

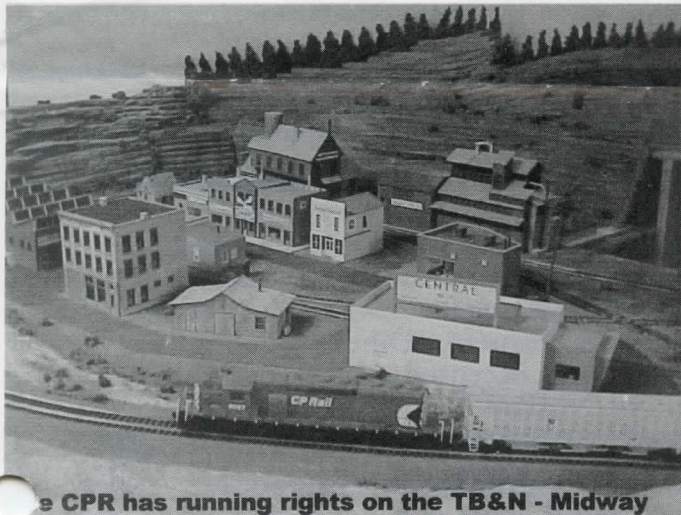
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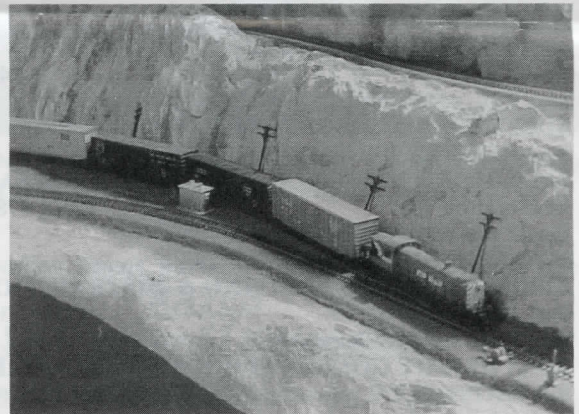
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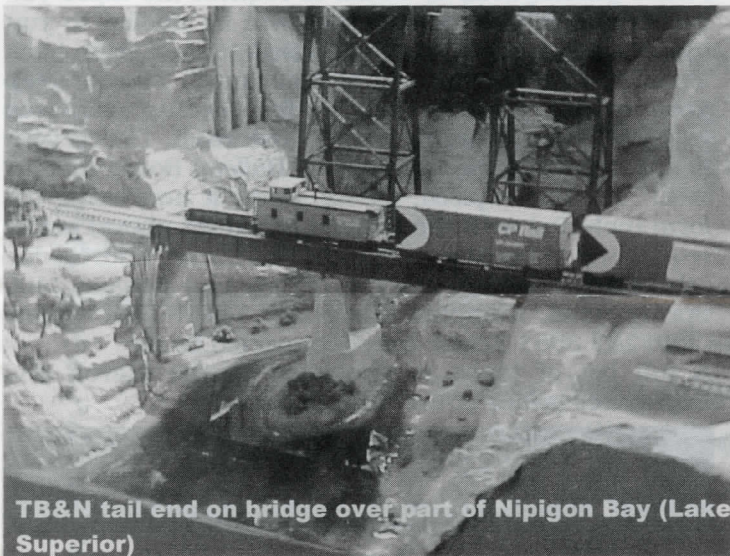


CPR has running rights on the TB&N - Midway

Richard Starchuk sent these photos and reports that one half of his HO scale Thunder Bay & Nipigon Railway is almost completely finished, except for the planting of the hundreds of trees under construction. This "almost finished" section is a little over ten metres in length. The other half of

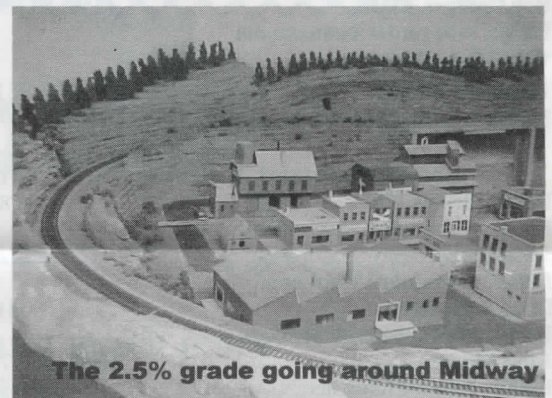


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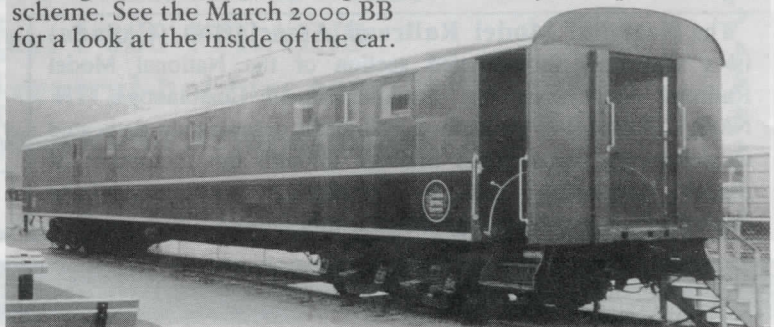
TB&N tail end on bridge over part of Nipigon Bay (Lake Superior)

the room has the bench work finished and the sub roadbed is almost complete except for the engine servicing facility and classification yard. Visit Richard's layout during the 'Trains 2000' Friday night layout tours.. See page 5 of this issue for additional information Ed.



The 2.5% grade going around Midway

Ken Haun sent this photo taken on September 6, 2000, of the Skeena Valley Model Railroad Association Clubhouse. The car looks great in the 1955 CNR green, black and yellow paint scheme. See the March 2000 BB for a look at the inside of the car.



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QUESTIONS????

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! **DIRECT YOUR MODELLING QUESTIONS** to our 7th Division Member Aid Chairman, Bob Gardner, MMR, (250) 832 9883, Email: rvongard@jetstream.net

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EDITOR'S DESK

by Russ Watson

Congratulations to the newly elected 7th Division executive! Thanks to Dick for agreeing to stay on for yet one more year and to Scott, our new Assistant Super, for agreeing to let his name stand for Super in a year's time. Brian Clogg is our new Member At Large replacing Steve Stark who has stepped back from his many years of involvement as NMRA Canada President and 7th Div standing committee member. Many thanks to Steve for all of his efforts! Also thanks to Mike Barone and Dave Nickerson for allowing their names to stand again. And last but not least, thanks to Bill Van Bergen for his time as Assistant Super and for agreeing to continue as the Ross Heriot Award Coordinator.

There are a few Page 2 changes as follows: new phone numbers - Doug Kelleway and Patrick Lawson; new Email address - Brian Freemantle.

An Email request to the 7th Standing Committee members for material on their modelling updates resulted in this issue's front page. I really would like to receive more of this type of material. Please send photos and comments on your and/or your club's modelling progress for publishing in your *Bulletin Board*. And of course don't forget to send your event information for the Timetable.

I had a great time at the NMRA National Convention and the "N" Gathering this summer in San Jose, hope to see you all at 'Trains' next month in Burnaby.

Ross Heriot Award

by Bill Van Bergen, Ross Heriot Memorial Golden Spike Award Co-ordinator

All 7th Division members, it's time to think about that one 7th Division member who gives of his/her time and energy to further the aims of the hobby and to nominate that individual for the Ross Heriot Memorial Golden Spike Award. This is a once in a lifetime award and I am now looking for nominations. An earlier reminder was successful in attracting some names but I can always use some more. Thanks to all those who have nominated members already.

WELCOME!

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

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| William H. Dryden | Sooke |
| Judyth V. Hulford | Nanaimo |
| Dave J. Manzer | Delta |
| Gerald Mitchell | Victoria |

Please feel free to direct any questions, comments or concerns to any of the members, especially Bob Ardner, 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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SUPERINTENDENT'S by Dick Sutcliffe REPORT

I didn't expect to be writing this column, but here goes.

The election results showed a clear majority for a write-in Superintendent, but he had already stated he wouldn't accept, the next most popular was a tie with John Moore and myself, and John didn't want it. When the proposed PNR and 7th div. bylaw changes are approved the current term will only be one year for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. I have a commitment from the new Assistant Superintendent to take on the Superintendent's job next year, so I have agreed to hold the position for one more year.

I appreciate all the congratulatory messages on the PNR Member-of-the-year award. I was having fun and enjoying myself, meeting lots of special people, and getting a chance to influence the way PNR operates, so there is a lot of satisfaction with being involved. I invite all of you to have a go at it, you might be surprised how much you get out of it.

I want to welcome the current executive (directors) of 7th division, Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association (Canada), [Say that quickly a few times<G>]

Superintendent-myself; Assistant-Superintendent-Scott Calvert; Secretary - Dave Nickerson; Treasurer - F. Mike Barone; Member-at-large - Brian Clogg, Ken Haun and Steve Stark have volunteered to assist with the 7th Div bylaw revisions, which will be available for a vote in the spring.

Steve has resigned from the Standing Committee after many years of service to the 7th Div. He hopes to get on with the CPR Vancouver Island division, and some other projects that have taken the back seat to his many tasks with 7th Div and PNR and NMRA. A great big THANKS Steve for all your years of service.

The 7th Div AGM will take place at 4:30pm on Saturday, Nov 11, 2000, at the Cameron Recreation Center in Burnaby. Since this scheduled between the meet's Saturday day activities and the guided layout tours in the evening, we have arranged, with 'Subway', to have sandwich meals delivered to the meeting. You will have to sign up, and pay, on the Saturday morning, on the menu form provided on the registrars desk. A coffee urn will be operated at the meeting, if you want other beverages get them at the concession before the meeting.

Items you wish to see on the agenda should be submitted to me by a couple of days before the meeting, although you will be able to raise them from floor as well. The proposed agenda will be available at the meal sign-up table.

Come on to the meet, take part and have fun.



JENNY MAY BUTTLE 1985 - 2000

In August, Model Railroading lost a very young and active participant and supporter with the death of Jenny Buttle.

It is a tragedy when one so young is taken from us.

All of us who knew Jenny, and particularly those on Vancouver Island, will miss her constant smile and helping hand.

Jenny was one of those young people whom one liked instantly. Jenny and I had many talks on the White Pass & Yukon, which we both modeled in G Scale.

Jenny's family had calls from across Canada, the U.S., Europe and South Africa. These were from some of Jenny's many friends in railroading.

She was mentioned in Church Services in Oxen Upton, England; Flagstaff, Arizona; Portland, Oregon and Victoria and Duncan, B.C.

She had a cab ride in SP 4449, the Daylight out of Portland, Oregon, and this year rode the cab on the WP&Y in Skagway, Alaska.

Jenny was an active volunteer at the Burnaby and Vancouver Island Model Railroad Shows, and was a member of the Vancouver Island Garden Railway Club, the NMRA, the PNR, Vancouver Island Railway Engineers and the Kaatna Historical Society of Lake Cowichan. As a volunteer she fired the Steam Locos at the B.C. Forest Museum in Duncan.

Last year the Canadian Legion Honoured her for a poem that she wrote for them.

We will miss our friend and send our sympathy to her mother and father, Linda and Mike, and her brother Shawn.

*Grant Stephens
Nanaimo, B.C.*

7th Div. Annual General Meeting

The AGM agenda will have a focus on cleaning up the Bylaws, items like setting the AGM time at the Fall Meet (Trains); changing the election so the terms are still two years, but the Super. and the Ass't. Super are in odd numbered years and the Secretary, Treasurer and member-at-large in even years; rewriting the bylaw format so they don't read as changes to the Societies Act sample. These in addition to the usual reports.

Reminder to order a meal on Saturday morning.

Dick Sutcliffe

TRAINS 2000 FINAL UPDATE

by Gerry Landsman and the 'TRAINS' Committee

Cameron Recreation Centre, November, 10 - 13, 2000. So popular is this year's event, that vendor display space is already at capacity. The following are the update details regarding the weekend events. Please refer to the Sep 2000 Bulletin Board for the details on the Clinics (or call George Massey at (604) 988-6080) and the Contests and visit:

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

Registrations are currently rolling in rapidly, to avoid disappointment, please make sure you submit yours without delay.

Evening Layout Tours, Friday, November 10th: This year, for the pleasure of Full Registrants to TRAINS 2000, there will be three layouts available for your self-guided visitation on the evening of Friday, November 10, 2000, from 7:30 to 11:00 PM. The three layouts on this tour will include Scott Calvert's CPR Boundary Sub., Richard Starchuck's Thunder Bay and Northern and John Green's Coquihalla Valley. All of these layouts are HO scale and all have scenery and trains running. Details and maps will be sent to those who have submitted a full meet registration with their registration confirmation, or under separate cover. For further information contact John Green, Layout Tour coordinator. (604) 322-8990

Non Rail Tour, Saturday, November 11th: The Trains 2000 committee is considering a suggestion that a quilting/lunch tour be arranged for the enjoyment of non rails during the Saturday Setup and Clinic Time. It has been suggested that this tour would leave Cameron Recreation Centre about 10:00 am, visit a local Fabric Store "Wineberry Fabrics", visit Fort Langley (have lunch there) and Pat's Quilt Shop, returning to Cameron Recreation Centre before 4:00 pm. The cost for the bussed tour is estimated to be \$15.00. Lunch and fabric purchases are not included in the above price. If your Spouse or Significant Other is interested in participating in such a trip, please advise me via e-mail: Greenjohn1@aol.com If there is sufficient interest, we will pursue arranging this. We already have some names on the list for this tour. This activity will be added to the TRAINS 2000 registration form. (For those who have already submitted the forms, adjustments can be made at registration time). John Green

Layout Tours, Saturday, November 11th: For this year's layout tours we are going back to the Fraser

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Valley in the Langley area. Once again these will be bussed tours leaving the Cameron recreation centre about 6:15 pm and returning around 11 pm. These will be extra fare tours with an expected price of \$16.00 per seat. In order to avoid the rush experienced for those who attend the 7th Division Annual General Meeting, some new dinner arrangements are planned. Please sign up for the meeting at the Registration Desk on Saturday morning and indicate your dinner choice - to be consumed at the meeting. Layouts on this tour include: a new On3 logging line, an N scale CPR layout, CIPR (Clayton Interior and Pacific Railway) Radio DCC. and three HO layouts including the CP Wee Line and the Glen Valley Railway (1959 CNR) in an ex-1920's CNoR/Canadian National Railway Caboose. Conductors have been arranged, and we are looking forward to another enjoyable evening of layout tours. More details and layout descriptions will be available in TRAINS 2000 meet Timetable. John Green

Banquet, Sunday, November 12th: After the public show on Sunday we'll wrap the whole affair with a grand evening, celebrating the contest winners and the ever-popular banquet with guest speaker. Henry Ewert is delighted to be invited to be the speaker at the banquet for Trains 2000. He and his wife will be attending. Henry will present a 45 minute talk and slide show about the interurban service and the history of the 'trams' on the Vancouver Heritage Railway.

Prototype Tour, Monday, November 13th: This is the first time for few years that the Remembrance Day weekend falls on a weekend. So the TRAINS 2000 committee has arranged an extra fare Prototype tour for 10:00 am, Monday, November 13, 2000. For a cost of \$4.00 each, registrants will be able to ride, in succession, both of the restored former British Columbia Electric Railway Street cars that are operated by Transit Museum Society (TRAMS) on the Downtown Historic Railway. We are planning to collect participation for this tour as a part of the TRAINS 2000 registration process. John Green

Volunteers: If you don't think you have time to build a model, and your layout is still firmly embedded in the arm chair, you can still get a lot out of 'Trains' by volunteering a couple of hours of your time. Roy Kelleway is our contact for volunteers, call him at (604) 463-4682.

So, there you have it, start firming up those plans for attending Trains 2000! And, remember, bring along your family, that favourite modelling project and that great photo you took at your favourite rail fanning spot this summer. Participate in our clinics, popular vote contest or display tables. Trains 2000 is our meet folks, the more we get involved, the more enjoyment we will have. Registrations are still being accepted so start getting ready for the fun now!

****CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE****

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

See ya at the show!

TIMETABLE

PORTLAND, OR - Annual Fall Railroadiana & Model RR Swap Meet. October 21st, 2000 10am to 4pm. Collectors Market (formerly Pay-N-Pak Antique & Collectors Market), 8900 N. Vancouver Ave. (Delta Park). Take exit 307 off I-5 and go south on MLK Blvd. to Vancouver Ave. Info Doug Auberg c/o CGMRC 2505 N. Vancouver Ave. Portland OR 97227 (503) 288 7246, (360) 694 7769 Email: dauberg@vintagead.com

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

PORTLAND, OR - Columbia Gorge Model RR Club's Annual Show. November 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, 2000. 2505 N. Vancouver Ave., 10 AM to 5 PM. Adults \$4.00, kids 3 to 11 \$2.00 or \$1.00 w/can of food for Portland Police Dept.'s Sunshine Division or \$2.00. All Veterans

will be admitted FREE on Veteran's Day, Saturday, Nov. 11th. Info: Phil Maggs, 2925 SE 164th Ave., Portland, OR 97236, (503)761-9527 or (503)288-7246. E-mail: pmaggs@teleport.com

BURNABY, BC - TRAINS 2000, 18th Annual Meet and Public Show. November 10-13, 2000 Cameron Rec. Centre, 9523 Cameron St., Burnaby, BC. Displays, Layout Tours, Contests, Clinics, Banquet. Meet fare \$15, NMRA rebate \$4, Participant rebate \$4, Layout Tours \$16, Banquet \$29. **Public Show** Sunday November 12th, 9am to 4pm, Adults \$6, Seniors/Student \$3, Family \$11 (\$1 of each paid admission will be donated to CKNW Orphans Fund) Meet Registrar: Brian Clogg, 15440 99A Ave, Surrey, BC V3R 9H4 (604) 588 2194 Email: bcclogg@direct.ca Show Registrar: Dick Sutcliffe, 12140 230 St, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6R5 (604) 467 4301 Email: dicks@axionet.com Publicity: John Moore, #9 12049 217 St, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 0M8 Email: jegmo@bc.telus.net Web Site: <<http://www.bctrains.org>>

SEATTLE, WA - Pacific Science Center Show hosted by 4th Division, PNR. November 24-26, 2000. Info: Jeff Moorman jefmoo@safeco.com, or Frank Dekker (206) 545-5878, frakek@safeco.com

SPOKANE WA - Great American Train Show. December 16-17, 2000. Spokane Fair Grounds, 11am-5pm. Info: (630) 834-0652

CALGARY, AB - CMRS Annual Model Railway Show. February 17-18, 2001. Big 4 Building. Info Glen Judd, (403) 252-4367

NANAIMO, BC - Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show. Sunday, March 25, 2001 Beban Park Rec Centre, 10:00 - 4:00. Layouts, swap-n-shop, Favourite model contest. Contact: Ken Rutherford (250)724-4698, Rick Lord (250)724-4205

SASKATOON, SK - 6th Division Spring Meet. May 18-21, 2001. Info <<http://www.geocities.com/railodessey2001/>>

FIELD, BC - Third Annual Spirals Conference. June 1-2, 2001

ST. LOUIS, MO - NMRA National Convention "Gateway 2001" July 8-15, 2001. <<http://gatewaynmra.org>>

SEATTLE, WA - National Garden Railway Convention. August 8-12, 2001. Info Mike Elmore (360) 659 9110

VICTORIA, BC - Victoria Model Railway Show. September 2001

SALT LAKE CITY, UT - 21st National Narrow Gauge Convention. September 20-22, 2001

PNR CONVENTION DATES

KELOWNA, BC - Okanagan 2001, an "NMRA Rail Odyssey." August 9-12, 2001. The Okanagan University College. Info John Schlosser, cwdg@direct.ca or (250) 764 7007 <<http://www.okanaganrailwaygroup.com>>

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16th Annual Mid-Island Spring Meet

by Rick Lord

1050 Model Railway enthusiasts from all over Vancouver Island, Southern BC and Washington State journeyed to Nanaimo's Beban Park and Recreation Centre on Sunday, April 9, 2000 for the 16th Annual Mid-Vancouver Island Spring Meet. We even had visitors from Southern Ontario who commented on how impressed they were with the quality and quantity of modelling on display. According to our eastern model railway friends, our show was as good or better than most shows they attend in the east not counting the big American travelling shows. I pass this compliment along to all those who participated and made the show possible. Thank you.

The miniature world was well represented from 'Z' scale to garden. Several historical societies were present with displays and information of summer events. As for swap and shop, eight hobby shops and 14 individuals had tables with an assortment of locomotives, rolling stock and scenery items. The contest tables had six to ten entries per category, except for favourite train which had one entry (after organizers appealed to those in attendance to enter).

Favourite Train: Mike Lesperance, N scale Great Northern

Locomotive: Dave Quissy, On3 Shay

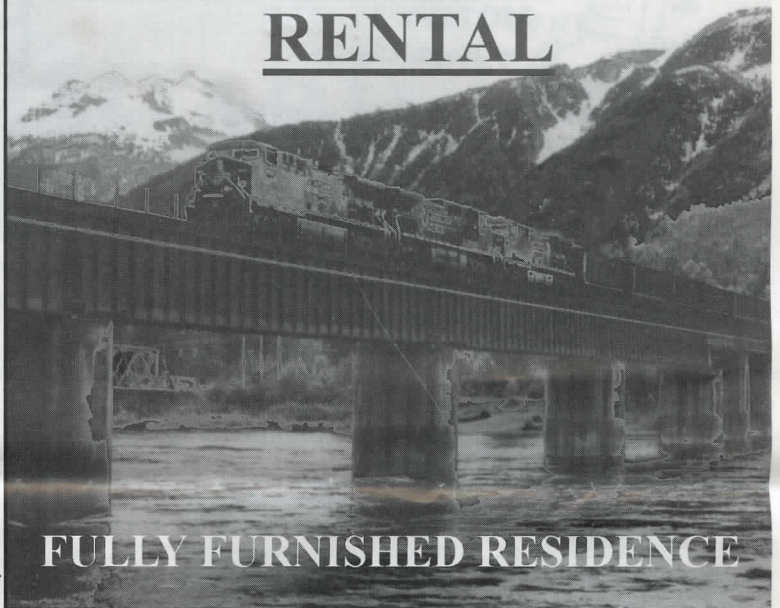
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AP CORNER #5

MOTIVE POWER

by Hugh Clarke

The Achievement Program (AP) is a NMRA program designed to help us learn new skills and become better modelers. The first category is Model Railroad Equipment, including Motive Power and Cars. Let's look at Motive Power first.

Motive Power includes any type of self propelled vehicle that runs on rails. At least three models of Motive Power must be submitted for assessment.

1. All models must be capable of self propulsion on track of the same gauge and scale as the model. Commercial motors and gears may be used.

2. Each model must earn 87.5 points (70%) in AP merit judging or NMRA contest.

3. Each model must be super detailed.

4. At least one of the three models must be scratch built. Excluded from scratch built requirements are the following parts: motor, gears, drivers and wheels, couplers, light bulbs and electronics, trucks, paint and

decals, bell marker and class lights, brake fittings and basic shapes of wood, metal or plastic. Commercial examples of the above may be used.

For complete details, visit, online, the NMRA Achievement Program at

<http://users.vnet/paulrver/welcome.html>

Modelers tend to leave the motive power category until they are well advanced in the AP program. However, when you research this category, you realize that Motive Power includes steam, diesel, electric, traction, mow, passenger (RDC) and other self propelled railway runners, including speeders and highrails (must run). The scope is wide open with many possibilities.

Until next time, remember, if the mood strikes - build.

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Those entering the Popular Choice Contest had a chance to win a \$20.00 gift certificate to Island Trains & Hobbies. Gerald Wolf and Mike Lesperance each won a certificate.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for entering.

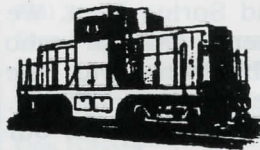
The raffle prize of a \$100 gift certificate from Leisure Time Hobbies was won by Matt Milligan of Nanaimo, who also won a door prize. A very lucky 12 year old.

Special thanks to the following Hobby Shops for donating door prizes: Island Trains & Hobbies, Nanaimo; Leisure Time Hobbies, Nanaimo; Charlie's Choo-Choos, Courtney; Pacific Scale Rail Ltd, Victoria/New Westminster; and Puce Creek Central Hobby Distributors, Concord, Ontario.

Their generosity combined with organizers' donations enabled 38 lucky attendees to leave with a prize. Please remember to support your local hobby shop as they support us.

Thanks go out to the following for bringing operating modules or displays: Ray Brown, N scale layout;

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Special thanks go out to Doug and Jackie Hole for bringing their award winning CNR Cisco Bridge module. We were very impressed and fortunate to have this couple in attendance, they are truly good will ambassadors of our hobby and well deserve the Jack Work Trophy of '99. Another special thanks to Jeffrey MacHan and his wife from Vancouver, BC for bringing their Z scale Val Ease Central. Their two suitcases contained a magical miniature world. The lighting, scenery and animation are superb.

A big thank you to all those who set up table and chairs, Mike Kocot's family members who baked all those delicious tarts and helping the set up/running of the concession stand, Leslie and Stephen for their help in the concession, Denise, Leanne and Victoria for the 100 small jobs, looking after admission and clean up. The room is booked for March 25th, 2001. mark your calendar for our 17th annual Mid-Vancouver Island Spring meet. I look forward to meeting you there.