



# The Semaphore

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*Greg Baker, editor*

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## Notes from the Headend

*By Jeff Shultz, Superintendent*

Greg has described the upcoming November meet, and I've got a couple items to add: We're giving away gift certificates, from \$10 to \$50, as door prizes at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division meets. While our regular attendees are enjoying the free modeling money to The Hobby Smith, Whistle Stop, and Tammie's Hobbies, I'm sure they'd be happy to share with new attendees. We'd also like to see any models or dioramas you have or are working on, and if you would like to have any evaluated for AP credit, just give us a heads up.

2<sup>nd</sup> Division has been gifted with a large number of model railroading items, such as HO scale Blue Box and Roundhouse locomotive and rolling stock models from as late as the 1990s or early 2000s - some still in the original boxes and possibly never run, books on a variety of subjects, and all sorts of assorted electronic items. We'll have a couple tables at the Rickreall Swap Meet on December 3<sup>rd</sup> (see info below) with items from this donation for sale. Please tell all your model railroading friends about the swap meet – it's a great place to pick up inexpensive items for a layout or as Christmas gifts. If you would like to volunteer to help at the table, please contact me at [jeff@2dpmr.org](mailto:jeff@2dpmr.org).

## Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Meet & Clinics

*By Greg Baker, Assistant Superintendent*

The board has decided that instead of constantly changing locations of the meets, we will be meeting at the Wilsonville Public Library for the remainder of 2022.

The next meeting will be November 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm 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 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/>.

We are looking for clinicians for the next few 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!

# Blue Box Build-Off – Projects due November January

*By Greg Baker*

It is not too late to join in on the fun, we will again have two bankers boxes of HO scale shake-the-box kits, mostly Athearn blue box, for you to take home and make something from. Those who were there for the September meet took a few kits and I am looking forward to what everyone makes.

You can build this kit as is, but do not let the kit constrain your creativity. If you want you can kitbash it into a totally different car, turn it into a restaurant or other structure, super detail the car to match a prototype, maybe even make it a different scale? The options are endless!

The 'Rules':

- 1.) Must Attend either the September or November meeting in person to choose your kit.
- 2.) Picking the kits will take place during breaks and AFTER the meeting.
- 3.) Choice of kit will be first come first pick, if we run out of kits we will allow people to use their own stash of kits, but the goal is to use the donated cars first.
- 4.) You must bring your completed creation to the January 21, 2023 meeting in Wilsonville and give a brief presentation (5 minutes or less) about what you did.
- 5.) At least 50% of the original kit must be used in your creation.
- 6.) Voting will be conducted by non-participating board member(s). The judging will be on judges' preference, not using merit criteria for this activity!

Everyone will you have a new creation to add to your layout, or a new car to add to your train. The 'winner' as chosen by the judges will also walk away with a gift certificate from one of the local hobby shops!

If you have any additional questions or comments, please direct them to Greg Baker at [mountaingoatgreg@gmail.com](mailto:mountaingoatgreg@gmail.com)

## Notes from the Caboose

### Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Meetings

- November 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm to 4:00pm
- January 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00pm to 3:00pm

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

# Upcoming Railroad Events

## 2022

### **November 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, December 3-4 (Sat and Sun), Portland, OR**

**Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club Open House**, 2505 N Vancouver Avenue Portland, Oregon 97227. Make an appointment for a tour of the layout. To purchase tickets, visit <https://cgmrc.com/events>, questions email [Info@cgmrc.com](mailto:Info@cgmrc.com) or call (503) 288-7246, admission \$10.00 Adults (12+) \$5.00, Children (3-11), VIP \$25.00 Adults (8+)

### **November 19, 2022, Rickreall, OR**

**The Polk Station Rail Model Train Swap Meet**, Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main St (HWY 99), Rickreall, Oregon. 97371. The meet includes an open house at the Polk Station Model Railroad (HO scale) upstairs. Admission: \$5.00 Adults, under 12 free. Free parking. (Note: not the one 2<sup>nd</sup> Division has a table at)

### **November 19-20, 26-27, Adair Village, OR**

**Corvallis Society of Model Engineers Open House**, 6070 William Carr Ave., Adair Village, Oregon, 97330. The Corvallis Society of Model Engineers is in a new location in Adair Village with a new layout. Admission: \$5.00 Adults, under 12 free. <https://csmeclub1959.com/>

### **November 25 to December 18 (Various), Portland, OR**

**The Holiday Express Train**, 2250 SE Water Ave, Portland OR 97214  
Be transported along the Willamette River in the heart of the city in vintage rail cars all pulled by the historic Polson #2 1912 steam locomotive. For tickets and pricing visit <https://orhf.org/events/holiday-express/> Times and dates sell out fast, so book your tickets early!

### **November 26-27 (Sat and Sun), Central Point, OR**

**43rd Annual Rogue Valley Railroad Show**, Jackson County Expo Center, 1 Peninger Rd, Central Point. Railroad displays, exhibits and swap meet. Hours 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday. Info: RV Railroad Show, PO Box 8065, Medford OR 97501, email [Roguevalleyrailroadshow@gmail.com](mailto:Roguevalleyrailroadshow@gmail.com) or call Bruce Kelly 541-613-1638.

### **December 3 (Sat), Rickreall, OR**

**Railroad Show and Swap Meet**, sponsored by Willamette Valley Model Railroad Museum, Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall. Hours 930am to 230pm. Contact

Judy MacInnes at [macinnej@msn.com](mailto:macinnej@msn.com) or 503-581-6071 for additional information

## **2023**

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

**Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Swap Meet and Train Show**, Lane Event Center, Lane County Fairgrounds. Hours Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 10am to 3pm. Contact Lee Temple at [tandt@ram-mail.com](mailto:tandt@ram-mail.com) or 541-954-4917 for additional information.

### **Mar 11 (Sat), Portland, OR**

**Willamette Model Railroad Club Swap Meet**, Kleiver Armory, 10000 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Dr. Portland, OR 97211. Hours 9am to 3pm, Contact Roger Rees at [clocks314@msn.com](mailto:clocks314@msn.com) or 503-256-2248 for additional information.

### **May 10-13 (Sat and Sun), Tacoma, WA**

**2023 Annual PNR Convention**, Prairie Line Experience. <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](http://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.) [mountaingoatgreg@gmail.com](mailto:mountaingoatgreg@gmail.com)

High Greens all the way!

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