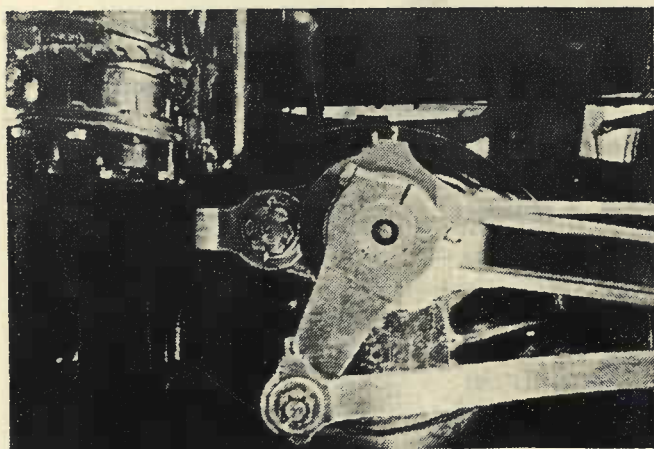




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dedicated to preserving our railroad heritage through the promotion of model railroading, and by promoting and recognizing craftsmanship and service to others within the hobby.

The Editors Desk

By Malcolm Anderson

How's everybody doing out there? I hope this issue of the BB finds everyone in good health and most importantly, building models! I myself have been busy in this dept. in between kidney stones attacks! I think I would rather be run over by a train than suffer another kidney stone!

Anyway, Trains 97 is coming up fast (*so is Christmas, what's your point? Ed.*) I know, I know, but time flies when you're having fun! The guys need to know if you're coming *yesterday* so they can plan things properly. And most importantly, the editors 6X6 contest need entries. Anything goes as long as it has a train theme and fits on a platform no larger than 6"X6" but you can go as tall as you like. Entries in the past few years have been low, so let's see some new and imaginative work this year!

Please note some changes and corrections to Email addresses in the masthead on page two.

On another note, I have come to find out that there are a number of long term members that have for one reason or another, dropped out of sight. If you know of someone like this, I would like to encourage you to seek out these people and encourage them to come out and rejoin the ranks. I know in the past when I felt kind of "out of it", all it would have taken would have been a phone call from a fellow modeller to get my interest going again. And then who knows, a new friendship could develop.

Until next time, keep those trains rolling.

Superintendents Report

by Dick Sutcliffe

Trains 97 asks that if you are planning to display let us know as soon as possible. The deadline is October 1st, but earlier registration will help with the planning. If you need a registration form let me know.

We have been invited to the community interaction day at CN's Thornton Yard on Sept. 14. They were impressed with the reception last year and are expanding the event this year. If your group would like to participate in the exhibits contact Sheldon Woods at CN 589-6665.

Ports Day 97 takes place Sept. 21. We are booked to mount a display in the BC Rail building lobby as in the past. I have reserved tables and access. We need exhibits, set up starts at 8:00am. I would like a coordinator on the North Shore to help with liaison. Exhibitors can contact me, the sooner the better.

Would you be interested in joining a dinner get together on the new Starlight Dinner Train that BC Rail is operating? 20-30 people make a party that could reserve

part of a dome. Dinner rates are \$85 in the dome, \$69 in the diner. Trip is N Van to Porteau return, with 45 minutes at Porteau. Call me.

125 registrants attended a well done PNR convention in Beaverton OR, July 10-12. The clinics were interesting and varied. The prototype tours were great and I saw some spectacular layouts. The only disappointment was the model contest, which had little participation. I'm sorry I didn't see more of you there. Except for the 4 hour BOT meeting Saturday afternoon, I quite enjoyed myself. The accommodation was basic but comfortable, the food was excellent, the campus beautiful, the committee friendly and accommodating. What more could you ask for? You saw the clinic list didn't you? A good range of subjects, some high profile clinicians.

I toured the Gundersen plant, with a knowledgeable guide. Also the new Westside shops for Portland's MAX, with freedom to go most anywhere, followed by a ride on one of the new cars from the shops to the Sunset Transit Center and back, (some of the first "general public") the Westside system does not open 'til Spring of 98. I was on layout tours both Thursday and Friday evenings, everything from glorified trainset to truly spectacular "finished" 1000 sq. ft. home layouts. Didn't get to the Columbia Gorge this time because of all the other stuff.

At the BOT meeting we decided to set up a rotation system, by division, for the annual conventions. Our next turn is 2001. The PNR/NMRA Trustee election takes place in Fall of 1998, nominations must be in to National by Nov. 1, 1997. There have been some delays with the new computer system at National, but it will be fully operational by the 1st of 1998. Wil is looking for volunteers for several short term committees, PNR Constitution and Bylaws up-date; Switchlist distribution: MOY selection process: division 8 program. Those of you looking to contribute may contact Wil directly or myself. Treasurer Glen Presley reported we are solvent and a budget was adopted. Glen has resigned, so we are looking for a replacement, - interested? Trustee Auburg distributed 25 and 50 year NMRA membership certificates, we have 1 -50, and 10 -25 years in the 7th div. Chuck Kuranko reported membership in PNR has increased by 21 in the past year, (7th div increased by 1) He asks if you would like to have your email addresses included on application forms, he would then make an email directory available on request, let me or him know. A reminder that NMRA dues are almost certain to have been increased at the NMRA AGM, effective Sept. 1st. Make sure you remit through Chuck, as National is contemplating charging PNR a fee for processing the combined dues.

Regards.
Dick Sutcliffe, Superintendent.

7th Div. Timetable



Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club

50th Anniversary Annual Show

Dates: Nov. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30

Times: 10am – 5pm

Location: 2505 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland OR.

Admission: Adults: \$3.50

Children: age 3-11 \$1 or free with can of food
for Portland Police Dept.'s
Sunshine Division.

Information: Phil Maggs

2925 SE 154th Ave., Portland OR. 97236

(503) 761-9527 or (503) 288-7246

E-mail: pmaggs@teleport.com

Victoria Model Railway Show

Date and time: Sunday Sept. 29th 97 10am – 4pm

Location: S J. Willis Centre Gym

923 Topaz Ave., Victoria, B.C.

Admission: Adults \$4.

Family \$7.

NMRA/PNR \$3.

Senior/Youth \$3.

Children 12 & under **FREE** when
accompanied by an adult.

Information: Ted Alexis (250) 595-4070

David Tomijenovitch (250) 652-1894

Trains 97

Date: Nov. 8th – 10th 1997

Public Show: Nov. 9th, 9am – 4pm

Admission: Adults \$4.

Seniors/students \$2.

Family \$8.

Meet Fare: \$8., \$2 refund if NMRA + \$2 refund if
active participant.

Layout tour: \$12. **Banquet:** \$24.

Meet Registrar: Brian Clogg,

15440 99a Ave., Surrey B.C.

V3R 9H4 (604) 588-2194

Show Registrar: Dick Sutcliffe

12140 230 St, Maple Ridge, B.C.

V2X 6R5 (604) 467-4301

Or: John Moore (604) 463-7745

The 15th annual meet and public show, Cameron Rec.
Center, 9523 Cameron St., Burnaby, B.C.

Activities include displays, layout tours, contests, clinics,
banquet.

19th Annual Sooper Swap Meet and Train Show

Location: Scriber Lake High School Gym

19400 56th Ave. West,

Edmonds WA.

Date: Sunday, September 21st 1997

Admission: \$3., Kids under twelve \$1.

Sponsored by the Swamp Creek and Western model railroad
club. 211 Railroad Ave., Edmonds, WA., 98020

Tacoma North Western Model RR Club

4th Annual Lakewood Mall Model RR Show

Location: Lakewood Mall, Tacoma WA

Date: Saturday to Monday, Nov. 8th- 10th

Information: Toby Evans

12909 129th St. East Puyallup, WA

98374-2907 Ph: (253) 845-6103

Ports Day 97

Date: September 21st

Location: BC Rail Center

221 W. Esplanade N. Vancouver, B.C.

Info: Dick Sutcliffe (604) 467-4301

TRAINS 97

By John E.G. Moore

Once again the 7th Division, Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association, is sponsoring the annual TRAINS show and meet in Burnaby, B.C., Canada. The public show will take place on Sunday, November 9, 1997. The meet events will take place on Saturday Nov. 8, and Sunday, Nov 9. This will be the fifteenth annual show.

TRAINS 97 will be held in the 2045 sq. meter Cameron Recreation Center athletic hall plus the multi-purpose rooms. There will be refreshments available from the Center's Seniors Association in their lounge, as well as the refreshment bar operated by the Center. All this space makes this the largest annual model railway show in British Columbia, with over 3000 public and 120 registrants attending last year.

The meet will include time all day Saturday to set-up displays and attend clinics, popular choice model contests and view railway videos from the 7th division library. Saturday evening a no host dinner will be followed by bussed tours of some excellent layouts. Sunday's activities from 9am to 4pm, will be the Public Show, AP judging, and more videos. Sunday evening will be the annual Fall Meet Banquet, with McCann's wonderful catering.

The public show will feature modular and sectional layouts; displays of models in all scales, North American and Overseas prototypes; Tinplate; Collectibles; swap tables; commercial sales; videos; demonstrations; and expert advice on the hobby. The purpose of this show is to raise the public awareness of this fascinating hobby.

The Great Trains 97 6X6 Contest !!!!!

By Malcolm Anderson

For years now we have had the 6X6 contest in conjunction with Trains conventions and lately the entries have been rather slim.

But pay attention now, there's money involved!!

I would like you to consider entering something this year. You don't have to worry about loads of contest rules, filling in forms or being an expert model maker! If your new to the hobby or just new to entering contests, this is for you. No pressure, just good plain fun! As a matter of fact, a serious model can cost you points! Just kidding. All is fair as long as it fits on a 6"X6" base and has something railroad on it! It can be six feet high if you can make something that high stand up!

So there is no excuse, let see what you can do. But wait there's more, for entering, you'll get \$2 off your registration fee! (see registration form) **And there's prize money to be given to the first place winner.**

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WOW! See you at Trains 97

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Info: Dick Sutcliffe (604) 467-4301

NMRA Recognition

By Dick Sutcliffe

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50 Years

Eric Johnson - Victoria

25 Years

Gordon Hulford - Nanaimo

Dr. Jemson - Port Alberni

Roy Jennings - Port Coquitlam

Greg Kennelly - Burnaby

Donald MacLeod - Victoria

Charles Massey - Courtenay

W. S. Purdy - Victoria

Carl Sparks - Burnaby

Al Trammell - Vancouver

Stewart Walker - North Delta

Ross Heriot

Memorial Golden Spike Award

By Bill Van Bergen

Once again it is time to think about that person within the 7th Division who has given their time and energy to further our hobby. These people usually go unrecognized but you can do something to show their efforts are appreciated. The award is presented at the "Trains" show in November and now is the time to enter the name of the candidate of your choice.

Forward your entry to:

Bill Van Bergen

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Current Class B Locomotive on the "Steamy Creek Trestle" by Dave Bussey - Photo by: Hugh Thompson

