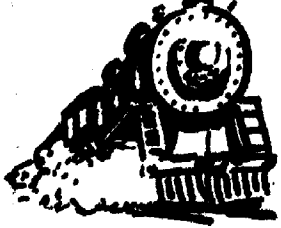


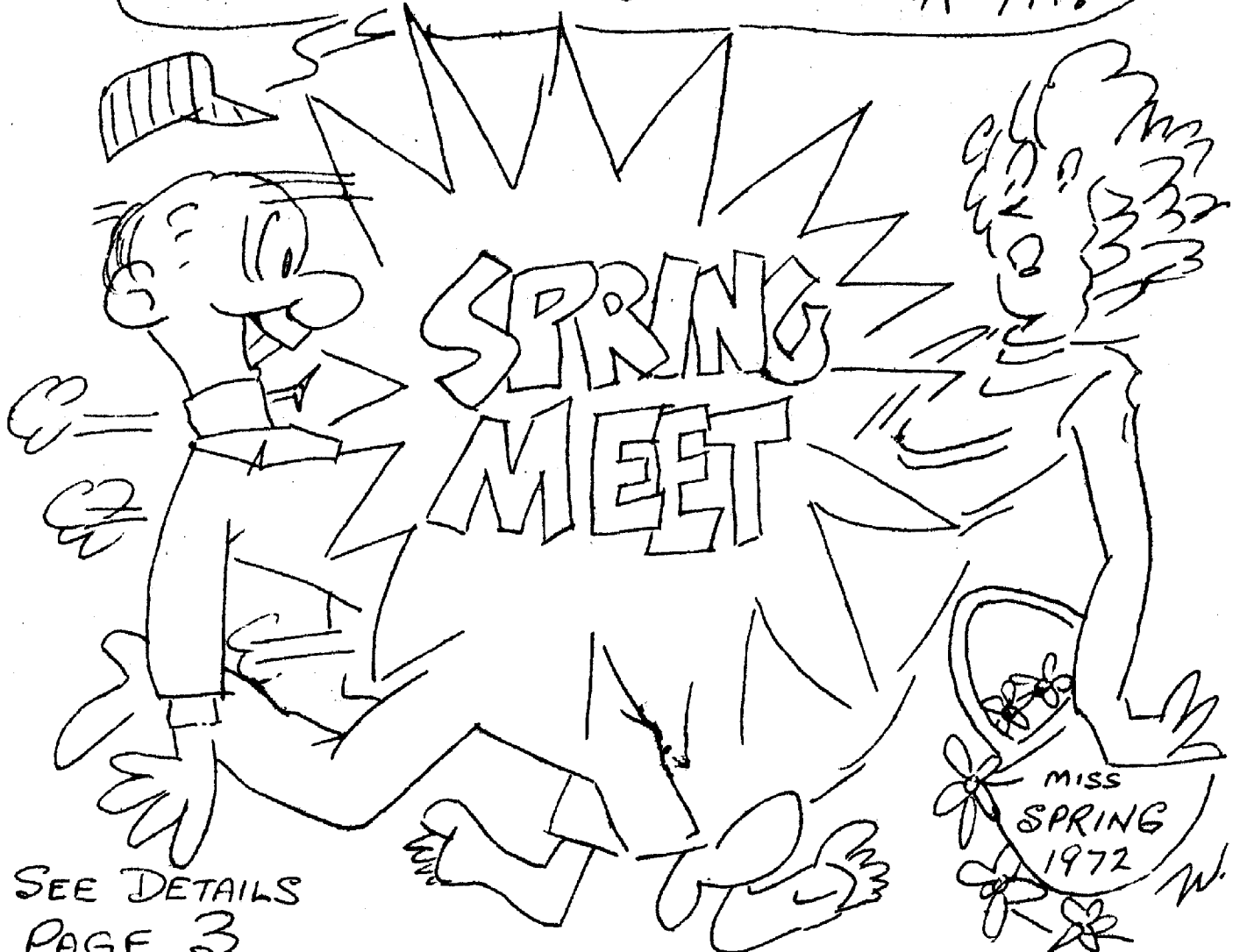
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EDITORS COLUMN I've been doing a lot of snooping lately to try to estimate how much space age technology has "fallen out" to the model railroad industry. The most obvious area in which this has occurred is the electronics field. There are many transistorized control systems, sound systems and detection systems that would have been impractical just a few years ago without the miniaturization which has come about recently.

But there are other, not so obvious, areas where technology has crept into model railroading. Not the least of these is in the field of plastic materials. Plastics have "come of age" as far as acceptance by modelers is concerned. Acetal polymers (eg. Delrin) are in the forefront here having been applied to a number of parts where low coefficient of friction, good rigidity, dimensional stability and resistance to oils and other chemicals is important. Examples of this are parts of trucks and the HO_{N3} and N gauge Kadee couplers. Even plain old styrene isn't so plain anymore. It has become customary for the plastics companies to tailor the properties of styrene and styrene based "alloys" to get the best processability and finished properties. This has allowed the manufacturers to constantly improve their product while holding prices down.

Adhesives and coatings is another area within the general plastics area where good progress has entered the model railroad field. Epoxies, silicones, synthetic paint vehicles and methyl-2-cyano acrylates ? (Aaron Alpha) are good examples of this.

Things are a little bit further behind in the processing field as I haven't seen any welds or cuts which I could attribute to electron beams or laser beams but I suspect some of these methods have been used in preparing some of the intricate injection moulds for the newer plastic parts on the market. Some of the brass parts I have seen have no doubt been prepared in part by electrochemical machining. Ah! the fruits of progress.

Now let me remind you of the following:

DO ATTEND this years SPRING MEET & BANQUET - see details on next page.

DO PLAN to attend the TOTEMLAND CONVENTION in SEATTLE.- See NMRA BULLETIN and PNR SWITCHLIST for details.

DO GET a new 7TH DIV. CREST - available at the SPRING MEET.

DO VOTE in the coming Regional and National elections.

COMING EVENTS SPRING MEET & BANQUET

TIME: Sunday * May 7 * 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM * Banquet 6:30 PM

PLACE: Royal Towers Hotel * 6th & Royal * New Westminster, B.C.

FEATURES: This years Meet promises to be one of the biggest and best ever. By biggest we don't mean there'll be a gigantic crowd of people there. We mean rather that there will be a gigantic crowd of displays of all kinds and a number of other features which have proven popular in the past.

The DISPLAYS will include static and operating models, dealers displays, railroad photos and paintings and other railroadiana. The live steam fraternity, who thoroughly enjoyed their participation last year, will return this year with stationary engines to operate indoors and they will use the upper parking lot for their track so they can get a much longer run than last year.

TAPE-SLIDE and LIVE CLINICS will run continuously in the Zodiac Room and in a theatre room on the main floor. I can guarantee that there will be at least one tape-slide clinic that you have not seen before. The live clinics will be of the table variety so that you can wander by and watch the modelers hammering, tinkering, painting and doing other things to their models and ASK questions if a query enters your mind. Many of the facets of modelbuilding will be covered in these clinics.

THE AUCTION will again be of the silent variety. Bring along those items you don't want or would like to sell and enter them on the auction form and more than likely they will sell. In this type of auction the seller enters a description of the item and the minimum price he will accept on an auction form. (one for each item worth \$1.00 or more). A buyer can then enter his name and bid on the form. If another buyer happens to want the same item he can then enter his name and a higher bid below the first. Minimum price for items to be sold is \$1.00 so if you have many small items such as magazines, bundle them together in groups that you are willing to let go for \$1.00 or more.

N.B. - THE 7TH DIVISION WILL COLLECT A 10% COMMISSION ON ALL ITEMS THAT ARE SOLD. There has been some misunderstanding on this at past auctions so please be forewarned this time. No commission will be collected if the item does not sell. This is one of the money making ventures of the 7th Division that makes it possible to present FREE Clinics, FREE Slide Shows with refreshments throughout the year and to cover the costs of the BULLETIN BOARD and other items of expense.

THE RAILLETES are planning a CLINIC on cake decorating. This will be a participating clinic under the tutorship of Mrs Sheila Foster who will demonstrate what is called the "Color flow method". Time for this feature is 2:30 PM in the 'Golden Key Suite'. Tea will be served at the clinic. The ladies are also planning a RAFFLE with prizes that will be of interest to anyone and everyone.

The P.N.R. DRAW with its prize of a subscription to a model magazine will again be run this year so be sure you register your PNR membership card at the NMRA - PNR BOOTH. Remember - this is a FREE draw for PNR members.

The RAFFLE this year will have a custom painted (CPR) FM Cab Unit as first prize and a Dremel Tool and Caboose (brass) as second and third prizes. I have seen the CPR Fairbanks Morse Unit and the paint job will open the eyes of even the most discriminating modeler. Superb is the word.

The LOCAL DEALERS have come through with flying colors again this year and we will have a good supply of Door Prizes. Remember, only those who attend the Banquet will be eligible for the door prizes so plan now to be there.

The FELLOWSHIP, BUILD SESSIONS and IDEA EXCHANGES are items which are hard to describe in words but they will be at the Meet so be sure you are too.

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COMING EVENTS - SPRING MEET - cont.

Last but not least, the BANQUET will be a fine feed at which you will sit midst many others who have the same interests as yourself. Our guest speaker, Mr. BOB SWANSON is well known to most of you. He is the same man who for many years ran the Shays on the North Shore. He has a superb background in steam operation and he will use this to entertain us at the BANQUET.

TICKETS are available from the following:

Jordan's Hardware, 1940 Como Lake Rd., Coquitlam, BC	Phone: 939.0922
Mike's Kaboose, 3766 East Hastings St., North Burnaby, BC	" 299.2552
Van Hobbies, 5816 Cambie St., Vancouver, BC	" 327.3210

and from the following individuals:

Cec. Bradwin,	Chilliwack Area.
Dr. Al. McLean,	Victoria Area.
Ken Vere,	Kamloops Area.
R. Combe,	Powell River Area.
Ken Griffiths,	Vancouver Area.

We MUST EMPHASIZE that you must buy your BANQUET TICKETS IN ADVANCE BECAUSE the Hotel requires that we inform them at least 1 week in advance how many will be sitting down to dinner. Contact one of the above NOW and get your tickets.

PRICE of tickets including banquet is \$6.00 Each.

The NEW 7th Division Crest will be available to members for \$1.50 each so be sure you visit the NMRA BOOTH

1972 EVERGREEN CONVENTION * SEATTLE, AUGUST 9 - 13 * This event is closer than you think so start making your plans NOW. Complete info should appear soon in the NMRA BULLETIN. Keep an eye on the BULLETIN for this and registration forms which should appear at about the same time. Let's make sure that the 7th Div. is well represented at this event. You won't have a chance at the NATIONAL being this close again for at least seven years so if you have ever thought of attending one - NOW is the time.

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PROTOTYPE NEWS VIEWS & HISTORY

FLYING SCOTSMAN FLYING IN BAY AREA A newspaper article informs us that Alan Pegler has received permission to run a steam fan trip in San Francisco this summer. He will be using the Flying Scotsman 'Gresley' Pacific on short trips in the neighborhood of the Embarcadero. We understand that it will be run on weekends only so anyone who will be in San Francisco on a weekend this summer can look forward to a ride behind this famous locomotive.

HELICOPTER - TRAIN COLLISION Recall reading about the first part of March that a helicopter operating in the Roger's Pass area on a rescue mission put down near the CPR right of way to pick up an injured person. Just about that time a CP freight came by and clipped the helicopter's rotor - it was parked a mite too close to the track. All the stranded people including the injured man eventually made their way out of the wilderness by train. The helicopter was left on the spot to be recovered when snow conditions allow. Anyone ever see a dirigible collide with a submarine?

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PROTOTYPE NEWS, VIEWS & HISTORY - cont.

P.G.E. BECOMES B.C.R. I saw some advertising in the newspapers along about April 1st announcing formally the name change of the Pacific Great Eastern to British Columbia Railway. The ads contained an artists drawing of a freight train complete with a locomotive bearing what may be the new decorating theme for locomotives. It consisted of a fairly large Dogwood flower and the name British Columbia Railway in modern gothic letters on the hood of the loco. The ads were black and white so of course there is now way of telling what the ultimate colours will be. I personally like the current light green - dark green scheme and hope that this will not change. The railroad has a considerable number of near new 50' plug door cars. Some of these are painted light green and have P.G.E. reporting marks which apparently means they are for domestic service only while others are painted dark green and have P.G.E.R. reporting marks which apparently means they are for international service only. Some of these cars will be around as they are now for many years to come no matter what the new decorating scheme is. I'll give a lollipop to the first person who sends me a photo of a locomotive done in the new B.C.R. livery.

C.N.R. LEASES C. & O. LOCOS The CNR has had a recent string of bad luck which has lost them several bits of motive power in the west. As a result, they have leased motive power from elsewhere and several people, myself included, have seen a pair of C. & O. Geeps in service (also an F7 A Unit seen in Fraser Canyon April 9) on the C.N. in the Fraser Valley and Canyon. They appear to be GP9's and are painted dark blue with a simple, 12" high yellow C. & O. on the side of the hood. Several other people have seen some strange equipment, apparently from American short lines or industrial roads, in the CPR's Coquitlam area. Now if the CPR could just string some wire ~~maybe~~ I'll get to see a Swiss Crocodile operating in the Fraser Valley yet.

B.N. TO MOVE TRACKS FROM WHITE ROCK Plans to move the Burlington Northern tracks from White Rock and Crescent Beach shoreline areas are apparently well along the line to completion. The basic plan is apparently to reroute the track so that it intercepts the Roberts Bank coal line near Cloverdale then to follow the coal line to the present interchange with the B.N. just west of where the B.N. presently crosses the 499 freeway. This would not be a mammoth construction job so you camera buffs who want to record the B.N. "on the beach", had better do it this summer just to be certain.

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CALLING ALL ORIGINAL P.N.R. MEMBERS

The Silver Anniversary of the Pacific Northwest Region will be held in Eugene, Oregon in 1973 (dates to be announced later). Part of a commorative program to mark the Region's 25th anniversary is to locate and especially recognize members of the P.N.R. in 1948 when the Region was formed. All P.N.R. members in 1948 are requested to contact by letter: Ed. Albrecht, PNR Sec'y.-Treas., 3119 S.E. 57th Ave., Portland, OR 97206 U.S.A., not later than June 1, 1973.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIVISION

NEWS FROM THE C.U.T.E. LINES - As Reported By And Received From Geo. Beil

It was election nite out in the valley, so Otto Stoller is the new secretary, Bill Brown as yardmaster is good for another year. The meeting was held at Perry Diskinson. Mind You, this is all hearsay, for I stayed home with a hot toddy and the sniffles. Perry is in Lionel and his hollow mountain, with tracks on the inside, at times visible, is overshadowing the the Conaught tunnel. C(our VIP) reported more on the spring meet and our participation was finalized. Next meeting will be May 27 at the clubroom. By the way, if anyone is interested,

we have no secret password, no admission charges and if the weather is nice, it is a

wonderful trip in the evening. Look for the Semaphore on Yale East in Rosedale (south side) ----- Our armed forces may be ~~quite formidable~~ very impressive soon, as Val Smith (Sussex, Devonshire and Londerry RR is no longer a member of that force. Watch that railroad take shape. Rumors have it, that over Fairfield Island way mysterious sounds can be

heard late at nite coming from the depths of a basement. the rumor is: Bill Graham started on the benchwork. What's the matter, Bill? no more room on the floor for all the loot,

Typhoon Temple must have got away with that 5th ace in the deck, for the pike is growing.

George Phillips Burlington Northern got mothballed last week, as he is contemplating a move across the river, man, that is CPR (brr country, haven't You got any pride? Message to the PGE, Rosedale division In case of flood, The "B" Line has 2 motorboats at the ready.

Speaking of the "B" Line C Bradwin got a lump on his head following a conversation over the phone the other day. He hit the ceiling. quote. Hi, C, how are Y C. Fine. G. Well I had traffic running from the new yard all the way up to Fullamoon Junction and ten all around on the mainline, no trouble, but please do not tell any one, I used a diesel. C. Oh, so You

finally started to have sense. G. oh sure, when I have 51 inches between the tracks and the floor, and nothing between, You do not expect me to use one of my locks for a trial run. If the guys are foolish enough, to leave the stinking diesels here, well, be honest, what would

You do? C. 7&8# I hung up. Since traffic is now restored on the "B" Line, business is wide open at the Heriot Lodge (first mentioned in the Dispatcher) and to keep within the law and request of Leslie Peterson, the famous Less girls up there will be wearing hats, *But*

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIVISION ... cont.

N.E. BURNABY CPR LINE STALLS FOR LACK OF OPERATION The fellows working on Bill Galovich's basement on the CPR have run up against the ogre of operation. Before going any further with track laying they have decided to do some scouting of other model pikes which are known to have very interesting operating possibilities to see what has been done to ensure good operation. Until they have a firm idea in this regard, they will concentrate on scenery and electrical control of track already installed. Anybody wanna bilt some trees?

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One if by land, two if by sea but which ever way they come be sure you exercise your duty and VOTE. A complete list of candidates for PNR offices will appear in the next SWITCH-LIST and a list of candidates for National Offices will appear in the next NMRA BULLETIN. Read the lists and capsule biographies carefully then VOTE as you see fit but VOTE!!!

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ANSWER - THE CASE OF THE PANICKY BUMBLEBEE A mathematiciam would think of this problem in terms of an infinite series, the sum of which represents the total distance flown by the bee. The algebraic processes involved are complicated.

But you can find the answer by simple logic. The bee flew until the trains met, and since they were both doing 50 m.p.h. on a 100 mile stretch, they must have passed midway exactly one hour after starting. The bee, which started at the same time, therefore flew one hour at its speed of 70 m.p.h. So it must have flown a distance of 70 miles.

PRIZE WINNERS WERE: Frank McKinney, North Vancouver - First phoned answer
Tom Vardy, - Vancouver - First local letter received with answer.
Dick Combe, Powell River - First out of town letter with answer.

Prizes were identical - a copy of Burlington Northern operating rules for the Western Division that was issued in anticipation of a merger of the GN, SP&S, CB&Q, NP in 1969. The merger did not take place until 1970 so the rules were never used.

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JOKES ? ? ?

"When my wife can't get to sleep, she asks me to talk about trains."

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One cannible to another: "Sometimes I get so fed up with people."

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There is a fortune waiting for the man who can quietly open a can of beer at 3:00 AM

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A critic is someone who is always going places and booing things!

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