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September :	Mission Train Festival
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On The Cover and Inside

by John Zuk

Its been a long time since a passenger train has pulled into Vancouver's CP station, as shown in this 28 year old photograph of the *Canadian*. The covered escalators have been removed and replaced by a walkway to the Seabus. New escalators however, are being built to accommodate the new *West Coast Express*. Story starts on the next page.

My apologies for this issue being a month late. With the summer holidays, I didn't receive any event information until the end of August. Upcoming events include the Victoria Model Train Show, The Mission Train Festival, and Trains 95—register early with the enclosed form so you won't miss the layout tours. Also in December is the Abbotsford Model Railway Club's open house. All details of these events and others are included in this issue.

The video library has again acquired some new tapes. The North Island Model Railroaders from Campbell River are donating a video tape to the library and challenge other clubs to do the same. Thanks to Glen Noble for donating two tapes as well.

The overdue 'pink slips' are working well as reminders to overdue members. Memberships over 90 days in arrears have drastically reduced in number—we thank all of you for renewing your memberships more quickly.

Please send us some articles for the next issue including photographs. There are only a few articles in hand for upcoming issues including another interesting DCC article.

This is YOUR newsletter, so lets have some of YOUR articles!

Superintendent's Report: at the Annual General Meeting August 20, 1995

by Dick Sutcliffe

The past year has seen a number of changes in the way in which the 7th division operates because the executive is now becoming distributed throughout the division. Executive meetings were held by telephone on September 18, October 26, January 11, March 8, and May 10. These seem to be able to handle the division business. We also held a general meeting at the spring meet in Kamloops.

The subdivision concept is still has some difficulties. Partly because I did not aggressively chase down representatives of the lower mainland groups, there was only one meeting in this subdivision, and it has limited representation. A second meeting was set but only three members attended. If there were meetings in the other subdivisions, we did not receive reports of them. Further action is required if we are not to lose

the momentum of organizational interest in the division. This could be developed later in this meeting and at the Trains 95 show meeting.

Membership in the 7th Division in May 1994 (last AGM) was 249, and this year on July 8, the membership stood at 267. The various shows and meets around the division, the video library, the NMRA, PNR and 7th Division publications seem to be holding the members interest.

The *Trains* show is now functioning as a separate entity to the 7th Division, but is sanctioned by the division and returns a portion of it's revenue to the division.

The *BRIO*® trains and accessories were presented to the Children's Hospital, see the report in the July Bulletin Board.

The PNR is seeking nominations for the officers for the next term. A reminder that the positions of 'President' and 'Trustee' can be held by two people. Roger Ferris will be running for Trustee, but not for President. Nominations chairman is Gail Norton, and the election is in September. Next year is an election year for the 7th Division so a nominating committee is needed.

Internet Sites of Interest

by René Gourley

Contrary to popular belief, not every site on the internet is devoted to the distribution of indecency. Indeed, a couple of sites that may be of particular interest to members of the Seventh Division have come to my attention recently.

The first is the British Columbia Archives, which I believe is the first major Canadian archives to realize the potential of the internet. The most developed part of their site is the photographic collection. This is a searchable directory containing thousands of records of photographs of historical importance. Entering "railroad", "railway", or other related terms yields page after page of records. Each of these consists of a short description of the photograph, and some even have a copy of the image on line. Work is on-going, and they are scanning more images every day. Furthermore, they are rapidly expanding their collection of on-line finding aids for the manuscript division.

If historical research is your interest and the CPR is your poison, then you will want to check out the CPR database and other related pages. The CPR database is a searchable database that includes thousands of historical items related to the CPR.

The third site, is a list of events associated with railroads and model railroads throughout British Columbia. I created, and maintain this one, so if you have anything to add to it, please contact me. All of these web pages and a couple of others from VIA Rail and the Rocky Mountaineer are available from another of my pages which you can find at

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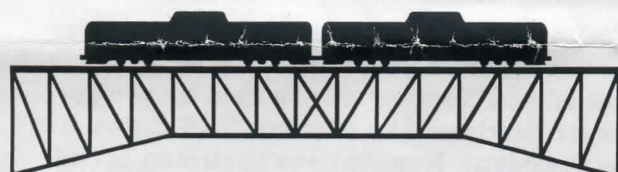
Commuter Rail in Lower Mainland Starts Soon

November 1, 1995 is the target date for the introduction of the new West Coast Express commuter services between Mission and Vancouver. Five trains a day in each direction will operate in the rush hour time frames Monday through Friday along the 42 mile route.

Each train will consist of an F59PH1 locomotive and five bi-level cars. They will run at approximately 20 minute intervals with a travel time of 77 minutes between the end points on the line. The total fleet will be five locomotives and 28 cars—of which eight will be cab control cars. The

Victoria Train Show Notes:

The annual Victoria Model Railway Show promises to be excellent again this year. There will be an informal tour of at least three layouts on Saturday evening, so contact Dave Tomljenovich at 652-1894 if you are interested. Doug Hole will be at the show with one of his award winning displays, as well as Peter Sawatsky who will be attending the show for the first time, bringing some of his paintings and plates. There will be a 'live electric' (large scale) 70' indoor layout pulling cars for children to ride in. All tables have been sold out and there is now a waiting list for displays.



Coming to Victoria! THE ISLAND'S LARGEST ANNUAL MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

**Sunday - 10 am to 4 pm
September 24, 1995**

**S.J. Willis Centre Gym
923 Topaz Ave (off Quadra)**

**Operating Modules & Portable Layouts
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This event is sponsored by the Vancouver Island Subdivision of the
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trains will operate with the locomotives facing east. On board amenities will include air conditioning, washrooms, work tables, coffee service etc. All cars will be wheelchair accessible and will have space for bicycles.

The service will start initially with 18 GO Transit cars on lease from Toronto until the full fleet of West Coast Express equipment is delivered (initially only the cab control cars). This will necessitate some Auxiliary Generator Units as the GO cars operate on a 575 volt HEP system, the West Coast cars will use the 480 volt system now standard to VIA and Amtrak.

CP Rail System has been doing a major upgrade to it's mainline into Vancouver. New welded rail in the Vancouver area and CTC right to the new downtown station addition will speed and smooth operations. Along the line some new high speed crossovers are being installed, as the new line will effectively operate single track for freight while the commuter services are rolling during rush hour routes each day. It is estimated that this service will reduce car exhaust emissions by 4000,000 kg annually.



WEST COAST EXPRESS

VIA Gets Maintenance Contract for the West Coast Express

It was celebration time at VIA's Vancouver Maintenance Centre on June 28 as it was announced that the operation had secured the maintenance contract for the fleet of West Coast Express locomotives and cars.

The daily inspection, maintenance, servicing and washing of the trains will be carried out at Mission during the evenings. A three track maintenance yard and modest facilities are being built just east of the Murray St. bridge. In addition, a skeleton cleaning crew will be assigned to the Vancouver Waterfront station to prepare trains for the evening returns to Mission.

The trains are scheduled for inspection every 12 weeks. Following the Friday night return to Mission, a train scheduled for inspection will deadhead to the Vancouver Maintenance Centre via the CPR's New Westminster Sub. and the BN mainline to be inspected and returned to Mission Sunday night for return to service. Coaches requiring major maintenance will be sent the same

way as they cannot negotiate the curve and diamond on the Vancouver waterfront.

Locomotives requiring service will be replaced with VIA F40PH-2 units until the home unit is returned. Three spare West Coast coaches will be stored and the VMC for maintenance spare purposes. (Bill Green, WCRA News)

Mission Train Festival

Mission B.C. will welcome the new West Coast Express commuter trains with a special rail event on Saturday, September 30. In addition to the new service equipment it is expected to have many rail groups participate as well as have displays from BC Rail and CP Rail etc. The event is sponsored by the Mission Chamber of Commerce and others in the community.

The event has received the full cooperation of both the Provincial Government and CP Rail System. On display will be a new locomotive and bi-level car for the West Coast Express. CP Rail will display one of its new GE locomotives and a 'Heritage Car'. Work is underway to have the Royal Hudson steam out to the event, and rail heritage groups will add to the ambience with their displays. (Don Evans, WCRA News)

All Aboard for the Mission Train Festival

*The 21st Century begins
on Saturday, September 30, 1995 !!*

*First Avenue and Railway Avenue
in Mission will be closed
to provide a Carnival atmosphere*

"A great family activity"
TrainFest attractions include:

- * West Coast Express
Commuter Rail Cars
- * CP Rail new GE 4400 AC Locomotive
- * The Royal Hudson Steam Locomotive
- * Heritage Rail Car display
- * Sidewalk Sales Opportunity
- * Entertainment Stage
- * Street Performers

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Victoria Rails to Trails Project Update

The Vancouver Island Highway Project has committed \$2.8 million to design and rebuild a portion of old CNR right-of-way for bicycles and pedestrians. A major obstacle today is where the right-of-way intersects the highway near the Town & Country Shopping Centre then continues alongside the highway towards Colwood. From Colwood the 'Galloping Goose Trail' is complete for about 25 miles out through the Sooke area. The highway funds will construct several overpasses and underpasses at highway intersections to complete the link between the Selkirk trestle and Colwood.

On May 30, a major blaze struck the old trestle across the Selkirk waterway and sent clouds of black smoke billowing into the sky. It was spectacular but damage was fortunately limited to surface charring of pilings and the deck timbers. The trestle is slated for restoration as the link for the bikeway into the city of Victoria.

When completed, cyclists will have a separate greenway right from Swartz Bay ferry terminal to downtown Victoria and then out through Colwood and Sooke and beyond. (Donald Stewart, WCRA News)

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September 1995

Sunday, September 24 10 am to 4 pm	Victoria Model Railway Show at the S.J. Willis Centre Gym, 923 Topaz Ave (off Quadra). Operating Modules and Portable layouts (Lionel, Live Steam, HO, N Scales). Commercial Sales & Displays, Swap tables, Popular Vote Contest, plus a raffle for two detailed locomotives. Contact Ted Alexis 595-4070, Mark Giles 652-4124, or Dave Tomljenovich 652-1894. See page 4 in this issue.
Saturday, September 30, 1995	Mission Train Festival in Mission, B.C. Celebrate the new West Coast Express Commuter Rail Service between Vancouver and Mission. Activities include WCE rail car displays, CP Rail's new GE 4400 AC locomotive, Royal Hudson steam engine, Heritage rail car display, sidewalk sales, entertainment stage and street performers. Contact Mission Chamber of Commerce for more information.
Saturday, November 11 to Monday, November 13	Trains 95. Cameron Rec. Centre, 9523 Cameron St., Burnaby, B.C. The 13th Annual Meet and Public Show. Activities include displays, layout tours, contests, clinics, and a banquet. Public Show is on Sunday, November 12 from 9 am to 4 pm, adults \$4, senior/students \$2, family \$8. \$2 refund if NMRA member or active participant. Layout tour is \$12, banquet is \$24. Meet registrar is Brian Clogg, 15440-99A Ave., Surrey, B.C. V3R 9H4 tel: 588-2194. For information, call Dick Sutcliffe at 467-4301. Registration form included in this issue.
Friday, December 1 6 pm to 9 pm Sunday, December 4 10 am to 4 pm	Abbotsford Model Railway Club's 2nd Annual Open House. Location is 33772 Essendene Avenue (Above James Fraser T.V.). There will be tours provided, train videos, a swap table and door prizes. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50¢ for kids and \$2.50 for a family. For more information call Darren Brkich at 533-9781 (Langley), Jim Rowand at 855-9774 (Abbotsford) or Bob Hresavich at 792-6051 (Chilliwack).
Friday, April 5 to Sunday, April 7, 1996	Spring Meet '96. Revelstoke Community Centre, 600 Campbell Ave., Revelstoke, B.C. The PNR Interior Spring Meet includes clinics, layout tours, a contest, prototype tours, a barbeque, a banquet, awards, and a tour of the Revelstoke Railway Museum, home of CPR 2-8-2 #5468. For more information, contact the Registrar, Spring Meet '96, P.O. Box 1819, Revelstoke, B.C. V0E 2S0, tel: (604) 837-4503, fax: (604) 837-4171.

West Coast Railway Association Events and 1995 Excursions

For more information and prices of these trips, call the W.C.R.A. reservation booking line at 524-1011 or fax 522-1293. You may write the W.C.R.A. at Box 2790, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3X2.

On going until October 10. Open 10 am to 4 pm daily	WCRA's West Coast Railway Heritage Park in Squamish. The 12 acre site displays Western Canada's largest collection of heritage railway locomotives and rolling stock. Most pieces are open for interior inspection; Park includes museum exhibits, vintage cars, visitor centre, gift shop, nature trail and picnic facilities. Great family fun. Turn west 2km north of McDonald's on highway 99. Watch for sign. Park is located near north end of B.C. Rail yard on Government Road. Call 898-3992 in Squamish or 522-1293 in the Vancouver area for more information.
Sunday, September 24	Circle Island Tours. Daytrips on the E. & N. Leave Pacific Central Station at 7:40 a.m. by bus to Victoria. Take the VIA E&N Dayliner to Courtenay, and return to Nanaimo. Return by bus via Horseshoe Bay to Vancouver. Includes a meal at Courtenay.
Tuesday to Thursday, September 26 to 28	Fall Rail and Sail. Depart early afternoon from Pacific Central Station where you travel by bus to Victoria and stay overnight. Next day travel on the E&N dayliner to Courtenay and then by bus to Port Hardy where you stay a second night. Depart on third day at 7:30 am for Tsawwassen on the Queen of Prince Rupert, and arrive back in Vancouver in the evening.
Friday, October 13 to Saturday, October 14	Cariboo Overnighter to Williams Lake. Travel return by private car as part of the BCR Cariboo Dayliner to Williams Lake and return the next day. Includes choices of overnight accomodation as well as most meals.
Saturdays: October 28, and December 2	Spirit of Washington Lunch Train and Winery Tour. This most popular trip departs Pacific Central Station for bus ride to Seattle, then board the return trip 1950's era steamline train at Renton and enjoy a gourmet meal along the shores of Lake Washington. Tour the Ste. Michelle Winery at Woodinville, then spent a couple of hours shopping at the Seattle waterfront before returning to Vancouver.