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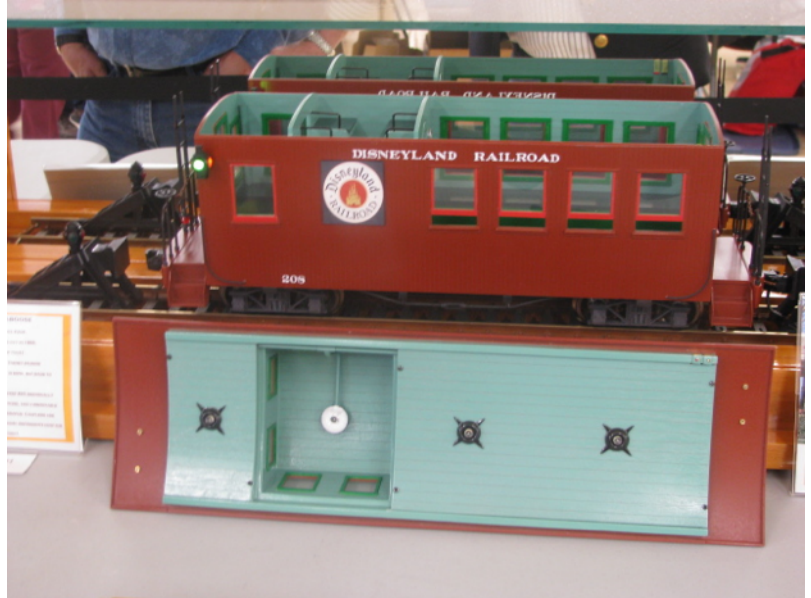
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Nanaimo Train Show Report

by Ken Rutherford & Rick Lord

The 30th annual Nanaimo model railroad show was held on April 27, 2014 and 737 people attended the event. The attendees said they enjoyed the show while the committee was a little sorry that more people didn't attend to enjoy it. We have had a fellow from Nanaimo step forward to offer help with advertising next year, hopefully we will be able to show our wonderful hobby to more public. There were six operating layouts provided by; the North Island Model Railroad club from Campbell River (HO scale), the Canadian Forces Base, Esquimalt Model Railway club (N scale), Ken Peacock (On30), Rick Slingerland (On30), the Mid Island Railway Club from Parksville and the Vancouver Island Garden Railroad club. The Parksville group brought their HO scale switching layout that they let the kids operate and each operator was given an engineer's certificate when they completed their switching tasks. Rick Slingerland's layout was a new one under construction and was used to show the public how a model railroad is constructed.



Steve Phillippe's G scale scratch built caboose

The model contest table was very sparse with only 3 entries in Favourite train, 1 entry in locomotive, 4 entries in rolling stock, no entries in structure / dioramas but this did not diminish the quality on the entries. The following are the winners; train - Ken Peacock, On30 logging train, locomotive - Rick Salewski, N scale diesel, rolling stock - Steve Phillippe, G scale scratch built caboose. The favourite layout was awarded to Ken Peacock. There were also 2 excellent models placed on the table as display only. The models were voted on by the NMRA members in attendance and the layouts were voted on by the general public. The committee will be deciding whether to continue with the contest table next year as there has been a steady decline in entries annually and this year was the poorest showing.

As per most years the hall was full with layouts and vendors. We would like to thank the following for providing door prizes: Rapido Trains, Intermountain Railway Co., Micro-Trains Line Co., Kadee Products, Central Hobbies, Britannia Models, Victoria Scale Rail, Caboose Coffee Hobbies, Ken Cringan, Tony Wagner, PNR 7th Div. and the Alberni Pacific Railway.

In closing we would like to thank the Mid Island Railway club for their assistance in setting up the hall and Rick Lord's family for their assistance with ticket sales. There will be a show next April, so watch the Time Table for the date.



Ken Peacock's On30 logging train (winner favourite train)

Superintendent's Report

by Russ Watson

I am very saddened to write that Bill Hood of Prince George passed away on May 31st, 2014. It is less than a year ago that Bill invited model railroaders to attend our good friend John Ireland's funeral service. Many of you will have met Bill at the 2007 Spring Meet in Prince George that he helped organize or at the many other meets he attended. Bill served as the 100 Mile House to Prince George 7th Division area representative for several years. Bill also had a FreeMo module and was part of the large FreeMo layout operating at the 2012 Quesnel Spring Meet. On behalf of all 7th Division members I pass on our condolences to Bill's family and friends, I know that he will be missed.

Thank you to Ken Rutherford, Rick Lord and their helpers for once again presenting the Nanaimo Model Railway Show! I'm sorry I couldn't attend, however I understand that it was another very good show. Thanks to Dick Sutcliffe for manning the 7th Division table once again.

A big thank you to Brian Kelly, Ken Klein and anyone else who helped present another very enjoyable Spring Meet in Kamloops. Please see my report elsewhere in this issue.

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*.

Dick Sutcliffe suggested that the 7th Division donate a 6-Month Trial NMRA Membership (Rail Pass) as a door prize at the BC meets we attend. We gave one out at the recent Nanaimo and Kamloops meets. Great idea Dick!

Our next event is the Victoria Model Railway show on September 7, 2014. Ted Alexis and his crew always put on an excellent show that I hope you can attend. Full details are at 7DPNR.org. And please check out the timetable at <http://pnr.nmra.org> for info on the many events being held in the Pacific Northwest Region.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: The 7th Division elected positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large are up for re-election this fall. The new two-year terms start on Dec 1st, 2014. Please send all nominations to me by August 1st. My contact info is on our 'Contacts' page.

Also please send nominations for the Ross Heriot and Jack Work awards to John Green and Rene Gourley respectively by September 30, 2014. Full info on the awards is available on our 'Awards' page at 7DPNR.org.

I have spent a fair bit of time working on NMRA Insurance requirements for the 7th Division meets we sponsor. Each year we are given - without cost - a generic certificate of insurance issued to the Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) that includes \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence liability coverage. We have used this certificate for many meets over the years including our recent Nanaimo and Kamloops events. However, the other venues we use now demand that we have \$2,000,000 Each Occurrence liability coverage and they want to be specifically named on the certificate. The latter is relatively easy to obtain by submitting a form with a US \$25 payment to NMRA HQ. However an additional fee is required to obtain the extra \$1,000,000 coverage. The cost of the certificate - with the venue named and \$2,000,000 liability coverage - for the upcoming Victoria Show that I submitted was US \$100. Your executive has agreed that the 7th Division will cover this cost as part of our event sponsorship policy. Fred Headon, our Canadian Director will make a motion at the NMRA National Board of Directors meeting to be held at the National Convention in Cleveland this summer, to have the basic NMRA yearly coverage increased to \$2,000,000 Each Occurrence so that we wouldn't have to incur this extra expense. I'll let you know what happens with the motion.

A team has been assembled to look at the possibility of holding the 2016 PNR Convention in Salmon Arm, BC. Gary Hazell and Doug Mayer will provide an update at the PNR BOD meeting on June 18, 2014 in Tacoma. Such an event will require help from many members residing outside of the direct Salmon Arm area, however I am optimistic that it can be pulled off. It is the 7th Division's turn to host the convention in 2016. This year it will be held in Tacoma, last year it was in Boise. There will not be a PNR annual convention in 2015 because the NMRA National will be held within the PNR at Portland, Oregon.

Until next time



Ray Clifford's Edmonton Street Railway 1930s, Rider Cheyne photo

**Submissions
Date for
Sept/Oct Bulletin
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July 15th



British Columbia's Premier Model Railway Exhibition



Model Train Show
November 8 & 9, 2014

BC's Premier
Model Train
Show & Meet



Cameron Recreation Complex
9523 Cameron Street, Burnaby, B.C.
Across from Lougheed Town Centre

PUBLIC SHOW
10AM - 4PM
Saturday November 8th
Sunday November 9th
Near Remembrance Day Weekend

Adults - \$10
NMRA Member - \$5
Youth (6-15) - \$5, Senior (60+) - \$8
Family - \$25
Children under 6 - Free

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www.bctrains.org

Commercial
Vendors

Model
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Displays



Victoria's Annual

Model Railway Show 2014

Sunday, Sept. 7th
10 am - 4 pm

West Shore - Curling Rink at
Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre
1767 Island Highway, Colwood
Free Parking - BC Transit Bus Routes #50

Hourly Door Prizes!
Operating Model Railroads
Commercial & Individual Sales & Displays
For More Information: Ted Alexis ph: (250) 595-4070

Admissions

Adults	\$7
Family	\$14
Youth (15-16)	\$3
Children (8 and under)	FREE

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MEMORIAL FOR BRIAN GOLDS



1936—2013

A memorial service will be held for Brian
Golds on the 5th of July 2014 from 2:00 PM

Till 5:00 PM at:

Bowers Funeral Service

440 10th St. SW, Salmon Arm BC

KAMLOOPS MODEL RAILWAY DAYS

By Russ Watson, photos as noted

Once again a very enjoyable Kamloops Model Railway Days was presented as our Interior Spring Meet by Brian Kelly and Ken Klein. Setup was conducted on Thursday and Friday. Friday was a full day for the registrants with self-guided tours of the Rocky Mountaineer shops, the Kamloops Heritage 2141 steam locomotive shops and layout tours. A meet and greet pizza bash was held Friday evening at the facility followed by the public show from 6-9 pm.

The public show ran again from 9-4 pm on Saturday with clinics being presented throughout the day for registrants. Following tear down on Saturday evening many of us gathered at the McCracken Station railway-theme pub for a few suds and food.

Operating layouts were provided by the Golden City Railway Modellers, North Okanagan Model Railroaders, Martin Lapp, Rider Cheyne, Ray Clifford and The Toy Train Operating Society. Congrats to the Golden City Railway Modellers for winning the best layout award as voted by the public.

Ray Clifford had travelled all the way from Edmonton to bring his amazing 1/2" to the foot scale Edmonton Street Railway layout. I had not seen it before and was amazed by it as was everyone who viewed it.

I was told that there were 52 registrants and a total public attendance of 1500-1600. Brian Kelly seemed very pleased with that but I don't think I have ever talked to Brian when he hasn't been happy! As was the case last year, the majority of the profits will be donated to the KHR 2141 steam locomotive rebuilding project, a very worthy cause

Thanks to all of the clinicians, vendors, exhibitors and anyone else who made the meet happen! We all appreciate your efforts.



<<< Bud Forbe's HO layout, Russ Watson photo

Tom Ecclestons garden railway, Russ Watson photo >>>





Rider Cheyne's 4x8 layout, Rider Cheyne photo

*Lasercut scratchbuilt Edmonton structures
Rider Cheyne Photo*



KHR 2141 under repair, Russ Watson photo

AP Corner

by Russ Watson

Congratulations to Steve Stark for earning his Scenery, Prototype Modeller, and Electrical AP certificates! Steve is very close on a couple of other certificates, so is well on his way to becoming a Master Model Railroader.



And congrats to Jim Little for earning merit awards for his scratchbuilt HO scale Cinder Conveyor and 400 Ton Coaling Tower at the Kamloops meet. Thanks to Mike Barone and Tom Carr for doing the evaluations.

Also thanks to Don Forsyth and Ted Alexis for giving an AP presentation at the Victoria Model Railway Club in April. The club's president, Randy Nussli, requested the visit so the members would understand the AP process a little better and hopefully build some models with the AP in mind. I hope they will do that and as a result there will be more AP participation.

At TRAINS 2013 last November, Jack Hamilton, PNR AP Chairman, gave a presentation about a reduction in the required AP documentation. I circulated his presentation to our evaluators (judges). But after asking some very specific documentation questions to Jack recently, I discovered that the reduced documentation scenario only applies when his team of very experienced evaluators - many of them MMRs - are doing onsite evaluations. Jack has asked that the 7th Division continue to send him all documentation as required until our evaluators gain more experience - and we are getting there with the latter!

The next opportunity to have AP assessments (judging) done at a meet will be at the Victoria Model Railway Show on September 7th and at TRAINS 2014 in Burnaby in November. 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!

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CARM group from Parksville, O scale switching layout with young operator. (Nanaimo Train Show)

From the Editor

I'm afraid I don't have much to say this time around. During the preparation for this issue I found myself in the midst of a move. (Still am...) No matter how much you convince yourself that it will go smoothly, no stress etc. , it doesn't! I'm at an age where I figure each move will be the last. This one was the major downsizing. No room for layouts; very little room for even a single module _ in short, major modeling changes. I've pretty well reconciled myself to limiting my endeavours to scratchbuilding structures and rolling stock; maybe even in some of the larger scales. I have a couple of friends that do G scale. Hmmm... 'Til next time.