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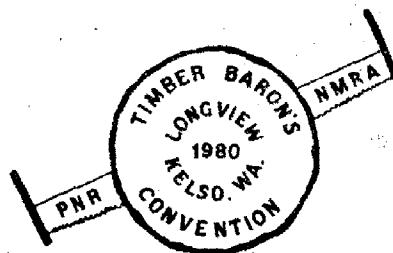
TIMBER BARN'S CONVENTION

JULY 24th to 27th 1980

THUNDERBIRD HOTEL, KELSO, WASHINGTON

PNR/NMRA REGIONAL CONVENTION 1980

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AUGUST	31st	2nd Annual "CORNFIELD MEET" = Chilliwack, B.C.
SEPTEMBER	28th	PARTICIPATION CLINIC = Oakridge Auditorium 1 p.m. Constructing a small wooden railway trestle
OCTOBER	25th	FALL MEET == HOLIDAY INN (Downtown) 1110 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. Displays, Contests, Clinics, Films, Banquet Mart, Raffles, Rallette Activities Registration open to everyone!
November	16th	ELECTRONICS CLINIC = Constant Lighting Also Tape/Slide Film Presentation Oakridge Auditorium 1 p.m.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

First, I would especially like to thank a couple of people for their efforts this past month. A big "THANKS" to Ken Schmelzer for coming up from Seattle to give us a great clinic. All who attended enjoyed it fully! Also a great big "THANKS" to Elmer Blackstaff and his family for having a bus load over to see his railroad and sawmill in live steam operation. We were all overwhelmed by your hospitality! Thank you for having us, Elmer, and watch out - this could become an annual event! Everyone one enjoyed themselves immensely. A thank you to all who did travel over to make the trip a success. Even though it was raining over here that day, the rains held off while we were visiting Elmer's and also while we were at the Forest Museum in Duncan. All in all, it was a real fun day!

This is the last issue of the Bulletin Board that you will hear from me as your Superintendent. In the fall, Greg Madsen will be taking over this position, being the only one to volunteer. A present he is President of the Vancouver HO Model Railway Club and has been a member of the Standing Committee for over a year. I feel he is very capable and believe he'll do a great job as our Superintendent; I hope you will work as hard for him as you have for me. I would like to thank you all for puting up with me for the past four years (already!). I have enjoyed doing the job and have met and made many new friends through this position. I trust I have helped the Division and its members to enjoy their hobby a little bit more. I know the Division has grown out of the Lower Mainland to all of the Province in the past years, as the three Interior Meets have proven. As spread out as it is I think ours is one of the best Divisions in P.N.R.. Let's keep it that way; it's only YOU, the members, who make the Association what it is. Thank you one and all for being a member with me; I have enjoyed it all!

Summer has finally arrived, I think. We are all making plans for our vacations, etc., but, remember, that there are many activities planned in P.N.R. during this season and most of them are family oriented, so, be sure to make your plans around some of these events, they are a lot of fun!

Word has been received from the "Timber Baron's Convention" in Kelso-Longview that everything is in "notch eight" for full speed ahead. Check your SWITCHLIST for information, and plan to attend. They even have an extra added attraction in Mount St. Helens! This should be a great Convention, from what I have read, so we hope to see you there!

Have a good summer, one and all, and we'll be seeing you!

HAPPY RAILROADING!

Your retiring Superintendent,

Tom Beaton

(Thank you, Tom, for a good 4 year term! I, myself, have enjoyed being a member of your team. We trust you will still be with us as an active Standing Committee member. Congratulations are also in order to you, Tom, for being one of five P.N.R. officials to receive the "Association Official" Award in the N.M.R.A. Achievement Program! Editor))

EXTRA WEST No. 7 July 7, 1980

Another year of model railroading is winding up for the annual summer break. Our Superintendent for the past four years, Tom Beaton, has been given signal indications to take the "hole". We trust that he will not be headed for the siding, but, for the passing track! Tom has done a great job for the 7th Division, and we hope his interests will remain with us. In the meantime, our attention is directed towards welcoming our new Superintendent, by acclamation, in the person of Greg Madsen, who will prove to be a stalwart link in the support of our Province-wide divisional activities. Greg is one of the very active members of the Vancouver HO Model Railway Club, having been elected President of this years Executive. He has been sharing his model railroading expertise in our Division, and I feel that we are indeed fortunate to have him volunteer to preside over our Standing Committee. Many thanks, Tom, for all your efforts to keep No. 7 on the right tracks, and congratulations to Greg on his new railroad appointment!

Marion and I were privileged to attend Bill Wilt's Spaghetti Feed May 23rd to 26th. It was our first time and we thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it! We arrived Friday evening and were pleasantly welcomed by Betty and Bill. On Saturday at the no-host dinner, 55 of us were served a scrumptious hot meal which was climaxed on Sunday, with 75 sitting down to relish the spaghetti feed prepared by the Wilts. In between times there was train watching, train chasing, movies, slides, Bill's SOUTH SIDE LINES, and Earl Rives' PAYETTE WESTERN. Monday posed a bit of a problem for those returning north, due to the Mount St. Helens' eruptions, but things worked out without too much inconvenience.

We were unable to attend the June 1st Clinic, but from all reports, the 40 or so who came were treated to an interestingly enjoyable afternoon by Div 4 Sooper Ken Schmelzer! On June 22nd, 40 people rode the bus to Elmer Blackstaff's and the Forestry Museum on Vancouver Island. Elmer loaded a car of logs, lowered it down the 10% grade to the mill, and then cut the logs into lumber sizes, all with steam power. We were then treated to coffee and do-nuts and before leaving were given a tour of his son's Antique Car Collection. At the Duncan Forest Museum we had over two hours to ride the train and see all the exhibits. It was a real Funday!

A letter from Vern Harper, 34273 Woodbine Crescent, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 2R4 suggests that a problem or question column might be popular in the Bulletin Board. He writes, "I have bought 20 Athearn and 20 AHM passenger cars and would like to know the best, and cheapest way to modify them to run on Code 70 rail, how best to light them by a standard method. He likes to run free wheeling strings of 8 to 12 cars on 30" minimum radius. What body mounted Kadee Coupler to use and what about diaphragms between cars. That is what this Bulletin Board is all about! I'll gladly publish any questions, problems or replies that YOU, the members, forward.

A few members have sent dues renewals to me in Canadian Funds. Please be reminded that PNR(\$4)/NMRA (\$10) dues rates are to be paid in United States Funds, so please add a sufficient amount to cover the exchange rate. Thank you!

A special "Thank You" to Dorothy Hewlett who turned over some of Bill's slides and prints from the 50's - quite a bit of P.G.E.! Anyone interested, please get in touch with me. a.j.

A REMINDER FROM CHILLIWACK!2nd Annual "CORNFIELD" MEET

With the month of June fast disappearing, summer should be just around the corner! As summers come and go, they are always shorter than we anticipate or hope for. With these thoughts in mind, it is time to remind everyone of our 2nd Annual Cornfield Meet to be held at our home in Chilliwack, B.C. on August 31st, 1980, which is Sunday of Labor Day Weekend.

Last year was our first endeavor and we were pleased to have over 60 guests sharing the inclement weather, which didn't dampen our spirits! This year, with more advance notice, we hope to have a lot more of our friends and newer acquaintances join us for an enjoyable day together.

We have sufficient room to park 20 or 30 trailers, campers, and/or tents for those who wish to make it a weekend outing. Also, our neighbor's yard is now equipped with 2 sets of horseshoe pitches for the experts to use, and, we may have operating outdoor O gauge, courtesy of Pacific N Scale Limited.

Please let us know by phone (604-792-4926), or a short note if you plan to attend and whether or not you wish to use our campground. We will try to make reservations in one of the local spots for a "No - Host Dinner" for Saturday, August 30th.

We wish to assure you that we have contacted some of the important people responsible for our B.C. weather and have been promised a sunny model railroaders weekend for the Labor Day holiday!

The corn will be as high as a locomotive's eye!

We are looking forward to having a yard full of rolling stock, bringing our rail friends together for another session of railroadiana on August 31st.

Hank and Henny Menkveld.

Address: 10689 McSween Road
R.R. #3
Chilliwack, B.C.
Canada V2P 6H5

DIRECTIONS:-

Driving east on Highway 1; take the Chilliwack Exit, crossing over freeway, travel along Yale Road to Airport Road (Fraser Valley College can be seen on your left). Turn right onto Airport Road to Young Street, make a left turn and follow Young Street thru the city until you cross the Hope River bridge; Make a sharp right turn and follow Hope River Road to McSween, turning left and looking for 10689 on the left side of the road.

If driving west on Highway 1, take the Chilliwack exit onto Yale Road and proceed as above noted.



NEWSLETTER from the DEWDNEY - ALOUETTE RAILWAY SOCIETY

The interest in railroading continues to grow out here in Maple Ridge and Coquitlam. Since my last report in the February Bulletin Board, the club has grown in membership to 37. Last meeting we had to vote to limit our total to 40, until such time when we can locate a new club headquarters. We are finding Jim Rankin's train room is too small for us all to get together. The meetings have been tending toward bull sessions as there is limited room to work and operate on Jim's layout.

In early February we took some action to encourage the new members to participate more in building and layout construction by designing and erecting a modular layout system. Since some of our members are modelling in HO and some in N we felt we had to accommodate both groups. With these thoughts in mind an informal modular design committee was formed, and held several meetings on Wednesday evenings before reporting back to the general membership.

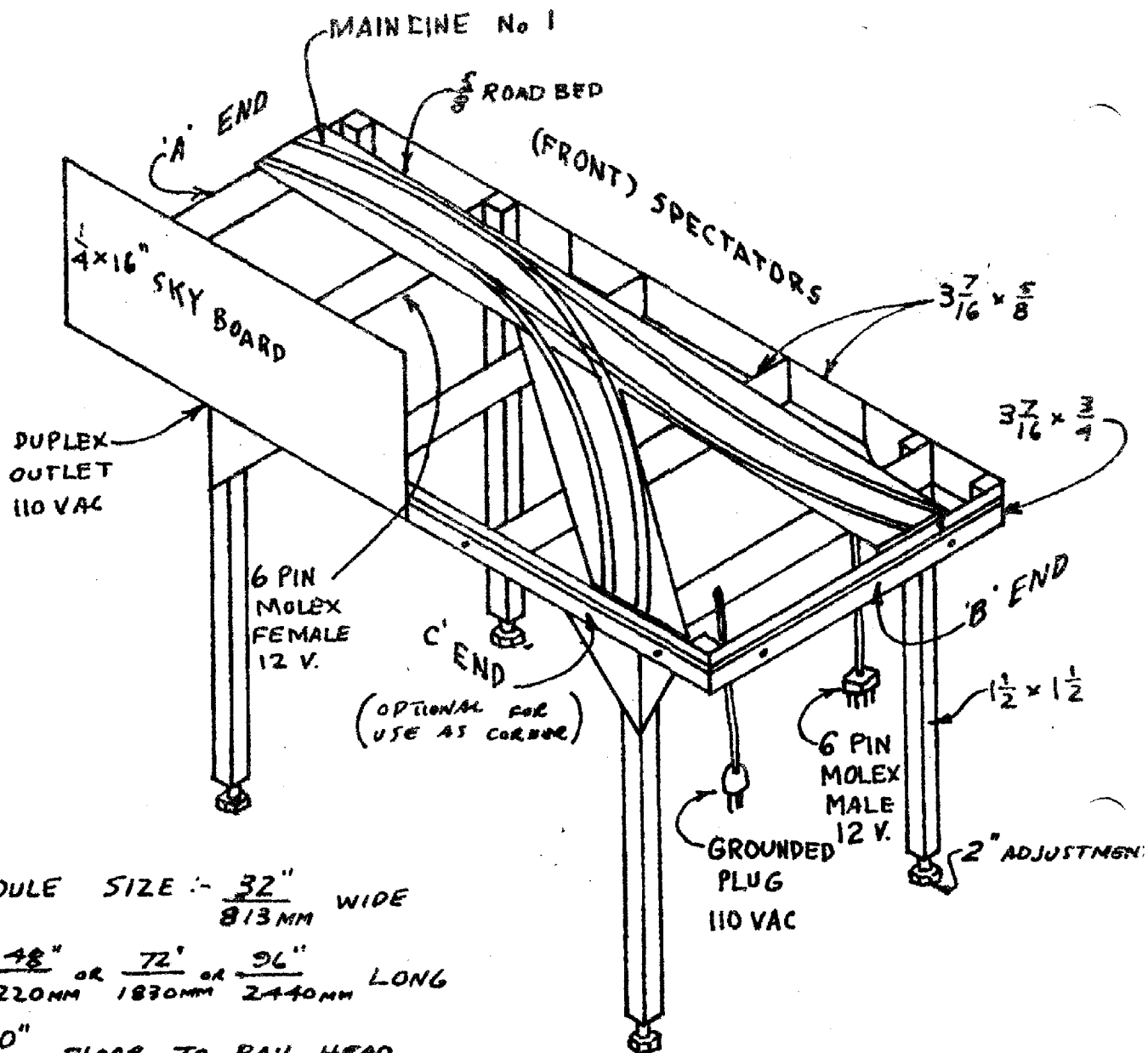
For the N gaugers they recommended, and the club adopted, the N-Trak standards. This group is now working on four run-through modules and two return loop modules. When completed they will have an operating layout that can include other N-Trak modules or can fit in with other N-Trak layouts.

As there are no wide spread standards available for HO, the committee looked at the standards for the Bremerton Northern group, the Kent Trestle Travellers and a set from J. Munro, that I understand is the Mid Central Region's plan. The accompanying sketch will give an idea of what we are coming up with. Note that the mainline is a series of sweeping curves, rather than straight lines. We anticipate that this will add to the visual interest of the layout.

At present we have two 6-foot corner modules, two 8-foot corner modules and two each of 6 and 8 foot run-through modules under construction. To encourage standardization and participation, members and the club split the basic module frame, track and electrical cost on a 50/50 basis. This works out to about \$20. each for the HO and \$25. each for the N-Trak units. (There are three through tracks and expensive electrical connections on the N-Trak modules.) The members are required to make a commitment of two years membership to take advantage of this arrangement.

To assemble the materials, our modular committee had two evening work sessions at a local High School, to cut up the lumber and plywood for 20 modules. Two of the committee made a trip to Everett Hobbies to purchase track supplies for both gauges. The electrical hardware supplies were purchased by members with wholesale connections. On March 31st the club meeting was held at Jay MacKinnon's where the general membership assembled all the components into module kits. One of the committee members, Art Thompson, had his 6 foot corner module on display, assembled, ready for track laying. Many of the modules now under construction were paid for and taken home that evening.

Any groups or individuals interested in getting together with us on this modular project are invited to contact one of the executive. General Manager, Jim Rankin 463-3682; Assistant Superintendent Dick Sutcliffe, 467-4301; Secretary Ian Sloan, 467-2278; Comptroller Jay
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MODULE SIZE :- $\frac{32"}{813\text{MM}}$ WIDE
 $\frac{48"}{1220\text{MM}}$ OR $\frac{72"}{1830\text{MM}}$ OR $\frac{96"}{2440\text{MM}}$ LONG
 $\frac{40"}{1016\text{MM}}$ FLOOR TO RAIL HEAD

MIN. RADIUS MAIN No 1 :- $\frac{34"}{864\text{MM}}$. (USE EASMENTS)
 MAIN No 1 & 2 RAIL :- CODE 100 NICKEL SILVER
 MAIN LINE TURNOUTS :- MINIMUM No 6 (PECO OR APPROVED EQUAL)
 FIRST AND LAST 3" OF TRACK CENTER LINES MUST BE STRAIGHT
 AND AT 15° TO FRONT OF MODULE
 MAIN LINE No 1 $\frac{7\frac{1}{2}"}{190\text{MM}}$ FROM FRONT OF MODULE
 MAIN LINE No 2 $\frac{10\frac{1}{4}"}{260\text{MM}}$ FROM FRONT OF MODULE

ALL FRAME JOINTS GLUED AND SCREWED.

LEGS C/W GUSSETS REMOVABLE. WITH BOLTS AND WINGNUTS

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NEWSLETTER from the Dewdney-Alouette Rly. Soc. (Continued):-

Mackinnon, 467-2761 or write Box 368, Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 8K9. Our drawings and written standards are not finalized yet, but we have enough material on hand to build a workable layout.

Finally, Ian, his wife Lucille, my son Roger and myself would like to express our thanks to the folks in Vernon for the fine Spring Meet. Well done!

That's it for now - Happy Railroading!

Dick Sutcliffe

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SWAP = SHOP

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Contact: Vern Harper
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Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 2R4

The SWAP=SHOP section is open to all members. Please contact Ted Edwards to have your sales, swaps or wanted ads published in the Bulletin Board. Write:

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2398 East 53rd Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5S 1V8

Mr. Vern Harper also suggests that a "Question and Problem" Column be included in the Bulletin Board. That's what this publication is all about. The more input we can get from individual members, the more interesting and worthwhile the Bulletin Board can become. It is YOUR news channel, so,,, let's make use of it! (Ed.)

TIMETABLE No. 7 Effective July 8, 1980

- July 24 "Timber Baron's Convention", Thunderbird Hotel, Kelso, to 27 Washington - downstream from Mount St. Helens. This is the 1980 P.N.R. Regional Convention location. Prototype tours, home layout tours, clinics, Movies, plus teenager activities and raiettes. Model and Photo Contests, plus two special contests on logging, to be judged by special vote. \$32.50 (Full), \$20.00 Saturday only (includes Banquet). Registration and all information to:- PNR Timber Baron's Convention, P.O. Box 1053, Longview, WA. 98632. (See SWITCHLIST for further details).
- August 9 NMRA National Convention, Orlando, Florida. Enquiries to 16 to:- Sunshine Special, P.O. Box 695, Orlando, Fl. 32802 (See NMRA Bulletin for further details).
- August 16 Fourth Div Annual Taco Feed at Bob and Nancy Smith's, 8115 20th Avenue SW, Seattle, WA. 98106. For more write or phone Nancy at 206/762 1895
- August 31 2nd Annual "CORNFIELD MEET", hosted by Henney and Hank Menkveld, at their home, 10689 McSween Road, Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 6H5 or phone 604/792 4926. See Page 5 and 6 of this issue for further details and map for directions. This is the Labor Day holiday weekend.
- September 28 PARTICIPATION CLINIC - Oakridge Auditorium - 1 p.m. Subject: Constructing a small wooden railway trestle
- October 11 First Div Fall Mini-Meet, Quality-Inn, Eugene, Oregon. Details: Jim Crueger, 6702 McLain-Libby, Coos Bay, Ore., 97420.
- October 12 The Swamp Creek and Western Model Railroad club is sponsoring their first annual SOOPER Swap and Clinic Meet Sunday, October 12th at the Francis E. Anderson Cultural and Recreation Center, Main Street, Edmonds, WA. from 1 to 6 p.m.. Admission adults \$1.50; Children 50¢. Tables available. Model Railroad, Tinsplate, Railroad Paper, electronic items, railroadiana, hands-on clinics, slides, movies, refreshment and fun! Hourly Door Prizes. For info write; Swamp Creek and Western, 211 Railroad Avenue, Edmonds, WA 98020 or call David Dudman at 206/481 3231
- October 25 FALL MEET - Holiday Inn (Downtown), 1110 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.. Displays, Slides/Movies, Clinics, Model and Photo Contests, Raffles, Door Prizes, Mart, Banquet and Raiette activities. Further details coming up! Registrar: Hank Menkveld, 10689 McSween Road, R.R.#3, Chilliwack, B.C. V2p 6H5 or phone 604/792 4926
- November 1 Fifth Div Fall Mini-Meet and Swap Meet in Spokane, WA. and 2 More information in future issues.
- November 16 Electronics Clinic - Constant Lighting plus Films and/or Tape/Slide Clinics, 1 p.m. Oakridge Auditorium