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Victoria Roundhouse & Carshop



After our AGM of the CRHA E&N Division, we had an opportunity to inspect the interiors of the Victoria Roundhouse and Carshops. It may be the last time I get to see the interiors before they are converted into boutiques, shops and stores or breweries in the future. We are trying hard to get some space for a railway museum, but we will have to wait and see. Its a

bit lonely inside the buildings now that there is no railway use for the shops anymore and most of the equipment has been moved out. Hope you enjoy the images.

-Ted Alexis



Abbotsford Model Railroad Club

Ron McIntosh
VP AMRC

The Abbotsford Model Railroad Club consists of a growing group of enthusiastic model railroaders.

A few years ago the Club received formal notice from our landlord that they were not going to renew our lease and we were given a couple of months to vacate the premises. The Club was situated in the basement of an Abbotsford Museum. Museum board advises that they require this space to store their artifacts. This news came as a blow to the Club members, as we had to remove a sixty percent completed 900 square foot model railroad. The Club painstakingly disassembled the layout, salvaging nearly everything, this will all be incorporated into a new layout.

The Club members quickly turned a sad situation to one of great enthusiasm and positive thinking. The previous layout is now viewed, along with great memories, as a great learning experience, and these experiences will be carried over to our future new and improved layout.

At our monthly Club meetings, Club members eagerly discussed all options available for our new location and layout. Within a short period of time a viable solution to our homelessness unfolded. After lengthy discussions a decision was made, the Club would acquire its own premises. As it turns out one of the Club members located a single wide modular home, 65 feet by 12 feet, that was in decent condition for a decent price. Combined with this finding, another Club member has rural property and room for the modular building. The Abbotsford Model Railroad Club has a home.

The modular home was purchased and moved onto its new site. Club members have enthusiastically been preparing the inside for the new layout. The interior was gutted, new roof, wiring and insulation have all been completed. The final step of completing interior wall board and ceiling is in the process with building of benchwork expected to start by April 2012.

A layout plan has been drafted which includes: a minimum four foot snaking isle way, speciality lighting, under layout run through staging tracks with a helix to a double level around the walls main table. Two large mountainous figure eights at each end that will allow access to each level, as well as a narrow continuous run of 65 feet by 12 feet situated above the doors and windows. All of which will make an interesting and challenging operating layout as well as sufficient space to enable an operator to run very long consists.

The Club members also keep busy throughout the year with a portable display layout that is taken and shown to senior care homes and other social groups throughout the local and surrounding area. Local and nearby hobby shows are excitedly participated in.

The Abbotsford Model Railroad Club is always looking for interested model railroaders to participate in building and operating this layout. Open house dates are being considered to coincide with local hobby shows and other related events. If you are interested in participating or just as a visitor check our e-mail address and give us a call, and watch for our future open house.

Timetable

2012

Mar 4 (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Spring Mini Meet & Annual CMT Flea Market. Glenmore Inn. Flea market 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. 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 17-18, Lethbridge, AB

Southern Alberta Railway Club OPEN HOUSE, 1:00 -4:30 PM, at the clubhouse in GYRO PARK at 15 St and 10 Ave "A" South. Both days will feature trains running on the club layouts, a lot of conversation, and special viewings for new members who wish to join our club. Info:- www.albertasouthernrailway.ca

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
www.goldpanexpress.info

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 ttandt@ram-mail.com or Diane Temple at 541-225-7394 or LDTemple@ram-mail.com

Apr 28 (Sat), Livingston, MT

Depot Railroad Swap Meet Livingston Depot Center A get-together to sell or swap antique railroad pieces and memorabilia, art items, model train cars, and more. Info:- www.livingstondepot.org

Apr 29 (Sun), Helena, MT

31st Annual Helena Railroad Fair, Civic Center, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, \$3 under 12 free. Info:- Helena Railroad Fair, P.O. Box 4914, Helena, MT 59604-4914, 406-443-1578 or 406-227-0158 or email: rrfair@mt.net

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 5-6, Rickreall, OR

Rickreall Grange Hall Model Train Show & Swap Meet Sat/Sun. 10am-4pm 280 Main st. Rickreall, Or 97371 Sat. Admission \$3.00 Plus \$1.00 off with can food Sunday Admission is Free! Donation of can food requested! Vender set up Times 1-7pm Friday and 7am Sat. Tables 6'=20.00 8'=25.00 Please Reserve Early! Make checks payable to: Tom Pryor. Mail to: 2085 S.Pacific Hwy. W. Dallas, Or. 97338 Info:- pry626@juno.co or 503-606-0398

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

May 6 (Sun), Calgary, AB

Calgary Model Trainmen Open House. 10AM-4PM 619 12 Avenue S.E. Info:- www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca

May 19-20, Tacoma, WA

Second Annual Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet sponsored by Tacoma NW Model Railroad Club at Freighthouse Square (2501 East D Street), the original Milwaukee Road Freight Terminal. Hours: Saturday May 14, 9am to 5 pm, Sunday May 15, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission: Adults \$5, Children under 12 \$3, Children under 3 years free. Layouts and vendors on three floors. Info:- tnwmrr@gmail.com or www.tnwmrr.org

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.nationalscaleconvention.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

Jul 7-11, Klamath Falls, OR

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

Jul 13-15, Squamish, BC

PGE Centenary Convention. Clinics, displays, RDC excursion. Info:- Brian Clogg, bcclogg@shaw.ca

Jul 18-21, Butte, MT

Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association Annual Convention; Mirabeau Park Hotel. Info:- www.nprha.org

Jul 29 - Aug 4, Grand Rapids, MI

NMRA National Convention - "Grand Rails 2012". Traditions and the Future: Sustaining, Applying, and Expanding Our Traditions to secure the future of Model Railroading. Info:- www.gr2012.org

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

Call For Nominations

The success of the PNR depends on the active involvement of its members. Your active participation can make it successful. I am requesting nominations for these two officers to serve for a two-year period commencing September 1, 2012. All nominations need to be forwarded to me (The nominations chair) post-marked no later than April 15, 2012. Ballots will be included in the Switchlist to be published in May 2012. We have many members who through either personality or work experience, or both have effective leadership skills. Please consider contributing your talents to the future growth and success of the PNR and the hobby. "Self nomination" is welcome! PNR leadership earns AP points toward Association Official.

If you are interested in being nominated, or would like to nominate a candidate please contact me right away:

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Spring Meet Update**Russ Watson****Goldpan Express 2012**

by Russ Watson

OUR TABLES ARE SOLD OUT!! Unfortunately we cannot accept any additional requests for vendor or exhibitor tables, every square inch of our 13,000 square foot facility has been taken up. We have room though for registrants, so please register soon if you plan to attend.

NON-RAIL PROGRAM

My wife Betty will be hosting the following non-rail programs, please register for the programs in advance by contacting Russ Watson by phone at 250-992-3452 or by email: [<russwatson@me.com>](mailto:russwatson@me.com)

Here is a tentative plan (some or all of the quilt shops can be dropped if the participants are not interested):

Saturday, April 8th

10 am - depart Quesnel Curling Club

Quilted Accents Quilt and Sewing Shop (red Bluff Area - 15 minute drive)

Quesnel Art Gallery monthly exhibit

No-host lunch downtown, restaurant TBD

Unique shopping at Cariboo Keepsakes - jewelry, handmade soaps, candles, scarves, felted items, cards, pottery, and art - in the circa 1867 Hudson's Bay building

[<http://bcheritage.ca/cariboo/wagonroa/quesnel.htm>](http://bcheritage.ca/cariboo/wagonroa/quesnel.htm)

Quesnel Museum, \$4 admission

[<http://www.quesnelmuseum.ca/index.html>](http://www.quesnelmuseum.ca/index.html)

Amelia's 'Cottons For Quilts' Shop downtown

Expressions by Ewe Quilt and Sewing Shop downtown

Return to the Quesnel Curling Club by approximately 5:30 pm

Transportation will be provided using personal motor vehicles unless we have a large number of participants and require an extra-fare bus.

Sunday, April 9th

12:00 Noon - depart Quesnel Curling Club on foot

No-host lunch downtown, restaurant TBD

Weather permitting: 'Quesnel Little People' downtown walking

tour [<http://www.quesnel.ca/DocumentBank/Maps/Little-People.pdf>](http://www.quesnel.ca/DocumentBank/Maps/Little-People.pdf),

downtown Historical Walking Tour

[<http://www.quesnelmuseum.ca/NearbyAttractions.html>](http://www.quesnelmuseum.ca/NearbyAttractions.html) and the

Riverfront Trail [<http://www.quesnel.ca/Riverfront-Trail.html>](http://www.quesnel.ca/Riverfront-Trail.html). The

participants can do as little or as much walking on the Riverfront

Trail as desired - the walking is mostly on flat terrain. \$2 for an illustrated downtown walking tour booklet.

Return to the Quesnel Curling Club by approximately 4 pm

BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER

We are very pleased to announce that noted railway author Barrie Sanford will be our guest speaker at the Saturday night banquet. Barrie will give a presentation on the history of the famous and most intriguing Kettle Valley Railway. We're sure that everyone will thoroughly enjoy Barrie's presentation, it's worth the meet registration fee alone!

LOCOMOTIVE PULL CONTEST AND SWITCHING CONTEST

There will be a N and HO scale locomotive pull contest - no traction tires please - and a switching contest on Martin Lapp's HO scale Meaford Short Line at the Friday Night Burger Night. Both events along with a slide show of primarily steam in action by Rider Cheyne will be fun for everyone.

CLINICS

We are still short on clinics so once again please contact me if you can present a clinic. I have a few tentatives that hopefully will be firmed up by the time you read this, but please contact me anyway with your clinic info.

Please visit [<http://www.goldpanexpress.info/index.php>](http://www.goldpanexpress.info/index.php) for our

7th Division Website**Gtreg Madsen**

complete schedule, registration form and for all of the meet details or contact me at 250 992-3452.

We are working very hard to make this meet one of the largest and best 7th Division Spring Meets ever held, please send in your registration form today!

Changes to the Website

The existing web site for the 7th Division has been maintained by John Zuk for many years, and I thank him for all of the work that he has put into it over the years. I took over the maintenance of the site last November at the AGM when John asked to be replaced. I am in the middle of updating the web page structure and code to take advantage of many newer web technologies that have come along since John started the site. My goal is to streamline the work necessary to maintain the content, while at the same time adding new features that will make it of more value to the membership. One example of the changes is a more "fluid" page layout that will adjust to various browser sizes such as smart phones and tablets. Another is what is called an "RSS Feed" which if you are not familiar with is a technique for people to "sign up" to get notifications when there is new content on a web site. This is usually used on "blog" sites. It is a way to add a reference to your browser and/or e-mail that will check for new content every time you start it. I have some links to more about RSS on the web site.

While it is nice to get the site streamlined to make my job easier, the real purpose in all of this is to improve the web site as a tool for the membership. Therefore, please send me gmdsen@ieee.org or Russ russwatson@me.com any feedback you might have. I especially want to know about anything that is not working plus any ideas for improving the structure or the content. We have some current capacity limitations due to the fact that we are hosted for free off of the PNR site, but if there is enough interest in adding more features, it is not very expensive to move to a commercial site where the "sky is the limit" as to what we can do.

Some ideas that I have for new features include:

1. Information on the Achievement Program with links to all of the regulations, forms etc. Maybe a list of MMRs?

Superintendent's Report**Russ Watson**

2. The Members Aid column of past questions and answers with an easy way to submit questions.
3. Links to members personal web sites (if they wish).

I am sure that there are members out there that have more ideas (or complaints) for the site, so please let me know!

Welcome new member Rosilind Jordon of Victoria. I hope you enjoy the 7th Division and please refer to our contacts page elsewhere in this issue to direct any questions or comments you may have, we would love to hear from you.

I received the following from Kamloops member Matthew Buchanan: "Just wanted to let you know about model railroaders in Kamloops. The Kamloops Heritage Model Railroaders now has a website: <<http://khmr.org/>>

We are exploring the possibility of being a fully NMRA club, but for now there are three of us in the club that are in the NMRA that I know of."

Matthew sent me the update after reading the Standing Committee reports in the 2011 AGM minutes and has accepted my request to be a Kamloops Standing Committee member. Welcome to the SC and thank you Matthew.

All members with email addresses should have received an email with a link to the 2011 Minutes on our 7th Div website. If you do not have an email address and would like to receive a hard copy of the minutes, please contact our secretary Bob Leggett. We still encounter several problems when we send emails to the membership. Please ensure that you send your email address changes to Brian Clogg and that you take steps to ensure that email sent to you from Bob Leggett or Eric Reynard is not rejected or sent to your trash.

There are a lot of outstanding issues that were raised at the AGM that your executive will be working on. For the most part though I have been putting them on the back burner until I get the Spring meet off of my plate.

However your executive is currently having a discussion about updating and expanding our web site. Greg Madsen is already making updates and changes. We have had suggestions to post 7th Div award and AP model photos, member clinics, copies of articles and BB back issues. We want members to use our site and encourage you to study the site and tell us what it is that you would like to see

published on the site? Starting with this BB issue the website link will be included in the footer on every page.

Our site is currently hosted by PNR webmaster Mark Johnson and has a limit to how much material we can publish on our site. Greg Madsen is exploring options to move our site to a commercial provider. Since John Zuk started the site over 10 years ago we have had free hosting. If we are going to have to pay to expand the site, we have to be sure that the membership will use it. Again please send your comments and suggestions to Greg or any executive member.

Mike Barone has volunteered to canvass 7th Div members looking for nominations for PNR President and Vice President. Please help him with this important task and read the 'Call For PNR President and Vice President Nominations' document elsewhere in this issue.

We still need someone to relieve Dick Sutcliffe as the 7th Div publicity co-ordinator - surely someone can come forward to help with this important function? Dick has done an incredible job and deserves a break! The co-ordinator doesn't have to attend all 7th Div meets and is free to work with other members who will be attending meets that he/she cannot attend to perform the publicity function. Please give this your serious consideration and contact Dick or myself to discuss your involvement.

This is the first call for nominations for the 7th Div two-year term positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Director at Large. The position terms expire as of Dec 1st 2012. Nominations can only be made for 7th Division members in good standing and with their approval. Please send nominations to me not later than June 15th. Election ballots will be included in the Jul/Aug BB.

I was happy to read two excellent articles recently by local modelers Scott Calvert in the Feb 2012 NMRA Magazine and by Wendy Magnall in the Jan/Feb 2012 Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette. Well done Scott and Wendy!

We are in the final stages of planning our Spring Meet, Goldpan Express 2012, April 6-8th in Quesnel. Registration is picking up but we would love to see a lot more of you commit to attending. We're quite sure you'll have a great time. Please read the "Spring Meet Update" elsewhere in this issue and send in your registration.

I hope you're having a productive modelling winter, until next time build something.

**QUESNEL, BC
APRIL 6-8, 2012**

WWW.GOLDPANEXPRESS.INFO



**MODEL RAILWAY SHOW AND CONVENTION
QUESNEL CURLING CLUB**

**` OPERATING LAYOUTS
` CONTESTS
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**PUBLIC SHOW
Saturday and Sunday
April 7 & 8
12 - 4 pm**

INFO: Russ Watson 250-992-3452 www.goldpanexpress.info

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AP Corner**Russ Watson**

Congratulations to Mike Chandler for earning merit awards for his HO scale CS&CCD RY Caboose #48 and ten structures. The structure merit awards allowed Mike to submit his SOQ for the STRUCTURES category. Mike should have received his certificate by the time you read this. Mike is working hard on the AP and is on track to be the 7th Divisions next Master Model Railroader (MMR)!

Thank you Dick Sutcliffe and Kyle Gardiner for the AP assessment work you have been doing in the Greater Vancouver area.

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!

I plan to attend the Nanaimo Spring Meet on April 15th where AP Assessment will also be available.

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

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have that done between meets, please contact me.

Happy modelling!

I would like to share the story of a New Year's Tradition over the past few years. Where Colin Dover hosts a operations and photographer's session on his HO Scale layout of the Vancouver waterfront.

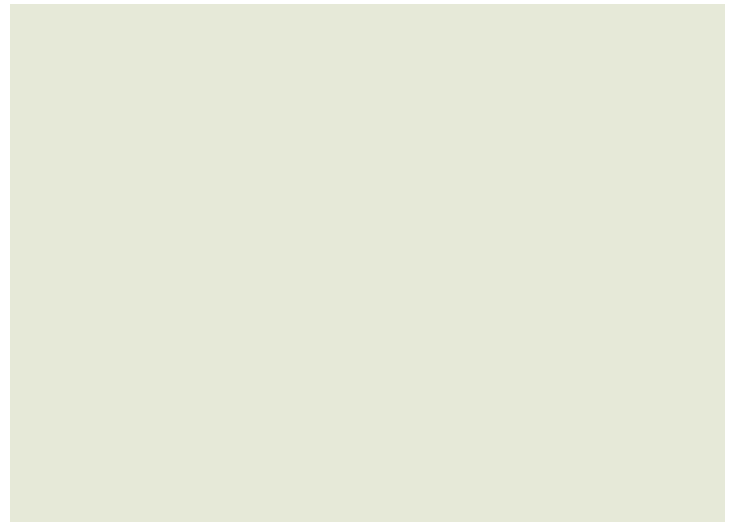
During this year's by-invitation event began as a low key operating session, and in early 2011 some guests took some very Interesting pictures of operations as they happened. In 2012 Colin took a decision to invite people interested in both Operations and photography and an amazing array of images resulted.

Colin's layout represents the Canadian Pacific Railway Canadian National Railway, Great Northern Railway, and National Harbours Board lines on the south side of Burrard Inlet. This layout is all about switching and interchange of freight cars, while scheduled passenger and mixed trains run on a schedule based on the CPR schedule circa 1952.

The first image shows CPR Royal Hudson 2864 as it passes the BC Sugar Refinery building as it leads train #13 from Chicago via the Soo line towards Vancouver station.

The crew of Mixed train 810M, the Huntington Turn, waits for #13 to clear.

Tim Horton composed this picture using a series of near identical digital images shot with different point of



focus and then combined using a computer program. This technique produces an image, which is in focus through out.

The second image was taken and enhanced by Brian Pate, shows train number 12 pulling away from the



CPR Station, now the Translink Waterfront Station which is the western terminal the West Coast Express commuter service.

Congratulations also to Mark Dance whose N scale Columbia Western layout was featured in the 2012 issue of Model Railroad Planning published by Kalmbach.

Trains 2011**Bill Dixon****Trains 2011 Report from the Chair**

Trains 2011 has passed into history. Many issues (deaths, communication issues causing the cancellation of the Prototype tour, late exhibitor cancellations, increased costs and an accident on the layout tour) made Trains 2011 a challenge to bring to fruition. Still we managed to pull off a reasonably successful show. Those who attended had a good time.

Despite reduced registration, reduced public attendance and increased costs the event managed to break even.

What does this mean for the future?

The meet is not paying for itself and has been supported by the public show for years so fees, both registration and public will be increasing. As well if we cannot make a go of it in this inexpensive venue, a move to a more expensive venue is not in the works.

Another issue brewing in the back ground for the last few years is the lack of new people stepping forward to help the committee put on this event. With the lack of new bodies Trains 2011 may have been the penultimate Trains event.

Bill Dixon
Trains 2012 Chair

Trains 2012**Bill Dixon****Trains 2012 Advance Notice**

Trains 2012 the 30th annual and possibly final Trains event will be held November 9, through 12, 2012 at the Cameron Recreation Centre in Burnaby BC.

As it is the 30th meet we are hoping to have the sigs and historical societies involved with the event. So far we have a positive response to our feelers to the CPR and CNR historical societies and the PGE/BCR modelers. It would be nice to have the GNR society involved but the local contact person has got himself involved full time with another group. If there is another person willing to be the GNR coordinator please let us know. If there is a BCER society or group that anybody knows about we would like to invite them as well.

As usual there will be layouts in several scales; N, TT (strangely Vancouver seems to be the TT-Scale hotspot in North America), HO and G. We are actively looking for small layouts in any scale and would really like to see something in Z-Scale, S-Scale, trolley and any narrow

gauge including On30. Please let us know if you have any contacts.

Operating sessions will be available for registrants on the evening of the 9th. BC RPM will be back on Saturday. There will be one or two streams of clinics on Saturday and two or three on Sunday depending on how many people step forward to present a clinic.

To be decided yet is the Prototype Tour, location of the Layout tour and the banquet speaker. It will be hard to top last years banquet speaker. John Cowan gave an excellent long talk about his career on the railway.

We hope to present an excellent Trains 2012 meet for all to enjoy and hope that it will not be the last one.

On that note it is time to talk about Trains 2013.

Will there be a Trains 2013?

At this time I would say no!

The committee is tired. One member has been on the committee since the first meet. He is stepping down at the end of trains 2012. I have been a member since 1996 and am stepping back from many of the duties I have been performing. The volunteer coordinator is not volunteering to do the job after Trains 2012. The contest coordinator has been trying to quit for several years now. We will let him go after Trains 2012. The clinic coordinator is retiring. The treasurer and meet registrar are stepping down. The layout tour coordinator is not continuing without a lot of help. That does not leave much of a committee for Trains 2013.

What happens if there is no Trains 2013 Meet? Well there probably won't be a 2014 or 2015 Meet either. Once you loose momentum it is hard to start up again.

If there is no Trains 2013 Meet it is possible that there would be a fall Public Train show possibly of a smaller size. A public display only show is much easier to organize than a full meet. We will be canvassing the stores and major layouts to see if they would support such an event.

So what does this all mean?

If you value Trains as an event it is time to step forward to join the committee and help run the show. Once it is gone it may never come back again.

Bill Dixon
Trains 2012 Chair