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Victoria Train Show

by Dick Sutcliffe



A very early start for me, but I was off to the 2013 Victoria Train Show at 5:15am, September 8, 2013. I drove into Vancouver to share the ride with John Green, Graham Stokes, and Brian Dobbin, leaving at 6am . With John driving we easily made the 7am sailing. For a leisurely breakfast, we were joined by Tom Beaton, on board. Departing Sydney we arrived at the Juan de Fuca recreation center about 9:30am, leaving plenty of time to setup the 7th div display for the 10am opening. I would like to thank Graham Bennet and Don Forsyth for their assistance in attending the display, giving me a few breaks to tour the rest of the show. The hall is a good size, a clear span curling rink, with ice due to go in the next day. The rink is part of a complex with an ice rink, pool, seniors center and concession. The concession unfortunately ran out of supplies about 2pm, but there are several fast food establishments across the road, so I don't think anyone went hungry.

The show hall was well laid out with ample room between the displays, layouts and vendors. The layouts I noted were in N scale, HO, OO, tinplate, G, & Lego.

The vendors were mostly located around the walls, but some of the larger ones were on the main part of the floor.

Entrance for displays etc is by three doors, one of which could driven through, the other two were walk in from the closely placed parking area.

There was not a huge lineup at opening time, but a steady stream of visitors all day brought the total to over 2100, one the best the Victoria Train Show has ever had. It never seemed crowded, so there was a good flow. I had time to look around, and did manage to find a few treasures. A most pleasant day.

John Green has posted some more images on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/13306827@N02/sets/72157635449440593/>

AP Corner

by Russ Watson

I was remiss in my last AP Corner in not thanking Jim Little for his work doing AP judging at our spring meet in Kamloops in April. Jim is an excellent judge with a lot of experience and his help was appreciated, thank you Jim and sorry for missing you last time!

Jack Hamilton, our Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) AP Chairman, has been very proactive in his area by arranging to take teams of judges to layouts in homes to determine if the owners have done enough to earn AP Certificates - in most cases they have. Jack and his team complete and submit the paperwork as required. The process makes it pretty simple for the owner and is a great way to get them going in the AP. The key here is that paperwork is required, however if the modeller is present during assessment the paperwork is kept to a minimum. Keep an eye out for an article by Jack on his approach in an upcoming NMRA Magazine issue. If you are building or have built a layout, you probably already have certificates ready to process, please [contact me](#) and I will do my best to arrange judges to visit your layout for an assessment.

I am not aware of any AP activity at the Victoria Model Railway Show in September, however thanks to Don Forsyth for being prepared to handle any requests.

Full AP assessment (judging) will be available at TRAINS 2013. Please let the contest coordinator at the contest tables know what you would like assessed and give him your paperwork and models. I will be checking with him regularly and arrange for assessment.

In the mean time, if you're not really sure what the AP is all about, check out the NMRA [Achievement Program](#) or [contact me](#), 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!

Notice of Annual General Meeting

by Bob Leggett

All members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Seventh Division, Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association (Canada) which will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 2:00 PM in the Cedar Room of the:

Cameron Recreation Centre
9523 Cameron Street
Burnaby, BC

If you receive the Bulletin Board as a hardcopy and wish to receive it as a PDF, please email our 7th Division Membership Coordinator, [Brian Clogg](#) with your request.

**Submissions Date for
Jan/Feb Bulletin Board**

November 15th

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Superintendent's Report

by Russ Watson

Thanks to Gary and Donna Hazell for having the hardcopy Sep/Oct Bulletin Board (BB) and the election ballot and enclosures printed; folding, stuffing and addressing the envelopes and mailing everything! And thank you to Doug and Maryann Kelleway for volunteering to take over the hardcopy BB distribution task from Gary on a full-time basis. Gary is working with them to ensure they have everything they need before taking over.

As a result of my rant in the last BB, I received requests from two members to switch from hardcopy to digital distribution, it's a start

I was very saddened to hear about the passing of Bob Trappe and Gordon Varney, MMR. I didn't know Bob well but he was a very familiar face at most 7th Division events and I will miss chatting with him. Gordon, an NMRA Life Member, Master Model Railroader #126 and a recipient of the Ross Heriot Award in 1993, was the 7th Division Achievement Program (AP) Chairman when I joined the NMRA in 1990 and he was a big help to me as I ventured into the AP. He was a wonderful person and a great modeller, he will be missed.

It is not too late to register for TRAINS 2013 to be held in Burnaby at the Cameron Recreation Centre, November 8th to 11th. Chairman Peter Mueller and his committee are working very hard to make this a great event. Please do yourself a favour by registering today, check out the [TRAINS website](http://trainswebsite.com). I look forward to seeing you there.

Please consider sending in nominations for the Ross Heriot Gold Spike Award to our chair [John Green](#) and the Jack Work Award to chair [Rene Gourley](#).

Descriptions of the awards and a list of recipients are [on our web site](#).

I am very glad to read that the 2013 Victoria Model Railway Show was a great success at the new venue in Colwood. Thanks to Ted Alexis and his crew for all of their hard work. And thanks to Dick Sutcliffe, David Tomljenovich, Graham Bennett and Don Forsyth for manning our 7th Division display table. The new venue has been booked for the 2014 show, stay tuned for the details.

I am still looking for someone to take on the Publicity Coordinator's position. The new display boards that Greg Kennelly have made have greatly simplified the process of having a 7th Division presence at meets and conventions. The basic role of the coordinator's position now is to obtain volunteers in advance to man the table at each event - the coordinator does not have to attend the meets. Please check out our display table at the next 7th Division event you attend and [contact me](#) to help out with this important role.

Our membership coordinator, Brian Clogg, informs me that we have lost over 60 members in the last two years. NMRA Canada has told me recently that they send out three renewal reminders and that they have had some members not renew because of failing health and other reasons. We keep you on the books for at least 90 days, so if you have forgotten to

renew, please do so by visiting [NMRA Canada](#) or by [contacting me](#). I have just been told by our NMRA President Clark Kooning that the Canadian dues must be increased on November 1st to \$26 without the NMRA Magazine and \$62 with the NMRA Magazine per year. From Clark; "We have not increased our NMRA Canada dues since 2005 unlike in the USA where dues have had several increases. We were able to absorb the cost due to good exchange rates and office volunteers. However we can no longer absorb the costs of exchange rates, postal increases and overall cost of doing business." If you are not sure what the status of your membership is, please contact [Brian Clogg](#). If you made the decision not to renew, I would like an opportunity to chat with you so we can continue to improve the NMRA experience for all, please [contact me](#).

Thank you Tom Carr for letting your name stand and congratulations on being elected the 7th Division Assistant Superintendent! I look forward to working with you. I decided to serve one more term as your Superintendent, which will expire November 30th, 2015. Thank you to Ken Rutherford for being the election returning officer and to all of you who took the time to mail in your ballot. And thank you to Jim Little for being the Assistant Superintendent for the last two years.

New commercial advertising and member '[Buy and Sell](#)' sections have been added to the BB and our web site. Without cost members can submit advertisements for the sale (or 'wanted') of model-railroad-related items in their possession to our [BB Editor](#) and our [Webmaster](#). The text-only ads are restricted to 40 words plus contact info and will run in three consecutive BBs and 6 months on the website. Forms are available for commercial advertising requests. Full details are included on page 11 of the August 30, 2013 revised 7th Division Policy Manual, which is available on our website '[Documents](#)' page.

As a result of the addition of the buy and sell sections, your 7th Division Policy Manual has been

revised to include this additional service. The manual and all 7th Division documents are available in [the 'Documents' section](#) on our website. Webmaster Greg Madsen is in the process of moving our website from the PNR host to a host that he uses for his personal website. The move is required to acquire additional space as the PNR host has limited space; provide us with the simpler easy to remember website name 7dpnr.org and make Greg's job of maintaining the site easier. Please [visit the new site](#) - if you clicked on any of the web links above you have already been on it - however Greg is still working on it and it may not be fully functional yet. There is a \$20 per year fee to register and keep the website name and a \$20 per year fee for the new host, Greg has agreed to cover the latter cost for now, thank you Greg! Please [contact Greg](#) with your website ideas and suggestions, which he is always looking for and happy to receive.

Greg has also created a [7th Division FaceBook page](#). Please visit our page and 'Like' us to get all of the updates.

Our Member Aid Chairman, Mike Barone, is sitting at home waiting for you to contact him with a modelling question. Mike is a long-time modeller known for his exceptional painting skills but also has a wealth of other modelling knowledge and prototype information. So please [contact Mike](#) (250) 367-6134 with your questions and in the rare occasion that he can't answer them he will find someone who can.

I hope to see many of you at TRAINS 2013 in Burnaby at the Cameron Recreation Centre and please consider attending our 7th Division Annual General Meeting on Sunday, Nov 10th at 2pm in the Cedar Room, we would love to hear your ideas about improving your organization.

November is Model Railroad month so why not take someone to TRAINS 2013 - a friend, a grandchild or even a neighbour? We all know it is the World's Greatest Hobby, lets show everyone else!

Until next time

7th Division Timetable

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](#).

Vernon Club News

Submitted by Hugh Clark and Jim Little

The North Okanagan Model Railway Association (NOMRA) has been busy the past year constructing a museum quality HO diorama of the Canadian Pacific's facilities Okanagan Landing as they were one hundred years ago, circa 1914.

The year, 1914, was the beginning of a hectic period for Canadian Pacific's Lake and River service in the Okanagan. This was the year when construction was completed on the CPR's stern wheeled lake steamer, the SS Sicamous and it was ceremoniously launched vastly improving both passenger and cargo service on Okanagan Lake. The launch followed the construction of the boat's three upper decks and interior built on a steel hull of the flat-bottomed riverboat design. The hull had been shipped out in pieces from Ontario and assembled at Okanagan Landing. At over 200 feet in length the SS Sicamous could carry



400 passengers plus cargo and move along at 18 knots (21 mph). She could easily make the Okanagan Landing (Vernon) – Penticton return trip in a day, a distance of 140 miles! Also in 1914, the steel hulled steam tug, the SS Naramata was launched, again at Okanagan Landing. The SS Naramata was used to transport CPR barges, which held 8 railway cars each. These barges transported the railway cars to various fruit packinghouses around Okanagan Lake and return loaded to enter the CPR's mainline via Okanagan Landing and Vernon at Sicamous. Shipping records show that in 1928 alone, 2107 railcars passed through Okanagan Landing mostly carrying boxed apples!

The diorama represents Okanagan Landing just prior to the launch of the two vessels. The SS Sicamous is in a nearly complete stage with the roof to be built and scaffolding around the vessel. This gives visitors the chance to view the interior of the boat. The tug, SS Naramata, sits nearby, also nearing completion.

Working in conjunction with the Vernon Museum, the diorama is a stand-alone island 4-1/2 feet wide by 22 feet long. Thirty percent of its surface area is lake. The largest structure is the transfer wharf used for loading the rail cars onto barges as well as the loading of the lake boat's passengers, mail and freight. The prototype wharf was over one quarter mile long, while the model had to be compressed to approximately half the distance.

The diorama is housed on the second floor of the restored Okanagan Landing Station in the former Stationmaster's living room. The building and diorama are to become a satellite site of the Vernon Museum. The Okanagan Landing station is located in Paddlewheel Park, not far from its operational location. As a museum exhibit, it is housed under glass with adequate lighting using both halogen and LED fixtures. Various points of interest can be highlighted by a series of LED's throughout the display activated by pressing captioned pushbuttons along the sides of the model.

The project manager was Eldie Jameson, a life long resident of Okanagan Landing, and NMRA member. Major structures, including both boats were built by Ray Hansen. Ray is a wizard at working miracles with cardstock and styrene and has produced several models over the years of local structures for the local club layout.

The display should be open to the public by next year, one hundred years from it's origins. Next time you're travelling through Vernon, you should visit it (it's free!). Directions can be obtained from the Vernon Museum, located in downtown Vernon.



From the Editor

As I am preparing this issue for release, the leaves outside have already turned to their fall colours and the wind has a definite chill to it. Its time to hunker down in my man-cave and browse the catalogs of the various hobby suppliers. This year it seems to have an electrical slant as I go about gathering the components required for my signaling system. It helps me to have a definite goal for my projects as I find that my mind is easily distracted as I get older.

In this electronic age, I find that I am continually bombarded with catalogs, newsletters and offers from various suppliers. While I am absolutely thrilled with the amount of articles that I am getting for the Bulletin Board, I also wonder if this newsletter is fulfilling what you, as 7th Division members, perceive as its role. I would be very interested in hearing your ideas as to what the newsletter should or should not contain. I enjoy receiving articles and photos of what our members are building and I am very happy that we will be providing a free opportunity for our members to list buy and sell items. (See the Superintendents Report for further details)

Only the members can determine the direction of this newsletter, so, let me know.

'Til next time.

7th Division Election Results

Ken Rutherford
Director-at -large
2013 Returning Officer

The ballots have been counted and the results are in. I received 48 ballots from our 320 members. There were 3 spoiled ballots. I received no write in nominations and so I am pleased to announce that Russ Watson and Tom Carr are elected to the positions of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent respectfully. Next year the offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Director-at -large will be up for election. Please consider volunteering to run for an office. Watch a future BB for a call for nominations.

Nominations requested for the 2013 Ross Heriot Gold Spike Award **submitted by John Green**

It is time for you to consider those members of the division who have made a difference.

You can help by sending your nomination with the name of the person you have nominated, and the supporting reasons to John Green, before October 21, 2013.

Nominations can be sent via e-mail to

greenjohnca@yahoo.ca

Or via Canada Post to
John Green
7635 Elliott St
Vancouver BC, V5S 2N8

The award is presented annually to the individual or individuals in the PNR 7th Division who has made a significant contribution to the division. It is in appreciation of his/her unselfish devotion of time and effort to further the aims of the NMRA, the PNR and the hobby of model railroading through assistance and service for the benefit of all model railroaders within the division.

The award is a once-in-a-lifetime presentation and candidates are nominated by their peers. You may see a list of previous recipients by going to the [7th Div. website](#).

The award is a simulated gold spike on a plaque.

R. Gordon “Gordy” Varney - MMR #126 **July 8, 1927 – September 5, 2013**

by Scott Calvert

It is with great sadness that I share the news that Gordy passed away on September 5th in the Langley Hospital after undergoing extensive emergency surgery. He regained consciousness for a short while after surgery, however, he suffered multiple heart attacks and did not recover.

He is survived by his beloved wife & the true love of his life; Elenore, sons David (Linda) and Glenn (Tammi), 7 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and sister Doreen. Gordy was pre-deceased by his son; Jeff and great grandson Max.

He was born in Vancouver and lived there since then. He had many jobs and eventually retired from Empire Stevedoring in 1987 to enjoy a retired life.

Gordy was a very active member of the NMRA and participated in all levels of the hobby. His modeling skills were absolutely outstanding and earned him Master Model Railroader #126 years ago. Many of us had the privilege of viewing and operating on his wonderful On3 Cedar Ridge Tie & Timber Co. layout - a masterpiece of logging modeling. He was great mentor and helper to me personally, and assisted in the construction of both my previous and current CPR Boundary Sub layouts in numerous ways. His totally scratch built 300 ft long x 100 ft high McCormack Creek timber trestle was a show piece on the CPR branchline and it featured custom cut scale strip wood and 1200 NBW castings!

Gordy had a fleeting experience with radio controlled model planes, but came to his senses and realized model railroading was a WAY better hobby. However, to fill that creative aircraft niche, he spent countless hours volunteering at the Canadian Museum of Flight in Langley BC and, together with his very close friend: Cyril Meadows, completed several exceptional projects there.

Good bye to a truly great friend and outstanding modeller...he will be truly missed by family & friends.

R.G. TRAPP, 1933 - 2013

Submitted by Kevin Shannon



Bob enjoyed the world of Railway Modeling for much of his life, participating in groups first in Medicine Hat, then Toronto, Calgary and finally Vancouver. Bob was a very good friend of the late Cliff Basler and he had attended almost every 7th Division model railway event for many, many years. Even if you didn't know Bob, I'm sure you had seen him and perhaps chatted with him at many events. His smiling face will certainly be missed.



Submitted by David Emmington

Canadian National Railways GP-7 4803, Built 1953 at John Street Roundhouse Park, Toronto, Ontario on August 22, 2013. NMRA Member David Emmington was introduced to 4803 in 1959 at Vancouver's Diesel Shop. David was a first year Electrician's Apprentice.