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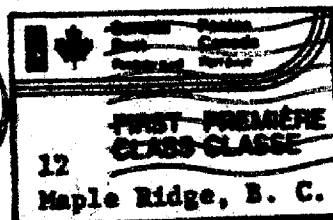
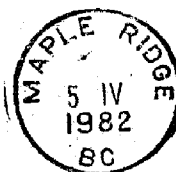
MULTI CLINIC

April 18, 1982

1:00 pm Oakridge Auditorium

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TIMETABLE No. 7 - Effective April 1, 1982

- April 10/82 Second Division Mini-meet, Coliseum Travel Lodge, 1441 NE 2nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Layout tours, Model and Photo Contest Displays, Movies and Banquet. Tour of Union Pacific's Albina Engine and car shop facility. Contact Phil Maggs at (503)761-9527
- April 17/82 West Coast Railway Association- Vancouver Island Excursion. Transportation to the island, VIA Dayliner to Courtenay, Lunch, VIA Dayliner to Victoria, and return to Vancouver. Fares: \$48 Adult, \$40 for children. Includes all transportation, and lunch. For reservations and information call 325-0923, 9am to 5pm, or contact Gary's Train Center at 874-5716. All tickets must be paid for by April 15/82.
- April 17/82 Royal Hudson rail trip to White Rock. Fares; \$20.00 per person. Phone reservations to City of White Rock, Parks and Recreation, 531-9111, or write Box 188, White Rock, V4B 5C6. At press time 500 tickets had been sold, with only 100 remaining. Train leaves North Van. at 10am arr White Rock App. 12 noon. Train leaves for Blain to be turned(no riders) returning at 3pm for the return to North Vancouver.
- April 18/82 Seventh Division Clinic. One of our famous multi clinics. Some suggested topics are- Rock castings, Stumps, Drawings from photos, Dry transfers, Decal artwork etc. Time; 1:00 pm at the Oakridge Auditorium.
- April 30/82-
May 2/82 Pacific Coast Region Meet. Holiday Inn, Pasadena, California. Planned events include over 96 clinics of all levels, Tours of Santa Fe, UP, and SP facilities. Registration - \$35 US Until March 31. Higher after that. Send to Pasadena Rose Special, c/o Gale Irwin, 10 Sorrel Lane, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90247.
- May 16/82 Seventh Division Clinic- 1:00pm Oakridge Auditorium. Guest experts will be Jim Finnell and Kelly Morris. Subject details to follow.
- May 29-30 New Westminster Hyack Steam Festival. All sorts of live steam exhibits, including 3 different gauges of rail road equipment, Steam farm machinery, Boats etc. Location - just up Front St., from the parkade.
- June 20/82 Proposed Vancouver Island Tour - Repeat - Blackstaff's backyard 12 inch to the foot logging railway plus the Duncan Forest Museum. Details as they are finalized.
- July 13-18 NMRA National Convention, Washington, D.C. For info write Washington '82, POBox 39, Burtonsville, MD 20730.
- Aug 11-15 PNR OGOPOGO Convention, Vernon B.C. Registrar- Jack Smith, 4103-27th St., Vernon, B.C. V1T 4X9. Convention hotel, Vernon Lodge, 3914- 32nd St., Vernon. Phone (604) 545-3385. Reserve now as space is limited.

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Information, fun, companionship, knowledge, all kinds of benefits for the paltry sum of \$6.00 per year. You can share in the activities of the Seventh Division, and get a subscription to the Bulletin Board, which will keep you informed as to where and when it is all happening. For subscriptions, mail cheque or money order to Box 368, Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 8K9.

WANTED

Any old CPR drawings or plans of buildings, stations, engine facilities or whatever. Please contact the Editor of the BB at 467-2278 or Brian Pate at 987-5903. Copies will be made and the originals will be returned to you in the condition in which they were received.

SANDING THE FLUES

Got the following letter from Nathan Oxhandler about the meet in Calgary for the Narrow Gauge types. I fail to see just what he's complaining about, unless no-one told him to take his dancing shoes!

COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT

By Nathan Oxhandler.

OK Mister Editor, you didn't tell the whole truth. The Narrow Gauge ini-meet and Raillette PotLuck Supper on the 6th of March in Calgary was only part of it. Yes, the meet was fun, about 35 people during the day, including 3 from Vancouver, and a couple from Great Falls. The Displays consisted of On3, On2, Sn3, HOn3, NN3, and even some 0 standard gauge.

Yes Sir, even the movies were good, and a good time was had by all. Some even headed out to the local hobby shops, and most spent money, and we heard the rumour about the fire at Precision Scale in California.

Yes, and even the Pot Luck Supper was good, with fried chicken as the main course, and the raillettes provided the veggies and the salad and the dessert. I sure wish I knew who made the fruit salad with the marshmallows in it!

But Sir, what you didn't us about was the super good dance that came after the supper. Music was provided by a record player, and everyone brought their favorite records. A really good idea that could be used again!

(end of Complaint, ED.)

The rest of the trip was business, and it took me to the new Elkford Coal Mine. They hope to have the track in place so that the first train of coal will pull out on or near August 1st. The people at the mine (would you believe a girl named CHOO CHOO) said they would keep me informed. You betcha, another business trip, just to get pictures of the first train!

Elkford is about 40 Km north of Sparwood, the main operation of B.C. Coal and is on Hwy. 3 (the Crows Nest) at the corner of B.C., Alberta, and the U.S. OF A, about 30 Km west of the Crows Nest Pass.

FOR THOSE WHO ASKED-----

The winner of the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society's Christmas raffle layout was Lucien Philipon, of 20826 Camwood, Maple Ridge.

Advertising-----

will now be carried in the Bulletin Board. We have been contacted by two commercial firms whose ads we will be running in the near future. Again, these same supporters have come to the rescue, just as they do at the various meets with door prizes etcetera. Advertising will help to defray the costs of printing the Bulletin Board, and will also serve to identify those who provide us with the most support.

SANDING THE FLUES

EDITORIAL-----

Two months ago, we called for nominations for the position of divisional superintendent. At the same time, elections will be held for a number of jobs within the organization. The election of officers is a necessary part of the administration of an organization of this size, and is performed by a large number of dedicated volunteers, who give unstintingly of their time and energies to these positions. Many of you, are unaware of the political infighting that is going on at the present time, and the issues are not clear cut or simple, and I won't get into them here. What I do want to say has to do with the reasons we joined the NMRA in the first place. All of us can list a number of reasons, but the bottom line is that we all share a love of trains large and small. There are some deep psychological motivations for railroading in miniature, foremost among them, a desire to be complete master of an empire, regardless of the size of the empire. This stems from an innate frustration at a real life political system in which we have no real input or influence. When full size politics invade our miniature world, the pleasurable pursuit of our hobby becomes less and less of a group shared activity, and becomes more and more individualistic as time goes on. The decision of certain power groups to inflict their will upon the membership, using as justification the old saw - "The membership is not aware of the full scope of the issue at hand, and we must act for them and decide the issue." This gets to be more and more like the autonomous governments we all know and loathe. These Eastern groups may be successful in imposing their will upon us, but they are driving away a great many of our most interested and enthusiastic modelers. These modelers joined to escape the very tribes of indians that are now surrounding the wagon train. Without some moderation in approach, and tactics, we are going to lose a lot of the members whose existence is the reason for the group in the first place, and the epitaph for the NMRA may be written

" The operation was a complete success, unfortunately the patient died."

Our erstwhile Superintendent, Greg Madsen, has decided not to seek another term in that position. Instead, Greg has opted to run for PNR Vice President. The ballots will be mailed out to you in one of the upcoming issues of the Switchlist. Those of us here in the Seventh Division, I am sure, will offer Greg all the support and encouragement that he needs to get elected, and fill the job with the same dedication and enthusiasm he did for us as Superintendent of the Seventh Division. Personally, I think Greg will be very good in the position, a moderating influence where all too often hotter heads would prevail by sheer weight of noise and bluster. Vote for whom you please, but please vote and return the ballots in time to be counted.

SANDING THE FLUES

Don't forget the fact that Duane Damgaard is also running for election as Western Vice President. The ballots for this position will also arrive in your copy of the NMRA bulletin, hopefully in good time to return the marked ballots by the due date. The last pair of Bulletins that I have received have been in the following month! This is really weird since the magazine is mailed on the 15th of the month before the cover date. i.e. if the cover date is March, the issue is mailed on or near the 15th of February.

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OGOPOGO UPDATE

A recent telephone call from Jack Smith, one evening while I was taking Brian Pate a load of wire for his railroad, produced the following note in the mail.

" We are getting a real head of steam up for the forthcoming PNR Convention. We have a large array of both participating and listening clinics, film and slide presentations and various contests. A complete list of clinics will be forthcoming so you will know what you will need.

The diorama themes are a 10,000 square foot scale(yours) based on lumbering or agriculture. This contest is becoming more popular all the time and we hope to have a worthwhile prize for the best diorama in the show.

We are planning to get a piece of track from the C.P.R., suitable for holding time trials with a four man handcar. We have access to a handcar and a velocipede. So, get your muscles in shape and obtain a crew for the four man hand car race- for added interest, one person on the crew must be female.

Campgrounds are available, and my latest check reveals that one of the choice sites closest to swimming, golf, fishing etc., recently expanded to 125 sites, is the Lakeway Motel, Tenting & Trailer Court, 15401 Kalamalka Road, Vernon, B.C. V1B 1Z3, phone (604) 542-2060. A talk with the owner revealed that there should be spaces available in mid-August.

We have received several registrations and receipts will be mailed out early in April.

Don't delay - register early and reserve your hotel, as we are a summer tourist area.

Jack Smith,
Convention Secretary.

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Book Review

RAILS NORTH: THE RAILROADS OF ALASKA AND THE YUKON, Howard Clifford.
Seattle: Superior Books 1981. (no price)'

When transferred to Vancouver Island a dozen years ago, this "dyed-in-the-wool" railfan rued the fact there probably would be no railroads to "fan". What a surprise! Lots of railroads on the island.

When asked to review this book, I had somewhat the same feeling. Oh, I knew about the White Pass and Yukon and the Alaskan Railroad. What more could there be? I soon discovered the same answer as I had on Vancouver Island!

Railroads seem so permanent today. Yet in the last three decades the NY&O, NYC, Pennsy, Penn Central, GN, NP, SP&S have all closed shop or been absorbed in mergers. The dozen and a half railroads chronicled by Clifford in Alaska and the Yukon have been no exception to this ongoing process.

The WP&Y is necely covered in a brief but comprehensive history, well illustrated. Loco rosters were rather complete for this and the other railroads mentioned, including disposition.

Political intrigue surrounded the origins of the Alaska Railroad, including a few confrontations with frontier bloodshed.

My eye was attracted to a two mile long railroad serving as a portage link between Nares Lake sternwheelers meeting WP&Y trains at Carcross, and taking 1899 gold rushers to the fields on Atlin Lake. It started with wooden rails and eventually was purchased by the WP&Y. ALL its 36" motive power is preserved today (horses excluded!) What Class I railroad can make that claim?

What a prototype to model -- three engines, an 11-ton passenger car and some flats. No turntable, no roundhouse and 128' of HO track models the whole thing!

As a "lower 48" resident unfamiliar with detailed georgraphy of the area, better maps would have enhanced the book. Repeated caption content was a bit distracting. Otherwise, I greatly enjoyed the book, and am even motivated to take a vacation in that direction soon.

Reviewed by: Roger H. Ferris - NMRA LIFE #769
PNR LIFE #176

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Nancy Smith, our PNR Librarian forwarded the above review to me, and since we are even closer to the area described, I thought I would share it with you.

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NOTES FROM SCENERY CLINICS

Tom Beaton forwarded these notes as the most commonly asked for formulae.

1. The formulas for mixing the dry pigment colours can be found on page 59 of Kalmbachs book - Scenery for Model Railroaders, by Bill McClanahan. We recommend highly this book if you are going to do any scenery work. It will explain just about all the techniques on scenery construction that you will need. For your convenience we will quote the book for the colour recipes.

COLOR	Medium Chrome Yellow	Raw Sienna	Burnt Sienna	Raw Umber	Burnt Umber	Medium Chrome Green	Plaster (can be varied)
Light grey	-	-	-	1	-	-	9
Traprock grey	-	-	-	-	1	-	9
Very light grey	-	-	-	-	1	-	20
Dull Tan grey	1	-	-	1	-	-	8
Light hemp	2	-	-	1	-	-	8
Prairie warm grey	2	-	3	1	-	-	24
Reddish rock	3	-	1	-	-	-	16
Bluish grass	-	2	-	1	-	2	2
Merion blue grass	3	-	-	1	-	3	4
Merion peridot grass	2	-	-	1	-	3	-
Grayish grass	7	-	-	2	-	6	8
Yellowish grass	3	-	-	1	-	2	4

Also asked with some frequency is the mixture for preserving lichens and mosses. This same book says:

2 parts water-
1 part glycerine-

Hank Menkveld has great success with a 50/50 mixture of water and glycerine, bringing it slowly to a boil. He then soaks the lichen in the boiling solution for a minute or two, then lays it out to dry on newspaper. This will also remove the colour if you are using the commercial lichens (Campbell, Herka, etc.) The lichens certainly can be redone with food colouring or analine dyes.

Editors note- Glycerine in large quantities can be difficult to find, and or expensive. Ethylene Glycol otherwise known as anti- freeze works very well, being chemically related to glycerine.

HYDRO CAL and ULTRA CAL are two other materials asked about. If you need them in quantity, they are readily available from;

Fairey & Co.,
13236 - 76th Ave. (at the Hydro tracks)
Surrey. Phone 594-3466

100 lb of Hydro Cal is about \$38.56 tax incl. Ultra Cal, \$42.28 tax incl.

The position of the Vice-President currently does not have many structured duties beyond assisting the President whenever possible and assuming the duties of the President in the President's absence. I feel that the Vice-President's role should be expanded in a very concrete way; for example, the jobs of the various appointed Committee Chairmen such as Achievement Program, 'Man of the Year', model & photo contest, etc. etc., could be made a bit more efficient if they reported to the Vice-President rather than to the President. The Vice-President would act as a co-ordinator and would have more time available to help the Chairmen than the President does, given the many other responsibilities of that office. The Vice-President should also be prepared to help the Divisional Superintendents, if they request assistance.

In short, the Vice-President should act as the President's primary aide and advisor, working along side the President to ensure that the Region continues to run smoothly.

Greg Madsen.

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FILLING THE SHOES OF GREG MADSEN-----

Since we only had one nomination for the office of Divisional Superintendent, I take pleasure in announcing that Nathan Oxhandler has become the new Superintendent by acclamation. Nathan has the distinction of being the only man I know of that has served as divisional superintendent on both sides of the 49th parallel. Nathan brings with him a wealth of experience, so the transition should be smooth and painless. Nate says "model railroading is fun, and I hope to keep it that way". Actually, I really put the rush on both Greg and Nathan for their comments when I telephoned them to inform them as to what had happened in the so-called election. So poor Nathan was caught short when I told him that the copy on his plank that he had submitted was already redundant, and I needed something by way of an acceptance speech. Anyway, Nathan takes over when Greg's term is finished on August 31st.

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CLINIC APRIL 13/82

We have a number of talented personages presenting clinics for your entertainment and edification. They are;

Hank Menkveld	- Basic Hardshell and zip texturing
Tom Beaton	- The making of Stumps for your logging show
Greg Kennelly	- Making scale drawings from photos
Steve Stark	- Dry Transfers
Ken Griffiths	- Decal art work
Dick Sutcliffe	- Module demonstration

There will most probably be others, but the content and the people have not been confirmed at press time---ed



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The NMRA was founded in 1935 for the purpose of developing standards allowing the interchange of equipment from one model railroad to another. It has also promoted a closer understanding and cooperation among model railroad manufacturers, distributors, dealers, publishers, consumers, and the general public. The NMRA also is to advance the hobby of model railroading by publications, conventions, meets, etc., wherever and whenever possible.

ORGANIZATION: NMRA is divided into 15 Regions in the U.S. Canada, and Britain.

The PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION comprises the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska; the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, and is divided into 8 Divisions.

The 7th Division, P.N.R., NMRA, includes all of British Columbia, Alaska, and the Yukon Territory.

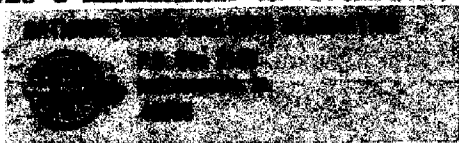
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