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Quesnel Spring Meet

FREE BEER!

Yes that's right, free beer! All you have to do is register now for our Spring Meet, GOLDPAN EXPRESS 2012. You will not only commit to attending what promises to be the largest Spring Meet ever held in the 7th Division, you will save \$10, which will buy you two beer at the Friday Burger Night or the Banquet or one at each. A deal you don't find every day!

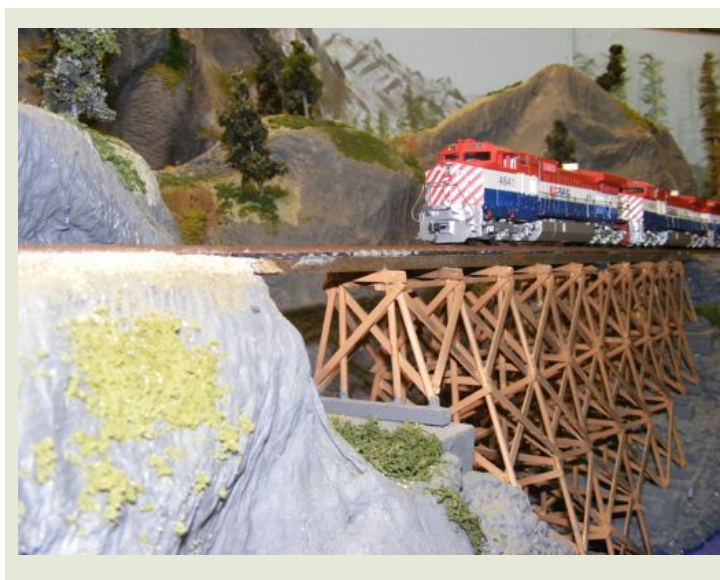
So what are you waiting for? Please visit goldpanexpress.info to download a registration form or call Russ at 250-992-3452 to have one sent to you.

And while I've got your attention, please consider presenting a clinic at GOLDPAN EXPRESS 2012, please contact Russ Watson: russwatson@me.com or 250-992-3452.

See you in Quesnel, April 6-8, 2012!

Quesnel Model Railway Club

Roy Zschiedrich



When you attend our Spring Meet, GOLDPAN EXPRESS 2012 in Quesnel, April 6-8, 2012 you'll have an opportunity to visit the Quesnel Model Railway Club layout while it is operating. I thought that it would be timely to give you a little history of our club.

The club started meeting in homes at the beginning with only several members. It started in the 1980's and I joined after I had heard about the club. We obtained the use of a basement down town where our first layout took shape. We had a successful open house and things were rolling along quite well.

Our next home was at the West Park Mall where our layout grew bigger. It was still DC controlled. We had several moves between vacant stores in the mall until we moved up the hill to Maple Park Mall where once again we moved between vacant stores until we arrived in the location we are now in. We are open and operate every Saturday afternoon.



We have also expanded and rebuilt several of the older modules and improved the scenery over all. Half of our layout is now DCC controlled by Digitrax. Today the layout has over 300 feet of mainline alone as well as numerous sidings and several yards. We have had as few as four members and as many as 15 at one time. Currently we are running with seven members and are loving every minute of it!

We look forward to seeing and entertaining you at the club this Spring!

Superintendent's Report

Russ Watson

Jim Little of Coldstream was elected your Assistant Superintendent and I as Superintendent at the AGM in November. Welcome Jim and thank you Greg Madsen for your involvement and Ken Rutherford for running the election.

Greg Madsen volunteered to take over the job of Webmaster from John Zuk. Thank you Greg.

Dick Sutcliffe has served as the 7th Division Publicity Coordinator for longer than anyone can remember and would like to step aside from that position. It is an important and rewarding experience that we need you to take on. Please contact Dick or myself for the details.

On behalf of the 7th Division membership, thank you Gary Hazell for serving as the Superintendent for six years and for your many years as Membership Coordinator!

John Zuk built the 7th Division web site in August 2001 and has maintained it ever since. Thank you John for your 10 1/2 years of service!

The many members who serve in executive or appointed positions and as standing committee members keep the 7th Division alive, thank you all for your continued support!

Congratulations to Bill Dixon for receiving the Ross Heriot Golden Spike Award at the TRAINS 2011 banquet.

Have you visited <http://pnr.nmra.org/7div/> lately? We plan to add additional content to the web site and promote it as 'the' source of information for 7th Division members. Suggestions have been received to add digital copies of past issues of the Bulletin Board, AGM minutes, the Video Library list, our bylaws and eventually a 7th Division Policy Manual that I intend to create. Please forward your suggestions to Greg or myself.

Many of you have been receiving the 'PNR News' email from Jack Hamilton. Please take a minute to email me your thoughts about this experimental service: russwatson@me.com

The premiere 7th Division event is the TRAINS meet and public show held in November each year. The future of this meet is in jeopardy because of a lack of volunteers. Please help keep this meet alive by contacting Bill Dixon now with your support: wrddixon@telus.net or 604-987-7294 or any member of the Trains Committee through the contact links at the event's website www.bctrains.org on the 'About Trains' page. Click on either the 'Public Show' or 'Modellers Meet' links.

Thanks Ted Alexis for your eulogy elsewhere in this BB on Al Natress who passed away in November. Al was a great guy and some of you will remember the night he went missing in Kelowna several years back during the PNR Convention that resulted in a call from me to the RCMP. Every time I saw Al since then I would ask where he intended to be tonight. I will miss those fun conversations.

I am encouraged with the response I received from many of you at TRAINS about our Spring Meet, GOLDPAN EXPRESS 2012, April 6-8, 2012 in Quesnel. However as I write this in early December we have received very few registrations! Please save yourself some money and help us sleep at night by sending in your reg-

istration by February 20th. Our registration form was included with the Nov/Dec 2011 Bulletin Board and is available at <goldpanexpress.info> or by phone 250 992 3452 - see you in Quesnel!

Thank you for attending the AGM at the TRAINS meet. The meeting was alive with issues and discussions that your executive have started to work through. I'll use this column to keep you posted but please don't hesitate to contact me at any time at my new email address <russwatson@me.com> or 250-992-3452. I look forward to chatting with you.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful Holiday Season and wish you the best for a happy and healthy 2012.

Al Nattress



Al Nattress of Esquimalt died in hospital in Victoria on Saturday, November 5, 2011 after a short illness. He was 81 years old. Al graduated from the University of Manitoba with a degree in electrical engineering. He began his career with the CNR, where he worked out of Winnipeg and Montreal.



VIEW OF ORCHARDS AND PACKING HOUSE:

[HTTP://MEMBERS.SHAW.CA/VICNTRAK/AL.HTM](http://members.shaw.ca/vicntrak/al.htm)

After his retirement, Al worked as a consulting engineer on a variety of projects such as The International Monetary Fund in the area of rail transportation. He worked in Tanzania, the Sudan, Bangladesh and Vietnam. Al also represented Canada as a swim official in the 1976 Montreal Olympics. He was a fan of many sports and teams, especially the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Al's love for model railroading started after his final retirement in rail transportation. Al belonged to many model rail clubs on the west coast. He designed layouts and was a regular at Trains in Burnaby, BC. Al was an executive member for 15 years for the Victoria Model Railway as secretary-treasurer. He will be missed to all who knew him. A memorial service was held in Victoria on January 14th 2012 at 2pm. at First Metropolitan United Church, 932 Balmoral Road. Thanks Ted Alexis.

See some more of Al's work at the following:

<http://members.shaw.ca/vicntrak/al.htm>

Timetable

2012

Jan 21 (Sat), Portland, OR

Spokane Portland & Seattle Railway Historical Society - Railroad Swap Meet. \$5 Admission, Under 12 Free. Holiday Inn - Portland Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd. 10AM - 3PM Info: - www.spsrh.org or Bruce Barney 503-257-8855

Feb 3 (Fri), Auburn, WA

Western Washington's Railroad Right-of-Ways, 1930 -1980. Lecture and Slideshow by Dave Sprau, Open House 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Lecture 7:30 to 9 p.m. Adults \$5, Kids/Seniors \$4 Info: - s (253) 288-7433 www.wrvmuseum.org.

Feb 4-5, Monroe, WA

United NorthWest Model RR Club 21st 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/unwshow.html

Feb 18 (Sat), Spokane Valley, WA

Evergreen Model Railroad open house, 5 PM to 9 PM, 18213 E. Appleway. Contact Jerry Quinn, 509-939-5845.

Feb 18-19, Spokane, WA

River City Modelers Club Open House. Saturday: 6 PM to 9 PM; Sunday: Noon - 5PM at 1130 E. Sprague Ave. Visit the River City Western HO Model Railroad. The double deck 48 x 45 ft. layout is progressing rapidly with mainline track in, scenery progressing and a lot of the backdrop painting has been completed. Info:- Bob or Shirley Sample at home: 509-292-8332, cell 509-991-2317, shirley.sample@busnws.com or John Langlot, 509-981-5017

Feb 19 (Sun), Spokane, WA

Swap Meet, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Spokane Community College, Lair Student Activities Building, Mission & Greene Streets. Operating Layouts, Railroad Art & Memorabilia, All Scales, Buy, Sell or Swap, Free Parking. Admission \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 11 to 16 years of age, 10 & under free with an adult. Info:- Bob or Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009; 509-838-4029 or 509-991-2317 or email shirley@busnws.com.

Feb 25 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

Open operating session on the Monashee Pacific of the Edmonton Model Railroad Association, www.emraonline.ca. 1:00PM - 5PM, no-host dinner follows. *Session is now full* For more info:- ulvestad@telus.net

Feb 25-26, Olds, AB

Annual Olds Model Railroad show. Olds College, Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-4. Admission \$5.00 per person, children 5 and under are free. Booth cost: \$100, free for non-

commercial displays. Info:- Gord Sylvester, funtimeshobby@shaw.ca or www.funtimeshobby.com

Feb 25-26, Portland, OR

The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour. Oregon Convention Center. Saturday 10a-6p, Sunday 10a-5p; Adults \$10.00 (good for both days) Kids Under 16: FREE! Info:- www.wghshow.com/shows/2012/portland.html

Mar 3 (Sat), Calgary, AB

Calgary Prototype modellers Meet. Doors open at 9:00 AM. St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 703 Heritage Dr. SW \$10.00 Adult 5.00 16 & under. Clinics: Doug Phillips - noted CPR passenger car historian; Dave Audley - associated with Athabasca Scale Models; Dr. George Barr - noted photographer and book writer.

Mar 3 (Sat), Elsie, OR

The Pacific Model Loggers' Congress- A one-day (9AM-6PM) gathering of authors, historians, photographers, loggers, model railroad enthusiasts and other persons who share an interest in logging in general, and Pacific Northwest-style logging in particular. Camp 18 Restaurant and Museum, about 18 miles East of Seaside. Info:- www.pacificmodelloggerscongress.com

Mar 4 (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Spring Mini Meet & Annual CMT Flea Market. Glenmore Inn. Flea market 9:00 AM - Noon Vendors \$20, CMRS members \$2, others \$5, Mini Meet 10:30 - 3:30 Info:- Swap meet: Brookes Harrow 403-201-4937, bharrow@nucleus.com; Mini meet: Marvin Burk, 403-995-3319, burkpm@telus.net, www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html

Mar 10 (Sat), Portland, OR

Willamette Model Railroad Club Swap Meet from 10am to 3pm at the Kleiver Memorial Armory 10000 NE 33rd Dr. (between Columbia Blvd and Marine Drive). Over 110 tables of Model Railroad equipment in all scales, Railroad Memorabilia, books, photo's and more. Free Parking. Admission: Adults \$5.00, under 12 free. Info:- Steve Cook 503-309-9543, e-mail: wmrswapmeet@yahoo.com

Mar 10-11, Saskatoon, SK

All Aboard 2012, Western Development Museum. Saturday 9-5:00, Sunday 9-4:30. Layouts, Vendors, and Videos. Consignment sale on Saturday. Info:- www.prairierailworkshop.com, allaboardtrainshow@sasktel.net

Mar 17 (Sat), Chehalis, WA

Capitol City Lions 27th Annual All Scales Model Railroad Swap Meet. Yard Birds Event Center, 2100 North National Ave; 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Adults \$6.00, Senior Citizens & Students \$4.00 and Age 12 & under free with paying Adult. Tables are \$27.00, set up at 8:00AM Info:- Bill Zidel, ZidelRCSD@aol.com or 360-438-3503.

Mar 18 (Sun), Burnaby, BC

Western Rails 2012. Displays and models of all kinds - Operating model layouts, collectables, photos, time tables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment and much much more. Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. (behind Lougheed Town Centre) 9 am to 4 pm. Admittance: (cash only): Senior (60+) and Youth (6-15) \$3.00 Adult (16-59) \$5.00 Child (under 6) Free Family \$12.00 (Maximum 2 Adults, 3 Youth) Info:- westernrails@wcra.org 604-484-2791.

Mar 24-25, Moose Jaw, SK

Model Train Show. Western Development Museum 50 Diefenbaker Drive Moose Jaw. The museum is opened from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info:- www.tcmrc.org

Mar 24 (Sat), Portland, OR

MT Hood Model Engineers Run Your Train Day. Noon till 4:00 PM 5500 SE Belmont. Bring your train in to run on our 1200 sq. ft. HO layout - DC and DCC compatible. Have our team check out your equipment. Info:- Chuck Maggio 503-236-7042 or www.mthoodmodelengineers.org

Mar 24 (Sat), Boise, ID

PNR 3rd Division Spring Meet, Covenant Presbyterian Church 4848 North Five Mile Road (McMillan and Five Mile). Info:- terrynelson8030@msn.com (208) 895-8030

Mar 25 (Sun), Lewiston, ID

First Annual Lewis-Clark Railroad And Collectables Swap Meet, sponsored by the Lewis-Clark Train Club (LCTC). Nez Perce County Fair Grounds, 1229 Burrell Ave. 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Admission: \$5 Adults, children under 12 free with adult. Over thirty-five vendors with approximately 130 tables with all types of railroadiana, model and collectable toy trains, and many other collectable items. Info:- Mike McGee, President, LCTC, 208-816-6072; or Wayne Walling, msgtusaf@clarkston.com

Apr 6-8, Quesnel, BC

GOLDPAN EXPRESS 2012, PNR 7th Division Spring Meet, Quesnel Curling Club, large display hall, operating layouts, vendors, swap tables, contests, AP judging,

clinics, layout tours, public show Sat and Sun, Friday burger night, Saturday night banquet. Info:- russwatson@me.com or anoble@telus.net (250) 992-8061

Apr 14 (Sat), Olympia, WA

Ninth Annual Olympia Layout Tour. There will be at least eight layouts on the tour. Various scale and gauge combinations will be represented, including N, HO, On30 and 3/8n20. Jim Younkins' N scale Mud Bay & Southern and Greg Wright's 3/8n20 Consolidated Republic Mining Railroad have been featured in national publications. Most of the layouts are in various stages of construction, which will give visitors an opportunity to see each builder's construction methods. Info:- Scott Buckley, sbuckley54@comcast.net

Apr 15 (Sun), Nanaimo, BC

28th Annual Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Beban Park Rec Center, 2300 Bowen Road. Operating Layouts; Swap & Shop Tables, Retail Sales (Table rental \$30); Model Contests (Popular Vote). Entrance Fares: Family - \$10, Adult - \$5, Senior - \$4, Child (6-12) - \$1, NMRA Member - \$3 Info:- Ken Rutherford (250)724-4698 (kj.rutherford@shaw.ca) or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Apr 21 - Apr 22, Calgary, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2012 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, exhibits and displays, railroad artists, hobby shops, model manufacturers, demonstrations, clinics, museums and railroad historical associations, Lego and Thomas Play Area, garden railways, ride-on trains, and much more. Info:- www.supertrain.ca or info@supertrain.ca

Apr 21-22, Eugene, OR

24th Annual Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Swap Meet & Train Show, 796 W. 13th Avenue, Lane Events Center (Lane County Fairgrounds). Adults \$6 each, children 10 years and younger free if accompanied by an adult, optional early bird special Saturday only at 9:00 a.m. \$10 per person admission good for both days, Show hours Sat. 10 am to 5 pm, Sun. 10 am to 4 pm., vendor tables available (8 feet long by 30 inches wide with red linen tablecloth) at \$25.00 per table, price good for both days. This is one of the largest swap meets between San Francisco, CA, and the Canadian border featuring over vendors from 9 different states, 250 plus tables filling 22,000 square feet of space. There are operating layouts in a variety of scales, speeder display, historical societies present representing Northwest Railroads of the past, train videos for the public, hourly door prizes for the public, operation lifesaver trailer display with educational literature, building fund raiser for prizes, FREE PARKING, and all kinds of trains, parts, memorabilia. For more information please contact co-chairs, Lee Temple, 541-954-4917 or tdandt@ram-mail.com or Diane Temple at 541-225-7394 or LDTemple@ram-mail.com

May 2-5, Medford, OR

Siskiyou Summit 2012 Joint Convention. Pacific Northwest Region & Pacific Coast Region / NMRA. Red Lion Hotel Medford, 200 N. Riverside Avenue. Info:- www.pcrnmra.org/conv2012/

May 5 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

Open operating session on the Monashee Pacific of the Edmonton Model Railroad Association, www.emraonline.ca. 6:00PM - 10PM. To confirm attendance, or for more info:- ulvestad@telus.net

May 5 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Annual Swap Meet: Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 11113 113 St. 9AM-Noon, Admission \$2, tables \$20, \$15 for MMRF members. Info:- Ron Boyer, 780-466-2670, www.mmrf.ab.ca

Jun 27 - Jul 1, Medford, OR

20th Annual National N Scale Convention. Red Lion Hotel. Live and silent auctions, 100+ tables of N Scale at the Swap-a-Rama, Clinics, model contest, operating layouts, home layout tours, plus off site tours to the Micro-Trains plant, Medford RR Park and live steam at Train Mountain. Info:- www.nationalnscaleconvention.com, Dick Ollendorf 610-923-7535 evenings, Eastern time.

Jun 28 - Jul 1, Regina, SK

Living Skies Express 2012. Joint CARM National/PNR 6th Division Convention. University of Regina Campus Info:- Tyler Smith, smithtyler@sasktel.net
To add your activities to the Switchlist Timetable or PNR web page, contact the Timetable Editor, Mark Johnson at (780) 436-2480, timetable@pnr.nmra.org

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Brian Freemantle

Brian Freemantle passed away May 24, 2011, at the age of sixty-eight, in Victoria BC of kidney cancer. He is survived by his sons, Kevin and Diarmid (Jennifer), his brother Aubrey, seven grandchildren and two stepsons, Jason and Mark.



Brian Freemantle Operating at Scott Calvert's

Brian never worked for a railroad, but he should have! He was a great volunteer and gave many hours to the Prince George Railway & Forestry Museum. He enjoyed all facets of the hobby from operations, dcc, free-mo, design, handlaid turnouts and the history of the CPR in the Nelson area.

Brian was the info guy here in Prince George. Ask a question about model or prototype railroading and Brian had the answer or new where to find the info for you. Brian gladly shared his vast knowledge and modeling skills and will be missed by those who knew him.

-Bill Hood

AP Corner

Russ Watson

Congratulations to Mike Chandler for earning two merit awards at the TRAINS meet in November for his HO scale REA Express Reefer and CS&CCD Caboose #61. Also congratulations to Roy Zschiedrich for receiving his Golden Spike Award.

The next 7th Division meet that AP Assessment (judging) will be available is the Spring meet, Goldpan Express 2012, April 6-8 in Quesnel. Please see the contest coordinator at the meet and ask him for instructions on how to identify your AP entries. Have your forms and supporting documentation completed and bring lots of models, please keep us busy!

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 assessed, I can usually arrange to have that done between meets, please contact me.

Happy modelling!

Subdivision Reports

-excerpted from 2011 AGM Minutes

Vancouver Island Subdivision - South

Ted Alexis was not present at the meeting. However it was noted that the Victoria Train show donated \$100.00 to the 7th Division.

Vancouver Island Subdivision - Central and North

Ken Rutherford read and presented his written North Island report (see addendum #2). Secretary's note - because this report contained a large amount of information in condensed form, it has been included in full as an addendum.

Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley Subdivision - Tri Cities to Hope

Tom Carr read and presented his written North Fraser Annual Report.

Summary

He reports 3 clubs are active in this area:

Dewdney- Alouette Railway Society (DARS)

- HO layout in the basement of the Maple Ridge Museum. - Depicts Haney area around 1926. - Open to the public on the last Sunday of each month. - Society maintains an old CPR caboose on the museum property. - Recent activity has seen 4 new members plus detailing and wiring interiors of over 20 buildings. Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club
- Meets every Tuesday night at home of club president, Jim Rankin.
- Mainly a social club, but some members run trains on Jim's HO layout. - Visitors are always welcome. - Club doesn't have a portable layout to take to shows. **The Vancouver Train Gang** - Is a N-

Trak modular DC club with members from all over lower mainland.
 - Open to anyone interested in N scale, has 30+ members aged from teens to 80's. - Has no permanent layout location, but maintains an annual average of 12 public shows at public venues.

Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley Subdivision - Langley to Hope

Larry Sebelly read and presented his written Fraser Valley Report.

Summary

He reports on clubs:

Abbotsford Model Railway Club

- Lost its home in the basement of the Trethewey House. - Is in temporary quarters in farm country, continues to look for new home. **Chilliwack Model Railway Club - Free-mo Division** - Attended National NMRA convention in Sacramento in July 2011. - They joined their 5 module sets to modules from California & Kansas to form an E shaped layout 40 x 80 feet and won a Judges Award. Planning for Portland 2015 - After Sacramento the remaining original 6 members of the Free-mo Division left the Chilliwack Model Railway Club to form Coldsap Free-mo. - Has now rented space in the Gallery of the Chilliwack Arts Council building, where their modules are now set up. - New members welcome - visit www.members.shaw.ca/coldslap/welcome . **Chilliwack Model Railway Club** - Entered their N-Scale layout at the Mount Cheam Lions Hobby Show. The highlight of the hobby year in the area is the Mount Cheam Lions Hobby Show, which is held every October. He reports he is always looking for news, photos and updates. Model railroaders are invited to submit digital submissions to sebelley@shaw.ca .

Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley Subdivision - Vancouver Richmond & Burnaby

John Green read and presented his written Vancouver Burnaby & New Westminster report. **Summary** - Media reports of an agreement to start the long awaited construction of the sky train Evergreen Line to Coquitlam in 2012
 - Translink is considering refurbishment/replacement of original sky train cars, now 25 years old. - Construction has begun at sky train and sea bus terminals to accept new compass card ticketing system to be operating in 2013.
 - Lots of activity (layout construction/enhancement) plus operating sessions on several operations capable layouts in this area - About eight 7th division members attended the Bay Rails Operating sessions in Freemont/San Jose in March 2011.
 - About forty 7th division members attended the NMRA National Convention in the Bay area and then Sacramento.

Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley Subdivision - Surrey and Delta

Brian Clogg advises nothing new to report.

Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley Subdivision - North Shore to Squamish

Graham Stokes read and presented his North Shore Report.

Summary

North Shore Railway Modellers continue to meet on the 3rd Wednesday most months. Members, both NMRA and non, rotate among each other's homes sharing railroading interests regardless of scale. The North shore was very well represented at the NMRA National in Sacramento: - Kyle Gardiner won 1st place for steam for his CPR 2711 G4a scratch built loco and tender. 1st place for passenger cars with CP Combine 3299. 1st & 2nd place for non revenue models with CP plow 401035 and CP flanger 400401. 2nd place (by only 1 point) for cabooses CP 436714. The G4a steam loco also won 1st place in the Peoples Choice Awards for locomotives.

- Rene' Gourley won 3rd place for passenger cars with Canada Atlantic Combine #2 . Graham is optimistic for the growth in this area and asks for referrals of anyone in the area interested in the hobby.

Interior Subdivision - Kootenays East and West

Mike Barone gave his verbal Kootenays report.

Summary

Golden City Railway Modellers are still located at the Waneta Plaza Mall in Trail. - Have purchased club shirts with embroidered logo. - Now about 30 members. - Looking for a trailer to transport layout to other meets..
 - Displayed at the Rossland Fall Fair in September.

Interior Subdivision - Prince George/Caribou

Bill Hood presented his written Central BC update read by Gary Hazell.

Summary

There 8 to 10 members in Prince George are preparing for the Goldpan Express in Quesnel spring 2012. They expect 3 or 4 modules to be ready for the event. Operating sessions have been happening on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Anyone from around Prince George that is interested can contact John Ireland at 250-562-7108 for more information.

Interior Hobbies has moved to Massey & Westwood between Tim Hortons and Princess Auto. **Note** - The passing of Brian Freemantle who resided in this area, was noted at the meeting.

Subdivisions Still Needing Volunteers To Report

Bulkley Valley to Prince Rupert Everything North of Prince George Kamloops to US Border.

Editor's Desk

-Eric Reynard

Greetings to all in the new year. I seem to be coming up with new and different excuses for delays in the publication of the Bulletin Board. This time it was an injured right hand with subsequent infection and damage to tendons. I also started back to work too soon and set back my recovery which set back the publication of the Bulletin Board. And I am remarkably hopeless with my left hand. While I shy away from New Year's resolutions I am working harder at being timely with the BB.

I, too wanted to thank Gary Hazell for all his support throughout his tenure as Superintendent. He made getting the Bulletin out much easier. He is largely responsible for me being Editor as I casually remarked one day I might be interested in being Editor and the next week Russ was forwarding all the information and back issues to me.

I look forward to working with Russ in the future and continuing to get information out to the membership.

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