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## Locomotive Restoration

*by Hugh Mackenzie*

The pictures were taken Nov 26, 2013 at The Canadian Museum of Rail Travel, Cranbrook BC. They show CP units FA2 4090 and FB2 4469 built by MLW Oct and Sept, 1953 respectively. The units have sat for many years in red primer and were a bit of an eyesore. The Rotary Club of Cranbrook Sunrise has taken on the task of restoring the units to original appearance. There's been a lot of work to get to this stage. Many of the body panels had deteriorated and had to be replaced. They had hoped to be completed in 2013, but as normally happens unforeseen problems creep up. I don't know what their schedule is now, but they sure look better than they did. The Rotary Club of Cranbrook Sunrise should be congratulated for what they've accomplished to date. There's only one other ALCO/ MLW matched AB set on static display in North America. These are CN units 6786 & 6867 at the Railway Museum of Danbury in Danbury CT. Unfortunately they're painted NYC black. CN units FPA4 6789 and FPB4 6862 are at the Monticello Railway Museum, Monticello IL painted in traditional CN green, black and gold stripe. The A unit is operational.

### **Additional Comments by Allan Davis, Project Coordinator (Loco Project)**

#### **Rotary Club of Cranbrook Sunrise**

Let me bring you up to speed: YES, we had some challenges – for starters the amount of body panel replacement we had to do was significantly greater than what we had originally planned for and that made our projected timeline go sideways right away. Both last summer and the summer before, we had challenges with uncooperative weather which ultimately forced us into a 3rd season. However, with the first of the three colours safely in place, we are very confident we will bring things to a conclusion by July 1 of 2014. We will have a new Beaver crest installed, along with new windows in the cab and all the lettering completed. Yes...it's a project alright, but we've had fun some of the time. It would appear we will still be within our original budget estimate, which I find remarkable, but we've had to resort to plan B for financing.

Long term goals include a re-landscaping of the display area and some story boards to augment the static display. No timeline on that last bit, I'm afraid. There will be a fancy ribbon cutting ceremony when all is done and I'll make sure the date and time are publicized as much in advance as possible.

Yes...we're excited at seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

## Superintendent's Report

*by Russ Watson*

I was very sad after hearing the news that member Brian Golds of the Salmon Arm Model Railroad Association passed away on December 7th, 2013. I was delighted to have been able to award Brian the NMRA Golden Spike Award in 2010 for his wonderful portable HOn3 layout. He built the layout in the amazingly short timeframe of six months for display at the Interior Spring Meet in Salmon Arm in 2010. I was also fortunate to have visited his home layout on the way home from the meet. I know that Brian will be missed. On behalf of the 7th Division I pass on our condolences to Brian's family and friends.

A very warm welcome to all of our new members. We are working hard to make your organization the best it can be, so please don't hesitate to contact any of our members with your questions or suggestions. Contact information for our executive members is listed in this issue and a full contact list is available on our website [7DPNR.org](http://7DPNR.org) and is also included in the January issue of the *Bulletin Board*.

Brian Clogg, our membership coordinator reports that as of the end of December 2013 we had 320 members. That's great news, thanks to everyone who renewed!

Thank you to Adrian Telizyn of Fort St. John for volunteering to be the 'North of Prince George' area representative, it's good to have you onboard.

Our next scheduled 7th Division event is the Nanaimo Model Railway Show on April 27, 2014. Once again Ken Rutherford and Rick Lord will present a great event that I hope many of you will attend and enjoy. Check out the Timetable in this issue or on our website for details.

And I'm pleased to announce that Brian Kelly and Ken Klien will host the Interior Spring Meet - Kamloops Model Railway Days - in Kamloops on May 1-3, 2014. Full information is included in this issue and you may visit our website [7DNR.org](http://7DNR.org) to download all of the registration forms. There are separate registration forms for Attendees, Exhibitors and Vendors. Those of you who attended last years spring meet in Kamloops know what a great meet it was, I'm certainly looking forward to attending again. A large portion of the profits will be donated to the CN 2141 steam locomotive restoration project, a very worthwhile cause. Thanks very much Brian and Ken and please everyone, spread the word and I look forward to seeing you at the meet.

I hope you all have read the excellent article by Hugh Clark, Ray Hansen and Don Weixl in the January 2013 issue of *Railroad Model Craftsman* magazine on the wonderful HO scale diorama of the Canadian Pacific Railway's Okanagan Landing, circa 1914. The diorama is housed in the Vernon Regional Museum, I certainly am looking forward to seeing it the next time I am in Vernon.

Until next time ....

## AP Corner

*by Russ Watson*

I hope that you all read Mike Chandler's story about the roads he travelled on to earn his Master Model Railroader (MMR) Award in the January 2014 NMRA Magazine. It's a very interesting story from a very interesting and talented individual.

AP activity has really slowed down in the last year and I would like to see more members become involved.

The next opportunity to have AP assessments (judging) done at a meet will be at the Nanaimo Show on April 27th. Please see detailed information about the show elsewhere in this issue or visit our website [7DPNR.org](http://7DPNR.org)

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!

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## 7th Division Timetable

### Sunday April 27, 2014 - Nanaimo BC

30th Annual Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show

Beban Park Rec Center, 2300 Bowen Rd., Nanaimo BC, Canada

open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sales and Swap tables, Model Contest and Operating Layouts.

Admission: \$10 per family, \$5 Adult, \$4 Senior, \$3 NMRA member.

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### May 1-3, Kamloops, BC

Kamloops Model Railway Days - Calvary Community Church Halls, 1205 Rogers Way, Kamloops, BC - 7th Division Interior Spring Meet and Public Show. Operating Layouts, Contests, Layout Tours, Clinics, Door Prizes, Vendors, Friday Pizza Night, Saturday no-host Banquet and more. Public Show: Friday 6 PM to 9 PM and Saturday 9AM to 4 PM. Info: Brian Kelly, email <[bandwkelly@shaw.ca](mailto:bandwkelly@shaw.ca)> or Ken Klein

phone (250) 828-8776. Additional info and registration forms available at: [7DPNR.org](http://7DPNR.org)

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

## From the Editor

The only rumblings in my little corner of the world is the possibility of a NMRA Membership meeting in Quesnel. I think this is just 'fearless leader' - read Russ Watson's way of getting me off my butt and finishing my signalling endeavours. Its just a matter of drilling a little; wiring a little; laying a little track ...

I'm continually amazed as I go through the preparation of an issue. I start out figuring that I will be hard pressed to fill 3 or 4 pages but the members continue to provide us with photos and articles. Keep 'em coming!

'Til next time ...

**Submissions  
Deadline for  
May/June Bulletin  
Board**

**March 15th**

## Long term 7th division members

*by Brian Clogg*

As the 7th division membership coordinator I thought it would fun to see how long people have been members. What I found out was interesting. I learned that 21% have been members for 25 years or more and a special hello goes to Roger Behn who has been a member for 62 years. Below is the list which I have tried to make accurate. I will apologise now for any errors or omissions and try to blame someone else.

| <b>Name</b>        | <b>Joined</b> | <b>Years</b> | <b>Name</b>       | <b>Joined</b> | <b>Years</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Roger Behn         | 1952          | 61           | Malcom Snyder     | 1974          | 40           |
| Bob Gardner        | 1955          | 58           | Steven Stark      | 1974          | 40           |
| Ralph Jones        | 1955          | 58           | Herbert Fershau   | 1975          | 39           |
| Warren Rohn        | 1960          | 53           | Nils Nelson       | 1975          | 39           |
| Jim Little         | 1960          | 54           | Grant Stephens    | 1975          | 39           |
| Hal Kinsey         | 1964          | 50           | Brian Clogg       | 1976          | 38           |
| Gerald Lomas       | 1965          | 49           | Jack Langley      | 1976          | 38           |
| Ted Bowman         | 1966          | 48           | Paul Lepage       | 1976          | 38           |
| Robert Spring      | 1966          | 48           | Dave Nickerson    | 1976          | 38           |
| D. Lacasse         | 1967          | 47           | George Schultz    | 1976          | 38           |
| Mike Barone        | 1968          | 46           | David Royston     | 1977          | 37           |
| George Carrol      | 1969          | 45           | Richard Sutcliffe | 1977          | 37           |
| Brian Wells        | 1969          | 45           | Scott Calvert     | 1978          | 36           |
| James Barker       | 1970          | 44           | Gerald Sutton     | 1979          | 35           |
| Mike Chandler      | 1970          | 44           | Rick Lord         | 1980          | 34           |
| Julian Rapps       | 1970          | 44           | Ralph New         | 1980          | 34           |
| Robert Rusch       | 1970          | 44           | John Picur        | 1980          | 34           |
| Greg Kennelly      | 1971          | 43           | Patrick Quain     | 1980          | 34           |
| Gregory Madsen     | 1971          | 43           | Gary Hazel        | 1981          | 33           |
| Carl Sparks        | 1971          | 43           | Ken Catlin        | 1982          | 32           |
| WS Purdy           | 1971          | 43           | Hugh Clarke       | 1982          | 32           |
| Paul Crozier-Smith | 1972          | 42           | V. Thackeray      | 1983          | 31           |
| John Green         | 1972          | 42           | Hugh Mackenzie    | 1984          | 30           |
| Gordon Hulford     | 1972          | 42           | W Moncur          | 1985          | 29           |
| Dale Laird         | 1972          | 42           | Robert England    | 1986          | 28           |
| DR C Massey        | 1972          | 42           | Bruce Clary       | 1987          | 27           |
| Andrew Archer      | 1973          | 41           | Ross Bailey       | 1987          | 27           |
| Doug Kelleway      | 1973          | 41           | Robert Hodgins    | 1987          | 27           |
| William Low        | 1973          | 41           | Ronald Moedt      | 1987          | 27           |
| Neal Schouten      | 1973          | 41           | Michael Halleran  | 1988          | 26           |
| Sterling Stump     | 1973          | 41           | Ken Hibbert       | 1989          | 25           |
| Jack Porzig        | 1974          | 40           | John Shortreid    | 1989          | 25           |
| Ullrich Reugg      | 1974          | 40           |                   |               |              |
| Ken Rutherford     | 1974          | 40           |                   |               |              |
| John Sled          | 1974          | 40           |                   |               |              |

## Modellers Aid

*by Mike Barone*

Last spring, Russ Watson asked me if I could take over the Modellers Aid position for the Bulletin Board to which I agreed. This was done in the past by Bob Gardiner, MMR, who has retired from the job after many years service. Our thanks to Bob for this past service.

The purpose of Modellers Aid is to provide you with a resource contact for any modeling questions you may have. While I may not always have the answer to your question, 50 years in this hobby (has it really been that long?) and I should be able to answer some, I can at least give you suggestions as to a resource that can provide the answer. This resource is open to everyone and all aspects of our hobby but newer hobbyists in particular may have numerous question just trying to get started. To contact me my email address is:

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In the absence of any immediate questions, I'll use this column to provide tips and techniques. Over time it has been necessary to replace my files. In the past I simple threw them out but not any more. These old worn files can be used to make small chisels. They can be ground down quickly on a grinder and formed into a new tool. Remember though when grinding them to reshape that it is necessary to make only light passes on the grinder and keep the metal cool. If you see any discolouration forming, usually the metal will turn to browns and blacks, it is over heating and loosing it's temper, so dip it frequently in water to keep it cool. And don't forget to use eye protection when grinding. Finishing is done on a small hand stone, the type one finds in those knife stores. I now have several small chisels, the most used ones being 1/4" wide and one that has a 1/32" wide blade. One old file was ground to form what amounts to a blade shape equivalent to the #11 blade so popular among modellers, though mine is a much smaller version. These can easily be reshaped so there is no worry about using them on metal though I do tend to keep certain chisels for that and others reserved for plastics and resins. So, there is no need to buy small chisels when you can make your own, besides, some of mine are in sizes and shapes that cannot be purchased.



### Brian Golds

In Memory of Brian Golds one of the first members of the "Train Guys Association of the Shuswap".

Brian passed away on December 7th, 2014 at age 77. His crowning moment and greatest contribution to the hobby of Model Railroading is seen in pictures of his HO<sub>N3</sub> Elk Falls Lumber Company Railway. He entered his creation in the 7th Division Spring Meet held in Salmon Arm of the NMRA and was awarded Best in Show and received the NMRA Golden Spike Award.

Here are a few pictures that will bring back memories of one "Hell of a Model Railroader", an Excellent Model Builder and a Gentlemen that strongly supported the Hobby of Model Trains.

He will be missed by his fellow Model Railroaders.

This was Brian's entry of his operating layout in HO<sub>N3</sub> scale of the ELK FALLS LUMBER COMPANY RR . These Photos were taken by the late Alan Pope, fellow member of the "Train Guys". It will be sad to see Brian's layout taken apart and not saved for others to see in years to come.

Long be remembered - the Model Train Wizard of Eagle Bay; Brian Golds.



## Victoria NMRA Membership Meeting

*by Ted Alexis*

As the Area Representative for the *South Island - Shawinigan Lake South* 7th Division Subdivision, I am looking for interest to hold an NMRA membership meeting - a mini meet of sorts - in Victoria sometime this spring. The meeting would include clinics with hands on such as; Scenery, DCC, Track Laying or whatever we choose. A show and tell of modeller's projects could also be on the agenda. As an NMRA membership benefit, there would be no charge to attend. Any NMRA member - regardless of which subdivision they reside in - is welcome to express interest and attend. Non-NMRA guests may also attend on a one-time basis, attendance at a second meeting would require membership.

The meeting would be held on a Sunday afternoon and the tentative location is St. Matthias Anglican Church Hall, 600 Richmond Ave., Victoria, B.C.

Please contact Ted Alexis at 250-595-4070 anytime in Victoria or by e-mail at [m\\_talexis@shaw.ca](mailto:m_talexis@shaw.ca) to offer your interest and make suggestions. The meeting will only be held if there is sufficient interest.