

Seventh Division Bulletin Board

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Revelstoke Spring Meet - April 5 to 7

Nanaimo Model Railroad Show - April 28

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On The Cover and Inside

by John Zuk

'Invest For Canada' is the logo on the government owned Second Narrows railway and automobile bridge spanning Burrard Inlet in Vancouver. This 1950's photograph shows CN 8017 a MLW S-4 switcher pulling a train off of the south end. A model of this engine is shown on page 8. The photograph provided by Al Lill, is from the Al Mitchell collection.

There are some changes in the masthead in this issue. Richard Starchuk has stepped down as an editor due to his other publishing and editorial interests. When we started as editors of this newsletter almost five years ago I was totally new to the techniques of desktop publishing, and it was Richard (who is a professional) who showed me the basic skills and inspired me to carry on. Thanks Richard for your contributions and guidance in producing this newsletter. Richard will still be a contributor—as in this issue.

Two members of the standing committee who have 'retired' are Carol O'Dell and Cyril Meadows. Carol was the PNR Secretary, Membership Co-ordinator and Registrar for the Trains shows for a number of years. Cyril was Co-ordinator for the Gold Spike Award in recent years. Thanks to both of you for your many years of help to the Seventh Division.

If any of you would like your E-Mail address to be known, please let me know (by E-mail), and they will be listed in the next issue.

Congratulations to Seventh Division member Harold Holtby. Harold is also a member of the W.C.R.A., and as such was awarded their Presi-

dent's Award for 1995 (similar to our Gold Spike Award). He received this for his untiring service to the Association, particularly as a volunteer at the Heritage Park.

As usual this issue contains coverage of upcoming Seventh Division and other railway events for the rest of the year. This issue includes a condensed version of the registration package for the Revelstoke Spring Meet for those of you who have not sent in your form yet. There is the Nanaimo Spring Meet at the end of April, and this year's Annual General Meeting, like last year, will be held on Sunday, July 14th during the *Rail Show in The Park* in Squamish. New this year is the first BC Rail Historical and Technical Society Convention, also to be held at the W.C.R.A. Heritage Park from August 16th to 18th. National and Regional meet information is included in the Switchlist. The Victoria Show and Trains 96 will follow in the fall.

This year, we have to elect members for the Seventh Division executive. Consider yourself or other members for these positions. More information will be in the next issue and a volunteer is needed to help with the election. Please give Tony Van Bergen a call at 287-3951 if you are interested in helping.

There are some slight changes in the Membership and Renewal form (no fee increases), and it is essential that if you are renewing your membership in Canadian funds, the form be sent to the PNR Office Manager in Seattle, and not to the NMRA headquarters. The NMRA headquarters cannot handle Canadian Funds. If you are renewing an Associate Membership, this is now an 'Associate Subscription' (for the Bulletin Board), and this must be sent to Gary Hazell in Salmon Arm. New memberships should also be sent to Gary as well. Your expiry dates on the mailing labels should be more accurate, as I have recently received an updated membership list from the PNR.

Thanks to the many contributors who have sent in articles and photographs on time for this issue. Due to space limitations, I was unable to include all the articles that were submitted. They are in hand for future issues. Let me know about club activities, restoration projects, layouts, and railway related places to visit this summer, or any other activities, and they will be included in upcoming issues of the BB. Please send in photographs as well. The deadline for the next issue is the 15th of March, so please send in your contributions before then. The content in this newsletter depends on you!

Superintendent's Report:

I hope you all had a great festive season, and that the new year shows great promise. From a railway modeller's point of view the outlook is great with all the new products, model kits, local prototype changes, meets, and conventions, there will be lots to keep our interest up. Hope you have your registration in for the 'Selkirk Express', as Fred and the Revelstoke crew are putting together a great meet. The registration package was included with the January issue of the BB.

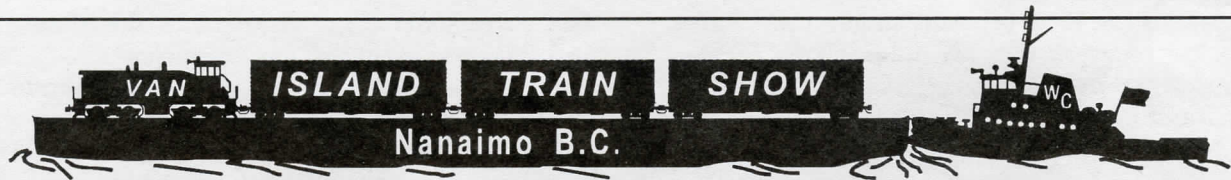
The membership renewals and updates continue to be a concern to members. I attended the BOT meeting in Everett on January 20th, and presented some of the concerns there. It turns out that all of the confusion cannot be laid at the feet of the National, as Bob Colley, the PNR Office Manager, has not been able to hold up his end. Bob's occupation was rendered redundant or obsolete in early 1995 and he became unemployed. After engaging in several consultant contracts, he has been able to put together a partnership and has purchased the long time Seattle hobby shop *Northend Hobbies*. With the new vocation and a move to a new location it is understandable that he was not able to keep up with his volunteer activities. His life is settling down now, but he would like to hand over the Of-

fice Manager's job to someone with more free time. If you would like to get involved please contact me or Roger Ferris, the PNR president, who has pitched in to help Bob catch up on the office work. There should now be a reduction in the delay in processing memberships.

Roger has joined me in the wonderful occupation of retirement, (as of last June for both of us), and is already discovering there is little time to get bored (not complaining)!

The community public are starting to react to the concerns about the limited activities available to today's youth, and are forming youth groups associated with other community associations. In my position as Publicity Supervisor for the 7th Division and the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society, I frequently get calls from the activity co-ordinators asking if there are model railways they can take small (less than 15) groups (8 to 15 yrs) to visit. In the eastern part of the Lower Mainland I have been able to show them the DARS, but it can be a long trip for an evening in the western or southern areas. If you would be willing to let me pass your name and phone number on to groups in your area, to show your home layout please let me know.

Are those of you outside the Lower Mainland registered with your Community's Recreation



Vancouver Island Annual Model Railroad Show in Nanaimo, B.C.

**Sunday, April 28, 1996 from 10 am to 4 pm
at the Beban Park Recreation Centre**

• Displays • Clinics • Swap-N-Shop • Prizes •

Contests:

**• Favorite Train • Favorite Module (NMRA Standard) •
• Enter a model - \$1 off of admission •**

Admission:

\$2 - NMRA/PNR Member, \$3 - Non-member, \$5 Family

For further information contact:

Ken Rutherford at 724-4698 or Rick Lord at 724-4205

This show is sanctioned by the 7th Division PNR/NMRA

Commission? This can be a great way to let the community know about this wonderful hobby of ours.

Is your group in need of insurance? Try joining the local Arts Council, they have access to a group insurance policy (property and liability), through the B.C. Art's Council that offers significantly lower rates than a private insurer. The Art's Councils are a good way to access publicity in your area.

See you in Revelstoke if not before!
Dick Sutcliffe.

Interior Report

by Gary Hazell

The Revelstoke Spring Meet to be held this Easter has had an overwhelming response to early registration. A month ago there were 79 registrants for the meet, and 22 commercial tables booked. The trip to Golden is a definite go, so don't hesitate to send in your registration and bookings for the trip. The registration form is included in this issue of the BB. Incidentally Revelstoke will not be sending out confirmations as it is too costly. Your cancelled cheque/statement or charge card statement will be your receipt.

Doug Hole of Salmon Arm is at it again. He and Jackie have been working on a new Diorama full time for over a year. You will have to come to Revelstoke for the unveiling and he hopes to enter

it at the NMRA National Convention in Long Beach California.

It seems that the time between the last BB and this one has gone by so quickly that I haven't had time to canvas the other clubs in the Interior, Kootenays or Caribou. I really need some Help! For the last 8 or so years I have phoned individual clubs to get information. If your club has anything to report please phone, fax or E-mail it to me. It can be on mall shows, special clinics, railfan tours, activity reports, questions and/or comments.

Hope everyone survived Christmas well and had time to do some modelling. Don't forget to book Revelstoke and We will see you at Easter.

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NMRA Achievement Program

by Greg Madsen

Since taking over the chair of the PNR Achievement Program last year, I have been busy trying to sort out many loose ends while I learn the ropes of the job. I know that many of you have been waiting very patiently for a response from me, and I am happy to report that most of the backlog has now been cleared up. If you have anything that has been outstanding for a while,

please let me know and I will follow up. My address and phone number are in the Switchlist staff listing, together with my E-mail address. You can also phone me at 321-9209.

I have been planning to announce the changes in the local AP committee structure, however the following article from Russ Watson describes it quite well. I have not made any changes yet in the other divisions, but will probably add extra people in areas that are remote from the current AP staff.

I have also been a bit tardy in submitting AP awards for publication, however there will be a "catch-up" article in the next Switchlist.

Please consider joining the NMRA AP if you are not already involved, and as Russ says, you can contact either of us for more information. Until I can find a person to look after the greater Vancouver area, I will take care of it.

The AP is Alive in the Seventh Division.

by Russ Watson

For those of you who are not yet involved in the NMRA Achievement Program (A.P.), I would like to announce that the program is doing well in our Division. Please welcome Greg Madsen as the PNR's new A.P. Chairman. We are lucky to have Greg so accessible, residing in our Division. I am looking forward to working with Greg during his term.

After many, many years as the 7th Div A.P. Chairman, MMR Gordon Varney has stepped down from this post. Rumour has it that Gordie has been somewhat sidetracked from our great hobby by an interest in flying model airplanes. I know that this will only be temporary and soon he will have those Shays hauling the airplane debris from the crash sites to his lumber mill! On behalf of all of the Vancouver Island modellers, I would like to thank Gordie for all of his dedicated work with the A.P. over the years and I look forward to again attending a judging session with him.

Greg has decided on a new format for A.P. Reps within the PNR. He will endeavour to have A.P. Reps in each of the many modelling areas (subdivisions) within the region rather than just one for each division. I think that this is a good idea and will make it easier for modellers to receive answers locally, to their questions about the program. It will also spread the workload amongst many people. I have agreed to be the Rep for Vancouver Island. Please contact Greg if you would like to help with this great program.

Pat Lawson has spearheaded a drive to update the current AP regulations and clarify some of the re-

quirements. It seems that a lot of people have written definitions over the years and some of this work contradicts the regulations. Pat has asked me to help him and we have had an exchange of many E-mails with the "head-man", Peter Moffett, National A.P. Chairman. Pete has been very quick to respond and is very interested in improving the A.P. written material. We know that this will be an ongoing effort and that it will take some time. Pat would like to pass on some clarifications that have already been made:

Model Railroad Engineer - Civil:

1. handlaid track is not a "requirement" for a layout, however it will earn more points in the scratchbuilding portion, and
2. hand-rolling a car through trackwork such as a scratchbuilt turnout or crossing is an acceptable form of "proving operation" on these items if they are not installed on a layout.

Thanks Pat, we look forward to additional information.

I would like to encourage every modeller to at least look at the A.P. I know that you will enjoy the program and probably improve your modelling as well. The program is intended to persuade you to try modelling projects that you may not otherwise attempt. It doesn't matter what scale, era or interest you model, the A.P. is designed to allow everyone to participate. Please contact Greg Madsen or if you're on the Island, Russ Watson, 4709 Barrow Road, RR#2 Victoria, B.C. V9B 5B4, (604) 478-3495, Internet: (rrw@islandnet.com). We will be glad to send you all the information and answer your questions. Please give it a try, it's definitely less painful than a visit to your dentist!

Club News

Abbotsford Model Railway Club Open House Dec. 1 and 3, 1995

by John Green

After seeing lots of advertising for this event in the Bulletin Board and at various Hobby Shops, Rick Ruegg and I decided to journey out to downtown Abbotsford to see the 'Elias Mountain Railway', on the afternoon of Sunday, December 3.

The Abbotsford Model Railway Club was originally organized in 1983 as the Clearbrook Model Railroad Club. After a move to Abbotsford in 1988, the club name was changed to the Abbotsford Model Railway Club.

Arriving there on a Sunday afternoon, a welcoming table along with a stereo system projecting train sounds made an inconspicuous doorway very easy to find.

We were warmly welcomed, and sold tickets which provided both admission to the layout and an entry for some door prizes. In addition there was a club Christmas raffle which featured some nice prizes including a Bachman G scale railway set, an Atlas locomotive, and an Athearn Locomotive. We were advised that there would be a half hour wait. After a pleasant chat we proceeded up the stairs, and made it as far as a sceniced spur track which I believe connected the main layout to the repair shops which are located in a back room. A few minutes later, we were able to move up the stairs and see the part of the 30' by 30' layout. Several familiar faces from the 7th Division were there at the same time as we visited, along with a lot of members of the public. I am told that the club had 175 guests on Friday evening and 354 guests during their Sunday opening.

We were able to watch a lot of the operation as well as check out the swap meet in the club lounge, there were quiet calls for different tour numbers, and after about half an hour just as advertised, we were taken for a walking tour of the layout following a train as it traversed the 'Elias Mountain Railway'. This fictitious line operates from Julestown on the prairies into the Rocky Mountains near Field, through Clayburn to tide-water at Burrard Docks. The Train engineer provided a running commentary of points of interest, and by walking around the whole layout one got a much better appreciation of the design and concept. It certainly looks like a fun layout to op-

erate, and clearly represented many hours of hobby time to get the layout sceniced complete with a backdrop, and running reliably.

The club meets twice a week, once to build and maintain the layout, and again on Thursday Evenings for a regular weekly operating session beginning at 7:00 PM. By the look of the layout I expect the operating sessions keep the train crews pleasantly employed.

On leaving the club, the afternoon was made quite complete as the crossing signals down Essendene Avenue began to flash, and a CP Rail train passed by about a block away competing with the railway sound records being broadcast on the club stereo system.

The 1995 show was the club's the second annual show, and I certainly would encourage anybody who is in the least bit interested in seeing a nice club layout to make the journey to Abbotsford for their next annual open house.

In closing I would like to thank the members of the Abbotsford Model Railroad Historical Society for a very pleasant afternoon. and I wish them well in the future.

Memberships are open and inquiries about the Abbotsford Model Railroad Historical Society should be directed to one of the following: Jim Rolland 855-9774 (ABBOTSFORD) Bob Hresavish 792-6051 (CHILLIWACK) Darren Brkich 533-9781 (LANGLEY).



The Burrard Docks are located beside the visitor's area at the Abbotsford Model Railway Club's HO scale layout. The club is open to new members who enjoy model railroading. They are currently looking for 'Train Crews' (engineers, switchmen, conductors, dispatchers), as well as landscapers, carpenters, painters and electricians. Please contact the people listed above if you would like to become a member. Photograph by John Green.

Museum Asks For Club Display Twice!

North Island Model Railroaders

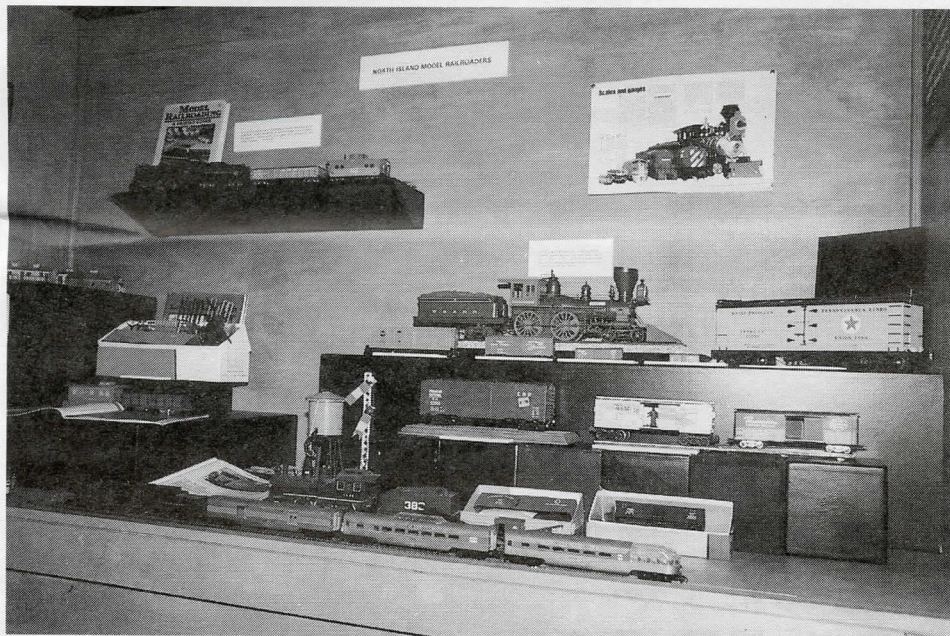
by Bill Van Bergen

Our group was asked to put in a static display of model railroading equipment at our local museum in Campbell River, and thinking this would be a

good method to advertise our hobby we decided to proceed. The display (shown in the photograph) includes various scales using 40 foot boxcars from G to Z scale, magazines on wiring, scenery, track plans, some tinplate pieces, scratchbuilt HO scale buildings, examples of started and complex boxcars kits, and a few HO scale locomotives.

The museum provided the signs for the various items and a club sign. The display ran for the month of November and then was dismantled.

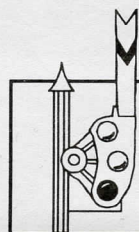
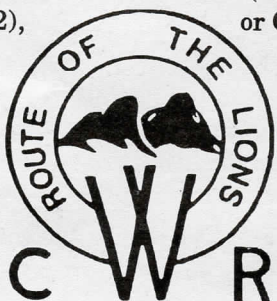
For the second time this year, The Museum invited the our group to host an operating model railroad show over the Weekend of December 9th and 10th, of last year. A 24' by 44' layout was constructed and operated, and live steam and garden railway equipment was displayed. A well attended clinic on an introduction to model railroading was presented and also a successful draw for a train set was held. As usual club members answered many questions about the hobby to approximately 500 interested 'kids' of all ages.



The Capilano & Western Railway

by Bruce Warren

The Vancouver HO Model Railway Club has temporarily moved its layout to Pacific Scale Rail in New Westminster. Come in and see what we're up to, fill out a membership form, maybe buy something while you're there, and help us find a new home. We are looking for about a thousand square feet of space, a minimum of 10 feet wide, in which to keep our rolling sectional layout. We would consider building an enclosure in a parking garage or open basement. If you or anyone you know has some unused space they'd like to trade for a monthly rent cheque, we'd like to hear from you. Please phone Peter at (421-2865), Bruce (520-1602), or Colin (876-1148). Thank you.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP INFORMATION

Canadian National Lines Special Interest Group.

by Russ Watson

Do you have an interest in the great family of the Canadian National Railways? Have you seen the publication "CN LINES"? If at least one answer is yes, why not join the Canadian National Lines Special Interest Group (SIG)?

The SIG, now in it's seventh year, has approximately 350 members in North America and Europe. All of these people have information of some kind related to the railways of the CN. These lines include Canadian National; Grand Trunk Western; Central Vermont; Grand Trunk Railway and the Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific.

If for no other reason, the \$20 membership fee is worth the opportunity to exchange information amongst the members. If you have an Internet connection you can exchange information with the "CNet" members using E-mail and access the new CN Lines SIG Web site.

(<http://129.93.226.138/rr/cnr/cnlines.htm>)

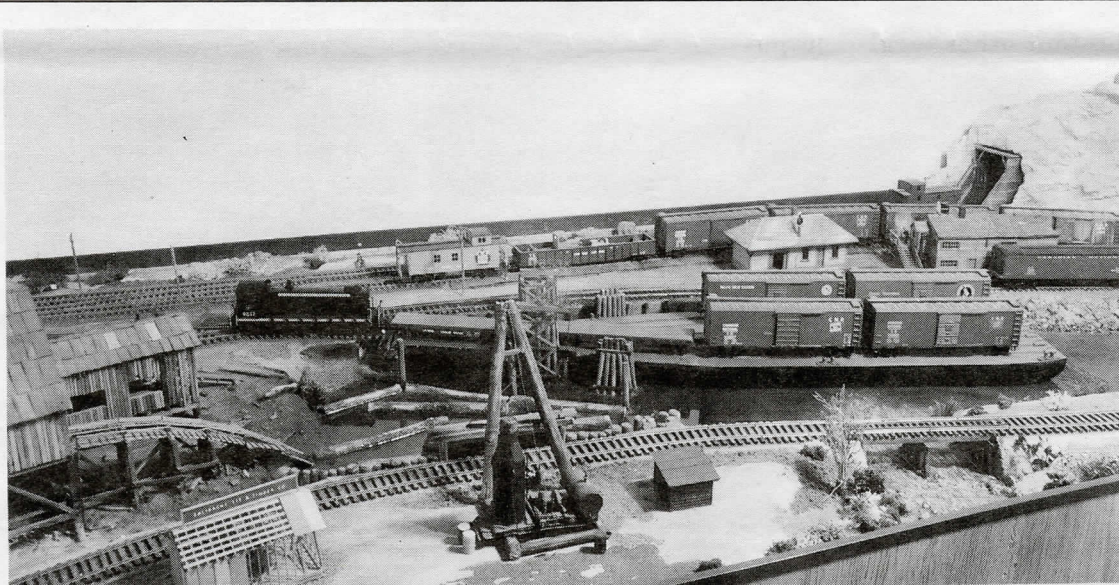
A bonus to your membership is the excellent quarterly publication of the SIG's magazine: CN LINES. The magazine is of first-rate quality and includes an informative mix of prototype and modelling articles. A few sample articles from recent issues include the CNR's only TrainMaster loco (including prototype photos and drawings); a 1943

prototype track plan and description of the Blue River BC engine facilities; CNR's "FORT" cars (photos, diagrams and rosters); CNR Pre-War Steel Flat Cars (proto and model photos, drawings and rosters); Imported HO Brass Models of CN Lines Prototypes; Notes on CN's NW-2 Diesels (prototype photos, modelling info and roster) and CN Family USRA Mikados with prototype photos, rosters and fittings detail. These are only a few of the many excellent articles that have been produced.

I don't know why I didn't write this article many years ago—I'm sorry for not letting you in on such a great thing! It's not too late though, please mail

your cheque for \$20 today to Norman Guinard, CN Lines Membership Chairman & Treasurer, 9 Dube St., Edmundston NB, Canada E3V 2G1. You'll be glad you did!

(If you are interested in 7th Division contacts, Al Lill, Mike Barone and Russ Watson are on the editorial staff of the newsletter. JZ)



The Atlas model of CN MLW S-4 7018 (which appears on the cover) is shown here on the Nor-West Club HO scale display module. This is part of Al Lill's home layout and has been featured at many of the Trains Shows. It was voted the favourite operating layout last year at Trains 95. The display features many prize winning scratchbuilt structures by the late Frank McKinney. The barge and it's slip were scratchbuilt by Al Lill.

Infra-red Digital Command Control - Part 2

by Brian Pate

(In the last issue, Brian introduced the Rail-Lynx system of infra-red DCC).

Rail-Lynx has a number of attractive features:

- ◆ It can control any one of 255 separate locomotives independently. That is enough so that I have been assigning to a given locomotive a channel number equal to the last two digits of its road number. Quite a change from the limited number of channels available on the simplest DCC system.
- ◆ A given locomotive will respond to two channels if you want it to, a primary channel that is

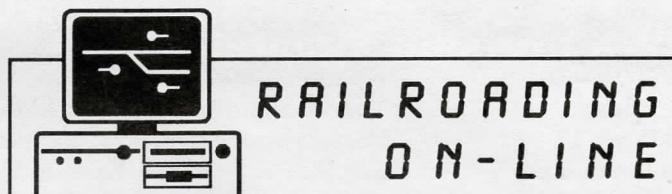
ordinarily not changed, and a secondary channel that can be easily assigned or cancelled. This is intended for double-heading or MUing - just set the same secondary channel for two or more locos that you want to control together and they will both(or all) respond to a transmitter set to that channel (until you cancel the secondary channel assignment). Rail-Lynx provides for locomotive speed offsets that allow the locomotive speeds to be matched for this operation. Another possibility is to use the secondary channel for the number of a train to which a loco is temporarily assigned. That way you can dial in either the locomotive number or the train number on the transmitter.

- ◆ Taking a locomotive around a wye or reversing loop is handled very easily. Rail-Lynx provides a

supplementary direction switch, which ensures that the direction control buttons are correctly oriented.

- ◆ Slow speed control is excellent (eg. for switching) and is smooth throughout the speed range.
- ◆ Momentum can be changed at will from the transmitter. For example, zero or low momentum can be used for yard switching, and then high momentum can be switched in as you pull a heavy train out of the yard.
- ◆ All of these functions, primary channel, secondary channel, momentum, speed offset, can be changed at any time, any where on the layout, using just the transmitter. There is no need to go to a special programming track, as with other DCC systems.
- ◆ Rail-Lynx provides four other toggled outputs that are also controlled from the transmitter. These are intended for locomotive headlights and back-up lights that can be dimmed (when making meets) or extinguished depending on the direction of travel. However these outputs can be used for other things, and an intriguing possibility is uncoupling at the front or the rear of the loco on command from the transmitter.
- ◆ The Rail-Lynx receiver is small enough to fit in the tender of a HO_{N3} C-16 tender.
(ie. about 1.5" x 0.6" x 0.3" similar to other DCC receivers) It is a squeeze in N-scale, but a reduction in receiver size may be coming with more surface-mount technology.
- ◆ A computer interface is available for those who want, for example, to have a computer bring trains out of staging at the right time on a fast clock. Rail-Lynx also sells the clock system, and this not only drives time displays for the train room with a range of fast-time ratios, but will also control model building lights as well as room lighting for sunrise-sunset effects.
- ◆ Sound, controlled from the transmitter, is in the works, for both steam and diesel, including chuff or diesel motor sound, whistle or horn, bell, and air-pump at least. This is expected to use digitally recorded sounds, mounted on board the locomotive.

At the present time, Rail-Lynx is distributed and serviced from New Jersey. However, it is possible that a distributor will be established in this area, together with a custom service for locomotive receiver installation. I have a current Rail-Lynx product and price listing, as well as a good-sized Rail-Lynx installation. I will be happy to show it to anyone interested.



Found on the American On-Line Bulletin Board

by Richard Starchuk

For the past few months I have been surfing on the Usenet section of the Internet and have come up with quite a few interesting comments, questions, and answers to railroading and model railroading activities. The following was a reply to a very critical posting. Read on and see what you think, but it is great to see that kind of support to the web.

Just had to add my 2 cents about people who are leaders in the N.M.R.A., all the way from National to the local level. Even those of you who support the organization refer to them as "little cliques" of "curt and overbearing" ... "Little Tin Gods."

I suppose that folks who are running the show may seem that way to those who aren't involved. But there is another perspective. Have you ever considered that these folks are sometimes abrupt because they're trying to make an event successful with very little help, and they have a lot to do? Have you ever wondered how much enjoyment they get out of the events, when they spend their time working so YOU can enjoy yourself? Maybe "cliques" form when people volunteer so much or their time that they form friendships with other members who are also active.

Why is there so much criticism of the people who are unselfish enough to volunteer their time, energy, and sometimes money for the good of others and of the hobby itself? If they're "Little Tin Gods", the rest of us have made them so, by letting them take the lead, make all the decisions, and (oh, by the way) do all the work! I bet you'd find that if you'd help out, you'd quickly be part of a "clique" (group of friends), you might be "curt and overbearing" (busy and hassled) sometimes, and you might also be considered a "Little Tin God" (someone who deserves praise, but gets little).

The above was not edited, that's the way it was posted.

7th Division Timetable**March 1996**

Sunday, March 17 9 am to 4 pm	The 14th Annual 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, books, photographs, slides and much much more. Hourly door prizes and refreshments. Admission by donation. For more information call 420-1292 or E-mail proy@direct.ca
Friday, April 5 to Sunday, April 7	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.
Sunday, April 28	Vancouver Island Annual Model Railway Show, Beban Park Recreation Centre in Nanaimo, B.C. 10 am to 4 pm. Displays, clinics, swap-n-shop, prizes, contests: favorite train, model, and module. (\$1 off admission). Admission: NMRA member: \$2, non-member: \$3, family: \$5. For information call Ken Rutherford at 724-4698 or Rick Lord at 724-4205.
Wednesday, June 19 to Sunday, June 23	NMRA/PNR 4th Division Puget Sound Express - PSX 96 Convention in Everett, Washington. The Swithlist has updated information.
Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14, 9 am to 4 pm both days	Second Annual WCRA 'Rail Show in the Park'. At the West Coast Railway Heritage Park in Squamish. Models, collectibles, railroadiana, and much more. New this year will be a photo contest and operating layouts. Sellers tables available. For information, call Glen in Squamish at (604) 898-8221 or Paul in Burnaby at (604) 420-1292 or E-mail proy@direct.ca Regular Heritage Park admission includes the show. The 7th Division Annual General Meeting will be held here on Sunday, July 14.
Monday, July 15 to Sunday, July 21	Long Beach Limited, NMRA National Convention in Long Beach California. For information call or fax Bill and Irene Mergard, Convention Chairmen at 310-371-1955, or check out the NMRA web site is at: http://www.mcs.net:80/~weyand/nmra/
Friday, August 16 to Sunday, August 18	BC Rail Historical and Technical Society Inaugural 1996 Convention. Sea to Sky Hotel, Squamish, B.C. Operating HO and N scale layouts, commercial tables, model display, model and photography contest. Clinics on BC Rail modelling and operations and resin casting. Evening banquet and keynote speaker. Guided tour of BC Rail Squamish shops and guided tour of Interfor's log unloading facility (both included in basic registration). Access to West Coast Railway Heritage Park. To register, write to Brian Clogg, 15540 99A Ave, Surrey, BC, V3R 9H4 (telephone 604-588-2194). Full registration before March 15, 1996: \$35. Full registration after March 15, 1996: \$45. Day registration before March 15, 1996: \$20. Day registration after March 15, 1996: \$25. Banquet \$29. Extra discounts for members of BCRHTS, NMRA, WCRA. Reserve space in the Sea to Sky Hotel by writing to the hotel directly at PO Box 310, 40330 Tantalus Way, Garibaldi Highlands, BC, V0N 1T0. Convention room rate is \$89 Cdn + 15% tax per night, single or double occupancy.
Saturday to Monday November 9 to 11	Trains 96. Western Canada's largest annual model railroad show and meet. Cameron Recreation Centre, 9523 Cameron St. Burnaby, B.C. More information in next issue.
For more information on events and railfanning in B.C. check out René Gourley's "Rail-Related Events In B.C." web site at: http://fas.sfu.ca/cs/people/GradStudents/gourley/personal/div7/cal.html	

Next Issue:

The next issue will have information about user groups and web sites on the Internet (see the March 1996 issue of Model Railroader), an update on the restoration of CN steam locomotive 2141 in Kamloops, and an article on a garden

railway. Please send in information and photographs on club activities, restoration projects, layouts, and railway related places to visit this summer, or any other model and prototype activities before the deadline of March 15th. The content of this newsletter is up to you!