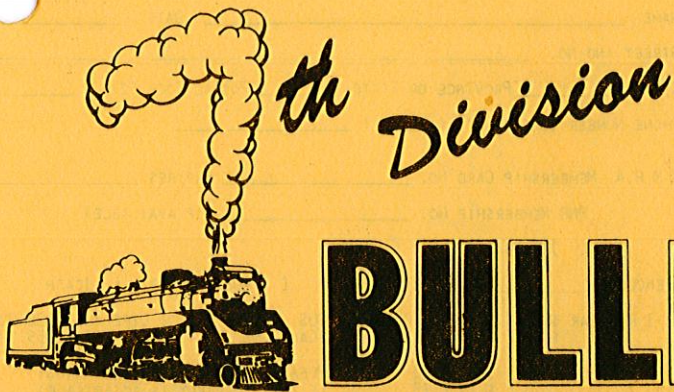


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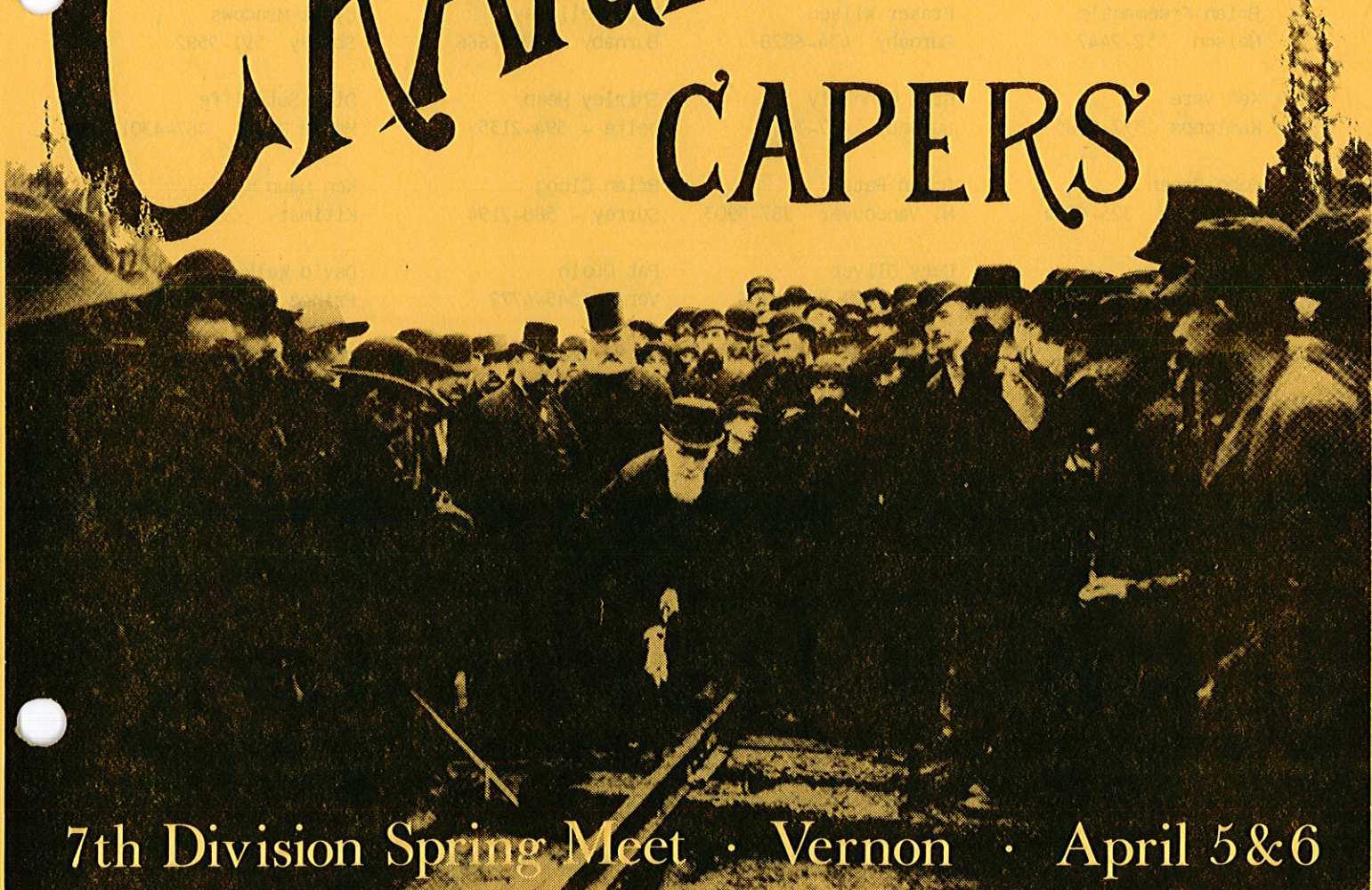
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"CRAIGELLACHIE CAPERS" SET FOR EARLY APRIL

The traditional interior-hosted 7th Division Spring Meet has this year been named in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Craigellachie, B.C.

It is being held at the Vernon Lodge Hotel in Vernon, from noon of Friday, April 5, to some time Saturday evening, following the 1885-era costume banquet. Included in the agenda are NMRA contests in all categories, engine pulling and freight car rolling contests, a swap meet, clinics, favourite train competition, and displays of four modular railroad layouts. Further information about events and registration is contained in the registration form on page 5. The Bulletin Board has a few information sheets with more details (too long to reproduce here), and editor Phil Magnall will try to answer any questions for those Vancouverites who wish to save the cost of a long distance phone call.

EDITORIAL

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT...

Early in my career as a model maker, our company hired an amiable Dutch fellow in the same capacity. Bart was more of a handyman than a modeller, but proved capable of most tasks until the day he was asked to repair part of a large model of greater Vancouver which had been returned to the shop. At the edge of one section, Richmond had been scuffed away during handling (it was only 2 mm. plastic foam), and Bart was asked to cut away the damaged part and graft on a new sliver of foam, which he would then have to paint to match the brown and green speckle job on the rest of Lulu Island. After an hour of diligent "pointilist" work with a fine brush, he proudly proclaimed "not a bad match!" and stepped back to absorb our approval. It took several minutes to determine that the turquoise strip he had applied was not a joke. To Bart, his repair was indistinguishable from the original. He was simply colour blind. For over forty years, he had remained unaware of his inability to tell browns and greens apart! From then on, needless to say, he was relieved of any painting assignments.

Colour blindness is not uncommon, especially in males, and with red/green and brown/green difficulties among the most prevalent, those of us who engage in model railway scenery building might do well to ask if, in fact, our own colour vision is up to par. We have all seen, at one time or another, some classic examples of blue grass or red dirt on a layout, and probably attributed it to bad taste or poor powers of observation. But who is to say that these don't look perfectly natural to their creator? Could it just be that he is part of that small percentage...?

If comments other people have made about your own scenery start coming to mind, or your friends have been overly enthusiastic in promoting a new brand of ground foam to you, you may begin to have some doubts. They're not unreasonable. Those who can't tell a "go" from a "stop" signal are aware of their condition, but most colour blindness is more subtle, and may only show up in exercises like modelling or painting.

There is a simple test which you can administer yourself or have your GP do next time you're in for a check-up. It's called the Ishihara test, and consists of several discs made of printed, multicoloured dots, among which the normal eye can perceive numerals. A key on the back of each test card indicates what should be seen, and if it isn't, what the problem area is. Some libraries have a book of Ishihara cards, and even if you check out

just fine, it makes a good evening's entertainment trying to discover a friend or neighbour who isn't aware yet that he sees the world a little bit differently from most! (Try the guy who painted his house trim that horrible green last year first.) If you do find you have a problem, perhaps you'll want to take your friend's advice on the ground foam.....

Phil Magnall

PNR NEWS

TWO CLINICS COMING UP

Readers who thought they might like to build the loading ramp in the October 1984 BB but haven't yet gotten around to it will be interested in a Gordon Varney hosted clinic to do just that on February 10. As with the earlier trestle clinic, kits will be available for a nominal cost (around \$2.00), and will be offered in N, HO, S and O scales. Participants should bring the usual modelling tools; hobby knife, glue, sanding blocks, etc. (A scale rule and a machinist's square, if you own them, are also recommended). Location is the Kensington Community Centre at 5175 Dumfries, Vancouver, from 1 to 5 PM.

Beginners especially will appreciate the Multi-Tabletop Clinic, March 10, where continuous demonstrations on such subjects as building with styrene, tree making, rock castings, basic electricity, and more, will be given by local experts. Time and location are as above. Admission to both clinics is free to PNR members.

ISLAND MEMBERS TO HOLD SPRING MEET, TOO

On April 21st, a group of Vancouver Island modellers are hosting their own spring meet in Nanaimo. The location is yet to be confirmed, but already a good show is shaping up and should include at least the following:

Displays: operating N and HO; static O and Sn3.

Clinics: two or three planned.

Audio-visual: slides, movies and video Sales area.

Contest: Most Popular Model & Most Popular Train.

Full details will appear in the March BB or you may wish to contact Paul Maynard at (604) 758-2638 for up-to-the-minute information.

The Bulletin Board would like to acknowledge the 90th birthday of long time PNR member Bill Brown, on January 2nd of this year. Bill is likely the oldest active member in the 7th Division, and models the BCR in Lionel tinsplate (!) at his Rosedale home. Keep 'em rolling, Bill!

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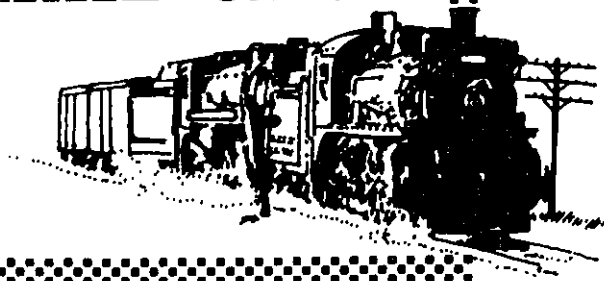
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Thank you both for taking on the job as editors of our 7th Division Bulletin Board.

I was most impressed with the layout, photos, printing, and content of the October 1984 issue. How impressed, you ask? Well, as I said at the October 27th Narrow Gauge Meet, I am willing to pay more (or extra) to get and keep the Bulletin Board with improved content.

For someone like me, who lives outside the lower mainland, it is the only year-round contact I have with what is happening, who is doing what, and what is planned. Hopefully, the improvements will encourage others to contribute articles to the Bulletin Board.

Rick Lord
Port Alberni, B.C.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

ROSS HERIOT MEMORIAL GOLD SPIKE AWARD
presented to:

In appreciation of his/her unselfish devotion of time and effort to further the aims of the NMRA and PNR, as well as the hobby of model railroading through assistance and services for the benefit of all model railroaders within the divisional area.

As chairman of the award, I would like to ask again for letters of recommendation for a deserving recipient of the Gold Spike, so that we can fill in the blank space. In your letter, please explain why you feel he or she should be considered.

To date there has been an alarming disconcern in this regard, which is unfortunate. If no letters are received by March 1st, 1985, there will be no award presentation, and that would be very disappointing.

Let us not lose a 7th Division tradition of recognizing someone who has worked extra hard to help our hobby stay alive.

Write to: Hank Menkveld
10689 McSween Rd
Chilliwack, B.C.
V2P 6H5

- Hank

Anyone planning to attend the 7th Division Spring Meet in Vernon is asked to fill out and mail this form, or a photocopy thereof.

"CRAIGELLACHIE CAPERS"

COMMEMORATING 1885 COMPLETION OF THE C.P.R.

P.N.R. 7 DIV. SPRING MEET

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We are going to have fun - full activities, contests, displays, 3 complete module systems, and commercial displays.

Come early. There will be a no-host supper at 7:00 p.m. at the VERNON LODGE Friday, April 5, 1985 for early arrivees plus layout tours Friday afternoon. Please check if you plan to attend the No-Host meal ☐

Dress up in period costume (circa 1885) for the banquet. Prizes.

Registration opens 12:00 noon, Vernon Lodge Hotel April 5th, 1985.

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Part 1

Dave Simpson

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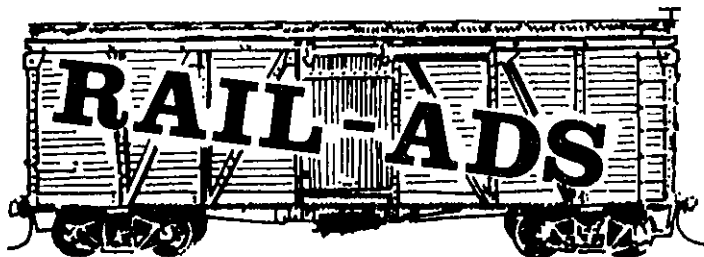


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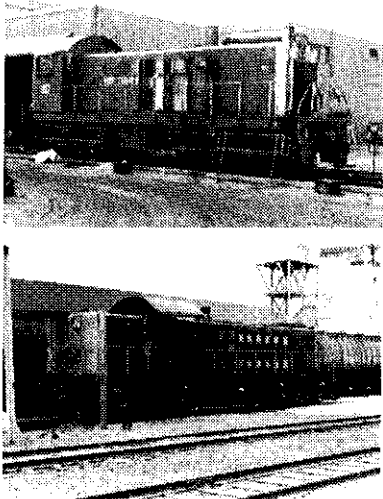
The response to the new Bulletin Board has been most gratifying for us, and we would like to thank the people who have expressed their compliments, and especially those who have supplied us with letters, event information and articles. Were it not for postal costs, we could easily add another page to each issue with the stock of pieces we would like to run. This doesn't mean we don't need lots more, though! We would particularly like news of local individual's and group efforts, including photographs.

We know you're out there; let's hear from you!

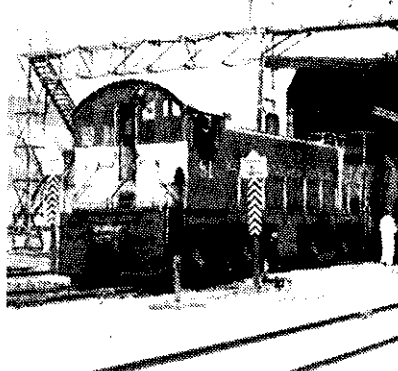
Several potential contributors have asked for a publication schedule (especially those with events to publicize), and here it is, starting with the first issue of the Division's fiscal year:

1st week October	2nd week March
4th week November	4th week April
4th week January	1st week August

- Phil and Brian



Alcos rule at North Van's Neptune Terminals!



S-6 #80 is ex-Southern Pacific 1271, and #81 is ex-SP 1217. RS-1 #55 wore that number for SP&S, PGE, and Mannix Construction. Not shown is new S-model switcher from Port of Tacoma.

Our thanks to Neptune's Clark Gray for allowing the photography and providing information.

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"JUST POPPING OVER TO THE DENTAL SUPPLY, DEAR..."

Ken Davis

After reading the interesting Bulletin Board article on Rhoplex acrylic medium, a number of useful items came to mind that are readily available from local dental supply dealers. First, for scenery construction, you cannot do better than pure Plaster of Paris or dental stone. Plaster of Paris is white, sets quickly and takes colour beautifully. Stone is a light buff color, very strong and hard. These items would be used for finely detailed rock castings, and are packaged in 10- or 50-pound cartons.

To mix the plaster or stone, ask for a large size plaster bowl. They are made of rubber or flexible plastic, and plaster can be removed easily, even when hard. The bowl will last for many years. (When mixing plaster, always put the water in the bowl first and then add the plaster to the water).

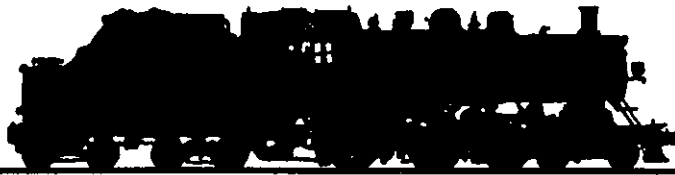
If you are interested in duplicating small railroad items, the rubber-type dental impression materials are excellent. Various types are stocked, including silicones which will take a relatively high heat. The advantage with these materials is that they cure or set up very fast - a matter of minutes. There are two tubes to a box, usually mixed in equal parts on a pad. They are expensive, but worth it for the serious modeller. Also, tweezers and "cotton" pliers with fine points are available, as are "reverse" soldering pliers.

A source of supply for these items is Canadian Dental Supply Ltd., at the corner of Davie and Richards St., Vancouver (475 Davie St.)

When next you visit your dentist, ask him to save his broken hand instruments for you. These are made of high quality steel and can be ground and shaped to become useful tools. Also ask for his used burrs, as they come in many sizes and shapes, usually in carbide steel, and are very useful for drilling and shaping.

7TH DIVISION TIMETABLE

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Feb. 10, 1985

7th Div. Clinic: Building the Bulletin Board's Loading Dock. Multi-purpose room, Kensington Community Centre, 5175 Dumfries St., Vancouver. 1-5 PM.

Feb. 16 & 17, 1985

WCRA annual winter excursion on the BCR; N. Vancouver to Lillooet. Info: Bernie Tully (604) 325-0923.

March 10, 1985

7th Div. Clinic: Multi-Tabletop Clinics. Time & place as Feb.10

March 17, 1985

Western Rails 3rd Annual Railroadiana Show; Cameron Recreation Centre, 9523 Cameron St., Burnaby. 10 AM - 9 PM.

March 23-24, 1985

PNR 4th Division, NMRA Spring Awards Banquet -. Mini Meet; Doric Inn, Tacoma, Wa. For info: Bob Chapman (206) 927-5893.

April 5 & 6, 1985

PNR 7th Division Spring Meet, Vernon (see pages 2 and 5)

April 21, 1985

Vancouver Island Spring Meet; Nanaimo, B.C. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (location to be announced). For info: Paul Maynard (604) 758-2638

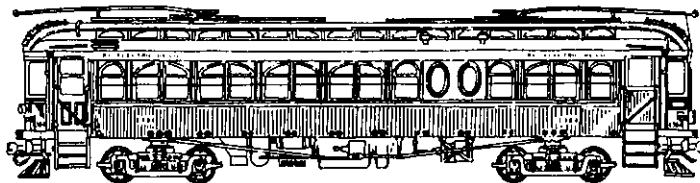
April 27, 1985

Port Townsend/Hadlock Area Model Railroad Show. Info: John Ludwig (206) 385-0341.

July 10-13, 1985

"Gold Spike '85"; PNR Convention, Richmond Inn, Richmond, B.C. For info: Greg Madsen 321-9209.

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