

Addendum #5

Local NMRA Membership Meetings

Local NMRA Member Meets

PROPOSAL - 7th Division to host NMRA member

gatherings

Background

In reading the NMRA Magazine I see references to various divisions hosting monthly meetings. The 7th Division used to hold regular meeting (clinics) at Oakridge (back in the day!) and that fostered a place for new members to meet the old guard and foster a place of both learning and fellowship. Following the organization of the Trains meets there was no longer a place to foster that fellowship. If a new member was not bold enough to get involved or introduce himself, they are left in the background. What are we offering our local membership and what incentive is there for a new member to join.

How many of us recognise the other members of the NMRA when we walk around the Trains meet. I know that when I am hosting the show in Nanaimo I see many familiar faces of modellers that attend the show each year and we exchange pleasantries but I do not know if they are NMRA or not.

PROPSAL

I propose that the 7th Division provide funds to allow each subdivision to rent facilities (if necessary) and provide light refreshments, to host a meet & greet for member in their area. These gatherings should provide a place for fellowship to grow and provide clinics to foster learning. They should host an event at least twice a year. It is hoped that as the fellowship grows that as members become comfortable within the organization that they will step forward to fill roles on the Standing Committees, Executive and Trains Meets in the future.

Ken Rutherford --- Director – at – large, PNR 7th division