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The Editor Comments

Richard

The year end holidays are over, which means back to work and to the hobby in the editor's basement. Form making and plastering are continuing at a steady pace, as the Thunder Bay & Nipigon must have the hard shell in for Trains 93 as a minimum. This first issue of 1993 has our regular items submitted by people committed to the Seventh Division, such as the Superintendents Report, and the Interior report. Inside as well, we have information about the *Kootenay Express* Interior Spring Meet, the Mid Vancouver Island Spring Meet, and the Metro Mini Meet, (this is something new so don't miss it) and Trains 93. So read on and enjoy.

Take a good look at you address mailing label, and check your membership expiry date; I'll lay odds that you're running to catch the train. While looking at the membership list this month, it was discovered, that about three quarters of the Seventh Division membership is going to miss the train. The next train will be along soon, so don't get caught in the doors of a lapsed membership. Your renewal helps to keeps the Seventh Division up and running and we also value your support of the NMRA and PNR. Without your monetary support and volunteer work, the Seventh Division could not continue.

On the Cover and Inside

This spring will be busy with many shows and meets to attend; three Sunday shows in three weeks in the lower mainland starting with our Metro Mini Meet, and then the Interior and Island divisional meets in April. See our Events Calendar for a complete schedule.

The photo by Jim Hope shows C-liner A and B units 4057 and 4471 pulling the eastbound Kootenay Express train number 68 at Castlegar, B.C. on June 24, 1956. The station is now preserved as a museum and will be featured as one of the activities at this year's Interior Spring Meet on the Easter weekend. In a new column to appear on a regular basis, are some modeling hints submitted by Mike Barone of Fruitvale, whose excellent work you can also see when you attend the Interior Spring meet in Castlegar. A detailed information sheet and registration form are included as an insert in this issue. See you there !!

We would like to welcome Russ Watson of Victoria as a new member of the standing committee and please note that the video library is now being handled by Tony Van Bergen in Campbell River.

Superintendent's Report

by Tom Beaton.

I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year, and I hope that Christmas was all you hoped for. This year we are changing the program for the lower mainland area. The monthly workshops have been dropped, mainly to poor attendance. The standing committee put a lot of work into these and it just didn't seem worth the effort, for the small attendance they were receiving. So what now? Well, we are going to try a series of one day mini-meets during the year.

Along with the shows we already do, Trains, Ports day and any other displays that occur, we will add two or three mini-meets during the year, the first which will be Sunday, February 28. These will be held in conjunction with the above mentioned shows at the Cameron Recreation Centre. Watch for details in the BB.

Next, the division has a group of people that are working very hard and doing an excellent job for their members. This group is the standing committee for the Seventh Division. I have been a member of this group now for over twenty years, and have seen a lot of members come and go, but one thing they all did was help; help bring the programs to you the members. When I joined this group, 99% of the Seventh Division's activities were here in the lower mainland. With some asking, prodding, pushing and a lot of help, we now have committee members in just about every area of B.C. We have some very active areas in the division, and now only half of the activities are in the lower mainland. These groups have put on some excellent shows and regional conventions. These are only possible because some members are willing to get out and help put on the effort. If you have enjoyed going to and participating in these various events, how about coming out and helping to put them on. All these groups need help organizing these events, it is a lot of hard work and as you will notice, it is always the same group of people who do it. If you have enjoyed what they done for you, come out and help, a couple of hours of effort will help take the work load off of them and you just might enjoy what you are doing. Give your local committee member a call and say you will help. Maybe we will even improve the events that are happening, if the few that do all the work get some extra help. See you at the meets !!

The last part of 1992 saw the passing of some long time members of the division.

Fraser Wilson, a long time member from the start of the division, left us last year. Fraser was a very active member, holding many positions in the PNR over the years. Fraser's greatest contribution was his talent as a commercial artist. He did many of the signs, that were used for events and he contributed for many years, cartoons for the NMRA Bulletin. Along with Fraser went his friend Lincoln Pinn. You'll have to go back into some really early Bulletins to find out who this character was.

Hanging on my workshop wall is a photo of Fraser and myself taken at a Trains meet. This photo was taken by Robert "N Scale" Miller, who also left us last year. Bob was an energetic N scale advocate who had been a member of the standing committee for many years.

The last one to leave us, many of you will not know of. Doug Stevenson was a very active member back in the 50's and 60's holding many positions in the division. Doug was also a member of the Vancouver Fire Department and when he retired, became an active live steam modeler, leaving the division but not the hobby.

Along with Ross, Spike, Frank, Art, and the two Kens, boy do we have a great standing committee waiting for us when it is out time to move on.

To the families of these gentlemen, we send out sincerest sympathies. Their spirits will always be with us.

Membership Services

by Gary Hazell

The PNR will be piloting a single membership renewal date for combined NMRA and PNR memberships. (A revised form will now be included with the Video Library information as a BB insert.) Gail Norton tells me that anyone renewing their PNR and NMRA memberships will be given a prorated or free membership of which ever one is lagging until the memberships are caught up. Remember to send your membership *renewals* directly to Gail, and *new membership applications* to me. The combined dues are now \$38 in Canadian funds. Both of our addresses are on page 3 and on the application form. I am still looking for club rosters so that a complete list of

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by Earl Ponsford

October 1992

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The library address is:

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7th Division Area Spring Events Calendar

February 1993

Sunday, February 28, 1993 10 am to 4 pm	7th Division Metro Mini Meet at the Cameron Recreation Centre, 9523 Cameron Street, Burnaby B.C. See cover and page 6 for details.
Sunday, March 7, 1993 10 am to 4 pm	Vancouver Mount Pleasant Lions present their First Annual Model Train Show at the Mount Pleasant Community Centre, 3161 Ontario St, Vancouver, B.C. Draws, door prizes, displays, trade tables, refreshments. Bring your models to enter in the contests. Admission by donation. Call Jack at 434-5342 or Alex at 875-1837 for more information.
Friday, March 12, 1993 8 pm	Top Link Model Railway Association (British Railway scale modeling) monthly meeting at the Centennial Community Centre, 65 East 6th Ave., New Westminster, B.C. Potporri of items, comments and discussions. Visitors welcome. Call 942-2785 for more information.
Sunday, March 14, 1993 9 am to 4 pm	Western Rails - Canada's Largest Railroadiana Show at the Cameron Recreation Centre, 9523 Cameron Street, Burnaby B.C. Collectibles, models, timetables, lanterns, keys, locks, buttons, badges, telegraph equipment, and much much more. Hourly door prizes and refreshments. Admission by donation.
Easter Weekend, Friday to Sunday, April 9 to 11, 1993	Kootenay Express Interior Spring Meet Sandman Inn, Castlegar, B.C. Activities in Fruitvale, Nelson, Castlegar and Trail. See page 6 and insert for registration form and more information.
Friday, April 16, 1993 8 pm	Top Link Model Railway Association (British Railway scale modeling) monthly meeting at the home of Syd Brown-John. 7664 Cariboo Road, Burnaby, B.C. tel 526-5907. The Top Link annual modelling competition. Visitors welcome, please call first.
Sunday, April 25, 1993 10 am to 4 pm	9th Annual Mid Vancouver Island Spring Meet at the Country Club Mall, 3200 Island Highway, Nanaimo, B.C. See page 8 for details.
Thursday to Sunday, November 11 to 14, 1993	Trains 93 PNR Regional Convention at the Cameron Recreation Centre, 9523 Cameron Street, Burnaby, B.C. See page 6 for details. Contact the Registrar, Carol O' Dell at 325-1631 for registration forms.

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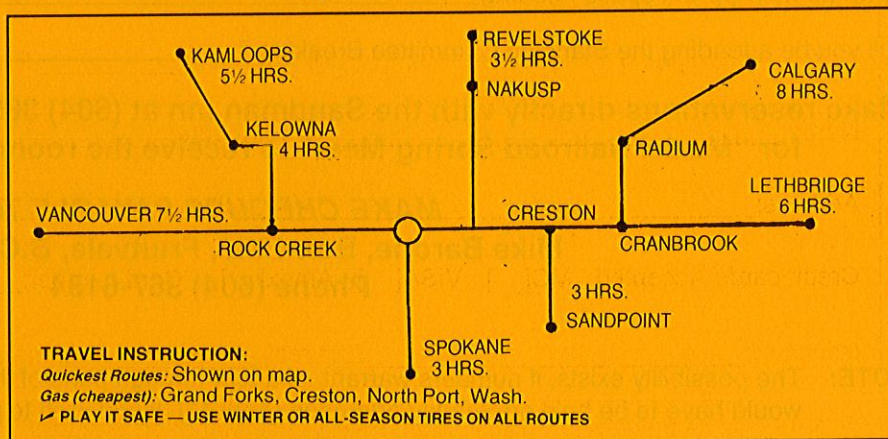
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KOOTENAY EXPRESS

PNR 7th DIV. SPRING INTERIOR MEET - EASTER WEEKEND

APRIL 9, 10, 11, 1993

AT THE SANDMAN INN - CASTLEGAR, B.C.

Registration Form

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NOTE: The possibility exists, if numbers warrant, of a tour through parts of the Cominco Lead/Zinc Smelter. This would have to be held on Sunday afternoon (April 11). If you wish to participate, please check ☐ .

modelers can be tabulated. Also anyone knowing of any modelers who are not members of clubs or the PNR-NMRA, please send their names, addresses and phone number to my attention. This information will only be available for model railway activities.

Interior Report

by Gary Hazell

Plans are going well for the *Kootenay Express* Interior Spring meet to be held at Easter in Castlegar. Registration forms have been sent out to most hobby stores and notices have appeared in several model magazines including *Railway Model Craftsman*. Mike Barone tells me he has had a call from a party in Portland Oregon interested in attending. The modelers from Salmon Arm and hopefully Vernon (come on guys!) will be taking their portable layouts to Castlegar.

The *Revelstoke Railway Museum* group has some good news. The 5468 (2-8-0 C.P.R. Mikado) had it's trailing truck repaired in Winnipeg and is now on new roller bearings. It is spending the winter in White River Ontario and is expected to continue it's journey to Revelstoke this spring.

The *Faulkland* club has lost a couple of members and it hoping to find some new ones in the area. They still meet every Sunday evening at the Faulkland Pub. Their layout has the benchwork almost completed and the trackwork laid. The E shaped layout's size is 18 by 35 feet. We are planning a visit with Jim Stotesbury and his club members on March 21st. We will be leaving Vernon and Salmon Arm around 4 pm to meet at the Faulkland Pub for dinner and then will visit the layout. Anyone who is interested in attending please call Hugh Clarke at 545-3900 or myself at 835-8628.

The *Salmon Arm* club had their portable layout on display in two local malls prior to Christmas. Raffle ticket sales were down this year which may be a sign of the times. Last fall we were successful in obtaining a grant from the Heritage Trust to have a feasibility study done on obtaining the old C.P.R. railway station in Salmon Arm. Our on-site research which is presently being done is expected to be complete this spring.

The *Vernon* club members are building a new 18 by 35 foot sectional layout. The layout is designed in six foot sections with angled corners, and the layout is

expected to be completed enough to appear at the Trains 93 convention in Burnaby. Al Nattress has donated all of his model railroad magazines to the Vernon library. These include, *Model Railroader*, *Railway Model Craftsman*, *Narrow Gauge & Short-line Gazette*, *Model Railroading* from 1980 to date, *Canadian Railway Modeller*, and all issues of the *Railway Model Journal*. They are available throughout the Okanagan library system under the 629 classification. As a matter of fact any library can obtain these issues through the inter-library transfer system. Al is planning to keep up his subscriptions and pass the magazines onto the library each month.

Nice idea Al !!

Kamloops Needs Your Help !!

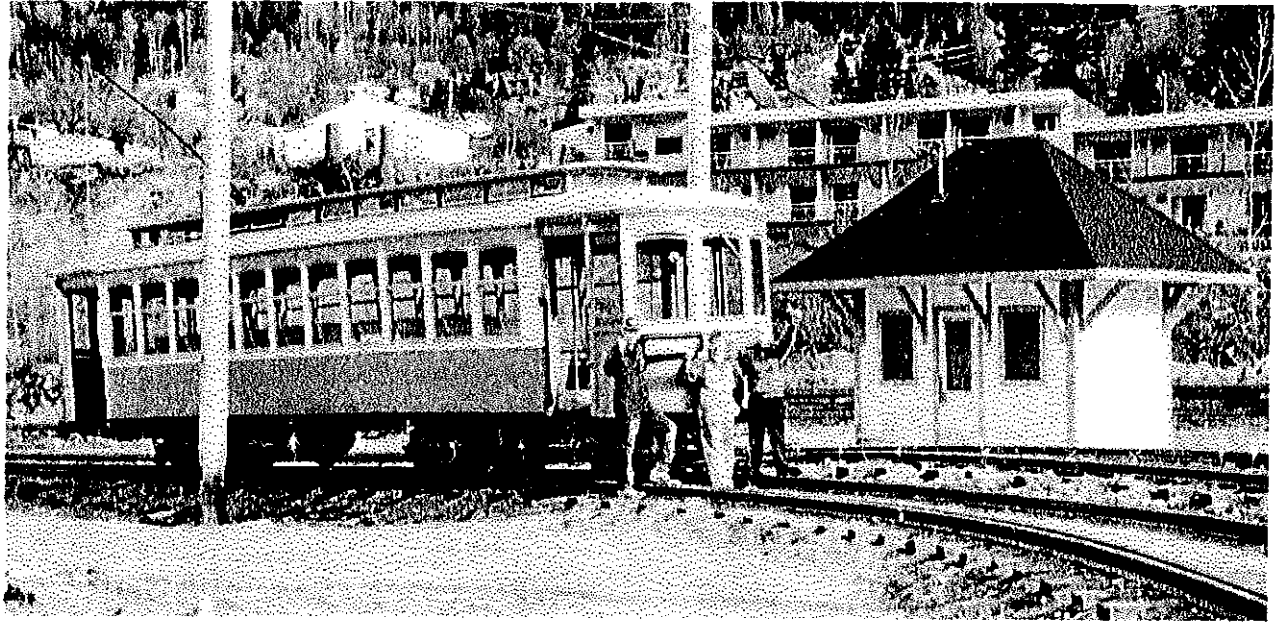
During 1993, Kamloops will have its 100th anniversary as an incorporated city. To celebrate this event, the city museum asked the Kamloops Model Railroaders Society to build a museum quality model of the Canadian Pacific Railway's Kamloops complex as it was around 1915. This will be the Kamloops Model Railroaders Society centennial project. As with all museum displays, this model must be accurate, so they want to do the best job possible.

The Kamloops Model Railroaders Society needs your help. They need pictures and plans of the following:

- The CPR station, with its gardens and surrounding area.
- The roundhouse, turntable, and the adjacent buildings.
- The ice house, water, and coal towers.
- Track plans of the yard and immediate Kamloops area.

They would appreciate any help you can give them. If you know of anyone who has information, or know of any source of material, please contact:

Phil Strange,
Secretary,
Kamloops Model Railroaders Society,
2462 Parkview Drive,
Kamloops, B.C. V2B 7J1
Phone (604) 579-9834.



Its thumbs up as Brian Freemantle, Mike Culham and Bob Clarke are awaiting to take you for a ride on the Nelson Electric Tramway Society's Streetcar No. 23 at the Kootenay Express Interior Spring Meet. Other activities in Nelson include a tour of Mike's H.O. layout and a possible tour of the old C.P.R. diesel shops.

Metro Mini Meet

April 28th is the day of our first Metro Mini Meet. It will take place at the Cameron Recreation Centre in Burnaby. The TrainGang will have an operating layout on display. There will be door prizes and clinics will be presented. Tables will be set up for models to be displayed and discussed. If you have some items you want to sell, please bring them, as swap tables will be provided. Activities start at 10 am and end at 4 pm. Setup is at 8 am.

More information can be obtained from any standing committee member.

Come out and see what's happening !!

Trains 93 Report

by Scott Calvert

Your committee is working very hard to make this years convention the best and most enjoyable yet. As most of you are aware, *Trains 93* will also be the annual PNR convention, and as such will offer substantially more activities than previous meets.

To date we have confirmed three sets of layout tours which will include for of five home layout visits on

Kootenay Express 1993 Interior Spring Meet

Easter Weekend
Friday to Sunday, April 9 to 11, 1993

Location: the Sandman Inn,
Castlegar, B.C.

Activities and events will include:

- Nelson Electric Tramway Society's streetcar No. 23
- local area railfanning
- Model displays and operating layouts
- Clinics, contests and A.P. judging
- Layout tours
- Banquet and wine & cheese party

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each tour. We are developing a fourth tour as well. A tour of the A.L.R.T. facilities in Burnaby and a tour of either the CN Port Mann yard or the CP Rail Coquitlam yard will also be offered. Another interesting tour we have tentatively arranged is on of the B.C. Society of Model Engineers new live steam facilities located in North Burnaby.

We have had some difficulties arranging a suitably priced banquet facility, and may revert to using the banquet room in the Cameron Centre as was done for past meets. This will mean however, that seating will be limited to approximately 145 people, so make sure you don't wait too long before registering if you want to attend.

The convention cars are selling well with over half of them sold now. They will be available at all the local meets between now and November, and sell for the price of \$ 9 each. We are currently ordering some convention pins which will feature the popular *Trains* logo. Watch for future issues of the BB for availability and price.

In response to feedback received from various modelers, we have increased the number of clinics to be offered at the meet and have distributed them over two days. A wide variety of topics are being developed and some will be repeated so you will have an opportunity to see them all.

All the typical contests will again be offered again this year as well as the Achievement Program judging. Participating in this program is an excellent way to receive very helpful and constructive feedback for your modeling efforts.

The famous Bulletin Board 6 by 6 contest will be offered again this year. The rules for this fun contest are very simple:

- * the display base must be 6" by 6" by 2" thick and any scale including 1 to 1 are acceptable.
- * a clearly recognizable railroad theme must be present.
- * no part of the display may extend beyond the base.

The winner of this contest will receive a \$ 25 gift certificate redeemable at one of Vancouver's hobby shops.

We are considering creating a separate area outside the main display hall for swap and shop type tables in order to free up more space for the numerous

modular layouts that will be brought to this years show. Watch for further information on this concept in the next issue of the BB.

This will be a great convention, so don't forget to mark it on your calendar: Thursday, November 11 to Sunday, November 14. For further information and registration packages please phone the Registrar; Carol O'Dell at (604) 325-1631 or write to her at 2169 Qualicum Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V5P 2M3.



We encourage you to note the dates for the

Trains 93 PNR Regional Convention

to be held in Burnaby, B.C.

on

November 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1993.

If you would like registration information for this please contact the Registrar:

Carol O'Dell at (604) 325-1631.

H.O. Modular Group to form in the Greater Vancouver Area

by Dave Nickerson.

There has been an interest shown by a few of us nuts out there to try to contact modelers who would be interested in forming a well organized modular group. We will be located in the lower mainland and open to those serious modelers who would be willing and able to assist in the development of such an organization.

The purpose would be to try to organize a modular display at the various malls and shopping centres in the area to promote model railroading and to provide merchants with a means to draw in customers. This would be very valuable to such merchants at Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and other holiday times.

I have had the pleasure of belonging to three such groups in western Canada, who were successful in

developing a set of modules and doing displays, such that one group is now getting paid to display their modules.

If any of you are interested and have the desire to start this group, please contact Dave Nickerson, at 1201 Orlohma Place, North Vancouver, B.C. V7G 2C8 or call 929-8057 in the evenings. We will make up a list of people who respond and arrange to meet in the near future to discuss ideas.



Do you have some old files that are just about worn out? Using the grinders in your motor tool, reshape the ends to form some chisels of varying widths that can be used for special situations. Frequently dip the file/chisel into water as you grind to prevent the metal from getting too hot and losing its hardness and temper. Once you have the shape you want, use a fine hand shave to clean up the edges and to form a nice sharp cutting edge. (The flat files are particularly suited for this).

Some old toothbrushes are kept at my workbench. These come in particularly handy during filing and sanding operations to remove the fine particles from the model surface. They are also used for scrubbing prior to painting. One toothbrush though, has been cut down in size. It has the outside rows of bristles removed and the head slimmed down to fit behind the rails and ladders of caboose ends and between the body and railings of diesels.



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9th Annual Mid Vancouver Island Spring Meet

Sunday, April 25, 1993

10 am to 4 pm

Location: the Country Club Mall
3200 Island Highway, Nanaimo, B.C.

Admission: \$2 for NMRA members,
\$3 for non NMRA and \$5 for family

Activities and attractions will include:

- Popular vote contest in train, locomotive, revenue/non revenue cars, building and module categories
- Operating modular layouts
- Displays and table top clinics
- Swap and shop area
- Door prizes and raffles

As in past events we would like to have a number of table top demonstrations and displays to interest newcomers and seasoned modelers. If any Seventh Division members would like to help, we would appreciate your assistance on Sunday, April 25.

Those willing to demonstrate and explain will be meeting new friends, helping people learn about our hobby and maybe even get a project or two of their own completed.

For further information, please contact:

Ken Rutherford at 724-4698

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