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2014 VICTORIA MODEL RAILWAY SHOW REPORT

by Ted Alexis, Show Coordinator, Tim Horton photos

The 24th annual model railway show was held again at West Shore Parks and Recreation Centre in Colwood on Sunday, September 7. The attendance was lower than last year with about 1400 people entering throughout the day. We have heard again nothing but praise from the public and sale vendors. We have received phone calls for a repeat in September 2015.

The show displayed 10 sectional and modular layouts for public viewing with our hopes that the hobby will attract newcomers. We added a new feature this year with the visit of Tom Stephenson from Renton Washington, with WTRAK. Tom's concept is the home construction of raised *Brio*. This show feature was very busy with little children pushing the wooden trains around a 12' X 18' track 20 inches off of the floor. This year we also invited Tom Beaton from his Tie & Timber Company. Tom's tree-making skills are eye catching and his On3 train circling around a 3 ft. diameter diorama was a crowd pleaser.

I would like to thank all of our dealers for providing some 30 door prizes. Also, we would like to acknowledge

Tim Anderson from *Ngineering* for his display of lighting illuminations in a very small scale and his friend Dave MacKinnon from *Detail-N-Scale* of Washington State. And a big thank you to Al Lill from North Vancouver for bringing a working HO scale display of the Point Ellis ferry slip with the train ferry "Canora" unloading cars at the CN yards in Victoria. Well Done.

I would like to thank all our volunteers who assisted us. We would be hard pressed without their help. Donations this year will be going to C-FAX Santa's Anonymous and the Times Colonist Christmas Fund and a cheque will be presented to the PNR 7th Division at TRAINS 2014 in Burnaby in November.

I would like to thank Mark Giles, our floor planner, and Fred Madill, David Tomljenovich, Tom Lacey and Bob Marshall who worked at the reception booth.



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Superintendent's Report

by Russ Watson

A warm welcome to all of our new members and I must send a special welcome to Joshua Hunt in Whitehorse, Yukon. During my almost three years as 7D superintendent, I'm fairly certain that this is the first time we have had a member who resides outside of BC. 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*.

As I write this in mid-September, the *Victoria Model Railway Show* has taken place. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, however I hope that the show went very well. Thank you to Fred Madill of the CFB Esquimalt club for storing and caring for our 7D display table panels and to Dick Sutcliffe - and any others - who manned the table during the show. And lastly, thanks to Ted Alexis, his crew and everyone who participated in putting on the show. Please see Ted's report elsewhere in this issue.

By the time you read this I will have attended the *Great Edmonton Train Show* (GETS) and the *Northern Rails* operating sessions on the weekend following in late September. The 7D should have been well represented with the Salmon Arm Model Railroaders, the Gold City Railway Modellers and Martin Lapp (Meaford Short Line) planning to have their layouts operational at GETS, and several 7D members were planning to participate in *Northern Rails*.

I hope you have all registered to attend *TRAINS 2014* <http://www.bctrains.org/> in Burnaby, Nov 7-9, 2014. Full details are located on our website 7DPNR.org. And I hope that I will see many of you at our *7D Annual General Meeting* (AGM) at 2 pm on Sunday, Nov 9th in the Cedar Room at the Cameron Rec Centre, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. And please check out the timetable at <http://pnr.nmra.org> for info on the many events being held in the Pacific Northwest Region.

Unfortunately the two groups who considered hosting a *7D 2015 Interior Spring Meet* have informed me that they will not be able to do it. So it looks very much like we will not have a interior spring meet next year. I was concerned that with the *NMRA National Convention* being held close by in Portland in August next year - have you registered? I have - that an interior spring meet may not be well attended. Members may not have wanted to travel to both meets in the same year and Portland may have been a bigger draw. The *Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) Annual Convention - Selkirk Express 2016* - will be held in Salmon Arm in 2016, so we will not have an interior spring meet again until 2017.

I have not heard from John Green or Rene Gourley that they have received any nominations for the Ross Heriot and Jack Work awards respectively. This is disappointing and as of this date we may not be presenting awards this year. Full info on the awards is available on our 'Awards' page at 7DPNR.org.

I have written here in the past about the insurance requirements that most of our event venues now require, which is more than the standard \$1 million coverage the NMRA supplies at no cost. Our NMRA Canada Director, Fred Headon, had agreed to make a motion at the NMRA National Board Of Directors meeting this July at the NMRA National Convention in Cleveland, however the motion was not presented. Larry Sebelley asked for an explanation and received this statement from the NMRA Chief Financial Officer: "There was no motion at the Cleveland BOD meeting as this is an administrative and not a policy matter. There is not justification for increasing our current liability limits (and premiums) based on all but a very few requests. Our experience is that there is only one group that has requested higher limits and we can work with them in the future to try and obtain one-time increased limits at their expense if needed. Frank Koch, NMRA CFO". So we

are left with the process of applying and paying for (\$100 US) the extra coverage through NMRA Headquarters for each event. Ken Rutherford suggested - and has agreed to look into the cost of - a private insurance policy that would cover all of our events for the year. Hopefully we will have an update at our AGM in November.

I hope you all had a great summer and are now back at the hobby bench and in the layout room well into your winter modelling, I am!

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.

AP Corner

by Russ Watson

Thank you to Don Forsyth for agreeing to co-ordinate any AP judging requests received at the recent Victoria Model Railway Show. However Don informs me that there were no requests for judging.

And thank you to Mike Chandler, MMR, and Brian Clogg for agreeing to attend Kyle Gardiner's layout in the near future to judge structures. I'll let you know next time how well Kyle did.

The next opportunity to have AP assessments (judging) done at a meet will be at TRAINS 2014 in Burnaby on November 8th and 9th. Please check in with the contest table coordinators to let them know that you have models for AP judging and I will coordinate it. Detailed information about the event is elsewhere in this issue and on 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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November 8 & 9, 2014

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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

