

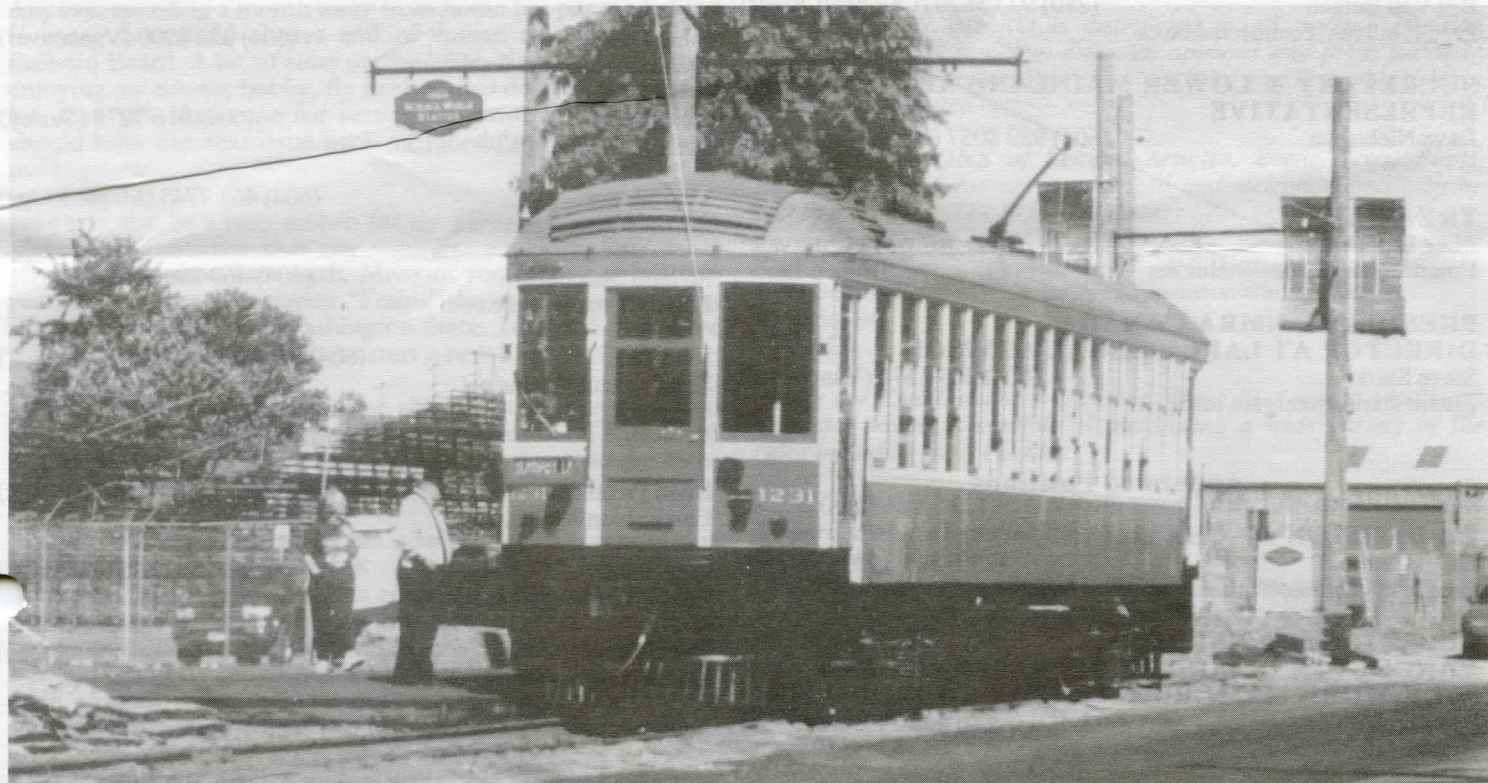
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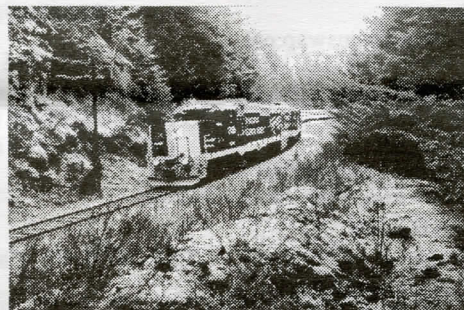


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VICTORIA -

Train fans and history buffs gathered at the VIA Rail station on March 25th to welcome the inaugural run of Vancouver Island's latest tourist attraction - the Pacific Wilderness Railway. About 300 people cheered and snapped photos as the 11 vintage coaches and locomotives pulled into the station. The company will begin regular service to the top of the Malahat on June 17 with three trains daily through Sept. 10.

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Please feel free to contact any of the above members if you have questions, comments, suggestions or concerns. The strength of any organization is with it's members!

Visit the PNR WEBSITE at:
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EDITOR'S DESK

by Russ Watson

At the end of February, right after we returned from visiting my son and his family in Quesnel, my supervisor told me that I would be spending the entire month of March in Halifax. I completed a gas turbine maintenance course there on the Navy base, which required a fair bit of work on my part, I haven't attended school for a while. The brain took a day or two to get revved up.

Anyway, spending a month away from home has put me behind in many household chores and of course this issue of the Bulletin Board. A bit of time on the lakes, since I came home, enjoying my newest hobby, fly fishing, also delayed this issue a bit. Can you blame me for setting my priorities this way? I should have the next issue back on schedule with a June 15th mailing date.

June will also be a busy month for the Watson's though. I am pleased to announce that our youngest daughter, Brenda, is getting married on June 24th. Many of you met Brenda a few years ago at the Vancouver 'Trains' shows and a few other shows around BC and Washington State. It's hard to believe that she is now 19 and ready to start a new life.

On to trains, I was pleased to be able to attend the Nanaimo Show on April 9th. As always, Ken Rutherford and Rick Lord put on a great show. Hopefully a complete report on the show will be published in the June BB.

Thanks to Bill Van Bergen, I am now the proud owner of one of Bachmann's On30 8-ton 0-4-0 porter locomotives, purchased at the show. It looks great and runs pretty well. Bill was kind enough to point out this new product running on some new On30 modules which are sponsored by Mike Kocot's Island Trains of Nanaimo. No, I'm not abandoning N scale, I'm just collecting a bit of On3 and On30 equipment for some future scratchbuilding and a possible small shelf layout.

Ken Haun, Doug Kelleway and Mike Stokes now have email addresses, Ted Alexis' email address has changed and Doug Kelleway has a new phone number. Please check out page 2 for these changes. We now have 25 of the 26 Standing Committee members using email.

Speaking of the Standing Committee, it was pointed out to me that in my 'Editor's Desk' in the last issue, I made it sound like Kevin Knox was fired from the Standing Committee. This certainly wasn't the case and I apologize to Kevin for my poor wording, his departure from the committee was entirely his decision.

I hope to see some of you in Winnipeg on May 27th at the joint CN/CP convention. I really enjoyed the CN/BCR convention in Prince George last summer and I'm expecting an equally good time in Winnipeg. My involvement in the CN Lines SIG has prompted me to attend these conventions.

I hope you all enjoyed the Salmon Arm Spring Meet and your Easter Holidays. I just couldn't make it to Salmon Arm but I look forward to receiving a report on the show for a future issue off the BB.

I hope everyone is having a great spring, and looking forward to a fantastic summer, bye for now.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

by Dick Sutcliffe

A number of housekeeping items first of all.

Dues: As you see from the March NMRA Bulletin the Board of Trustees have passed a cost of living increase for the national dues. The PNR has held the line on Regional dues, but the Canadian dollar has suffered in the exchange rate since the PNR Board of Directors last set the Canadian equivalent. As you will see from the current membership application the **combined** dues for NMRA/PNR is now \$60 Cdn. This includes the CoL increase and the exchange rate adjustment. If you wish to save a few dollars, a new dues category for a five year renewal has been established, that will save you the CoL increase.

One of the best ways to keep NMRA costs down is to renew two months before your dues expire. This will save the NMRA the cost of mailing you a reminder. Also if you renew through the PNR office manager you can pay with a Canadian dollars cheque. If you use a credit card or send a Canadian dollars cheque to head office there are costs for processing that use up some of your dues payment making the banks fatter.

Video Library: It is some time since the division has purchased new titles for the library, partly due to reduced finances and also due to reduced usage. We are adding the next two "Great Model Railroads" to the library. When the Standing Committee was asked for suggested titles the response was underwhelming, but one was that we asked the membership to donate videos that they were finished with. So we are doing that. These must be original tapes not copies. If you have any that you care to pass on send them to Tony Van Bergen, 2400 Spring Rd., Campbell River, B.C. V9W 5K8.

Trains 2000: The registration forms for Displayer/Vendors, and meet registrations forms have been mailed. See you club contact for more information, or you hobby supplier for the meet registrations forms. With this being a four day weekend there are more activities, including a prototype tour on the Monday morning. We are expecting a larger than usual attendance, so get your registrations in early to ensure you get the tours and the banquet, which all have limited space. One area your group is asked to participate in is supplying volunteers. The cover letter explains it, but volunteers increase your group's share of the honorariums. 'Nuff said?

Ballot: This issue should contain the election ballot for 7th division. Be sure you vote.

It has been an interesting two and half terms that I have been your Super. but now it is time for someone else to take on the job. I hope to continue on the SC and will be actively supporting the hobby in many ways.

Insurance: see Page 8 in this issue.

The **North Island Model Railroaders** set up their layout in the Campbell River Museum during the Christmas season and received a good public response. Thanks fellas.

Modular Display: the Mainland Modular Railway Society had the pleasure of setting up our modules, for two days, at the Classic Car Show and Auction in Abbotsford, in February. It was a great location, lots of room with good lighting, and a warm reception from a different crowd to that which we see at a Train Show. Layout ran well, looked good and we enjoyed using the DCC control system. (We received a nice honorarium too)

Looks like another busy model railroading spring and summer coming up. See you at the shows.

MEMBER'S VOICE

Dear Editor,

The Brussels streetcar #4 is being shipped to Vancouver very soon. The Transit Museum Society had full intention of paying entirely for the \$20,000 total shipping cost. However, we have just learned that due to an oversight in foreign exchange made by our representative in Belgium, the cost will be greater than expected. The total cost will be closer to \$26,000 Canadian. We find ourselves \$6,000 short of funds. Coincidentally, on the same day we realized our shortfall, we also received a letter from the CI Charitable Foundation advising that our grant application has been rejected.

Please let me remind you of the favourable features of this particular streetcar (tram). This car will add to the fleet of Vancouver's Downtown Historic Railway. The vision of City Council is for the DHR to provide inner city transportation and reduce automobile dependency. The 2 historic BCER trams now operating on the DHR are not, nor can they be made, wheelchair accessible. The Brussels tram has a lower floor and wider doors which make it an excellent candidate for wheelchair access. **No modifications need be done to the tram itself.** Wheelchair access can be provided by construction of simple wooden ramps at each station.

Can you help us by making a donation to this project? Can you suggest some other organization that might be willing to make a donation to this project? Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$25.00

If you wish to discuss this project in person, our president, David Asselin (264-8721) and myself would be willing to meet with you at your pleasure. Pictures of tram #4 can be seen on our web site: www.trams.bc.ca

Dale Laird, Vice President, TRAMS, (604) 325-9990

AP CORNER #3

by Hugh Clarke

The Achievement Program (AP) is an NMRA sponsored program designed to help you become a better modeller. The AP is broken down into four main divisions including, railroad equipment, railroad setting, railroad construction and operation, and lastly, service to the hobby and NMRA. Each of these four divisions is further subdivided into eleven categories in all. Model railroaders may participate in AP by having their work assessed by a set of standards (guideposts) in each category. See the complete standards on-line at:
<http://users.vnet.net/paulrver/welcome.html>.

When achievement is attained in seven of the eleven categories, the model railroader becomes a master of the AP or a Master Model Railroader (MMR).

Category A Railroad Equipment

1. Master Builder: Motive Power
2. Master Builder: Cars

Category B Railroad Setting

3. Master Builder: Structures
4. Master Builder: Scenery
- 4a. Master Builder: Prototype Models

Category C Railroad Construction and Operation

5. Model Railroad Engineer: Civil
6. Model Railroad Engineer: Electrical
7. Chief Dispatcher

Category D Service to the Hobby and the NMRA

8. Association Official
9. Association Volunteer
10. Model Railroad Author

And, remember - should the mood strike - build!!

WELCOME!

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

Monique Costa	Burnaby
Norman Evans	Chilliwack
Beth Fitzpatrick	Brankendale
R.W. Priddy	Surrey
Warren Stringer	Delta

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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TIMETABLE

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"Lenzie 2000" 6th Division Spring Meet

May 19, 20 & 21, 2000

Info: John Prins (403) 328 7390 or Doug Wingfield (403) 381 1369. Email: wngfield@telusplanet.net

WINNIPEG, MB

Millennium Express 2000 (joint CN/CP SIG Meet)

May 26-29, 2000

Holiday Inn South, 1330 Pembina Highway BBQ Reception, Clinics, Layout/Prototype Tours, Banquet \$50.00 (\$35 US) before April 30, 2000 & \$55 (\$40 US) after April 30
Info: Morgan Turney (204) 668-0168. Email: morgant@escape.ca

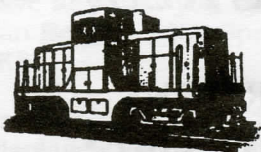
FORT LANGLEY, BC

Railway Days

June 3 & 4, 2000

Saturday 10am to 5 pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm
Fort Langley Community Hall, 9167 Glover Rd, & CNR Station Site, Adults \$5.00 Seniors/Students \$2.00 Family \$10.00 (children under 5 free). Info: (604) 574 7278, Email: G_Landsman@telus.net

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Art Knapp Plantland, 4391 King George Highway, Surrey. Looking for displays, & vendors. Proceeds to JRFM's 'Basics for babies' Info: (604) 596 3201, Email: artknapp@artknapp.com

REVELSTOKE, BC

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August 18-20, 2000

Guided photography opportunities, slide show presentations, prototype equipment exhibits & demonstrations, photography competitions. Info 1 877 6060, Email: railway@revelstoke.net

VICTORIA, BC

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September 10th, 2000

Victoria Curling Club, 1952 Quadra Street
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Info: Ted Alexis (250) 595 4070 or David Tomlenovich (250) 652 1894

KAMLOOPS, BC

Kamloops Railway Day 2000

September 23, 2000

Riverside Coliseum. 300 Lorne Ave. Locomotive and rolling stock displays from CNR, CPR, RMRT, 2141 shop tours, hand car rides, displays, swap meet. Info: (250) 573 3430, Email: mcvittie@sageserve.com, Website www.sageserve.com/~mcvittie

CHILLIWACK, BC

3rd. Annual Cheam Lions Model Railway Show

October 28-29. Saturday 10am to 5 pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm

Evergreen Hall 9291 Corbould Avenue, Chilliwack, B.C. Adults \$4.00 Seniors/Students \$2.00 Family \$8.00 (under 6 free when accompanied by an Adult) info: James Hill (604) 824 1757 Fax: (604) 795 5046, Email: jcdmhill@dowco.com

PNR CONVENTION DATES

2000

BOISE, ID

June 21st to 25th, 2000

Boise Centre on the Grove

Website: <http://dist.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

TREASURERS REPORT

In a previous issue of the Bulletin Board I gave an overview of the divisions financial state based on the annual statement for the year 1998. I have just finished the statement for 1999 and will now give you an update.

As far as our revenues are concerned, our biggest income source was the convention and meets held throughout the year which produced \$2259.56 in revenue. Our term deposit interest continues to bring in some money, last year it amounted to \$198.49 and the PNR rebates added \$259.19. Some miscellaneous items and the return of the unused portion of the BB funds by Malcolm Anderson when he moved to Calgary gained us another \$273.13. This gave us an income of \$2990.37 for the year. Adding this to our bank balance of \$1108.57 left us with working assets of \$4098.94.

As for our expenses, the expenditures are not much different from the previous year just the numbers are a little different. As with the previous year our biggest expense was the Bulletin Board with an expenditure of \$1865.93. There is a slight change in the way this money is reported though in that where Malcolm would maintain his own account for the BB, Gary Hazel and Russ Watson have been sending me the bills directly for all BB expenditures. This doesn't affect the bottom line. Last year Malcolm spent \$1825.

Our next major expenditure was a donation to the Revelstoke Railway Museum of \$500 for storage tubes for the plans in the Ferrier Collection which is being maintained by the museum for us. Remember, all 7th Div members can access this collection. You will only be

required to cover copying costs and I believe mailing. Some of the plans that Pat Lawson has produced and published have come from this collection. And there is more to come as there is a lot of valuable material to be found there.

The video library has seen a real decrease in use this year and the past few days, (this is being written in January), there has been some discussion among the executive as to what to do with it. My own hope is that the steps are taken to increase the use of the library and not abolish it. As a member of the division you can call Tony Van Bergen and request any of these tapes. All that you are required to pay for is the return mail. With this in mind the total expenses for the library this year were \$100, compared to the previous years \$300. These numbers include new purchases and mailing to you the member.

Our illustrious superintendent has some expenses of his own for which he is reimbursed, last years were down compared to the previous year. Dick spent \$101.83 in 1999 while in 1998 he blew \$154.47.

And finally there were some miscellaneous expenses totalling \$107.44 which include legal fees, awards and insurance for the various meets through the division. Adding these expenditures together the division spent \$2675.20 which when compared to our income of \$2990.37 left us with a profit of \$315.17 and a present bank balance of \$1404. The division therefore continues to be in good financial shape for the new year.

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INSURANCE FOR EXHIBITING MODELS has changes. I had a bit of a shock when I renewed my comprehensive homeowners insurance policy. There has been a change in the clause related to exhibiting hobby equipment. Previously I had a clause that permitted me to display models at an event, with coverage (except the \$500 deductible). Now I have to pay an extra \$50 premium for an exclusion to the exclusion clause. I haven't had to list the items, just set a total value, and am limited to four times per year this can be in effect. I did a quick calculation as to the value of the stuff with the 7th div display - \$780; when the modules are displayed, with some rolling stock and a DCC control system, it's about \$2750. The insurance company says don't bother with the \$780, with the \$500 deductible it's not worth it. If you checked your policy last time I circulated this 'heads-up' you might want to check again. All that was changed was the phrase 'unless the loss is caused by a Specified Peril or theft or attempted theft' was deleted.

Dick Sutcliffe

Quick modelling trick:- Blown up a few Dremel cutoff discs?. Try wetting them with ACC, on a piece of wax paper. Let it dry before you mount them on the arbor. Reportedly adds to the life immensely, also relieves the nervous tension while using them. Just beware of the fumes as the disc gets warm.

Dick Sutcliffe

2141 Locie Update

by Bud Forbes
from the newsletter "Gathering Steam" Mar 2000

Work on 2141 continues to progress at a rapid pace. You probably are not aware that we also have a FASTCAT his name is Peter Balaski. He works so fast everyone gets tired just watching him. To this date the tender has been finished. We are just waiting for some nice warm weather when we will roll it outside, put the oil tank in, sandblast it and repaint it. The work on the cab has started and so far the front, back, and two sides have been cut out and we have started drilling the holes in preparation for riveting. Work has started on the smoke box with a new piece of plate steel put in to support the smoke stack. The exhaust jet has been cleaned and installed. The tubes have had extensions welded onto them and they have all been swaged (the firebox end compressed) and are waiting to be hydrostatically tested. The stay bolt gang are still working in the firebox when they are not working on something else.

If you would like to contribute to this wonderful locomotive restoration project in any way, contact Phil Strange in Kamloops at (250) 579 9834, Email: ps@mail.ocis.net .



WEB SITES

<http://www3.telus.net/wrdixon/trains2000/train2000.html>

The complete web site of "TRAINS 2000"

railway@revelstoke.net

REVELSTOKE RAILWAY MUSEUM - Note: this is a **new address**

above two sites submitted by Dick Sutcliffe

<http://mypage.direct.ca/c/cprdb/lawson.htm>

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