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Trains 2009

Another successful Trains meet

John Green

Clickity-Clack right on track TRAINS 2009 has come and gone – what a ride !!

For those of you registered for the meet, which included Operating Sessions, Escorted layout tours, Clinics, Display Hall, RPM Displays, Annual General meeting, SIG events, Banquet, and Prototype tour; or perhaps you just attended the Public Show. The Trains 2009 committee hopes that you all enjoyed a good time! For those who could not or did not attend, next year's show and meet is being planned for November 11-13 – 2010. Make sure these dates are marked on your 2010 calendar!!

I am but one person so it was quite impossible for me to attend and report on all the activities that occurred during the TRAINS 2009 and take pictures for our esteemed editor. This report is compiled from my observations and experiences, supplemented by reports provided by the fifteen TRAINS committee members plus comments received from meet and show participants.

This year's TRAINS committee included:

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| Bill Dixon | - Chair, Registrar (Exhibitor, Vendor), Escorted Layout Tour; |
| Dick Sutcliffe | - Registrar (Meet); |
| Gladys Gooch | - Treasurer; |
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| Rob Kirkham | - Assistant Clinics, |
| Craig Spink | - Contests; |
| Tom Jones | - Member-at-Large, Contest |
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| Gordon Hall | - Kid's Activities, Meet Book- |
| let, Publicity; | |
| Dane Nicholson | - Secretary, Website/Publicity; |
| John Green | - Banquet, Layout Tour con- |
| sultant. | |
| Glenn Morgan | - Prototype Tour, |
| Andrew Hutchinson | - Railroad Prototype Modeling |
| Co-coordinator, | |
| John Moore | - Member Emeritus. |

The Trains committee was assisted by a number of you who volunteered to help out in a variety of ways while the meet was ongoing. Mike Chandler is the volunteer co-coordinator. The Trains committee and Mike Chandler in particular are always looking for willing people to help out for an hour or three. There are a wide variety of tasks where we need some help. The old adage "More hands make light work" particularly applies in this case. This year Mike was able to obtain help the 1st New Westminster Pathfinders who provided eighteen Pathfinders to help out during the show on Saturday. This year there were a total of 101 volunteer opportunities at TRAINS 2009.

Over the years the number of volunteers has dwindled, so I would encourage as many of you - our readers to come and help out at next year's event. Many of the out of town or out of country TRAINS 2009 registrants consistently volunteer in a variety of roles.

The 2009 TRAINS meet and show began on Friday evening with registration at Cameron centre, preparation of the display hall, and moving in the layouts and displays. Members of the PGE/BCR

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Operating Crew at Steve Stark's Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway , photo by John Green)
Back Row: Claude Bouchard, Chris Reid, Brandon Reid.
Front Row
Steve Stark, Ken Rutherford, Peter Steinmetz, and John Geddes.

Special Interest Group met for dinner and a gathering.

Operating Sessions: this year twenty people took the opportunity to operate on four private layouts. These operating sessions were organized by Scott Calvert. This year's participants ran on the following layouts:

Scott Calvert's	CPR Boundary & Phoenix Subdivisions
Mike Chandler's	Western Midland Railroad
Steve Stark's	Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway
Carl Sparks'	Seymour Valley Logging and Railway

On Saturday Morning the exhibit set up continued. At 10:00 am the Display hall was opened to the public. The display hall was fully booked with operating layouts, commercial sales, and individuals. The number of estate sales was rather depressing, but that was offset in part by the large number of children some evening bringing their own step stools to better see the exhibits !!

The following operating layouts were on display:

Brian Rudko Layout
 Chilliwack Model Railway Club - Ntrak
 Delta Model Railway Club
 Greater Vancouver Garden Railway Club
 Kids Room Operating lines
 Mainland Modular Railway Society
 Nettlewood Railway Company
 Nor-Wes Club
 North Island Model Railroaders
 Quibble Creek On30
 Sunshine Coast Model Railroad Club
 Thomas Display layout
 Train Gang Club - Ntrak
 Toy Train Operating Society Canadian Division
 Vancouver Lego Club.

The Popular vote favourite layout was voted by meet registrants was awarded to the North Island Model Railroaders. This layout also contained two top modules. The first prize module is Mike Cross' sawmill and grain elevator module, the second prize is for the late Bill Mack's narrow gauge/dual gauge logging lines



The North Island Model Railroad Club members at TRAINS 2009:
 Tony Van Bergen, Graham Waterton, Lee Waterton, Dave Nickerson, Bill Van Bergen & Doug McDonald.

This year the Popular vote contest enjoyed a cornucopia of entries in every category.

Contest chair Craig Spink reported: "There were 75 contest entries this year, plus 3 6x6 entries. The last time (since 1999) we had this much participation was in 2002 (110 entries) when we incorporated SIG groups into the show. We saw a record number of dioramas (10) and a record of 13 model photographs. These categories average 3 and 4 entries respectively. Some viewers where so convinced by the model photographs that they asked where in BC the picture was taken".

Category	Rank	Name	Description
Locomotive	1	Phil Holden	Scratch Built Crew Speeder green
	2	Tom Carr	CPR Kettle Valley H16-44 "Baby Trainmaster" circa late 1960's approaching end of it's service life. 'N' scale
	3	Werner Grundmann	WP & YR 90 Series Diesel Locomotive "shovelnose" G Scale
Train	1	Roy Zschiedrich	BC Rail Lumber & Logs
	2	Al Lill	Mixed train M391 Jasper to Blue River
	3	Al McLennan	N Scale work train
Rolling Stock	1	Paul Crozier Smith	BC Rail work caboose
	2	Phil Holden	Scratchbuilt Fire Car
	3	Rene Gourley	GN 75840
Prototype Photograph	1	John Zuk	B&W Photo of 2860 clearing steam lines
	2	Jessie-Ann Sled	WP & Y Rail Fans
	3	Roy Zschiedrich	Lumber cars in weeds, BC Rail
Model Photograph	1	Dale Sproule	Howe Inlet Canning Company
	2	Al Lill	UP Challenger at speed
	3	Dale Sproule	Great Northern box car at Howe Inlet Canning Company
Structure	1	Phil Holden	Scratch Built station / office of the Bodie Lumber Co.
	2	Donald Bladon	CP Railway Mission Junction (1886 Version). Scratch built
	3	Al McLennan	Pile Driver
Offline	1	Donald Bladon	Kilby Store, Harrison Mills. Scratch built
	2	Donald Bladon	Huntingdon Hotel. Scratch Built.
	3	Phil Holden	Scratch built A Frame Log Loader
Diorama	1	Donald Bladon	BC Electric Railway Clayburn Station. Scratch Built
	2	Don Slee	Scow loading at Roseberry
	3	Mort Spelman	Scratch built store & repair shop with complete interiors & Lighting
Module	1	North Island Model Railroaders	Sawmill module and grain elevator module

Layout	2	North Island Logging Module and Small Model Railroad- ers	Village Module
	3	Bob Berbeck	Train Gang Inside Corner
	1	North Island Model Railroad- ers	North Island Model Railroad- ers
	2	Tom Carr	Train Gang. N scale sectional/modular
	3	Delta Model Railway Club.	HO Modular.
Novice	Donald Bladon	Kilby Store, Harrison Mills. Scratch built	
6 x 6 Peoples Choice	Dale Sproule	Hal Kinsey - Arms Trader	
	Vancouver Lego	Vote by the members of the public attending the show	

Scott Calvert reported there was Achievement Program judging at Trains 2009:

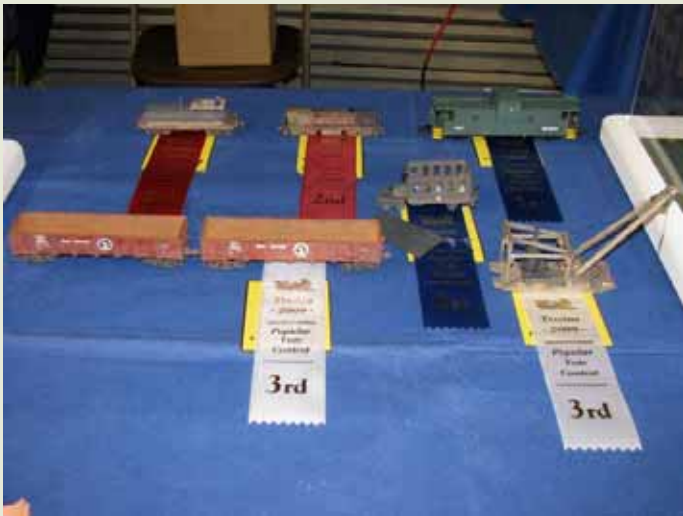
Don Slee qualified for merit awards for his work on N scale hand laid examples of;

- ☐ gauntlet track, gauntlet turnout and a regular turnouts (don't remember the number of the T/O).

Rene Gourley qualified for merit awards for his work on HO models of;

- 2 GN heavily kitbashed gondolas
- Scratchbuilt Eholt, BC station and Section House.

AP Judging was led by PNR AP coordinator; Jack Hamilton, assisted by Mike Barone and Scott Calvert.



Popular vote models contest model winners



Overall view of the contest area showing the large number of photo entries



1st Place diorama BC Electric Railway Clayburn Station



Vancouver Lego Club Layout

Every year at the Trains Public Show, members of the public have an opportunity to vote on the Best Layout. The Vancouver Lego Club has been a popular choice and again in 2009 they were the most popular layout

TRAINS 2009 featured KIDS ZONE where hands on exhibits for children were available. There was a Brio layout lent by Rob Kirkham. An operating Thomas the Tank Engine layout was constructed by Dick Sutcliffe, and overseen by Eric White and Tom Jones. Gordon Hall provided and operated

a Lionel display layouts assisted by Don Gooch. These exhibits were very popular with families and young attendees to TRAINS 2009 and hopefully provided a linkage with our hobby for both the children and their families.

At TRAINS there is a tradition of a “6 by 6 contest” the entries in this contest are to be whimsical and entertaining. The entries this year included:



Vanoc in Hot Water



The winning 6 x 6 contest entry “Kinsey Arms” submitted by Dale Sproule of Calgary



Last Spike



Gordon Varney Tunnel portal Clinic

Bill Raikes and Rob Kirkham arranged a very interesting set of fourteen clinics presented on Saturday and Sunday, including a hands on CPR Tunnel Portal construction clinic by Gordon Varney and Cyril Meadows which could have accommodated twenty participants but was only attended by six people.

The clinics presented at TRAINS 2009 included:

SATURDAY CLINIC SCHEDULE

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| Dave Love | - History of the CPR Caboose Fleet. |
| Brian Pate | - From the prototype to model operations; |
| Klondike Mines Railway | lessons we've learned from the |
| Frank Valoczy | - The Imperial Oil Tank Car Fleet |

Joe Smuin - Ghost Train to the Border. A look at the KVR from Penticton to Osoyoos
 Timothy Horton - Freight Car Paint & Stencil Schemes on the Pacific Great Eastern
 Frank Leonard - The CPR and Vancouver: Myth and Mismanagement,

SUNDAY CLINIC SCHEDULE

Note there were two streams of clinics running at the same time.

Andrew Hutchinson - Pacific Northwest Scenery.
 Gordon Varney - Scratch Building a CPR Tunnel Portal Hands on Clinic
 Mike Barone & John Zuk - Growing Up in the West Kootneys An old fashion slide show!
 Larry Sebelly - An Update on FreemO
 Greg Kennelly - Pacific Great Eastern Marine Operations
 Marc Simpson - Mining and Smelting Railways in Canada..
 Wendy Magnall - Backdrop Painting
 Rene Gourley - Etch a Sketch

On Saturday there was an RPM Railroad Prototype modeling display in the Cedar room, Fifty seven registrants had indicated interest in this Saturday only event. Andrew Hutcheson who coordinated this event, estimated that about twelve modelers brought in about one hundred models, many still under construction which lead to many interesting conversations. For those readers with internet access, Andrew Hutchinson has posted a number of captioned images of the models displayed on a flickr account

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/32922165@N06/>

The 7th Division PNR NMRA (Canada) Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday afternoon in the Willow room with sixteen members in attendance.

On Saturday evening fifty eight people ventured out in chartered buses to participate on the annual Escorted Layout tours which this year visited six layouts in North Vancouver. While ropes, crampons, and hard hats were not needed, participants on this year's tour did negotiate a number of steep driveways, and traversed a number of flights of stairs to see the craftsmanship and years of work exhibited in these permanent home layouts. There were also some spectacular city views between the clouds on some balconies at the highest residential levels of North Vancouver.

Special thanks to the owners and their helpers who opened their layouts and entertained the guests.

Lionel Lines O Scale - Mark and Lana Horne.
 Klondike Mines RR HOn3/HO - Brian and Margaret Pate
 Canadian Generic Railway N Scale - John and Jessie-Ann Sled
 Midland Valley HO Scale - Chris, Jim, and Dianna Cullen
 Canadian National N Scale - John & Lynn Walter
 Duetsche Bundesbahn N Scale - Eugene and Deanne Daily.

On Sunday evening, after the public show was dismantled, eighty two guests sat down for a banquet meal, awards and draw prizes. Peter Steinmetz was Master of Ceremonies, and Roger Ferris said the blessing before the meal catered by Cosmic Catering. This year's after dinner speaker was Ken Rutherford who shared his experiences with the Alberni Pacific "Steam" Railroad, which grew from a model railroad club to a prototype tour rail operator. Located in Port Al-

berni the Railway operates with a 1929 vintage steam locomotive to get visitors to the area to a larger park and museum area

On Monday, November 20 there was a prototype tour organized to visit the Southern Railway of B.C. shops in Burnaby. Prototype tour chairman Glenn Morgan reported as follows:

"Twenty-three Meet registrants visited this interesting facility. Mr. Singh Biln, P. Eng., Chief Mechanical Officer for SRY, gave an interesting and entertaining orientation presentation to the full group in the shops' lunchroom. Tim Horton's coffee and doughnuts were provided by SRY.

After the orientation the group was separated into 2 tour groups, one led by Bill Schaap, Supervisor Car Shop, and the other led by Laszlo Czihaly, Supervisor Locomotive Shop. Both tours were very interesting and the tour guides were most informative. For most of the participants the locomotive shop was probably the most interesting with its milling machine for milling the center holes in 1250 pound wheels, its giant press for forcing those wheels onto axles, and its dual lathes in the locomotive pit for turning wheel treads *in situ* on their locomotives.

After all registrants completed the two tours everyone gathered once again in the lunchroom where Singh had pizza for all. There were a number of questions for Singh after which Glenn thanked Singh, Bill and Laszlo for the tour and for SRY's hospitality. The tour only lasted about an hour or so but all in all the participants seemed to have enjoyed themselves despite the access problems caused by an unexpected road closure, the shortness of the tour and the miserable weather."

Trains 2009 is now a pleasant memory. On behalf of the committee I would like to thanks those who helped arrange this event, whose who volunteered, and those who participated. Please remember to mark the dates for Trains 2010 on your calendar 12-14 November 2010. The TRAINS committee is always looking for more hands to share the work. If you would like to help out organize TRAINS 2010, Please do contact the committee Chair Bill Dixon.

OPERATOR : Dispatcher OS Cameron Station
 DISPATCHER: Go ahead Cameron Station.
 OPERATOR: EXTRA TRAINS 2009 is by at noon, November 20 2009.
 DISPATCHER: OK EXTRA TRAINS 2009 by at Noon, Thank You
 OPERATOR: OK See you next Year !! - Cameron Station Out !!

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Timetable

2009

Dec 26 - Jan 2, TACOMA, WA

14th Annual Model Train Festival at the Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma. 10 am to 6 pm every day. Multiple modular layouts in N, HO, O, and G, Kitsap Live Steamers exhibition, Playmobil display, Operation Life-saver booth, train play areas for the little ones. Visit the largest permanent model train layout in WA state, built and operated by the Puget Sound Model Railroad Engineers (PSMRE) on the fifth floor. Enjoy the excellent history museum exhibits. Info:- www.wshs.org/wshm/festivals/modeltrains.aspx, or www.wshs.org/wshm/ or call 253-272-3500. Museum entrance fees are \$8 / 7 / 6 / 25 for adults, seniors, student or military, and family, respectively. Children 5 and under are free.

2010

Jan 16-18, SEATTLE, WA

36th annual Pacific Science Center show - 200 2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA. 10 am - 6 pm. The 4th Division, PNR coordinates the model railroads, historical displays, and related activities for this show. This is an exhibition show. No swap-meet or vendor sales. Child-interest activities and participation opportunities are encouraged. Current fee, parking, and other facility information is at www.pacsci.org/visitorinfo/. Info:- Frank Dekker, 425-746-6964 (evenings), rekkedrails@juno.com, or Jeff Moorman, 206-367-2377, kb7rr@arrl.net or see www.4dpnr.org/PSCshow.htm

Jan 23 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

Spokane Portland & Seattle Railway Historical Society - Railroad Swap Meet. Holiday Inn - Portland Airport. 10AM - 3PM Info: - www.spsps.org

Feb 6-7, Monroe, WA

United NorthWest Model RR Club 19th Annual Charity Model Train Show and Swap Meet, Evergreen State Fairgrounds. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. Hosted by the United NorthWest Model RR Club. Info:- www.unwclub.org/unwshow2010.html

Feb 13 (Sat), Spokane, WA

River City Modelers Club Open House. 6 to 8:30 PM at 1130 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane, WA. Double deck layout under construction. Track has been installed and scenery is being worked on. Info:- Shirley or Bob Sample at 509-292-8332, cell 509-

991-2317 or email shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com or John Langlot at 509-981-5017.

Feb 14 (Sun), Spokane, WA

River City Modelers Model Railroad Train Show, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Spokane Community College, Lair Bldg., Mission and Greene Streets, Spokane, WA. \$5 for adults, \$3 for 11 to 16 years of age, 10 & under free with an adult. Info:- Shirley or Bob Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314, 509-292-8332 or 509-991-2317 or via email: shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com

Feb 20-21, Olds, AB

Olds Model Railroad show. Royal Canadian Legion 5241 46th Street. Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-4. \$5.00 per person, children under 5 are free. Info:-

funtimeshobby@shaw.ca or www.funtimeshobby.com

Feb 20-21, SASKATOON, SK

All Aboard 2010, Western Development Museum. Saturday 9-5:30, Sunday 9-4:30. Layouts, Vendors, and Videos. Consignment sale on Saturday. Info:-

www.prairierailworkshop.org/

Feb 26 - Mar 7, Anchorage, AK

The annual Anchorage Winter Festival, known as the Fur Rendezvous will have Model Railroad Displays at the Alaska Railroad Depot from 9AM to 6PM. The Northern Lights Model Railroad, located in Russian Jack Springs Park, 5200 Debar Rd. will also be displaying their Model Railroad on both weekends from 5 to 8 PM on Fridays and Noon to 5 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Info:- Marty Quaas, (907) 355-7414, e-mail cswrrceo@mtaonline.net

Mar 13 (Sat), Clackamas, OR

The Willamette Model Railroad club presents 25th Annual Model Railroad Swap Meet at the New Hope Church 11731 SE Stevens Road. 10AM - 3PM. Admission \$3.00, under 12 free. Tables are \$18 each. Info:- Steve Cook 503-309-9543 or 503-236-1481. s.c00k@comcast.net Table requests can be sent to: Willamette MRC Swap Meet P.O. Box 2621 Clackamas, Oregon 97015

Mar 14 (Sun), BURNABY, BC

Western Rails 2010. Displays and models of all kinds - Ride the indoor Miniature Train Collectables, photos, time tables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment and much much more. Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 9 am to 4 pm. Admittance: (cash only): Senior (60+) \$2.00 Adult (16-59) \$3.00 Child (under 6) Free Family \$6.00 (Maximum 2 Adults, 3 Youth) Info:-

westernrails@wrcra.org 604-484-2791.

Apr 2-4, Salmon Arm, BC

Shuswap Rails 2010 - 7th Division Spring Meet, The Prestige Harbourfront Resort & Convention Centre, 251 Harborfront Drive NE Info:-

www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com

Apr 11 (Sun), NANAIMO, BC

26th Annual Mid Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show, Beban Park Rec. Center 2300 Bowen Road, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Operating Layouts, Swap & Shop Tables, Retail Sales Model Contests (Popular Vote) Admission (cash only), \$3.00 NMRA member, \$5.00 non member, \$10.00 family, \$4.00 seniors, Child (6-12) - \$1.00. Info:- Ken Rutherford kj.rutherford@shaw.ca, (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Apr 17-18, CALGARY, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2010 Canada's Biggest and Best Annual Model Train Show. 9 AM til 5 PM both days. Subway Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. Calgary FREE PARKING Adult - \$10, Youth (6-12) - \$5, under 6 - free Over 60,000 sq. ft. of operating layouts, displays, railroad art, hobby shops, model manufacturers, demonstrations, clinics, Lego and Thomas Play Area, garden railways, ride-on trains, and much more. Info:- www.supertrain.ca or info@supertrain.ca

May 21-23, Camrose, AB

6th Division Spring Meet, "Battle River Rails 2010", sponsored by Battle River Railway Modellers, at the Moose Family Centre. Info:-

www.battleriverrailway.ca/battle-river-rails-2010/

Jun 12-13, PORT ALBERNI, BC

2nd Annual Vancouver Island Logging Modelers Meet McLean Mill National Heritage Park, Port Alberni, B.C. All logging modelling will be represented - Trains, trucks, and all other equipment from N scale to you name it. Info:- kj.rutherford@shaw.ca, Ken Rutherford (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord rbldord@telus.net (250) 724-4205

Sept 12-15, East Glacier Park, MT

Great Northern Historical Society Annual Convention Info:- www.gnrhs.org

Sept 15-18, LYNNWOOD, WA

Cascadian International, PNR 2010 Regional Convention. Embassy Suites hotel.

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 Email: dongooch@smartt.com
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Superintendent's Report

Gary Hazell

I am very pleased to report that between Trains 2009 and reports just received from HQ (Ed Liesse) we have had 22 new members join in the last month. I can not remember any month that we have had such an increase in membership. Part of this increase was from the help of PNR President Jack Hamilton who was able to make a brief appearance at Trains 2009. 7th Div Membership stands at 345. Also I would like to congratulate the Fruitvale Club who have become the 2nd Club in the 7th to become 100% NMRA. The 3rd Club that will become 100% will be Salmon Arm. Not to forget Chilliwack who were the first 100% Club. By being 100% NMRA the liability insurance is looked after by the NMRA. I understand all insurance is going up this coming year and that Clubs will be looking at minimum policy amounts that will be significantly higher. At least that is the information from the SAMRA Club's insurance provider.

Trains 2009 was very well organized and had 2500 plus through the doors. The Committee did a great job. The Ross Heriot Memorial Golden Spike Award was announced in the name of Larry Sebelley. Unfortunately Larry was not at the banquet for the presentation so it will be made at a later meet, hopefully at Shuswap Rails at Easter April 2-4. (Look elsewhere in the BB for a list of other meets in the spring). Please go to www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com for more information on Shuswap Rails. Also there is an article in this edition of the BB on the convention written by convention chair Ed Parsons. Take note that the early registration has been extended to Feb. 28th and I am very pleased to see that the ladies' program will occupy all Saturday while the rest of us are doing trains. The Prestige Harbourfront Resort and Convention Centre www.prestigehotelsandresorts.com/salmonarm-prestige-hotel.php and is situated right on the Salmon Arm Bay of Shuswap Lake. It is also the home to over 242 species of birds and sits adjacent to the Nature Wildlife Area, a bird sanctuary. *First of April may be a little bit early but we may be able to arrange a tour.* There is also an excellent area right in front of the hotel for bird viewing and a short walk from the front of the Hotel takes you to the Salmon Arm wharf which extends in an arc out into the bay reaching beyond the sanctuary. The Prestige Hotel is the headquarters for a chain of hotels throughout the Interior of BC, originally started in Nelson. If you are lucky enough to get a lakeside room (\$109) it not only overlooks the bay but there is a web-cam focused on an Osprey nest right in front of the Hotel. If you are not lucky enough to get a lakeside room the other rooms (\$99) overlook the busy mainline of the Shuswap Division of CP Rail (it's just far enough away so as not to bother your sleep) There are over 40 trains a day. We are hoping to have a tour (Sun.) of the Latex Spray Facilities near Notch Hill where all loaded coal trains are automatically sprayed with latex so that those of you that live in the lower mainland will not have coal dust to contend with. Also the Revelstoke Railway Museum is only an hour to the east and is very worth the visit. We are working to have Museum people give the delegates a tour of the facility on Sunday. Also if you are heading back south there is the Kettle Valley Railway in Summerland. I am very pleased that the Shuswap Rails committee has been at work for over 1 year and is way ahead in organization then other traditional Spring Meets in the Interior. We are so far ahead some of our members figured with only 17 registrants at this time that we should cancel it. We had to explain that people don't traditionally think about the Spring Meets till after Christmas **so please get your registrations in.** We have had to book the entire Lobby and the adjacent hallway of the Convention Centre to accommodate all the vendors and layouts that want to come to the meet.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

North Fraser Report

Tom Carr

Our fall is now slowly turning into winter and snow is starting to fall in many parts of our province. With the colder days and longer nights comes time for more model railroading. I was pleased to attend TRAINS 2009 and would like to congratulate the organizing committee on another successful show. All three of the clubs in the North Fraser Area had members at TRAINS this year, although only the TraiNgang had an operating layout.



A beautiful HO Mallet on a mountain trestle at Dewdney-Alouette.

The Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club continues to meet every Tuesday evening at the home of Jim and Helen Rankin. The HO scale layout is always operating and various members bring equipment to run from time to time. At press time they are discussing the



Logging Camp Scene on the Dewdney-Alouette Layout

date for the annual Christmas Party, which will be held in mid-December. The MRMRC has 27 members on their roster and visitors are always welcome.

The TraiNgang did very well at TRAINS, winning seconds in the best module and best layout categories; individual members also did well in the popular vote contest and in winning door prizes at the banquet. TraiNgang members will also be helping with security when the CPR Holiday Train comes to town on December 18th; let's all hope it is not as cold as it was last year. The TraiNgang executive is busy planning their show schedule for 2010, and making final preparations for their January 17th annual general meeting and election of officers.



Dewdney-Alouette President Daryl (L) with members Tom, Jack and John

I visited the Dewdney Alouette Railway Society (DARS) recently and met new society president Daryl Birch along with several members. Long-time president Dick Sutcliffe retired from office at the recent annual general meeting. I enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the DARS; the members gave me a full tour of their layout and shop area, which is housed in the lower level of the Maple Ridge Museum, and showed me several projects that are currently underway. Their HO scale layout depicts the Haney area circa 1920's, when



Awaiting the Call of Duty on the Dewdney-Alouette Layout

logging was a major industry throughout the region, and is open for public viewing on the last Sunday of each month.

Francina and I extend our warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers. I'm always looking for something interesting for this column, so if you send me something you have a fairly good chance of being included. Digital submissions only please, I can be contacted at tajcarr@shaw.ca.

Shuswap Rails 2010

Ed Parsons
Committee Chair

The planning for Shuswap Rails 2010 in the past year has progressed very satisfactorily. Traditionally the Interior Spring Meet registrations haven't been distributed until after January 01 of the same year as the meet. This time, the committee has gotten a head start on planning and registration forms by having them distributed by the end of September of this year. All information and forms have been posted on the Salmon Arm Model Railroad club web site, (www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com) for some time now. We are also pleased to announce that we have decided to extend early registration from December 31st of 2009 to February 28th of 2010. This change is to facilitate those individuals who may have been caught up in the economic downturn of our economy and because the deadline was so close to Christmas.

The Prestige Harbourfront Hotel & Convention Centre has also generously provided us with extra space to accommodate the majority of Vendors who have expressed interest in setting up tables at the meet. The interest and support given to us by vendors and local establishments has been overwhelming to say the least. At this time we would like to give a special thanks to Kettle Valley Steam Railway, Kamloops Heritage Railway, Revelstoke Railway Museum, and Three Valley Gap for their support and generous packages they will be providing for prizes.

We are also pleased that a great women's tour has been finalized for the 3rd of April 2010. There will be a bus tour to Larch Hill Winery, the Village Cheese Company in Armstrong, with a stop in Armstrong for lunch, then back to the Prestige for a craft session in one of the clinic rooms.

I would personally like at this time, to thank all the members of the Shuswap Rails Planning Committee for their support, dedication, and the hard work that they have put into this project to get us to the point we are at now. Also to the rest of the Salmon Arm Model Railroad members who have generously volunteered their time to make this project work in 2010. Also to the women who have taken the time to put together the ladies tour. I feel it is a honor and a pleasure to be a small part of great club such as the Salmon Arm Model Railroaders. I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Editor's Desk

Eric Reynard

Not much room for me to say much of anything but thanks to all who have contributed to the Bulletin Board this past year and to wish you all the very best in the New Year. Hope you have time over the holidays to get in some quality modelling time.



SHUSWAP RAILS 2010 SPRING MEET

2 – 4 April 2010 • The Prestige Harbourfront Resort
251 Harbourfront Drive NE, Salmon Arm, BC



Personal Information: Please note ONE form per registrant

Reg. No. _____

Name: (As it will appear on name tag) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Prov/St _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ Email _____

Group Affiliation _____ NMRA # _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration	Full meet Registration (Before 28 Feb. 2009) Includes Friday Night Burger Bash Does not include Banquet	\$75.00	\$
	(After 01 Jan 10)	\$95.00	\$
	Discount for NMRA Members	-\$5.00	\$
Family Member	Spouse _____ Includes Burger Bash & Clinics	\$35.00	\$
Extra Burger Bash Tickets Burger Bash includes: One Drink (Beer or Wine) • Burger, Baked Potato & Garden Salad		\$20.00	\$
Self Guided Tours	Free to Full Registrants		
Banquet	Saturday, 3 April 2010 at 6:30 PM	\$35.00	\$
Ladies Bus Tour	Price is based on a minimum of 20 people	\$20.00	\$
Contests: I will be submitting entries for: Models: Locomotive ☐ Train ☐ Structure ☐ Diorama ☐ Car ☐ Photos: Prototype ☐ Model ☐ Locomotive Pull ☐ Car Rolling ☐ Craft Item ☐		FREE	
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