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AMTRAK'S "CASCADE" by John Green photos by the author

During a walk around Burnaby Lake, late one weekend evening last spring, I had caught a glimpse of the new Amtrak Talgo Train set "Cascades." With a F59 locomotive on each end, followed by a transition car Baggage at one end and Power car at the other, and then 10 separate fairly short 44 foot long talgo coaches.

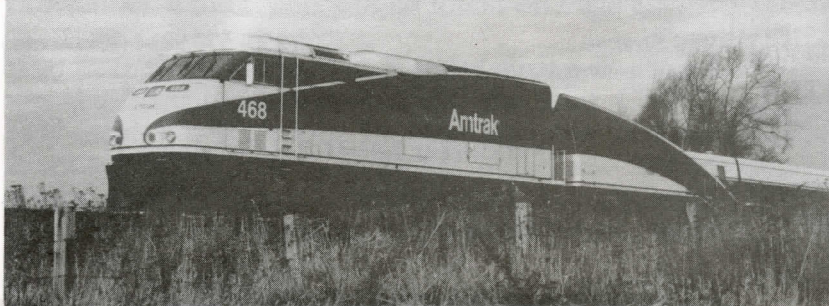
A few weekends later I saw the train on the BNSF mainline near the Alex Fraser Bridge on Highway 91. The train was making good time, 80+ KPH, heading south to Seattle. I caught a sideways silhouette glimpse of it with its high locomotives and low train as it passed over the Mud bay Trestle.

I was able to see into the train as it passed along the White Rock Promenade, the interior of the train was very nicely appointed, people relaxing, chatting, and queuing for food. The train appeared to be well patronized, but not crowded. It looked like a relaxing way to get to Seattle, leaving Vancouver at 6pm - I last saw the train passing through White Rock at about 7:00 pm.

Readers who want some more technical detail about these train sets should refer to the February 1999 issue of *TRAINS* magazine which features a front cover shot as well as an illustrated 4-page article (pages 24 to 27) about these train sets.

As I drove back home in Vancouver, I recalled the first day of Amtrak operations into Vancouver back in early 1971. Some

Northbound approaching Colebrook Junction Nov 18, 1999



members of the Vancouver HO Model Railway Club went out to New Westminster station where we caught the train in and rode it into Vancouver. As I recall, and it was dark when we rode, there was a potpourri of equipment. The new Colour Coordinated green and cream paint scheme shows just how far Amtrak has progressed in the intervening years.

These new sets have been in service since the New Year with service which arrives in Vancouver from Seattle at about 11:00 am, and leaves at 6:00 pm for the return trip south. I understand that passengers clear US customs in Vancouver's Pacific Central Station. I expect that this means one has to arrive at the station well before train time to clear customs. Because of the

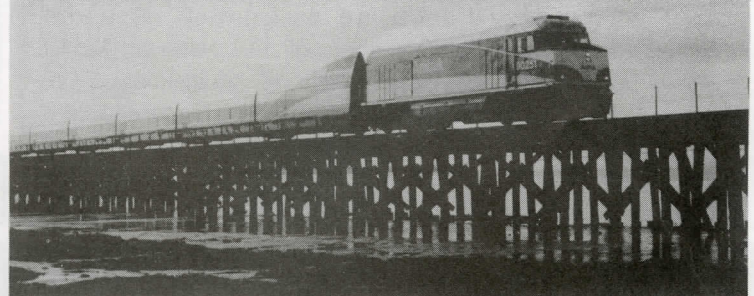
convenience of customs clearance, there are no intermediate stops where passengers get on or off after leaving Vancouver until the train is back in the U.S.A. According to the *Trains* Magazine article these train sets are assembled in Seattle and are in use between Vancouver, all the way down to Eugene Oregon. Schedule information and more can be found on Amtrak's web site at <http://www.amtrak.com/>

The rumour mill suggests that there may be a second train to/from Vancouver running the opposite time to the present schedule. If this is true, it will once again be possible to go to Seattle for a relaxing day there and back. Perhaps including lunch at the Iron Horse Restaurant/Cafe near King Street Station where your meal is delivered via an LGB train.

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Northbound on BNSF's Mud Bay Trestle Nov 18, 1999



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EDITOR'S DESK

by Russ Watson

I wish you all the best for the holiday season and I hope that this message finds you and your loved ones in good health. Of course the new millennium is almost here and soon we will all know whether the world will stop turning on Jan 1st or not. Personally I find it all just a little overstated and I don't expect to have any interruptions to my life. Of course I do use a Y2K problem-free Mac computer.

Speaking of computers, the takeover of BC Tel by Telus has resulted in several of our Standing Committee members having new email addresses as follows: Mike Barone, Patrick Lawson and John Zuk. Ted Alexis also has a new email address. You'll find their new addresses on Page 2.

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I enjoyed another great "Trains" show in Burnaby in November, a full report can be found on Page 8.

The next three meets that I am planning to attend are the Nanaimo Show in April, the joint CN/CP SIG meet in Winnipeg in May and the NMRA National in San Jose in August. I would also like to attend the Salmon Arm Spring meet, but my bank account may not allow that. Hope to see you at one of these meets.



<http://www3.bc.sympatico.ca/wrdixon/index.html>

7th Div member, Bill Dixon's site. 'Trains' shows updates, Mainland Modular Railway Society info, Bill's railways and interesting links.

Submitted by Dick Sutcliffe.

<http://members.xoom.com/jeklein/>

The "Unofficial BC Rail Homepage." Everything you ever wanted to know about BC Rail.

Submitted by Brian Morgan

<http://www.infoharvest.ab.ca/EMRA/emra.html>

Edmonton Model railroad Assoc. A good site dealing with all
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

by Dick Sutcliffe

Superintendent's Report presented at the 1999 Annual General Meeting Nov 13, 1999 at 'Trains 99.'

During the past year there have been no face to face executive meetings. An E-meeting of the Standing committee was held in the spring. A report of that meeting was published in the July 1999 issue of the Bulletin Board. The Interior report, in the BB is one of the regular formal reports from the sub-divisions. There were also reports from Ken Hahn about the activities in Terrace, and one from Bud Forbes for the Kamloops area. Russ Watson has been keeping us up-to-date on Vancouver Island. It would be great if other sub-divisions established a regular reporter.

Membership in the 7th division at Aug 31, 1998 stood at 238, and Aug 31, 1999 at 209. This is a further decline from last year. We all need to do a better job of recruiting and retaining members. The various shows and meets around the division, (not all 7th div sponsored), the video library and the NMRA, PNR and 7th division publications continue to hold the members interest. The proportion of members participating in administration, AP, and other activities is high.

The first Jack Work Award was presented to Brian Pate. This year the recipient(s) are Doug Hole and Jackie Hole. They have been doing a great job of promoting the hobby and sharing their modelling methods.

The Ross Heriot Golden Spike Award will be presented at the Nov. 14 banquet. (Presented to Gary Hazell of Tappen, BC. Ed.)

More of the Jim Ferrier Collection has been transferred to the Revelstoke Railway Museum. The data base is still to be updated. Concern raised about the slow RRM response to requests for material, has been reduced as several members have made use of the collection and are happy with the service.

Thanks to Russ Watson for taking over and the fine job he is doing as the BB Editor, and to Gary Hazell and Bob Gardner for the production and the mailing.

I would like to recognise the service Mike Barone has given as Treasurer for the last year. Also Dave Nickerson as Secretary and Lower Mainland AP rep, Bill Van Bergen as Assistant Superintendent and Ross Heriot Golden Spike Award Coordinator, and Steve Stark faithfully continues as Director-at-large. I would also like to recognise several members in other capacities:- Hugh Clarke as division AP chair and Interior AP rep, with Russ Watson also as Vancouver Island AP rep and Jack Work Award Coordinator. Tony Van Bergen is Video Librarian. Bob Gardner as Member Aid Chair, Gary Hazell as Membership Coordinator, Ted Alexis, Victoria Show chair, Ken Rutherford, Rick Lord, Nanaimo Show, Gerry O'Brien Spring Meet 1999 chair. Graham Redman, Chair

Shuswap 2000, and of course the Trains 99 committee, Brian Clogg and myself as co-chairs. John Schlosser and the Okanagan Railway Group have been successful in winning the bid for the PNR annual convention. PNR 2001, a Train Odyssey, will be held in Kelowna, August 9-12, 2001, at the Okanagan University College.

Respectfully submitted

This past September was the middle of the current term for the 7th division executive. An election needs to be held in the spring, with the new executive taking office September 30, 2000. (According to PNR by-laws) A nominating committee needs to be established. In keeping with the disbursement of responsibility to the entire division we need committee members from each of the sub-divisions. Hugh Clarke has volunteered to represent the Interior, John Moore the Lower Mainland, but we need someone for Vancouver Island. Contact me to volunteer, or with suggestions. See masthead for contact options. The ballots need to be out by May 15, with return post marked no later than June 25th. A returning officer is needed too.

The following have agreed to stand for reelection: Dave Nickerson as Secretary, Mike Barone as Treasurer. I will not stand as Superintendent, Bill Van Bergen does not wish to stand as Assistant Superintendent and Steve Stark has indicated he wishes to step down as member-at-large.

Because of the various hats I seem to have collected, several members have expressed confusion regarding the duties of the Superintendent. This is the description in the PNR policy Manual: [comments in square parentheses are mine] Division Superintendents duties will vary from division to division. The following is a list of suggested duties:

1. Serve as the executive officer of the division on the PNR Board of Directors [BOD].
2. Attend the PNR Board meetings or arrange for divisional proxy to represent the division at such meetings.
3. Represent the division members and their desires at the PNR board meetings.
4. Maintain accurate records of the moneys received [7th div treasurer].
5. Forward all membership fees each week to the PNR office manager along with member records associated with said funds [7th membership coordinator].
6. Deposit all divisional moneys in an acceptable bank account [7th div treasurer].
7. Arrange annual audit of divisional finances and provide a report to the PNR board yearly.
8. Maintain records of all action taken at meetings [7th div secretary].
9. Keep division members informed of the PNR board activities.[BB columns]
10. Preside over divisional board and membership meetings.
11. Appoint divisional officers and chairs consistent with divisional bylaws.(Recommended staff members; Treasurer, Chief Clerk [Secretary], Membership, Achievement, Member Aid, Editor). [Usually done by the Standing Committee with executive approval]
12. Report divisional news and activities to Switchlist editor and divisional editor.[various coordinators and chairs do this directly]

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13. Nominate at least one divisional member each year for the PNR Member of the Year Award. [Ross Heriot Golden Spike Award and Jack Work Award are automatic nominations]

14. Report division election results to the Switchlist editor, PNR office manager, PNR President no later than July 15th of the election year.[Nomination committee]

15. Assist the replacement Superintendent with the transfer of responsibilities.

16. Ensure that divisional bylaws stay in conformance with PNR and NMRA bylaws. This requires that the region secretary has a copy of the current division bylaws and is informed of divisional bylaw changes [Standing Committee]

I hope you can see there is a distribution of responsibility in the 7th division. This is shown by the Standing Committee listed in the front of the BB. I am also carrying the position of Publicity Coordinator, this is why I appear at most division, and other railway events. (also an excuse to take part and have fun). The TRAINS Show is an event put on independent of, but with 7th division sanction. I am also Assistant Superintendent of the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society, and a member of the Mainland Modular Railway Society (thank goodness I'm retired).

Dick Sutcliffe-Superintendent.

MEMBERS'S AID

by Bob Gardener

As the 7th Division Member Aid Chair, I am beginning to feel a little like the Maytag Repair Man, with only one or two calls in the past year. Surely modelers out there must be encountering some (hobby) problems which they would like help with? Although I personally can't hope to have knowledge of all facets of the hobby, I have many experts in various fields as "resource personnel".

Remember, this program is one of the advantages of NMRA membership and it's free!

Please note that my phone number as quoted in the "Member's Aid" column in the November's BB was incorrect.

Here are the correct numbers:

Phone (250) 832-9883
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E-mail <rvongard@jetstream.net>

MEMBER'S VOICE

Editor,

I am writing regarding the comments about the timing of PNR/NMRA events. (*Patrick Lawson, Sep 99 BB, Ed.*) I certainly can't speak from experience about the interior shows but I will talk about the "Trains" events. Again, remember these comments apply to the "Trains" shows.

The Campbell River group has been attending this show since 1987 (12 times). There is no benefit to us in having the event on any days except the commonly used Saturday and Sunday of the November long weekend. The bottom line is if Trains events were held on a two day weekend some of our key people would not attend as it would mean taking a day off from work. The present way they use a vacation day so there is no reduction in pay.

Our gang goes to the mainland on the second or third ferry sailing on Friday and we have a hobby shop tour. If the show was on a two day weekend we would have to go Saturday morning on the first ferry to arrive at the hall in time.

Regarding costs, there are no extra costs to go to Vancouver on the long weekend. Our hotel accommodation is no more expensive, there is not a premium rate for the ferry and the ferry traffic is no busier because we use an early Friday sailing. In all the years attending this show we have never had to wait for a ferry either going to or returning from Vancouver.

I am not talking about the National convention although the year our group attended I would be more in favor of towing our trailer in July rather than November to February and have to deal with winter highway conditions, ie, snow, fog, rain etc.

The unanimous vote of the North Island Model Railroaders is to leave the damn date for the "Trains" shows alone.

Sincerely, Bill Van Bergen, Campbell River

AP CORNER

by Hugh Clarke

The AP (Achievement Program) is a NMRA program to help members be better modellers. It is NOT a contest. The assessment of your modelling skills can take place at meets or on your layout. Contact any of the following to find out more. In Vancouver, Dave Nickerson and Scott Calvert; on Vancouver Island, Patrick Lawson and Russ Watson; and in the Interior, Bob Gardner and Hugh Clarke. We are always looking for new people to get involved. Remember that there are entry forms you fill out to help judges and in turn help yourself earn maximum points. The more we know about your model, the easier it is to evaluate.

TIMETABLE

EUGENE, OR

Willamette-Cascade Model RR Club Train Show & Swap Meet

Mar 25-26, 2000

Lane County Fairgrounds Expo Hall

Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM

Info: Gil Hulin, (541) 344 6858

NANAIMO, BC

Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show
April 9, 2000

Beban Park Rec Centre

Operating Layouts, Sales Tables, Popular Vote Contest

Info: Ken Rutherford (250)724 4698 or Rick Lord (250)7244205

SALMON ARM, BC

Shuswap Rails 2000 Spring Meet

April 21-23, 2000

Salmon Arm Community Centre, 2550 Trans Canada Hwy East
Full Fare \$50 by Dec 31, 1999, Banquet \$25, Burger Bash \$10 Cdn.

Info: Doug Hole (250) 835 8628. Email:

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"Lenzie 2000" 6th Division Spring Meet

May 19, 20 & 21, 2000

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WINNIPEG, MB

Millennium Express 2000 (joint CN/CP SIG Meet)

May 26-29, 2000

Holiday Inn South, 1330 Pembina Highway

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\$50.00 (\$35 US) before April 30, 2000 & \$55 (\$40 US) after Apr 30

Info: Morgan Turney (204) 668-0168. Email: morgant@escape.ca

KAMLOOPS, BC

Railway Days 2000

Sep 23, 2000

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Info: Phil Strange (250) 579 9834

PNR CONVENTION DATES

2000

BOISE, ID

June 21st to 25th, 2000

Boise Centre on the Grove

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.

2001

KELOWNA, BC

Okanagon 2001, an "NMRA Rail Odyssey."

Details to be announced

'WEB SITES' continued from Page 3

aspects of the club, from concept and design to a photographic layout tour. The club is located in a replica of a freight shed constructed on the Fort Edmonton Park grounds.
Submitted by Scott Calvert

<http://www.nmra2000.org/>

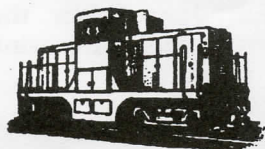
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REQUEST FOR MODELLERS' ASSISTANCE

by Dave Nickerson, 7th Div and WCRA member

Mr. Nick Monkhouse, a committee Member of the WCRA, has asked me if there are members in the PNR 7th Division that would be willing to give their time and abilities to assist in the design and construction of a model railroad in an 80' long passenger car located at their Squamish, BC Heritage Park.

It is their desire to have several model railroads of different scales/gauges built in the "Skeena River", a 2200 series ex CPR Passenger Car. WCRA has been fortunate to receive, from various parties, numerous toy trains (tinplate & O27), O gauge and HO scale equipment. I have also donated portions of several layouts which will be moved up to Squamish soon.

This 85' X 10' car is dry and clean with a movable centre plywood floor walk path. The car can be heated and lit very quickly making it available for workers soon. WCRA intends to do exterior roof repairs, replace car side sills and clean and sand the exterior side panels/ends for repainting (CPR scheme?) next spring/summer. Meanwhile, it's ready for inside work.

WCRA plans to have the working BC Rail modular

layout, that was presented to WCRA by Mr. Bob Chapman of Seattle (Sumner) WA, several years ago, set up in the new station building at a later date. This will need attention too and an operating crew later. What is needed now is a work crew to get the ball rolling! WCRA needs knowledgeable modellers, who are willing to donate their time and more to travel to Squamish on week ends to assist with this worthwhile project. This is a long-term project which requires planning - it won't happen over night.

If you are interested, please contact me at (604) 929 8026 (phone & fax). The names will be presented to the WCRA for their committees consideration and approval.

WELCOME!

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

Tom Lacey, Victoria
Gerry Landsman, Surrey
Blair Sturgeon, Surrey
Dave Trupp, Kamloops

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

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ROSS HERIOT GOLD SPIKE AWARD 1999

by Russ Watson

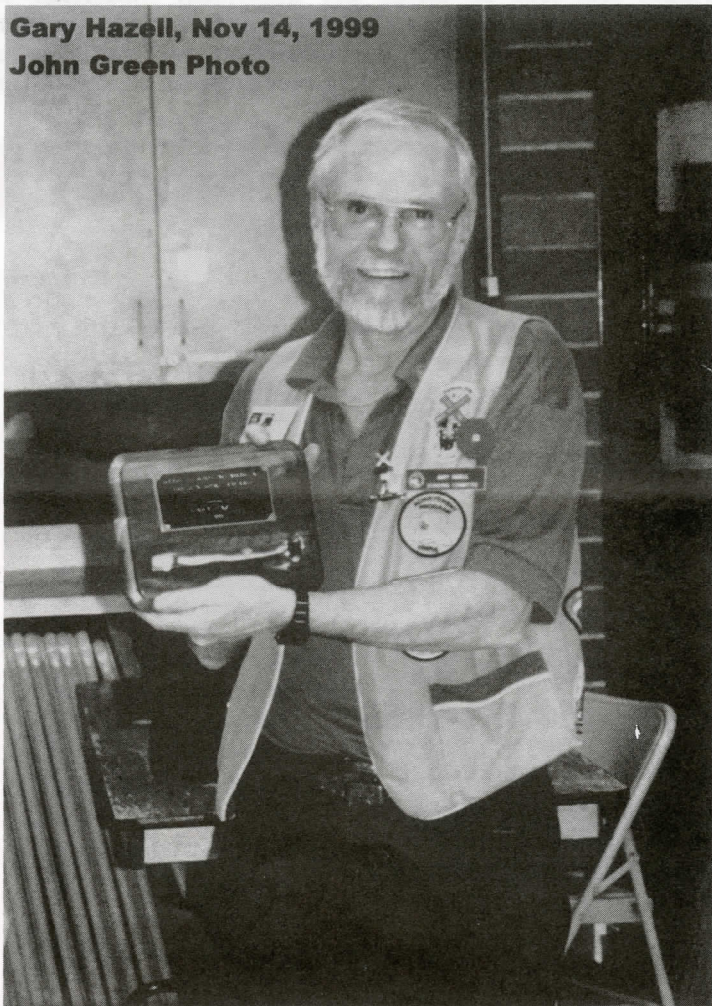
Burnaby, BC - The winner of this year's Ross Heriot Gold Spike Award is Gary Hazell of Tappen, BC. Gary received the award from Superintendent Dick Sutcliffe on November 14th at the "Trains 99" Banquet.

Gary has been a tireless worker for many, many years in the 7th Division. You probably know him best for his work as the 7th Div Membership Coordinator, a job he has performed very well for many years. As you have read in the BB, he has been helping me with the production of the BB by folding, stuffing and mailing each issue.

Gary is always available for a friendly chat at any of the meets and for those of you who attend the 7th Division SC meetings, you know that he is always there to offer his help and suggestions.

Congratulations Gary for receiving this well deserved award!

Gary Hazell, Nov 14, 1999
John Green Photo



TRAINS 99 IN REVIEW

by John Green and the Trains Committee

Trains 99 was the 17th annual Lower Mainland Train Show sanctioned by the 7th Division PNR-NMRA (Canada). Again this year the show was successful and hopefully enjoyable for all. The show was held on the weekend of November 12-14, 1999, at its now traditional location at the Cameron Recreation Centre in Burnaby. According to our meet registrar, Brian Clogg, 171 people registered for the meet. While many attendees were from the lower mainland, many journeyed from further away including from the Cariboo, the Kootenays, Seattle, and Vancouver Island.

On Friday evening, two local layouts were open for self-guided tours and as meeting places for people to gather. The layouts included Scott Calvert's Canadian Pacific Boundary Sub Division and John Green's Coquihalla Valley Railway. I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the confusion caused by the mis-keying of my home address (I inadvertently moved my residence across the street) - More haste - more waste.

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Centre Gymnasium was turned into a huge display hall with operating layouts in many scales from G to Z. The Mainland Modular Railway Society layout appeared for the first time at the Cameron Show. Some of the other larger layouts included the North Island Model Railroaders from Campbell River, the Train Gang, Rick Ruegg's LGB display, John Moore's Oxenhope Scale 4 layout, Toy Train Operators Society, Top Link and another large N scale layout by Ray Brown from Nanaimo. (my apologies to those I have missed) There were many other displays and shopping opportunities from our supportive dealers and vendors.

There were five clinics given throughout the day on Saturday beginning with Jack Langley who gave a presentation about "Signals for Model Railroad operation", Dave Burnett spoke about "Software you can use on your Model Railroad". This was followed by Guy Brook who gave "An Introduction to Proto 87 Modelling". Scott Calvert gave a slide show about alternative uses for Rolling stock entitled "Old Railroad Cars Never Die".

The final clinic of the day was a participation clinic put on by Brian Pate, entitled "assembling a Resin Kit. Brian has spent considerable time in the weeks leading up to the meet, pouring up and preparing 45 CPR flat car kits for the participants. There should be a fleet of new scale flat cars running on many different layouts really soon.

Following the clinics was a well attended 7th Division Annual meeting chaired by Superintendent Dick Sutcliffe.

After a quick bite to eat at Uncle Willies restaurant, 104 layout tourists and their five conductors boarded Wellstone Coach Line buses for the guided layout tours of five layouts in the Vancouver Burnaby Area. Thanks to the layout hosts, Anthony Craig, Brian Morgan, Carl Sparks, Greg Madsen, and John Green and their crews for getting the layouts ready and viewable. This year there were some bus scheduling problems, but at the end of the tour I hope that all visitors had adequate time to visit all the pikes.

On Sunday, an estimated 2,650 people attended the public show while the Cameron Seniors group provided their coffee, snack, and lunch service in the Seniors lounge.

Throughout both days and at the banquet, John Zuk, Fiona Zuk, and Gerry Landsman handled the collection of door prizes which Gerry Landsman had rounded up from a number of sources including our local hobby shops and railroads.

After the take down and clean up, 79 people attended Sunday evening banquet catered by Cosmic Catering with bar service provided by Black Tie Beverage Service.

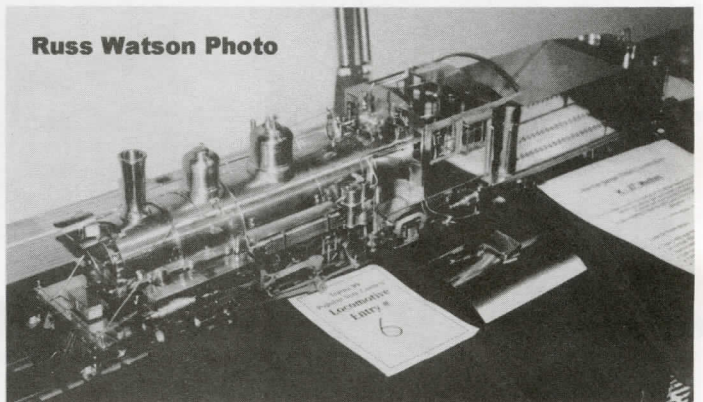
Guest speaker Trevor Mills provided a most interesting talk and slide show. This was all the more impressive as Trevor only found out he was speaking in place of the scheduled guest speaker, Mr. Singh Biln, who had taken ill on Saturday morning, on short notice. We all hope and wish Mr. Biln a speedy recovery.

Following the Banquet, awards were made for the Popular Vote contest winners. There was a number of entries in the popular vote contest where meet registrants voted for their favourite model, layout, and photo.

This year the favourite layout was the Train Gang's NTrak modular layout.

The favourite module was Don Slee's of Surrey, B.C. for his NTrak two level corner module.

The favourite locomotive was won by Mr Werner Grundmann of Langley B.C. for his completely hand made brass G Gauge D&RGW K-27 with operating fire box doors and Johnson Bar which moved the Valve Gear.



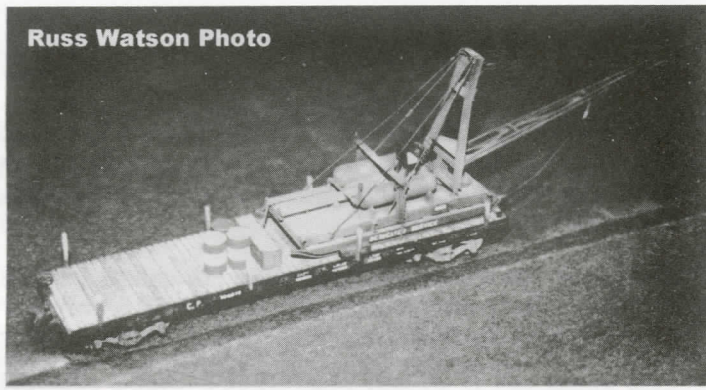
There were a number of entries in the Photograph Contest, there were two categories, Prototype and Model. The winning prototype shot was the BC Rail train and MOW scene at Quesnel, B.C. taken by Roy Zschiedrich. The favourite model photograph was taken by Doug and Jackie Hole of Salmon Arm, B.C. of their HO scale CN bridge at Cisco.

There were a number of trains in the favourite train category, The winner was a Grandt Line Porter and cars entered by John Clifford from Surrey.

The favourite diorama was a BC Rail inter modal facility constructed by Tim Horton and Eugene Daly, of North Vancouver. They were also awarded the novice Award.

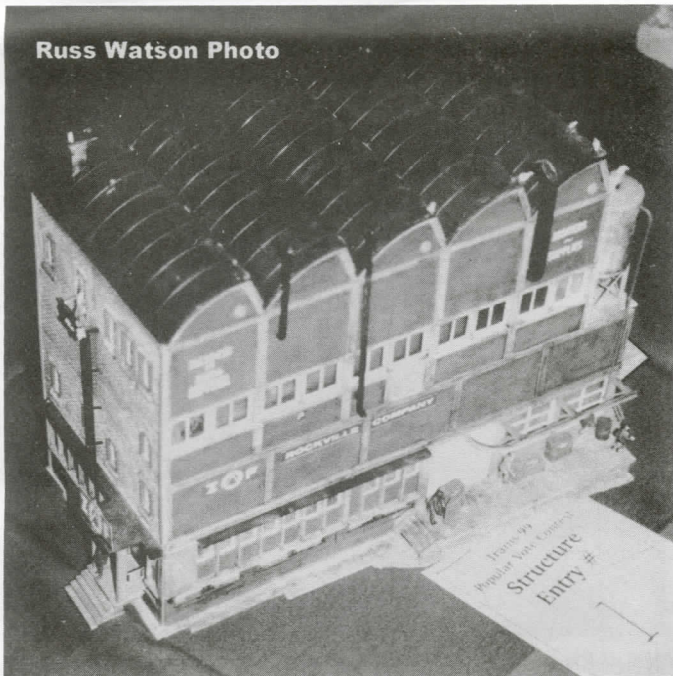
The favourite model in the rolling stock category was CPR Rail Hoist in Proto 87 HO scale entered by Guy Brooke from Pemberton.

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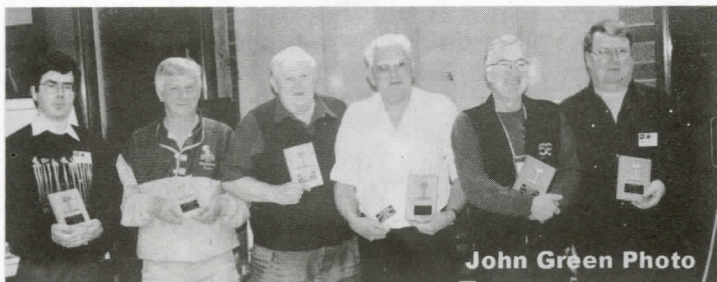
Russ Watson Photo

The favourite structure entry was an HO scale Rockville Co. Kibri kitbash with added details and some scratchbuilt parts submitted by George Bogdanow of North Vancouver.



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Bulletin Board editor Russ Watson selected the "Mighty Mutant Mantis Marauder" as the winner of the Bulletin Board 6 X 6" contest, This science fiction N scale entry was constructed by Roy Kelleway of Maple Ridge.



John Green Photo

1999 Pop Vote winners. Werner Grundman absent

I do hope that you all had a chance to participate and enjoy the Trains 99 meet.

In closing I would point out that these meets are put on by volunteers, this year's committee consisted of:

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| Dick Sutcliffe | Co-Chair, and Exhibit Registrar, |
| Brian Clogg | Co-Chair, Registrar, and Treasurer, |
| Bill Dixon | Secretary, |
| Kathy Dixon | Banquet, |
| Darren Brkich | Venue Coordinator, |
| Gerry Landsman | Door Prizes, |
| George Massey | Clinics |
| John Moore | Publicity and Banquet MC. |
| John Green | Layout Tours |
| Bruce Warren | Volunteers |
| John Zuk | Contest, name tags and timetable, |

As you can see, to make this years' show happen, some people had triple responsibilities, and with the thought that "more hands make light work," I would encourage others to come forward and share in the organizing of what is a really great show!! It is a great opportunity to share some fellowship and have some fun.

Finally thanks to all, participants from near and far, for many volunteers and Committee members who made TRAINS 99 the success it was. See you next year !!!



Russ Watson Photo

6 X 6 " Winner

7TH DIVISION 1998 FINANCIAL REPORT

by Mike Barone, Treasurer

At the general meeting of the 7th Div in Vancouver at Trains 99 I gave a financial short report, which did not go into detail on the divisional finances, primarily due to time constraints. Afterwards I was asked just on what the division had to spend money. This is perhaps the best place to give an overview of the divisions expenses since most 7th div members were not at the annual meeting.

First, I have been doing annual reports on an actual calendar year basis, (I'm not an accountant) therefore the last annual report was prepared in the spring of this year for the spring meet. It was included in the minutes but not reviewed. The figures which are given below are from that report. In the spring 2000, the next annual report will be prepared for the spring meet in Salmon Arm.

Our revenues come from a variety of sources, primarily though from our various meets throughout B.C. Last year these produced \$1745 for the Division. PNR rebates and money for the production of the PNR Switchlist brought in \$427.50. Miscellaneous revenues were \$146. The division also has a \$5000 GIC which Canada Trust failed to accredit the interest to our account and instead allowed it to be applied to the principle. Instructions were sent to return the GIC principle to the \$5000 level and accredit all further interest to our account. This resulted in a one year deposit of \$721.72. Annually the interest brings in about \$150. These incomes, totalling \$3040.22, plus our balance forward from 1997 of \$1157.47 gave us assets of \$4197.69 plus our GIC principle of \$5000 equalling \$9197.69.

Now as to our expenditures: as always our biggest expense is the Bulletin Board for which \$1825 was spent. Note that a major part of this expenditure is mailing with the rest being copying. All other work on it is gratis. The next expense was the video library. In 1998 \$300 was given over for its operation, including purchase of some new videos. Remember that there is no charge for the rental of these videos and there are some good ones in there, all you have to do is call Tony Van Bergen and ask for some. The Division pays for the mailing to you. You must pay only the return mail. The library was fairly active in 1998 but does not appear to be so this year.

As our superintendent, Dick Sutcliffe had some expenses which totalled \$154.47 and the Division had some legal fees at \$38.35. These fees are a result of the Division being registered under the Non Profit Societies Act in B.C. These fees are not necessarily annual but will arise from time to time.

Some of the awards given at Trains in November are the responsibility of the Division and not the Trains committee. Up until this year it has been just the Golden Spike Award which accounted for a \$46.57 expenditure in 1998. In 1999 and onward we must also include the Jack Work Award.

While for 1998 there were no other expenditures, the Division does periodically make donations. For example in 1997 \$500 was given to NMRA Canada and a like donation was made to the Revelstoke Railway Museum for the purchase of storage tubes for the Ferrier Collection which is the property of the Division and to which we have access.

For 1998, our expenses totalled \$2364.39. To find out if we are in a profit or loss situation, I subtract this from our income of \$3040.22 to give us a \$675.83 profit for 1998 which to me means that we are in good financial health. We have in past years experienced some small losses but our income fluctuates greatly, for example the show revenues do not always become accredited to our account before the year end and is applied the following year for the purposes of the annual report. The outlook for this year is quite positive.

I hope this answers the question what do we do with our money and where does it come from.