



Chilliwack Interchange 2008

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Dear Model Railroad Enthusiasts:

The Chilliwack Model Railway Club (CMRC) will be hosting the 2008 Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) annual model railroad convention and show in June of 2008. Please find enclosed preliminary convention information and an application for layout/display space. A prompt response will ensure you are allotted the space you need to allow your own organisation to fully benefit from attending the convention.

We are calling this convention **Chilliwack Interchange 2008** for a variety of reasons: an interchange of ideas and interests among the model railroaders attending, plus Chilliwack is a key interchange point between Canadian National (CN) and Southern Railway of B.C. (SRY).

The convention portion is being held at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn. Convention activities will be scheduled from June 12th (Thursday evening) through June 15th (Sunday afternoon), 2008. While we do not know how many conventioners / model railroaders will be attending, we have budgeted for 125 full-fare registrants. Naturally we are hoping for more. A block of rooms has been set aside at very favourable rates, should you wish to arrange accommodation directly with the hotel.

We are also inviting the Pacific Northwest Railroad Prototype Modellers (RPM) to utilise the convention hotel to hold their annual meet in conjunction with our own. We anticipate this will attract a sizeable group of the serious modellers.

The public show portion will take place at Heritage Park on Saturday and Sunday. We anticipate 2,500 visitors to pass through the show over the course of the weekend. Again, we are hoping for more. Both groups of participants, as well as the supporting cast of layout owners and operators, will be anxious to partake of the wares you offer for sale. You will not want to miss this opportunity. Dry camping for RVs can be arranged at the Heritage Park site through our committee, should you so desire. Set up will begin at 08:00 AM on Friday, June 14, 2008. There is ample room to manoeuvre in and out of the facility, and ample parking on the grounds. On-site security will be provided.

If you not be familiar with the PNR, it is one of 17 Regions within the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). It is comprised of 7 Divisions and encompasses BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon, NWT, Nunavut, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Division 7 of the PNR takes in all of BC, the Yukon and NWT. Therefore, such Regional Conventions, are second only to the NMRA National Convention in priority and importance. We expect a number of operating modular model railroads in scales ranging from G through HO to N and possibly Z. In particular, a large contingent has committed to bring Free-mo modules from Alberta, allowing us to create what may be the largest Free-mo layout constructed to date in North America. There will be modelling contests, clinics, achievement program judging and awards, displays, home layout tours and prototype tours.

There are several opportunities we can offer you to support our convention:

- Volunteering to assist in a variety of ways
- Renting tables from which to sell your excess supplies
- Donating door prizes for the public, or raffle prizes for the conventioners
- Presenting clinics on railroad topics
- Donating modelling supplies for clinics

Feel free to contact us by email: info@chilliwackinterchange2008.com with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for supporting our convention. We look forward to seeing you there! Remember that early registration will ensure your needs are met.