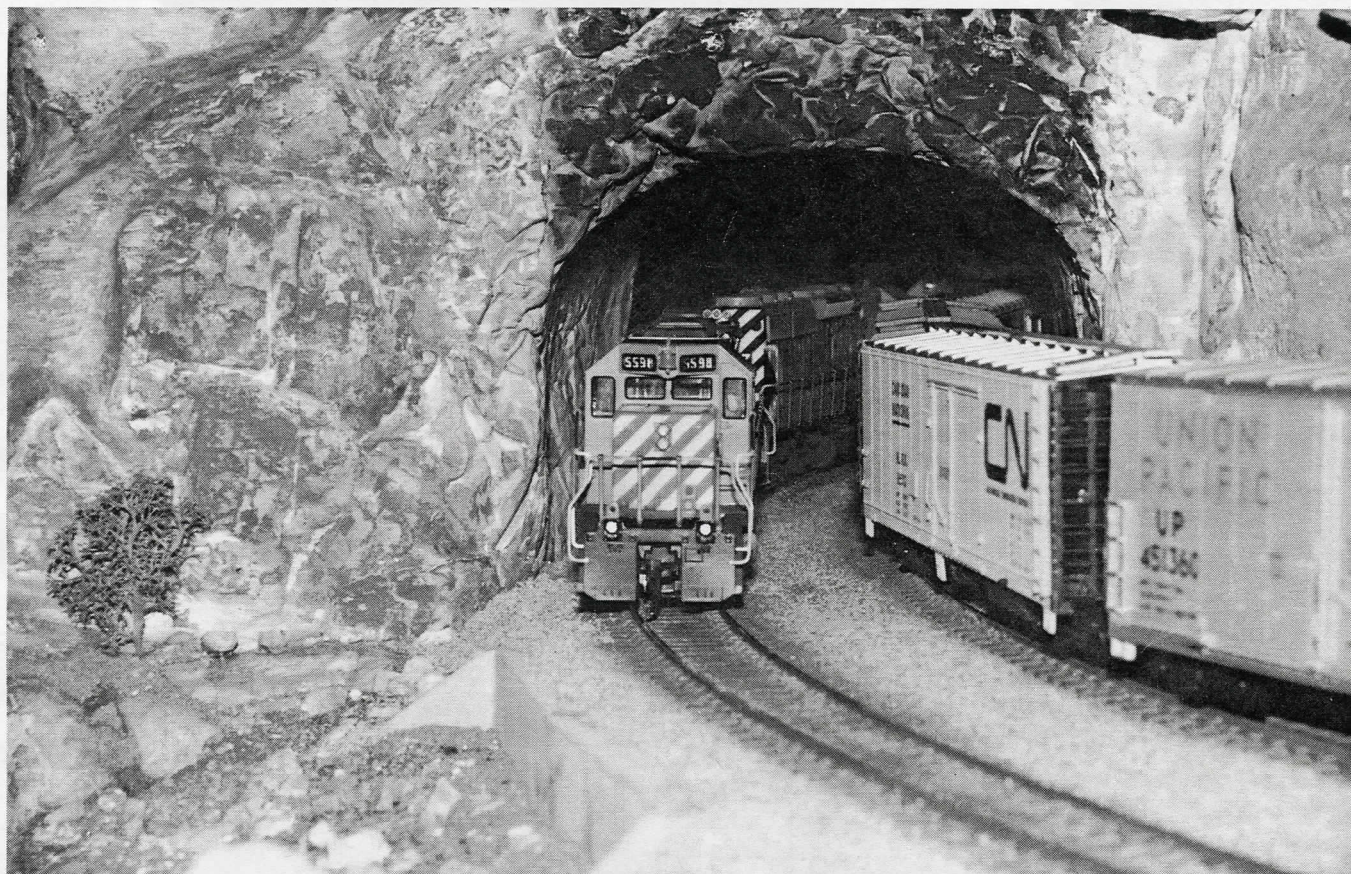


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On The Cover and Inside

by John Zuk

If you noticed scenes like this at the recent Revelstoke Interior Spring Meet (by all comments it was one of the best meets in the Seventh Division—a full report with photographs is expected for the next issue), you may also see this on Vancouver Island at the upcoming Nanaimo Train Show. This scene is part of the HO scale display layout that belongs to the modellers from Campbell River. Photograph provided by club members.

Master Model Railroader Gordon Varney has recently retired from the standing committee. He has been a long time member of the group and has been the Achievement Program guru for many years. In 1993 he was awarded the 'Gold Spike Award' for his service to the division. The rail awards that you have seen presented for the popular vote contest at the Trains shows were handcrafted by Gordy. Thanks Gordy for your many years of outstanding volunteer effort for the division.

Once again it is time for the election of the Seventh Division executive for another two years. Included is a ballot with instructions on how to vote. It is encouraging that there are more candidates running for the various positions this time. Perhaps after reading Russ Watson's article in this issue about volunteering, you may wish to enter other candidates names on the ballot to vote for as well. The ballots are to be returned to John Moore and postmarked by May 10, 1996.

In the activities category there is a busy season ahead. After the double-header steam excursion from Vancouver B.C. to Portland Oregon in May, is the June PSX-96 PNR Regional Convention in Everett. An up-

date article on this is included in the enclosed Switchlist. After their successful show in December, the Abbotsford Model Railway Club is having another open house early in July.

The Annual General Meeting of the Seventh Division will be on Sunday, July 14th at 1 pm in Squamish B.C. during the Rail Show in the Park. All members are invited to attend.

The British Columbia Railway Historical and Technical Society's 1996 Convention will also be held in Squamish—an update and registration form is included. Finally towards the end of the summer holidays, is the annual Salmon Arm Corn Roast from August 23rd to 25th. A poster is included. Details of these events and others are included in the Timetable insert.

Tony Van Bergen has updated the video list and our thanks to Hal Kinsey of Central Hobbies for donating eleven new tapes to the library.

The next issue will include the 'Travelling Railfan's Tourist Guide' again, and I would like to update it with present activities. Please mail to me any brochures or information about railway related activities, restoration projects or places to visit etc. in your area. I already have information about the 2141 project in Kamloops, and another locomotive restoration project in Port Alberni. These projects and others will be highlighted in the next issue. The submission deadline is May 15th for the July issue.

Superintendent's Report:

by Dick Sutcliffe

Enclosed in this issue in the ballot for the election of the executive and directors for the next term. Thanks to Russ Watson for getting the list of candidates together. It is good to see *some* of the positions have more than one candidate running. With the decentralization of the Standing Committee you will all have the opportunity to take part in the operation of the 7th Division. I hope in two years, we will at least two candidates for each position.

The membership renewals and updates and other PNR administrative processes should move more rapidly now with the appointment of Chuck Kuranko as PNR Office Manager. His telephone and fax number is (206) 821-6735. To send a fax, listen to the message and follow instructions. Note the new PNR Office address is P.O. Box 8067, Kirkland, WA 98034-0067.

In response to my request, last issue, for Lower Mainland members willing to show their layouts to youth groups, I had *one* offer from Kevin Knox in Surrey. Surely there are more of you that could



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 • Favourite Module •
- 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**

take part. Rather than give out your name and phone number, I will give the name and phone number of the group to you and let you make the reply. This has worked well with some other requests for model railroad information. Herb Fleming got rave reviews for a program he presented at the Langley Museum. John Hugh is helping a Surrey elementary school class with a model railroad project. I usually have to start phoning cold when I get a request, usually takes half a dozen calls to find someone, so a list of those willing would cut down on the time needed.

I received the layout tour schedule for PSX 96 in Everett. There are 43 different tours. Now make some choices! There are 42 clinic presenters as well. Although I haven't seen the schedule for these yet, this convention sure will give you lots to do. Get those registrations in. Hotel rates are reasonable compared to the National (\$83 per night for two). The registration package I have from the Long Beach Express shows 90 layouts on 21 tours, 21 rail tours, 17 raillette tours, 140 clinics, plus the usual banquets, luncheons, golf tournament and train show.

See you in Everett, if not before.

Serving-Why me?

by Russ Watson

Have you ever considered volunteering to be a 7th Division Executive member? If not, then why haven't you? Someone has to step forward to guide our organization. If YOU don't, the Division will become leaderless and grind to a halt. It isn't fair for the few people who take the initiative to help out the Division, to get stuck with the job year after year. A term or two is all that should be expected of anyone. It is a difficult choice for an Executive member to make when he has served his time and would like to step down, but discovers that no one will step forward to fill his shoes—it is unfair to ask this person to leave their name standing for re-election (railroad style) one more time.

As a person who has looked after the nominations for Vancouver Island, last time and the whole Division this year, I feel like a beggar pleading for help! The Superintendent's article, an issue or two ago, informed you that the elections were coming and to expect a call from the only person less popular than the tax man—a nominating committee member! I wish you would have considered putting your foot forward and contacting an Executive member to express your interest. This initiative would have resulted in a full slate of candidates and saved a lot of time and long-distance phone call expenses.

A lot of people I talked to commented that they could never match the job that Dick Sutcliffe has done as the Superintendent. Dick, without doubt, has done a great job. He has attended most shows and promoted the Division at every opportunity. He did this because this is what he wanted to do—no one expected this from him. The Superintendent can make the job as big or as small as he sees fit, that's up to him and his resources.

The division has been conducting the majority of its business with conference calls between the Executive members a few times a year—each an hour or so long. This has enabled members residing anywhere in BC to be active Executive members without travelling great distances to attend meetings. With the increased participation of the Sub-Divisions and the formation of a separate 'Trains' show committee, the work of the Executive has fallen off to a task of general overseeing of the Division. I'm sure that you could do any one of the jobs quite well.

Thank you to the members who stepped forward this year. The successful candidates will learn a bit more about the Division and have a sense of accomplishment during their term. To the rest of

you, please give it some thought for future years. The only requirement is that you are a member of the Division in good standing. Ask the Executive members a few questions about what they do and make it known to them that you are interested in running for a position—you and the Division will be better for it!

More Achievement Program Information

By Patrick Lawson

The following note is written in haste, as I have just received this information and the BB deadline is fast approaching. Some concerns have been raised about the comments that Russ Watson wrote in the last BB newsletter about the AP. The concerns were related to the Civil Category of the AP. Pete Moffett, AP Chairman, writes that his predecessor indicated to him that for several years there were complaints about the Civil Category. To respond to these complaints it was decided to change the requirements for the Civil Category. Previously, Civil required 50' of hand-laid track on the layout to be judged for a Merit Award. This requirement meant that a modeller would have to hand-lay all the trackwork on his/her layout. Now, only the three scratchbuilt examples of hand-laid trackwork are judged. The layout is no longer judged. This change was made at the last Board of Trustees meeting.

To earn a Merit Award, all three of the scratchbuilt models will have to be properly ballasted with all the appropriate trackside details like flanger signs, turnout motors or switchstands, relay boxes, signals, etc. and they would have to be weathered.

It is not necessary to electrify the three scratchbuilt models, as that is judged under the Electrical Certificate. If the modeller chooses to push cars through the trackwork that is okay but there should be at least three cars and he should push only on the last one so as not to unduly influence the other two. There would have to be sufficient trackwork on either side of the model to allow the cars to be pushed through all possible routes and derailments would disqualify the model.

The change to require a Merit Award on the three Scratchbuilt Models will hopefully encourage more modellers to try for the Civil Certificate when they realize that they do not have to hand-lay all of the layout. Perhaps, contrary to popular belief, the AP Rules were never designed to be static. They will never be finished, but will be changed as necessary, as problems are encountered, or as policies change.

2860 and 4449 Steam Excursions - Cascadia Steam Specials (CSS)

Portland's Daylight Engine, the S.P. 4449 will be travelling to Vancouver and then doubleheading back to Portland with the Royal Hudson. Both engines will be featured at the Rail Fair at Portland's Union Station on May 10 to 12, marking the station's centennial. It is the first time the two engines have travelled together.

Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5 CSS #1	Departs Portland on Saturday at 9:15 am to Seattle with a 2:45 pm arrival. On Sunday the train departs Seattle at 7:45 am and arrives in Vancouver, B.C. at 1:45 pm. Motive power will be the S.P. 4449.
Wednesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 9 CSS #2	Departs Vancouver, B.C. on Wednesday at 9 am with a 3 pm arrival in Seattle. It then departs Seattle on Thursday at 9 am and arrives in Portland at 2:45 pm. Motive power will be the S.P. 4449 and Royal Hudson 2860.
Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 14 CSS #3	Departs Portland on Monday at 9:15 am with a 2:45 pm arrival in Seattle. Departs Seattle on Tuesday at 7:45 am and arrives in Vancouver at 1:45 pm. Motive power will be the Royal Hudson 2860.

Information about fairs and accomodation is available from the W.C.R.A. at 524-1011 or 1-800-722-1233

West Coast Railway Association 1996 Tours

Sundays, April 14, August 18, and Wednesday October 9	Circle Island - Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway over the Malahat. Chartered coach ferry to Victoria to board the Malahat Dayliner about noon, through Island towns to Nanaimo and on to Courtenay, back to Nanaimo and ferry back to mainland. (Wednesday trip runs in reverse). Departs 7:40 am from Pacific Central Station.
Friday, May 24	Sail and Rail. 'Queen of Prince Rupert' ferry (13 hours at sea) from Vancouver/Tsawwassen to Port Hardy, overnight, then to Courtenay by motorcoach to board the E&N Dayliner for Victoria, Swartz Bay, ferry to Tsawwassen and home.
Monday, June 17 (southbound-clockwise) Wednesday, June 19 (northbound-counterclockwise)	Grand Circle Four Day Tours: Sunshine Coast, Vancouver Island, E&N Railway, Victoria, Puget Sound, Seattle, Dinner Train, Amtrak. Clockwise itinerary: Monday evening departure, Vancouver to Seattle for the night, on Amtrak's 'Mt. Baker International'. Tuesday: depart about noon on Royal Victorian Ferry for evening in Victoria. Wednesday: depart 8:15 am on the E&N for Coutenay and transfer to Comox area hotel for relaxing afternoon. Thursday: depart at 7:30 am ferry for Powell River and return along sunhine coast to Vancouver. Reverse tour departs Wednesday, June 19 with overnight stops in Powell River, Victoria and Seattle where the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train may be enjoyed. Arrives back in Vancouver via Amtrak on Saturday, June 22.
Friday July 19 to Sunday, July 21	Amtrak Weekend in Seattle. Depart on Amtrak's 'Mt. Baker International' from Pacific Central Station at 6 pm Friday evening, arrive in Seattle less than four hours later and transfer to hotel for two nights. Free time in Seattle. On Saturday night we recommend the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train (optional-we can it book for you). Sunday morning depart King St. Station for beautiful return daylight trip along the coast via Amtrak arriving in Vancouver about noon.
Saturday, September 7 to Sunday, September 15	B.C. Rail System Tour - Early Autumn. A nine day tour of the entire B.C. Rail System in our own chartered train. Daylight running. Best available hotels every night, sumptuous meals, stops for photography and sightseeing of spectacular scenery. Visit the Cariboo, Fort Nelson (last town before the Yukon); historic Fort St. James, Fort St. John and Dawson Creek in the Peace River district, bustling Price George and the Tumbler Ridge electrified line. Entertainment by local groups, VIP welcomes, and great fun for all. The W.C.R.A. is the original organizer of this tour. Two money saving motor coach one-way options available. Enquire about group discounts. Separate detailed brochure available.
Tuesday, September 24	Rail and Sail. 'Superferry' from Vancouver, shortly after lunch, to Victoria for the evening. Wednesday morning on the Malahat Dayliner to Coutenay wher our motorcoaches meet us, take us to lunch and then proceed to Port Hardy for the night. Early morning start on the 'Queen of Prince Rupert' for Tsawwassen (13 hours at sea), then a transfer back to Vancouver.
Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19	Cariboo Overnighter. Private section on B.C. Rail service to Lillooet and on to Cariboo country. Option 1, to Williams Lake with overnight stop at the town's best hotel; or option2, a stay at a working guest ranch. Scenery as for the Lillooet trips, but with the added grandeur of the Fraser River over 2000' feet below the train as we climb the canyon wall near Moran.
Saturday, December 17	Spirit of Washington Luncheon Train. Departs at 7:45 am from Vancouver's Pacific Centrail Station by motorcoach to Renton Washington in time to board the mid-50's streamliner train of dining cars. Gourmet lunch served enroute to winery for tour and tasting. Return to Renton at 3:30 pm over dessert and coffee, then some sightseeing and a return to Vancouver about 8:30 pm.

For more information, including the fares and what they include, call the W.C.R.A. at 524-1011 or 1-800-722-1233. E-mail: 70303.3075@compuserve.com. Their address is Box 2790 Stn Main, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3X2.

7th Division Timetable**Upcoming Modelling Events in 1996**

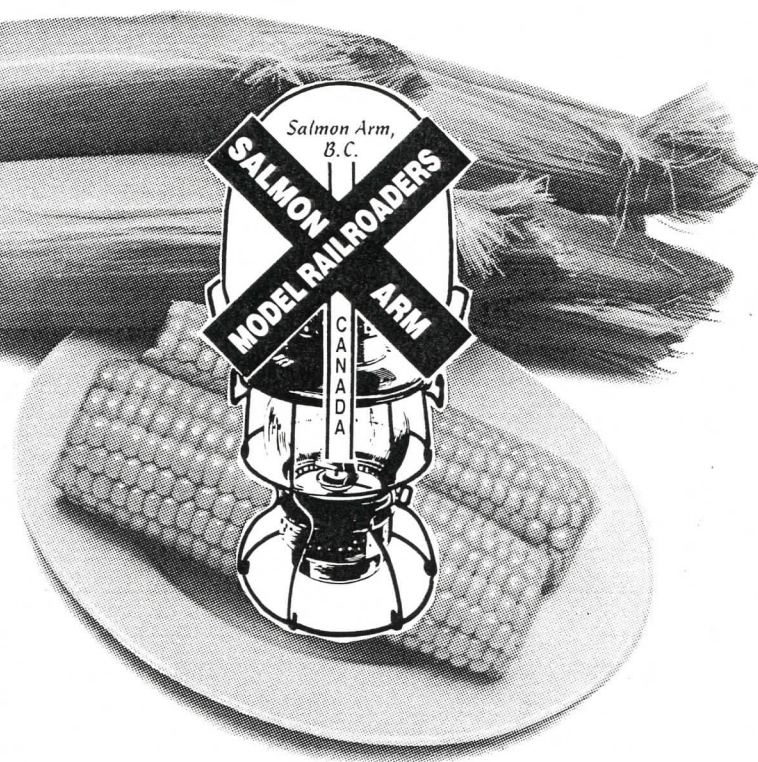
Sunday, April 28 10 am to 4 pm	Vancouver Island Annual Model Railway Show, Beban Park Recreation Centre in Nanaimo, B.C. 10 am to 4 pm. Displays, clinics, swap-n-shop, prizes, contests: favorite train, model, and module. (\$1 off admission). Admission: NMRA member: \$2, non-member: \$3, family: \$5. 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 enclosed Swthlist has updated information.
Friday, July 5: 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday, July 6: 10 am to 6 pm	Abbotsford Model Railway Club's Annual Summer Open House at 33772 Essendene Avenue, Abbotsford, B.C. Admission: adults \$1.50, kids: 75¢, family: \$3.75. Call Darren Brkich at 604-533-9781 or Jim Rowland at 604-855-9774 for more information.
Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14, 9 am to 4 pm both days The 7th Division A.G.M. will be held on Sunday, July 14 at 1 pm.	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 at 1 pm.
Monday, July 15 to Sunday, July 21	Long Beach Limited, NMRA National Convention in Long Beach California. Information in the NMRA Bulletin, or 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: \$45. Day registration: \$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. Convention update and registration form enclosed.
Friday to Sunday, August 23 to 25	Salmon Arm Corn Roast and Campout at Pierre's Point Campground (10 km. west of Salmon Arm). Railfan trips, camping, barbecue and corn roast. More details on the enclosed poster. Contacts are Doug Hole at 835-4653, Graham Redman at 832-6119 or Gary Hazell at 1-800-661-4800.
Sunday, September 29 10 am to 4 pm	Victoria Annual Model Railroad Show at the S.J. Willis Centre Gym, 923 Topaz Ave. (off Quadra). Operating modules, portable layouts, commercial sales & displays, swap tables, popular vote contest, door prizes and a raffle for two locomotives. Admission \$3, Seniors, children, NMRA members \$2, family \$6. Call Ted Alexis at 604-595-4070 or Dave Tomljenovich (phone/fax) at 604-652-1894.
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. Layout tours, clinics, Banquet, possibly a prototype tour, photo and model contests, A.P. judging, videos. For more information, call 467-4301.

For more information on modelling 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>

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SALMON ARM MODEL RAILROADERS

Corn Roast & Campout



FRIDAY to SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 to 25
PIERRE'S POINT CAMPGROUND

(10 KILOMETRES WEST OF SALMON ARM)

We Are Planning the Following:

- Check in Friday or Saturday
- Trips to Notch Hill and the Horseshoe for Westbound Unit Train photography
- Possible photography session at the Rock Tunnels on Shuswap Lake, only accessible by boat
- Group Barbecue Saturday evening – bring your own steaks – we'll supply buns, salad and corn
- Bonfire and corn roast

Bring your own bottle, steaks and any other meals you will require, plus deck chairs, suntan lotion and swim wear, as the water is beautiful.

Cost of camping is \$20 per night per family. We will be collecting a day user fee of \$2/person or \$5/family for non-campers.

WE MUST HAVE RSVP so that we can notify the campground ahead of time.

Phone: **Doug Hole 835-4653**

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BRITISH COLUMBIA RAILWAY HISTORICAL & TECHNICAL SOCIETY 1996 CONVENTION

August 16-18, 1996

Sea To Sky Hotel
Squamish, B.C.

- * Operating HO & N Scale Layouts
- * Archival & Model Display Tables
- * Model & Photography Contests
- * Commercial Tables & Displays
- * Clinics on BC Rail Modelling & Operations
- * Sea To Sky Evening Banquet
- * Interfor Log Unloading Display
- * Visit To Squamish Terminals
- * Tour Of BC Rail Squamish Shops
- * Access To WCRA Heritage Park

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Plans for the British Columbia Railway Historical & Technical Society's 1996 inaugural convention are moving full speed ahead! We are receiving a steady stream of registrations from across North America and even England.

This is the first convention designed specifically for historians, modellers and railfans of the Pacific Great Eastern / British Columbia Railway. It will be an ideal opportunity to meet other BC Rail modellers and attend clinics and workshops specializing on the British Columbia Railway's equipment, history and operations. You are encouraged not to delay any further in registering for this convention - hotel facilities and prototype tours are already heavily booked. Space is limited and registrations are being processed on a first come, first serve basis.

The cost of attending the full convention is \$45.00. This price includes admission to the reception, the clinics and displays, the visits to Interfor, Squamish Terminals and BC Rail's Squamish shops, and unlimited access to the WCRA Heritage Park. The cost of the Sea To Sky Deluxe Banquet is \$29.00 per person. The cost of attending the convention for either day only is \$25.00. This price includes admission to the clinics and displays for one day only. It does not include the prototype visits. Hotel accommodation is not included in the convention prices; however there is a special rate of \$89.00 (plus 15% tax) - contact the hotel directly at: Sea To Sky Hotel, P.O. Box 310, 40330 Tantalus Way, Garibaldi Highlands, B.C., V0N 1T0.

We sincerely hope you will plan to attend the **BCRH&TS 1996 Convention**. See you there!

Timothy Horton
Convention Co-Chairman

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