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2014 PNR President's Award

by Russ Watson with Ed Parsons, Russ Segner photo

I was very pleased to witness the presentation of the Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) President's Award to our Gary Hazell of Salmon Arm by PNR President Walt Huston at the PSX2014 PNR convention banquet in Tacoma on June 21st. Gary is a most deserving 7th Division member who has worked countless hours for our division and the PNR. The President's Award is presented annually to honour a member of the PNR who has, through service to the hobby of model railroading, made the most significant contribution to the benefit and betterment of PNR.

Gary has been a member of the 7D Standing Committee (SC) since about 1986. In the days before the 7D had formal Sub Divisions, Gary was able to adjust his business travel to drive down to the Vancouver area from his home to attend the monthly round robin meetings of the SC, which in those days were held in member's homes. Gary also produced and forwarded the BC Interior Report to the 7D Bulletin Board until July of 2000. This report kept all of the other members in the Division up to date on the Interior activities.

Gary was instrumental in organizing the famous Corn Roast camping weekends at a campground near Salmon Arm in the fall. Everyone who attended these events thoroughly enjoyed the experience of sleeping - and sometimes not - in an RV or even a tent so close to the very active CPR mainline. Gary also ferried rail fans in his boat to the other side of Shuswap lake for some unique railfanning opportunities.

Gary was presented with the 7D Ross Heriot Award in 1999 for his "significant contribution to the division".

Gary served as the 7D Assistant Superintendent from 2001 to 2006. And he served for three terms as the 7D Superintendent from 2006 to 2011. During this time Gary attended the majority of 7D meets held including a few times to the Nanaimo and Victoria one-day shows. The 7D membership numbers rose during Gary's watch. As Superintendent, Gary always submitted his Super's Report to the PNR Switchlist and he attended every PNR Board Of Directors meeting except for one where he arranged for a proxy to attend.

Until less than a year ago Gary had organized a team six times a year since July 1999 to fold our newsletter, stuff it into envelopes, print and attach mailing labels and mail the issues.

Gary Hazell is one of the founding members of the Salmon Arm Railroaders Association (SARA) that was formed in March 1985. Gary was President of the association from 1985 to 1994 and was instrumental in the



planning and building of the Association's first layout - an N scale layout - in 1986-1987 and later with the design and construction of the current HO portable layout in March 1989. Gary held the position of Secretary from 1995 to the present. Gary also planned the first train show in Salmon Arm in March 1991, which was well attended and a success. Gary was on the committee as Promotion Officer for the 7D Spring Meet "Shuswap Rails 2010", which was very successful.

Gary served as the 7D Membership Coordinator from about 1990 to 2010. During this long service period Gary solved many 7D membership problems by contacting NMRA HQ. He spent many hours at our 7D publicly booth at meets and shows talking to prospective members, signing up new members (he signed up two at the Kamloops meet in May) and chatting with members. Gary worked hard with the PNR Office Manager to ensure the 7D records were always accurate.

Gary has always been an advocate of bringing our great hobby to the public. The SAMRA HO layout has been open to the public on weekends at a local mall for many years. Gary remains very active in SAMRA often towing the familiar SAMRA trailer housing the layout to meets.

Congratulations Gary and thank you for all of your service! But Gary isn't finished yet, he is a driving force and a committee member for Selkirk Express 2016, the PNR convention to be held in Salmon Arm, June 15-19, 2016.

Superintendent's Report

by Russ Watson

I am very saddened to write that longtime 7D member John Moore passed away on June 17, 2014. I always enjoyed my chats with John at meets and seeing his British portable layout with its bells clanging loudly as he shunted goods vans back and forth; my first exposure to British model railroading. Please read Dick Sutcliffe's article elsewhere in this issue about John. On behalf of all 7D members I pass on our condolences to John's family and friends, I know that he will be missed.

A 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*.

Congratulations to Gary Hazell for being presented with the 2014 PNR President's Award in Tacoma in June at PSX2014! Please read my article about it elsewhere in this issue.

Thank you to Gary Hazell and Doug Mayer for their presentation at the Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) Board Of Directors (BOD) meeting at PSX2014. As a result of their excellent presentation complete with hardcopy colour handouts, the PNR BOD has approved their bid to hold the PNR convention - *Selkirk Express 2016* - in Salmon Arm, June 15-19, 2016. A convention organizing team was assembled during a meeting at the Kamloops spring meet in May and they are already working hard. They will need help from members living outside of the Salmon Area, so please contact me if you would like to help out. And a big thank you to those who have already committed your service. Please stay tuned for additional info on the convention and plan to attend. Based on previous meets in Salmon Arm, I know that this one will be great and because it is a regional meet, it will have many more activities than our typical spring meets have.

I attended the PNR BOD meeting in Tacoma on June 18th as the 7D Superintendent. A separate special BOD meeting was held three days later to determine who would fill the PNR positions of President, Vice President and Secretary, as the nomination process was unsuccessful. As a result of hard work by some of the BOD members prior to the meeting, three people were found who agreed to run for the soon-to-be vacant positions. Election ballots will be mailed to all members soon. A bid by the 5th Division was accepted by the BOD to hold the 2017 PNR convention in Spokane, WA, on June 7-12, 2107. The BOD meeting minutes will be posted at <http://pnr.nmra.org> or you may request a copy from me.

No nominations were received for the 7D 2014 election for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large, so Bob Leggett, Larry Sebelley and Ken Rutherford respectively are elected by acclamation. Thank you all for continuing in your positions!

We have a possible location for a 2015 Interior Spring Meet, however it is too soon to let the cat out of the bag. So please stay tuned.

Our next 7D 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. And please plan to attend TRAINS 2014 <http://www.bctrains.org/> in Burnaby, Nov 7-9, 2014. Full details on both events 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.

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 hope you all are having a great summer and although if you are like me - and find it hard to spend too much time in the layout room during the summer - are looking forward to your winter modelling.

Until next time

PNR SWITCHLIST REFUND

For quite some time we have not published our Switchlist newsletter. Numerous attempts have been made to find an editor for our newsletter without result. A number of you have paid a subscription fee of \$6.00 per year along with your NMRA membership renewals. If you have paid a subscription fee since January 1, 2013 with your NMRA membership renewal, you are entitled to a refund or you may donate that amount to the PNR who will use the money to support our divisions. If you paid by using your credit card you will receive the full \$6 even though PNR was charged a processing fee by the credit card companies.

If you desire a refund, please send an e-mail, stating how you paid the charges, check or credit card, to the PNR Treasurer, Dirk Kruysman, at hollanddirk@charter.net or mail to him at 730 W Indianola St, Roseburg, OR, USA 97471. A cheque will be mailed to your address shown on your renewal notice. If you have moved since that time, please provide the correct mailing address. Please respond by November 30th if you desire a refund. This offer expires on that date.

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Thanks to Hugh Mackenzie for photos showing progress on the refurbishment of CP FA2 4096

**Submissions
Date for
Nov/Dec Bulletin
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September 15th

Queen Alexandra Layout

by John Britt, Ted Alexis photos

In 1982, Anscomb House was opened for patients with muscular dystrophy at the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Children in Victoria, BC. A model railroad layout was a dream of a young fellow, Richard Miller from Anscomb house. He was confined to a wheel chair, however his determination lead him to secure permission and the room from the Director of the Queen Alexandra to build an HO scale layout, so it began. People such as Mark Giles; Jim Ripley; Ray Konrath and myself - with a host of others that followed - finished the layout to it's present status. Richard was able to run his trains a few times much to his delight before his passing away. Much credit is due to the numerous donations of equipment and money. So thank you Richard for the great start to the Victoria Model Railway club that resulted from the layout project



Notice Of Annual General Meeting

***Submitted by
Bob Leggett
Secretary, 7th Div. PNR
NMRA (Canada)***

All members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Seventh Division, Pacific Northwest Region, Model Railroad Association (Canada) which will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 2:00 PM in the Cedar Room of the:

Cameron Recreation Centre
9523 Cameron Street
Burnaby, BC

AP Corner

by Russ Watson

Congratulations to Jim Little for earning a merit award for his scratchbuilt HO CPR interlocking tower at the PNR PSX2014 convention in Tacoma in June. If my memory is correct Jim received an impressive but well-deserving score of 115 points! His model included full interior detail with even a coffee mug! Well done Jim.

I attended an informative clinic at Tacoma by Jack Hamilton on the AP evaluation process. I asked lots of questions and learned quite a bit to help me complete my tasks as 7D AP Chairman. A few of the points I learned are:

- 1) “sticks-in-a-box” style kits are considered scratchbuilt because the materials have to be cut and fitted,
- 2) crates, a fork lift and other details sitting on a platform on a station, etc. do not earn points for detail, however if they are inside the structure they do earn detail points,
- 3) the three scratchbuilt track components in the Civil category will each automatically earn 87.5 points (and a merit award) if an NMRA track gauge successfully passes through the component. They do not have to be proven electrically nor do they need to have all the ties, spikes, ballast, etc. installed. The latter will increase the score for added detail however. And a turnout within a crossover can be used individually for one of the three components, i.e. a crossover comprising of two turnouts counts for two of the three required components,
- 4) a roundhouse with a machine shop counts as two structures, and
- 5) FreeMo modules do not have to have lighting attached, room lighting is sufficient and a temporary simple backdrop clamped onto the module also works or even taking a photo of the model outdoors with nature proving the backdrop.

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!

Second Annual BC Free-mo Meet – A Success Story

by Larry Sebelley

The weekend of June 20 through 22, Coldsap Free-mo hosted the Second Annual BC Free-mo Meet at Heritage Park in Chilliwack. Friends from Calgary, Vernon, Roberts Creek, Parksville, North Vancouver, and Moscow, Idaho joined with us to create a roughly U-shaped layout, in a point-to-loop design. Unfortunately a 4-man group of modellers were not able to make it down from the northern portion of BC, so the layout was smaller than we had hoped. But, we had the luxury of some 15,000 square feet to play with, so made as much use



of it as possible. Saturday evening we enjoyed a catered dinner of lasagna and Caesar salad, followed by a custom made "train cake" created by a local baker. After we had consumed our fill, we returned to the layout to enjoy an operating session designed by Chris Reid and Dave Bonser. The balance of the weekend was free-run time, of which there was ample. As always, we were sad when 4:00PM Sunday arrived, and it was time to knock down and head home.

We hope to sponsor the Third Annual Meet in June 2015, so keep checking <http://coldslapfreemo.org/welcome.htm> for updates.



John E.G. Moore Obituary MR

by Dick Sutcliffe

John E.G. Moore Feb 12, 1922 - June 17, 2014

John was born in England and didn't stand a chance not to be a railfan and model railroader, his father was an inspector for a railway company. On top of that, His father had an "O" gauge model railway in a shed and around the fence in the back garden. This was in the 1920's and '30's.

John's great model railway love was "God's Wonderfull Railway", in other words - the Great Western Railway, but anything British railway got his attention. Not that he ignored other railways as he modeled the CNR in HO, after he moved to Canada, as well as his branch terminal in Scale Four (OO Fine scale). He built a 20 ft. long portable layout in 3 sections, which he exhibited at many events in the Lower Mainland and NW Washington. He is well known for his Alex Jackson couplings, that were a marvel to see operating. He also built several fine scale brass locomotives - an 0-4-4T, and 0-6-0T saw the most use on his layout. All the rolling stock was assembled from brass and plastic kits.



Dick Sutcliffe photo

John was a member of The British Railway Modelers of North America, The Top Link Model Railway Association, The Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society, The National Model Railroad Association, the Pacific Northwest Region and 7th division, The 7th division "Trains" committee, The British Columbia Society of Model Engineers - this being a 7.5" gauge railway group located in Confederation Park, Burnaby.

He was active with the above groups as well as several community and church organizations.

Many will remember John attending Train shows and actively assisting where ever he could. One of the american visitors wrote in part "When I first started to go to Trains, John was always eager to answer my questions and share stories. He sure made a Yank feel welcome." others remember him as "a real gentleman and always willing to participate.

Another wrote "Every time I think of John, it brings a smile to my face. I always enjoyed my chats with John. He was a great guy and quite a character."

A late comer to the Model Engineers, John assisted with the public operations by driving and conducting on trains and taking tickets, as well as admiring members equipment.

Training in the automotive industry led to service in the RAF Motor Pool as WWII ended and followed into the post war years. When he was demobilized he returned to automotive related employment, and continued in this field when he emigrated to Canada. He joined the Public Service at the Vancouver Vehicle Inspection Station and continued with the Public Service, until retiring from the Motor Vehicle Licensing Branch.

John was pre-deceased by his wife Marion. His 3 sons live in England and his daughter lives in Canada.



photos by Dick Sutcliffe



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