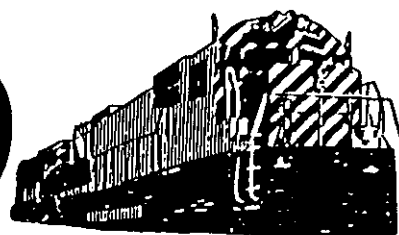


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Page One: All for one and free for all

The Seventh Division and the *Bulletin Board* are pleased to be able to bring our full members something special this month: a free Division logo patch! Now all you wallflowers and shadow-dwellers can step confidently forward and be recognized as fellow Seventh Divisioners, your allegiance proudly emblazoned on your jacket or vest.

Old-timers will greet you as a friend, and beginners will seek your opinion; the public will hang on your every word, railway police will wave as you trespass in the yards, and pit bulls will sit quietly as you walk past! Non-members from the Interior will smile and chat with- no, that's too far-fetched.

You will recall a previous note that the patches were soon to be run, and when this took place, we were pleased to see that the cost of producing them was not as high as anticipated. Your editor's motion to the SC that we therefore send everybody a complimentary sample with their September *BB* was accepted, and we'll be enclosing one with each new membership from now on as well. Oh, and we're just kidding about those Interior guys. Honest.

We've already heard of a few *Bulletin Board* 6x6 *Contest* entries planned or under way, and are hoping for a good turnout (or diamond crossing, stub switch, whatever) for its first run. If you haven't given it too much thought, we want to remind you that we're not looking for regular contest quality stuff, but for imaginative and amusing ideas. The right concept might be no more than a one-evening project! It would be great fun to have a big table full of these things to enjoy and arbitrarily judge, so why not give a little thought and come up with an entry?

The prospect of moving from a townhouse, with its postage-stamp back yard, to a genuine house

with trees and rocks and all sorts of natural stuff in the foreseeable future has led to consideration of the art of outdoor model railroading. We're talking LGB and the like, as opposed to live steam ride-'ems. The sudden boom in enthusiasm for large scale by American manufacturers looks like it will lead to more reasonably priced engines and track. MDC's first offering, a speeder, is available here in Vancouver at about \$60, and as the small diesel which will follow uses the same mechanism, one would not expect too great a price difference when it arrives.

Another approach to economical locomotives is scratchbuilding on LGB chassis, or, possibly, those offered by Faller for its P Train kids' sets. Prefab flex track is now made by Gar Graves, so that may be an answer to the other great cost problem, although it would sure add up fast when you start talking 20 feet this way and 30 that.

The reason for bringing up this subject is to put the questions to the readership. Has anybody out there tried and/or successfully constructed a garden railway, particularly in the rainy climate of the coast? What kind of roadbed did you use, and does it survive the winter well? What did you use for track, and for power? If you have had any experience in the field, we'd like to hear from you, and to share your comments with our readers.

We really do hate to trot out this tired old horse again, but the *BB* is again very low on contributions of articles and news. It's not that we want to fill up each issue just for the sake of having eight pages; our newsletter is our main vehicle for announcing events, exchanging ideas, keeping up-to-date, and sharing information throughout the NMRA's largest division. It's our "flagship", and it has to remain worthy of its readers. Even if you don't feel you have something tangible to offer, everybody has opinions which can be put into a letter or guest editorial. And as we always say: don't worry about your style; we'll make you sound good.

And finally, yes, we are painfully aware that your

last *BB* did not arrive until well into August. It and its 299 mates were ready at the end of June, but the PNR office, upon learning that we were planning to set up our own computer membership file, elected to print no more labels for us, and closed for vacation. We finally got them in mid-August, which was late for announcing the two "Camping and Corn" events in particular. We regret the delay, which was out of our hands, and hope these two events came off well, despite the short notice.

Phil

Workshop Words

John Fysh

October's Workshop will be hosted by Gordon Varney, Tom Beaton, Cyril Meadows, and Carl Sparks. Gordon will present "Cutting your own scale lumber", while Carl, Tom, and Cyril will demonstrate "Weathering wood and other materials."

As usual, the Workshop starts at 1:00 PM sharp.

November's Workshop will be replaced by the Trains '88 Fall Meet.

If you have suggestions for topics which you would like to see covered at the Workshops, please contact me by phone at (604) 420-0924, or by mail to:

John Fysh
8358 Vinewood Place
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374 on display again

CPR locomotive #374, which gained new fame at Expo 86, is on public display once more at the refurbished roundhouse where it remained during the World's Fair. The first engine to pull a trans-continental train into the Canadian Pacific Railway's western terminus can be viewed Tuesday to Sunday, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Ideas for special events, displays and performers on site are welcome; call 682-6155 for details.

Membership Update

Carol O'Dell

Memberships, both new and renewals, have been quiet for the summer, which is typical, as we are all on holidays and not much railroading is being done.

Now that summer is drawing to a close I would like to ask that you take a moment to check the expiry date on your membership card. Remember that in order to receive the *BB* and *Switchlist* you must be a member with paid-up status. If your membership is expiring soon, or has already, please take the time right now to send in your renewal. Remember that it can now be mailed directly to my office in Vancouver.

Having just returned from the PNR Board of Directors meeting where I received the latest membership stats from the PNR Office Manager, I thought I would pass them on to you. Did you know that the Seventh Division has a total of 189 full PNR/NMRA members along with our 18 division Associates, bringing our total readership to 207? The entire PNR now has a total of 786 members. This means the Seventh Division represents 24% of the PNR membership.

September seems to be the month for new members as well as renewals, so let's see if we can all make an effort to get *one more member each!*

One final reminder is that if you have **moved**, **Please let me know!** I can't get your mail to you if I have the wrong address, and I don't want anyone to miss any of the *BBs* or *Switchlists*.

Next issue, I hope to have a list of all the renewals and new members for you. With your help, maybe we can make the editor work with a long list for him to have to print!

Last Call for Magazine Index

A few requests have come in for copies of Cliff Basler's periodical index, but we are going to hold off on printing them up for a couple of weeks. Cliff's work is well worth the nominal cost, so don't miss the opportunity. Reserve yours by calling the *BB* editor at 277-2421.

From the Superintendent's Desk

Gordon Varney, MMR

This marks the end of my first - and the start of my second - term as your Superintendent. I have enjoyed serving you and wish to publicly thank the Standing Committee for their efforts and assistance over the past two years. They are a very fine group of individuals who are always working hard for our members.

We are looking forward to the coming two years which will see some interesting events, the first of which will be our Fall Meet, held in conjunction with our TRAINS '88 show on the Remembrance Day weekend. We are also looking for some input from our "subdivisions". Please let us know what is happening out there.

Recalling an column I put in some issues back, our division is the largest in the NMRA, and naturally, due to its geographical location, the majority of our members, and therefore, our activities, are in the Vancouver area. To our northern B.C., Yukon, NW Territories, and Alaska members, I put the question: "Is there anything we can do for you?" Please let me know.

That's it for now. Happy railroading, and we'll see you at Cameron Rec Centre November 11 through 13.

Gordie

Have you made plans for **TRAINS '88?**

You don't have to be a

7th Division or NMRA member!

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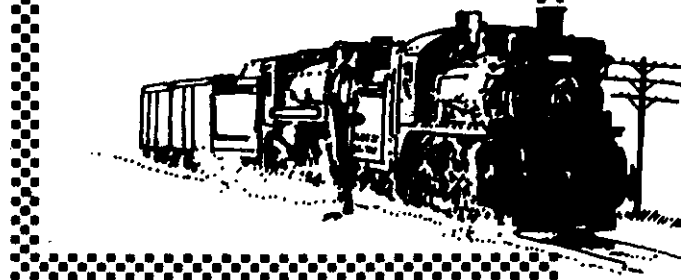
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The idea of your 6x6 Contest is so brilliant that it deserves equally brilliant entries! Such a one is now in the planning stage. However, I am concerned about rule 2. What I propose is to mount the 6x6 diorama on a base which is to serve as a handle and a caption. As the diorama, per se, will be entirely enclosed in the 6x6 "envelope", I presume it will conform but I would like some prior confirmation of this....

Jim Stevens,
White Rock

Any sort of labelling or handling attachments won't be problem, Jim. In fact, we suspect many entries will need a a label, and this can be attached to or separate from the base.

Video News

Carl Sparks

The Seventh Division Video Library has remained popular even during the summer months, bringing loans to date to nearly 80.

In light of the response, we would like to add some new titles to the library for your fall and winter viewing pleasure. Please send a list of your favourite titles to:

Carl Sparks
3956 Hertford Street
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 2R4

We cannot make any promises, but some of the most popular titles will be added to the library in the coming months.

TRAINS '88 Update

Scott Calvert

This year's public show will truly be Western Canada's largest annual model train show with over 23,000 square feet of display hall space! We have reserved the entire sports hall at Cameron Recreation Centre for Sunday. Just think - no more worries about flying volleyballs or aerobics music to yell over! In addition, we have half the hall available for displays on Saturday, with set-up beginning at 8:00 AM so you won't miss any workshops.

Groups tentatively participating to date include the local NTRAK club, the Train Gang, with a layout about 20 by 40 feet in size, the Tie and Timber Short Lines with their On3 modular layout, the British rail group VANGOG with a newly expanded layout reported to be almost 50 feet long, and the Vancouver Island modelers with an HO layout larger than last year's. Interest has also been expressed by the Kamloops Model Railroad Club and the Vernon railroad group who both have very nice HO modular layouts.

Commercial table rates have been reduced this year to \$15 for the first table and \$10 per additional table per day, and we already have a dozen reserved. Commercial tables will be available on Saturday on a limited basis as well.

As before, display space is available *gratis* for persons or groups wishing to assemble exhibits. Many of last year's groups have already made commitment for TRAINS '88. Once again, popular vote contests will include Photo, Model, Display, and Train. Door prizes will be plentiful again this year and we will also be drawing several gift certificates for exhibitors only.

We also have media coverage planned for Saturday, so Sunday's attendance should exceed last year's substantially. The Cameron Seniors Society will again be selling snacks and refreshments on Sunday, and we will have railway films and videos and modelling demonstrations during the show as well.

I am looking for layouts, displays, commercial exhibits, and manufacturers to participate this year.

I can be contacted at 464-7585 most evenings. This year's show is going to be a *BIGGEE* so don't hesitate - get working on your exhibit now!

TRAINS '88 Workshops

John Fysh

TRAINS '88 is "Western Canada's Largest Model Railroad Show", and in keeping with that theme, an impressive line-up of Workshops is planned.

At this time, you can look forward to the following:

Operations for Model Railroads

Learn how to operate a model railroad in a prototypical and fun way.

Modelling Prototype Locomotives in N Scale

Using the skills of a number of modellers, see how a commercial shell becomes an accurate representation of the real thing.

Classic Steam

Through the use of slides and a specially constructed prop, learn the basic of steam locomotion.

Comparing Carrier Control Systems

A number of commercial reps and private individuals will discuss the pros and cons of their carrier control systems. Dynatrol, CTC, and OnLine will be covered.

Basic Railroad Structures

Learn about those small buildings along the right-of-way. This workshop will include scale drawings of several structures.

RTV Molding

Learn how to use silicone rubber to create molds, and then how to make castings from them.

"Only God can make a tree, but we'll give it a damn good try"

A slide presentation on the structure of various

trees found in the Pacific Northwest and how they can be duplicated on your layout.

Handlaying Code 40 and 55 Rail

Add light rail to your branch lines and industrial spurs by handlaying it!

Scenery: Rock Castings and Zip Texturing

Demonstrations of tried and true techniques for adding realistic looking scenery to your layout.

An Introduction to the Achievement Program

Gordon Varney, MMR #126

The Achievement Program (AP) was set up to provide official recognition of superior achievement by individual members in the area of craftsmanship and service to the hobby. Participation in the program is entirely voluntary and is not a requirement for any other phase of NMRA activity.

In order to acknowledge exceptional achievement in the many aspects of scale model railroading, the following categories, encompassing both technical and service aspects of the hobby, have been established:

A. Railroad equipment

1. Master builder - motive power
2. Master builder - cars

B. Railroad setting

3. Master builder - structures
4. Master builder - scenery
- 4a. Master builder - prototype models

C. Railroad construction & operation

5. Model railroad engineer - civil
6. Model railroad engineer - electrical
7. Chief dispatcher

D. Service to the hobby & NMRA members

8. Association official
9. Association volunteer
10. Model railroad author

A participant must earn a total of seven Master Awards and at least one in each category to become a Master Model Railroader (MMR).

The craftsmanship areas of the hobby are attended to by appointed AP judges who use a univer-

sal prescribed set of standards to judge models for Merit Awards. A total of 125 points covering construction, detail, conformity, finish, and scratchbuilding, are possible for each model judged, with a minimum of 87 1/2 points required to win an award. These Merit awards can be earned either by entering contests at meets or simply at the member's home, although it is preferred that the participant enter model contests whenever possible.

The "Railroad construction and operation" and "Service to the hobby.." areas are governed by the requirements as set out in the AP rules.

The program is not for everyone, but I think it is a worthwhile project for most. When I first became acquainted with the AP, I thought it would be impossible to achieve the goal of MMR. It took a lot of time and effort, but the experience, attention to detail, perseverance, and, most important, the constructive criticism I received along the way has only improved my modelling, and my participation in the service area is personally most gratifying.

Please give the AP some thought, and if you are interested, contact me for details. And finally, interested or not, how about taking part in the model judging at our upcoming Fall Meet?

I'll see you there - good luck!

NTRAK Corner

John Fysh

September is here again, and with it comes thoughts of model railroading!

Because of summer holidays, and, to some extent, the late arrival of *BB* mailing labels, our summer workshops were not as well attended as I would have liked to have seen. But we did meet some new people, and hopefully, you will be among the newcomers next time.

The bi-weekly workshops on NTRAK module building will continue through the fall up to the TRAINS '88 show in November. If you are interested in building a module, please contact me for

location and material requirements. My telephone number is 420-0924. Please leave a message if I am not at home, and I will be pleased to return your call.

HO fans have module-building opportunity

Nor Wes Club

The Nor Wes Club decided a few months ago to try module building as a club project in order to best utilize several prize-winning structures from the late Frank McKinney's layouts. The first two five-foot by two foot, six inch modules are well along now, and are designed for operation as a self-contained switching layout as well as part of a modular setup.

Changing NMRA standards and questions about some of their merits have led to some difficulties in maintaining the goal of interchangeability with other modules, but through the use of adaptors and non-critical variances, the Nor Wes group still hopes to keep the modules compatible with NMRA ones.

The club invites all model railroaders who would like to construct a module or modules to join them in the involving concept. They are particularly interested in availability of corner and four- and five-foot straight modules. The club would like to maintain continuous appearance standards while allowing the maximum flexibility to the individual builder.

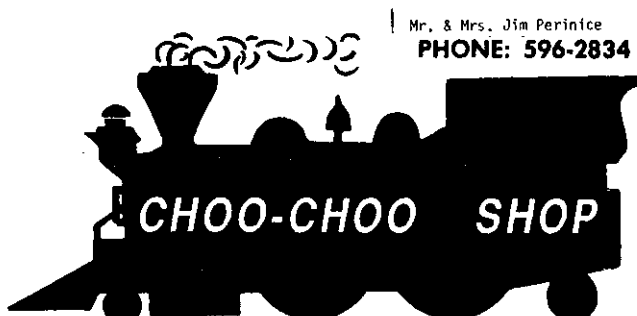
Nor Wes contacts are:

Al Lill, 980-4366 Ken Davis, 987-6503
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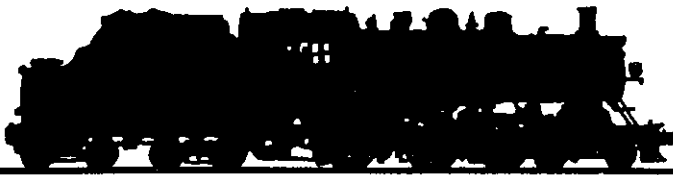
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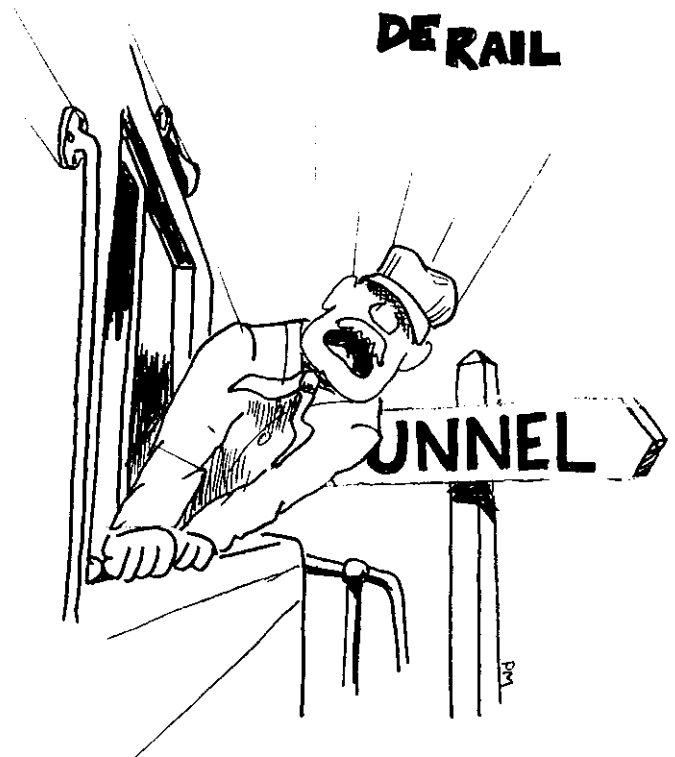
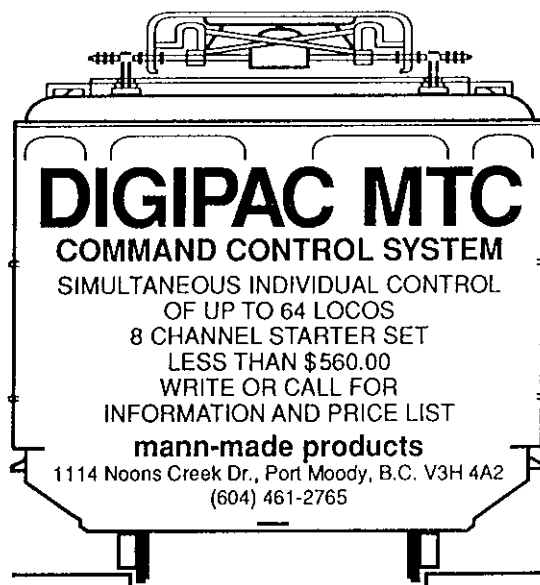
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December 11, 1988

7th Division Workshop: "Trains under the tree." Buying a train set this Christmas.
Time and place as October 2.



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