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TIMETABLE No. 7 - EFFECTIVE September 25/83

October 2/83 Seventh Division Clinic. Time 1:00PM Beban Park Recreation Center, Nanaimo B.C. Subject, Locomotive painting by Peter Locke. Admission- members free, non-members \$2.00.

Note. If you have any slides to show or things to sell, bring them along. QUESTIONS??? call Ken Rutherford at (604) 724-4698

October 16/83 Seventh Division Clinic- Robson Square Media Center. Demonstration type clinic, not sure of the content at this time, however this is an ideal time to come and look over the premises for the next item I'm going to type on the Schedule.

November 5/83 TRAINS 83 - The Fall Meet Of the Seventh Division -- To be held at the Robson Square Media Center. We Need all the participation that we can get!!! For information on display space and entry times, call Cyril Meadows at 8473 - 152nd St. Surrey (604) 591-2592, or contact our publicity director, Dick Sutcliffe at 12140 - 230th Street, Maple Ridge or phone (604) 467-4301. Commercial displays WELCOME selling will be permitted, tables are available at \$10.00 each, but numbers are limited--- so please contact either one of the two mentioned persons.

ADMISSION ----- Exhibitors- \$1.00
General Admission \$2.00
Families \$5.00

November 5/83 Tacoma Mall, Model RailRodeo, Second Annual Show.

November 26/27 Tenth Annual Evergreen Division (Fourth) PNR Model Railroad Show, Pacific Science Center, Seattle Washington. For info. contact Lou Toppino, (206) 244-0961.

December 11/83 Seventh Division Clinic. Probably held at the Robson Square Media Center. Firm time and subject matter in the next issue.

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DUES RE-NEWALS

Those of you who get the red circle around the label on your Bulletin Board, 'tis a reminder that your dues have, or will expire. Send AMERICAN FUNDS in the amount of \$15 for your NMRA, or \$6 for PNR to----

Jeff Tague, PNR Office Manager,
303 Anchor Loop,
Selah, Washington,
98942 Tel. (509) 697-3098

In support of the above message, I would like to welcome the latest member of the Standing Committee, Dave Walker of Prince Rupert. He is another of the fraternity of single members who plug along out there on their own. Dave is getting some computer equipment in the near future, and has volunteered (read conscripted) to take some of the load from the shoulders of the long suffering Jeff Tague, who does all the dues renewals, labels, and member printouts. I hope that we can, on our own, as Seventh Division, relieve some of the paper bottle-necks that have developed in the past where Jeff has been doing the whole thing on his own.

SANDING THE FLUES

Your editor, being the idiot that he is has contracted a disease other than railroaditis, and if you find some discrepancies in this missive, please call Brian Pate who(from time to time has called this thing a rag or a yellow sheet) or something like that. I have not been well , and I am still not so if the quality of the rag (thanks Brian) suffers, please bear with me. End Subject!!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR DEPARTMENT.

Mr. George Bell, President, B Lines, Rosedale, B.C.

Dear Sir;

Do the letters and airline information that you keep sending to my wife still indicate that you are willing to swap my woman for the "B" Line and the house and the acreage?

Signed, Well known Publisher.

Further Letters to the Editor

Reply to the Manager of the "B" Line from the "Furriner"

Dear Sir (or is that cur?)

I may not be an authority about mountains, but coming from a flat country I know something about Bees. Now there are Bees, Bumblebees, and SOBs, but mostly what I think about is the B-Line being mostly "B" as in B.S. (That's bum steer).

Yours truly,

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To: President, B LINES, Rosedale, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Car I safely take it that since you are getting married on Saturday, the 24th of September, that you are no longer interested in the swap for the property for my Wife - or am I to take it that you have become a polygamous person?

Signed, - Well Known Publisher.

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SANDING THE FLUES

Letters to the Editor (continued)

It has come to my attention that the BIG "B" has found a home with what is some times called the LITTLE "B". I for one, am personally delighted to find that both railroads have merged into what can now be called the biggest "B" Line of all

Signed,
" BEE LINER "

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS VERSUS CONTEST AWARDS

It has long been a problem to get the less experienced modeller to enter his or her work in our local and regional meets. I think that is because they don't seem to understand that an Achievement Award is quite separate from a contest entry. Granted, the two very often are, because the experienced modeller knows that both can be done at the same time. On his part, this is just a time saver, because there is only one set of entry forms to fill out.

However, I am here to tell you that they are not one and the same----- if you are an inexperienced modeller or one who has doubts that you can keep pace with the likes of the prize winners, have I got news for you. It is merely necessary to phone GORDON VARNEY (telephone no. 421-5085), Chairman of our Achievement Program, who can arrange judging in the privacy of your own home. It has never been and never will be - necessary for you to compete with the likes of Best of Show winners - in order to get an achievement award.

I should know! I would no more dream of entering against some of our 7th Division greats than I would taking my models to the National. However, I have managed some AP awards despite the fact that I have only been in the hobby for 5 years.

I urge you (IMPLORE YOU) that if you wish a totally unbiased critique of your work - to call Gordon and arrange to meet to have some AP judging done. For most of you I have no doubt that you'll be totally freaked out by the results. The judging is unbiased and based on standards set by the National Model Railroad Association. God forbid it should become necessary but your work can be judged a second time for yet the same Achievement Award.

At the National Convention in Winnipeg this summer, I was successful, along with many other interested parties, in having discussions started with Headquarters with a mind to establishing a Novice Category. If you read your NMRA Bulletin for January 1981 it lays out the ground rules for the AP Program. Under the new Novice Category - any one can have their works entered EITHER for an AP Award or for a Contest Award or BOTH!!! Under this proposed amendment to the AP Program, a Novice would remain a Novice until he has gained the requisite 87½ points - above which AP certificate would be issued. From this, you would gain the necessary experience and the necessary good intentioned criticism to enable you to reach the magic plateau of 88 points for which and AP Award can be issued. Having reached the 'magic' plateau, of course, your work would no longer be in the Novice Class. You could then stand as tall as the next man and exhibit your work with pride.

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***** LAYOUT TOURS *****

With the recent assignment of responsibilities for members of the Standing Committee, I have been given the responsibility for organizing LAYOUT TOURS.

There are a number of very well done layouts in the Greater Vancouver area and there is a suggestion going around that some layout tours should be organized occasionally, to provide some variety to the Sunday Afternoon gatherings at the Oakridge Auditorium. Also the 1985 PNR Regional Convention is being planned to be in the Vancouver area, centred upon the ALBERT INN which is likely to be the Convention Hotel in July 1985. In my experience Layout Tours are always a popular part of any convention. It's always fun seeing what other Model Railroader have done, and besides its always satisfying to show off what you have built.

Since layouts, like so many other things, take time to build, and as Model Railroading is a hobby, NOT A JOB, 2 years and a few months are not all that far in the future.

While I am aware of some of the Layouts in the area, I am certain that I do not know of them all. So as a start in this Layout Tour organizing job, I am trying to compile a list of those people who have layouts that they would be willing to show to other Model Railroaders. Could those people who have, or know of Layouts please contact myself at my home, Phone 325-6204 and ask for John, between 7 P.M. and 10 P.M. any night except Mondays and Fridays.

I realize that security is an item of great concern for layout owners and I want it known that the information that I compile on this list will be kept strictly confidential. If your layout is included in a layout tour either for a local clinic replacement or for the PNR convention steps will be taken to minimize the distribution of information. For self-guided tours only the information needed to locate the layouts on that tour usually 3 - 5 layouts would be provided to the people driving. I have a few ideas for doing this, and any suggestions are welcome.

From my own experience, I know that most of the layouts that I have visited either on a tour, or as an individual, have a guest book for the guests to sign, it's often a lot of fun to go back after and see who has visited.

In compiling my file of Layouts, I would appreciate the following information:

1. RAILROAD NAME
Prototype / Freelance
2. SCALE
3. OWNERS NAME
4. ADDRESS
5. PHONE NUMBER
6. AMOUNT OF TRACK (Imperial or even metric measurements)
7. STATE OF LAYOUT
 - a). Planned
 - b). Under Construction
 - c). Operational
 - d). Scenery
 - e). Complete (OK, who are you kidding?)
8. OTHER items of interest about the layout.

I realize that there are several Model Railroaders in town who are not members of PNR/NMRA and that several of these may have layouts that they would be willing to show on Layout Tours. If you are aware of any of these, would you please do one of two things:

- a). Give them my Telephone number and get them to contact me.
- b). Give me their Name and Telephone Number and I will try to contact them.

I appreciate any help that you can give me in this matter.

John Green
7635 Elliott St.,
Vancouver, B.C. V5S 2N8

Phone 325-6204.

CLIFF'S MAGAZINE INDEX

To My Model Railroading Friends:

MODEL RAILROADING IS FUN!--This index was compiled during a period of recovery after a back operation. I had the time to page through my magazine collection and make notes of those articles and pictures that may help my modelling in the future.

The classification system is based on the NMRA index, but modified to expand some of the categories.

This index reflects my specific interests, with an emphasis on recording all Canadian railroading references, but it includes many other references also.

Model Railroading is sharing too, so I hope this index can be of use to you.

Special thanks are due to my son Rob Basler, who did the programming on his computer for the sorting routine and storing the magazine information on cassette, and to my son-in-law, Jim Penty, for his technical guidance and use of his computers for the batching, the sorting program, and the final printout.

Cliff Basler

5570 Monarch St.
Burnaby B. C.
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April, 1983

SANDING THE FLUES

The preceeding page, computer print out from John Green is most necessary to enable us to be able to hold a successful PNR meet in 1985.

While on the same subject, I am pleased to inform you that your 1985 Convention Committee has obtained the permission of B. C. Hydro Rail to letter a number of their 7500 series double door box cars with the 1985 Gold Spike Convention Logo. As a pre-convention fund raiser, the Committee will be offering for sale (if available) a model of the B.C. Hydro 7500 Series. Since the prototype will remain in International service until the Convention, both the plain and logoed cars will be prototypical. Your Editor and other slaves will be called upon to clean and paint the 'real' box cars. Phone calls will be made as further details become available.

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CREW CALL!

West Coast Rail Association is calling for volunteers to assist in the renovation of CPR No. 374, currently housed in the old Morrison Steel & Wire Warehouse on Granville Island. Work detail commences 9:30 am through 5:30 pm both Saturday and Sunday each weekend henceforth. Your assistance is welcome. Visitors are also welcome - 'cause if you show up you'll get sucked in.

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WCRA FAN TRIP TO LILLOOET

Departs BC Rail Station - North Vancouver 7:30 am, arrives Lillooet 12:35 pm
 departs Lillooet 3:25 pm - arrives North Vancouver 8:30 pm. Trip is scheduled for both the 22nd and 23rd of October. FARE - \$40.00 adults
 CHILDREN aged 5 - 12 - \$20.00 SENIORS & WCRA MEMBERS - \$36.00. Children under 5 - FREE.

FOR RESERVATIONS - Contact BERNIE TULLEY at (604) 325-0923.

FOR TICKETS - CONTACT RAILWAY WORLD, 150 Water Street, Vancouver, Phone: 681-4811.

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The following pages are greatly acknowledged as the contribution of one of our Members - MR. CLIFF BASLER. There are far too many pages to present at one time but we are planning on dispatching them to you three or four pages each issue until it is complete.

Many thanks Cliff .

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