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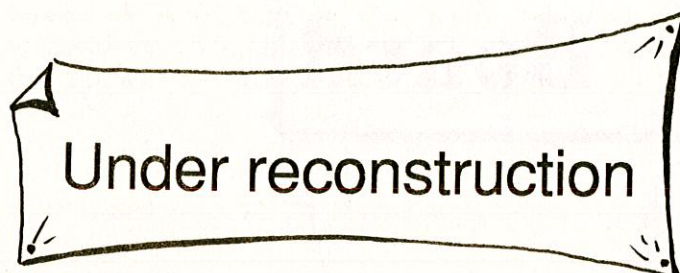
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Page One: entrances and exits

We were pleasantly surprised the other day to receive the inaugural issue of *The Train Gang Newsletter*, courtesy of the talents and computer of Mr. James Golightly. This is, of course, the new official voice of our local NTrak club, which continues to make its presence felt at shows and workshops and even the higher levels of the Seventh Division. All the more reason for you lone N scalers out there to join the Gang. Incidentally, the nefarious Train Gang plot to take over the Standing Committee is coming along nicely, should you wonder...

Readers will note the report of a hobby store break-in on page 5 of this issue. It always seems strange to think that someone who knows his way around model trains could also be a thief. Yet, even in our relatively small circle of the Division, thefts are all too common. The fears expressed by a number of modellers who decline to open up their layouts to the public at *Trains* shows are hard to dismiss when only a short time ago, for example, we reported the theft of a brass steam locomotive from an Interior show. Perhaps a few reminders are in order:

Don't presume everyone at a show is there just to have a good time. Keep valuable models where you can see them, and out of easy reach.

Engrave your name, phone and/or other ID on the bottom of expensive models. People have actually discovered their equipment running on others' layouts, and been unable to prove it!

Beware of "deals" from unlikely-looking sellers at swap meets, through classified ads, or at the proverbial beer parlour, and report suspicious ones. Honest sellers will have the model's original box and know who used to own major items, or from which store they were purchased, and this can then be checked. A customer who doesn't ask questions becomes an accomplice.

Check the coverage of your household insurance if taking a collection or very valuable items to a show, and make sure to list all you own for general insurance purposes should your home be burgled.

This issue of the Seventh Division *Bulletin Board* will be our last as editor. Upcoming personal and career matters will make it impractical to continue, and so we wish our many friends so long from this post. It's quite surprising how fast years can slip by on a job, even a volunteer one, and it seems hard to believe we've been doing this since 1984.

A few thanks are in order to some of the people who have helped out along the way: **Brian Rudko**, with whom we first published our revamped *BB*; regular contributors, past and present, such as **Gordon Varney**, **Carl Sparks**, **Hank Menkveld**, **Greg Kennelly**, and especially **Gary Hazell**, who has worked so hard of late to bring us the Interior Report; everyone who took the time to contribute a letter, article, or news item over the years; the "gang" who, one way or another, usually ended up folding and stuffing 250 newsletters when they would rather be relaxing with coffee and cookies; and the members of the Standing Committee, who had the confidence to invest in the *BB* and so let it become a pretty fair flagship for the Division (and who also did their fair share of stuffing).

Thanks, too, to all those who took the time to tell us how much they enjoyed the newsletter or a particular story in it, or to compare us favourably with some Regional publication. It's gratifying to feel one's efforts are appreciated.

Phil

From the Superintendent's Desk

Greg Kennelly

As many of our members already know, the Division's *Trains '90* Fall Meet and public show was another resounding success. Thanks to the efforts of **Scott Calvert** and his crew, this event routinely surpasses many Regional conventions in terms of activities for the modeller. In fact, if the Division's offer to host the *1993 PNR Regional Convention* in conjunction with *Trains '93* is accepted, about all we have to add are "non-rail" and "youth" activities.

Since the last issue of the *Bulletin Board* there has been considerable discussion of the prospect of a *1996 National Convention* bid at two further Standing Committee meetings and at the breakfast meeting held as part of *Trains*. My own impression is that the enthusiasm needed for a successful National Convention is lacking. In spite of this, the Standing Committee approved the idea by a two-to-one margin. Those who proposed the bid are now evaluating the response to date and will form a separately incorporated committee if they decide to proceed. Certainly, one of my major concerns was that the entire Standing Committee would be involved to the possible detriment of some of the Division's existing programs.

Second Sunday Workshops have resumed and we had about 45 people come out in December for our annual "Buyers' Guide" session. Many thanks to **Hal Kinsey** of Central Hobbies for putting this on for us. As well as continuing work on the project layout, January was our annual "Beginners' Workshop" and February will be the "Swap Meet."

Don't forget the Spring Meet in Salmon Arm over the Easter Weekend. **Gary Hazell** and the rest of the folks in the Southern Interior are working hard on your behalf to make this a great event.

Well, we've just pulled into the siding and the brakeman has re-lined the switch, so I guess it's time to turn the markers to green and start making plans for the PNR Convention in Spokane this summer while we wait for No.1 to go by.

(Why, thank yuh kindly, GK. Jest gimme a sec to get mah rear-end device outa the way and we'll have a clear track for the next column...Ed.)

BB

Video Views

Carl Sparks

Your Video Library has hit the big Five-Oh!

Through the kind donations of George Percival and Joseph Lavoie we now have a total of fifty tapes in the Seventh Division Video Library. George donated tape #46, *Japanese Steam Railways*. This tape has stereo sound and presents railfanning from a very different point of view from the North American and British productions.

Joseph donated another four tapes. You may remember he donated three on "trains remembered" a few months ago. The new additions are:

#47, Rocky Mountain Steam Power, 6060-2860-3716
#48, Cotton Belt 819, the Pride of Pine Bluff
#49, Trams around Britain - Streetcars of the Fifties
#50, Echoes in the Gatineau - CPR 1201

These tapes had just been received and I had not had a chance to view them at time of writing, but the titles sound very interesting.

Many thanks to George and Joseph. Your donations are much appreciated and we are certain the members will enjoy these tapes.

Remember, tapes are available on a no-charge loan basis to members and associates in good standing. Contact:

Carl Sparks
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Burnaby, B.C.
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Achievement Program Update

Gordon Varney, MMR
Achievement Program Chairman

The participation in the *Trains '90* Fall Meet was particularly gratifying. A greater than usual number of models were displayed and the craftsmanship was, in some cases, truly outstanding.

Six Merit Awards were earned as follows:

1. Maynard Atkinson of Campbell River, with an HO scale Canadian Forest Products Ltd. SW 1200 diesel

locomotive. 105 points.

2. Mike Barone of Fruitvale, with an HO scale New York Central H-6 class 2-8-2 #1742 steam locomotive. 88 points.

3. Tom Beaton of Surrey, with an O scale steam donkey A-frame loader. 102 points.

4. Doug Davies of Terrace, with an N scale VIA Rail Canada steam generator car. 91 points.

5. Bill Vessio of North Vancouver, with an HO scale branchline bucket coaling station. 103 points.

Merit award (6.) went to Doug Davies' brother Rob, of Ventura, California, for his HO scale Southern Pacific SD-40 diesel locomotive.

These were all very fine models, and I want to thank all who participated in the Achievement Program, and to congratulate the winners of merit awards.

For those who didn't win, please don't get discouraged, and please try again. Remember, the program is not a competition against others, but an individual participation against a set of standards. BB

Interior Report



Gary Hazell

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. For those who furthered their model railroad collection or got started in the hobby, congratulations, you did well! Here are the club activity reports:

Kelowna has been busy with their Laurel Packing House layout, and also on their plans to build a new portable modular layout. Work is to start this month. Kelowna is now leading the Interior clubs - and, I'm sure, the Coast and Island ones as well - with 11 members between 12 and 20 and a total of 32 members. Now there's a challenge for you youth-minded clubs!

Penticton is progressing on their Kettle Valley Model Railway aboard the SS Sicamous. The Penticton yard has had to have some selective compression due to size constraints, but the indexed turntable (now complete) and roundhouse will be as close as possible to the original. Also, the Myra Canyon scene is almost finished, bringing the project to its halfway point and thus al-

lowing them to apply for the first half of their Go BC grant.

A relatively new hobby shop is stocking trains and catering to model railroaders in Penticton. It's called Hobbytime, and it's on Main Street. Check it out.

Kamloops is working hard on acquiring a permanent space, and have found a good supporter in one of the city aldermen who is fervently proposing a transportation museum in the old CN station. Phil Strange will be contacting other clubs that have been successful in acquiring civic space in order to shoot some video and gain help in their quest.

On third Tuesdays, they have been doing clinics: a modeller's toolbox, fine tuning a boxcar, and handbuilt turnouts to date. The other Tuesdays are spent on "building your own model" sessions at the Summit Elementary School.

Their N scale two-by-six-foot museum diorama of the early 1900s around Monte Creek is almost complete and they have also been busy with weekend mall displays; three to date.

Salmon Arm held a successful pre-Christmas raffle, selling over \$3000 one-dollar tickets and giving away \$800 in gift certificates. A new twist met with good success: selling business card advertising aboard a flat car. Two business cards forming a tent cost \$25, and 40 businesses took up the offer to raise another \$1000! This will go toward their Go BC grant requirements.

They're also busy planning their first PNR Seventh Division Spring Meet March 29 and 30 (Easter), 1991. Over 3500 square feet of convention display space is available, and the hotel rooms are very reasonable at \$45 for double occupancy and \$5 each for "extras." Registration is only \$30, which includes Friday's wine and cheese, Saturday banquet, tours, etc., with a \$5 reduction for Bring-and-brag items and a further \$5 off for PNR members. That's right, only \$20! So fill out the registration in this issue of the *BB* and plan to attend.

Vernon surprised themselves with their Christmas raffle, having printed only 1000 tickets and running out two days before the draw! Print 1500 next year, fellows. There is also talk about possibly building a new modular layout as their permanent layout at the O'Keefe Ranch nears completion. They are now holding monthly meetings to plan the 1992 *Okanagan Rails* PNR meet. Budgets, logo, and facility bookings are complete and discussions are now focussing on prototype and layout tours, contests, and other activities.

One last item as 1990 has drawn to a close. I would like to thank Phil Magnall for putting up with my deadline tardiness, scribble that I can't read, the long way about getting my information to him, and finally, for being my editor. My spelling is atrocious (how do you spell it?). Thanks, Phil.

(Atrocious. - Ed)

BB

We regret to report the sudden passing of fellow model railroader John Wise of Vernon on December 21, 1990. At the age of 66, John suffered a major heart attack while visiting his family in Toronto. Over the years John had helped out at Quain's Trains, and later, Tracksides Trains, and worked with the Vernon Club on their modular display and on layout tours during Spring Meets and PNR Conventions. He was also a capable with carrier control systems and custom painting, and was building a new HO layout, of which he had wired and run the first section, much to his pleasure. We will all miss John's pleasant smile, good nature, and contribution to the hobby.

Gary Hazell

Ross Heriot Memorial Gold Spike Award

Hank Menkveld

Although it is only a short time that the last award was presented to Dick Sutcliffe, it is time once more to remind you of the need for nominations for the 1991 Gold Spike Award. As has become the practice for the last few years, it will be presented at the meet closest to the recipient's place of residence.

It is not necessary to use a special form for nominations. All that is needed is a short letter stating why you feel he or she should be chosen. The deadline for nominations, if the award is to be presented at the 1991 Interior Spring Meet, is February 28, 1991. For a Fall Meet presentation, the deadline is October 5, 1991. Send you nomination to:

Hank Menkveld
10689 McSween Road
Chilliwack, BC
V2P 6H5

The following is a list of previous award winners:

1968 Frank Mc Kinney	1980 Art Jones
1969 Norm Szun	1981 Hank Menkveld

1970 Phil Crawley	1982 Tom Beaton
1971 Doug Harmon	1983 George Beil
1972 Cyril Meadows	1984 Brian Pate
1973 Doug Stevenson	1985 Shirley & Rob Heap
1974 no record	1986 Phil Magnall
1975 Fraser Wilson	1987 Carl Sparks
1976 no record	1988 Bert Battey
1977 Ken Vere	1989 Steve Stark
1978 Ken Griffiths	1990 Dick Sutcliffe
1979 no record	1991 ?

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Island Spring Meet set for April

Rick Lord

Mid-Island Spring Meet #7 is set for Sunday, April 28, 1991. This year's location is the Country Club Mall at 3200 Island Highway, Nanaimo. The doors open at 10 am and close at 4 pm. Admission is \$2 for NMRA members, \$3 for non-members, and \$5 for a family. Planned activities and attractions include:

- Popular vote contests: train, locomotive, structure, rolling stock, module
- Operating modular layouts
- Displays and tabletop clinics
- Swap-and-shop area

We would also like to ask for help from any Seventh Division members who could assist us on April 28. With our Spring Meet in a mall this year, we expect to have more of the general public coming in. The Spring Meet committee would like to have a number of tabletop demonstrations and displays to interest newcomers. We are in need of model railroaders who would be willing to present and explain topics of interest, such as:

- What to look for in purchasing a first train set
- Basic how to fix locomotives and rolling stock, including wheel cleaning and lubrication.
- Basic building of rolling stock or structure kits
- Installing Kadee couplers
- Basic scenery
- Building trees
- Show and explain the different scales and gauges
- How to construct a module
- ...or your own suggestion.

We have an opportunity to interest a number of potential model railroaders. Those willing to demonstrate and explain will be meeting new friends, helping people learn about the hobby, and maybe even getting a project or two of their own completed. If interested, please call Ken Rutherford at 724-4698 or Rick Lord at 724-4205 before April 15. BB

For Immediate Release...

The following is a report of the birth of twins, the first grandchildren of Andy and Evie Barber of the Nor-West Club. The Barbers were visiting in Ontario at their daughter's home, awaiting the event, and sent this report to Dorothy and me.

Ken Davis

Brisebois Eastern announces the acquisition of two new modern state-of-the-art traction units.

Both units were delivered on November 9 at the St. Catherines, Ontario Interchange, in a brief hand-over ceremony. Their handsome colour scheme of flesh pink with top decking of brown drew rave reviews.

Both MU hoses were immediately detached upon receipt, and each unit was then inspected by a small group of technical specialists.

The units are identical. Both have operating ditch lights and couplers. Their air horns have already been tested, and command instant attention. As is usual, delivery was made with empty fuel tanks. Fueling has already begun, and temporary environmental catch-basins have been attached to the undersides to catch any waste discharge.

Winter hoods will be attached, and both units will then be test-run in a dual lash-up. Power is fed to all traction points in the usual manner.

Unit No. 1, the Mark I-A unit, weighs 6 lb. 3 oz. and has been dubbed the *Adam*. Unit No. 2, the Mark I-B unit, weighs 5 lb. 5 oz. and is affectionately called the *Marc*.

The manufacturers of these units were quick to point out that these are one-of-a-kind construction. No further orders for similar units are being taken.

"The roundhouse seems so empty without them," stated Michelle Brisebois, president of the construction firm. She expressed the further opinion that in the future her company would focus on maintenance rather than construction.

The Vice-president of Brisebois Eastern, Mr. Robert Brisebois, received tributes from the Board of Directors for his early input and design help. He, too, feels that ongoing maintenance is what will keep the little railroad on the rails. His future task is to keep the switches well-oiled and the sand hatches full.

It is entirely possible that both these units will be seen in western Canada in the future for short periods of time, once the problem of disposing of the environmental waste catchers has been solved.

Signed, on behalf of the Board of Directors:

Evelyn Barber
Project manager

Andrew Barber
Consultant

BB

Theft Alert

At approximately 7:30 pm on January 15, 1991, thieves broke into the rear entrance of Central Hobbies, at 2835 Grandview in Vancouver. Although police were alerted by an alarm, by the time they arrived at the scene, the burglars had made off with merchandise of substantial value.

Taken were several HO brass cars and diesel and steam locomotives from the store's main display case. Five brass N and two HOn3 locos were also stolen, as were a number of plastic engines in the same location. These people obviously had some rudimentary knowledge about relative values and were not out for sheer quantity or for vandalism. The *BB* will publish a complete list of the missing items next issue, once the exact numbers and descriptions are known, but for now we would ask all modellers and retailers to be very cautious of classified ads, swap meet dealers, and anyone offering particularly low prices on new brass without boxes. Report any suspicious activities to Central Hobbies or the police. BB

Longtime Burnaby modeller Henry Vendrik passed away recently following a battle with cancer. During the Trains '90 Fall Meet, many people got to see Henry's HO railroad for the first time, and word was that the prospect of all those visitors had perked up his spirits noticeably in the days leading up to the meet. Friends may wish to make a donation to a cancer charity in his memory. The *Bulletin Board* extends its sympathies to Henry's family on behalf of the Seventh Division.

Associates down

The number of Seventh Division Associates is down, according to membership co-ordinator Carol O'Dell. Remember that this is an excellent, economical way to let hesitant beginners get a taste of our organization, and is a terrific deal for young people. It's the kind of

7th Division Timetable

March 2, 1991

Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club's 13th Annual Railroadiana and Model Swap Meet, Portland, OR.
Location: Jackson Armory, 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd. 10 am to 4 pm. Information: Doug Auberg, (503) 288-7246 (leave message) or (206) 694-7769 (evenings).

March 10, 1991

Second Sunday Workshop Doubleheader: Annual Top Link English Model Railway Show. Also, building and adding structures to our N scale project railroad. Oakridge Centre Auditorium, 41st and Cambie, Vancouver. 1 pm to 4 pm.

March 17, 1991

9th Annual Western Rails Show. Railroadiana, models, books, etc. Cameron Recreation Centre, 9523 Cameron, Burnaby. 9 am to 4 pm. (Note: not a Seventh Division function.)

March 29 - 30, 1991

Trains are Fun in '91: Annual Interior Spring Meet, Shuswap Inn, Salmon Arm, B.C. Clinics, tours, layouts, AP judging, contests, banquet, and more. See registration attached to this issue.

April 28, 1991

7th Annual Mid-Island Spring Meet, Country Club Mall, Nanaimo. Layouts, demonstrations, contests, etc. See page 4 for details. Information: Ken Rutherford, 724 4698, or Rick Lord 724-4205.

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2835 Grandview Highway
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Just in:

Andy W.'s modern BC Rail decal sets in HO!
For video buffs, **Great Model Railroads Vol. 6**
N scale **Thrall Double-stack 5-unit container cars** - very impressive!

Books:

Last call for Turner's **Logging by Rail** at introductory \$39.95 price. Signed by the author, too!
Harry Brunk's **Up Clear Creek on the Narrow Gauge**, a collection of the 54 article NG&SL Gazette series.
Some copies still available of **Steel Rails and Iron Men**, Sanford's excellent pictorial companion to *McCulloch's Wonder*.

Brass:

HO **CPR heavyweight sleeper baggage** as used on the Trans-Canada Limited.
HO **CPR wide vision caboose**.

This month's reminders:

-Register for Salmon Arm's 1st Spring Meet March 29-30

-Island Spring Meet in Nanaimo, April 28

MARCH 29 & 30, 1991

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SALMON ARM, BC

Trains are Fun in '91

REGISTRATION FORM

"Rail" registrant name(s): _____ @ \$30

"Non-Rail" (spouse) name: _____ @ \$20 (no discount)

Student name(s): _____ @ \$20 (no discount)

Note: Registration fees increase \$5 after March 1, 1991 **Total enclosed:** \$ _____

Address: _____

Prov./State: _____ Code/Zip: _____

Discounts available at Registration Desk: NMRA members: \$5 "Bring & Brag" (check) ____ : \$5

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Display space	Friday wine & cheese	Clinics
Prototype & layout tours	AP judging	Contests
Swap Tables	Saturday night dinner and awards	
	Non-rail activities	

I will be bringing:

Club layout: Size _____ x _____ (including any barrier)

"Bring & Brag" item: _____ (indicate size if large)

Achievement program model: _____ (yes/no)

Engine pull entry: _____ Car rolling entry: _____

Craft item: _____ Photo entry: _____

Swap items: (give approximate space needed): _____

Shuswap Inn rooms: booked in advance.

Please send one night's deposit along with the names of people sharing, or if you prefer, contact the Shuswap Inn directly at (604) 832-7081.

Single per room.....	\$35
Two sharing per room.....	\$22.50 each
Three sharing per room.....	\$16.75 each
Total enclosed.....	\$ _____

Names of those sharing your accommodation, if any:

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