

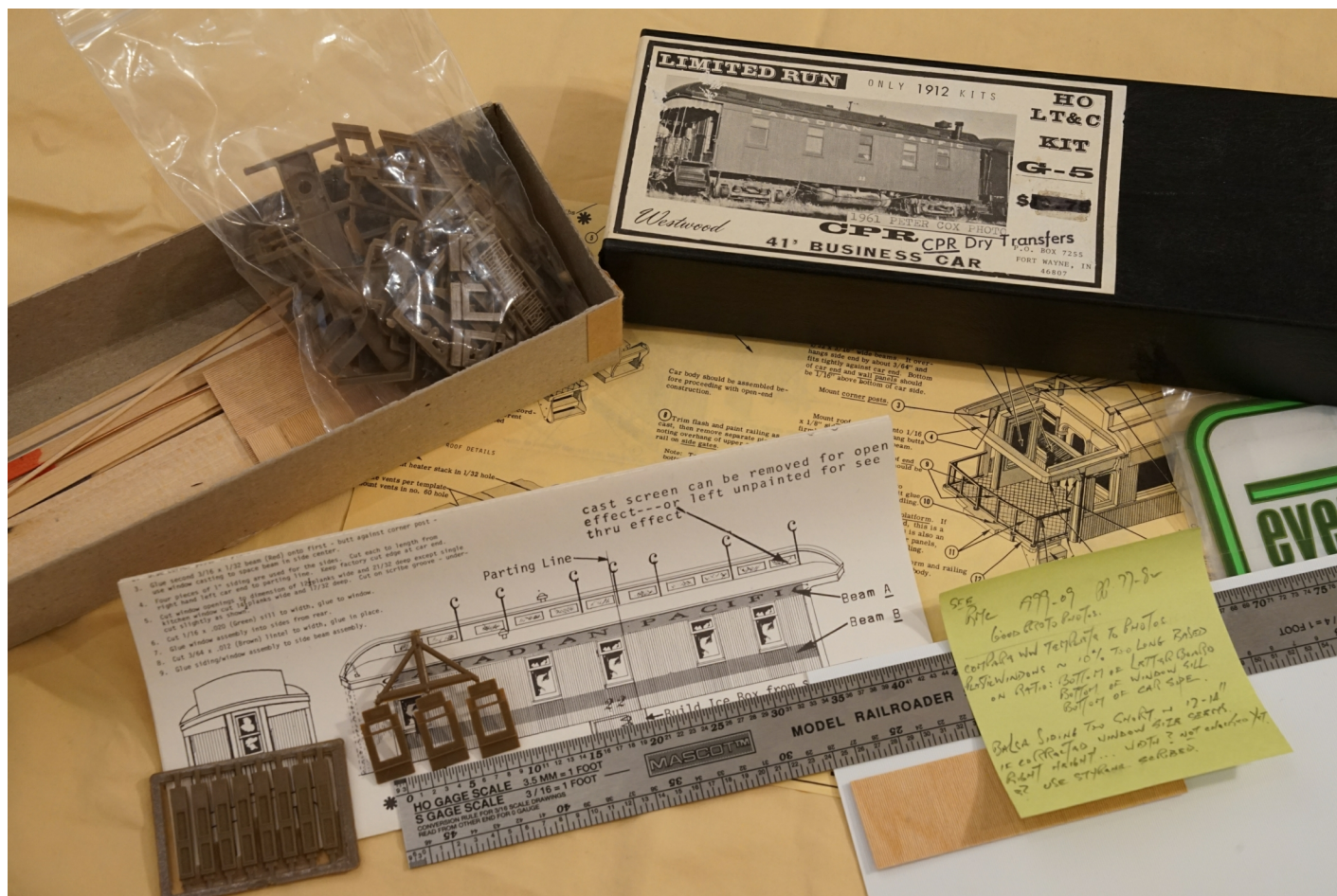


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ABOVE: Old Westwood HO Kit G-5 dating from about 1980 of a CP 35-foot short business car commonly used by district superintendents. I acquired mine at last year's Vancouver Train Expo from a swap table for \$20. It is an interesting kit of molded styrene parts and wood strips and siding - a great foundation for a kitbashing project. Comparing prototype dimensions to the kit-building template drawing, the model siding is one scale foot short so grooved styrene will be substituted for the kit-supplied wood and additional underbody details added.

Photo by J.Stevenson

The upcoming Vancouver Train Expo and concurrent Railway Modellers' Meet is just around the corner. The show and meet always provide a tangible injection of excitement into the community. I decided to start a modelling project and always enjoy the background research. I first reviewed the highly informative online archives of YahooGroup's CPSig and PassengerCarList for comments on the prototype car and the model kit, as well as back issues of Railroad Model Craftsman for articles by Jack Work, one of the great local modellers of the 1950s who scratchbuilt the car above using Strathmore cardstock and wood. See inside for more show news.

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Editorial Comments

The organizers of the Railway Modellers' Meet of BC (RMMBC) are hard at it. Our superintendent has this to say:

*If you haven't yet registered for the RMMBC, please **sign up right now** - while you're at the computer. Go to: <http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca>. Do it now - and then read the rest of the Bulletin Board afterwards; you'll be glad you decided to attend. The activities offered at RMMBC are at the core of the reason why most of us joined the NMRA. The organizing committee is offering a top quality agenda of clinics and events that will appeal to a wide audience. You should be there.*

The message repeated over and over in this edition of the newsletter is for your consideration in volunteering to assist the 7DPNR; either in a future executive capacity or more urgently in assisting with the upcoming VTE supporting tasks. These activities range from vendor table set-up and take down, traffic control, ticket sales, and door security. It may appear like a beg-a-thon, but we really do need you to make this a success!

And speaking of activities offered at the RMMBC ... last year, the VTE had just moved to the PNE Forum. Participation in the contest and display room was light, though there were some exceptional examples of modelling technique from a select few. Of course, with the new modellers' show format and our own site, I'm hoping for a return to sunnier skies, so to speak. Remember, the modelling project does not have to be complete. In-progress models are also very welcome. That's why I included the front page picture for this edition of the Bulletin Board. It's all about inspiration for your creative energies.

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

Vancouver Train Expo Update

By Tom Lundgren, Show Manager

Organization for Vancouver Train Expo (VTE) on November 5th (10:00 to 18:00) and November 6th (10:00 to 17:00) at the PNE Forum is well in hand. There has been a great response from vendors and exhibitors. A great show awaits you! We hope you will attend.

The success of the event relies on volunteer help and there are many tasks to be done. If you have a couple of hours to contribute please sign up using the 'Volunteer' tab on VTE's website www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca, or select the 'Click Here' button at the end of the request for volunteers just above the pictures on the home page,

or send an e-mail to publicity@vancouvertrainexpo.ca. Volunteers get free admission to the show. We look forward to hearing from you.

Railway Modellers' Meet of British Columbia; Nov 3-6, 2016

By Marc Simpson, Meet Promotion

The Railway Modellers' Meet of British Columbia (RMMBC) is running concurrently and adjacent to the Vancouver Train Expo (VTE) from Nov 3-6, 2016. The RMMBC has a great lineup of prototype and modelling clinics, layout operating sessions, slide shows, model displays, competitions, self-guided home layout tours and more!

This year the RMMBC meet will take place in the convention facilities of The Atrium Inn (2889 Hastings Street), next door to the PNE and the VTE. Your RMMBC registration also gives you entry to both days of the VTE 2016 across the street! It is a convenient, short walk between the two locations, allowing registrants to take in both events.

<http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/> and <http://www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca/> have further details on both shows.

Operating sessions are a popular feature returning this year for an expanded two-evening run. A total of seven well-known local layouts will open for guest operators on Thursday or Friday evening and allow registrants more opportunities to participate in this popular part of the meet.

<http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/node/30> has further details on the operating sessions.

Hurry: operator space is limited and **it is filling up very quickly**. It's first-come, first-served for spots so register soon and don't miss out!

On Thursday evening the RMMBC will be hosting a slide night for aficionados of railway photography. Bring 20 of your best slides to present. We also hope to display a selection of slides from the PNR's Bill Hewlett Collection which have been recently digitized. Much of this historic collection has never been available previously to the railfan and modelling community – don't miss this opportunity to see this great collection. The slide night event will have both a traditional slide projector and a digital projector and laptop available for presenters. Please see <http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/node/51> for further information.

The 2016 clinic lineup includes a wide array of fascinating subjects, ranging from studies of prototype operations, scenery, structure scratchbuilding, to painting and weathering techniques, layout design and new advances in layout control and electronics.

<http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/clinics> has more details on the individual clinics and the clinic schedule.

A perennial favourite from previous meets is back for 2016. Layout tours are again part of the RMMBC, this year featuring layouts from North Vancouver and West Vancouver. The 2016 tours will be self-guided, during the day on Sunday November 6th allowing registrants to customize their tour to their own timing and tastes.

<http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/node/3> will have updates on the self-guided layout tour portion of the meet.

The heart of the RMMBC meet are **your models**. On both Friday November 4th and Saturday November 5th there will be a model display room dedicated to showing railway related models. Finished or in-progress models are welcome as we learn as much from in-progress models as we do from finished ones. Locomotives, freight cars, structures, dioramas, vehicles or other models are all welcome. The purpose of the model display room is to share and learn new techniques, and meet your fellow modellers within the 7th Division and beyond. Please visit <http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/display> for further information. Participation in the NMRA Achievement Program will be available for those interested in this aspect of the meet.

The catered banquet on Saturday – the only additional cost item at the meet – is a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow model railroaders over a nice meal in an informal setting. The banquet will close with a talk by Mark Dance on the trials and tribulations experienced extracting Brian Pate's exceptional Klondike Mines Railway layout and moving it to its new home 3000 km north in Dawson City.

An article in the September-October Bulletin Board just scratched the surface of this project and Mark will share photos and funny stories of this one-year labour of love for so many of the local Vancouver model railway community. It is rare that a layout is preserved once the owner decides to take it down, and even rarer to have it moved thousands of kilometres to a new home for future generations to enjoy. Don't miss the fascinating story of this layout's journey from its old home to its new one.

Visit <http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/banquet> for further information.

It looks like the 2016 Railway Modellers' Meet will be a fantastic experience for all registrants, with an expanded range of programming to suit almost everyone provided in a comfortable environment. For registration details please register online at <http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/node/10>, or contact the registrar at bcclogg@shaw.ca. Tell your friends! We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2016 meet.

Superintendent's Report

By John Martin

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 7th Division 2016 AGM will be held during the upcoming Railway Modellers' Meet of BC (RMMBC) on November 5th at 16:30 in the breakfast room of the Atrium Hotel in Vancouver. To save the cost of renting a separate room, and perhaps to increase attendance, the meeting will be held in conjunction with 'Happy Hour'. Open bar (but no free drinks, sorry). We would sure like you to attend. Please submit anything you'd like to discuss to the Secretary before Oct 28th, if possible.

An Introduction

Jim Guillaume has offered to join the Board of Directors as Secretary. Here is a brief biography.

I've recently reflected on the fact that I had been a model railroader for over 40 years but had only occasionally stepped up to the plate to be a leader within the NMRA and I decided that I needed to give back to this great hobby in some form.

I am 66 years old and have been an active model railroader for the last 41 years. My career path first took me to Saskatchewan from British Columbia as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and later as a

corporate pilot in government service. For 16 years I've been employed full time as a pilot with WestJet Airlines in Vancouver, but have recently been able to go into a part-time employment there.



How did I get my start in model railroading? It has been a long journey and one that I have enjoyed immensely! My parents bought me my first Marx train set in 1956 and expanded my set to include Lionel trains in the 1960s. It wasn't until 1971 that I bought my own Bachmann N scale train set at a hobby shop in Richmond, BC and I invested my own money in this hobby. My first actual layout and contact with the NMRA was in Saskatchewan in late 1979. At the time, I attended several 6th Division PNR meets and later joined the Regina Model Railroad club. I really enjoyed that time with the modelling community there. However, due to the politics within the NMRA at the time, I let my membership lapse.

It wasn't until many moves, jobs and years later, that I was encouraged to revisit my membership with the NMRA in 2010. It really had become a different organization and one that I felt I could proudly support. In large part, I give credit to our current Superintendent John Martin for his continued efforts to make this a well-rounded, inclusive and supportive organization with his efforts to ensure the members of this division have elected representatives from the whole region to meet our needs as members and modellers.

I am still collecting N scale and am primarily modelling the CPR / Kettle Valley Railway in southern British Columbia during the transition era. I have completed the conversion of two of the bedrooms in our home into one train room with an attached office area. The bench work is complete for an L-shaped layout with track being laid down at the current time. My two grandsons (three and five) are interested in helping me out but are still a bit young to work with N scale. We have already started to have some HO track laid out for their own layouts.

I have been a member of the North Okanagan Model Railroad Club for the last three years and have really learned a lot from a very experienced group of modellers within our club. I feel privileged to call them my friends and I look to them for modelling guidance and encouragement.

In conclusion, if you find yourself reflecting, as I did, that you would like to give something back to our hobby after having received so much from it, I would encourage you to give thought to letting your name stand for election this coming November at the Annual General Meeting of the 7th Division PNR in Vancouver. I believe you won't regret it.

Vancouver Trains Expo Starts Nov 4th

This year's show promises to be bigger and even better. Make plans to attend and bring your kids and grand-kids. There will be plenty of commercial vendors, layouts, displays and activities that will appeal to the whole family. Is there any way you can assist us by volunteering for just a few hours at VTE?

Please see <http://www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca/> and click on 'Volunteers'. You know the story – we need some people like 'you' to make the show work. It's also a great chance to meet your fellow modellers. And it's only a couple of hours of your time.

Superintendent's Comments

I urge you to get even more value from your membership in the NMRA by registering for the first Railway Modellers' Meet of BC (RMMBC). I think you'll find it very worthwhile. Plan to see VTE on the Nov 5th weekend and take advantage of the special NMRA admission rate. Admission is free for RMMBC attendees.

If you're in the vicinity, come to Happy Hour at 16:30 at the Atrium Hotel on Nov 5th and say hello. I would like to meet you and hear what you think. This year's elections are primarily 'electronic'. I apologize to those who dislike the idea but cost is a major factor and we also got into a bit of a time crunch. We just can't justify mailing each of you a ballot by Canada Post. Many organizations are moving in that direction, including the Pacific Northwest Region of the NMRA. See you at RMMBC and VTE in two weeks!!

An Opportunity?

By Russ Watson, Past Superintendent

A little over a year ago John Martin answered one of my several pleas to the membership in seeking someone who would let their name stand for 7th Division Superintendent in the upcoming election. You may be thinking, yeah, so what? But do you know that John was a brand new 7th Division member, who in fact was on a 6-month NMRA Rail Pass membership, so not even a full member? OK, now what are you thinking? Doesn't it seem odd to you that in an organization of over 300 members, a brand new member was willing to take on the top position because no one else would come forward? It certainly seems extremely odd to me. We are very lucky - John is a quick learner, very enthusiastic and is doing a great job!

How long have you been a member? Have you ever thought of volunteering a little of your time to serve your organization? If you read the list of names currently filling elected and appointed positions (<http://7divpnr.ca/about%20us>) you'll discover that with a few exceptions they have been serving for many, many years! And many of them are also involved in their club activities and organizing 7D events. What happens if the vast majority of them decide that they have done a lot and it's time for someone new to take over? Would you then consider stepping forward to save the organization?

If you answered yes to my last question, I ask why wait? Please consider helping your organization by letting John Martin <jamartin@jdmartin.ca> or any of the other directors know that you would be interested in helping out your organization now, soon or in the future. It's an opportunity to give something back to your organization, feel much more a part of it and wow, you may even enjoy it!

2016 Election of Board of Directors

Three positions are open this year. There are several options for voting this year. See the next page of the Bulletin Board (p.7) for more information and a mail-in ballot (if that choice is your preferred one).

2016 Election Ballot - PNR 7th Division Board of Directors

Three positions are open this year. A call for nominations appeared in the May/Jun and the Jul/Aug issues of the Bulletin Board. The list of candidates appears below. There are three ways to vote this year:

PREFERRED METHOD:

You will receive an e-mail ballot within the next few days. Maybe you already have it. Simply hit 'Reply' to vote. You will receive confirmation that your ballot has been received.

OR

Send an e-mail to drowsell@shaw.ca. Give your name and NMRA number and the names of your chosen candidate. You can also send a ballot in any electronic form to that address.

OR

If you absolutely can't (or don't want to) vote by e-mail, post the ballot shown below to:

Mr. Dan Rowsell, 101-1121 Esquimalt Road, Victoria, BC V9A 3N6

BALLOT

Vote for the nominated candidate or add a 'write-in' candidate.

Your Name _____

NMRA Number – (if available) _____

For Secretary: ☐ Jim Guillaume
☐ (write-in candidate) _____

For Treasurer: ☐ Larry Sebelley
☐ (write-in candidate) _____

For Director-at-Large: ☐ Ken Rutherford
☐ (write-in candidate) _____

Voting closes at midnight October 29, 2016. All ballots, including those sent by regular mail, must be received by that time. One ballot per member, please.

All ballots will remain secret and only the Returning Officer will know how you voted. Full records will be kept and available for scrutiny. An audit by the Pacific Northwest Region, of the election can be requested by any current 7th Division member, with the support of at least four other members, by writing to the President, PNR NMRA.

If you have difficulty casting a ballot, please contact any board member for assistance.

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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