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Revelstoke Railway Days

Eric Reynard

Revelstoke Railway Days, August 12 to 17, 2010 were by all accounts a terrific success. While I was unable to attend large parts of the festivities as we were displaying the Salmon Arm layout in the Museum, it seemed from observation that it was well attended. We participated on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and saw good crowds go through the museum. One of the nice things about displaying in the museum is that we get to see a more international group of visitors than our usual crowd in Salmon Arm. Another bonus about the location in the ground floor of the Railway Museum is the front row seat to railfanning and expert commentary from members of the Revelstoke Model Railway club. The 12,308 foot container train was one of the highlight of the train watching.

Of course the big event for the railfans was the arrival of Hudson H1b 2816 on Friday afternoon and you will note a number of photos of the interior and exterior of this very fit elderly lady. While I am not sure I would have really liked to work on one of these I love to look at them and marvel at the



Inside the Firebox of 2816

robust but intricate technology. Much more of the working and moving parts are visible than on modern locomotives and it makes for an enthralling display.

Several club members were able to get photos of the cab with its brass gauges and numerous valves as well as some views within the firebox itself.



2816 at Revelstoke

NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

All members are invited to attend the Annual General meeting of the Seventh Division, Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association (CANADA) which will be held on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at a time to be announced in the Cameron Recreation Centre, 9523 Cameron Street, Burnaby, BC.

Respectfully submitted by

Bob Leggett

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National Model Railroad Association (CANADA)



Firebox



Valves and Gauges Galore



Ed, Stu and Gerry



Steam and Diesel Working Hard

For three of our club members the absolute high point of the weekend was a ride behind 2816 from Revelstoke to Glacier in the restored coaches. Ed Parsons, Stu Solbakken and Gerry Steubing experienced the joys of a bygone era and burned many pixels of the modern era on the all too short excursion.

Back at the Museum and prior to the excursion Patrick Lawson presented a beautiful scratchbuilt model of Revelstoke Station to the Revelstoke Model Railway for inclusion on their layout. It is nice to see scratchbuilding of this caliber and be inspired by it. Ed Jaatteenmaki's AP Merit winner model of the CPR's Glacier Station also finds a home on the museum based layout.



Revelstoke Station by Patrick Lawson



Scratchbuilt Snow Sheds on the Revelstoke Layout

Overall I saw only a small portion of what is on offer at Revelstoke Railway Days. I missed out on the Spike Driving Contest, Last Spike Tour, Arrow Lakes Trestle Tour and other talks and events. I did get glimpses of the Antique Car Show and enjoyed coffee in the Business Car but next time I will make time for more events. The weather was spectacular and I encourage you all to mark it on your calendars for next year.

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Sep 8-24, Pendleton, OR

Portland Rose - Pendleton Roundup Centennial Special. UP Steam Info:- www.uprr.com/aboutup/excurs/steamtr.shtml

Sep 10-12, Caldwell, ID

Treasure Valley Train Expo. O'Conner Field House, 2207 Blaine, Caldwell. Noon to 8:00 P.M. Friday, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 AM to 6:00 P.M. Sunday. Admission \$5.00 Children 12 and under Free. The event will include modular layouts, model contests, vendors and clinics. Clubs are encouraged to participate. Vendor tables are available. Info:- t Troy Dewey, 208-461-5028
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Sep 12-15, East Glacier Park, MT

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

Sep 16-18, Lynnwood, WA

Cascadian International, PNR 2010 Regional Convention. Embassy Suites hotel. Info:- www.4dpnr.org/CJ2010.htm, Rob Jones, Rob.MobileOne.Jones@gmail.com

Sep 18-19, Edmonton, AB

2010 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 AM - 5 PM, Mayfield Trade Centre, 16615 - 109 Ave (Mayfield Road). 40,000 sq. ft. of layouts, displays, clinics, dealers and LEGO! Info:- www.mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 25 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

Southwest Washington Model Railroaders Open House. 10:00am to 4:00pm. We plan to be running many different types of HO gauge engines from the small logging area to the Big Boys on the main line. This event will be located at 8100 E. Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, Washington. This is one block east of Garrison Square, in the building behind Safe Harbor Nazarene Church, bordering the parking lot off 82nd Ave. Info:- www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Sep 25 (Sat), Boise, ID

PNR 3rd Division Fall Meet, Covenant Presbyterian Church 4848 North Five Mile Road (McMillan and Five Mile). Coffee - Donuts - Conversation - Clinics - Displays - NMRA and Favorite Model Contest - Silent Auction - Afternoon Layout Tours. Registration: 8:00AM, events begin 9:00AM Admission \$8, \$7 for NMRA members. Info:- terrynelson8030@msn.com (208) 895-8030; pnr.nmra.org/3div/

Sep 25-26, Calgary, AB

24th Annual Railway Days. Two operating 0-6-0's, spike driving competition, and model railway exhibits. 1900 Heritage Dr. SW. Info: - (403) 268-8500, www.heritagepark.ca.

Sep 26 (Sun), Victoria, BC

Victoria's Annual Model Railway Show, 10 am - 4 pm; Operating Model Railroads, Popular Vote Contest, Commercial & Individual Sales & Displays Cedar Hill Recreation Center, Saanich, B.C. Free parking Admissions: Adults \$6, Family \$13, NMRA members \$5 Under 10 - Free when accompanied by an adult. Info:- Ted Alexis, 250-595-4070, m_talexis@shaw.ca

Oct 2 (Sat), Lynden, WA

Lynden Lions Club 26th Annual International Model Train Show, N.W. Washington Fair, Henry Jansen Ag Bldg. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. \$4.00 for seniors, \$5.00 for adults, \$3.50 for ages 6-12, \$15.00 for families, and children under 6 are free when accompanied by an adult. Info:- www.lyndentrainshow.com

Oct 2 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

37th Annual Great Train Swap Meet by the Southwest Washington Model Railroaders. 9:30am to 2:30pm, Hudson's Bay High School at 1206 E. Reserve Street, Vancouver, Washington. It is located just off the I-5 Bridge at Exit 1-C on Mill Plain Blvd (East). There will be an operating HO gauge layout of the Columbia Gorge and over 125 tables with vendors from all over the Northwest. Table space will be available at \$15.00 for a 6' table. Hugh free parking. Adults - \$5.00, Students - \$2.00 and children under 6 are free with paid adult. Info:- www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Oct 3 (Sun), Edmonton, AB

Edmonton Model Railroad Association Open House, at the Freight Shed, Fort Edmonton Park, 10am-5pm. Info: - www.EMRAonline.ca.

Oct 10 (Sun), Spokane, WA

The Spokane Railroad Show, 9:30AM - 3:30PM at the Spokane Community College "LAIR" Student Activities Building. The campus is at Mission and Greene Streets, north of I-90 exit 283B. Adult admission is \$5, kids under 12 are free, \$1 for teens. Early admission after 9 is \$10. An 8 foot table is \$35. Vendors can setup Saturday 3PM-5PM; Sunday, starting at 7:30. Info:- Kevin 509-467-0597, 509-842-8079 or kozowski.amy@gmail.com

Oct 16-17, Chilliwack, BC

Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Info: James Hill, (604) 824-1757, Fax: 604-795-5046, gdee@telus.net.

Oct 16 (Sat), Calgary, AB

31st Annual Boomer Auction, Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW, 10am, auction starts at noon. Info: - John Wrinch, (403) 281-5745, jawrinch@shaw.ca

Oct 17 (Sun), Calgary, AB

Calgary Model Railway Society, (CMRS), AGM and Fall Mini-Meet, Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE. Info: - www.calgarymodelrailway.org.

Oct 23-24, Red Deer, AB

Red Deer Model Railroad show. Westerner Park in the Harvest Center 4847A 19th St. Red Deer. Sat: 10AM-5PM; Sun: 10AM-4PM. \$5.00 per person, children under 5 are free. Info:- Gord Sylvester, 403-986-3866, funtimeshobby@shaw.ca or www.funtimeshobby.com

Nov 12-13, Burnaby, BC

TRAINS 2010, 27th Annual 7th Div Fall Meet, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. Trains Meet Registrar, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (604) 987-4237 (Registration ONLY), ras1@uniserve.com, Info:- www.bctrains.org.

Nov 13 (Sat), Kent, WA

Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club Annual Swap Meet 9:30am to 4:00pm Kent Commons 525 4th Ave. N Kent, Washington Info:- swapmeet@bemrrc.com

Nov 13-14, Burnaby, BC

TRAINS 2010, Annual Public Show, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 10am-4pm. Info: - Trains RE: Public Show, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, trains2009@telus.net, www.bctrains.org.

Nov 27-28, Edmonton, AB

Northern Rails 2010, invitational operations weekend. Operate on the Edmonton Model Railroad Association's Monashee Pacific, and home layouts in the Edmonton area. To request an invitation, contact Cal Sexsmith, email: calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net

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A full list of tapes is published in the September issue of the BULLETIN BOARD

A Kootenay Report**Mike Barone**

There have been a number of events and activities in the West Kootenay area over the past year and a half. As most of you are probably by now aware, the old Nelson diesel shop was torn down in spring 09. All that remains now is a flat field as evidenced by the attached photographs. Fortunately I was able to take a number of pictures of the building, inside and out, with the intent to record the details of the structure. I presented these as a clinic at Salmon Arm this past spring and will present this clinic again at the PNR and Trains.

**What Once Was****All That Remains**

Over this past year the Golden City Modelers has become a very active club. It began as a small group of modelers in Rossland, which calls itself the Golden City hence the name, who managed to obtain some grants to build a modular layout which illustrated that city. For various reasons members were lost and the club ultimately consisted of NMRA members Bob Flegel and Don Young. Bob and

Don, last fall managed to gather a group of modelers and railfans to reform the club, now with people from Rossland to Fruitvale and Castlegar. Club membership for activities around the layout was made membership in the NMRA. Not everyone was interested in the modeling aspect or the NMRA so a round robin, informal group sprang up to have get-togethers.



Rossland Mines

As for the layout Bob and Don had done most of the construction in a space provided by a local brew shop. In November last year it was moved to the local mall in Trail where it has remained to this writing. Work continues on the layout at that location. The layout features three of the mines in Rossland on one end and downtown Columbia Avenue on the other. Vignettes of other areas of the city occur along the sides. The buildings in the photographs are all the work on Don and Bob scratch built using photographs as the primary source of information on these structures. The structures on each end are in approximately the correct relationship to the original buildings. While the mines are now gone, most of the buildings on Columbia Avenue are still standing and recognizable in Rossland today. The layout is set in the 1930's though the younger members all prefer to run big trains with Trainmasters and SD40-2's.



For control systems, the layout is DCC. 2 types were tried, NCE and MRC, the latter being deemed easier to use by those who run most of the trains. An MRC system has been purchased and installed. It is quite adequate for the layout even though it generally has 4 sound equipped trains operating most of the time some with multiple unit lashups.



Golden City Modelers Layout

The long term game plan is eventually to bring the layout to various NMRA activities. Presently a trailer is being sought in which to transport the layout.

Both Bob and Don have home layouts, however both are considering moving so their home layouts may be torn down, hopefully rise again in new locations.

My own layout is undergoing major rebuilding and I'm presently in the process of relaying the track with code 83, 70 and some 55. Once the track is relayed, an NCE system will be installed.

We have had discussions on hosting some form of spring meet in the future. If we do, the format will be quite different however in that it will be more of an open house event with a get together dinner at one of the local restaurants and some form of slide show for the evening. If a contest table or AP judging is requested, this could be arranged.



More Remains

AP Corner

Russ Watson

There hasn't been much 7th Div AP activity in the last two months that I am aware of. I suppose summer is not a prime modelling time for most of us.

The next 7th Division meet where you may receive AP Judging is the Victoria Model Railway Show on Sep 26, 2010 at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre. I plan to attend that show and look forward to the opportunity to arrange a judging session and/or chat with you about the AP.

I also plan to attend TRAINS in Burnaby in November.

A reminder that Jack Hamilton, MMR, PNR Achievement Program Chairman, will present an AP Judging Clinic at TRAINS 2010 in Burnaby on Sunday, November 14th at 9:30 am. The clinic, "Achievement Program Assessment - Getting Qualified", is intended to fully acquaint members with reasonable experience as modellers, with the process and procedure for completing AP assessments (judging). Jack will discuss the general philosophy of the AP, the individual requirements for AP merit awards and AP certificates, and the tools available to make assessments more objective. Attendees will get about an hour of classroom exposure followed by a few hours of actual "hands on" assessment experience.

Attending the clinic will certainly help your modelling - regardless of whether you are participating in the AP or not. Additional info about Jack's clinic can be found at <http://www.bctrains.org/> by following the "Clinics" link. I urge members to attend to help themselves and the 7th Div by being available to help judge.

Jack Hamilton is looking for a few models that have already been AP Judged to use in the clinic. Please contact Rob Kirkham rdkirkham@live.ca if you have a model that can be used.

In the mean time, if you're not really sure what the AP is all about, check out <http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/> or give me a call, I'd be happy to chat about it with you.

Lastly, a reminder that you don't have to wait for a meet to happen to be able to have your AP work judged or evaluated, I can usually arrange to have that done between meets, please contact me.

Happy modelling!

COMING TO VICTORIA

2010 Victoria's Annual Model Railway Show

Sunday, September 26th
10 am - 4 pm
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Superintendent's Report

Gary Hazell

"Railway Days" was held in Revelstoke, BC Aug. 13-15. This year was particularly special as they celebrated 125 years since the CPR was completed through the Rogers Pass plus a 100-year memorial for the tragic colossal avalanche that killed 58 men in 1910. This was and still is the largest avalanche disaster in Canadian history. There were many Japanese and other families present for the memorial. Patrick Lawson, MMR and his wife Julie were there: Patrick to present the Revelstoke Club with a scratch-built model of the Revelstoke railway station and Julie to participate in the roll call at the memorial as her grandfather or great grandfather was one of the men killed.



Roger's Pass Memory Garden

The Milwaukee convention celebrating the 75th anniversary of the NMRA is over but there are a few things that came out of that convention. Registrants topped 1,600 and all 345 booths were sold. Attendance was down which could be due to the economy. An anonymous benefactor has promised \$250,000 toward the creation of a tribute to scale model railroading at the California State Railroad Museum. This donation represents approximately 1/3 of the funding needed, providing that the amount is matched by other fundraising efforts. None of the National Model Railroad Museum's exhibit costs will be funded by NMRA dues or non-dues income. The major announcement from the convention was that a new NMRA logo had been chosen. Initially I was very disappointed in their, what appeared to be, a graphic designers logo. It took someone to point out to me that it was a wheel flange and rail.





There are still a number of events happening: Railway Days in Kamloops Sept. 11, a Swap Meet in Blind Bay near Sorrento Sept. 18 (contact 250-675-2486 cliffe@telus.net), Victoria is having their annual Model Railway Show Sept. 26 in the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre (contact Ted 250-595-4070) and Chilliwack will be holding their Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway and Hobby Show at Heritage Park Oct. 16 & 17 (contact James Hill 604-795-5046 qdee@telus.net). Also Trains 2010 will be held at the Cameron Recreation Centre Nov. 12 & 13 (info www.bctrains.org)

Also if you are planning a trip to the Okanagan, the Vancouver Sun had an excellent article on the Myra Canyon. John Green was kind enough to forward it to me and you can read it at <http://www.theprovince.com/health/Make%2Btracks%2Bhills/3401389/story.html#ixzz0wkC3h6g3>

Membership is holding well at 351. Hope to see some of you at Lynwood, Mount Cheam or Trains 2010.

More Revelstoke Railway Days



More Shiny Bits of 2816



Working Upgrade



Bob Gardner at Railway Days

All photos courtesy of Ed Parsons, Gerry Steubing, Brian Golds and Stu Solbakken except for the Kootenay Report where Mike Barone supplied the images