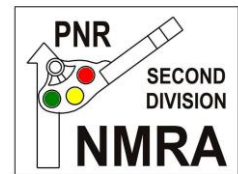


The Semaphore

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Greg Baker, editor

Notes from the Headend

By Jeff Shultz

Life. It gets in the way sometimes.

At one point our next meeting was going to be on February 25, which is the 4th Saturday of the month. But I'm not available (or even in the area) that date, and I'm the one who keeps the Zoom account, video camera, and my laptop that we've been using to broadcast the meets by Zoom. And it ends up Asst. Superintendent Greg won't be available either.

I looked at February 18th (normal 3rd Saturday), but the original reason (I think) the meet had been moved to the 25th was still there – the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club in Eugene's swap meet at the Lane County Fairgrounds is the 18th-19th. Greg will be there selling some of the scenery items he makes (Need trees? Pay his table a visit.) and I encourage you to attend too – I'm going to try to make it down there as I remember in the past it has been a good meet, and 2023 seems to be the year that swap meets and conventions are roaring back – The famed Amherst Model Railway Society's famed Railroad Hobby Show in West Springfield, MA had 21,000 attendees the last weekend of January.

The board had already decided not to hold a meet in March, since both Winterfair (<http://www.winterail.com/>) is on the 18th of March in Corvallis, which is another event I hope to attend that I encourage others to check out, and the Willamette Model Railroad Club meet at the Kliever Armory in Portland is on March 11th. I'm stuck at home that weekend due to work, so I will be envious of those of you who can make it.

So... April 15th is the next scheduled meet for 2nd Division. More details below.

May is the month of the Pacific Northwest Region's annual convention, The Prairie Line Experience - May 10-14, <https://pnrtacoma2023.org/> - I'll be there and I hope you will be too.

I'm taking ideas for June 17th – we have one possible clinician, and the idea of doing something outdoors and family oriented has also been kicked around.

Upcoming 2nd Division Meet & Clinics

By Greg Baker

The next meeting will be April 15th 1:30pm to 4:00pm.

Wilsonville Public Library (Oak Room-Southside) 8200 SW Wilsonville Rd, Wilsonville OR 97070 IN PERSON and potentially live streamed, for those who would like to watch from home. We will have some general

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@2dpnr>

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organization updates followed by two clinics. Make sure to check out the Facebook page for our most up to date information <https://www.facebook.com/PNR2ND/>.

- Geoff Bunza – Steam Proto Throttle
- Craig Larsen – Cascade & Deschutes Layout (Layout open after the meeting)

We are looking for clinicians for future meetings, no experience necessary! If you have an idea and need assistance making a PowerPoint or other advice on giving a clinic, please feel free to reach out to a board for help.

Also, if you have a home layout and would be willing to share what you have with us, please let us know. All layouts, any scale, in any conditions are welcome to be submitted. From a small shelf layout to a basement empire, we would love to see what you are working on!

Notes from the Caboose

Upcoming 2nd Division Meetings

- April 15th 1:30pm to 4:00 pm
- June 17th 1:30pm to 4:00pm

No meets in March or May to avoid conflicts with other events.

Join us at the Wilsonville Public Library and feel free to bring a friend!!

Upcoming Railroad Events

2023

Feb 18-19 (Sat and Sun), Eugene, OR

Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Swap Meet and Train Show, Lane Events Center, Lane County Fairgrounds. Hours Saturday 9:00 -10:00(Early Bird extra admission) Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 10am to 3pm. \$6.00 13 and up, \$1.00 6-12, FREE 5 and under with adult. Contact Lee Temple at tandt@ram-mail.com or 541-954-4917 for additional information.

Mar 4 (Sat), Portland, OR UPDATED DATE

Pacific Model Loggers' Congress, Camp 18 Restaurant & Logging Museum, Milepost 18, 42362 Hwy 26, Elsie, OR. Hours 9am to 5pm, \$15.00 for the day, Contact <http://www.pacificmodelloggerscongress.org>

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Mar 11 (Sat), Portland, OR

Willamette Model Railroad Club Swap Meet, Kleiver Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Dr. Portland, OR 97211. Hours 9:30am to 3:00pm, \$6.00 12 and older \$12.00 early entry at 9:00am
Contact Roger Rees at clocks314@msn.com or 503-256-2248 for additional information.

Mar 18 (Sat), Corvallis, OR

Winterail, The West's original railroad photography exposition and rail collectible sale.
Corvallis High School, 1400 NW Buchanan Ave, Corvallis, OR Early tickets \$45 at the door \$55. Contact producer@winterail.com or 541-971-5110

May 10-14 (Wednesday - Sunday), Tacoma, WA

2023 Annual PNR Convention, Prairie Line Experience. Comfort Inn & Suites, Downtown Tacoma
<https://pnrtacoma2023.org/>

August 20-26 (Sun to Sat), Grapevine TX

NMRA International convention, Texas Express. <https://www.2023texasexpress.com/>

August 25-27(Friday to Sunday) Grapevine TX

National Train Show, Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center 1501 Gaylord Trail Grapevine, TX 76051, Friday, August 25, 2023 - 1:00pm to Sunday, August 27, 2023 - 4:00pm, www.nationaltrainshow.org

- What am I missing? (if you have other events you are aware of, Club Meetings, Swap Meets, Operating Sessions, Round Robin groups, etc. please email them to me and I will add them to newsletter.)
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High Greens all the way!