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ABOVE: Former CP 2-8-0 N2b 3716, now an asset of the non-profit Kettle Valley Steam Railway Society, is the motive power for short railfan trips along the former KVR.

Photo from KVSR website

Preparation for the upcoming Selkirk Express 2016 in Salmon Arm continues!

One of the tour bus opportunities includes a side trip to the KVSR and a trip along a section of the former KVR Princeton Sub from Prairie Valley over the Trout Creek Bridge (the highest structure on the original Kettle Valley Railway) towards Faulder and back, pulled behind KVSR 3716.

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Editorial Comments

This issue is light in content apart from the immediate regional news updates from our Superintendent and the Selkirk Express Chair. This is common for this time of year as everyone comes out of winter hibernation and diverts energy to outdoor activities. It definitely won't be an issue that tests your patience while waiting for a slow download because of your service provider's broadband speed limits.



26TH ANNIVERSARY - VICTORIA'S ANNUAL

Model Railway Show 2016

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World's Greatest Hobby

After reviewing the Selkirk Express updates inside, I think that you'll be pleased with the variety of clinics that are in the works and confirmed to date. The list of presenters now includes members from outside the 7th Division and at last count, clinics exceed 20+. These clinics will be scheduled from mid-morning to mid-evening over the three days of the conference.

And recalling previous remarks from the event Chair, we should be able to expect self-guided layout tours at conference time, as well.

And lastly, I'd like to encourage any of you who can find the time to volunteer to support the 7DPNR initiatives. Please read the Superintendent's remarks carefully. I have thoroughly enjoyed the time I've committed over the past year in bringing this newsletter to your door.

And don't forget: we need your submissions for newsletter content!

Upcoming Regional Show

Restless? Itching to travel and get together with old friends? Can't wait till Selkirk Express 2016? Take advantage of Victoria's upcoming show!

I'm officially putting this issue of the BB to bed and counting down the few short months until Selkirk Express 2016!! Looking forward to seeing you there.

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

Selkirk Express 2016 Update

By David Walker, Selkirk Express Chair

The convention and public train show are about two months away so we hope you have made your plans to attend the event starting June 15, 2016.

There is still room on the “*No Tracks! No Trains! Just Fun and Games Mystery Tour.*” The tour is designed especially for the ladies attending the event with their spouses. Join the group for an all day excursion visiting some of the beautiful and fascinating locales in the Shuswap and North Okanagan Valleys. The tour will be departing from the Prestige Inn (convention hotel) on Saturday, June 18 at 8:30 am and will arrive back there between 3-4 pm. Tour includes transportation on a comfortable motor coach, special luncheon and other hidden surprises. Please wear comfortable walking shoes as there are some paths and stairs on the route.

Attention: there may be areas that are not accessible to participants with mobility issues.

A room is being set aside at the Prestige Inn Harbourfront Resort for those ladies looking to take a break from the train side of the event. The room will be open from 8 am to 6 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Activities being planned are:

- Book Swap - Bring a few novels and trade for others. Magazines welcome
- Puzzles, crib board and playing cards
- Adult Colouring Pages and felt pens - these were very popular at the National Event
- Quilting, Knitting, Crocheting - bring your own supplies and projects. If you want to share, maybe trade yarns (pun intended!) with each other
- Possible Bingo Night

The other tours to Summerland and Revelstoke are quickly filling up as well. On the Summerland tour we have added a stop at the Central Okanagan Railway Company in Peachland BC.

Don't forget the contest being held during the event, using the Crossing Shanty Kit from Inter-Action Enterprises; kitbash the kit into anything but the crossing shanty.

The Salmon Arm Committee has a limited number of the Interaction Kits available for \$27.95. Contact the Chairman if you wish to purchase a kit. The contest room is also open to presenting equipment and structures for AP judging. There will be plenty of room for those RPM modelers to display their work as well. For both the contest and the RPM entries please fill out the Contest Entry Form #901 available on the NMRA website under Education/Contests/Forms to register.

See: http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/education/contest/nmra_contest_entry_form.pdf

The block of rooms at the Prestige Inn is fully booked and information on other accommodation sites is available on the website.

Our guest speaker at the banquet on Saturday night will be Tom Price from Calgary and the topic is “*Race for the Boundary*”. Tom is well known for his “*XX Years of Mayhem*” presentations focused on many CPR mishaps over the past 125 years.

Current List of Clinics Offered: exact times to be set in May

Presenter	Clinic
Rene Gourley	Time Table and Train Order (TT&TO) Operation
Lori Sebelley	Hands-on Structure Construction
Paul Hobbs	45 Years of Amtrak
Dale Sproule	Rosebery Barge Diorama
Jack Hamilton	Basic Electrical Concepts and Layout Wiring for Model Railroaders
Tony Lee	West Coast Logging Railroads - Then and Now
Charlie Comstock	Scenery - Making it Real
Dale Kraus	Realistic Rock Formations
Tom Waters	Solid Foundations for your Model Structures
Kevin Rudko	Fundamentals of Signal Systems and How to Model Them
Kevin Rudko	Understanding Signal Aspects: CROR Speed Signalling Aspect
Rob Kirkham	CPR Early House Cars of the 1920s
Fred Kaser	Layout Design for Operations and Operating with Protrak
Doug Mayer	Field to Kamloops - The Revelstoke Division: a Photographic Journey
Mike Chandler	Reviving Strathmore
Anthony Craig	Modeling the Kettle Valley
Scott Calvert	Building the Boundary Sub
Walt Huston	Making Trees using Natural Materials (Mostly)
Greg Madsen	Basics of Decoder Pro and Why You Want To Use It
Alan Ashton	LED 101: An Introduction to Lighting Principals
Russell Segner	The Coal Mines of Newcastle

The Public Show is at the Shaw Centre located at 2600 10th Ave NE Salmon Arm, BC with the following show times:

Saturday June 18 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday June 19 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

and Layout and Vendor set up is Friday June 17, 9:00 am to approximately 10:00 pm.

As we get closer to the event and more confirmations of vendors and layouts are received they will be listed under the public show on the website.

Superintendent's Report

By John Martin

I hope you were able to work on your own layout or project over the winter, or perhaps spend some time on a club layout, an operating session or a work party at someone's home. Whether you prefer construction, operation, modeling, or any combination thereof, we would like your NMRA membership to add to your enjoyment of the hobby. Suggestions and ideas are welcome.

Some time ago, the 7th Division was generously given an impressive collection of slides (primarily of the PGE) taken by Bill Hewlett, an avid photographer who passed away in 1968. We would like to sincerely thank Bill Galovich for his efforts to scan the entire collection to a DVD that will be available soon. This project has been ongoing for many years and we are very grateful to Bill for his considerable contribution.

Bulletin Board Delivery

This issue of the BB will offer you a choice: (A) a high resolution edition; for people with a high speed connection or (B) a low resolution edition; for those who have difficulties with large files. The choice is yours. Let me be very clear - there is no intention of forcing you to log in to the new 'Members Only' section to receive the current issue. If you want to read a recent older issue on the website though, you will need to log in with a password.

Our webmaster has set-up a special 'Members Only' area on the 7th Division website that contains the past two years of the Bulletin Board. Not many of you have signed up yet, but I'm told that is normal. We're planning to add some additional worthwhile information including more photos of members' layouts, photos from our archives, achievement program material, and perhaps a discussion forum. You are invited to gain access by clicking on 'Create new account'. When you have a moment, go to <http://www.7divpnr.ca/> and see what's new on the website.

We are currently delivering copies of the BB by Canada Post to roughly 10% of our membership; the 90% majority are serviced by email. Printing and postage are costing us a lot of money; however, I believe we are obligated for now to provide paper copies to those who, for whatever reason, genuinely need them. I plan to contact the gentlemen on the paper copy list soon to ask if you will switch to email. If you really need it, we'll provide the service. If you don't, please help save the expense.

Help Wanted

Bob Leggett has done an excellent job as our Secretary for the past six years. YOU could easily volunteer to take over the job. It requires a minimal amount of time, modest computer skills, and a reasonably modern home computer. Bob will provide all the training required and will gladly assist whenever needed. He has even offered to donate a digital recorder he purchased to record meetings. There are a number of members who have given extensively of their time – others have been waiting to be asked. I'm asking now. Please give me a call (604) 594-9719 or email jmartin@jdmartin.ca. We need you!

Dick Sutcliffe has been the Publicity Coordinator for as long as most people can remember. He would very much like to hand over the position to someone new. Dick has offered to work alongside the new person for at least a year and to make the transition gradual, painless, and easy. We could sure use your help.

Train show season is almost upon us. Why not attend at least one of the events in Nanaimo, Victoria, Salmon Arm, or Vancouver this year? When you do, please take a moment and introduce yourself to the guys at the NMRA booth. We would like to meet you.

7DPNR Website

By Brian Clogg, Webmaster

If you have not visited the 7th Division website it is worth a look. See <http://www.7divpnr.ca>. I have recently added a Bulletin Board archive page with digital copies of past BBs, the most recent two years accessible only through the 'Members Only' portal.

The page is at: <http://www.7divpnr.ca/node/37>.

All issues from 1984-1994 and from 2006 to date have been posted. We can post the missing issues if someone will send them to me. In addition, we have started a member's layouts page. If you would like your layout shown please email me bcclogg@shaw.ca with a short description, some statistics and a few photos. Here is a sample page: <http://www.7divpnr.ca/node/54>

Craftsman's Corner

Constructing Brass Passenger Cars

By Werner Grundmann

***Editor's note:** The following article is excerpted from the Vancouver Garden Railway Club's newsletter; the Burnt Journal: Issue 23, No. 3. Garden Railway scale varies from 1:20.3 to 1:32 but is generally 1:29 ratio with all scales using the same gauge track. Thanks to Editor John Shortreid for an open invitation to poach content from his newsletter and compliments to Werner - very nice work!*

I needed a set of passenger cars for the Harz loco (2-10-2) that I had bought from Barbara Schaub from Jack's collection. Studying the internet and YouTube, I found a lot of useful information about these cars.

The Brockenbahn has basically three different types of passenger cars. All of them look about the same at first glance, but there are significant differences. They have six, seven or eight windows on each side. The windows on the six- and eight-window type cars are the same but they are differently spaced. The seven-window car has larger windows in the horizontal direction, but all windows are identical in their vertical measurement. I milled the windows for two cars of each type and fitted frames of 1/16 in. brass wire into 84 window openings. What a fiddle job - they are all soldered into place.

The pictures show the assembly of the passenger cars including floors, sides, ends and roof, with installation of the trucks. The last work to be completed was the platform details, including doors and couplers. After the painting I took care of the glazing and the interior. I needed 96 seats! By December I was almost complete and the pictures are to this stage of completion of the project. What is missing is the lettering, as I was waiting for some wet-transfers from Germany. Each of these cars weigh around 3 kg. The entire train (not including the loco) brings just about 40 lbs onto the track. That engine will have to work pretty hard to make it up the nearly 3% grades on my layout. I had to make a decision. It was either to sell a car or two, or to increase the weight of the loco. I opted for the latter. Not an easy task! LGB could not have designed it any more difficult to get inside. My loco has just gained 2.2 kg.

We will see how things work out come Spring, when my layout will be operational again. So far I refuse to clean it up, every storm brings more debris.



ABOVE LEFT: Brass sides with milled windows and brass wire inserts

ABOVE: Platform detail in place and undercoated

LEFT: Painted and awaiting decals

BELOW LEFT: Interior with window glazing, seating and passengers



Contacts

Editor's Note: Due to space limitations, we continue to publish our short list. If you need to refer to the complete list that includes additional appointed positions as well as all area representatives, see it at the 7DPNR.org website which is always current.

If you can't access that weblink, call a member friend for assistance.

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