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ABOVE: Max Magliaro at RMMBC 2017 demonstrating how to trim excess brass and shape the back wall of the locomotive cab of his totally scratchbuilt N-scale SP&S 0-6-0 switcher. The project was 2-1/2 years in the making when Max presented his clinic last year highlighting the drive mechanism and fabrication techniques. Max returns to RMMBC this year to discuss the detailing and showcase the finished model.

Photo by J. Stevenson

Our next big modellers' meet, the Railway Modellers' Meet of BC (RMMBC), is scheduled for May 4-6, 2018 at the Simon Fraser University campus. Most of you will be aware of the upcoming show and undoubtedly will be getting excited if you've registered. There's only a few weeks to go! And there is another reason for excitement; **VTEX 2018's viability (previously threatened by insufficient volunteerism) is healthy and has officially received the green light for this year.** The show must go on and it will now! See details inside under Regional News updates.

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## Editorial Comments

**VTEX 2018 is a go! Congratulations from all of us to Tom Lundgren for his tireless commitment and to Don Thicke for stepping up and taking on the Business Manager role.**

Two issues ago we ran an important piece on the subtleties/complexities of the scoring matrix for one element of the Master Modeller Achievement Program. We identified Mike Chandler, MMR, as our Divisional Representative for the AP evaluation. Superintendent John Martin emphasizes:

*Please route all Achievement Program matters in the 7th Division through our Coordinator: Mike Chandler. A few guys have run into problems recently that would have been avoided easily by a preliminary discussion with Mike. He is available to provide advice right from the start, or anywhere along the way. All forms, submissions, and evaluations must be handled by our Division Coordinator – never directly with other NMRA or PNR offices. Your many hours of work can get lost in the shuffle unless Mike is involved. See Mike's email address in Contacts (last page) of the BB.*

And John adds that you still have time to register for the Railway Modellers' Meet of BC (RMMBC) on May 4-6 at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby. Virtually everyone who attended last year has signed on for 2018 – a strong endorsement of the content and enjoyment to be had. Ops sessions, layout tours, clinics, and guest speaker Bernie Kempinski are part of this year's event. Don't miss it!

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](mailto:jstevenson@telus.com)).

## Regional News

### Vancouver Train Expo (VTEX) Update

By Tom Lundgren, VTEX Leader



**Vancouver Train Expo will be held November 10-11, 2018.**

The recruiting campaign has been successful and the Organizing Committee is back to strength with Don Thicke joining as the Business Manager. A number of others indicated interest in assisting but not as members of the Organizing Committee.

Thanks to those who have offered to help and to those who will offer to help.

Putting on the show requires lots of volunteers filling many positions. The Committee will call on those who offered to help, however, this does not mean the rest of you are 'off the hook'. As in previous years, you can expect to be called upon to assist. I hope you will step up to help promote the hobby of model railroading.

A new society has been formed and registered to take over as the role of legal entity, relieving the 7th Division of this obligation. The Organizing Committee recognizes and thanks the 7th Division for creating, organizing, and supporting the public train show over the past 35 years. We look forward to continuing to work closely together to stage the event.

Achieving financial viability is the next major challenge. As you will be aware from previous messages, staging this event is financially challenging. Some of our losses in 2017 were due to mistakes which were avoidable and do not reflect a structural problem. There are also a couple of significant expenses we can eliminate but it will still be a challenge. Public admission fees will be going up moderately. Vendor table pricing will be reviewed and decisions made about the amount of space allocated to the Marketplace vs. to other exhibits. Revenue from table rentals is an important part of the puzzle; in particular, it greatly assists resolving the cash flow challenge.

A modelling contest is being explored as a way to provide new and relevant displays. The challenge will be to build either dioramas or modules for layouts that depict local railway scenes - scenes with which the public attendees will readily identify. People were engaged at SUPERTRAIN in Calgary as they pointed out familiar buildings in the Lego display replicating part of downtown Calgary. As a port city, Vancouver presents lots of opportunities to model the interface to railways with prominent structures and port features. Skytrain and West Coast Express now share the landscape with the Canadian Pacific mainline from Vancouver to Coquitlam, and downtown Vancouver has the Seabus and the container terminal providing new modeling possibilities. More details about the criteria to come. ***Editor's Note:** see comments from Phil Breden on p.8.*

In order to help with space management, invitations will be sent to the major exhibitors prior to opening general registration. The intention is to provide early information on the size and nature of the exhibits. This is vital information for designing the floor plan and determining what will fit in.

We are on our way towards Vancouver Train Expo 2018. For more information visit our website [www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca](http://www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca) or Facebook [vancouvertrainexpo](https://www.facebook.com/vancouvertrainexpo).

***Editor's Note:** the following mini-meet reports come to us from three of the 7DPNR area representatives: Doug Hicks writes on behalf of Graham Stokes for Vancouver's North Shore; Russ Watson brings us news from the very recent meet he hosted in Quesnel, which he thoughtfully also promoted in the Upcoming Events page of the 7DPNR's website; and Larry Sebelley reports from the Fraser Valley.*

## **North Shore Modellers' Meet - Weathering Bash**

By Doug Hicks

On Sunday February 25, a group of modellers got together and had fun weathering whatever they brought to the event. Several air brushes were loaded up with the usual popular weathering colours; e.g., mud, grimy black, rust, and grey. Four spray areas were set up, and one could switch from one colour to the next by jumping to the next airbrush station. All paints were acrylic, and so the light sprays dried quite quickly.

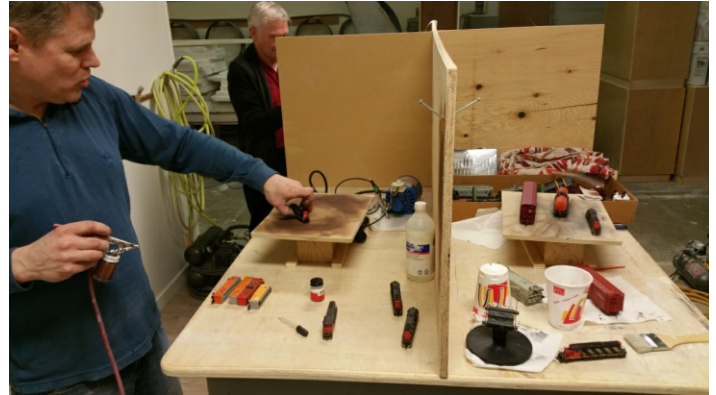
Most participants were very cautious and quite uncertain (myself included) as to how to proceed at first. But with some bravery and general coaching by John Walter and George Carroll, light coats of colours were applied - trying not to overdo it and keeping the amounts toned down - just enough to be visible. It didn't take long before confidence was established. There were many books set up to help guide weathering efforts to proto typical effects. A variety of other weathering mediums such as chalks, colour pencils, oil-based washes and stains were also available. It was a great opportunity to see what could be done and to watch other practitioners



as well. The location was hosted at John Walter's woodworking shop. Fortunately his work mate was away on vacation, which freed up the shop for this afternoon event.



**ABOVE:** Work table setup with chalks, pencil crayons and plenty of prototype images from reference books.



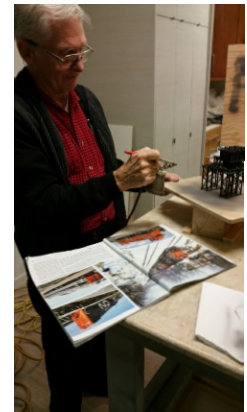
**ABOVE:** John Walter at one of the quickly improvised 4-bay airbrush stations.

**BELOW LEFT:** George Carroll examining the effect of an India ink wash on his structure model.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Kyle Gardiner weathers his scratchbuilt coaling tower.

**BELOW CENTRE:** Doug Hick's lightly weathered HO scale freight rolling stock yields a 'used in-service' look while John's N scale CN locomotive has a typical road wear grimy appearance.

All photos by D. Hicks



Participants expressed deep gratitude to John and George for helping to put this event on, and especially to John for construction of the 4-bay spray booths, complete with homemade Lazy Susan turntables. Also, a big thank you goes out to Graham Stokes for his organizing efforts. Well done!

## Quesnel Gathering

by Russ Watson

The second Quesnel Model Railway Gathering was held in Quesnel on March 24, again in the railway station. Eight people attended: two from Prince George, one from 150 Mile House and five from Quesnel. Five of the attendees were NMRA members.

The day started with an around-the-room introduction from the attendees. Two clinics were presented before a lunch break: 'Layout Planning' by Jarett Dumas and 'Scenery Techniques' by Russ Watson. After lunch each

modeller discussed various aspects of the models that they had brought. The day ended with two clinics: 'Simple Operations' by Jarett Dumas and 'Setting the Scene' by John Lowrance. I played John's clinic, which is available in the members-only section at [NMRA.org](http://NMRA.org). (See Editor's Note at end of article).



ABOVE: Jarett Dumas presenting his Layout Planning Clinic



ABOVE: Model show-and-tell

BELOW: Pete Futter discusses his models

BELOW: Quesnel switcher set run-by

All photos by Russ Watson



One of our Quesnel modellers was working that day and, as a CN conductor, treated us by running the switcher set down past the station. A pause of the power and a few blasts of the horn and they were back to work.

I am looking at mid-September to hold the next gathering, and stay tuned, because it may be held at the Prince George Railway and Forestry Museum.

**Editor's Note:** After signing in to the NMRA website, go to the Education tab; National Convention Clinic Videos and then search for 'Setting the Scene'. In reviewing the clinician's most recent video, I was pleasantly surprised to see references in his scenery section to an excellent journal article by a local modeller, John Ostler. John was a prolific contributor to the NMRA Bulletin from 1999 onwards for seven to eight years with



*articles of layout design, hand laid track and scenery design/implementation on his proto free-lanced CN Lakewood Division. Specifically the clinician was lauding the excellence of John's series: 'Landforms on Layouts' that ran for many issues in 2002. John's work has also appeared in Railroad Model Craftsman.*

## Fraser Valley Mini-Meet

By Larry Sebelley

The first Fraser Valley Mini-Meet was held in Abbotsford on Saturday, March 10 at the Columbia Bible College campus. We managed to attract 10 participants for at least part of the day and many positive comments were received about the venue.

We began with the hands-on construction of a loading dock, from kits prepared in advance. Eight members enjoyed the learning experience and took home a finished product. After a lunch break, we held a brainstorming session to see what the members would like to have included in future meets and a number of subjects were identified - weathering and scenery techniques topped the list. Following this, we planned to install a decoder into an HO locomotive - unfortunately it failed to work despite earlier testing. The intention was to demonstrate the programming of the decoder using 'DecoderPro' but Murphy's Law prevented a successful exercise. The problems have been solved and we'll include the project in our next event, for sure.

Overall, members were quite pleased with the gathering and were very much in favour of getting together again soon. Thanks to all who participated.

## Railway Modellers Meet of BC

By Marc Simpson

By now you've likely seen a few emails and posts online about the upcoming Railway Modellers' Meet of BC being held at Simon Fraser University May 4-6. If you haven't signed up to attend yet, there is still time to get in on all the great opportunities the Meet has to offer.



**ABOVE: Max Magliaro's stunning N-scale SP&S 0-6-0 switcher, a labour of love 3-1/2 years in the making with about 2,000 hours of work and 1,100 scratchbuilt parts.**

There will be a wide range of clinics on everything from scratchbuilding N-scale steam locomotives to advances in electronics in model railroading, scenery techniques, kitbashing projects, modelling and maintaining locomotives for smooth running to home injection molding - something of interest for everyone.

Kalmbach Publishing author and custom model builder Bernard Kempinski will be presenting our keynote address after the delicious lunch. Both Max's and Bernard's presentations will be highlights of the meet. Sign up for the luncheon to be sure you get a good seat for Bernie's talk.

The heart of the meet is the display room: this part of the show brings us together, puts names to faces, and helps inspire creativity in the hobby. Bring your models

(finished or not) of all types; unusual tools or techniques; circuits or some other new technique that you'd like to share. Bring your research materials that help you with a particular project as well. Everyone and everything is welcome, regardless of scale, era or gauge. Spend some time in the display room to pick up a few new ideas for your next project. Part of the display room activities will be 'Meet the Modeller', a voluntary interview style presentation where modellers can briefly discuss the what, why and how of their display room offerings. In addition there will be the ever popular self-guided layout tours and operating sessions (only a few spots remain!). Don't miss all the fun, camaraderie and fascinating presentations that will be at the Railway Modellers' Meet. Register today! [www.railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca](http://www.railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca)

## **Superintendent's Report**

By John Martin

Personally, I'm a bit puzzled. Feedback from last year's Modellers' Meet (RMMBC) was overwhelmingly positive. People genuinely enjoyed the event and gave it a great rating but, surprisingly, roughly 65% of our members who live in the Lower Mainland haven't attended. RMMBC is the highlight of 7th Division's efforts to provide a high-quality event, right in your own backyard, for a very reasonable cost. Half of the total attendance is from outside the Lower Mainland – many from the Island or the Interior. (Almost all attendees are NMRA members.)

Why are we attracting lots of people from further away and not the folks who live nearby? Why do some modellers travel hundreds of miles and book hotels to attend, while many locals don't bother? If you haven't sampled the 'meet', why not give it a shot this year? It's a pretty laid-back weekend and you only need to do the things that appeal to you. (Register at <http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/>)

If you're not planning to attend, I would really like to know why. Maybe there's something we should be doing differently to attract your interest and to make your NMRA membership more worthwhile. Please, if there's a reason you're not coming to RMMBC, send me an email at [jmartin@jdmartin.ca](mailto:jmartin@jdmartin.ca) and tell me why. Better yet, come try it this year – I believe you'll be glad you did.

And looking ahead, we hope to see you at the annual **Nanaimo Train Show on Sunday, April 22** and the **Victoria Train Show on Sunday, May 27**. Details and locations of these and other events are on our website under the 'Timetable' tab at <http://7divpnr.ca/events>.

### **New North Island Area Representative**

I'm extremely pleased to welcome Dwight Kayto to the 7th Division Standing Committee as Subdivision Area Representative for Vancouver Island North; i.e., from Mill Bay northward. His appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Directors and we are delighted to have him join us. Both Don Forsyth and Ken Rutherford have offered to assist him in stepping into the new position and Brian Clogg, Membership Coordinator, will provide him with a roster of the members in the area and post his appointment to the website. Look for Dwight at the Nanaimo train show or the RMMBC in May.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The 7th Division AGM will be held in Vancouver at 7:30 PM on Saturday, Nov 10, 2018 in The Atrium Inn, 2889 East Hastings St. on the same weekend as VTEX 2018 at the PNE Forum and the hotel is very nearby. All NMRA members are invited; hope to see you there.

## **Call for Nominations**

Nominations are requested for the positions of 7th Division's Secretary, Treasurer, and Director-at-Large. Please submit nominations to our Returning Officer - Dan Rowsell, by email to [drowsell@shaw.ca](mailto:drowsell@shaw.ca) or mail to 101 – 1121 Esquimalt Rd., Victoria, BC V9A3N6. Successful candidates will serve a 2-year term on the Board of Directors in 2019 and 2020.

## **New 7DPNR Bylaws**

The Provincial Government has decreed that every society in BC must re-register and submit their Constitution and Bylaws for approval. Ken Rutherford and Steve Stark have been working hard and the finished product can now be seen on our website <http://7divpnr.ca/> under 'Documents', then 'Bylaws 2018'. Our thanks to both gentlemen for their efforts.

You'll soon receive a ballot and voting instructions to approve (or reject) the new document before it is sent to Victoria. You will be able to vote by email or Canada Post.

## **Vancouver Train Expo Model Contest**

By Phil Breden, VTEX Creative Director

Vancouver Train Expo is adding a new contest to the show for 2018. Railways form a large part of the history and ongoing development of Metro Vancouver. To celebrate this, we are inviting modellers to create either a diorama or module for a layout that is themed on railways in Metro Vancouver. There are many things to choose from; e.g., CP Rail facilities, CN facilities, SRY facilities, Skytrain, West Coast Express, and many waterfront terminals served by rail. Those ideas are suggestions and not the only possibilities. It is suggested that photos be used to support the theme, as not everyone may be able to recognize the site, especially if an earlier timeframe is modelled. (BC Electric anyone?)



There are two categories: Diorama and Module

- a diorama will be limited to 12" x 24" (maximum) and will be displayed at the show.
- a module will be part of an exhibitor's layout and appropriately sized.

There will be two awards: one judged by the attending public and one by an NMRA panel. Modellers do not have to be present to win. Prizes are yet to be determined.

This is an opportunity to demonstrate your modelling skills on something new while providing an exhibit that will attract great interest from the public. Please contact

Phil Breden at [creative@vancouvertrainexpo.ca](mailto:creative@vancouvertrainexpo.ca) if you are interested, so we can save a place for you.



## NMRA, Northwestern Region, Product News Release (February 2018)

Rapido Trains, Atlas, and Pacific Western Rail Systems (PWRS) have teamed up to produce the first HO-scale operating model of the famous BC Rail Royal Hudson 2860 touring version, with B units and Tank Car, which was in operation from 1972 to 2000.



The adjacent picture, taken by Bill Edgar near Moberly BC on May 7, 1978, has the 2860 at the head, followed by the black British Columbia tank car, the two B units and the tool car. The other three photos are close-ups of the individual parts of the train. Be sure to note the BC Provincial Crest displayed on the 2860. This is the version in highest demand because it is the one that toured North America representing Canada and the Province of British Columbia. It is only available through Pacific Western Rail Systems.



**This version of the 2860 is different from the regular version first announced by Rapido. It has the British Columbia Provincial crests and it is being made exclusively for PWRS.**

The various parts of the model train as shown here will be available in the fourth quarter of 2018 and in the first and second quarters of 2019. It's imperative that modellers order within the next month or two so that Rapido can be advised how many to build. Once this window is closed, the number is final and no more will be available.

Ten years ago, the 25th Anniversary passenger cars were manufactured by Rapido exclusively for PWRS. Those modellers, with the foresight to buy them then, will no doubt be happy that they can now complete their famous train.

Don't miss this unique opportunity! This set is guaranteed to be a treasured reminder of the experience of viewing or riding the Royal Hudson 2860 with the golden crest. If you want to own one of these Royal Hudson touring sets, you need to contact us now. Please call Pacific Western Rail Systems, [1-866-840-7777](tel:1-866-840-7777); or email [dan@pwrs.ca](mailto:dan@pwrs.ca) or [nina@pwrs.ca](mailto:nina@pwrs.ca).

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**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](http://7DPNR.org) website which is always current. If you can't access that web link, call a member friend for assistance!

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