

Report of the Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster Richmond Sub Division 2023

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This past year has seen a gradual return for organizing in-person model railway events. I think this is an appropriate term for this third unusual year. While the recovery from the pandemic is mostly resolved with the development and availability of more effective vaccines, as a member of a generally aging community I continued to avoid most in-person activities.

The return of the Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia to Simon Fraser university campus was to me most successful. Including in person and virtual clinics on Thursdays before, with some virtual and some in person layout tours in Surrey area

Again this year any plans for sub-division "Mini Meet" activities were cancelled waiting until it is again safe for us to meet in community. These events are often held at the British Columbia Society of Model Engineers [BCSME] clubhouse located in Confederation Park in North Burnaby. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive and members of BCSME for their kind and continued offer of hospitality.

Personally, throughout the year - I have continued to host weekly virtual ZOOM gatherings of a Local Unknown Group. We are a group of six to ten who meet online to chat about projects and plans we have about constructing, maintaining, and solo operations on our layouts throughout this year. In addition, we share conversation, fellowship, and stories both tall and true.

It is my hope that in 2024 we will be able to safely gather in fellowship and enjoy some of the in person based aspects of our fascinating hobby. If you have any suggestions or ideas for events please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted by John Green