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Photo of CN 2-8-0 M-3-d 2141 at Duck's Meadow on 2005-08-24 by Russ Watson

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Editorial Comments

Well, I've taken over the reins from Adrian Noble as your new editor. There have been many challenges in the past few weeks, not the least of which is learning new publishing software. In addition, I've been thinking about the direction and content of the Bulletin Board and the regular challenges reiterated by Russ, our Superintendent, for content submissions from the members. In looking at other Division Newsletters, I see a wide variety of approaches. In this newsletter, for now, you'll find familiar content. For future issues, let's keep up the focus on layout tours, construction progress updates or operation sessions on member layouts which will be highlighted here. In addition, how about a member-submitted short article on a scratchbuilding or kitbashing project like you might see in Railroad Model Craftsmen? For photo shoot assistance in the Lower Mainland, I'd be willing to visit, interview and photograph. Let me know via email.

Occasionally, we will cross post from another group's newsletter acknowledging authorship, of course.

Russ's comments in the Superintendent's Report about estate planning are opportune and relevant. I expect that among members, there is a wide range of preparedness. I had been thinking about building a database of my accumulating HO scale freight and passenger rolling stock in the MS Excel database program but wasn't sure where to begin, what to catalogue etc. Looking for ideas initially, I did a google search and of the many hits in the shareware or free category, few seemed very substantive. Then, I stumbled across 'Easy Model Railroad Inventory'. The software designer is an NMRA member and originally designed the product to facilitate operations using a 'car card' system. My interest at this stage, since I don't have a layout, is the inventory function. It can produce reports, export to a spreadsheet program, is customizable, flags rolling stock for maintenance, is not difficult to learn and comes with a good Help section.

It is a free download with no time limits before program functions are disabled as with some shareware. You are encouraged to donate an amount of your choice to a PayPal account if the software is to your liking. I like it and have no affiliation with the designer. There is no time like the present for action.

The views and opinions stated in *Editorial Comments* are not intended to reflect those of the NMRA or regions or divisions thereof. As the editor of the BULLETIN BOARD I welcome your comments and opinions regarding the comments made above or any other statements made in this publication. Send your comments to John Stevenson, Editor (jstevenson@telus.com).

Regional News

Welcome to Vancouver Train Expo

Metro Vancouver's biggest train show ever!

by Peter Mueller

The BCTrains.org show and meet is moving to new home and getting a new look and a new name!

This year's show will be held at the Pacific National Exhibition Forum on the weekend of November 6-8. All the familiar meet activities — operating sessions, layout tours, clinics, banquet — will be part of the weekend, along with a new and expanded train show in the 44,000 sq. ft. Forum.

This year's show features:

- more space for model railways, displays, vendors and manufacturers
- drive-in, all-weather access to your display location for easy load-in and load-out
- food concession and social area on the show floor
- all show activities on the same level for better accessibility
- ample on-site parking with exhibitor parking adjacent to the Forum
- easy access from Highway 1 and via public transit
- exhibitor and vendor access beginning at noon on Friday

Check back regularly for updates at: <http://www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca>

Canadian Northern Pacific Last Spike Centenary Celebration

by Dave Emmington

The Canadian Northern Railway Society, the Canadian National Railway Historical Association and the Kamloops Heritage Railway Society are pleased to sponsor a celebration in Kamloops, BC on June 19-20, 2015 to commemorate the driving of the last spike on the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway in British Columbia.

Please review the proposed itinerary and advise by return email to DE461@telus.net to express your interest to attend and be advised of a final itinerary and when finalized tickets will be available. Pencil this important historic event into your plans.

Itinerary June 19-20, 2015

Friday, June 19

Commencing at 10:00 a full day of activities are planned, including a visit to the Kamloops Heritage Railway Backshop and the steam up of Engine 2141. Coffee and donuts will be available.

You are free to have lunch on your own time at many fine dining spots within walking distance.

After lunch the engine and consist will move to the 1927 CNR Lorne Street Station. Speeches and other formalities will occur including Barry Sanford, author of 'Steel Rails and Iron Men' among many other great publications. The present invited guest list includes include Steam Engine 6060 guru Harry Home, Grant Bailey on behalf of his father Ron - a retired CNR Regional Engineer, David Blythe Hanna's nephew and representatives of the Canadian National Railway.

Following the events planned at the station, guests will board a special Kamloops Heritage Railway train for a FREE TRIP to the 1872 church on the Kamloops Reserve lands where a re-enactment of the Driving of the Last Spike will take place. Continuing to CNR's Kamloops Junction before returning to the Lorne Street Station. A photo run-by is planned.

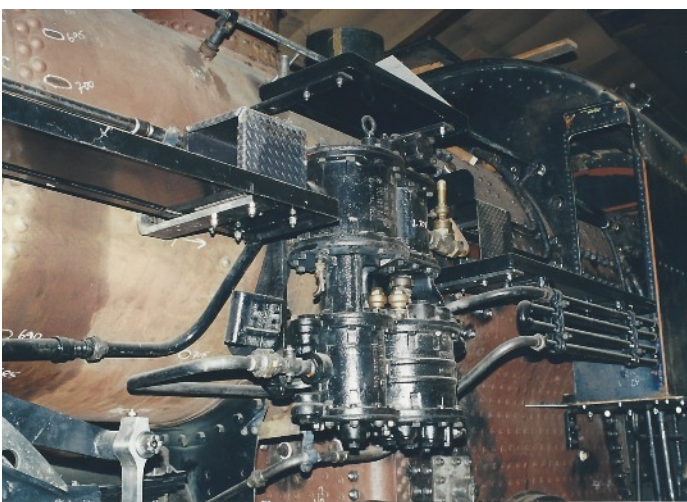
Railway artifacts and photographs will be on display at the offices of the Kamloops Heritage Railway Society. Local representatives will be available to answer questions. Kelly's Caboose will remain open to visit or purchase railway models, railroadiana and other antiques.

The evening banquet will include a keynote presentation by Barry Sanford followed by an informal slide night (bring some slides) and potentially a night photography session with 2141.

Saturday, June 20

The day will commence early at a local restaurant for breakfast on your own and to pick up box lunches prior to departure by private vehicles to the scenic Thompson Canyon between Spences Bridge and Ashcroft, BC. Subject to expected train movements we will visit Basque to see the CN/CP Interchange for directional running along the Thompson River. A stop at Bridge No.4 crossing the Thompson River as CN and CP trains head west to the coast is being planned. Subject to time constraints and train activity we will visit the British Columbia Canadian Northern Last Spike marker on Highway #1 at CN's Mile 62 on the Ashcroft Subdivision, returning to Kamloops in the late afternoon.

This will end the formal activities but an informal bbq is being discussed. Following the events there are many opportunities to observe the railways activities in the Kamloops, North Thompson and Shuswap area.



Air Pump close-up on CN 2-8-0 M-3-d 2141



Leaf Spring Inspection

Kamloops Heritage Rwy Backshop photos by J. Stevenson on 2001-05-22

AP Corner

by Russ Watson

Congratulations to Mark Dance for his recent accomplishments. He earned seven structure merit awards and has qualified for Author, Electrical, Scenery and Structures certificates.

Thanks very much to Mike Chandler, MMR and Kyle Gardiner for taking the time to complete the evaluations on location at Mark's N scale Columbia and Western layout. Without people like Mike and Kyle, we would not have an active AP in the 7th Division.

Mark is a good example of someone who knew about the AP but chose not to have his work evaluated until recently. If you have a layout, there is a good chance that the work you have done would qualify you for potential merit awards and certificates and is just waiting to be evaluated. I would be happy to discuss that possibility with you.

The next opportunity to have AP evaluations (judging) done at a meet will be at the Nanaimo and Victoria Shows. Detailed information about the events are on our website 7DPNR.org

In the meantime, 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 evaluated, I can usually arrange to have that done between meets, please contact me.

Happy modelling!

Affiliate Club Activities

The Greater Vancouver Garden Railway Club (GVGRC) is active and in the March 2015 edition of the Burnt Journal, their club newsletter, a member provided a step-by-step short article of the construction of a mountain for the portable sectional layout. He described material selection, carving the foam blocks into a rocky terrain look and painting. See the result below. Since the photo was taken, the seam separating the upper and lower



foam blocks has been filled for additional strength and improved appearance.

The [GVGRC](#) can be reached at their website.

Superintendent's Report

by Russ Watson

Please welcome John Stevenson of Vancouver as your new Bulletin Board (BB) editor! John needs your help to fill the BB pages so please send John photos and short articles on your model railroading adventures and those of others in your area. John's contact info is on p. 8 under Appointed Positions. I will ask John to publish the BB on time every time regardless of the number of pages he has material for. And a big thank you to Adrian Noble for his work as editor over the past couple of years. I'm sure you'll all agree that Adrian did a great job and always published on time.

Once again 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 standing committee contact list is available on our website 7DPNR.org about and is also included in each Jan/Feb issue of the *Bulletin Board*.

I was sorry to hear recently that Brad Dunlop in Kelowna passed away on November 24, 2014. I didn't know Brad well but I know that he was a 7th Division member at one time and had been active in the PGE/BCR group. Our condolences to Brad's family and friends. You may read his obituary at: <http://www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/obituary/dunlop-bradley/>

Thank you to Brian Clogg for taking over from Greg Madsen as the 7th Division webmaster. Brian has been totally rebuilding our site which should be live as you read this. Please check out 7DPNR.org and let Brian know how he is doing. Recently Greg and Brian made a proposal to the 7th Division executive to buy our own website domain with a hosting plan, which we accepted. This change will allow us to do much more with the site over time. A big thank you to Greg Madsen for being our webmaster for the past three years and for hosting the 7th Division site for free for most of that time and for his continued assistance to Brian.

Your secretary Bob Leggett has once again done an outstanding job of preparing the minutes of our 2014 Annual General Meeting, thank you Bob. The minutes are available on our website 7DPNR.org by clicking on the 'Documents' tab. A request for a hard copy of the minutes may be made to Bob.

The **TRAINS** committee headed up by Peter Mueller has solicited comments, ideas and suggestions for an improved annual model railway public show and meet. I'm excited to announce that as a result of that feedback and the committee's hard work, TRAINS has become the **Vancouver Train Expo** and the event will be held in the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) Forum on Nov 6-8, 2015. Please read Peter's article elsewhere in this issue and check out the event website BCTrains.org. I urge you all to support this event by registering to attend the full NMRA PNR 7th Division meet and by spreading the word about this great new event. The event is always looking for volunteers and I know that Peter would be happy to hear from you in that regard: peter@muellerlacourt.com.

If we want the meet portion to be viable and as such continue to be a part of the Vancouver Train Expo in future years - the clinics, layout tours, contests, awards banquet, etc. - we need to have many more of you register, please plan to register. Registration forms will be included in a future BB and on the event website once they have been created.

As most of you know, the 7th Division will take our turn hosting the annual Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) convention in 2016. **Selkirk Express 2016** will take place June 15-19th, 2016 in Salmon Arm. A big thank you

to David Walker for taking over as chair of the committee. David is looking for portable operating layouts so if you or your club would like to participate please contact David. We will all need to help make this meet a success and David is also looking for volunteers - particularly during the event - for setup, etc. There are a lot of little jobs that need to be done that don't require a large time commitment, so I hope you will contact David with your offer to help during the meet. David's email address is mewalk@telus.net. Please visit the website <http://selkirkexpress2016.ca/index.html#> there is much more to come, but it's a beautiful site!

I received a video CD in the mail from our PNR president, Michael Highsmith with a request to let all of our members know about it and it's availability. It is titled 'Estate Planning for You and Your Survivors' presented by Frank Bongiovanni and recorded at the 2014 NMRA National Convention. It runs for 30 minutes with helpful advice on the need for and the advantage of creating and maintaining an inventory of your model railway equipment including books, photos and magazines; selling methods and values and the selling/moving of a layout. Also possible promises made to friends for first refusal for items after you have gone is discussed. All information that your survivors need to know in order for them to be able to deal with the big job of selling a model railroad estate and for as much financial gain as possible. Please let me know if you would like to view this video and based on the number of requests I receive I will determine what the best method to share it is.

The video also suggests that each division set up a committee of members who are willing to give advice and assist survivors with the disposition of an estate. Please contact me if you are willing to serve on this committee: russwatson@me.com 250-992-3452.

I hope you're reading this in time to attend the next 7th Division sponsored event, the Nanaimo Model Railway Show on April 26th. The Victoria Model Railway Show is about four weeks earlier than the usual date and is now on May 24th. Please check out the details on our website 7DPNR.org. I hope you can attend these events, they are always well attended and very enjoyable.

Until next time

Timetable

April 18-19, 2015. **Supertrain** will be held at the Genesis Centre, 7555 Falconridge Blvd NE, Calgary, AB
April 26, 2015. The **31st Annual Nanaimo Model Railroad Show**, Beban Park Rec Center, 2300 Bowen Rd. Nanaimo, BC

May 24, 2015. **Victoria Model Railway Show** will be at Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre (West Shore Parks & Recreation), 1767 Island Highway, Colwood, BC. Free parking - BC Transit Bus Route #50

August 23-29, 2015. The **NMRA 2015 National Convention** is at Expo Center, 2060 North Marine Drive, Portland Oregon, USA and the Convention Hotel, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland is at 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland Oregon, USA

For up-to-date event listings for the PNR 7th Division, jump to 7DPNR.org

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25TH ANNIVERSARY - VICTORIA'S ANNUAL

Model Railway Show

2015

Sunday, May 24th
10 am - 4 pm

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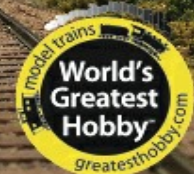
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