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Trains 2012



Dewdney-Alouette Railway Sociey

photo Ed Parsons

Trains 2012 Prototype Tour

I rode to Squamish with Bob Leggett, arriving about 9:30am as the staff were opening the station and other displays. The weather was starting to look promising, but deteriorated again to light and heavy drizzle for most of the day.

After a very warm welcome, to the dozen registrants that showed up, by Russ Grycan, in the station meeting room, we went for a tour of the Roundhouse, including the cab of 2860 and of the other three pieces of equipment in the roundhouse. We then split up and wandered freely through the rest of the site. I was joined by Jeremy, who is the point person for the Western Rails Show in March. We ducked under the rope and walked through the working part of the car shop, looking at work in progress on several cars as well as a model railway donated by the Cohen (Army & Navy Stores) family. At 11am we found our way to the MiniRail station and road three "covered" cars to the the wye at the other end of the line. Here Chris and Kyle treated us to a couple of trains running on the 45mm "G" gauge track, while Jeremy ran around

the MiniRail locomotive around the train. This was followed by the trip back to the station by the scenic run along the creek, complete with a few ghosts still in the trees from Halloween. Back at the Station we partook of the catered lunch of a delicious vegetable soup, several varieties of sandwiches on white or brown bread and followed by several types of cake. Good hot coffee and tea were also available. All served in/on real china. Very well presented.

After everyone was sufficiently refreshed we we boarded a coach, and pulled by PGE RSC 561, were taken to the former motive power shop the WCRA rents from the CN. After a brief introduction and safety precautions we were free to wander the shop and inspect a variety of equipment, much of which had volunteers present to answer questions and interpret features. BCER motor 960, and CPR 8000, among other equipment are undergoing restoration, (960 to operate, 8000 cosmetically).

At 2pm we were directed upstairs to the "Bent Spike" railway display, which has an operating HO layout, as well as a G gauge track around the room near the ceiling, and an O gauge track under construction under the HO layout. The HO layout has a beautiful backdrop painted by a local artist, who was present operating one of the trains. Chris gave a guided tour of the HO layout with remarks about the O and G set-ups. Kyle is constructing an "N" scale set of modules for display in this location, and to take to shows.

By 3pm we were again directed to the train and and returned to the station, where the tour was completed.

I want to compliment all the volunteers and staff for their great hospitality and detailed interpretation of the exhibits, displays, and artifacts. They made us feel very welcome.

Dick Sutcliffe
Secretary
Trains 2012 committee
British Columbia's largest Train Show & Meet

Timetable

2013

Feb 2-3, Monroe, WA

United NorthWest Model RR Club 22nd Annual Model Train Show and Swap Meet, Evergreen State Fairgrounds. Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4. Hosted by the United NorthWest Model RR Club. Info:- www.unwclub.org/unwshow.html

Feb 23 (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. For more info:- ulvestad@telus.net

Feb 23-24, 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 23-24, Saskatoon, SK

All Aboard 2013, Western Development Museum 2610 Lorne Ave. Saturday 9-5:00, Sunday 9-4:30. Layouts, Vendors, and Videos. Consignment sale on Saturday. Info:- www.prairierailworkshop.com, allaboardtrainshow@sasktel.net

Mar 2 (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 8-10, Calgary, AB

The Chinook: 6th Division Spring Meet and a weekend of railroad events. Info:- pnr-nmra.org/6div/thechinook/

Mar 9 (Sat), Portland, OR

Willamette Model Railroad Club's 28th Annual Model Railroad Swap Meet at the Kliever Memorial Armory 10000 NE 33rd Dr. from 10am to 3pm. Admission is \$5.00, under 12 free. Over 110 tables of Model railroad equipment in all scales, railroad memorabilia, books, photos, and more, Free Parking. Info:- Keith Kieres 503-723-7323, e-mail: wmrswapmeet@yahoo.com

Mar 9 (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: Assembly of Athabasca passenger cars - Dave Audley/Bob Hardcastle; The History of Banff Station (3 variations?) - Don Thomas. NAR passenger trains and stations - Colin Hatcher

Mar 9-10, Spokane, WA

River City Modelers Club Open House. Saturday: 4 PM to 8 PM; Sunday: Noon - 4PM 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

Mar 10 (Sun), Spokane, WA

Spokane, WA; Sunday, March 10, 2013 - Spokane Train Show, Spokane Fair & Expo Grounds, 404 N. Havana St., Spokane, WA; Ag Buildings C & D. Adults (17 & older) \$6.00; 11 to 16 years of age \$3.00; 10 & under free. Over 200 tables of Railroad items for sale; layouts in all scales; free parking; food service available. For information or table reservations contact: Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 3065, Spokane, WA 99220. Cell #509-991-2317; home # from 7 to 10 PM: 509-292-8332 or shirley@busnws.com

Mar 10 (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:- www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html

Mar 17 (Sun), Burnaby, BC

Western Rails 2013. 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 (Sun), Lewiston, ID

Second Annual Lewis-Clark Railroad and Collectibles Swap Meet. Sponsored by the Lewis-Clark Train Club (LCTC), P.O. Box 682, Clarkston, WA 99403. This will be held at the Nez Perce County Fairgrounds, 1229 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, ID from 9:30 AM to 4 PM. Admission \$5 Adults, Children under 12 free with an adult. Additional information or to order tables contact - Wayne Walling, 509-751-1289 or Mike McGee, 208-816-6072.

Apr 3-7, Dublin, CA

Iron Horse Express 2013 - Pacific Coast Region Convention. Info:- www.pcrnmra.org/conv2013/index.html

Apr 4-6, Kamloops, BC

Kamloops Model Railway Days, PNR 7th Division Spring Meet and public show, Calvary Community Church Halls, 1205 Rogers Way, Public Show Friday 6 PM to 9 PM and Saturday, 9 AM to 4 PM, vendors, operating layouts, clinics, layout and proto tours, contests, door prizes, Friday night Pizza Bash, spousal program and more. Registration forms soon at: pnr-nmra.org/7div/Timetable.shtml Info:- Brian Kelly 250-377-8510 (work), bandwkelly@shaw.ca or Ken Klein 250-828-8776, paleotrains@shaw.ca

Apr 14 (Sun), Nanaimo, BC

29th Annual Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Beban Park Rec Center, 2300 Bowen Road. Operating Layout, sales tables, popular vote model contest (open to any modeler). Admission: \$10.00 per family, Adult \$5.00, Senior \$4.00, NMRA members \$3.00 Child (6-12) \$1.00 Info:- Ken Rutherford at 250-724-4698 (kj.rutherford@shaw.ca) or Rick Lord 250-724-4205

Apr 20-21, Calgary, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2013 Canada's Biggest and Best Annual Model Train Show. 9 AM til 5 PM both days. Subway Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. 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

Jun 26-30, Boise, ID

Snake River Special. Pacific Northwest Region Convention. Boise Hotel and Convention Center. Info: pnr-nmra.org/3div/2013.html

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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Websites of Interest

I am adding a new segment highlighting websites that are of interest to model railroaders. Please forward any that you find that are helpful or of note. Thanks Ed.

I thought you might enjoy these superb photos of little trains in the big world:

<http://www.jeff-friesen.com/Canadian.html>

<http://themodelrailwayshow.com/>

These Podcasts are free from the itunes store

This website features photos and every two weeks they release a new podcast (sound only) so you can do modeling or heaven forbid chores while listening.

for your Enjoyment,
John Green

Jason Shron, the man with a "VIA" passenger car in his basement. (Jason runs "Rapido Trains")

<http://charlesadler.com/jason-shron-president-of-rapido-trains-inc-built-a-life-size-train-in-his-basement/>

New Members

Mark Donaldson, Campbell River, BC
James Epps, West Kelowna, BC
John Fowles, Haney, BC
Donovan Gentles, Revelstoke, BC
Dave Mills, Langley, BC
Jim Rankin, Haney, BC
Hugh Urquhart, Maple Ridge, BC
Cheryl Thornton, Salmo, BC
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Eric Lizama, Trail, BC

Superintendent's Report

Russ Watson

A very warm welcome to new members Ian Baggott, West Vancouver, Michael and Nick Batten, North Vancouver; Mark Donaldson, Campbell River; Henry Fleming, Castlegar; Donovan Gentles, Revelstoke; and Hugh Urquhart, Maple Ridge. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or provide input, we look forward to hearing from you. You may find contact info in this Bulletin Board or by going to our website:
<<http://pnr.nmra.org/7div/index.shtml>>.

Thank you to Bill Hood and Bob Gardner for their many years of service as a Standing Committee (SC) member and Member Aid Chair respectfully. And thanks to John Ireland for taking over from Bill in the "100 Mile House to Prince George" SC position, to Mike Barone for taking over from Bob as the Member Aid Chair, to Doug Mayer for filling the vacant SC

position for the renamed "Okanagan, Thompson and Shuswap" subdivision and to Don Forsyth for returning to the SC in the new "North Island Bowser north" SC position. Vancouver Island has been split up into three subdivisions, thanks to Ken Rutherford for your work on this. All of the changes are listed on the contacts page in this issue.

We still have not found a new Bulletin Board (BB) editor to replace Eric, so please contact Eric or me for additional information to see what the position involves.

TRAINS 2012, the 30th annual event held on the November long weekend, was again a very enjoyable event. Thank you to everyone who organized, volunteered and participated! I'm hoping that Eric received material about it in time for publishing in this issue. And that he has published my article and photos about my very engaging operating session on Mike Chandler's Western Midland Railroad on the Friday night.

The AGM on Sunday during TRAINS 2012 was well attended and those in attendance were well engaged. A lot of important issues were discussed and all of the details will be in the minutes. Secretary Bob Leggett had a major computer failure just before TRAINS and as I type this a week and a half after TRAINS, Bob is shopping for a new computer. I expect that the minutes will be delayed, however once he does have them finished, they will be posted on our website <<http://pnr.nmra.org/7div/index.shtml>> and Bob will email the membership to let them know. Those without computer access may request a copy of the minutes from Bob at 604-464-0868, but please don't call until about the 3rd week in December.

I was very happy at TRAINS 2012 to receive several names of people willing to help organize a TRAINS 2013 meet and public show. However we still do not have enough volunteers, so once again if you enjoy the TRAINS meets, please contact me with your offer to help.

We invite all model railroad clubs to send information about their clubs: contact information, meeting times, or whatever you like - to webmaster Greg Madsen for inclusion on a 'club page' he will be creating on our website. Greg can be reached by email at <gmdasen@iecc.org>.

We have not received a bid for a 7th Division Spring Meet, however I have received an email from Brian Kelly in Kamloops stating that they are looking at doing a Spring Meet in Kamloops. That's great news and I'll pass on any info I get via our website and by email. (See attached info later in the Bulletin. -Editor)

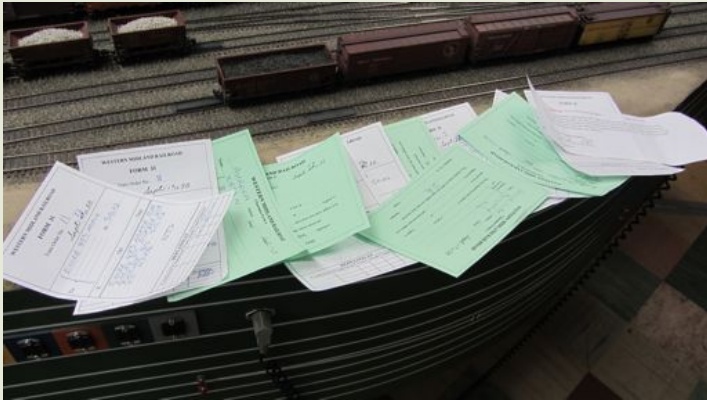
I also received an email from Joe Smuin stating in part: "The Penticton Museum is working towards an approximate 15 month long celebration in 2014-2015 of the centennial of the KVR and the S.S. Sicamous on Okanagan Lake. As I understand it, the idea is to set up a special convention where model railway layouts would be displayed as a one-time special event. This won't be limited to just model railroading, the broader railroad and steam boat scene will also be represented." Please let me know if you or your club is interested in taking part and I will put you in contact with Joe.

I hope that you are busy in your layout rooms as winter sets in. And I hope you all have a very enjoyable Holiday Season and wish you good health and happiness in 2013.

Western Midland Operating Session

Russ Watson

As part of TRAINS 2012 held in Burnaby, BC, November 9-12th, I was thrilled to operate for the first time on Mike Chandler's incredible HO scale Western Midland Railroad. Scott Calvert has organized these Friday-night operating sessions for a number of years and reports that this year attracted a record number of participants. I'm



Train orders and clearances for Extra 493 North

Photo Russ Watson

sure that is another indication of how popular operating sessions are becoming within the hobby.

After a short but thorough orientation session, Mike put us to work. The railroad is set in 1938, an era before radios and CTC, etc. So station agents are assigned to write out hardcopy clearances and train orders they receive by telephone from the dispatcher, who for this session was located in Calgary, really! I could sense the professionalism and the strict adherence the dispatcher - a real retired dispatcher - enforced with the station agents judging from their body language and occasional muttering. The station agents then hand out the appropriate forms to the train crews.



Rockton

Photo Russ Watson

I was assigned Extra 493 North at Sales. As a northbound extra I was inferior to every other train, so I had some waiting to do before I could really get to work. When I reached the first town that required work, Black Mountain, I had to also meet Extra 207 South before I could do my work. #207 arrived in short order and the engineer told me that he also had work there, however it was impossible for both of us to work at the same time. So Superintendent Chandler made the decision that #207 would drop his cars on the end of my train and I would be required to do #207's work as well as my own. I guess that's what I get for landing an inferior train. I managed to complete all of my work there and at Silver Cliff and Rockton and terminated my train at Java.



Silver Cliff

Photo Russ Watson

One of my photos shows all of the written train orders and clearances I received for extra 493 North, Mike later said that I may have set the record for receiving the most ever forms!

Mike has ingenious working train order boards at each station that determine whether you need to stop your train and if stopped, whether you can proceed or not.



Aurora yard on the left and Java on the right

Photo Russ Watson



North End of Black Mountain

Photo Russ Watson

If you would like to read more on Mike's op sessions, I suggest you pick up a copy of the July 2012 issue of RMC magazine, I saw a stack of them at Central Hobbies in Vancouver on November 10th.

Thank you to Scott and Mike and all of the station agents and other crews for a very enjoyable evening. I learned some old-time operating practices that I will apply to my own freelance 1934 On30 layout and had great fun in the process. And at times I almost felt sorry for those station agents.

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

AP Corner

Russ Watson

My report this month is quite short. Unfortunately Mike Chandler's Master Model Railroader award did not arrive in time for presentation at the TRAINS 2012 banquet. And as I type this a week and a half after TRAINS, Mike still has not received it. I do look forward to being able to present it to him at the earliest opportunity, it is a major accomplishment that must be properly recognized.

Rather than repeat the content in my annual AP report - that will be published with the 2012 AGM minutes - it is suffice to say that with the exception of Mike Chandler's work, 7th Division AP activity was down in the past year. I am hopeful that those already participating in the AP will get back at it and members not already involved become involved.



J & J Railroad Trains 2012 Layout Tour

Photo Ed Parsons

Trains 2012 Committee



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Back Row, Left to Right – John Green; Greg Madsen; Craig Spink; Andrew Hutchinson; Mike Chandler; Bob Leggett; Tom Jones.
Front Row, Left to Right – Rob Kirkham; Don Gooch; Bill Dixon; Gladys Gooch; Dick Sutcliffe; John Moore. Missing – Scott Calvert.

Then under the photo and caption run this story:

Trains 2012 Committee Retires

On Sunday, January 13 the Trains 2012 committee met for a wrap-up meeting and dinner at the ABC Country Restaurant in Burnaby. This was the last meeting for them as a group.

A presentation was made by Bob Leggett on behalf of the 7th Division to thank them all for their many years of service putting on train shows and meets. A framed Certificate of Appreciation was presented to each one.

Will there be a Trains 2013? A few new people have expressed interest in carrying on and some of the old committee will be meeting with them to discuss it. But more volunteers will be needed! Do you want this meet and show to continue? Do you have some time available to volunteer? Well then contact our Superintendent, Russ Watson at russwatson@me.com and he will direct someone to discuss it with you.

Bob Leggett – 7th Div. PNR/NMRA Secretary; Trains 2012
– 7th Div. PNR/NMRA Representative.

Kamloops Model Railway Days



The 7th Division PNR BC Interior Spring Meet



April 05 - April 06, 2013

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Friday Night April 5, 6 PM to 9 PM

Saturday April 6, 9 AM to 4 PM

**General Admission: \$ 5.00 Adults, \$ 4.00 Children or Seniors
or \$ 15.00 for Families of 4 (max)**

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Editor**Eric Reynard**

Welcome to the New Year. I want to start by including my **only** New Year's resolution for 2013, and that is to be more diligent in getting the Bulletin out in a timely manner. This past year has been filled with delays, avoidance and admittedly some boredom brought on by eight years of doing this job. I do however feel re-energized about the publication and trust that will translate into more timeliness.

I would like to note that this is only coincidental with my receipt of the Ross Heriot Golden Spike Award. I did not receive notification of it until after I had told Russ I would continue as Editor. I would like to thank a number of people who made this award possible for me. Without the legacy of Russ Watson's excellent work and the able assistance of Bob Gardner (MMR) and Gary Hazell I would never have been able to publish the Bulletin over the last, nearly eight years. The many contributions of the membership also make the job that much easier as I have only rarely had to scrounge for material and I must encourage you all to continue the good work. Remember it counts towards your AP.

Thank you all for this award and I hope I can continue to live up to the standards expected of a Ross Heriot Golden Spike winner.

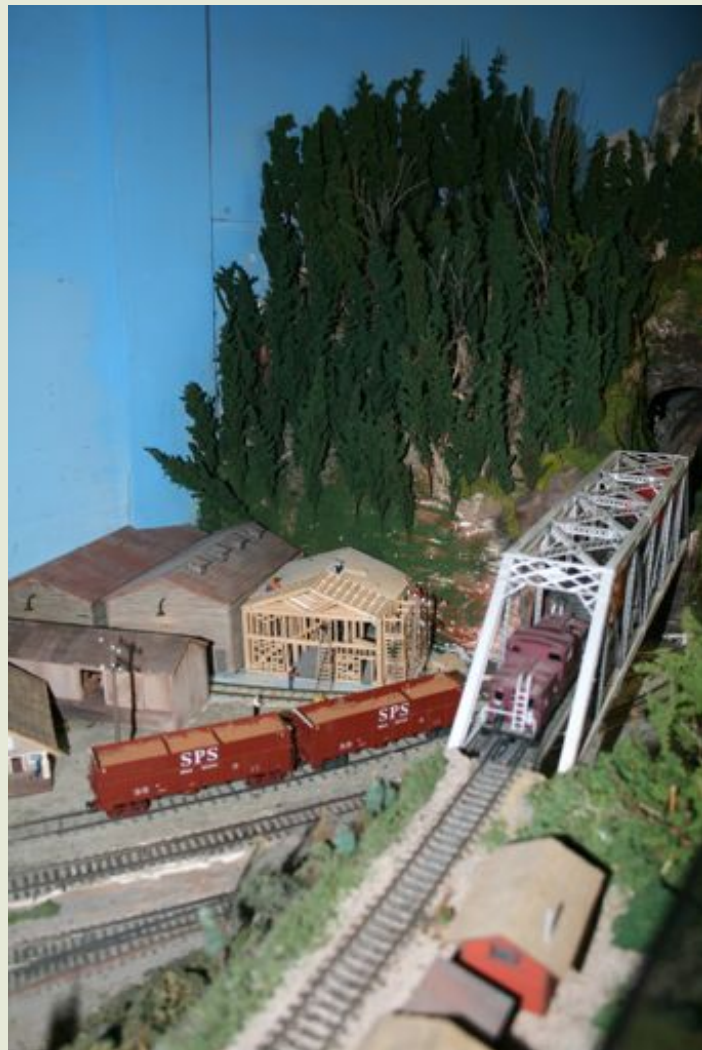
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