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ABOVE: A freight climbs the Coquihala Canyon on Anthony Craig's CPR Kettle Valley Division. The layout will be one of the layouts available for operation sessions in the upcoming Railway Modellers Meet of BC (RMMBC). More information on the meet can be found in the article on page 7 or at the [RMMBC website](#).

Photo by Marc Simpson

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From the Editor's Desk

Greetings all! My name is Rob England, and I am the new editor of the Bulletin Board. A few details about myself:

- I am a recently retired computer systems engineer who formerly lived in Vancouver, among other places, but now lives in the Gulf Islands.
- I have had a lifetime interest in trains, although almost all my model railway stuff has been in storage since my last move.
- I have a strong interest in railway history, with a particular interest in the 1920-era Canadian Pacific.
- I have considerable experience writing for and editing large engineering proposals.

First off, I would like to say a few words about the excellent job my predecessor, John Stevenson, did in this position over the last five years. He brought a level of professionalism to the Bulletin Board that is not too common in divisional, or even regional, newsletters. I particularly liked the extensive and well-executed use he made of photographs. To top it off, I was pleased to find that he had produced a densely-written, four page manual to help his successor do the job.

Due partly to a late start as editor and partly to “learning the ropes”, this issue is perhaps a bit sparser than has been the case recently and is being delivered a bit later than usual. I did manage to pull together a small selection of articles on upcoming events, combined with a few articles that appeared magically in my email in-basket. Future issues should be closer to the Bulletin Board size and delivery times you are used to.

I strongly recommend taking advantage of some of the meets, mini-meets, shows and conventions described in this issue. These events have got to be one of the main reasons for belonging to the NMRA. I personally have had excellent experience with them.

Finally, I would like to make a strong pitch for articles and other input from you, the reader. Most of the text in this publication is not written by the editor, but by readers like you. Don't worry about producing something beautiful or elaborate. I can help you make your writing, or even just your notes, into something that will work in the Bulletin Board. Give it a try.

And now, enjoy the issue!

Superintendent's Comments

By John Martin, Superintendent

Faithful readers of the Bulletin Board will know that John Stevenson has stepped down as Editor. I could write a great deal about John's contributions to the 7th Division but the best testament is right there in print in every issue he has produced since May of 2015. You can read all of them at: <http://7divpnr.ca/node/37>.

I saw in John's first issue a recommendation to try an inventory programme he discovered. That is just one of the many gems buried in older Bulletin Board issues – a tribute to John and to his predecessors. Your time in our archives will be well spent.

Thank you, John, on behalf of all of us in the 7th Division. We are very grateful for what you have done for us.

The good news is that Rob England has generously offered to become the new Editor. You'll get to know him as he settles into his new job and we welcome him. Rob will need your help – he requires photos and articles, notices of events, and suggestions. The Editor can only operate with input from you – yeah “you”. Rob has

stepped into a very important job and he is committed to keeping you informed. Get involved and give him a hand, please.

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Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about anything within the 7th Division, give me a call or send me an email and I'll do my best to provide an answer for you.

Award Nominations

by John Martin

We are fortunate to have three awards available for presentation to worthy recipients within the 7th Division. Nominations are requested for this year's awards and can be sent to the Coordinator for the award, the Superintendent, or to any Board Member. Please send in a nomination to help us recognize worthy candidates. A complete list of criteria and past winners can be seen on our web-site at <http://7divpnr.ca/node/4>.

The Jack Work Memorial Trophy – coordinator Jim Little

Jack Work is considered by many to have been a pioneer in the hobby of railway modelling. During the 1950's and 60's he shared much of his substantial knowledge and accomplishments with the modelling public through many articles in noted periodicals. After his death in June 1996, his stainless-steel railway whistle was kindly donated to the 7th Division and now is the basis of the Jack Work Memorial Trophy.

The trophy is presented annually to the 7th Division member who best exhibits the qualities that Jack Work displayed, namely: imagination, creativity, innovation, artistry, forward thinking, quality workmanship and the sharing of the results of these qualities with the rest of the hobby. The award may only be received once in a lifetime. The candidates are nominated by their peers.

The trophy honours modelling accomplishments and the sharing of those accomplishments and their appropriate model-building techniques and methods. It was first awarded in 1998.

The Ross Heriot Gold Spike Award – coordinator John Green

The award is presented annually to the individual or individuals in the 7th Division who has made a significant contribution to the division. It is in appreciation of his/her unselfish devotion of time and effort to further the aims of the NMRA, the PNR and the hobby of railway modelling through assistance and service for the benefit of all railway modellers within the division.

The award is a once-in-a-lifetime presentation and candidates are nominated by their peers.

The award is a simulated gold spike on a plaque, and it was initially presented back in 1968. The spike is a real E&N railway spike.

Railway Heritage Award – interim coordinator John Martin

This award was established in 2018 and will be presented for the first time at RMMBC in May 2020. It recognizes outstanding contributions to the preservation of railway history.

To be considered for the award, the nominee shall have performed service in one or more of the following ways:

- Have been a member of an historical association or society that works on the preservation and presentation of railway history and artifacts; or
- Have contributed to the preservation of railway history through published writings, or by having volunteered to work on restoration projects, or sat on boards of historical societies or museums that

contributed to the preservation of railway history; or

- Have exhibited a substantial interest in the history of railways in British Columbia and its preservation; or
- Put in many hours volunteering with an operating historical railway as a member of the operating crew or as a docent traveling with the train telling the general public about railway history; or
- Have contributed in some other significant and worthy efforts to preserve railway heritage.

Northern Mini-Meet

By Russ Watson, 7th Division North Area Rep

A one-day mini-meet (model railway gathering) will be held in Quesnel, BC, on Saturday, 4th April 2020 at the St John the Divine church hall, 456 Kinchant Street, from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend, so please tell your friends. The agenda includes clinics, a no-host lunch at local restaurants, a model show and tell, and afternoon clinics. Please bring a model or two that you are prepared to say a few words about. I believe that everyone who has attended these informative events has thoroughly enjoyed them. I hope to see you there. This event is sponsored by the 7th Division, PNR. Please contact me at russwatson@me.com for additional information.



ABOVE: Jarett Dumas of Quesnel presents a clinic on using printed photos to enhance structures at last Fall's Northern Mini-Meet.

Photo by Russ Watson

Nanaimo Model Railroad Show

Info provided by Chris Sundstrom

The 36th annual Nanaimo Model Railroad Show is coming up on Sunday April 26th. As in recent years, the show will be held in the Beban Park Recreation Centre, 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, with lots of free parking available. Although the show started out as a small meet for Vancouver Island modellers, it has grown to attract over 1,250 visitors, mostly members of the general public.

At time of writing, this year's show promises:

- twelve layouts or modules ranging in size from micro-layouts to the newly expanded North Island Model Railroaders Club layout, with Z, N, HO, OO, O, 1 and G scales, plus a display of 7.25" gauge Live Steam
- over 70 tables reserved with at least eight major vendors and numerous small vendors and manufacturers
- tables by several local societies and museums including the 7th Division
- scenery modelling presentations by Tom Beaton and Phil Holden

Up until last year, the show was organised by a team led by Ken Rutherford and Rick Lord. This year Chris Sundstrom has his hand on the throttle with a new team behind him.

If you live on Vancouver Island, or will be visiting the island on April 26th, take the opportunity to see this show. You will be glad you did.



**VANCOUVER ISLAND
SPRING 2020
MODEL RAILROAD SHOW**

Operating Model Railroad Layouts
Swap and Shop Tables

**Sunday April 26, 2020
10 AM to 4 PM**

Beban Park Recreation Centre
2300 Bowen Road
Nanaimo, BC

Admission Rates:
Family: \$10.00
Adult: \$5.00
Senior: \$4.00
NMRA Member: \$3.00
Child Age 6-12: \$2.00

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PNR Convention

Just a reminder that the Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) convention is coming up April 21st to 24th. This year's show will be held in Eugene, Oregon, and be hosted by the PNR 1st Division. Check out the [convention's website](#) for the information you need to attend. There appears to be an interesting program on offer.



Vancouver Train Expo 2020 Update

By Tom Lundgren, Leader, Vancouver Train Expo

Vancouver Train Expo 2019 was successful on all fronts as I reported in the January/February 2020 Bulletin Board. A few things remain to be done, most notably filing Income Tax and GST returns.

The Lower Mainland Train Expo Society held its Annual General Meeting on 26 January 2020 with all members present. With most of the administrative actions addressed, and the commitment of committee members to work on Vancouver Train Expo 2020, planning can begin.

The first steps will be securing the venue and insurance. We currently have a "first hold" on the weekend following Remembrance Day (November 13 – 15) and an expressed interest in the weekend before, however, there are others with prior "holds" on that date. Obtaining affordable bodily injury and property (liability) insurance that complies with the PNE's contract is a precondition to securing the venue. Actions are underway on both of these issues, and will lead to the establishment of a budget. Assuming success, planning will progress with registration forms for exhibitors and vendors to be posted on the website (www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca) early in May.

Renewing the Organizing Committee with capable people willing to do, and to take responsibility for, the almost year round business of organizing the event remains a challenge. While knowledge of model railroading is an asset, business, promotion, marketing, logistics, creative and human/public relations skills are more important. Contact me at chairman@vancouvertrainexpo.ca if you are interested.

The Railway Modellers Meet of BC is Getting Close

By Marc Simpson, RMMBC Promotion

The 5th annual Railway Modellers Meet of BC (RMMBC) is coming soon on 22nd to 24th May 2020. If you haven't already registered, now is the time to check out the meet and make your plans to attend.

Trevor Marshall as the Keynote Speaker

Trevor Marshall will be this year's keynote speaker with a presentation on "The Road Less Travelled". Trevor is a lifelong model railway enthusiast whose current project – a Canadian National branch line in southern Ontario in S Scale – is getting close to being finished. That said, he's already thinking about what will come next.

Trevor is a frequent contributor to Railroad Model Craftsman magazine, has co-hosted a podcast called The Model Railway Show, and was a host and writer for TrainMasters TV. He writes a number of websites about the hobby, too. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the leading voices in today's model railway scene. It will be one of the many great things on tap for the 5th annual RMMBC.



Clinics

In addition to the keynote presentation noted above, Trevor Marshall will also be presenting an additional clinic as part of the excellent clinic stream planned for RMMBC. The 2020 clinics will include such wide ranging topics as building scenery, electronics, buildings, rolling stock, and more. We will also have returning favourites like hands-on clinics, a Skype clinic, and many others.

We'll also have returning favourites like operating sessions (with new layouts operating), layout tours (this year touring layouts on the North Shore), display room, and Meet the Modeller among others. Check the website at www.railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca for more details.

Venue and Accommodations

As in previous years, RMMBC will be held at the Simon Fraser University (SFU) Burnaby Campus. We had great feedback about the clinic rooms last year, and we have them booked again this year. These rooms will have improved sound and microphones to enhance the clinic experience for attendees.

SFU offers clean, comfortable, inexpensive accommodations for meet attendees. The SFU accommodations can be booked [here](#). Book your room and register for the meet soon as rooms are limited!



LEFT: The use of SFU lecture halls for clinics and presentations was very successful in 2019, with lots of room, excellent sight lines, comfortable seats, and good lighting, projectors, sound and other infrastructure.

Photo by Marc Simpson

Bring a Friend

This year we are trying something new. If you have a friend who has been on the fence about attending RMMBC, now's the time to get them signed up. Word of mouth is our best promotion, as a personal recommendation carries much more weight for people considering participating.

We are offering a "bring a friend" discount of \$20. If your friend has never attended RMMBC then list him or her on the registration form. If your friend is an NMRA member add their NMRA number for an additional \$15 discount. When their status is verified as a new attendee the meet registrar will issue you a PayPal refund for the total applicable discount.

We want to engage as much of the model railway community locally, regionally, and further afield, so we are hoping that attendees will help bring new people to both the hobby and to RMMBC.

Much More to Come

Online registration is now open for the 5th Annual Railway Modellers Meet of BC happening May 22nd to 24th. Much more information and many more announcements about RMMBC will be coming soon in our emailed newsletters and in the next Bulletin Board. Check the [RMMBC website](#), Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter accounts for regular updates as well. We'll see you at this year's RMMBC. Bring a friend!



ABOVE: The RMMBC Display Room is one of the most popular features of the meet, providing a chance to see in detail what your fellow modellers are doing.

Photo by Marc Simpson

Last Run – Bill Galovich

Submitted by John Green

Long time former member of the 7th Division Bill Galovich passed away suddenly in late December 2019.

Bill was very involved with the 7th Division, having served on the Standing Committee for a number of years. He was a long-time employee of BC Tel and travelled widely after retirement. He had a lifelong interest in photography and amassed an impressive library of railway related images.

On a personal note, Bill was very kind to me in my first years in Vancouver. More recently, he was instrumental in transferring the “Bill Hewlett Slide Collection” from 35mm slides to digital format for the benefit of his fellow hobbyists.* He was also actively involved in community affairs as a scout leader and soccer coach. He is mourned by his wife Pat and sons Russell and Ryan and their families.

Rest in Peace, Bill – Clear Boards!!

** These slides are now available for members to view on-line on the Members Only section of the 7th Division web site. Email Brian Clogg, Webmaster, if you would like access.*



ABOVE: A picture of Bill Galovich from the 1970s. He is wearing an old version of a 7th Division vest and appears to be counting money (\$1 bills!).

Photographer unknown

Notices and Contacts

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Note that the views and opinions stated in the Bulletin Board do not necessarily reflect those of the NMRA or regions or divisions thereof.

Your comments and opinions on this publication are always welcome. As well, contributions of letters, articles, event news, plans, photographs and art are strongly encouraged and welcomed. All should be sent to the Bulletin Board Editor (see below). A phone call or email to the editor beforehand is advised if you are thinking of submitting something large or complex. Deadlines for submissions are two weeks prior to publication but this is somewhat flexible according to circumstances.

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The following is a shortened list of division personnel. If you need to refer to the complete list that includes additional appointed positions as well as all area representatives, see it at the [7th Division website](#) which is always current.

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