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A 'Timesaver'

Ted Alexis of Victoria, a longtime N scale modeller, sent some photos of his recent diversion into HO scale. Ted received an HO scale Baldwin locomotive with sound for Christmas. He decided to buy some more equipment, and so he could operate, he built his version of a 'timesaver' layout, which measures 22" wide by 66" long. He was able to build it in just two months. His last comment though was, "now back to N scale". It's great to read about and see what our members are doing, so please send in photos and a few comments on what you are working on your work.



2013 Victoria Model Railway Show

by Ted Alexis, Show Co-ordinator

Our annual railway show was held at West Shore Parks and Recreation Centre in Colwood on Sept. 8th with an attendance of more than 2100 people. This was the best turnout in years for a new venue. We have heard nothing but praise from the public and sales vendors and hope there will be a 2014 show at this location.

The show displayed some 12 sectional and modular layouts for public viewing in hopes of encouraging first timers to become involved in our hobby. Because of a change in location to a new venue we spent a lot of

dollars on advertising to still make it the Worlds Greatest Hobby.

Some of the main attractions this year were the large HO Victoria Model Railway Club layout and the large N Scale layout from CFB Esquimalt. As an added feature we invited the Victoria Lego Group and the full-scenery Vancouver Island Garden Railway layout.

I would like to thank all of our dealers for providing some 30 door prizes which were given away hourly. And also thank you to Tim Anderson of Ngineering for coming to Victoria again this year; Tim's innovations are a great crowd pleaser. Donations this year will be going to C-FAX Santa's Anonymous and the Times Colonist Christmas Fund.

I would also like to thank Mark Giles for his hard work in drawing up the floor plan for our nearly 19,000 sq.ft. facility and Fred Madill and David Tomljenovich for helping me at the Reception Booth. I have just signed a contract with Colwood for next years show to be held on Sunday Sept. 7th 2014.

The show also donated monies to each of the 12 railway groups for their participation and presented a cheque to the 7th Division of \$250 for their ongoing work with the Division.

Nanaimo Train Show celebrates 30 years

by Ken Rutherford

The Nanaimo model railroad show will take place April 27, 2014 at the Beban Park Rec Center from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be the usual model railroad layouts, swap-n-shop tables, displays and model contest. This will be that 30th year that a show / meet has been held in Nanaimo. It all started when a NMRA members meet was organized by Ken Rutherford with clinics and display tables. We had over 30 members show up from around the island and lower mainland. This was at the same time that the lower mainland members were having gatherings at Oakridge. The following year we held another gathering and more members showed up. As the meet grew we moved to larger facilities to allow for sales tables and modular layouts. About the 4th year we opened the show to the public and it has been public show ever since. While the show has grown in size and public attendance, it lost its meet characteristics, which was unfortunate. The show still gives a place for modelers to gather annually, display their models and renew friendships, but we lost the clinic portion of the event.

I know that there are standing committee members out there that have started to try to hold members meeting (we have held 2 in Nanaimo in the past year and one is being organized in Victoria) and if you hear of a meeting in your area please try to attend. The committees are working for your benefit and your support is needed for them to be successful.

When I look back on that first gathering 30 years ago, I am reminder of the new friends I met that day who are still friends today. The NMRA is about modeling and friendship.

With this year's show being a special year, I would like to see the contest tables full of models for the public to see, to highlight what a great hobby we have. The past few years the contest tables have been rather thin. If you don't want to be in the voting contest you can bring models for display only. The categories include, Locomotive, Train, Rolling stock, Structure or Diorama. Please consider entering.

Show contact information – Ken Rutherford (250)724-4698 email kj.rutherford@shaw.ca or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Superintendent's Report

by Russ Watson

A very warm welcome to all of our new members. 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 and is also included in the January issue of the *Bulletin Board*.

If you find this issue of the *Bulletin Board* (BB) to be rather small, it is because our Editor, Adrian Noble didn't receive any more material than what has been published here. The BB is the ONLY communication tool we have that reaches ALL of our members, so I believe it is important to publish it on time and every time. I have instructed Adrian to do so regardless of the quantity of material he has received. Please send Adrian material on model railroad activity in your area, we would all like to read about it.

Brian Clogg, our membership coordinator now sending out membership renewal reminders. We're not sure that NMRA Canada always sends them. We apologize if you receive one from Brian and NMRA Canada, however we feel that the bother of receiving two is better than not receiving one at all.

If you find yourself anywhere near Nanaimo on April 27th, be sure to attend the Nanaimo Model Railway Show. It's always a great show and I know you will enjoy it.

On the weekend following Nanaimo, our Spring Meet will be held in Kamloops on May 1st to 3rd. At the time of this writing very few people have registered to attend the meet. Brian Kelly and Ken Klein are working hard to again bring you a very enjoyable meet as good or better than last year. Registration forms were included with the last BB and they are available on our website 7DPNR.org. Please send in your registration form now, I hope to see many of you in Kamloops.

The annual Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) convention, PSX2014, is being held in Tacoma, June 18-21st. Please see the poster included in this issue. I will be attending the PNR Board of Directors meeting and the complete convention. It looks like I'll have a spare bed in my hotel room, so if you are interested in sharing a room with me, please contact me russwatson@me.com or 250-992-3452.

Ted Alexis and crew will present the Victoria Model Railway Show on September 7th, please see the poster in this issue. This year promises to be another great show.

Information on all of the above events is available by clicking on the 'Timetable' tab on our [website](http://7DPNR.org).

TRAINS 2014 Chairman, Peter Mueller and his committee have started work again for this years meet and public show. There is room on the committee for a new member or two so please consider helping out and contact Peter at peter@muellerlacourt.com with your offer to help.

Thank you Dick Sutcliffe for setting up the 7th Division display table at Western Rails in March and to Dick and Bob Leggett for manning it. Greg Kennelly is manufacturing sets of lightweight display boards to allow us to have a set permanently located in the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and two sets in the Interior. These boards are easy to transport and set up compared to our old display set up. And they will make the Publicity Coordinator's task much easier, and by the way, we are still looking for a Publicity Coordinator to help out Dick Sutcliffe, please contact Dick or me with your offer to help.

Until next time



Photo and Modeling by David Ross

From the Editor

As I am putting this issue to bed, I've come to the conclusion that train gatherings are an absolute necessity to procrastinators like me. Without the receipt of an email from the distinguished treasurer from Chilliwack I would be lazing back, thinking I have all the time in the world to complete my signalling components for my Free-mo modules. Now, I'm madly scampering about, cutting perfectly good RJ-45 cables in half and soldering tiny wires into tiny holes.

I'm sure I am not the only person so inclined. I have amongst my acquaintances, people (who shall remain nameless in order to protect the innocent) who use upcoming model railroad events as construction milestones. I'm sure you've heard them _ "I've got to get the weathering done on this locomotive before going to (insert name of event here)". So all you organizers of model railroad events, think of what a great service you are providing all of us procrastinators. Now as long as Larry doesn't require photographic proof that my modules are complete...

Until next time...

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May 15th

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AP Corner

by Russ Watson

Thank you to Mike Chandler, MMR and Kyle Gardiner for agreeing to visit Steve Stark's N scale Esquimalt and Nanaimo layout to conduct AP judging/evaluation for several certificates as requested by Steve. The work should have been completed by the time you read this and I look forward to congratulating Steve on his success in hopefully earning some certificates in my next column. Steve will be dismantling his layout soon for a pending move of residences. I feel fortunate to have operated on Steve's layout last November as part of TRAINS 2013 - as it turns out my last chance to do so. And I know that many modellers have operated on the layout for many, many years and that they will miss the layout.

I was contacted by Randy Nussli, the president of the Victoria Model RR club and asked if someone could attend one of their monthly meetings to give a primer on the AP. Don Forsyth agreed to attend the April meeting, thank you Don. Randy wants to encourage members to build models with AP assessment in mind, which I think is a great idea.

The next opportunity to have AP assessments (judging) done at a meet will be at the Nanaimo Show on April 27th and at the Spring Meet in Kamloops, May 1-3. Please see detailed information about the events elsewhere in this issue or visit our website 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!



Our 7th Division display table as set up by Dick Sutcliffe at Western Rails at the Cameron Rec Centre in mid-March 2014, Greg Kennelly manufactured the two folding display boards. Photo by Dick Sutcliffe.

KAMLOOPS MODEL RAILWAY DAYS **MAY 1-3, 2014**

Hosted By The Kamloops Heritage Model Railroad Club.

Sponsored By the 7th Division, PNR, NMRA and Kellys Kaboose and Paleo Trains and Toys.

Welcome to Kamloops Model Railroad Days - the 2014 7th Division Interior Spring Meet. Again this year the show will be held at the Calvary Community Church Halls, 1205 Rogers Way, Kamloops, British Columbia.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND, REGISTRATION FORMS

AVAILABLE AT: 7DPNR.ORG

(click on 'Timetable' and select the meet)

INFO: Ken Klein (250) 828-8776 or paleotrains@shaw.ca

Victoria's Annual

Model Railway Show

2014

Sunday, Sept. 7th
10 am - 4 pm

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Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre
1767 Island Highway, Colwood
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For More Information: Ted Alexis ph: (250) 595-4070

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1425 East 27th Street, Tacoma, WA



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