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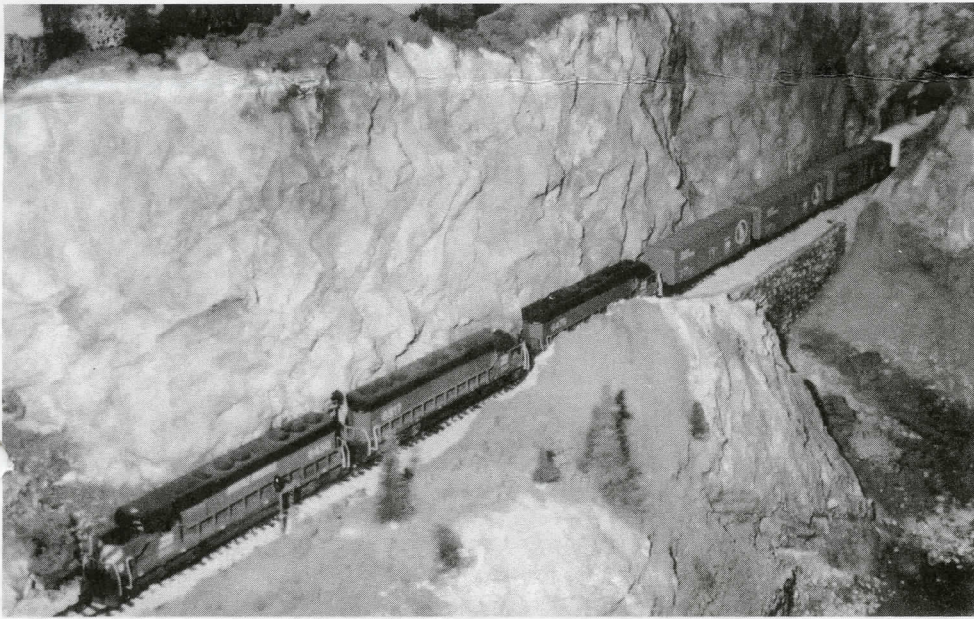
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BURLINGTON NORTHERN SELKIRK DIVISION Moves 100,000th Freight Car. by John Green



The momentous event occurred at about 8:45 pm on Wednesday, February 14, 2001 during the 215th operating session on Brian Morgan's Burlington Northern Selkirk Division N scale layout. I was operating my favourite job, the Rundle Turn, while Brian, was uncharacteristically doing two difficult jobs: both dispatcher and Selkirk Yard operator. As well, he was being the ever genial host to members of his monthly operating group.

Brian called for our attention as train extra south BN 6430

left Selkirk Yard for Evergreen Falls. Operated by Wayne Sutton, with BN SD-45 6430 "Hustle Muscle" leading this consist which included the 99,999th, 100,000th and 100,001st cars to be operated on the layout directly behind the motive power.

Not surprisingly they were three home road cars, GN 35894, from the limited edition Brotherhood of Model Railroad Engineers - BMRE CAR #1 - produced by Hobby Smith (Lowell Smith from Portland). These cars were first operated in a unit train #164 over the BN Selkirk Division on September 13, 1995.

Congratulations to Brian and his wife Debra for achieving this historic mile board in model railroad operations.

For anyone wanting to read more details on the BN Selkirk division, this layout has been featured in Model Railroader Magazine October 1993, N scale magazine ran a series on this model railway in 5 issues through 1992, and more recently it has been featured in the Nov/Dec 2000 issue of N Scale Railroading.

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It is incredible to think that any model railroader would actually keep the kind of records that are required to be able to celebrate such an accomplishment. Those who have been fortunate enough to have participated in Brian's operating sessions have no doubt that Brian does keep accurate records and have no difficulty accepting this incredible fact. Brian operates a first class

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 A full list of tapes is published in the March and September issues of the *Bulletin Board*

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, Voice: (250) 832 9883, Fax: (250) 832-0681, Email: rvongard@jetstream.net

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EDITOR'S DESK

by Russ Watson

It was great to see in the last *Switchlist* that five 7th Division members have reached their 25th anniversary of being continuous NMRA members. They are Clifford R. Basler, Burnaby; Charles M. Halliday, Sechelt; David R. Nash, Sooke; Nils Nelson, Port Hardy and Grant Stephens, Nanaimo. Congratulations to you all!

Please take the time to read the Jack Work Award Nomination form on Page 8 and consider nominating one of our fine modellers. Email nominations are acceptable provided that the required information is included, the format is not important. We are fortunate to have such a prestigious award within our division, let's present it this year!

Ken Rutherford and Rick Lord provided another enjoyable show in Nanaimo on March 24th. They have promised to send me their report in time for the next issue - I look forward to presenting it.

Please consider sending me reports on any modelling activities that are occurring in your area. I'm sure everyone enjoys reading about what is happening elsewhere.

Please check out Doug & Jackie Holes new web site at <<http://www.holesome.com/theholescene/>>, the 2004 Seattle NMRA National Convention site at <<http://www.4dpr.org/>>, the new NMRA NEWS site at <<http://www.nmra.org/news/news.html>> to complete a survey on your opinion of the NMRA, find convention info and other news and my friend, Slim's site for some BC Rail info at <<http://www.pacificcoast.net/~slim/index.htm>>. Roy Kelleway suggests <<http://www.4449.com/>> for S.P. #4449 Steam excursion information.

Have a nice spring, hope to see you at a train meet soon

Ross Heriot Memorial Gold Spike Award

by Bill Van Bergen

It is time for all the PNR 7th Division members to do something to recognize an important person in our division. The Ross Heriot Award is a once in a lifetime recognition and goes to the person who has made a major contribution of time and effort to further our hobby. The award is presented at the annual "Trains" show. Send your nomination to Bill Van Bergen, 3925 Seamist Drive, Campbell River, B.C. V9H 1H7 (or via e-mail to billvan@connected.bc.ca). Please include the services the person of your choice has performed and when and where they were performed.

WELCOME!

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

Jennifer Richard Quesnel
Rose Zschiedrich Quesnel

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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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

by Dick Sutcliffe

The registration forms for PNR 2001, An Okanagan Railway Odyssey, are available from a number of sources, including the web site. Also information on registering displays and vendors is located there. Hope you are planning to take advantage of this convention in our backyard, in Canadian dollars. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there, I know John Schlosser and crew are working hard to make this a quality event. *Additional info is on Page 6, Ed.*

This issue contains several opportunities for you to participate in the activities of the 7th division, either by attending one of the meets or conventions, or by exercising your vote on 7th Div questions. This issue of the BB contains information for revisions to the 7th Div bylaws. Please read the rationale for each change and make your vote count when the ballot is included in the next issue.

The Jack Work Award is a recent addition to the ways in which the membership express their appreciation of the special contributions some members make to our enjoyment of this great hobby. The Jack Work Award is about sharing skills and techniques. Russ Watson is the coordinator. *Please see Page 8, Ed.*

The Ross Heriott Gold Spike Award is about making the effort to keep the organisation active and relevant to the membership. Bill Van Bergen is the coordinator. I hope you will take the time to participate by making your voice heard through a nomination.

Hold it - you're not finished yet. Another opportunity to take part needs your attention. Last year I agreed to hold the position of Superintendent for ONE more year, partly because the recipient of the highest number of write-in votes for Super declined the office, and partly because one of the candidates on the ballot agreed to stand for election this year. This was done in anticipation of the PNR bylaw amendments passing, which they have, and with the expectation the 7th Div bylaw changes will pass. In any event an election is needed as I hereby submit my resignation as Superintendent, effective August 31st, 2001.

This means the new superintendent can take office on Sept 1st, 2001.

7th division Bylaw update and revision. (proposed)

The current bylaws consist of the standard Societies Act bylaws that were in place when the 7th div. Society was formed plus a document that defined the changes to those bylaws to meet the 7th div. needs. This meant one had to have a copy of the standard Societies Act bylaws, and the changes, in hand to read the document.

We have downloaded the current, (2000), standard Societies Act bylaws and revised them by inserted the changes into the document. Most of the changes consist of replacing the word 'president' with 'superintendent' and 'vice-president' with 'assistant

superintendent'.

Other housekeeping changes include:

- adding the phrase 'and the Standing Committee' after the word 'directors' when referring to responsibilities of the directors

-adding the phrase 'the application, and acceptance is automatic when the member holds valid membership in the PNR, NMRA' to the conditions of membership.

-changing bylaw 26 with the following deletions and additions

(1) The directors shall retire from office on the first day of September following ~~each annual general meeting, at which elections are held,~~ the election of their successors when their successors shall assume office.

(a) The superintendent, and assistant superintendent shall be elected in odd numbered years, The other directors shall be elected in even numbered years.

-changing bylaw 27 with the following deletions and additions

(1) The directors may at any time and from time to time appoint a member as a director to fill a vacancy in the directors.

(2) A director so appointed holds office only until the ~~first day of September annual general meeting of the society,~~ end of the term of the director he replaces, but is eligible for reelection ~~at the meeting.~~

I mistakenly thought the division boundaries were set by the division, but of course that is properly done by the Region and the National. For your information the 7th division boundaries have been adjusted to better serve the members in the future. Those portions of the NWT and Nunivut East of the 120 degree longitude (Northern part of the BC/AB border) have been placed in the 6th division, as much as the postal code boundaries comply, So the line is not straight.

The timing of the AGM is not defined in the bylaws, as the bylaws state the directors and standing committee can meet as they see fit bylaw 31-(1).

Superintendent election timing is set by the PNR and is covered in bylaw 26 1 (a). the election of the other directors are set by the individual division bylaws, so bylaw 26 is adjusted to reflect our needs.

If you wish to see a full copy please contact me and I can either email, (preferred), or snail mail you a copy of the bylaws with the proposed revisions included. Be aware the printed copy runs to 7 pages single sided in 12pt Bookman font.

The review committee consists of myself, Ken Haun and Steve Stark. Please contact any one of us for more information, or with your suggestions.

Dick Sutcliffe

MODELLER'S HINT

From the 4th Division "Grab Iron"

The 1/87 Vehicle and Equipment Club newsletter reveals how to have authentic colour and white lights on vehicles you place on the layout.

Tamiya #X-27 Clear Red and X-26 Clear Orange paints do the trick! These transparent colours allow underlying light sources to shine through and show the colour too. Will work for Caboose signals, markers and class lights well. To depict unlighted lenses first paint with silver. When dry, paint with the Tamiya colours and presto, it looks great.

AP CORNER #8

MASTER BUILDER SCENERY

by Hugh Clarke

The Achievement Program (AP) is an NMRA sponsored program to help us all become better modelers. The Master Builder - Scenery category is easily one of the most interesting, yet individualistic, categories in the AP. Perhaps, for this reason, no two layouts are ever similar. Even layouts of similar prototype areas seem to bear that certain stamp of their creators. Why else would layout tours at meets be so popular? We see how people solve their modeling challenges in many different ways.

The following guidelines apply to this individualistic modeling endeavor. The size of the scened area must be at least 60 square feet in O scale, 45 square feet in S scale, 32 square feet in HO, 18 square feet in N and 12 square feet in Z scale or any other scale in relation to HO. The completed scened area must contain a combination of the elements of terrain, structures, background, lighting and realism/conformity to achieve a realistic effect.

1. Terrain includes the ground and all its natural features.
2. Structures are considered from the view point of scenic effect - suitability, placement and appearance. This includes track work and all line-side detail. Structures are not assessed for their construction merit. Weathering where appropriate is important.
3. Background includes the treatment of the wall, backdrop and/or ceiling to depict realistic depth, horizon and sky.
4. Lighting is considered from three aspects:
 - a. Railway motive power, cars and trackside detail such as signals
 - b. Buildings, street and roads
 - c. General illumination and effects - day and/or night. Include all information in your documentation.
5. Realism and conformity evaluates the overall success and integration of the previous four areas.

A written description clearly showing the setting, scenic details and urban areas and how they help to achieve realistic scenic effects is required. A set of colour photographs and/or a video (VHS) will help to supplement your written article. A separate description of methods and materials used to create your features of terrain, structures, background and lighting should accompany your submission. Outdoor (garden) railways may qualify for the scenery certificate. The outdoor modeller must also create a miniature railroad world including the elements described above, with the exception of background. The outdoor modeler can use the real sky. Give it a try! Scenicing can be addictive. And remember, when the mood strikes - build.

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Treasurer's Report

by Mike Barone

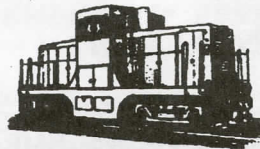
This annual report was intended to be published in the last issue of the Bulletin Board as specified at our annual meeting held at Trains in November of last year. I guess I can't use Christmas as an excuse anymore.

Two changes have been made in 2000 that affected our bottom line, first was the change in the reporting period. In past years I have considered our fiscal year to run from January to December. This report however will cover only a ten month period of January to October. The reason for the change is to comply with the requirements of the societies act which specifies that annual reports must be filed within two months of the annual meet. Since our annual meeting is held in November at Trains, the report must be submitted before the end of the year. In the past the report was not prepared until February, ergo too late. The effect this has on this report's bottom line is that much of our annual revenues are deposited in November and December and are therefore not included below.

The second change was that \$500 was removed from our Term Deposit and put into revenues so that we could provide the Kelowna committee with the necessary and temporary funds to place a deposit on the OUC campus for the PNR this summer. This deposit was time sensitive and necessary to hold the facility for the event.

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April 28/29 - ALBANY, OR - Great Northwest Train Show & Swap Meet, Lynn County Fairgrounds, Info: Jim Walburn (541) 928-5243

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

May 5/6 - MONROE, WA - 10th Annual United Northwest Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10-4, Info: David Moser (425) 821-6968, email: dmsltjo@msn.com

May 12 - BREMERTON, WA - 2001 4th Division Spring Convention, Bremerton Howard Johnson's Hotel, 5640 Kitsap Way, 10-5, Info: Bill Hupe (360) 598-8831, email:

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June 1/2 - FIELD, BC - Third Annual Spirals Conference, Info: email: dave@spirals.org

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

August 8 to 12 - BELLEVUE, WA - National Garden Railway Convention, Info: Mike Elmore (360) 659 9110

September 9 - VICTORIA, BC - Victoria Model Railway Show, Info: Ted Alexis (250) 595-4070

September 15 - KAMLOOPS, BC - Railway Days, Info: Phil Strange (250) 579-9834, email: ps@mail.ocis.net

September 20 to 22 - SALT LAKE CITY, UT - 21st National Narrow Gauge Convention <<http://www.21nngc.com/>>

PNR CONVENTION DATES

August 7 to 12 - KELOWNA, BC - Okanagan 2001, an "NMRA Rail Odyssey," The Okanagan University College, NMRA Model Contest - All Categories, Popular Vote Model Contest, 39,000 sq ft. of space for Model Railroads, Displays & Vendors, Railfan Tours - Steam Excursion CNR 2144, Industry Tours, Layout Tours, Saturday Evening Banquet, Events for all ages. Info: John Schlosser, 220, 2000 Spall Road, Kelowna, BC V1Y-9P6, email: cwdg@direct.ca - (250)763-7427

<http://www.okanaganrailwaygroup.com/>

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At the time the committee made the request of the executive for the funds, it was understood that sufficient funds would not be available in the account in time to cover both this deposit and the up coming issue of the BB, even though there were deposits to be made. This simply ensured that we did not run a negative balance in our account for any period of time. This \$500 will be one of the Kelowna committees' financial obligations upon completion of the meet, at which time the money will be returned to the Term

Deposit.

The Divisions actual revenues for the year 2000 are as follows. The primary source of funds was as usual, our meets, these provide the Division with \$1154 (normally \$1800 - \$2200). As indicated above this was affected by the change in reporting period. Relatively new to our revenues is Bulletin Board advertising which provided \$484. PNR rebates supplied \$323.73 and the Term Deposit interest was \$111.91. There was a miscellaneous deposit of \$10 and finally the transfer of the \$500 from the Term Deposit gave the Divisions account a total revenue of \$2584.24 for the ten month period ending October 31.

On the expenditure side of the ledger, as in past years our biggest expense was the Bulletin Board at \$2213.61. Other expenditures included legal fees \$25, awards \$46.74 and Executive Expenses \$96.36. In 1999 no money was spent on the video library but in 2000, in an attempt to revitalise the library, \$204.15 was spent, half of which went towards the purchase of some new videos (more volumes of Great Model Railroads if I remember correctly). Remember the video library is a free service to the members of the Division, the remainder of the funds provide for mailing to you. All you need to cover is the postage back to the library coordinator Tony Van Bergen. Finally there is the \$500 loan to the Kelowna committee for OUC. *con't on Page 7*

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This brought our total expenditures to \$3085.86. Subtracting the expenditures from the revenues leaves the Division with an operating loss for the year 2000 (ten months) of \$501.62.

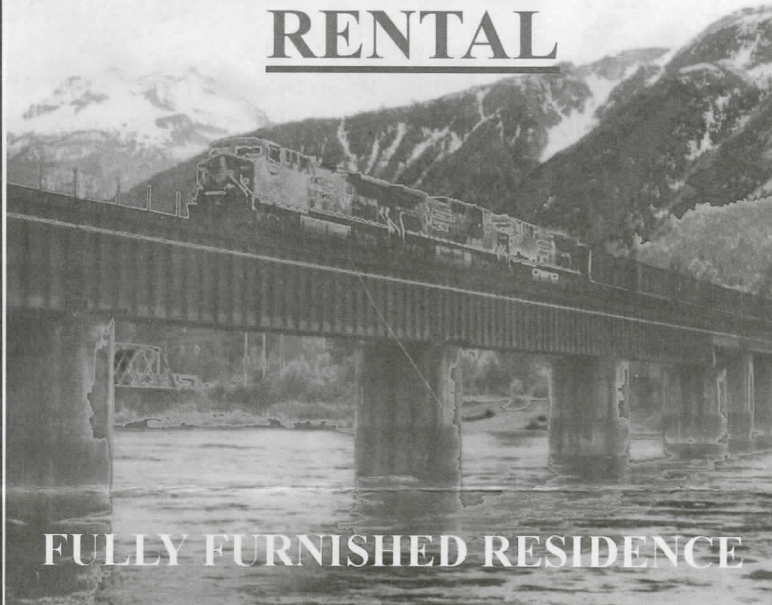
In other assets our balance as of December 31, 1999 was \$1423.74. This and our Term Deposit, now at \$4500 totals \$5923.74 which minus the loss for the year leaves the Division with assets of \$5422.12.

To update our current accounts, our balance as of 1 November, 2000 was \$512.67 and revenues since then totalling \$2449.20 which is abnormally high, have definitely boosted the account. Expenditures for the same period on the other hand are very low totalling only \$429.18. This leaves the current account with a balance of \$2532.69. As you can see from this the Division is in good financial shape and although there may not be much in new revenues throughout the remainder of the year or at least until 1 October 2001 since there will not be a spring meet this year, there are plenty of funds to cover the future issues of the BB and possibly other any other expenditures as may be necessary.

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NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The nominee must be a member of the PNR 7th Division for a minimum of two consecutive years prior to the nomination. All nominations must be received by the nominating committee no later than August 1st. All of the modelling that a nominee has completed up to August 1st will be considered during the selection process. The selection committee may request photographs and/or video tape of the nominee's modelling.

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION

Name: _____ Street: _____

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Please list the nominee's modelling accomplishments (start with the most noteworthy).
Please use the back of the form if required.

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

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