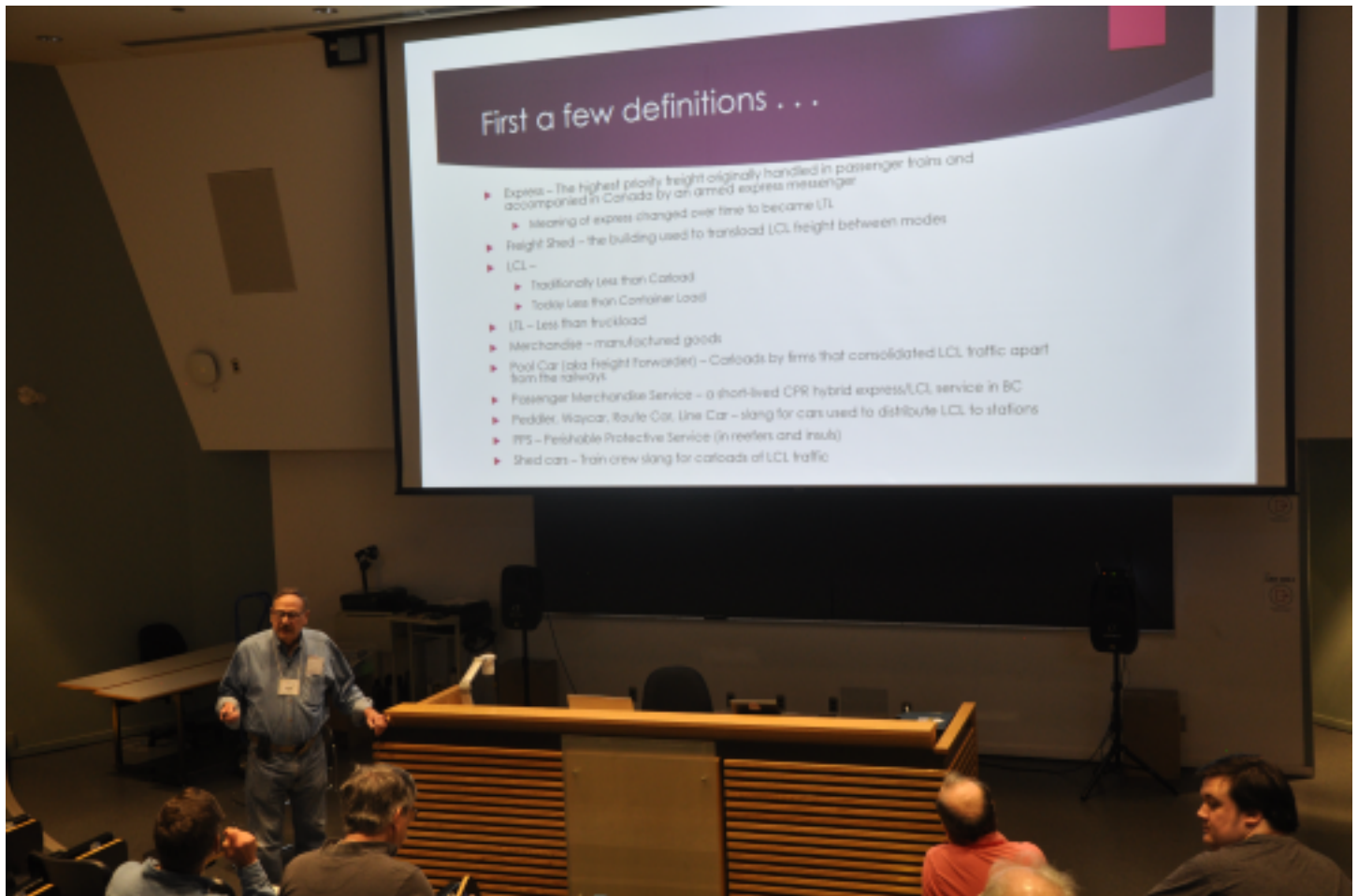




ABOVE: Here is Paul Clegg, presenting his clinic on Less-Than-Carload (LCL) traffic handling at the Railway Modellers' Meet of BC (RMMBC) held this past May. Paul is a former executive with Canadian Pacific with an excellent understanding of operational issues, and is very good at sharing that knowledge. For the rest of our RMMBC coverage see page 6.

Photo: Rob England

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From the Editor's Desk

The main article in this issue covers this year's Railway Modellers' Meet of BC (RMMBC), held late last May at Simon Fraser University (SFU). This is the largest meet for 7th Division modellers with the biggest and most diverse set of content. Have a look at the article starting on page 6 and seriously consider attending next year. Keep in mind that the SFU site allows the provision of low-price onsite accommodations for out-of-towners.

As I mentioned earlier this year, I expect to step down as Bulletin Board editor after getting out the January 2027 edition. If this role is of any interest to you (it has many side benefits), let's have an exploratory chat. With absolutely no obligation, [send me an email](#) or give me a call at 604-377-4898.

And, 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 comments on one of the articles in this issue or any comments at all, or are thinking about providing an article to help or inform your fellow members, please send me an email at bbeditor@7divpnr.ca.

Enjoy the issue!



Superintendent's Message

By Victor Gilbert, 7th Division Superintendent

Hello fellow modellers,

Summer is drawing to a close, the kids are returning to school, and we are starting to think about the upcoming modelling season. It won't be long before summer disappears and the cool, rainy weather returns—a time when being indoors and taking on a modelling project becomes much more appealing.

I'd like to thank everyone who came out to our barbecue at the British Columbia Society of Model Engineers (BCSME) in August. We had a great turnout, with about 40 people attending, and nearly everyone who signed up was able to make it. There was plenty of conversation, and everyone seemed to have a good time. We hope to make this an annual event.

I would especially like to thank our Director at Large (Coastal), Tom Carr, for his work in putting the barbecue together.

To all our members who are not in the Lower Mainland, we haven't forgotten about you. We are looking at ways to organize similar events on Vancouver Island and in the Interior.

We know we have members throughout the province, and your Board recognizes that membership outside the Lower Mainland has declined, in part because there have been fewer Division events in those areas over the past several years. We are working to change that and provide more opportunities for all our members to participate. In the Interior especially, distance makes organizing events a challenge, as finding a location that does not require several hours of driving for many members can be difficult. Please bear with us as we work to put together activities that can better serve everyone in the Division.

We now have two regular modelling nights in the Lower Mainland. The original is held on the first Monday of each month on the North Shore with our Assistant Superintendent, Tim Horton. A second is held at BCSME in Burnaby on the last Friday of the month, organized by Tom Carr.

We are also working on a third modelling night in Langley at InterCity Trains and Hobbies. We need a little

more time to coordinate the details, but we hope to have that underway soon. We also hope to have a modelling night in Victoria in the near future, organized by Dan Rowsell, Director at Large (Island).

If you would like to organize a modelling night in your area, please contact me at superintendent@7divpnr.ca or Tim Horton at assistantsuperintendent@7divpnr.ca. We would be happy to work with you.

I would also like to welcome two new members of our Division team: Peter Grisdale, our new Webmaster, and John Geddes, our new Publicity Coordinator. Thank you both for volunteering your time and talents to help support our members and the Division.

On a final and sad note, I must once again notify the membership of the passing of one of our model railroad supporters and friends.

Brian Dobbin passed away on June 8, 2026. For those who did not know Brian, he served as floor manager for the Vancouver Train Expo, held each November, through 2024 and continued to be involved with the Lower Mainland Train Expo Society until his passing. Brian was also active with many of the area's model railroaders, providing dispatching and other assistance to layout owners throughout the Lower Mainland.

On behalf of the 7th Division, I would like to express my deepest condolences to his wife, Anne, and to his family.

Brian will be missed.

Victor Gilbert
7th Division Superintendent
superintendent@7divpnr.ca

Adding Value to Your Membership

By Victor Gilbert, 7th Division Superintendent

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.

• James Marshall	Abbotsford	March 2026
• Bradley Mayo	Chilliwack	April 2026
• Aurora Powell	Vancouver	April 2026
• Earl McKeown	Nanaimo	April 2026
• Brock Bailey	Victoria	April 2026
• Jonathan Bissonnette	Kamloops	April 2026
• Tony Mark	Vancouver	May 2026
• John Whitmore	Coquitlam	June 2026
• Sally-Ann MacDonald	Aldergrove	July 2026
• Keith MacDonald	Aldergrove	July 2026
• Christopher Canny	Nanose Bay	July 2026

Upcoming Events

• 34th Annual Victoria Model Railway Show	September 13, 2026
• Yarrow Community Model Train Swap Meet	TBD - November 2026

- Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show March 2027
- Nanaimo Model Train Show April 2027
- Railway Modellers Meet of BC May 28 to 30, 2027

Modelling Nights

Modelling Nights for those in the Lower Mainland are expanding. The North Shore Modelling Night has been joined by one in Burnaby and will soon be joined by one in Victoria. We hope to expand to Nanaimo, Fraser Valley and the Interior. Of particular interest to the Division's Board is the Interior, although with the members of that area spread out it may be difficult. (See the [March/April issue of the Bulletin Board](#) for membership distribution.)

The North Shore Modelling Night, usually held on the first Friday of the month, will continue as before. Please RSVP to Assistant Superintendent Tim Horton, assistantsuperintendent@7divpnr.ca. Directions will be sent via email the Thursday before the modelling night.

The Burnaby Modelling Night, usually held on the last Friday of the month, will be held at BCSME. Please RSVP to the Director at Large (Coastal) Tom Carr, directoratlarge-coastal@7divpnr.ca.

Not all modelling nights will be held on the same night, so members should watch their email for announcements of the modelling nights.

Bring a project with you and enjoy an evening of progress on your models, conversation, and collaboration.

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 [Officers and Reps 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 Gold 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:

- Event Coordinator

Responsibilities: Coordinate with local events to have an NMRA presence.

- Social Media Coordinator

Responsibilities: Work to establish a 7th Division social media presence.

- Bulletin Board Editor

Collect content and create a PDF file for posting on the 7th Division website.

- 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

- 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.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, or if you have an idea for the 7th Division, reach out to your Sub-Division Coordinator. They are listed on the [7th Division website on the “Officers and Reps” page](#), or you can contact me at superintendent@7divpnr.ca.



We're Looking for a New Editor

Do you enjoy reading the 7th Division Bulletin Board? Have you ever thought of becoming the editor? Our current editor, Rob England, will be completing his spell as editor with the upcoming January/February issue (or sooner if a new editor wants to start earlier). You could take over!

The job includes:

- soliciting input from contributors
- writing some content yourself
- proofreading and editing all input
- publishing the Bulletin Board five times a year

It can be a lot of fun and you get to meet some very interesting people. Why not give it a try? Contact the current editor if you would like to know more at bbeditor@7divpnr.ca or 604-377-4898.

A Look at RMMBC 2026

Text and photos by Rob England



The Railway Modellers' Meet of BC returned to the SFU campus last May 23 - 24. RMMBC is the 7th Division's principal event aimed at modellers, featuring a broad selection of clinics, layout tours, operation sessions, displayed models, and more, held in the excellent facilities at SFU. Here are a few pictures (sorry, none from the layout tours or operations sessions).



ABOVE: Here is the Saturday morning kickoff session, held in the large lecture hall. This included welcoming talks from several of the people who run the meet and the division.



ABOVE: A few weeks before the in-person meet opened, there were two evenings of free clinics presented on Zoom. This was intended to broaden the meet's content to people unable to attend. Here is the excellent opening clinic from the second evening covering scratchbuilding French Canadian style buildings, presented by Matthieu Lachance.



ABOVE: The in-person meet started on Friday with a tour of the BC Society of Model Engineers (BCSME) facilities in Burnaby. Here is a view of their garden railway layout.



ABOVE: The BCSME raises money (and interest by possible members) by giving rides on several 7.5 inch guage (1/8th scale) trains. Here is the building where they, and several member locomotives, are stored.



ABOVE: The big trains require big tools to build them and keep them running. Here is a view of the BCSME shop area, with two milling machines, two lathes and more equipment out of sight to the right.



ABOVE: This year's RMMBC tried a PechaKucha session, a Japanese concept featuring short, fast clinics with quick, non-delayable slides. Here Tim Horton is presenting his clinic on Isolating Tracks.



ABOVE: The Meet-Up Sessions were held later Saturday morning. The attendees were broken up into small groups (one shown here) to discuss topics and then report back to the rest of the meet.



ABOVE: There were a number of hobby manufacturers displaying at the meet on Saturday. Here is Kaslo Distributing's display and personnel.



ABOVE: The Meet the Modeller session occurred Sunday morning. Here a camera is taken through the models on display while the person who did the modelling talks about what he did. This photo shows Tom Carr talking about his Timesaver layout.



ABOVE: Regular clinics are one of the most popular components of the meet, with 18 at this year's RMMBC. Here John Geddes presents his clinic on ESU Sound for Loco Operations in the big lecture hall.



ABOVE: Here Dave Maracek presents his clinic on using free AI software to create backdrops in the smaller lecture hall.



ABOVE: Here Rob Kirkham presents a historical clinic on the CPR gate control tower on the Vancouver waterfront.



ABOVE: There were a large number of models on display at the meet. This CPR Sand Tower was built by James Jordan from a Kanamodells kit.



ABOVE: These two beautifully weathered locomotives were modelled by David Finley.



ABOVE: This set of CPR MOW equipment was modelled by Mark Witttrup. Mark also presented a clinic on these.



ABOVE: These two models, along with copies of magazine articles inspired by them, were built by the late Marc Simpson who died suddenly in April. Marc always displayed a large number of models in previous RMMBC meets.



ABOVE: There were also three workshops presented at the meet. This one, on Static Grass, was presented by Rene Gourley.



ABOVE: This somewhat unusual view of Tim Horton presenting a clinic on Handlaid Track in the larger lecture hall shows the view seen by the person giving the clinic. The large screen is above the photographer's head.



7th Division Time Table

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

September 13, 2026 – **Victoria Model Railway Show** – This popular show will be held at the Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney (corner of Highway 17 and Beacon Ave.), with lots of free parking, excellent transit service, and easy access from the ferries at Swartz Bay. The show runs from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission: adults \$10.00, family \$20.00, under age seven free. (no webpage)

October 3-4, 2026 – **Lynden Model Train and Toy Show** – Northwest Washington Fairgrounds, Lynden, Washington, USA – A great local show just a ten minute drive south of the Aldergrove border crossing. See the [website](#) for more details or check out the poster on the following page.

October 25-25, 2026 – **Chilliwack Train and Hobby Show** – This show will be held at the Chilliwack Heritage Park, just off of the freeway (Highway 1) at the Lickman Road exit (Exit 116). Opening times are 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Entrance charge is \$6.00, free for children 5 and under.

May 28-30, 2027 – **Railway Modellers' Meet of BC (RMMBC)** – BC's top meet for railway modellers will be back next year with the features you have come to know and love. More information will be coming soon to the [RMMBC website](#).

August 10–15, 2027 – **2027 NMRA National Convention, Puget Sound Express**, Tacoma, Washington. The NMRA National Convention only comes to our corner of the world every ten to fifteen years, and attending it is usually very worthwhile. Who knows what the political situation will be by then? There are few details available yet but by all means check out the convention website: <https://2027.nmra.org/>

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 a quick email to the [Bulletin Board Editor](#) describing it.



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Families (up to six people)	\$25.00 US

Obituary

Malcolm Snyder

By Rudolf Koessler

Malcolm Snyder was a valued and long-time member of the Vancouver TraiNgang (a Vancouver area club focused on N gauge modules). He was a collector and contributor to our club. Up to his last months, he was present when we had shows and assisted as much as he could with driving his truck with our modules. He ran trains occasionally but was most happy chatting with the other members.

Divisional records show that Malcolm had been a member of the 7th Division since 1974. He died in his late eighties early this year.

Malcolm will certainly be missed.



Have You Checked Out the New Website?

While you may well have downloaded this copy of the Bulletin Board from the 7th Division website, did you notice that the website has been totally rewritten? You might want to check out the following new and revised website features:

- a totally new website look and feel
- the Bulletin Board archive now includes issues back to 1960, although there are still a few holes
- the Events section has a greatly enlarged list of events of possible interest to 7th Division members.
- a listing of clubs within the division
- a list of recommended BC railfanning locations
- a list of BC hobby shops
- and much more...

Many thanks to our new Webmaster, Peter Grisdale, who has obviously put a fair bit of effort into this.

Notices and Contacts

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The 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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