modules or displays a big thank you. Without your time and efforts most of the arm-chair model railroaders and general public would not get to see models in action. New this year were “The Gangers” with their HO scale British and European railway.

- North Island Model Railroaders – HO scale
- Ray Brown and family – N scale
- The Millennium Mines Railroad – ON30
- Vancouver Island Garden Railway Club – G scale
- The Gangers – HO scale

Also thank you to all who helped setup, take down and clean up your efforts made our show a success. To the Mid Island Railway Club for help in setting up. To Phyllis Rutherford and her sister, Linda for the delicious home baking and operating the concession. This years profits from the concession sales were donated to Finding A Cure For Breast Cancer. To Leanne Lord, Keith St Thomas, Victoria Oliver for looking after the admissions and door prize table. Dan Oliver for his enthusiastic efforts in selling raffle tickets. To Dick Sutcliffe for bringing and manning the P.N.R./N.M.R. booth (There were 32 members in attendance). To our new 7th Division Superintendent Gary Hazell for coming over to our island show and helping out. To Ed Warren for putting on a clinic and manning the C.A.R.M. booth.



The 23<sup>rd</sup> Mid Island Train show has been rebooked for Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Mark it on your calendar and come on out for friendship and fun in this great hobby. We look forward to seeing you there. **Please note the change of date to Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007** in the same location (Beban Park Rec Center Nanaimo B.C.).

## Victoria Show - September

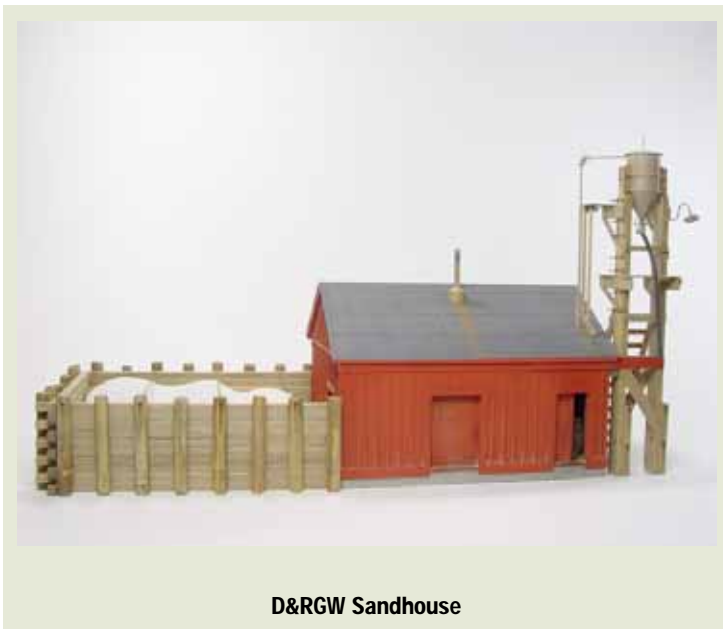
The 16th Victoria Show is well on in planning. We are at the same location and have invited the Campbell River crew to attend this year as an added attraction. If members are down on the Coast on the 24th weekend in September, please come to see a great show

## Achievement Program Report

Ed Warren, MMR

At the Spring Meet in Vernon over the Easter Weekend, several members entered models for judging. Unfortunately I could not attend due to family obligations, but the judging was ably performed by Don Forsyth, Bob Gardner and Russ Watson. Both Russ and Angus McLellan entered models for merit award judging. Models are judged on the quality, effort and research in the construction (maximum 40 points), detail (maximum 20 points), conformity- i.e. whether the model is an accurate reproduction of the prototype, or if freelanced a logical design (maximum 25 points), finish and lettering (maximum 25 points), and scratchbuilding- an encouragement to fabricate your own parts (maximum 15 points). There is a maximum of 125 points and 87 1/2 are needed for a merit award.

Russ Watson earned two merit awards for the structures shown here.



D&RGW Sandhouse

The sand house is a O scale model based on the D&RGW Durango facility with a shortened house and a shortened and widened 'Chama' sand bin and sand delivery hose. The sand house is scratchbuilt built from styrene and the bin and tower from home cut lumber. The sand reservoir was turned from hardwood dowel, with lids, piping and bits scratchbuilt from styrene and brass wire. The only commercial parts are 2 hinges, a lamp reflector and a barrel and broom inside a partially open door. Notice the beautifully done weathering on the sandhouse, where dust and dirt accentuate the textures of the board and batten siding. The model shows how a prototype structure can be modified to meet the needs of your own layout, while still retaining that prototype's style to make an outstanding model.



Colorado & Southern Water Tank

The O scale water tank is based on the Colorado & Southern Baker tank. It is completely scratchbuilt with lumber. Russ cut himself. The only commercial parts are 4 hinges. He also used styrene sheet and strip and brass wire. Each band tensioner is built from 12 individual pieces. He used a jig and sewing needle to emboss the rivet detail into the back side of .005" styrene sheet for the tensioners and the band ends. The model is beautifully finished to show the weathering that occurs in a desert environment- the silvery grey of the timbers and rust streaks from the bolts.

To receive the "Master Builder Structures" you must build twelve structures, of at least six different types. At least one must be a bridge or trestle, and at least six must be scratchbuilt. Six must have earned merit awards. Showing your work at meets, and entering it for merit award judging is a great way to improve your skills. You learn from the comments of other modellers and the judges and it pushes you to make a better model the next time. Over several years, you accumulate enough merit awards to qualify for the Master Builder Certificate.

I am happy to talk to members if there are any questions about the NMRA Achievement Program. My address is in the executive listing in the Bulletin.

Ed Warren MMR, CRC,  
7th Division AP Coordinator

## Trains 2006

The 24th annual **TRAINS 2006, Public Shows, Saturday Nov. 11th**, 11 am to 4 pm. & **Sunday, Nov. 12th**, 11 am to 4 pm. Cameron Rec.

Center, 9523 Cameron St., Burnaby, BC. Displays of models in all scales, North American and overseas prototypes; Tinplate; Collectibles; as well as swap tables; commercial sales; videos; demonstrations; Kids Zone; WGH beginner clinics; **Meet Nov. 10 to 13th, 2006.** Layout tours, clinics, displays, banquet, prototype tour. Info - Dick 604-467-4301, [chairman@bctrains.org](mailto:chairman@bctrains.org) or [www.bctrains.org](http://www.bctrains.org).

Much more information on Trains 2006 in the next issue. - *Editor*





**REVELSTOKE RAILWAY DAYS 2006**

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**Willamette Valley Express**



Let me tell you about a fantastic journey that is about to take place in a small town in Northwestern Oregon.

I believe it will be the most enjoyable trip you have taken in many a year. It's called THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY EXPRESS ... and it is boarding on August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006 with departure at 6:00 PM. That evening the Express will stop at The Alpenrose Dairy for a visit to two Model Rail Clubs, Ice Cream and some surprises that are still in the planning stages.....

Keep looking at our web page [www.pnr2006.com](http://www.pnr2006.com)

For the next three mornings you will wake up to a full breakfast as part of your room on the EXPRESS (only available for rides staying at the Holiday Inn Wilsonville Rates are \$69.00 Single - \$79.00 Double) (1-800-465-4329) Be sure to tell the Holiday Inn operator that the reservation is for PNR/WillametteValley Express/NMRA. There is other lodging in the area but not that close.

Besides the Breakfast there will be two other food events. A Red Hats & Rails Luncheon for the Non-Rails and about anyone else who wants to attend. And last but not the least there be the Annual Awards Banquet, with lots of good food and a very prominent speaker, Mr. Maynard Orme. Mr. Orme is the recently retired CEO of Oregon Public broadcasting at Portland's KOPB Channel 10, which presented many programs with a railroad theme. So this promises to be a very interesting evening.

There will be a full range of both Rail & Non-Rail Clinics. We've lined up nearly 20 different clinics that will be offered and most will be presented twice, so you will be able to catch your favorites. Topics will include Train Operation, DCC Electronics, Using the internet as a modeling tool, and Scenery construction and enhancement. There also will be presentations on Locomotive & Rolling stock enhancement. There's also a clinic on "How to give a clinic." This would be great for those members pursuing that Author Award in the AP. A special "Make & Take" Clinic will also be presented. Presenters will include Bill Chown, Peter Ford, Joe Fugate, Jack Hamilton, Rodger Ferris, Steve Pevette, Doug Auburg and more. As for the Non-Rail Program we have three great presentations that I think will please any who attend. Please consult the convention's website for details.

Your days will be filled with two Prototype Tours you can choose from: (1) A combination tour of the Willamette Valley Railroad and Willamette Egg Feed Mill or (2) a visit to the Oregon Pacific Railroad. The Willamette Egg Mill & OPR Tour is a 2 in 1 tour. We will tour the feed mill and see how they handle the covered hoppers that deliver the raw material to the mill. At times there are as many as a 1/2 dozen cars waiting to be unloaded. The OPR's Motive Power ties up at Liberal and we may see as many as four locomotives there. The tour to WVR will start in Woodburn at WVR's interchange with UP. The tour guide will discuss how the shortline was started and how they operate and maintain the equipment. There will be a self guided tour of the 31 miles of the railroad from Woodburn to West Stayton with a description of their various industries and points of interest along the way.

We have also lined up 50 Club & Home layouts that will be available for tour during the three days of the convention. With a special limited Friday evening op-session at various layouts in the tour. Be sure to watch the web site for the sign up.

And do not forget the staples of all PNR Conventions: Model, Photo and Non-Rail Contests, Switching & Favorite Model Contest, Raffles and Door Prizes. They will all be present.

"How will I be able to do everything?" you say. The bottom line is you won't. The fun is in trying to figure out which things will be most interesting for you!!!

You'll find the Registration Form on the reverse side of this page. Fill it out, mail it in and you'll be in for a great convention in the Second Division PNR. What ever you chose I'm sure it will be fun.

Doug Auburg & Jim Whaley, MMR



**GREAT WILLAMETTE VALLEY EXPRESS 2006 RAFFLE**

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