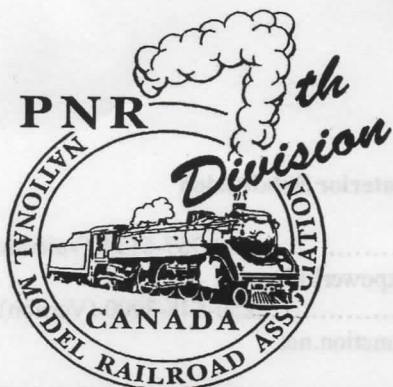




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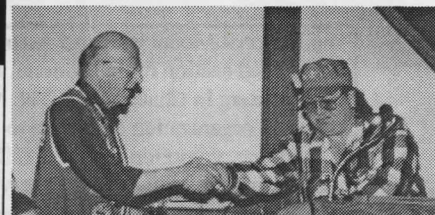
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SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

BY DICK SUTCLIFFE

We are looking to update the "**Hobby Shop List**" for the publicity department. I guess there are no changes, as I have had no response for two issues! Come-on folks, a little help here please.

The proposed **Jack Work Memorial Trophy** criteria were circulated to the Standing Committee. I thought we had it worked (no pun intended) out, then **Hugh Clarke** asked a few questions and restarted the discussion. We are still shooting for making the first award at the **Victoria Train Show**, **Note the date and location are changed from past years.**

Check the **PNR Timetable**, there are a number of events coming up in the Lower Mainland, let **Malcolm** know what is planned in your area.

ON TRACK the Spring Meet in **Kelowna** will be a fond memory when you read this, hope you had a good time.

The **PNR** executive are debating changes to the circulation of the **Switchlist**. One proposal is to make it available to members on a subscription basis, not as a benefit of membership. this will have some effect on the **BB** as four of our six issues annually are partly subsidized by the **PNR** for the costs of inclusion of the **Switchlist**. (The rest of the costs are funded by the division's share of the proceeds from the sanctioned shows and meets in the division, plus a small membership rebate from your **PNR** dues). Would you be willing to have reduced dues, but have to pay for the Regional Newsletter? You should be aware that some divisions do not have a regular newsletter, such as our **Bulletin Board**. Others are able to send out a newsletter every month. The input I have had from the Standing Committee is that the **BB** is an essential part of the **7th division**, with our large geographic area, communication. Even if the **BB** does tend to be Lower Mainland slanted, it does have notices for the whole division, and reports on activities throughout the division. I feel it is a valuable asset to the division

I journeyed to the **Mid-Island meet** on the weekend. (and submitted my column late) **Ken Rutherford, Rick Lord and Mike Kocot** put together a fine show as usual, four operating layouts, 5 with the G scale on the stage. A popular vote contest with lots of high quality entries. Dealers with some great bargains. Interesting swap tables. Lot's of door prizes. All these greeted the 1000+ ticket holders. Well done guys.

See you at the meets and shows.

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THE EDITORS DESK

BY MALCOLM ANDERSON

Greetings from the Sunny Okanagan! Donna and I have made the move up to Winfield (Lake Country) and we are starting to get settled in. At this writing, Donna and I are still on the prowl for jobs and a house to rent. Talk about stress!

Recently Donna and I attended the funeral of a young man of 20 years of age. It wasn't an accident or sickness but by his own hand. Depression about who he was, where was his life going and could he live up to the expectations of his peers and family. With no one to talk to, he felt he had only one option.

So often I have heard fathers say that they don't understand their teenage son or daughter and they have decided to let them alone to decide their own way. Some fathers I have talked with who are in the hobby, have said that they go into the train room to escape from their teenagers tyranny, music and hair colour!

The aforementioned young man that took his own life made me think of the lesson learned from a family I know. They have one night a week set aside for the family. A night that everyone is guaranteed to be home for each other. As a model railroad hobbyist with young family members, you have the perfect activity for the whole family to participate in. Why not invite them to participate in the hobby with you. Set one night aside for you and your family to work on the layout. They say that the family that plays together stays together. Try to find something that they can get interested in. Maybe one could be assigned the task of setting up the DCC system. In this way, you can stay in touch with your teens and give them something other than music, hair, and clothes to think about. The perfect time to get started is when they are young. But it's never too late to try. And who knows, you might end up learning something from your son or daughter!

The hobby needs young members or the hobby will disappear. Encourage your children to participate rather than go out on their own. You might be surprised by the results. I'm not saying that this is the be all and end all of teen problems, but it's a darn good start! Good luck!

Well the show at Kelowna has come and gone. I had a great time and I hope those of you who attended did too. The banquet was a hoot when awards were given to members who spent way too much money on house renovations (5 & 6 figures) just to accommodate their layouts! A couple of groaner jokes set the mood for the evening and the door prizes were outstanding! See you all next year!

INTERIOR REPORT

BY GARY HAZELL

This is my last Interior Report. It has become very difficult to get information which I feel is current and timely. I will however submit things from time to time and remain as membership coordinator.

As membership coordinator and Trustee nominee I think it is important for you to know that Wil Seaver our PNR president is questioning weather or not we should have PNR dues and I would like to comment on the subject. While I basically agree there should be one membership for the NMRA which should also make you a member of the PNR and (7th) Division. In essence we have this in the PNR, as we have what is known as unified dues, \$55.00 Cdn gets you all three. However with the extra money that is charged in this Region (about \$11.00 Cdn) helps subsidize a PNR office and manager and provides money to the Div. for mailing out some of the Bulletin Board's we receive.

Wil's idea is to dispense with the PNR dues and suggests that the BB should be by subscription, which I don't believe the majority of you would subscribe to, not that this is not a good publication and Malcolm and crew do a tremendous job, but it would be back to the same old scenario, you pay your NMRA dues directly and have a second billing for the BB. Another issue you as members don't see is when you renew your membership to Chuck Kuranko in Kirkland WA (PNR office manager) you are immediately up-dated on his computer and issued your PNR card, and very soon there after, on my computer for the BB so that your membership should (if you re-new on time) continue uninterrupted.

If you send it directly to NMRA headquarters the delay can be up to three months - that is not acceptable - and this explains why your NMRA card is delayed because Chuck also has to send your renewed membership off to NMRA. This is even worse when a new member joins directly by e-mail, snail mail or whatever directly to the NMRA - nothing happens for at least a couple of months. This is why we request new members to send their application to me where as I update it on my computer and fax or e-mail it to Chuck. I also send the new member a current issue of the BB (if I get enough) - so that there appears to be no wait.

I strongly believe the NMRA needs some re-organizing with regard to membership. Just recently in a newsletter put out to the membership coordinators it states that "GOOD NEWS The NMRA grew by thirty-two members in February. However, it took 279 new members to grow by 32." Members must feel there are many benefits to membership in the NMRA and certainly with the above statistic and Wil's proposed reduction in services we are not fulfilling the memberships expectations

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SPRING MEET CONTEST

RESULTS

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Here's a list of certificate recipients from our meet in Kelowna;

Thankyou for your clinic participation catagory:

Doug and Jackie Hole for their ongoing "Show and Tell" clinic

John Love and daughter Sarah Love of Kelowna Hobbytoun for their ongoing "Using and weathering Woodland Scenics rock moulds and other products" clinic.

John Kirby of Vernon for his "Electronic Signaling & Detection Systems part 2" clinic

John Gardiner MMR of Salmon Arm B.C. for his "Hand Laid Turnouts in place" Clinic

All clinics were both well presented and well attended.

Locomotive Pulling Contest Results:

Diesel Loco: **Dave Meyer** of Revelstoke

Steam Loco: **Mike Cousins** of Duncan

HO Car rolling contest results: **Geoff Hayman** of Vernon

Photo Contest results:

Best Train and Best misc. **Jack Smith** of Oyama

Best Colour Photo: **Mike Cousins** of Duncan

Best Black and White Photo: **Dave Nickerson** of North Vancouver

On Track '98 Fan Ballot:

(as voted on by registered meet participants and the public)

Favorite Steam Loco: **John McWinnie** of Kamloops for his 2-6-6-2

Favorite Diesel Loco: **Marcel Vandyke** of Maple Ridge for his CPR Dash 9

Favorite Rolling Stock- Revenue: **Bill Walmsley** of Blind Bay for his West Side Lumber Co. Flat Car

Favorite Rolling Stock - Non Revenue: **Bob Wormald** of Surrey for his CPR Pile Driver

Favorite Diorama/Small display: **Ron Keith** of Surrey for his Snow plows

Favorite Large Display: **Salmon Arm Club** layout

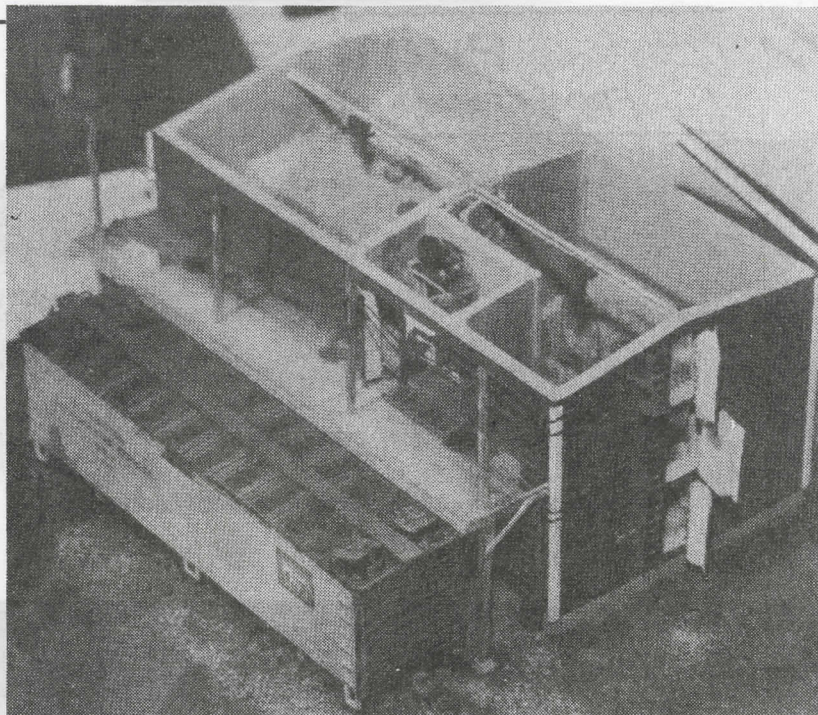
Favorite Train: **George Makie** of Kelona for his CPR "Dominion" train

Favorite Structure: **Jack Routledge** of Vernon for his 500 ton CNR Ice House

Doug Hole Received his last certificate for MMR status, congratulations Doug!

I have also neglected to reconize **Hugh Clark** in receiving the **Ross Heriot Award** last year at Trains 97. Hugh has worked tirelessly for the betterment of the PNR. Well done Hugh!

Our thanks to all those who articipated in the show and meet. It was a lot of fun and dispite thunder, lightning, hail and rain, all had a good time. **Earnest Eddie** gave a wonderful account of life working an the telegraph for the railway demonstrating old communication equipment and lanterns. Congrats to the Kelowna boys for putting on a great show!



CNR 500 ton Ice House in HO by Jack Routledge

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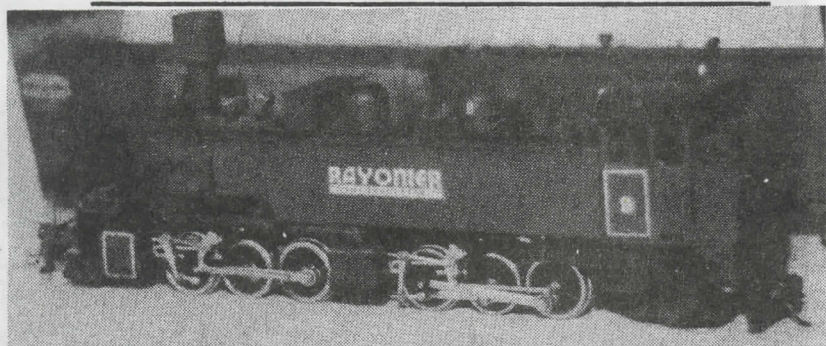
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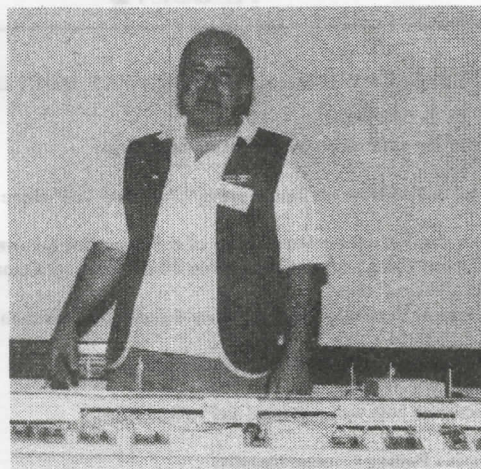
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FROM KELOWNA SPRING MEET



John McWhinnie of Kamloops reworked this Mantua 2-6-6-2



John Kirby at his clinic table on track detection



Doug Hole gets his last certificate to qualify for his MMR

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