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The Editors Desk

By Malcolm Anderson

Well I hope that this issue finds you busily working on the final details of your :

- Layout for the layout tours
- Module for the many layouts on the Trains 97 floor
- Masterpiece for the contest room
- 6X6 entry
- all of the above

What? You haven't registered yet! Well mail that form in right away because this year's going to be bigger than ever and Darren Brkich is looking for a contest room bursting at the seams!

Check out the letter from Pres. Steve Stark re: advertising in the NMRA BULLETIN of discount mail order houses like LONGS and EXPRESS STATION. I personally support my local hobby shop. For someone without a store close by, mail order might be the only option. Should they not have the right to see the ads? Here in Canada, I wonder why anyone would want to order from the states anyway. The cost of exchange, shipping and duty, I have found, adds up to more than local retail prices. I personally don't like the predatory tactics of these stores but what can you do? Pass a law that says everyone has to sell the product at the same price or simply support your local supplier. I think that we should let our pocket books speak for us. The NMRA wants to know how you feel, so let them know.

Don't forget Christmas is just around the corner. Time to start making suggestions to that certain someone! I know that some of the stores are offering gift registries to make it easier for that person to shop for you. The next issue will be in the New Year, so from all of us to you and yours, have a Merry Christmas and keep those trains rolling!

Dues increase!

Say it isn't so!!

Yes, it's true. As of Sept. 1 '97, dues went up by a couple of bucks. So please check your expiry date and send in your renewal right away! NMRA will prorate dues submitted at the old rate to 11 months instead of sending them back and asking for the correct amount.

Superintendents Report

By Dick Sutcliffe

It seems there was some confusion regarding the 25 year certificates list published in the last issue. The list was of those given to me to distribute after the PNR Convention.

Doug Auburg apparently gave out some himself to those attending the convention. I would like to recognize Greg Madsen as another recipient, he has a life membership. There are other 7th division members with 25 year certificates, who have been recognized in the past.

Those of you planning to display at Trains 97 should have been or will be notified shortly of your acceptance. The deadline was October 1st. Vendors are being notified now if we have space available for them.

We had a good day at the community interaction day at CN's **Thornton Yard** on Sept. 14, and are looking forward to **Ports Day 97** on Sept. 21. I hope you were able to participate.

I have had several members express an interest in joining a dinner get together on the new Starlight Dinner Train that BC Rail is operating? Nowhere near enough to follow-up on it though. 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 and return, with 45 minutes at Porteau. Call me if you are interested.

A reminder The PNR/NMRA Trustee election takes place in Fall of 1998, nominations must be in to National by **Nov. 1, 1997**.

There have been several changes to the PNR officers list, see the masthead for details.

A reminder, - Wil is still looking for volunteers for several short term committees, PNR Constitution and Bylaws up-date; Switchlist distribution process; MOY selection process; division 8 program revision. Those of you looking to contribute may contact Wil directly or myself.

One of the recent additions to the masthead is Bob Gardner MMR as Member Aid Chairman. This is a program NMRA has had for years, but it has not been publicized very much. The idea is this, if you have a hobby related problem and don't know where to turn for help, you now have someone, local, who can tell you where to go. (no, no not like that). The Member Aid Chairman knows a lot of people in the hobby, and what their areas of expertise are, so he can refer you to them, or them to you, as the case may be. This is another service your dues are paying for so take advantage of it.

I took a couple of tubes of drawings from the Ferrier collection to the Revelstoke Railway Museum, as well as copies of both the collection lists. The RRM were very happy to receive them. I am now able to e-mail both the lists, without tab settings, if you wish them, but I am not into attachments yet,

Regards.

Dick Sutcliffe, Superintendent..

Interior Report

By Gary Hazell

I hope everyone had a great summer and at least got to do some railfanning. The Salmon Arm Club held its annual Corn Roast Aug. 22 - 24. A total of 21 people attended the event in typical sunny Shuswap weather (we put the tarp up anyway as it threatened rain all day). Lots of trains and good camaraderie around the campfire. The Club has had their first couple of meetings for the fall and has agreed to embark on a new module. Not to be confused with a new modular layout, this is an additional module only. The unveiling (very basic) may take place at the Kelowna Spring Meet.

John Schlosser of Kelowna is well underway with plans for the Easter Spring Meet. The meet will be held at the Ramada Inn and a block of rooms has been put aside for the event. Registration forms will be ready for trains in November and will be mailed out with a future addition of the BB.

The Vernon Club will have their layout on display in the Village Green Mall the last week of Oct. for their annual raffle and fund raiser. They are also doing some refurbishing of the scenery on the layout at the O'Keefe Ranch.

The Kamloops Club has arranged for some working space in the same building as where the 2141 is been worked on. This means they will be able to work where it is warm and also store the modules close by in an unheated building so they are planning to do some work on their modular. I think Kamloops has the oldest modular in BC and like all modulars they start to show wear and tear.

There has been a new club formed in Summerland. This is where the Kettle Valley Steam Train is located and the new club is hoping to host a spring meet in the future.

If I missed mentioning things happening in your area of the Interior (anything north and east of Hope, BC), my apologies, but it would sure be helpful if you would phone, fax, e-mail or snail mail me something. I know that there is a lot of activity out there and we would sure like to hear from you. My numbers and address are in the masthead so please call!

Graham Redman wondered if there was an AP category for best cook at a Train meet. How 'bout it Greg!

Corn roast photo's by Gary Hazell



TRAINS 97 Popular Vote Contest

By Darren Brkich Train 97 Contest Co-Ordinator

The Trains 97 meet will once again feature a popular vote contest. I hope that you are planing on entering. We had a great number of entries last year and I look forward to doing even better this year. In particular I would love to see more entries in the photography category, especially photos of models and layouts, and also the diorama category. If you have finished a model or taken a photo that you are proud of and would like to show off, bring it along and enter it into our contest.

The contest is open to all Trains 97 registrants, and there are nine contest categories to enter: *Layout* - operational display; *Module* - portion of operational display; *Diorama* - non operational display; *Structure* - building, bridge, etc.; *Locomotive*; *Rolling stock*; *Train* - passenger, freight, etc.; *Photography* - model or prototype photo in colour or black & white, no slides; and *Novice* - open to anyone who is entering a contest for the first time.

As well as our contest, the editors of the Bulletin Board are planning a 6x6 contest and there will be representatives of the NMRA Achievement Program available to judge your A. P. projects. For those who don't wish to enter the contests, but would still like to show off their work, there will also be a display table available. The rules for the popular vote contest are simple and are as follows; your entry must be completed by your self and it can not have been entered into our contest before; there must be a minimum of two entries in a category; and there is a limit of two entries per person per category. The novice category winner is chosen based on which novice entry receives the most votes. We do ask that your entry remain on the contest table after during the public show on Sunday. All of the entries will be placed together by their category type on the contest table and incandescent spot lights will be provided for better lighting. Standard white mats will be available for mounting pictures.

Please include a brief description of your entry, such as how it was built, what it was made from, what prototype its modeled after, etc. on an index card so that the judges and public will know what kind of work you put into your entry. Please do not include your name though.

For security, there will be a person at the contest table at all times during Saturday and Sunday and stantions will be placed around the table to keep hands away. All entries will be given a claim ticket, and in order to retrieve your entry after the show, you must present this ticket. No one but you will be allowed to touch or move your entry.

The contest will be held in the multipurpose room (located upstairs) on Saturday Nov. 8 and entries will be received between 9 am and 1 p.m. with the judging between 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. During the show on Sunday Nov. 9, the winning entries will be awarded ribbons and during the banquet on Sunday night, the first place winners in each category will be awarded a plaque.

That's it. Your steam locomotive doesn't have to be scratchbuilt from brass, your structure doesn't have to be an exact replica of a prototype, nor do your photos have to be taken with an expensive professional camera. All that matters is the quality of the work done. So, I hope that you are planing to attend Trains 97 and that you remember to bring along your favorite model or photograph and participate in the popular vote contest, 6x6 contest, display table, or AP judging.

See you at the contest table!

TRAINS 97 UPDATE

By George Massey

Everything is full steam ahead for TRAINS 97. We are planning to have four clinics this year. (We can squeeze in five if something comes up!)

They will be on:

- Present Day Steam in Cuba
- Painting and/or Weathering
- B.C. Rail prototype motive power
- Working with Resin Kits

Not necessarily presented in that order. Consult you "Timetable" upon registration at the show.

The First clinic will start at 9:30 a.m. Sat. It will be given by Biln Singh on B.C. Rail Motive power selection. He is responsible for motive purchasing at BC Rail. Biln gave an excellent clinic at the convention in Squamish a couple of years ago so don't miss this one! Clinic presentation time will be one hour with one half hour in between. If a fifth clinic is organized, the break between clinics will be reduced to fifteen minutes. The reduced number of Clinics this year is to accommodate the "Breakfast" come annual General meeting to be held at 3:30 p.m. Then on to Uncle Willies and the Layout tours.

Come early, all clinics should be very interesting, especially the **FIRST** one, which will likely be a one of a kind, once only presentation. See you at the Show!

NMRA CANADA

By Steven R. Stark, President, NMRA Canada

As a result of the publication in the August issue if the NMRA Bulletin of ads from Longs Railway Supply and Express Station, I expect the Question whether or not the NMRA Bulletin should accept advertising from discount mail order houses will be placed before the Board of Trustees at its mid-year meeting at the end of January 1998.

The issue has been raised by a long time NMRA supporter in the United States who operates a small hobby shop. His concern is that accepting advertising which offers models at a lower retail price than a hobby owner can purchase them from the wholesaler will result in forcing hobby shop owners out of business.

This question, which has been of concern to many people for a number of years, ought to be addressed from all points of view, and presumably working from the premise that there is a need for both hobby shops and mail order services.

I would appreciate hearing anyone's opinions on this subject, preferably in writing by mail or fax at the address and number provided in the NMRA Bulletin.

Best Regards,
Steven R. Stark

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TRAINS 97 Layout Tours

By Kevin Knox

I'm taking this chance to invite all interested in attending this years layout tours. We currently have 4 layouts confirmed but still have the door open on the chance of getting a fifth. As a long-time N scaler, I'm very pleased to say that this year we have three N scale layouts to show you. The first is a never seen before layout of fairly large size being built by an extremely skilled and talented modeller. The second is a medium size, fully sceniced and operational European flavoured layout with incredible detail and is truly a joy to watch in action. The third is a larger layout with portions of track hand laid with code 55 rail and is extremely well done. You will also see a Lionel layout so you can stop squinting and enjoy seeing a operating shay and Royal Hudson roaming over the expanse of the layout. I hope to see all of you there.

Kevin Knox
Trains 97 committee.

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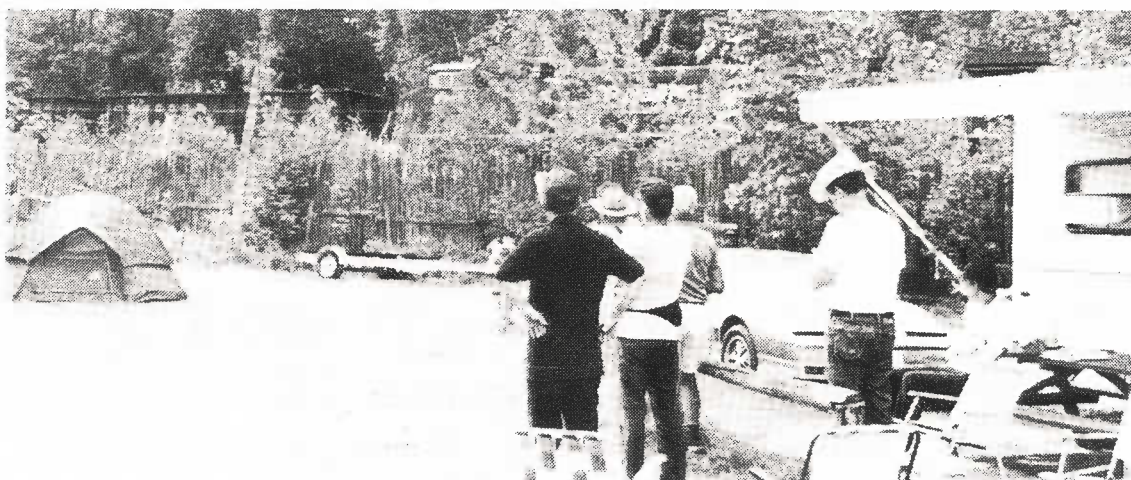
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