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Tigard, Oregon

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Map of Convention Hotel location

Embassy Suites by Hilton,
9000 SW Washington Square Road,
Tigard, OR 97223
(503) 644-4000



From the Airport by Transit:

MAX (light rail) Red Line to the Beaverton TC MAX station and the 76 or 78 bus from the nearby (221 feet) Beaverton Transit Center to the hotel. Get off at SW Eliander & One Embassy Centre.

Road:

- From I-5 take I-405 (either end) to (Exit 1D northbound or southbound on I-405), to
- Highway US 26 West,
- to exit 69A, Highway 217 (cloverleaves are tight, the 25 mph speed limit is no joke).
- Take Highway 217 to Exit 4A (Hall Blvd).
- Left onto Hall Blvd over Highway 217 to Scholls Ferry Rd,
- turning right onto Scholls Ferry Rd and then
- left onto Washington Square Rd.

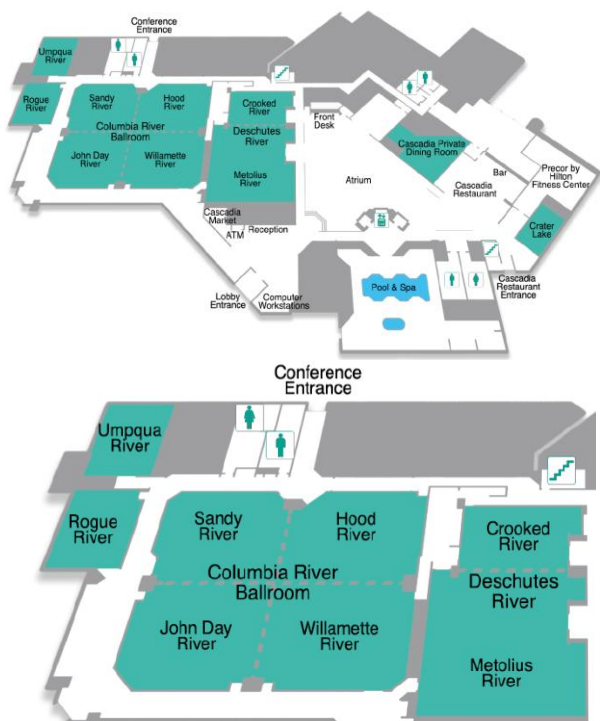
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Tri-Met <https://trimet.org/home/>

Three bus routes have stops near the hotel.

The 76 route is every 15-minutes most of the day to the Beaverton Transit Center.



Facility Map

All our planned indoor activities are at the Embassy Suites.

Room Assignments:

Crooked River	Modeling with the Masters
Crooked River	Clinics/ Swap Meet
Umpqua River	Clinics/ Modular Layout
Metolius River	Celebration/ Contests/ Raffle
Metolius River	Banquet
Cascade Dining	Non-Rail/ Plus One
Crater Lake	Convention Office

Daily Updates

Check for schedule updates posted on the Daily Update / Message Board adjacent to Crater Lake room.

Tour/Event Tickets

Your tour ticket has the day and time printed on it. Please check at Crater Lake for last minute changes.

Name Badges

Please wear your convention name badge, visible to your front, at all times at convention activities. If you lose your badge, please visit the Crater Lake room, with ID, for replacement.

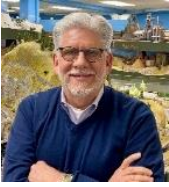
Registration

Pre-paid registration packets can be picked up at the desk outside the Metolius River Room during peak pickup times:
 Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.; 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 and Thursday 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Otherwise at the Crater Lake room. New Registrations will be accepted. Tour and banquet tickets may be available.

Inquiries and assistance

The Crater Lake room is the convention office. Also convention team in Stone colored convention shirts.

Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA President Jeff Herrmann, MMR®'s



Welcome

Welcome Fellow Model Railroaders! What a great time it is to be a model railroader! We are glad that you chose to join us for *Oregon Rails 2026*, the Pacific Northwest Region's Annual Convention and celebration of our hobby.

The 2nd Division Host Committee has put together what is sure to be a great event here in Tigard, Oregon. We would be happy to get your feedback on what we believe will be upgrades to our convention format. I hope you will take advantage of participating in some of the great clinics the Host Committee has lined up. No matter what your area of interest, we'll have some of the best clinicians in the hobby making presentations and answering questions about "how they did that!". For the same reasons, you won't want to miss visiting the room set aside for "A Celebration of Models, Photos and Crafts" in the Convention hotel. There will be expert modelers, photographers and crafters showing what they have been working on.

Also, don't miss out on the layout tours and operating sessions. The Layout Committee has arranged a series of layouts that demonstrate a variety of modeling approaches and skills in construction and operation. Whether you have been to this part of Oregon before or are a first-time visitor, you will want to see some of the prototype tours and other general interest attractions the area has to offer. Even if you are an "old rail hand," you will no doubt learn something new by attending a clinic, a layout, or prototype tour.

For many of us, catching up with old friends and making new ones is a highlight of the convention. So be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to start or join in on those casual conversations to talk trains while hanging out and relaxing. I look forward to meeting you and chatting about our hobby or discuss building a "deeper bench" of volunteers who are willing and prepared to take on leadership responsibilities in our Association ...perhaps you would consider lending a hand and helping out on an upcoming project in your home division or in our region!

On behalf of our PNR Board of Directors, we are so glad you are here!

Jeff Herrmann, MMR®
President, Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA

Oregon Rails 2026 Chairman David Holden's Welcome

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Region 2026 Convention Committee and the Second Division, it is my privilege to welcome you to Tigard and *Oregon Rails 2026*. Like many cities we have a rich and lively history.

By 1850 Portland had become the largest city in the Pacific Northwest, and was the region's major seaport throughout much of the 19th century. Portland's importance as a seaport made it an important destination during the era of railroad expansion and the city became an important railroad center. This legacy continues today, offering railfans one of the finest opportunities to observe modern railroads at their best.

This distinction extends from the prototype to the model world, as this area has many excellent model railroads that will be open for visitors on Friday and Saturday. Portland has fine hobby shops that exclusively serve model railroaders. With no sales tax, Portland is a perfect place to acquire both models and modeling supplies.

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Tigard and the program that we have prepared. Please feel free to contact me or any of the Oregon Rails staff if you need assistance, if a problem is encountered, or if you have questions.

Thank you for attending, and enjoy the program!

David Holden,
Convention General Chair

Tigard, Oregon, began as a farming community on the Tualatin Plains and has grown into a vibrant residential suburb within the Portland metropolitan area.

The city, which was officially incorporated in 1961, is rich with history, having transitioned from an area of pioneer land claims to a commercial hub, largely driven by the arrival of the railway and highway.

Clinicians are requested to check-in at the Clinic Office in the Crater Lake room on arrival at the convention. This assures the planners that you are here, and allows briefing as to room location, agreed schedule, and equipment check. Secure storage is available for your clinic materials.

Oregon Rails 2026

Convention Team:

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Welcome to Tigard and Oregon Rails 2026 PNR-NMRA Regional Convention

Division 2 welcomes you to Tigard and thanks you for joining us at this, the Pacific Northwest Region-National Model Railroad Association's 2026 convention.

Our committee has worked hard to present this week of model railroading, prototype activities, special events, general interest tours and clinics.

We hope you enjoy the time you spend with us!

Celebration of Models

Metolius River Room

Jeroen Gerritsen; Contest Chair

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Entry
Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Entry/View
	1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	View
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 12:01 p.m.	Judging
	1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	View
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	View
	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 n	Pickup
	12:00 >	room vacated for reset!
	12:01 p.m.	unclaimed model goes home with someone else

Model contest categories:

Freight car	Passenger car
Caboose	Non-revenue
Motive power: steam	Structures
Motive power: diesel & other	

Photo contest categories:

Model	Prototype
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Best of show:

Model

Achievement Program evaluation:

AP personnel will be on hand to evaluate your models. Make appointment on entry.

Models may be entered in a contest, submitted for AP evaluation, both, or neither (display only).

People's choice awards:

best model	best arts & crafts
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Model showcase:

Display models only,
not judged (except in People's Choice).

Meet the Modeler

Friday 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

A chance to discuss techniques with contest entrants.

Modeling with the Masters®

Crooked River Room [Prepaid, Extra-Fare Activity]

Wednesday; 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Lead Instructor

Jack Hamilton, MMR® (4th Division)

Assisted by Jeff Herrmann, MMR® (5th Division)

Greg Wright, MMR® (4th Division)

Mike Chandler, MMR® (7th Division)

Greg Kujawa, MMR® (5th Division)

The objective of the Modeling With The Masters Program (MWTM) is to teach modelers of all skill levels new techniques and opportunities in model railroading.

To achieve that objective, the Program will offer modeling challenges to individuals that will increase or enhance their modeling skills, introduce them to new modeling materials and techniques, and introduce them to various tools used in the modeling process.

We will teach how to build a Snow Shed similar to one that might be installed adjacent to a tunnel or area of potential snow or landslide.

It follows that there will be a number of basic and advanced skills and techniques that will be addressed including: scratch building; cut and fit to specific specifications from blueprints; gluing; and using Pan Pastels for painting and weathering.

WES Shop Tour and Ride

[Prepaid, Extra-Fare Activity]

Thursday; 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Carpool to the TriMet WES shops in Wilsonville arriving at 2:00 p.m. You will be given a 1 hour guided tour of the Westside Express Commuter Rail shops where they maintain a fleet of unique rail equipment including some RDCs. Closed toed shoes required, participants must be able to navigate uneven surfaces and be fully ambulatory without assistance (i.e. no walkers, canes, wheelchairs etc.) PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) will be provided.

At the conclusion of the tour you will board the WES for a ride to Beaverton where you are free to explore the area or choose to immediately return back to Wilsonville arriving at 4:47 p.m.

Your tickets will be good for all TriMet services for the rest of the day, with the WES train departing approximately every 40 min to return to Wilsonville.

Last train leaving for Beaverton at 7:20 p.m.

Schedule: <https://trimet.org/home/route/203/>

Area Hobby Shops

We have two excellent dedicated train stores in the Portland area:

The Hobby Smith is at

1809 NE Cesar E. Chavez Blvd, Portland, OR 97212.

It is just over 12 miles from the convention hotel.

Whistle Stop Trains is at

11724 SE Division St, Portland, OR 97266.

It is 18 miles, or about a half hour with good traffic.

We also have multiple full service hobby stores:

Tammie's Hobbies is at

12024 SW Canyon Rd, Beaverton, OR 97005.

It is a full service hobby shop with a sizable model railroad section and possibly the best paint selection in town. It is just a few (<3) miles from the convention hotel down Hwy 217.

Hillsboro Hobby Shop is at

345 E Main St, Hillsboro, OR 97123.

It has a nicely scenicked HO scale layout in its front window. It is 18½ miles from the convention hotel.

You don't have to drive through Portland to get there.

Hobby Lobby is at

9180 SW Hall Blvd, Portland, OR 97223.

10-minute walk from convention hotel.

Chain carrying a variety of arts & crafts materials, plus party supplies, fabric & home-decor items.

Raffle

Metolius River Room

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the display.

1 Ticket \$2.00

15 Tickets \$20.00

Drop your ticket(s) into the cup(s) beside the item(s) you hope to win.

Tickets will be drawn during the banquet.

Winning numbers will be on display immediately after dinner. Your ticket must match our ticket!

You pick up your prize.

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Operating Sessions

Coordinator; David Holden
See Layout Tours for Descriptions.
Directions per layout tours.
Participation by sign-up in advance.

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Willamette Model Railroad Club; TCS + TWC
Columbia Cascade and Western; 1:87; car cards
indoor; <https://woopsonline.org/layouts/wmrrc/>

Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Bill Derville; Car cards
Coeur D'Alene Branch of the Northern Pacific; 1:24;
outdoor; <https://rosecitygardenrailwaysociety.wildapricot.org/page-1706283>

Warner Swarner, MMR®; train orders; switch list,
car cards Bears paw Southern Railroad; 1:24;
outdoor <https://rosecitygardenrailwaysociety.wildapricot.org/page-1706282>

Friday 6:00 p.m.

Craig Larsen; track warrants; car cards
Cascade and Deschutes Railroad; 1:87;
indoor; <https://woopsonline.org/layouts/canddrr/>

Willamette Model Railroad Club; TCS + TWC
Columbia Cascade and Western; 1:87; car cards
indoor; <https://woopsonline.org/layouts/wmrrc/>

Swap Meet

Crooked River Room
Moderator; Greg Baker
Friday
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Set-up
3:30 – 7:30 p.m. Swap Meet

Vendor tables \$20.00 each, limit two.
Two vendors can share one table; \$10.00 each.
Purchasers, no limit!

Oregon Rail Heritage Center

2250 SE Water Ave, Portland, OR 97214
Saturday 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Owned and operated by the Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation (ORHF), the Oregon Rail Heritage Center, home to SP 4449, SP&S 700, UP 3203, Diesels and many cars, will offer free admission to convention attendees who are wearing their badges.

In addition, the ORHC will offer a 25% discount on any train rides to attendees wearing their badges.

Layout Tours

Alphabetically by club or surname.

Distance from convention hotel in miles.

Columbia Gorge Model Railroad

Historical Society **13 miles**

HO Columbia Gorge Lines 60 x 70 NCE
Completely Scenicked accessible mixed eras
Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

One of the largest clubs on the West Coast, modeling the Columbia Gorge from Portland to Hood River and Wishram, including industries in and around Portland, the Oregon logging industry, heavy mainline traffic along the Columbia River Gorge, and the Central Oregon Trunk Line from the wye just west of Wishram, WA, up the Deschutes River to Bend, OR. See models of Crown Point, Portland's Union Station, an operating Steel Bridge and more.

Charlie Comstock **16 miles**

HO Bear Creek & South Jackson 1100 sqft
60% Digitrax no wheelchair/cane ok 1952
Friday 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Proto-lanced version of railroading in Oregon Willamette Valley and Cascades. Major design focus on TTTO operations.

Bill Decker **33 miles**

HO Southern Pacific – Cascade Line 2000 sqft
30% NCE accessible 1980s
Friday 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Prototype-based operating layout representing the SP's Cascade Line from Eugene to Crescent Lake. Features yards at Eugene, major industry switching at Springfield and Oakridge and manned mid-train helpers from Oakridge to the Cascade Summit. Terrain scenery base complete, 30% has more complete scenery.

Bill Derville **10 miles**

G Coeur d'Alene Branch of the Northern
 Pacific 150 x 100
Battery/radio accessible 1926
Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wallace, Idaho and surrounding towns. Mining and logging. Dual focus on both train operations and scale-plant garden design. Nearly all structures scratch-built. 450 ft single track loop to loop main line with 4 passing sidings, 700 total feet of track with 90 ft of tunnels, 15 ft lake fed by 50 ft long river moving 150 gallons of water per minute. 10 track yard in Wallace with 7 stall roundhouse & full engine servicing facilities. Started building in 1997.

Layout Tours, 2

Mike & Merry Fisher **1 mile**

G Nebraska Oregon Railroad 40 x 40
Radio/track accessible 1930s

Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Small but interesting all steam layout. Circular main line for continuous running. Lots of details. Includes a tunnel and bridges.

Tom Gaps **19 miles**

Fn3 Lone Pine & Western 100 x 35
Battery/radio accessible pre WWII

Friday 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

The LP&W is a single track branch line connecting the mythical transcontinental junction at Lone Pine with the mines in the Lone Pine Mountains. The line maintains a 1% to 1-1/2% grade by following the Clear Water River into the mountains, with the use of numerous tunnels.

Craig Larsen **3 miles**

HO Cascade and Deschutes Railroad 20 x 60
NCE 90% no wheelchair/cane ok

Friday 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. E 1970s

Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

The Cascade and Deschutes Railroad is a freelance HO scale railroad based on railroad operations in western Oregon. The general era is the early 1970's. The railroad is a bridge line with two major classification interchange yards, two staging yards (east and west) and numerous towns and industries generating a wide variety of freight traffic.

Ed McNamara/CMRR **17 miles**

N Portland & Western RR, 425ft
Portland to Eugene on OE p2p

NCE 13% accessible modern

Friday 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

The CMRR Free-moN home Layout is a combination of 84 Free-moN Modules and 62 ft of Fixed Shelf Layout; levels are connected by Elevator. Many Free-moN Modules participate in Free-moN Layouts at various Train Shows nationwide. Layout is based on Portland & Western Oregon Electric Line from Portland to Eugene; Interchanges with Union Pacific at Salem and Eugene.



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Layout Tours, 3

Steve Malcomson

4 miles

G Eureka Southern 11 x 17
Battery/radio accessible 1980s
Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Layout is modeled after shortline of same name that ran in town of Arcata, CA; scenes modeled after real locations, including the Loleta tunnel, Island Mountain Bridge, Eel River and Scotia Bluffs.

Randall Pratt

8 miles

N Selway Valley Railway 10 x 14
Digitrax 95% no wheelchair/cane ok
Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. 2000-2010

The Selway Valley Railway is a short-line based in Missoula, MT. This proto-lance take on the prototype former NP Darby Branch of Montana's Bitterroot Valley serves industries of the "Selway Valley" south of Missoula. SVRY interchanges with MRL, BNSF and somehow the Milwaukee Road. The yard at Missoula is non-stop action between 5 Local jobs and 5 or 6 daily interchange jobs.

Jim Reardon

19 miles

On3 D&RG & RGS 13 x 48
DC PFM Sound no wheelchair or cane
Friday 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. 1940s-1950s
Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

On3 layout is a prototypical recreation of Colorado narrow-gauge railroading during the 1940s and 50s. Located in a dedicated basement space, the railroad features extensive scratch-built structures and hand-laid track designed to handle heavy mountain operations. A unique technical feature is the integration of the analog PFM sound system, which provides deep-resonance audio, synchronized with steam locomotive movements. The layout is set up point-to-point.

Phil Selinger

12 miles

HO Royal Bavarian Railways 1920, DC
Ma & Pa 1914, Pennsylvania RR 1910 DCC
Friday 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. 15 x 21
Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. and 4 x 10

Finished basement with a workroom. All 3 layouts have developed scenery with many structures including urban scenes. Most structures craftsman, styrene kits or kit-bashed. Iconic structures on the Ma & Pa are scratch-built from plans or photos. The Bavarian layout includes lighting and track catenary.

The Ma & Pa and Pennsy layouts are stacked but not connected. Bavarian and Pennsy layouts are looped for continuous running; Ma & Pa is point to point (York, Pa and Baltimore, Md) with return loop options.

Layout Tours, 4

Larry Staver

13 miles

1:32 Staver Locomotive 40 x 100

Live steam, battery accessible mixed

Friday 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Indoor #1 gauge layout in a restored industrial space built specifically to run live steam locomotives. Track plan is a folded dog bone with a double main and short section of single main with some traffic control options. There is room to walk with your engine around the entire layout, necessary for hands on control. Sidings and yards for making up trains and locomotive steaming are along the mains.

SW Wash Model Railroaders 19 miles

HO multiple names 14 x 34 +

NCE 100% no wheelchair/cane ok

Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Main layout: Ten scale track miles; double track main with two double crossovers. Tracks for steam & diesel locos. Logging, meat packing, lumber yard, oil distributor, flour mill, metal fab, scrapyard, cement plant, cold storage, grain elevator, furniture factory, team track, warehouse, freight house. Switching layout: freelance themes, similar to main layout.

Warner Swarner, MMR® 23 miles

G Bearspaw Southern RR 10,000 sqft

Battery/radio no wheelchair/cane ok

Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Layout totally surrounds residence. Many custom structures, bridges and trestles. Two large ponds and shaded by trellised vineyard.

Bill Wheeler

21 miles

HO Cascade Timber RR 12 x 24 NCE

95% accessible 1950s

Saturday 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Layout pairs freelance logging with two logging camps and sawmill with branch line operations to waterfront and small prairie towns for switching opportunities.

Willamette Model RR Club 19 miles

HO Columbia Cascade & Western (CC&W)

30 x 60 NCE 40% no wheelchair/cane ok

Friday 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. 1979

Fictional 1979 Class-1 RR, subsidiary of Western Pacific RR, running between Albany and Bend, OR, ultimately to WP at Herlong, CA; primarily forest and ag products. Major focus on monthly club operations, using both signal indication and track warrant controls.

Layout Tours, 5

Days open and distances from hotel.

Alphabetical by surname/club name.

Friday	1:30 – 5:00 p.m.		
Charlie Comstock	Hillsboro	16 miles	
Bill Decker	McMinnville	33 miles	
Tom Gaps	Milwaukie	19 miles	
Craig Larsen	Raleigh Hills	3 miles	
Ed McNamara	Aurora	17 miles	
Jim Reardon	Milwaukie	19 miles	
Phil Selinger	Portland	12 miles	
Larry Staver	Portland	13 miles	
Willamette MRRC	Clackamas	19 miles	

Saturday	12:30 – 4:30 p.m.		
Columbia Gorge MRHS	Portland	13 miles	
Bill Derville	Beaverton	10 miles	
Mike & Merry Fisher	Tigard	1 mile	
Craig Larsen	Raleigh Hills	3 miles	
Ed McNamara	Aurora	17 miles	
Steve Malcomson	Maplewood	4 miles	
Randall Pratt	Aloha	8 miles	
Jim Reardon	Milwaukie	19 miles	
Phil Selinger	Portland	12 miles	
SW Washington MR	Vancouver	19 miles	
Warner Swarner, MMR®	Pleasant Valley	23 miles	
Bill Wheeler	Vancouver	21 miles	

Transportation

Transportation to events not in the hotel are self-drive.

The National Model Railroad Association, its Pacific Northwest Region, or its 2nd Division, are not responsible for the use of personal automobile transportation at the convention. Use of personal transportation for convention activities is at the user's own risk.

Drivers to layout tours and operations sessions will receive detailed address, parking and phone information. Please return these printouts to registration after the tour.

Please try to car pool. Some conventioners do not have cars. Filling vehicles with 4+ seats saves fuel, and allows folks to meet and make new friends.

Photos and Video:

Permission of each layout owner must be obtained prior to any photography or video capture during tour.



Clinics

Alphabetically by presenter surname.
See Day Planner for schedule grid.

Greg Baker

Basic Weathering Techniques (Hands On)

Limit 25 Per Session

Crooked River Thursday 7:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Crooked River Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of taking a standard plastic kit and adding some weathering. This will focus on tips for prepping the model and adding the first few layers of weathering. These techniques are good for all eras and a wide variety of scales.

Make and Take Evergreen Trees PART I & II

Limit 50 participants

Crooked River Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Part I

Crooked River Thursday 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Part II

Come make a background evergreen to add to your layout. Starting with trunks from Coastmans Scenic Products we will first start with building the basic tree structure. After the meal break come back to finish off the tree to take home with you.

Dr. Geoffrey Bunza

Bring Life to Your models with Light Motion and Sound

Umpqua River Friday 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Animation means giving life to inanimate things. The availability of miniature motors, low-cost controls, ultra small LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes), and small sound generators allow models to behave as if they were alive in miniature - to scale. Come, take a close look at using LEDs, motors, and sound modules to enliven your modeling.

DCC Beyond the Locomotive

Umpqua River Friday 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Come have a look at DCC applications beyond simple locomotive and track control. This will take us to considerations for multiple DCC busses and a new concept called Intelligence On Board.

Modeling with Magnets

Crooked River Thursday 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

The size range of rare earth magnets includes tiny rings nearly impossible to manipulate, to larger, incredibly strong connections. Come and enjoy exploring new components like these for their ultimate modeling possibilities -- from air brake and power couplings, to structural connections, to options for animation.

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Clinics, 2

Scale Signs from Prototype Photos

Umpqua River Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This clinic explains how to go about using poor prototype photos of building signs and create clear, usable signs for use with models of all scales.

Heather Clark

Painting Brass

Crooked River Friday 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Spend an hour with Heather, a professional brass painter, as she shows her techniques for painting and finishing a highly detailed brass model.

Charlie Comstock

Scenic Vistas of the Bear Creek & South Jackson HO scale layout

Umpqua River Thursday 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Take a railfanning trip of the railroad as Charlie narrates video and images taken on his Bear Creek & South Jackson HO layout No. 3. See what has changed and what is upcoming on this large layout.

Bill Decker

Operating the SP Cascades Line in HO scale

Umpqua River Thursday 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Ten years of operating the SP Cascade Line has both fulfilled the design objective and provided insight into how and why the SP ran the line in the 1980s. Lessons on organizing for operations and crew development will be discussed.

Brian Ferris, MMR[®]

Modeling Operations Using Prototype Information

Umpqua River Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

I will talk about how to research prototype information to develop or enhance layout operations. Examples mostly found at the Pacific Northwest Railroad Archives (PNRA) for northwest railroads will be used.

Paul Hobbs

Every 20 Years the Railroad Changes

Crooked River Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Railroads have existed in North America since the 1820's. That is 200 years. We will review how the railroads evolved and developed in 20-year segments from 1820 through to the 2020's.

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Clinics, 3

Snapshots of Scheduled Freight: NP Tacoma Div.

Umpqua River Friday 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Using available railroad publications, combining with Employee Time Tables, Train Briefs, and Distribution of Power Lists, we can demonstrate which trains worked where. With such data we can develop realistic operating patterns for our model railroads.

Ron Hopkins, MMR[®]

Making Buildings in O Scale

Crooked River Saturday 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

A recently completed scratch-built O scale structure project that uses a wide range of building materials and techniques. The clinic will focus on the tips and tricks using this recent project as a source of suggestions.

Jeff Johnston

Clamps, Weights, Jigs, and Fixtures

Crooked River Saturday 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

It is often the smaller, low-key tools in your arsenal which, along with your imagination, can make your model building faster, easier, and more precise. In this clinic I will show you how they work for me.

Jim Moomaw

The Dispatcher's Office:

What's there and what it does.

Umpqua River Thursday 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Review of the paper forms and equipment typically found in dispatching centers from the 1930's to the present, and how they were used. This clinic can provide prototype ideas for setting up a model railroad dispatching area.

Bob Parrish, MMR[®]

Paper Interiors

Crooked River Saturday 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

How to design, construct, and install paper interiors to any structure. Great to add to a kit or scratch built structure.

Structures using Monster Model Works Brick

Crooked River Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Methods and trick shots to make great brick structures using the products available from Monster Model Works.



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Ray Persing, MMR[®]

Achievement Program Update

Umpqua River Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

What's new in the NMRA Achievement Program? National AP Manager Ray Persing will give you an update on everything that's happening at national, plus answer any questions you may have.

Introduction to 3D Printing

Umpqua River Thursday 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Everything you wanted to know about getting started with resin-based 3D printing, from choosing a printer to finishing the model and getting it on your layout.

Philip Selinger

Modeling in the Ragtime Era: 1910

Umpqua River Friday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Overview of railroading and life in 1910 and the advantages and challenges an early modeling era presents, with examples of available resources, models and scenes from my layout representing the Ma & Pa and Pennsy.

Dan Sparks

3D Printing for Model Railroaders

Crooked River Friday 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

This will be an overview of the 3D printing process to help modelers decide if they can benefit from 3D printing.

Trent Stetz

Connecting Communities in the Upper Willamette Valley

Umpqua River Friday 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Spend an hour with Trent from the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society as he provides a clinic on the railroad history of the Upper Willamette Valley and the surrounding area. Starting with the first railroads up to the current operations.

Al Turnbull

Basic Control and Panel Construction

Umpqua River Thursday 7:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Learn how to set up a control scheme for a layout. See various methods of panel fabrication and wiring for the operation of the layout. Designed to apply to DC & DCC applications.

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Basic Scenery in TWO PARTS – *Clinic is 2 hours*
Crooked River Friday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Part I
Crooked River Friday 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Part II
This is a 2-part clinic that explains methods and shows examples of scenery. It starts with a basic introduction to building a scenery base and then explains how to build out, paint, and detail the scene.

Greg Wright, MMR®

Need more space? Add a mirror!

Crooked River Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

With only a few square feet of space left in the layout room Greg used a mirror and some scenery products to add an open pit to his layout. This clinic will cover planning, construction, painting and forced perspective.

Clinics Alpha by title.

See presenter, above, for details.

3D Printing for Model Railroaders	Dan Sparks
Achievement Program Update	Ray Persing, MMR®
Basic Control and Panel Construction	Al Turnbull
Basic Scenery in TWO PARTS	Al Turnbull
Basic Weathering Techniques	Greg Baker
Bring Life to Your models with Light Motion and Sound	Dr. Geoffrey Bunza
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Making Buildings in O Scale	Ron Hopkins, MMR®
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Modeling Operations Using Prototype Information	Brian Ferris, MMR®
Modeling with Magnets	Dr. Geoffrey Bunza
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Operating the SP Cascades Line	Bill Decker
Painting Brass	Heather Clark
Paper Interiors	Bob Parrish, MMR®
Scale Signs from Prototype Photos	Dr. Geoffrey Bunza
Scenic Vistas of the Bear Creek & South Jackson HO scale layout	Charlie Comstock
Snapshots of Scheduled Freight: NP Tacoma Div.	Paul Hobbs
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Plus One, Non-Rail

Cascade Dining Room

is a dedicated non-rail room for people to gather in to relax, work on puzzles, and any other non-railroad activities you can come up with.

Northern Oregon, and especially the Portland Metro area, is chock full of interesting non-railroad related activities and locations.

We've lots of suggestions for places to visit and things to do.

Modular Layout

Umpqua River Room

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Beaverton Modular Railroad Club will set up 532 sq ft of their HO modular layout and operate it for convention attendees.

Banquet

Metolius River Room

Saturday 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Huntsberger

Cash bar

Buffet meal featuring applewood smoked tri-tip, roasted chicken, BBQ St. Louis ribs, sides, salads, and desserts. Coffee, tea, and water will be available.

Contest Awards

Regional Awards

Raffle drawing (winner list on board after banquet)

Banquet Speaker

Bill Decker will be our Banquet Speaker.

He will do a presentation on the creation of the **Southern Pacific Cascade Line**.

Bill is a long-time SP modeler and fan. His earliest memories of railroading were of waiting at Albany, Oregon, for SP#10, the northbound Shasta Daylight, to arrive bearing his grandparents.

Though his vocation turned to aviation, railroading was in his blood, providing a lifetime interest. Bill retired from a career as a research engineer for NASA, where he helped develop tiltrotor aircraft operating procedures.



A little PNR history

The Pacific Northwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association has hosted National Conventions in the years:

- 1952 Portland, OR
- 1965 Vancouver, BC
- 1972 Seattle, WA
- 1979 Calgary, AB
- 1987 Eugene, OR
- 1994 Portland, OR
- 2004 Seattle, WA
- 2015 Portland, OR

Third most frequent, equal with PCR, following MCR 12, MWR 11.

NMRA Bulletin December 1948

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

Portland, Oregon was the scene of the first meeting of the Pacific Northwest Region on November 6-7, and today David Lloyd Stearns, as president leads a new region divided into seven districts with one successful get together already on the record.

Besides Stearns of Seattle, Washington, the PNR has George Hearn of Victoria, B. C. as vice-president, and Stephen E. Donahue of Portland as secretary-treasurer. Host clubs were the Portland Society of Model Railroaders and the Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club. The records show that 120 people attended the meeting which featured, besides the regular business sessions and election of officers, fan trips to railroad facilities and over interurban lines, attendance at the Portland Symphony Orchestra concert, and open house at various individual layouts. Seattle, Washington will be the site of the 1949 convention of the PNR.

Model railroaders in Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington are eligible for membership which requires NMRA membership and a dollar per year regional dues.

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Day Planner Saturday

Day Planner Saturday, May 16

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**PNR Convention in 2027
is the NMRA National
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Plan to Attend!



August 10 - 15, 2027

**Tacoma Convention Center,
Tacoma, Washington**

<https://2027.nmra.org/>

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