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Johnson Street Bridge



Johnson Street Bridge Removal

photo courtesy Ted Alexis

For more information on the Johnson Street Bridge including some historical photographs as well as more images of the removal see:

www.johnsonstreetbridge.com/

Goldpan Express 2012**Russ Watson**

The dust is still settling on our Spring Meet - Goldpan Express 2012 - held in Quesnel on April 6-8th as I write this a few days later, however on all accounts the meet was very successful. We attracted 116 registrants including vendors and spouses and enjoyed a public show total attendance of 1325 people, about 6% of the area population.

Thank you to all of the exhibitors, vendors and volunteers who worked hard to make the meet a success. Everyone appreciated the incredible array of door prizes so generously donated and awarded out by door prize coordinator Keith Dippel.

The 13,000 square foot Quesnel Curling Rink I believe made this the largest spring meet ever held in BC. I have talked to many people who were amazed at what they saw. Garry Chapman, a local resident contacted us and provided rides outside the rink for children using his custom-built electric powered steam locomotive during the public show Saturday and Sunday.

Events kicked off with layout tours on Friday afternoon with the burger night following that. Rider Cheyne entertained us with a slide show on a variety of railway subjects, Martin Lapp provided a switching contest on his portable HO scale layout and Hugh Clarke ran the always popular locomotive pull contest.

On Saturday morning, Betty Watson hosted a Non-Rail tour with six women around Quesnel with various purchases made along the way and a stop for lunch. Thanks to Tom Mower for doing a great job driving the bus. Saturday afternoon, registrants enjoyed clinics by Jim Little, Martin Lapp and Doug Mayer while the public streamed in to enjoy the show. The contest awards were presented by contest chair Trev Whiting and MC Roy Zchiedrich at the banquet and Barry Sanford presented an interesting talk and slide show on the Kettle Valley RY after dinner.

I became aware of a very nice story that I must pass on to you. At the banquet - and to everyone's pleasure - the winning ticket for an HO diesel locomotive door prize donated by Otter Valley Railroad was presented by 14-year-old Alex Airey from 150 Mile House. That's a nice story but it gets better. I was told on Sunday morning that the winning ticket was actually held by Jose Aragon of Vernon who handed it to Alex and told him to claim the prize for himself. That's a great story and probably one that Jose had perhaps wished that I had kept to myself but Jose, it's just too good to keep quiet, well done!



The large display hall was full of excitement

Photo: Russ Watson



Lori Sebelley receives the award for her winning popular vote favourite X-rated FreeMo module

Photo: Russ Watson



Mike Barone (right) receives his Locomotive Pull Contest awards from contest chair Trev Whiting (far left) and MC Roy Zchiedrich

Photo: Russ Watson



L Adrain Noble receives the award on behalf of the combined FreeMo layout for popular vote favourite layout

Photo: Russ Watson

Those up bright and early visited local layouts Sunday morning and registrants attended Sunday afternoon clinics presented by Greg Kennelly and Mike Barone. Betty again hosted a couple of women for lunch and a walk around historic Quesnel on a beautiful sunny day. The meet ended at 4 pm on Sunday with the closing of the public show.

Everyone enjoyed viewing the layouts from the Salmon Arm Model Railroaders, the North Okanagan Model Railroaders, Martin Lapp, Roger Fowler, Rider Cheyne, Kevin Beattie and a very large FreeMo layout with modules from Chilliwack, Roberts Creek, 150 Mile House, Williams Lake, Prince George and Quesnel.

Dick Sutcliffe was once again on hand with the 7th Division display and chatted with many people and hopefully some potential new 7th Division members.

The contest winners are: Public Favourite Layout: SAMRA; Registrant Favourite Layout: 3rd Roger Fowler, 2nd SAMRA, 1st FreeMo; Operating Module: 3rd Martin Lapp, 2nd James Hill, 1st Lori Sebelley; Locomotive: 3rd Mike Mohr, 2nd Mike Barone, 1st Roy Zchiedrich; Train: 3rd Roy Zchiedrich, 2nd Gerry Stuebing, 1st Dave Bonser; Rolling Stock: 3rd Mike Mohr, 2nd Roy Z, 1st Jim Little; Structure: 2nd Roy Zchiedrich, 1st Dave Bonser; Proto Photo: 3rd Paul Airey, 2nd Paul Airey & Dave Emmington tied, 1st Roy Zchiedrich; Model Photo: Roy Zchiedrich; Switching Contest: Paul and Alex Airey; Locomotive Pull Contest: HO Diesel Mike Barone, HO Steam Mike Barone, N Scale: Tom Carr and Mike Mohr tied.

I created a short video of the meet that you may view at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7b5wLh2XX3M>



Keith Watkin's AJ Railway

Photo Ed Parsons



Russ Watson's North Cariboo Railway On30

Photo Ed Parsons



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Photo Ed Parsons

The committee has decided to donate money to a fund-raising effort for a local women who has again been diagnosed with cancer and has a 12-year-old son and an unemployed husband, Quesnel Good Cheer, St. John's Anglican church and the Quesnel Girl Guides. Our next committee meeting is set for May 22nd where distribution of the remaining funds will be determined.

So another meet has come and gone and we all look forward to the next one. Once again Thank You to everyone who attended and participated in Goldpan Express 2012.

Timetable

2012

Jun 15-16, Spokane, WA

Inland Empire Railway Historical Society (Inland Northwest Rail Museum) Open House at the Spokane Fairgrounds. 10 AM to 3 PM. Tour museum train, view other rail equipment, displays, photo ops and depot gift shop. A bluegrass band will be entertaining through the day on Saturday only. \$5.00 per car load and \$10.00 for a bus load. Info:- www.inlandnwrailmuseum.org or Bill at caboosebi2@comcast.net

Jun 16 (Sat), Bremerton, WA

Bremerton Northern Model Railroad Club 2012 Swap Meet. We are at the West Side Improvement Club, 4109 West "E" Street (the corner of National Ave & "E" Street in Navy Yard City) Get off Hwy 3 at Loxie Eagans to National, turn right at light. 9am - 3pm, \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 free. Info:- Marion Weston, 360-633-7212, or MarionandDan@live.com

Jun 16-17, Mossleigh, AB

Train Days at Aspen Crossing. Rocky Mountain Model Railroad Society will have a fantastic display running through a variety of plants, kid's train rides, live entertainment, petting zoo and more. Info:- www.aspencrossing.com, 1-866-440-3500

Jun 16 (Sat), Portland, OR

The Rose City Garden Railroad Society Summer Tour of Portland area layouts from 10AM to 5PM. Booklets with directions are available from local area hobby shops and some garden centers for \$10 per family (grandkids to grandparents count as one family). Info:- www.RCGRS.com/tour.html

Jun 17 (Sun), Fort Steele, BC

Father's Day at the Fort Steele Railway! Throughout the day... special displays, BBQ, engine shed tours and entertainment. Steam train rides from 11am - 5pm. Info:- www.fortsteele.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:- www.livingskiesexpress2012.ca, Tyler Smith, smithtyler@sasktel.net

Jul 1 (Sun), DeWinton, AB

Canada Day Open House at the DeWinton Station Garden Railway., 10AM-6PM. G scale indoor and outdoor layout. Info:- www.dewintonstation.com, Barrie L. Roberts, Cell: 403-680-7061, info@dewintonstation.com

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 14-15, Ilwaco, WA

The Annual Clamshell Railroad Days celebrates the history of the IR&N Railroad- the only railroad that ran with the tides- that ran on the Long Beach Peninsula from 1889-1930. Co-sponsored with the Peninsula Model Railroad Club, it includes model railroad layouts from regional clubs, historical presentations, vendors and a bus tour. Info:- columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org/news-events/clamshell-railroad-days

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

Aug 9-11, Bend, OR

SP&S Historical Society Convention. Info:- www.spsps.org

Aug 16-19, Revelstoke, BC

Railway Days 2012, Revelstoke Railway Museum. Info:- Jennifer Dunkerson, Executive Director, at 1-877-837-6060, director.railway@telus.net, www.railwaymuseum.com.

Aug 17-19, Big Valley, AB

Alberta Free-mo 2012. An entire hockey rink filled with a modular layout! Info:- www.calgaryfreemo.ca

Aug 24-25, Toppenish, WA

13th annual Northern Pacific Railway Museum Railroad Show at the Toppenish depot on Asotin Avenue, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 26-27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; admission to be announced; tables \$20. Info:- Larry Rice at (509) 930-7210, www.nprymuseum.org

Aug 25 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

Open operating session on the Monashee Pacific of the Edmonton Model Railroad Association, www.emraonline.ca. 7:00PM - 11PM. To confirm attendance, or for more info:- ulvestad@telus.net

Aug 25 (Sat), Longview, WA

The Longview, Kelso and Rainier Model Railroad Club will display their layout in the Grand Ballroom of the Historic Monticello Hotel in the middle of the Squirrelfest activities from noon to 4:30 p.m. This is a FREE event! Info:- Patrick Kubin kubin@mediate.com 360-430-0302 www.lvsquirrelfest.com

Aug 25 (Sat), Beaverton, OR

West End Model Train Swap Meet, sponsored by the Tualatin Valley Model Railroad Club. Valley Catholic High School, 4275 SW 148th Ave., Beaverton. Hours will be 10AM to 3PM. Admission is \$5 adults, 12 & under admitted free with paid adult. Vendor tables are \$20 for the first table, \$15 for each additional table. Info:- Jerry Sheffield, tvntrak@gmail.com

Sep 8-9, La Conner, WA

18th Annual Northwest Logging Modelers Convention. Info:- Lloyd Lehrer 310-951-9097 (9 to 9 PST) loggingmodeler@gmail.com

Sep 12-15, Bellevue, WA Seattle 2012: 32nd National Narrow Gauge Convention, Meydenbauer Convention Center. Info:- www.seattle2012.com

Sep 15-16, Edmonton, AB

2012 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 trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 16 (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, 3220 Cedar Hill Road. Free parking. Info:- Ted Alexis, 250-595-4070, m_talexis@shaw.ca

Sep 16 (Sun), Missoula, MT

33rd Annual Train Show and Swap Meet, from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Big Sky High School, 3100 South Ave., West. Info:- MMRC Show, P.O. Box 2315, Missoula, MT 59806-2315 or call Mike or Elaine Brown at 406-543-6123, email: show@missoulamodelrail.org. Admission \$3 for adults, children and under free.

Sep 29 (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 29-30, Calgary, AB

26th Annual Railway Days. 9:30 - 5:00 Two operating 0-6-0's, the annual Train Pull, cab tours, model railway layouts and vendor booths. 1900 Heritage Dr. SW. Info:- (403) 268-8500, www.heritagepark.ca.

Oct 6-7, Lynden, WA

Lynden Lions Club 28th Annual International Model Train Show. Info:- www.lyndentrainshow.com

Oct 13-14, Chilliwack, BC

Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Admission Prices TBA Info:- Don Carson, 604-847-0230, Amtrak375@hotmail.com

Oct 13 (Sat), Calgary, AB

32nd 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 13 (Sat), North Bend, WA

Milwaukee Modeler's Meet. 10:00 - 5:00 Models as well as presentations on model, prototype and historic Milwaukee Road operations. Location: Cedar River Watershed Education Center. Info:- www.milwelectric.org

Oct 13 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

Annual Swap Meet - 9:30am to 2:30pm. Hudson's Bay High School at 1206 E. Re-

serve 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. Info:- www.swwamodelrailroaders.com; Rik Simmons (360) 907-5353 simmondsrn2001@hotmail.com or Richard Renihan (360)892-3410, renihanr@yahoo.com

Oct 14 (Sun), Edmonton, AB

Edmonton Model Railroad Association Open House, at the Freight Shed, Fort Edmonton Park, Free admission! Info: - www.EMRAonline.ca.

Oct 14 (Sun), Calgary, AB

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

Oct 26-28, Edmonton, AB

Northern Rails 2012 OPSIG Operating weekend. Six or more operations-focussed home layouts, sessions on the EMRA's Monashee Pacific. Operation-specific clinics. Due to the limited space available, this event is invitational with spots being filled on a first come basis. Info:- www3.telus.net/public/ulvestad/NorthernRails.html, calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net

Nov 24 (Sat), Calgary, AB

Model Railroad Estate Auction. Huntington Hills Community Hall, 520-78 Ave NW Viewing: 8:30-10AM Auction: 10AM-4PM Large collection of HO and HO3 Locomotives, cars, structures, etc. Some items will be for sale all day at a fixed price. Info:- shundavalleytrains.minus.com

Dec 1 (Sat), Edmonds, WA

Edmonds Amtrak Station & Swamp Creek Model Railroad Association Holiday Open House. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. 210 Railroad Ave (1/2 block south of Edmonds Ferry Terminal). Info:- www.sewrra.org

Dec 26 - Jan 1, Tacoma, WA

15th 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/ or call 253-272-3500. Museum entrance fees are \$8 / 7 / 6 for adults, seniors, student or military, respectively. Children 5 and under are free. 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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Superintendent's Report

Russ Watson

Welcome new members Edward Henschell of Trail, Roger Fowler of Salmon Arm and Alvin Hand of Chilliwack. 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.

As I type this our successful Spring Meet - Goldpan Express 2012 - has just closed. Please read my meet report elsewhere in this issue.

I didn't schedule a 7th Division meeting for the meet because of my busy schedule during the weekend, however I did chair an informal meeting on the Saturday afternoon. Bob Leggett will have the minutes from that meeting published in this or the next issue of the BB.

Greg Madsen continues to seek input for his reworking of our 7th Division web site <<http://pnr.nmra.org/7div/index.shtml>>, please visit it and provide Greg with your comments and suggestions and most of all, content. I am now using it as my NMRA portal. I go to it and from there can quickly go to the PNR and NMRA websites - a one-stop shop. We have decided not to move our site to a commercial server until we run out of space with our current PNR host.

We are still looking for someone to take over the 7th Division Publicity Coordinator's position, please contact Dick Sutcliffe or me to chat about this very important function. "Coordinator" is the key word here, which indicates that one person doesn't have to do all of the work.

John Green tells me that the nominations jar for the Ross Heriot Memorial Golden Spike Award is now empty and we would like to start filling it up again. Please consider one of our hard-working members and send in your nomination to John soon. You may find a list of past recipients and a description of the award at <<http://pnr.nmra.org/7div/Awards.shtml>>

We do not have a bid to host a 2013 7th Division Spring Meet and as you have read in the BB, there is a very real possibility that a TRAINS 2013 meet will not be held. If you attend these meets it is time to step up to the plate with your offer of assistance to ensure we can all continue to enjoy and share our hobby to the fullest. You DO NOT have to live in the host city to be able to contribute to the meet organization. Many tasks can be completed remotely. I have asked Dick Sutcliffe to write an article for the BB expanding on this concept.

Now that my Spring Meet co-chairman duties are almost over and after I get back home from a trip to the coast and to the joint PNR/PCR Convention in Medford, I intend to start working on the many issues that were raised at the 2011 AGM. I will report in the BB on the results.

I hope to see you at Siskiyou Summit 2012 in Medford, OR <<http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2012/>> May 2nd to 5th, it is shaping up to be a great meet with the advantage of having two regions doing the organization.

I also plan to attend the Nanaimo show - a few days away as I type this - and hope that I saw many of you there.

As Spring quickly turns to summer and we find ourselves out of doors a lot more I do hope you make some time for model railroading, until next time, why not build something?

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Request from Member

Gerry McParland <gerry@westwoodfinecabinetry.com> wrote:

Time prevents me from building a large layout but I miss tinkering and having fun. For months now I have been trying to purchase a previously built operational layout that would fit in my library/den

The floor space available is 18 ft x 12.5 and is best suited for a walk around layout versus wall mounted

I know it is a long shot Russ, but would you have any leads for me that I could follow up? I am located in Kelowna.



Roy Zschiedrich - Bear Creek Railway, HO

Photo Ed Parsons

AP Corner**Russ Watson**

Congratulations to Mike Chandler for qualifying for his Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering Certificates and to Jim Little for earning merit awards at Goldpan Express 2012 for his scratchbuilt HO CPR 6-wheel and 4-wheel wooden coaches.

Thank you Dick Sutcliffe, Kyle Gardiner, Dave Nickerson, Mike Barone and Adrian Noble for the AP assessment work you have completed.

Assessment was available at the Nanaimo Spring Meet on April 15th so I'm hoping to be able to report on additional awards.

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!

COMING TO VICTORIA

2012

Victoria's Annual Model Railway Show

Sunday, September 16th
10 am - 4 pm
 Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
 3220 Cedar Hill Road
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