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ABOVE: Rene Gourley, observed by two other modellers, puts a few final touches to a cattle loading corral at a modelling night event on Vancouver's North Shore. Tim Horton has been running a series of similar events every month over the last few years and has written an article on how the events could be set up elsewhere in the Division. Check it out on page 7.

Photo by Timothy Horton

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From the Editor's Desk

One of the complaints about the 7th Division that I occasionally hear is that it is that it focuses on members living in the Greater Vancouver area. To a certain extent this is true: although only about 40% of members live in or near Vancouver, most 7th Division sponsored events occur there. The fact that this is largely an effect of the realities of putting on and getting people to attend events in much smaller locations doesn't really help. However, this issue contains two articles that can help here.

One is an article by Assistant Superintendent Timothy Horton about how to put on modelling night events. These lightweight events can easily be put on outside of the lower mainland without a large effort overhead. The events have been tried and proven to work for small groups of members. The other is a small Division News article about a change in the organization behind the Victoria Train Show. The article shows how small articles about less than province-sized events can easily get into the Bulletin Board. Give it a try!

As usual, please let me know if there is something you think is missing or could be improved about the Bulletin Board. If you have any comments at all, or are thinking about providing an article, please send me an email at bbeditor@7divpnr.ca.

Enjoy the issue!



Superintendent's Message

By Victor Gilbert, 7th Division Superintendent

Like many, I look forward to the Vancouver Train Expo (VTE_x) every year. The Lower Mainland Train Expo Society (LMTES), the legal entity that underlies the VTE_x, puts on this event.

Tom Lundgren, the President of the LMTES and Team Leader, has retired after almost 10 years at the helm. Under his guidance, the VTE_x has grown considerably since the 2015 move from the smaller venue at Cameron Centre. The 44,000 square foot space at the PNE Forum has been full, with waiting lists since the 2017 event. Attendance reached 6,400 for the 2019 show, and following the pandemic closures in 2020-2022, it again reached 6,400 for the 2024 show. Tom has done a magnificent job, leaving a strong and capable management team in place, along with solid finances.

The PNE Forum is tentatively booked for November 7-9, 2025. Funding is in place, and a solid organizing committee is ready to start work on VTE_x 2025. Operations Manager Brian Dobbin, Registrar Howard Sommerfield, and Business Manager Don Thicke continue their current roles. However, they cannot do so without a new President and Team Leader.

In order for VTE_x 2025 to go ahead, the following positions must be filled:

- President of the LMTES: This position has traditionally been assumed by the VTE_x Leader, but that is optional.
- Team Leader/Manager: Project management, leadership, finance, risk (liability), legal and promotion skills.

In addition, when/if the PNE informs the LMTES of another party wanting the dates, the LMTES will have a few days to confirm and pay the deposit. The LMTES should also confirm and pay the deposit by the end of April. Without a Team Leader, this cannot be done, and there will be no VTE_x 2025.

The LMTES also needs a few more members to join the team, bring their talents and energy, and share in the challenges, rewards, and camaraderie of putting on this event.

- Promotion Coordinator: promotions across various media, radio, print, and social media.
- Volunteer Coordinator

- Creative Manager
- Communications / Social Media Coordinator
- Children's Activity Coordinator
- Assistant Operations Manager: Floor planning and managing event contractors
- Assistant Registrar

These support people can only be filled after appointing a new president and team leader.

Over the past several years, the 7th Division has provided financial support and limited content (Craftsman Corner) and publicity for the event. The LMTES is again faced with a difficult decision. I am requesting your assistance to help LMTES fill out these crucial positions. Knowledge of railway modelling, while an asset, is not required. Perhaps a friend, relative, or business associate would be interested in helping and, if not already, possibly becoming a railway modeller as well.

The 7th Division's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for March 10th, 2025. The 2024 AGM Minutes, 2024 Treasurer Report, and 2024 Secretary's Report are available on the Division's website: <https://7divpnr.ca> on the Documents page. More reports will be on the site as they become available.

Lastly, for those unaware, Ken Martin passed away on January 3rd, 2025. While I did not know Ken well, he usually said "Hi" and talked briefly while attending train shows and operation sessions. He is missed.

Victor Gilbert
7th Division – Superintendent
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Adding Value to Your Membership

By Victor Gilbert, 7th Division Superintendent

Upcoming Events

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| • Yarrow Community Model Train Swap Meet | March 1 st , 2025 |
| • Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show | March 22 nd and 23 rd , 2025 |
| • Nanaimo Model Train Show | April 13 th , 2025 |
| • Railway Modellers Meet of BC (RMMBC) | May 23 rd to 25 th , 2025 |
| • Victoria Model Railway Show | September 21 st , 2025 |
| • Chilliwack Train & Hobby Show | October 2025 (TBD) |
| • Vancouver Train Expo | November 8 th and 9 th , 2025 |

For those in the lower mainland, Tim Horton has started a Modelling Night, usually held on the first Friday of the month. The event takes place in North Vancouver. Bring a project with you and enjoy an evening of progress on your models, conversation, and collaboration. Please RSVP to Assistant Superintendent Tim Horton at assistantsuperintendent@7divpnr.ca. Directions will be sent via email the Thursday before the modelling night.

Awards

Did you know that the 7th Division recognizes our members for their achievements?

If you know someone who should be recognized with one of the awards listed below, contact the award's coordinator or the Superintendent of the 7th Division. Contact information can be found on the [About Us page of the 7th Division website](#).

The **Jack Work Memorial Trophy** is presented annually to the 7th Division member who best exhibits the qualities that Jack Work displayed: imagination, creativity, innovation, artistry, forward-thinking, quality workmanship and the sharing of the results of these qualities with the rest of the hobby.

The **Ross Heriot Memorial Golden Spike Award** is presented annually to an individual or a group of individuals in the 7th Division who have made a significant contribution to the division.

The **Railway Heritage Award** is presented, when appropriate, to a current member of the 7th Division who has contributed in a meaningful way to the preservation of railway history.

Check out the [Awards page of the 7th Division website](#) for more details and past recipients.

Modeller's Help Desk

We are here to help. If you need a solution or an idea for your layout, ask Mike at the “Modeller’s Help Desk” at helpdesk@7divpnr.ca.

Changing Your Email Address

We have created a simple way to change your email address. Email the [7th Division Membership Coordinator](#), with EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE as the subject line. Include your name, NMRA membership number, old email address, and new email address. We will update our records and pass the information to NMRA Regional and National levels.

Volunteering

We need volunteers and have openings for the following:

- Publicity Coordinator
Responsibilities: Coordinate with local events to have an NMRA presence, liaise with NMRA Regional and National for publications.
- Social Media Coordinator
Responsibilities: Work to establish a 7th Division Social Media presence.
- 7th Division Regional Education Team
Responsibilities: Work with the NMRA PNR Regional Education Team to establish a library of “How To” and research material for access by NMRA Members
- Web Administrator
Responsibilities: Maintain the 7th Division’s website and post content as requested.
- Clinic Coordinator
Responsibilities: Work with the 7th Division’s Secretary to coordinate clinicians and resources for the 7th Division’s Winter, Summer, and Fall Clinics

Would you like to volunteer for one of these positions, or perhaps you have an idea for the Division? Reach out to your Sub-Division Coordinator. They are listed on the [7th Division website on the “About Us” page](#) or you can contact me at superintendent@7divpnr.ca.

New Members

The following new 7th Division members have joined us in the last six months. Please welcome them, and work to ensure they are included in our events.

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| • Jim Gilchrist | Kelowna | October 2024 |
| • Chad Brechin | Abbotsford | November 2024 |
| • Toby Johnson | Langley | November 2024 |
| • Philippe Whyte | North Vancouver | November 2024 |

7th Division Annual General Meeting

The 2025 7th Division Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held by Zoom on March 10, 2025 (**note revised date**). All members are requested to participate. More information, including the Zoom details, will be distributed by email to all members before the meeting.

The minutes of the 2024 AGM are included below.

7th Division, Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA Canada 2024 AGM Minutes

Quorum attendance was achieved by the beginning of the meeting at 7 p.m.

Agenda presented and approved – Moved by Lori Sebelley, 2nded by Tim Horton

2023 November AGM minutes read and approved – Moved by Lori Sebelley, 2nded by Tim Horton

Treasurer's Report read by Larry Sebelley and received – Motion to receive report by T. Horton, 2nded by J. Little

Unfinished business – Ferrier collection is still being catalogued by Revelstoke Railway Museum; last report was that it is close to being done. Some changes to the original plan have occurred consisting mainly of the document scanning being done locally in Revelstoke, and then comparison of those documents with CPHA (Canadian Pacific Historical Association) to avoid duplicate copies being posted publicly at a future date.

Elections were conducted for positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Director-at-Large. As there were no nomination from the floor all positions were filled by acclamation: Randy Nussli for Secretary, Larry Sebelley for Treasurer, Ken Rutherford for Director-at-Large.

New Business:

Discussion ensued about 7th Division starting a Facebook page titled Model Railway BC. Requests were put forward for a Social Media Director volunteer who would be willing to administer the Facebook page. All 7th Division members were invited to submit photos and other posts concerning their own model railroading developments and other hobby-related posts. No volunteers were willing to step forward to fill this post during the meeting. The request for a volunteer was left open for anyone wanting to take on this post.

Surrey Excursion 2024 Report (NMRA Regional Convention) was given by Lori Sebelley. In general things are coming together nicely for this 7th Division-hosted event in May:- attendance is filling up nicely and the event will more than likely have enough participants to cover most event costs. The different programs being offered throughout the weekend included 46 clinics, a bus tour of the G3 Grain Handling Terminal in North Vancouver (almost full), a number of model railroad layout tours were being scheduled throughout the weekend, several layout operating sessions were also scheduled for the weekend (almost full), a Modelling with the Masters workshop was scheduled the first day of the convention (full), a modelling contest and display room including A.P. judging was organized throughout the duration of the convention weekend, activities for non-modellers were scheduled, and of course the banquet was scheduled for Saturday evening.

Business was concluded and motion to adjourn was made and approved – Moved by T. Horton, 2nded by L Sebelley

After the meeting an excellent clinic was presented by MMR Clark Kooning on various modelling tips and techniques

RMMBC 2025 is Coming!

By John Geddes

The 2025 Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia

RMMBC's mission: to advance the practice of railway modelling in British Columbia by providing a forum where model railroaders can meet, exchange ideas and enrich their involvement in the NMRA and SIGs.

Online: May 1st and 15th

In-Person: May 23rd to 25th

We are now a few short months away from the in-person **RMMBC meet** at the SFU campus in Burnaby (Vancouver). RMMBC 2025 promises to be a weekend to remember.

- **Key Note Speaker** – Joe Fugate, founder, publisher, and editor of Model Railroad Hobbyist (MRH) magazine.
- A full program of **Model and Prototype Clinics**
- Two half-days of **Operating Sessions**
- An evening of **Layout Tours**
- **Model Displays** and **Table-Top Clinics** throughout
- **Discussion Groups** for getting to know your fellow modellers
- Come and meet some of BC's railway model **manufacturers**

Online Prologues May 1st and 15th (Thursday Evenings)

And don't miss our series of virtual (Zoom) clinics (Online Prologues). Free by donation. Register here:

<https://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/wp/registration/register-for-virtual-prologue/>

SFU Accommodation

One of the features of our SFU location for the in-person meet is the low-cost accommodation available on campus. This always sells out early. Book it now!!

<https://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/wp/practicalities/accommodation/>

For full program information and for registration: <https://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/wp/>

Remember – **Advance registration is strongly recommended** – it's simple and fast.

- Online Prologue: Although free, you must register to get Zoom details.
- In-Person: Onsite/day-of registration is possible, but is strongly not recommended.

Sign up for the RMMBC newsletter: <https://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/wp/sign-up-for-our-newsletter/>



7th Division Modelling Nights

by Timothy Horton

As your current Assistant Superintendent, I have been involved in discussions at the board level on how to increase the value of membership in our 7th Division. One measure I have implemented is the hosting of monthly modelling nights in the Lower Mainland. There is an opportunity for other members to host similar evenings in their areas, so I thought I would share some of the requirements for hosting such an evening, and some of our recent experiences.

We began hosting our modelling nights on the North Shore in December 2021. Initially they were held in a member's home, using tables set up in the aisle of his layout room. This space was limited to three or four people, and these early sessions were essentially proof of concept opportunities. On at least one occasion we even had a member join us virtually. In 2024 we relocated to a larger room in my strata complex to be able to host more people, and we opened these events to the members at large. Attendance has increased steadily since then and continues to grow.

The Concept

The idea behind these events is simple. Members are encouraged to bring a project to work on for a few hours. It can be a locomotive, rolling stock or structure model, an electronics project, basically anything which is reasonably portable. Attendees are asked to bring their own hobby mat to work on, and whatever tools and supplies they might need.

The intent was to foster community and fellowship among our members through shared modelling time, conversation and dialogue. We learned quickly that attendees enjoyed seeing what others were working on, asking and answering questions about each others' work, and engaging in conversation on current modelling and railroading topics.

We also learned that during these evenings, those who attended were able to make significant progress on their projects, and often went home with a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction for an evening well spent.



Above: Six modellers work on their projects during our September 2024 Modelling Night.



Above: Attendees always enjoy seeing what others are working on. Here John Walter shows his CPR gondola projects to Michael Batten during our December 2021 session.

Unfortunately, not everyone in our division is able to attend these sessions held on the North Shore, and it would be great to see similar events hosted in other areas for the benefit of members there. This would be especially true for areas outside the Lower Mainland where members might have fewer opportunities to engage with fellow modellers. Let's have a look at what is required to host such an event.

Scheduling

We have learned that scheduling these events on a regular basis (e.g. same day of the month) helps to foster attendance as members are able to anticipate when the next session will be. We have chosen the first Friday of each month and have found that a Friday night modelling event is something people can look forward to throughout the week.

I typically schedule our evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., but we are finding that most attendees are enjoying themselves so much that we have been finishing nearer to 10:00 P.M. of late, and some often stay for tea and coffee afterwards.

Promotion

It is important to get the word out about the event to foster attendance. Our board can assist with this by sending out an email to members in advance of your own event. You should notify our Superintendent (superintendent@7divpnr.ca) if you are planning to host such an event, and you can send an email promoting it to our Superintendent and Secretary (secretary@7divpnr.ca) who can forward it to members.

When announcing such an event, you will want to remind members to bring a project, a hobby mat, and the tools and supplies they will need, as well as when and where to arrive. Depending on the location you may also wish to provide directions, transit information, and parking instructions. I do ask members to RSVP so I know how many are coming, and I send out directions to new attendees the night before.

Facility

The size of the room you require will depend on how many attendees you expect. Some members might be able to host a modelling night in their home as we did initially, but this might limit you to a small number of people. There are several options to explore for sourcing larger rooms. These include strata complex meeting rooms, church meeting rooms, school classrooms, or community centre rooms in your area. If a rental fee is required, you may be able to defray this with a small collection from attendees each month.

In addition to having sufficient space for the number of people expected to attend, another key requirement for the space is sufficient lighting. People will have difficulty working on projects if the room is poorly lit, and most won't want to have to bring lamps and power cords with them. Speaking of power, it is advantageous to have a few power outlets available for those who might need it.

Furnishings

To host a modelling night, you will require tables and chairs. If you can source a meeting room at a strata complex, church, school, or community centre, these will typically be available there. The meeting room we are using has the usual plastic folding tables which can accommodate two modellers side by side. These are quick to set up and take down and are easily cleaned after use.

On the topic of cleanliness, I ask attendees to bring a hobby mat to work on to avoid damage to tables, and I ask them not to engage in any spraying work. I also ask them to assist in ensuring that the tables are clean at the end of the evening.

Virtual Attendance

If you live in an area where members are too far apart to attend in person, why not consider a virtual modelling night? We found that it is possible for members to attend virtually using a video conferencing app such as FaceTime, Skype, Google Meet, or Zoom.



Above: Our modelling nights tend to bring an interesting variety of model work. During our February 2024 evening, Geoff Franklin is seen working on an electronics project.



Above: During our most recent session in December 2024, Doug Hicks and Rene Gourley work side by side on their projects.

It is possible for a member to work at their own workbench and still enjoy the benefits of collaboration and conversation that these evenings provide.

Conclusion

The feedback I have received after hosting these events has been very positive. Attendees enjoy the opportunity to converse and discuss, learn from others, and make progress on their projects. So, if you are looking for a similar opportunity in your area, or are willing to try and host one, why not give it a try? If I can be of any assistance, you are welcome to contact me via email at assistantsuperintendent@7divpnr.ca. It would be great to see similar opportunities for members in other areas of our division, and if it happens, be sure to let us know how it went. And if you live in the Lower Mainland and haven't yet attended one of our evenings, why not come and join us? You'll be glad you did!

Division News

Victoria Train Show

by John Day

After 37 years of organizing and managing the Victoria Train Show, the organizers Ted Alexis and Mark Giles, together with a small group of volunteers, have decided to take a rest. The Victoria Model Railway Club has agreed to step up and take over the management of the Victoria Train Show. The organizing committee consists of Randy Nussli (7th Division Secretary), our club vice-president Darren Gauthier and myself.

The show will be held Sunday, September 21, 2025 at the same venue as last year, the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. This is just a short drive from the Swartz Bay ferry terminal and is also convenient to the entire Greater Victoria area. The venue is already booked and a deposit has been paid, so the show is definitely a "go".

We have obtained more space than in the previous years and hope to make the event more family-friendly by adding more layouts and exhibits, as the sales tables have limited interest to anyone who isn't a railway modeller. We have several new initiatives designed to boost attendance to help make the show an ongoing success for visitors and participants alike.

In the spring, we will be contacting all the previous exhibitors and vendors, and hope to welcome everybody back. We are also looking for new layouts and similar exhibits – large and small – and those with an interest should get in touch with us at victoriatrainshow@gmail.com.

John Day

President, Victoria Model Railway Club

Treasurer, Victoria Train Show

[A note from the editor: this is the kind of news article I would love to encourage. If you could provide a bit of information on something happening with your club or with people you know, or something that's happening around you, let the rest of us know too. It could be an article about the same size as this one, or perhaps a lot briefer. Let me know about it by sending a email to: bbeditor@7divpnr.ca.]

7th Division Time Table

TIME TABLE No. 60, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1930

EASTBOUND TRAINS—SUPERIOR DIRECTION

WESTBOUND TRAINS—INFERIOR DIRECTION

CASCADE SUBDIVISION

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The following events are coming up and may be of interest to 7th Division members. Check out the identified website for more information.

March 10, 2025 (**Note revised date**) – The next **Annual General Meeting** for the 7th Division will be held by Zoom. More information about the meeting is available on page 5 and on an email to be sent to all members.

March 22-23, 2025 – The Fourth Annual **Sea-to-Sky Model Train and Hobby Show** will be returning to the Railway Museum of British Columbia, 39645 Government Road, Squamish. Check the show's website www.wcra.org or the event poster on the next page for more information.

April 5-6, 2025 – **SUPERTRAIN 2025** – This Calgary train show bills itself as the largest model train show in Canada and is well worth seeing. This year the show is at the Olympic Oval, University of Calgary. See the show website for more details: www.supertrain.ca

April 13, 2025 – **Nanaimo Model Train Show** – Beban Park Recreation Centre, 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo BC. See the show website for more details: www.nanaimotrainshow.com

May 9-11, 2025 – **Ainsworth Connector PNR Regional Convention**, Pasco, Washington. See the event website for more information: <https://pnr5d.org/pnr-5th-division-home-page/2025-pnr-convention/>

May 23-25, 2025 – **Railway Modellers' Meet of BC (RMMBC) 2025** – BC's top meet for railway modellers will be back later this year with the features you have come to know and love. More information is available on the RMMBC website.

August 24, 2025 – **Parksville Railway Day** – This small show provides displays, layouts, swap and shop booths, and a variety of other attractions. The show takes place between 10 AM and 3 PM at the Parksville Museum, 1245 Island Highway East, Parksville. Admission by donation.

September 21, 2025 – **Victoria Model Railway Show** – As in recent years, the show will be held at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. More details are coming. Stay tuned!

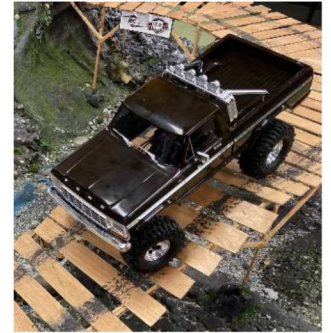
If you are organizing or helping with an event, even a local one, or just know of an event that you think other 7th Division members would like to know about, send an email to the [Bulletin Board Editor](#) describing it.





Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show 2025

March 22, 10 - 5, March 23, 10 - 4



Railway Museum of British Columbia, Squamish

Detailed operating Model Railway Displays of multiple scales. Tour the full-size trains and Royal Hudson Steam Engine with guided behind the scenes museum tours all weekend.

New and used items for sale: Model trains, track, diecast vehicles, plastic model kits, scenery, RC vehicles, hobby tools and supplies. Gift Shop apparel and logo-wear. Hands on for the children: Operate toy trains. Wood trains and battery Thomas train play tables. Remote control car racing, crawler and truck hill climb course. Lego Train layout, Hot Wheels Racing, Doll House interior displays, Snacks on site, free parking.

Mini-Rail Train ride \$5, Full-Size Train rides on a vintage Logging Railway Railbus \$5

Discounted advance sale tickets available on-line at: www.wcra.org

Full price tickets available at the gate.

Event subject to weather, mechanical and availability.



Obituary

Ken Martin

from information provided by the family and by John Green

Ken was born June 6, 1942 in Bella Bella, BC, where his father was running the cannery store. Raised in Vancouver, Ken graduated from David Thompson High School in 1960. At UBC, he earned a BA in Geography in 1964, followed by a BEd.

He worked for a number of firms in the trucking industry. He taught dangerous goods handling and filled positions from dispatch to international compliance. Early in his career, Ken was introduced to the Canadian Institute of Traffic and Transportation (CITT), an organization dedicated to raising professional standards in the transportation industry. He served as Chairman and remained active in CITT until his death.

Ken was a kind and generous man who took organizational memberships seriously, whether church, professional, or recreational. During high school, he took part in Older Boys' Parliament; an organization in which he remained interested after he aged out, and served as a member of the Board of what became B.C. Youth Parliament.

Ken was actively involved in the United Church from the age of 15. He served on church boards and on regional committees, as well as being a member and President of the local church men's club.

Ken loved railways. If there was a railway museum or display anywhere, he made sure to visit. He attended railfan events, was involved with several groups of modellers, and many times helped in the planning of a local annual convention. Ken served as Treasurer of the later Trains shows and then of the Vancouver Train Exposition shows from 2013 up until last fall when he had to resign due to failing health.

Ken was especially interested in rail transit. He had a collection of street car models and was very knowledgeable about BC Electric Railway and BC Hydro history and operations. Although he never got his own layout built, Ken put a lot of effort into supporting the construction and operation of other people's layouts. He was a regular member of the operations crews at several layouts.

Ken died January 3, 2025. He is survived by Helen, his wife of 60 years, and his son Ian.



ABOVE: Ken Martin operating at a re-creation of the Joyce road area on Colin Dover's BC Hydro layout.

Photo by John Green



ABOVE: Ken operating a train on Brian Clogg's BCR layout.

Photo by John Green

Notices and Contacts

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The Bulletin Board has five issues per year: January/February, March/April, May/June, September/October, and November/December. Each issue is published around the start of the issue period. Publication means the Bulletin Board is available for download from the 7th Division website. Members will be notified by email when the download is ready. In exceptional circumstances, such as Internet unavailability or medical conditions, the 7th Division may agree to distribute paper copies to affected members.

The PNR 7th Division maintains a list of members that includes postal and e-mail addresses and phone numbers. If you move or change your internet service provider or in any other way cause your contact details to change PLEASE contact the [Membership Coordinator](#) to provide the new information. If you fail to do this we will lose contact with you and you will miss out on 7th Division benefits. Note that the member list is held in strict privacy.

Your comments and opinions on this publication are always welcome. As well, contributions of letters, articles, event news, plans, photographs, and art are strongly encouraged and welcomed. All should be sent to the [Bulletin Board Editor](#). A phone call or email to the editor beforehand is advised if you are thinking of submitting something large or complex. The deadline for submission is two weeks prior to publication but this is somewhat flexible according to circumstances.

ADVERTISING in the Bulletin Board is accepted at reasonable rates. Please contact the [Bulletin Board Editor](#) for more details.

The following is a shortened list of division volunteers. A complete list that includes additional appointed positions as well as all area representatives is available on the [7th Division website](#).

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