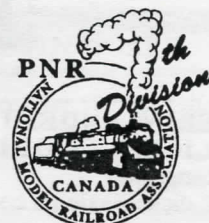


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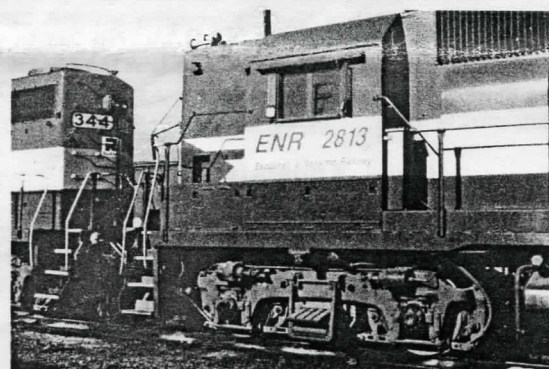
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Rail America Arrives on Vancouver Island

by Russ Watson

Rail America has started operations on Vancouver Island and at this writing is running trains six days a week from Nanaimo to Port Alberni. Rail America, a Florida-based company, has purchased the 109 kilometre line from Nanaimo to Port Alberni and leased the line from Victoria to Courtenay, from the CPR, to run it's Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway (ENR). Freight traffic remains very light on the Victoria to Courtenay line. VIA Rail continues to operate daily passenger service between Victoria and Courtenay; however, Rail America has an option to operate passenger service in the event that VIA Rail passenger service is discontinued.



The Victoria Times Colonist, on May 21, 1999, reported, "that in the first three months of 1999, the ENR had 1,845 carloadings, up eight percent over 1998. Rail America's "revenue per carload" - measured over all its North American short lines - jumped because of the E&N deal, to \$325 from \$314 per carload the year before".

ENR 344, 2813 and 3809



I visited the ENR's Wellcox yard in Nanaimo after the Nanaimo Train Meet on April 25, 1999 and took these photos. I have been told that ENR # 2813 is a high nose GP38. The paint colours from the top down are red, silver and blue. The lettering is red.

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EDITOR'S DESK

by Russ Watson

Welcome to the July issue of the Seventh Division Bulletin Board. I have recently volunteered to take over the Editor's job. Thanks go out to Gary Hazell and Bob Gardner for very kindly taking on the large task of printing and distributing the BB. Sorry to be late with this issue, we hope to be back on schedule with the September issue.

First and foremost as editor, I appeal to you to provide me with feedback on what YOU want YOUR newsletter to contain. This is my first attempt at putting any type of newsletter together, so I really need your advice, criticism, etc. I don't want this to be the Russ Watson show, so please send me YOUR photos, articles, news items, upcoming events information, etc. - I can only publish what I receive! Standing Committee members, please ensure that your contact information is correct on Page 2.

You may be aware that our previous editor, Malcolm Anderson, and his wife Donna, have left B.C. to live in Alberta. On behalf of the 7th Division members, I thank Malcolm for his many years of service to the Division and I wish both of them all the best with their endeavours. Hope to see them back in the 7th Division soon!

Another long serving member of the Division, Greg Madsen, our Division Achievement Program (AP) Chairman and PNR AP Chairman, has decided to step down from those positions. Thanks for your many years of service, Greg, for the Division and the PNR.

Hugh Clark of Vernon has volunteered to take over from Greg as the Division AP Chairman. Welcome to the job Hugh and good luck with the program.

One of Greg Madsen's ideas was to have AP Reps from each of the 7th Division Subdivisions. I am the Vancouver Island Rep and Hugh will handle the Interior, but we would like to see a Lower Mainland Rep as well. If you would like to take on this rather easy, but important job, please contact Hugh. Please refer to page 2 for Hugh's contact information.

The PNR Board of Trustees (BOT) has decided to discontinue publication, in paper format, of the *PNR Switchlist*, in favour of an electronic version on the World Wide Web. It can be found at <http://www.infoharvest.ab.ca/NMRA/PNR/> The BOT has asked the Division Editors to pull appropriate information off of the electronic version and print it in their newsletters for those members who do not use the Internet. The final hardcopy issue of the *Switchlist* should arrive in your mailbox soon.

That's all for this month, I hope you are all having a good summer and planning that garden railway you've always wanted to build!

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

by Dick Sutcliffe

We are still looking for Lower Mainland members to join the "Trains" committee.

Note that there is a revised Membership Application form included with your BB. This is an attempt to clarify the dues paying process. Please destroy any older version you may have. Also note: if you pay by credit card you will pay more, (due to the U.S. exchange rate, Ed.) if you send to Chattanooga it will take longer for your renewal/membership to reach PNR and 7th division, but if you send to PNR/7th Div. it will reach Chattanooga quickly.

The balance of this column is a summary (minutes) of a Standing Committee (SC) meeting, held by way of an e-mail list I moderated. Hope you will all feel comfortable that your committee is on the job.

This is a summary (Minutes) of the agenda items and additions of the 7th Division PNR/NMRA Standing Committee e-mail meeting, held April 12 to May 15, 1999.

23 of 28 members of the SC have access to e-mail, those that don't were expected to be kept informed by the connected members.

Malcolm Anderson, Russ Watson, Dick Sutcliffe, John Zuk, Tony Van Bergen, Gary Hazell, Bob Gardner, Mike Barone, Hugh Clarke, Brian Freemantle, Ken Rutherford, Steve Stark, Phil Strange, Patrick Lawson, Scott Calvert, Darren Brkich and John Green responded at least once to the list.

Bill Van Bergen, Ted Alexis, Hugh Clarke, John Moore, Dave Nickerson, Brian Clogg phoned or e-mailed the Superintendent direct,

Rick Starchuck, Greg Madsen, Kevin Knox, did not participate.

1) Financial Report:

Revenues:

Balance 1/01/98	\$1157.47
Income: Term Deposit Interest:	\$721.72
Conventions:	\$1745.00
PNR Rebates:	\$100.00
Switchlist:	\$327.50
Sales:	\$103.00
Miscellaneous:	\$43.00
Total Working Assets:	\$4197.69
<u>Total Income:</u>	<u>\$3040.22</u>
Other Assets: Term Deposit:	\$5000.00
Total Assets:	\$9197.69

Expenditures:

Superintendents expenses:	\$154.47
Video Library:	\$300.00
Bulletin Board:	\$1825.00
Legal Fees:	\$38.35
Awards:	\$46.57
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$2364.39</u>
Net Assets:	\$6833.33
Profit/Loss 12/31/98: Income: \$3040.22; Expenditures:	\$2364.39
Difference:	+\$675.83

Concern was expressed for the lack of a Budget. The executive will address this.

2) Timing of RR Shows: Patrick Lawson raised the question about holding meets on the holiday weekends, he is concerned about the

premium rates for transportation and accommodation. The consensus is that we have to accept that so members can travel with a minimum of time off work.

3) Future of video library: Tony reports the video library is stagnant. The 7th division has not bought a new tape for over a year now I believe. For instance the Great Model Railroad series ends at #24 and now #30 or #31 has been released. The new titles you see at the end of the list have been donations by John Sled and the boys here in Campbell River. But others report that the library is a valuable membership service. The acquisitions have been down because of the costs involved, perhaps this should be a Budget item.

4) Bulletin board editor: Russ Watson has volunteered to take on this job. He will work with Gary Hazell and Bob Gardner doing the production.

5) 7th Div share of meet revenue: Currently the policy is have the sanctioned meets contribute 20% of the net proceeds, before donations, to the 7th. Committee members and meet organisers felt an increase to 25% would be reasonable.

6) Possible Lower Mainland mini meet in late spring: Darren suggested a travelling meet, similar to the Interior, in Chilliwack, Sunshine Coast, Abbotsford, on the Victoria Day weekend. Another would be one day mini meets, but we must avoid conflict with the shows outside the lower mainland.

7) Member recruitment: Promotion of the Achievement Program (AP) is seen as an incentive. Another thought would be the SC members getting a copy of the membership list for the Div. so the local contact can be made. Publishing a welcome to new members in the BB together with a personal phone call may help too. We do not tell our members the benefits of staying a member, this all disappears after their so-called induction. Still concern with Headquarter's follow through with member records and support. Also that the NMRA Bulletin is good value, but hasn't found it's "niche" in the hobby press. Perhaps a sub-committee needs to be formed to address this?

8) Ferrier Collection support: Generally agreed we should make the \$500 contribution we offered to RRM. Check their web site to see if the list is online yet.

9) 7th Div Achievement Chair: Hugh Clarke has volunteered to take over from Greg Madsen. Please forward requests for judging to Hugh. He has a new e-mail address: anne_clarke@bc.sympatico.ca

10) Patrick Lawson was nominated and voted as a new member of the Standing Committee. Welcome Patrick

11) We clarified voting process for the Standing Committee: The Executive (elected) has the power to set policy, spend and borrow money, and general operate the Division. The appointed "Standing Committee" can also vote on issues affecting the Division, but if it deals with policy or "money" it would be a recommendation to the Executive and they would have the final say.

12) Sub-Division reports: We have enough SC members throughout the Division that one in each geographic area Caribou, Kootenays, Interior (or Okanagan), Island and Lower Mainland, could be appointed to be responsible for information from their area. One of their responsibilities should be to report events, and Club or member activities to the Supt. and Editor. This would help make the BB more interesting and valuable to the membership. We still need to confirm a volunteer for each area. Please contact Dick or Russ

Compiled by Dick Sutcliffe May 28, 1999.

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to the following new Seventh Division members:

Douglas Baker of Calgary
Rose Bourdon of Quesnel
Roy Zschiedrich of Quesnel
Don and Jean Bavis of Vancouver
John Stevenson of Vancouver
Gene Wirchenko of Salmon Arm
Rod Sheets of Logan Lake
Gary Simpson of Kelowna
Errol Holm of Langley
James McKenzie of Eagle Creek
George Schultz of Parksville
R.F. Slater of Vancouver
Antony Tomlin of Surrey

Please feel free to direct any questions, comments or concerns to any of the members, especially those listed on Page 2. We look forward to meeting you at any of the 7th Division events.

RR Days Update

by Bud Forbes (from "Gathering Steam" Mar 99)

The organizational work for Kamloops Railway days '99 is progressing very well. This years committee of Bud Forbes, Mark McVittie, Bill Abley, Gerry Obrien, Brian Kelly and Al Kline has had several meetings and the event is shaping up to be even bigger than last year. The date is September 18th and will take place at the same venues as last year. So far we have locomotives or equipment committed from Canadian Pacific Railway, Canadian National and Rock Mountaineer Rail Tours. There is also a possibility that steam locomotive 1077 from Fort Steele might be here as well.

Our raffle has been set up with the first prize being two nights at Vancouver's Empire Landmark Hotel and dinner for two on the BCR Starlight Dinner Train. Second prize is a family pass for the Kettle Valley Steam Railway and third prize is a railway painting donated by Okanagan artist Ken Phipps. If you would like to help us out by selling a book or two of tickets please contact one of the committee members or Phil Strange (250) 579 9834.

As we get closer we will be in need of a large number of volunteers, so if you can help us out please leave your name at the 2141 Restoration Shop or with Phil Strange.

Ross Heriot Memorial Gold Spike Award

by Bill VanBergen

It is time for all the PNR 7th Division members to do something to recognize an important person in our division. The Ross Heriot Award is a once in a lifetime recognition and goes to the person who has made a major contribution of time and effort to further our hobby. The award is presented at the annual "Trains" show in Burnaby, B.C. Send your nomination to Bill VanBergen, 3925 Seamist Road, Campbell River, B.C. (or via e-mail to billvan@connected.bc.ca). Please include the services the person of your choice has performed and when and where they were performed. It is a good time now to think about this and submit a name.

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Web Sites: www.revelstokecc.bc.ca

www.railwaymuseum.com

VICTORIA, BC

Victoria Model Railway Show 1999 (see poster on Pg 7)
Sunday, September 12th, 1999

Victoria Curling Club, 1952 Quadra St., 10am to 4 pm.

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Adults \$4, Family \$7, Seniors/Youth \$3, NMRA members \$3
Info: Ted Alexis (250) 595 4070 or Dave Quissy (250) 478 5109

KAMLOOPS, BC

Kamloops Railway Days

September 18th, 1999

Prototype Locomotives/Equipment, Raffle, Fun, Fun, Fun

Info: Phil Strange (250) 579 9834

PORTLAND, OR

Columbia Gorge Model RR Club's Annual Show

Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, 2505 N. Vancouver Ave.

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Info: Phil Maggs, 2925 SE 164th Ave., Portland, OR 97236

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BURNABY, BC

Trains 99 - The 17th Annual Meet And Public Show

Nov. 13th to 14th, 1999. Cameron Rec. Centre. 9523

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BOISE, ID

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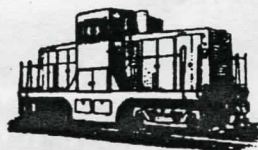
Website: <http://web.internetoutlet.net/pnr3rd/2000a.htm>

The year 2000 PNR Convention will be held in Boise, Idaho at the Boise Centre on the Grove, during Boise's annual River Festival.

The event begins on June 21st with a Registration and a "Welcoming Party". The main convention activities begin in the morning of June 22nd and run through the 25th, 2000 for all other activities.

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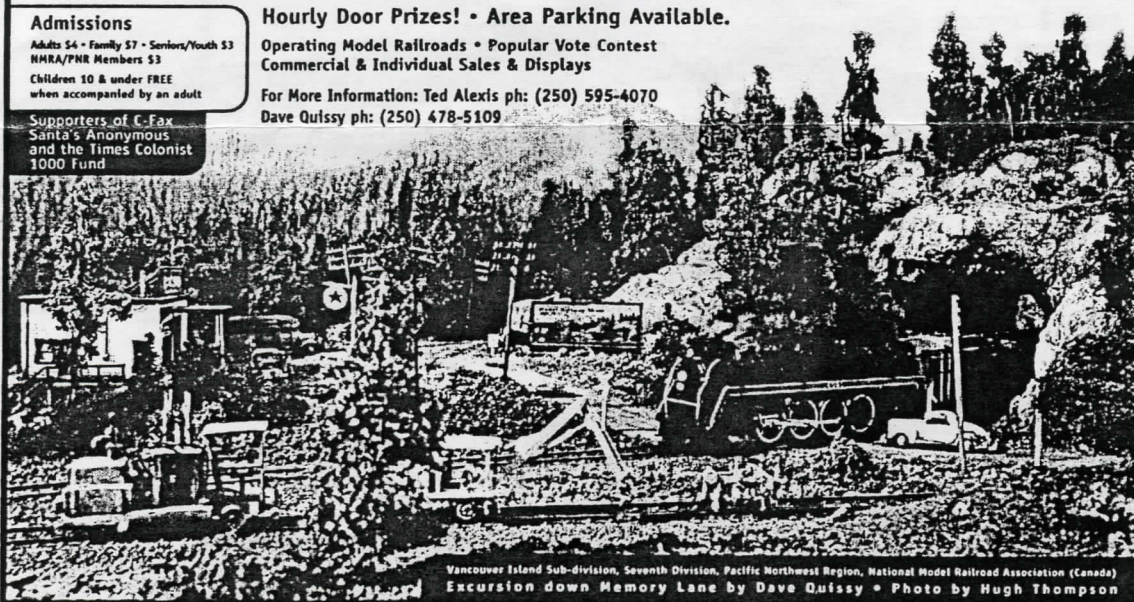
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