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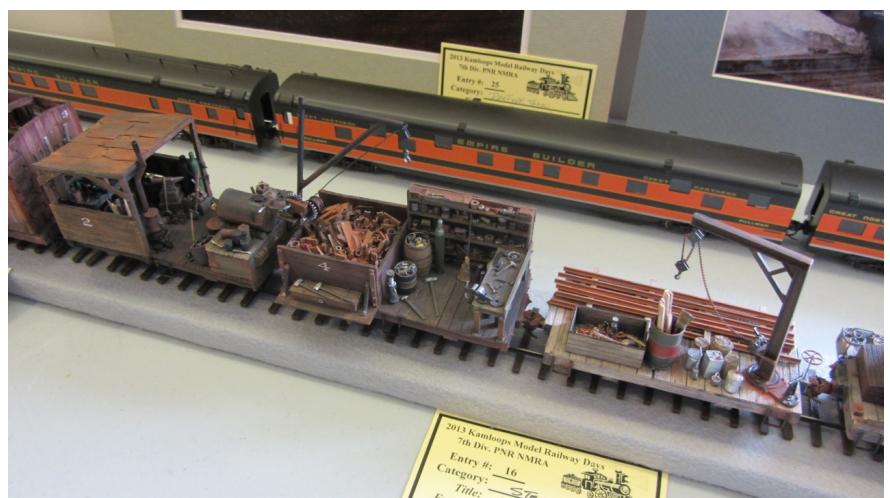
by Russ Watson, photos by the author

The Kamloops Model Railway Days, our 2013 7th Division Spring Meet, held on April 4-6th was a very successful meet. Brian Kelly, Ken Klein and everyone involved did a great job and I'm sure that every registrant thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I was hoping that someone else would write a report on the meet for the BB, however no one has come forward, so you're stuck with my efforts written four months after the meet and without any notes to refer to. I welcome anyone to send a more detailed

report to Adrian Noble <anoble@telus.net> to fill in the gaps in mine for the next BB.

The meet had all of the events that we have come to expect: operating layouts, vendors, contests, a public show, a pizza night, door prizes, clinics, layout tours, two prototype tours (the 2141 steam locomotive shops and the Rocky Mountaineer shops) and a windup dinner.



Considering the late start and the very small organizing committee, it was decided that rather than having a typical banquet, a no host windup dinner would be held in a local pub that has a railway theme. I think this is a great idea and other meets should consider this option to lessen the workload.

The two-day public show was well attended and brought in sufficient income to pay the bills and in fact considering that the facility rental was very reasonable, not only did the meet make the 7th Division bank account richer by \$400, it also donated to the 2141 rebuilding fund.

Thank you to Brian and Ken for doing the meet and to everyone who participated: the volunteers, the layout owners, the vendors, the clinicians, the door prize donors and the contestants. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great meet. I hope that Kamloops can again put on a spring meet in a future year for us all to enjoy. Brian and Ken, the second one will be much easier!

AP Corner

by Russ Watson

My report again this month is quite short. Mike Chandler has now received his Master Model Railroader award and I'm sure it is hanging in a prominent location in his layout room. I look forward to officially presenting it to him at the earliest opportunity. It is a major accomplishment that must be properly recognized.

Congratulations to new 7th Division member Frank Blandford of Sorrento for earning 4 Merit Awards at Kamloops Model Railway Days in April. Frank won awards for his wonderful models: On30 Logging Work caboose, O scale Coal Barge with Gas Crane, O scale Logging Steam Tug Paddle Wheeler, and On30 22' Block Car. A photo of some of Frank's models is included in my Kamloops meet article elsewhere in this issue. I certainly look forward to coordinating AP assessment of more of

Frank's models in the future! Thank you to Bob Gardner, MMR, Mike Barone and Tom Carr for doing the assessments.

AP assessment (judging) will be available at the Victoria Model Railway Show on September 8th, please check out our website <<http://pnr.nmra.org/7div/>> for info on the show.

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 modeling!

John William Ireland March 28, 1947 - July 4th, 2013

Submitted by Russ Watson



John was the area rep for the 100 Mile House to Prince George subdivision. He passed away when he collided with a moose while riding his motorcycle on HWY 97 south of Prince George.

My wife Betty and I attended John's funeral in Prince George on July 13th and I spoke as a friend and on behalf of the 7th Division and in closing said: "Like many hobbies model railroading cultivates a fraternity and John was very good at fostering that fraternity with model railroaders in Prince George and beyond. Not only will the Prince George model railway community feel the loss of John, the 7th Division will be a weaker organization without him. Over the last few days I have received several emails from model railroaders residing in the Lower Mainland who could not be here today.

On behalf of all 7th Division members I offer my sincere condolences to Connie, the family and all of John's friends. If we can be of any help, please don't hesitate to ask."

As mentioned below, John's wife Connie is setting up a scholarship in his

name and is seeking donations. The donation form is included as a separate sheet with this BB if you receive a hard copy BB, or it will be included with the 2013 7D election ballot mail-out if you receive the BB by email.

John was a very kind, positive and caring individual, he was the kind of person that many would aspire to become. When Peter Anthony became ill in Prince George after moving there from the Lower Mainland, John helped him immensely by putting his affairs in order and agreeing to be a power of attorney and the executor of his estate. Those who knew Peter well, know just what a great help John was.

John Ireland, beloved husband, father and friend passed away Thursday, July 4th at the age of 66. John was predeceased by his father, John Allan and his younger brother Frank. He is survived by his loving wife Connie, daughters Katie and Julianna, elder brother Robert Allan (Karin), sister Cathie

(Ben), mother Isabelle, as well as many other treasured family members and friends.

John was raised and educated in Vancouver, BC. He later moved to Prince George where he met his loving wife of 25 years Connie and began their family with two daughters, Julianna and Katie.

For over 30 years John was an inspiring and dedicated teacher for School District No. 57. Most of his time was spent as a math teacher at Kelly Road Secondary School. John began his retirement in in 2006, allowing him more time to spend on his two main hobbies - model trains and motorcycles.

John will always be remembered for his sense of humour and his positive outlook on life. He continually brought happiness and inspiration into our lives and he will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a scholarship that has been established in John Ireland's name at School District No. 57.

Free-mo Gathering in Chilliwack

by Adrian Noble

This past June, the First Annual BC Free-mo Meet was held at Heritage Park, in Chilliwack. This event was organized by members of Coldslop Free-mo, with the leadership of Lori and Larry Sebelley. Twenty-two model railroaders from Alberta, BC and Idaho brought modules to form a U-shaped, loop to loop layout that fit nicely into the 100 x 150 foot rental space.

A number of the participants arrived on Thursday afternoon and were able to unload their modules into the building. The remainder arrived on Friday, with some members of the Calgary Free-mo club being among the last. Due to road closures on both Highway 3 and Highway 1, they were forced to come through Jasper and overnight in Kamloops.

Setup commenced on Friday and it was a great testament to the flexibility of the Free-mo standards. While Larry had a starting design, it was changed on-the-fly to suit conditions on site. By Friday evening a fully functioning layout was up and running.

While most of the train operating began in earnest on Saturday morning, a few die-hards ran trains into the wee hours of the morning. The final



Cliff Manahan's new module with Rider Cheyne's passenger train.

design allowed for a good number of operators to be running at the same time and there didn't seem to be any lulls in the action. A diverse selection of motive power and rolling stock provided an interesting mix for train-watchers.

The highlight of Saturday evening was a BBQ organized by Lori Sebelley. After the meal an operating session was held and it provided a great deal of enjoyment to the participants. Once again, trains ran into the night.

Sunday provided another day of enjoyable running of trains. All too soon 4pm arrived and the dismantling began. Very quickly trailers, vans and trucks were loaded with modules and readied for the drives home.

All in all, the first annual was deemed a great success and the second annual is planned for Chilliwack at the Red Barns, June 20th - 22nd, 2014. If you have any questions about Free-mo, you can check out the [Coldslap Free-mo web site](#).



Layout design ... in progress



Dave Chomyn's Othello Tunnels

Photos by Rider Cheyne

Vancouver Island Sub-divisions hosts members meeting

What does one get for their membership dues? This has been a question prospective members always ask. Unless they are outgoing and step forward at shows and try to meet people, they might look at the NMRA Magazine and the support of the NMRA standards as all there is. The meeting of fellow modelers and the learning of new techniques and fostering a modeler's growth should also be part of our membership.

To that end, at the seventh division AGM in November a resolution was passed to allow funds to be used by the Standing Committee members to host member meetings within their region. These meetings would include the introduction of new members, clinics and renewing fellowship with old friends.

On February 24th, fourteen members gathered in Nanaimo for an afternoon of information sharing and the meeting of new friends. Ken Rutherford had sent out a flyer to all members on Vancouver Island to inform them that a meeting was being arranged so that they could meet their fellow modelers and

hopefully set in motion the establishment of regular meetings. All of the members who attended thought the afternoon was great. The meeting started with around the room introductions with all members giving a little background into their hobby interests including the scale modeled and prototype interests. There were some members that had moved to the Island and had not met any other modelers let alone NMRA members so one of the benefits of NMRA was met – fellowship. Some members brought models to display and there was a survey that allowed members to indicate the types of clinics that they might like to see and also indicate if they were interested in providing a clinic. Refreshments were provided and a social time allowed the free flow of information.

From the survey we will be planning some more gatherings with clinics for the fall and winter of 2012/ 2013 working around the various model railroad shows. Hopefully more island members will be able to attend.

reported by Ken Rutherford, Don Forsyth, Ted Alexis

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7th Division Timetable

Sept. 8, 2013 Victoria, BC

[Victoria Model Railway Show](#)

Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Oct. 19-20, 2013 Chilliwack, BC

[Mt Cheam Lions Club Model Railroad and Hobby Show](#)

Location is TBD, but is most likely at:

Heritage Park

Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm.

Nov. 8-10, 2013 Burnaby, BC

[Trains 2013 Railway Meet and Public Show](#)

Cameron Recreation Complex

For more detailed information on events that are not in our division, please check out [the PNR web site](#).

Superintendent's Report

by Russ Watson

I am very sad to report that 7th Division member John Ireland of Prince George passed away on July 4th. Please read about John in a separate article in this issue.

A big thank you to Adrian Noble of Quesnel for taking on the Bulletin Board (BB) Editor's position. Adrian has a lot of professional computer experience and I have full confidence in him. However he can only publish what he receives, so please send him updates on your modeling efforts or those of your

friends and your clubs. I have asked Adrian to publish 6 issues per year on time and to publish whatever he has regardless of whether it fills only 4 pages or not. It is important to maintain regular communication with our membership and I would rather have a small issue published on time rather than larger issues published erratically.

And a final thank you to Eric Reynard for creating the BB for over 8 years! Your efforts have been appreciated.

We need to minimize the printing and snail mailing of hard copy BBs to save valuable division dollars and minimize the distribution effort, so I appeal to all members to contact me to give the digital BB version - sent by email - a try. Many of you who ask to receive the hard copy version have email addresses, so why not at least try the digital version? Many divisions and regions have gone exclusively to digital newsletters, many available on their websites, why can't we make that step into the 21st century? I would love to hear your reasons for not wanting to do that, please contact me by phone: 250-992-3452 or snail mail: 1297 Yorston Ave, Quesnel, BC, V2J 3B6. The advantages of going digital to you are that you will enjoy colour photos and you will receive the BB sooner than the hard copy version.

And on that note, Gary Hazell and the Salmon Arm modelers have been looking after the printing and distribution of the hard copy BBs for longer than I can remember. Gary heads south for a few months each winter now so we need to have someone else take over from Gary while he is away - if we don't find volunteers there will be no mailing of hardcopy BBs while Gary is away. If you are a person who asks to receive the BB in hardcopy format - and there are about 70 of you - please consider stepping forward. Adrian will email the digital version of the BB to the printer - so the volunteer(s) just need to fetch the hardcopies from the printer, fold and stuff them in envelopes, address them and mail them. Please contact me to help out.

A warm welcome to all new members. We would love to hear from you, so please contact any executive member listed on the contacts page in this issue or any member, especially those listed on our website: <http://pnr.nmra.org/7div/index.shtml>

Thank you to Larry Sebelley for attending the PNR Board Of Director (BOD) meeting as my proxy at the PNR Convention held in Boise Idaho at the end of June. I have read the minutes and expect that they will be posted soon on the PNR website <http://pnr.nmra.org>.

The 2013 election ballot is enclosed with this issue if you receive the BB as a hardcopy or it will be snail mailed to you separately if you receive the BB by email. We have not received any additional nominations as of this writing in mid July. Thank you to Jim Little for being Assistant Superintendent

for the last two years and to Tom Carr for agreeing to let his name stand this year for Assistant Superintendent and to Ken Rutherford for volunteering to be the nominating chairman and the returning officer. Please take the time to cast your vote.

A reminder that our 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held during TRAINS 2013 at the Cameron Recreation Centre in Burnaby on Sunday, November 10th. Please take the time to attend this important meeting of your organization.

Our first-ever 7th Division Policy Manual should be available on the 'Documents' page on our website <http://pnr.nmra.org/7div/index.shtml> as you read this. Thank you to those who provided input, mainly Ken Rutherford and John Ireland as I recall. And thank you to Ken Martin for adding the table of contents and formatting the complete document. I know ... it's boring, but please read it and send me suggestions for additional content or amendments. And it is mandatory reading for anyone on a 7th-Division-sponsored event organizing committee, there are several key items that apply to you.

I received the following from Doug Mayer about the Jim Ferrier Collection project: Mike Barone came up a few weeks ago and we went through a bunch of the tubes to see what we have. The tubes are, as I said all mixed up. The labels on the tubes do not match what is inside them, and the original list of drawings is completely inaccurate. Each tube we went through is now accurately catalogued. I think that is all we can hope for. Scanning the drawings is not going to be possible unless things change dramatically. I don't see those changes taking place. Mike is interested in coming up again to go through more tubes. We have no timeline for that however. We grossly under estimated the magnitude of this project.

I hope you are reading this with enough time to consider attending the Victoria Model Railway Show on September 8th. After taking a year off Ted Alexis and his crew are back at it at a new venue and I know that they will put on a great show. Please obtain info about the show by visiting our website <http://pnr.nmra.org/7div/index.shtml>.

TRAINS 2013 planning is well underway and you will, or have, received a registration form either enclosed with your hardcopy BB or with the 2013 election ballot mail out. Registration is very low as I

type this in mid July, so please send in your registration forms soon. Chairman Peter Mueller and crew are working very hard to present an event that we will all enjoy and they are still looking for a few volunteers. If you would like to help please contact Peter directly by email at

<peter@muellerlacourt.com>. A review of our TRAINS meet and public show will take place following the event and we may have to look at a different format if registrations are too low to sustain the event as we have come to know it, it's time to support TRAINS!

We do not have a 2014 Spring Meet bid, but as Brian Kelly in Kamloops showed us all, it's not too late to put your bid in. There has been talk about a spring meet in Kamloops a bit later in the year, in perhaps May, and also some talk from the Trail/Rossland area, so how about it Doug Mayer and Mike Barone, can you put on a meet for us in 2014?

I received the following about railway-related activities in Penticton and request that if you or your club would like to participate by providing a layout and/or displays for the event(s), that you contact Peter Ord directly: The city of Penticton is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Kettle Valley Railway in 2015 and we are recognizing this event with a festival called Steamfest. Part of our goal is attract hobbyists to the city and build a large event around model railways in tandem with other activities (musical, culinary, tours, exhibits) occurring around town.

We don't have any specific dates in mind yet, but would like to explore some options which would suit your members. Would it be feasible to organize a large demonstration (with some of the costs subsidized by the Penticton Museum) of NMRA member railways in June 2015? Perhaps a smaller one in June of 2014 as well?

For more info on Steamfest, please visit our Youtube site: <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5O7R9LBxJE>>

Thank you for all your assistance, Peter Ord, Manager/Curator, Penticton Museum & Archives, 785 Main St, Penticton, BC V2A 5E3 Direct Tel: (250) 490-2452; Cell: (250) 809-4856, <www.pentictonmuseum.com>

Thank you very much to Greg Kennelly for designing and manufacturing the first two new 7D display boards that were used for the first time at the Nanaimo Show in April. The boards are presently in

Victoria and will be used at that show on September 8th and will stay on the Island to use for the Nanaimo show in spring 2014 and future Island events. And thanks to Greg for volunteering to make a second set of boards that Dick Sutcliffe will use at the Chilliwack show in October. They will also be used at TRAINS 2013 and will stay somewhere in the Lower Mainland for future events there. We are looking for local people to man the 7th Division table for an hour or two at each meet. The task is easy, just sit back and chat with people about our organization. The lightweight display boards are easy to set up as well, so please let me know if you are able to help us out for an hour or two at a local upcoming meet. Dick Sutcliffe continues to do the 7th Division Publicity Coordinator's job, thank you Dick, however he really would like someone else to take over the position and he certainly deserves a break! We have made the position much easier than what it has been so please consider taking on the position to help us out. Please contact me or Dick to chat about it.

As I type this it looks like OnTrack Hobbies in Port Moody will be closing their store for good soon. It's very unfortunate to lose yet another hobby shop. I suspect that with our dollar being at or near par with the U.S. dollar for so long, they have lost a lot of business to the .com sellers online. I thank Tom and Joyce for the support they have given the 7th Division and I wish them all the best for the future.

That's it for now, I hope you have had a great summer and now look forward to returning to your hobby workbench soon to continue or start that project you have been longing to do. Happy modeling.

Submissions Date for Nov/Dec Bulletin Board

September 15th

From the Editor:

I would first like to say thanks to the individuals who responded to the announcement of my new role by sending me articles and photos. Keep them coming!

Being a newly minted editor, one of the many things I pondered while putting together my first issue was whether to have a column of this sort. In looking at examples from other editors, I see that they tend to be personal meanderings. I don't know if what I have to say will be useful, but I hope you will, at least, find it of some interest.

I usually attend one or two model railroading events each year and the first of this year was the First Annual BC Free-mo Meet in Chilliwack. As much as I enjoy running trains, I find that I enjoy talking with old friends and meeting new ones. It's always interesting to see what everyone is doing and the different directions people are taking.

The different skills and interests of modelers has always intrigued me, and one of the Free-mo participants was a prime example. Before he got into building Free-mo modules, his hobby was woodworking and that is evident from his first effort at constructing a module. Using a combination of web girders and torsion box design, his six foot long module is light enough that one person can easily handle it. While most modules at the setup were being viewed for their scenery and their trackwork, this one was also being viewed for its novel structural design.

As always after a gathering of this sort, I came away inspired to try something new. I find myself drawn to the electronics involved in modern model railroading and that has lead me to automated signals. It might be a lofty goal, but I'm hoping for next year's BC Free-mo Meet to have the ability to signal a section of the setup. As I go through this process, I will try and share things of interest.

'Til next time.



We are happy to confirm that Trains 2013, BC's Premier Train Show & Modelers' Meet, is ON this year at Cameron Recreation Complex, 9523 Cameron Street, in Burnaby, BC (across from Lougheed Town Centre). Fun for the whole family, we look forward to seeing members of the public and modelers alike. The public show will feature Operating Layouts, Displays, and Vendors.

The public show runs November 9th & 10th, with Modelers' Meet activities for registrants running through the weekend, starting with Ops Sessions on Friday evening (November 8th) by reservation. For registrants, there are also RPM-Railway Prototype Modeler displays and a meet, Clinics, Contests, Layout Tours, and a Banquet on Sunday evening, the latter two at extra cost. We are still considering a Prototype Tour. Our planning committee is still short one or two members, and we welcome anyone who wishes to assist in the planning and organization of this year's show so that we can offer as many features as possible. See our website <http://www.bctrains.org/> for more information. We look forward to an excellent show & meet!