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ABOVE: It's great to get back into railway modelling after a bit of time off during the summer, and what better way to do that than a visit to the Victoria Model Railway Show in mid-September. Here we have a shot taken at the show of a three-truck Shay handling a cut of log cars on the Victoria Model Railway Club's portable layout. Very nice indeed!

Photo by Rob England

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From the Editor's Desk

You may notice that this issue is available a little sooner than normal. That is because the Vancouver Train Expo is coming up fast and we wanted to give you last minute notice about the opportunities this show provides. Of course, you should attend to check out the show itself, but you should also volunteer for one of the many jobs available. This, obviously, helps the show succeed, but it also provides you with a great opportunity to meet and work with fellow modellers. Think about it.

In September, I attended the Victoria Model Railway Show, as I have done for a number of years now. You can see a few results of that in this issue (check out the cover and page 7). For me, that visit highlighted the importance of local shows. In addition to perhaps providing an opportunity to buy a cheap used boxcar or whatever, these are a wonderful way to learn about some new aspect of the hobby as well as allowing you to form relationships with other people in the hobby.

As usual, please let me know if there is something you think is missing or could be improved about the Bulletin Board. If you have any comments at all, please send me an email at bbeditor@7divpnr.ca.

Enjoy the issue!



Superintendent's Message

By Victor Gilbert, 7th Division Superintendent

To all our new members, Welcome.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our members for their unwavering support and dedication. Your contributions, no matter how big or small, are the backbone of this organization. Your efforts make us thrive, and we are truly grateful for your time and commitment.

I have heard a discussion between people who think that there is a railway modelling season, and those who say there is not. Well, here in BC, there does seem to be one. It starts slowly in mid to late September and picks up as the weather turns in November. Then it starts petering off in May and is on hiatus by the end of June.

WELCOME TO MODELLING SEASON!

The Vancouver Train Expo will be held on November 2nd and 3rd. I hope to see a lot of you there. Stop by the 7th Division booth and say "Hi" to me or anyone else manning the booth. The show is shaping up to be a good one again this year. Enjoy the displays and maybe pick up a project for the modelling season.

Moscrop Secondary School has an art program centred around railway modelling. Anyone who attended the Vancouver Train Expo last year may have seen their layout that was on display. They will be attending the Vancouver Train Expo again this year. Please stop by and visit with them and encourage them in their modelling. Some of you may remember the Table Top Clinics at the Surrey Excursion PNR Convention. The students showed their work and discussed methods during that convention segment. The 7th Division supports their efforts and is looking for ways to assist the program. To that end, if you have supplies or equipment that you would like to donate to the program, bring them by the Vancouver Train Expo and drop them off with the school's display or at the 7th Division's booth.

I want to remind you that this is your organization, and we need your help. The NMRA is almost entirely a volunteer organization, and as the saying goes, "You get out what you put into it."

Work on the 7th Division's website continues. Check out the new look at <https://7divpnr.ca>. The Division is looking for a volunteer to manage the website. Please get in touch with superintendent@7divpnr.ca if you are interested.

The login process to the website's Members Only section has changed. To log in, you will need the first six digits of your NMRA member number. Click the “Lost Your Password” link to get your new password. If you still have no password, please contact webmaster@7divpnr.ca.

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7th Division – Superintendent
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Adding Value to Your Membership

By Victor Gilbert, 7th Division Superintendent

Upcoming Events

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| • Vancouver Train Expo | November 2 nd and 3 rd , 2024 |
| • Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show | March 22 nd and 23 rd , 2025 |
| • Nanaimo Model Train Show | April 13 th , 2025 |
| • Railway Modellers Meet of BC (RMMBC) | May 23 rd to 25 th , 2025 |
| • Victoria Model Railway Show | September 2025 |
| • Chilliwack Train & Hobby Show | October 2025 (TBD) |

For those in the lower mainland, Tim Horton has started a Modelling Night, usually held on the first Friday of the month. The event takes place in North Vancouver. Bring a project with you and enjoy an evening of progress on your models, conversation, and collaboration. Please RSVP to Assistant Superintendent Tim Horton at assistantsuperintendent@7divpnr.ca. Directions will be sent via email the Thursday before the modelling night.

Awards

Did you know that the 7th Division recognizes our members for their achievements?

If you know someone who should be recognized with one of the awards listed below, contact the award's coordinator or the Superintendent of the 7th Division. Contact information can be found on the [About Us page of the 7th Division website](#).

The **Jack Work Memorial Trophy** is presented annually to the 7th Division member who best exhibits the qualities that Jack Work displayed: imagination, creativity, innovation, artistry, forward-thinking, quality workmanship and the sharing of the results of these qualities with the rest of the hobby.

The **Ross Heriot Memorial Golden Spike Award** is presented annually to an individual or a group of individuals in the 7th Division who have made a significant contribution to the division.

The **Railway Heritage Award** is presented, when appropriate, to a current member of the 7th Division who has contributed in a meaningful way to the preservation of railway history.

Check out the [Awards page of the 7th Division website](#) for more details and past recipients.

Modeller's Help Desk

We are here to help. If you need a solution or an idea for your layout, ask Mike at the “Modeller's Help Desk” at helpdesk@7divpnr.ca.

Changing Your Email Address

We have created a simple way to change your email address. Email the [7th Division Membership Coordinator](#), with EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE as the subject line. Include your name, NMRA number, old email address, and new email address. We will update our records and pass the information to Regional and National.

Volunteering

We need volunteers and have openings for the following:

- **Publicity Coordinator**
Responsibilities: Coordinate with local events to have an NMRA presence, liaise with NMRA Regional and National for publications.
- **Social Media Coordinator**
Responsibilities: Work to establish a 7th Division Social Media presence.
- **7th Division Regional Education Team**
Responsibilities: Work with the NMRA PNR Regional Education Team to establish a library of “How To” and research material for access by NMRA Members
- **Web Administrator**
Responsibilities: Maintain the 7th Division’s website and post content as requested.
- **Clinic Coordinator**
Responsibilities: Work with the 7th Division’s Secretary to coordinate clinicians and resources for the 7th Division’s Winter, Summer, and Fall Clinics

Would you like to volunteer for one of these positions, or perhaps you have an idea for the Division? Reach out to your Sub-Division Coordinator. They are listed on the [7th Division website on the “About Us” page](#) or contact me at superintendent@7divpnr.ca.

New Members

The following new 7th Division members have joined us in the last six months. Please welcome them, and work to ensure they are included in our events.

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| • John Reedy | Barriere | May 2024 |
| • Rob Bradley | Surrey | May 2024 |
| • Peter Grisdale | Coquitlam | May 2024 |
| • Klave Ramos | Surrey | June 2024 |
| • Stew Goumans | Delta | July 2024 |
| • Eric Clegg | Vernon | July 2024 |

Ross Heriot Memorial Golden Spike Award

As announced at the banquet at the end of the Surrey Excursion PNR Regional Convention last May, and as described in the September/October Bulletin Board, this year's Ross Heriot Memorial Golden Spike Award was awarded to John Stevenson for his work as Bulletin Board editor from 2015 to 2020. However, due to scheduling difficulties, Award Coordinator John Green was not able to actually present the award until September 8th, and as a result we didn't have a picture.

This problem has now been corrected. To the right we have a photo of John Stevenson (on the right) receiving the award from John Green (on the left).

Congratulations, John!



2025 7th Division Election of Officers

by Ken Rutherford, 7th Division Director-at-Large, Nomination Chair 2025

The next Annual General Meeting for the 7th Division will be held March 11, 2025 (more about the meeting will be in a future notice and postings in the Bulletin Board).

It is time to call for positions on the Board of Directors. There are two positions on the Board up for election: the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. These positions have a two year term. The closing date for nominations is December 15, 2024. Nominations can be emailed to me at directoratlarge@7divpnr.ca.

Duties of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent are:

- the Superintendent presides at all meetings of the society and of the directors,
- the Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the society and must supervise the other officers in the execution of their duties,
- the Superintendent also represents the Division at the Regional Board meetings (via Zoom), and
- the Assistant Superintendent must carry out the duties of the Superintendent during the Superintendent's absence.

More information on the functions of the Board can be found in our bylaws which can be found on our website at <https://7divpnr.org/7th-division/documents/>.

The Board of Director's work is not onerous but does require attendance at monthly meetings (via Zoom) and taking on small project work once in a while. We have been fortunate to have some members take on these positions for an extended period of time but for how much longer? As a member of the division I ask you to consider stepping forward and offering your services. It is always a good thing to have fresh faces and ideas to keep the Division active and progressive. There are some vacancies in other positions that might interest you; please see the Superintendents comments in the latest issue of the Bulletin Board (on page four of this issue) for a listing.

Remember this is a volunteer driven organization and we need your assistance.

The Board of Directors is always open to any concerns or ideas. Please let us know your thoughts. Our contact information is on the last page of the Bulletin Board and on the [7th Division website](#).



Vancouver Train Expo 2024 Update

by Tom Lundgren, Leader, Vancouver Train Expo

Planning for Vancouver Train Expo 2024 at the PNE Forum, November 2nd and 3rd (load in on the 1st), is close to complete. Hopefully this message reaches you before November 2nd, the first event day.



We have had a few somewhat unexpected challenges this year. This is the first time we have not had a waiting list for exhibitors and vendors. Instead, we are experiencing last minute withdrawals. We have, however, managed to pretty much fill the venue. A prime hands-on exhibit for young children, Tom Stephenson's w-Track Modular Wooden Railway (from Seattle), will be back for the first time since 2018. The Train Exchange (Grant Reiersen), a retail vendor from Edmonton, will be attending for the first time.

As usual there is a need for volunteer assistance. Contact me at chairman@vancouvertrainexpo.ca if you are interested in assisting.

On a personal note, I have been involved with Vancouver Train Expo for 12 years, starting with Trains at the Cameron Centre in 2013, through the move to the PNE Forum in 2015, the creation of the Lower Mainland Train Expo Society as the legal entity for the event in 2018, and restarting the event last year after the three year disruption caused by the COVID 19 Pandemic. It is time for me to move on. This will be my last year as an Organizing Committee member and as the Leader. Now is the time to step forward if you think the event is worth continuing.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in November.

Work Has Started on RMMBC 2025

by the RMMBC Committee

The Railway Modellers Meet of BC (RMMBC) Committee, under the leadership of Rene Gourley, has started work on organizing RMMBC 2025 and has already held two monthly meetings. Some major decisions have been made, committee members have been assigned to various areas, and work has started on some of the areas. It remains the goal of the meet to be the premier event in BC for railway modelling.



The overall organization of the meet will be very similar to that used for the 2023 meet, with two major sections: the "online prologues", followed by the in-person meet.

Online Prologues

This will provide two sets of Zoom-based online clinics presented two evenings in May prior to the in-person meet. The dates have not been firmed up yet, but will be well publicized ahead of time. As before, there will be no charge for participation in these evenings and all 7th Division members (and others) are encouraged to participate no matter where they live.

In-Person Meet

The in-person portion of RMMBC will be held May 23rd to 25th, 2025. This is the weekend after Victoria Day (the Memorial Day weekend for our American neighbours) and it is a beautiful time of year in the Greater Vancouver area. This portion of the meet will include model and prototype clinics presented in-person, operating sessions, layout tours, model displays, discussion groups, and more.

Stay Tuned

We'll have more to say about RMMBC 2025 in the coming months. Mark the dates on your calendar, and we'll see you at the meet!

Victoria Model Railway Show

Text and photos by Rob England

The Victoria Model Railway Show has been in operation in the Victoria area for the last 32 years. The last few years the show has run a great medium-sized show in mid-September at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. The following photos, along with the photo on the cover, all taken at the last two shows, give a quick idea of what the show has to offer.



ABOVE: 7th Division Superintendent Victor Gilbert mans the division's booth and talks with a show attendee.



ABOVE: Three members of the British Railway Modellers of Victoria run their "Bricknell Road" layout and answer questions from a viewer.



ABOVE: The Victoria LEGO Users Group had a large display that was very popular with children and families.



ABOVE: A young attendee takes an interest in a nicely done small portable layout.



LEFT: The Victoria Model Railway Club had a large version of their layout at the 2023 show (shown here) and a smaller version at this year's show.

7th Division Time Table

The following events are coming up and may be of interest to 7th Division members. Check out the identified website for more information.

November 2-3, 2024 – The **Vancouver Train Expo** (VTEX) is the province's leading train show aimed at the general public. For more information check out the article on page 6, the poster on the next page, or the VTEX website www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca.

March 11, 2025 – The **7th Division Annual General Meeting** will be held on Zoom. The participation of all members is strongly requested. More information on the meeting agenda and other details will be provided in upcoming Bulletin Board issues.

March 22-23, 2025 – The Fourth Annual **Sea-to-Sky Model Train and Hobby Show** will be returning to the Railway Museum of British Columbia, 39645 Government Road, Squamish. When we last checked, the website www.wcra.org had not been completely updated for 2025 but this should happen soon.

April 5-6, 2025 – **SUPERTRAIN 2025** – This Calgary train show bills itself as the largest model train show in Canada and is well worth seeing. This year the show is at the Olympic Oval, University of Calgary. See the show website for more details: www.supertrain.ca

April 13, 2025 – **Nanaimo Model Train Show** – Beban Park Recreation Centre, 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo BC. See the show website for more details: www.nanaimotrainshow.com

May 9-11, 2025 – **Ainsworth Connector PNR Regional Convention**, Pasco, Washington. See the event website for more information: <https://pnr5d.org/pnr-5th-division-home-page/2025-pnr-convention/>

May 23-25, 2025 – **Railway Modellers' Meet of BC (RMMBC) 2025** – BC's top meet for railway modellers will be back next year with the features you have come to know and love. More information will soon be available on the RMMBC website.

If you are organizing or helping with an event, even a local one, or just know of an event that you think other 7th Division members would like to know about, send an email to the [Bulletin Board Editor](#) describing it.



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**Sunday,
November 3, 2024
10am–5pm**

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The PNR 7th Division maintains a list of members that includes postal and e-mail addresses and phone numbers. If you move or change your internet service provider or in any other way cause your contact details to change PLEASE contact the [Membership Coordinator](#) to provide the new information. If you fail to do this we will lose contact with you and you will miss out on 7th Division benefits. Note that the member list is held in strict privacy.

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](#). A phone call or email to the editor beforehand is advised if you are thinking of submitting something large or complex. The deadline for submission is two weeks prior to publication but this is somewhat flexible according to circumstances.

ADVERTISING in the Bulletin Board is accepted at reasonable rates. Please contact the [Bulletin Board Editor](#) for more details.

The following is a shortened list of division volunteers. A complete list that includes additional appointed positions as well as all area representatives is available on the [7th Division website](#).

Superintendent	Victor Gilbert	604-708-4161 (Vancouver)	superintendent@7divpnr.ca
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