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TRAINS 2001 In Review by John Green, photos by the author

The 19th annual TRAINS show was held November 9-12 based in the Cameron Recreation Centre in Burnaby, attended by 205 registrants plus 93 table display registrants.

Activities began with the Friday evening self-guided layouts tours of three layouts hosted by; Eugene Daly "Deutsche Bundesbahn" (German Federal Railroad), Cliff Basler "Birch River and Coast Railroad" and your author's "Coquihalla Valley Railway". In addition Scott Calvert, assisted by four of his regular crew, hosted 7 operators for a three-hour operating session on his "CPR - Boundary, Kaslo, and Phoenix Subdivisions".

On Saturday the display hall was set up under the direction of Darren Brkich assisted by many committee members and volunteers organized by Roy Kelleway. This year there were 18 operating layouts including a number of new layouts, as well as some enhanced veteran layouts. Also there was a bused Non-Rail tour and lunch arranged by Pat Kelleway that visited several fabric shops in the lower mainland.

A series of clinics were arranged by Bill Raikes and George Massey: John Ostler - Land forms on layouts (2 parts); Mike Barone - Locomotive maintenance; steam and diesel; David Rees-Thomas - Train order operation as used on the CNR; Norm Evans - Signaling.

Contest Coordinator Craig Spink reported that Trains 2001 had a full complement of contest entries this year. There was strong competition as modellers continue to 'raise the bar' in all categories. Thank you to those who shared your work. Craig was assisted by his wife Julie in accepting and displaying the entries in the contest are near the front door to the show hall. Craig reported the following results from the contests: Train: Dick Sutcliffe's CPR Passenger Train C liner A and B units with Norwes coaches; Locomotive: Richard Slingerland's On3 Dolly Vardon Mine Railway Diesel Rail Car & Trailer; Rolling Stock: Paul J. Crozier Smith's BC Rail Jordan spreader from Walthers kit; Structure: Rick Slingerland's Gas Cabin; Prototype Photo: John Zuk's 6039 & 5646 CP meet at Saddle Rock; Model Photo: Mike A Kocot's CNR C liner #8710 with empties HO on Ken Martin's city scene; Diorama: Dario Le Donne's Ledonne's Point Stave & Heading Co; Module: Jeff Hatcher's "The Sweet Life" (Sugar Cane Railway); Layout: Salmon Arm Model Railroaders HO sectional layout; Novice: Dario Le Donne's - Most votes for a first time entry; Peoples' Choice: Salmon Arm Model Railroaders HO modular layout (Sunday Public vote); 6" by 6": Don Slee's Logging Scene (Chosen by Bulletin Board Editor -Russ Watson)



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Favourite Module



WELCOME!

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A very warm welcome to the following new Seventh Division member(s):

Derek Banks	Victoria
Harvey Davidson	Victoria
Kyle Gardiner	West Vancouver
Robert Inwood	Winlaw

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 Scott Calvert

Well, Trains 2001 is behind us and what a great meet it was. I'm sure there will be other reports to tell you all the details, but suffice to say that the committee did a wonderful job to ensure all who attended had an enjoyable time. Mark your calendars for next years meet since it will be a larger one due to the participation of the CP and CN Sigs and it is the 20th Anniversary of the show! As I walked about during the Trains public show, it reminded me of what a great time it is for our hobby. Just think of all the improvements over the last few years in the quality and diversity of products that have become available.

Another thing that impresses me is the ability to communicate with other members of the hobby. I have recently began monitoring the Yahoo lists for several of the Sigs I am involved in, and the amount of information that can be exchanged and discussed in these forums amazes me. Not that long ago it would have been impossible to access the information that is now readily available to us through the Internet. I would certainly encourage all of you to share with others through these mechanisms so that we can all benefit from our collective knowledge.

I am pleased to report that 7D past Secretary Dave Nickerson is recovering well at home after undergoing major heart surgery earlier this fall after he suffered a serious heart attack. He tells me he's feeling much better, but will have to take things slow for now. We are in need of a person to assume the Secretary role for the 7D from Dave so please contact me if you can help. Dave will remain on as the lower mainland NMRA Achievement Program contact person.

On the business side, the 7D Annual General Meeting was held on November 10th and was well attended. It was a rapid meeting since attendees were also involved in the layout tours, which followed. In summary, the 7D is in good financial shape and is extremely active in most areas. The standing committee and various coordinators have been reappointed and their names are listed in this issue. The 7D web site is running well and the Bulletin Board continues to be a first-class divisional newsletter. Hugh Clarke of Vernon has assumed the role of Ross Heriot Award coordinator, and I'd like to welcome Don Forsyth as the new Video Library coordinator. In addition to managing the library, Don will be ensuring that part, if not all the library will be present at all the 7D meets and shows for direct bookings or returns. Your committee felt that by doing so, the library would be more convenient for the members to utilize.

On a related note, we are having discussions about re-suming the 7D clinic program similar to what used to be done monthly at Oakridge years ago. The current thinking is to have them perhaps every couple of months, probably at Cameron, for a nominal fee and targeted more at the modeler rather than at the general public (as was done in the past). I would be interested in your thoughts on this idea. Watch the 7D web site

and future BBs for more on this.

The NMRA has recently announced the introduction of a program which will allow dues payments to be paid either quarterly or semi-annually provided a credit card is used. If this idea is of interest to you, watch for further details in the next Switchlist.

Next years PNR convention is being hosted in Regina, Saskatchewan and promises to be a good meet.

Check out their web site at <http://www.accesscomm.ca/nonprofits/echovalley/EV20.html> For those that plan really far ahead, we have begun discussions with PSX 2004; the Seattle National convention, regarding organizing extra fare excursions to Vancouver for attendees. These trips might involve visits to local layouts, prototype interests and museums. If you have any ideas on this, feel free to contact me.

EDITOR'S DESK by Russ Watson

I have rebuilt page 2 to gain a half page of space and to provide all contact info, BB info, etc. on one page - you may need your Optivisor to read it! There are quite a few changes to Standing Committee members and their email addresses this month Please check your info and let me know if there are errors.

A discussion took place at the Annual General Meeting at "Trains" in November about distributing the *Bulletin Board* electronically to members who would prefer to receive it in that format. The BB without doubt consumes the majority of the 7th Division's budget each year. A large part of the cost is postage. Two options are possible; a) a text-only version without photos or graphics or b) an Adobe Acrobat .pdf version that would replicate the printed version exactly. Advantage of option 'a' is the ease of which members could receive the issue within an email body- cell phones, PDAs, 'Hotmail'-type accounts, etc. The disadvantage is the loss of photos and the ads. The advantage of option 'b' is that everyone would receive the same quality newsletter with an option to print it at home if desired, the disadvantage is the \$400+ cost of purchasing the software for the division and the inability of hotmail users to receive attachments. Please contact me at russwatson@telus.net with your comments and suggestions.

Your 7th Div web site has a new address: <http://www3.telus.net/7division/Welcome.htm>

John Zuk has done a great job getting it up and running, so please visit the site and give John your feedback - both complimentary and constructive. We are working at putting the Video Library list on the site and John is hoping to add photos, a 'TRAINS' report , club info and other enhancements.

As Scott mentioned, the "Trains" show was once again a premier event. Thanks to everyone would worked so hard to put it on!

Next up in the Division is the Spring Meet in Vernon 29-30 March and the Nanaimo Show 21 April, hope many of you can enjoy one or both of these meets.

I hope you have an enjoyable and safe holiday season and wish you all the best for 2002, let's hope for a worldwide peaceful and prosperous year.

AP CORNER #11

MODEL RAILROAD ENGINEER - ELECTRICAL

by Hugh Clarke, 7th Div AP Coordinator

The second Achievement Certificate in the broad category of Construction and Operation is Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical. This certificate is characterized by the many and varied options available. If you are designing a new layout, check out the major criteria (sound criteria for any railway) at the beginning. This greatly simplifies your pursuit of this AP program certificate.

A. Construct and demonstrate good operation of an electrical control system (DCC qualifies) capable of simultaneous independent control of two mainline trains on a layout with at least:

1. five electrical blocks
2. one mainline passing siding
3. one of either a reversing loop, wye, turntable, or transfer table
4. one yard (min 3 tracks) with an independent switching lead
5. motive power storage facilities (min 2 locos)
6. one power supply with meters and short protection; commercial supplies okay

B. Wire and demonstrate the operation of three of the following: a turnout, crossing, crossover, double crossover, slip switch, spring switch, gauntlet turnout, etc. These need not be scratch built - but rather wired for good operation.

C. Wire and demonstrate the operation of three of the following 23 items:

1. electrical turnout position indicators
2. track occupancy indication
3. cab control
4. engine terminal with 3 stall tracks, turntable, 2 garden tracks, all capable of being blocked (switched off)
5. two turnouts with electrical interlocking and trackside signal protection against an open switch
6. constant lighting
7. plus 17 more items including DCC

D. Schematic drawing of propulsion circuitry in a layout:

1. indicating gaps, blocks, feeders, speed direction control, electrical switches and power supply
2. prepare schematic drawings (see AP website) identifying wiring an components in six of the items under B and C above.

Fill out paperwork.

In summary, for those who have built or are building a layout, this certificate is easily achieved. Note - there is no merit judging involved.

Check the details on the NMRA Achievement Program Website at

<http://users.vnet.net/paulrver/jgi.html>

And, remember when the mood strikes - build.

A Ride With 2816

by Dick Sutcliffe

As you may be aware the Vancouver area rail interest community was contacted back in August CPRS police to provide assistance at stations and grade crossings when 2816 was undergoing trials between Pitt Meadows and Mission. With a flood of emails and a few phone calls we were able to provide the coverage wanted.

The point group in this was the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society from Maple Ridge. We are preserving local rail history with displays and artifacts at the Maple Ridge Museum. This includes a good size model railway, (CPR 1925-1935), and CPRail caboos, 437115.

As a reward for all the time we put in, two 8 hours days and one 4 hour, Ian Libbey arranged for us to tour 2816, in the BCR steam shack, as the finishing touches were being made to her. He also got us places on the inaugural run from Port Moody to Mission.

Sept 19, 6:40 am I arrived at the Mission West Coast Express station. Boarded the 6:57 am for Port Moody. Arrived Port Moody about 7:40. Waited on the platform with the final morning train arriving at 8:10.. Lots of activity, what with signing on for boarding passes and name tags, band tuning up, dignitaries arriving, perusing the Station 29 goodies, and chatting with the guests.

Lights to the East about 8:40 as two Geeps drew the Empress and her train, backward, into the station. A flurry of dignitary activity at the head end, then the train was moved forward so we guests could board the train. The passenger cars had been to the West of the platform so 2816 could serve as a backdrop to the inaugural ceremonies.

As our group boarded, we all headed through BCR Section to BCR Mt. Garibaldi open car.

Laying claim to a seat in the forward open section, on the right hand (South) side I prepared for the fun.

We departed Port Moody at 9:20 am, a little late, with Ian about to tear what's left of his hair out. Arrived in Port Coquitlam WCX station about 15 minutes late, after whizzing through Coquitlam Central station and waving to crowds of well wishers.

After a 10 minute stop, in front of a full platform, we headed East on the South track. Took it easy through the yard, picked up a bit as we crossed the Pitt River, and went to the 50mph passenger speed across Pitt Meadows. In spite of the red, slashed circle whistle posts, the engineer didn't spare the whistle in this 'no whistling' community.

Crossed to the North track before Maple Meadows, and slowed down around the curves through Hammond, picking up to track speed again as we approached Haney. Crossed to the South track at Kanaaka Creek and really dangled across the Albion Flats. Maintained track speed plus through the mills at Whonnoch and slowed a bit for Ruskin. One of the pacing vehicles said he hit 90kmh to keep up. We were again at track speed through Silverdale, crossing to the North track West of Hurd Rd, and into the WCX station siding in Mission.

I was a little worn out with going from one side of the car to the other to 'shoot' the engine on the curves, but not too tired to follow Mark Seland for a quick look through the CP 73 Mt. Royal and CP 70 Assiniboine.

Riding the train is not the best place for photo or video images, and the Mt. Garibaldi had small flat spots on the wheels, so it was not a good spot for sound. I'm looking forward to all the material you folks along the line took.

MEMBER AID

by Bob Gardner, MMR, Coordinator

PART 2

Ceiling-mounted "Track Lighting"

- could be mounted on aisle ceiling to light immediate foreground
 - good for spot-lighting features you wish to draw attention to.
 - can give "patches of sunlight" effect.
 - 12-volt Halogen bulbs on tracks can also be used
- ### Special Effects
- moonlight - if desired for night scene
 - blue light circuit (does not require dimmer as it can be left on continuously)
 - blue incandescent bulbs
 - black light (U / V)
 - used with fluorescent paints and day-glow papers for stars, neon signs and lighted windows
 - can be part of the blue light circuit
 - use tube-type "black lights" , available in 24" length
 - bulb-type lights are not very effective, and very hot
- ### Positioning of Lights
- fluorescents should be mounted on ceiling above front edge of the layout
 - 1-tube 4 ft. or 8 ft. fixtures
 - incandescents between fluorescents
 - blue lights evenly spaced between incandescents
 - black (U/V) light wherever desired for city scenes, stars, etc.
- ### track-lighting in aisles
- If possible, locate lighting switches and dimmers together, and near a central operating area so lighting effects can be "staged" while trains are running.
 - However, infra-red dimmers and switches are available for remote control

Valences

- Use 1/8" pre-finished hardboard screwed to 1 x 2 wood "straps" on the ceiling
- white inside to reflect light over layout
- outside (aisle side) finished in neutral color
- position above front edge of layout
- height should be just enough to hide lights but not so low as to feel oppressive

While some of these lighting effects should be done before the layout is built, many, such as track-lighting and dimmers, can be easily retrofitted and will yield spectacular scenic effects.

HAPPY MODELING!

OKANAGAN SCRATCHBUILDING CLUB

by Huge Clarke

In the early days of model railroading , if you wanted to have a specific structure or car for your railway, you had to make it yourself from scratch.

Only a few generic kits were available. Nowadays there are a massive variation of kits or ready-to-run items available - but, even now, should you require a specific model, you must scratch build it yourself.

Scratchbuilding, the process by which models such as

card, locomotives or structures are built up from basic shapes of sheet and rod, in metal, plastic or wood, is virtually an art form which is in remission or rarely practiced.

In the Okanagan, we have formed a scratchbuilding club where the masters are able to pass along their expertise. In 2000, we formed "Building With Bob" hosted by Bob Gardner, MMR, in Salmon Arm. Once a month he held seminars on all aspects of scratch building. each attendee was required to build an item. You may have seen our display at Trains 2001.

In 2001, Ray Hansen, in "Raising (Freight Cars) With Ray," is teaching in four sessions, techniques for scratchbuilding Canadian outside braced boxcars in styrene. The ingenious process unfolds monthly at the O'Keefe Ranch. There are twelve members.

The Achievement Programs recognizes scratchbuilding in its assessment of models. The next time you feel like building a specific structure/car for your railroad, with a little research, you can do it. Maybe there is a person with the expertise in your local area who could lead such a productive get together?

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February 16-17 - PORTLAND, OR - Great American Train Show, Portland Metro Center, 2060 N Marine Dr, 11 - 5, Info: <http://www.gats.com>

March 29-30 - VERNON, BC - 7th Division Spring Meet, Vernon Lodge Hotel (250) 545-3385, Info: Jack Smith, Registrar (250) 542-6520

April 21, 2002 - NANAIMO, BC - Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show, Beban Park Rec Center (2300 Bowen Rd), 10 - 4, Adults \$4, Family \$8, NMRA \$3, Layouts, Swap-n-shop, Model contests, Sales tables \$20.00. Info: Ken Rutherford (250) 724-4698 Email: kj.rutherford@shaw.ca or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

May 11-12 - TACOMA, WA - 4th Division Spring Meet

September 8 - VICTORIA, BC - Victoria Model Railway Show, Victoria Curling Club 1952 Quadra St, 10-4, hourly door prizes, pop vote contest, operating model railroads, sales & displays, Info: Ted Alexis (250) 595-4070, David Tomljenovich (250) 652-1894

PNR CONVENTION DATES

2002 June 28 to July 1 - REGINA, SA - Great Plains Express 2002

<http://www.accesscomm.ca/nonprofits/echovalley/EV20.html>

2003 Eugene, OR

Trains 2001 continued from Page 1 The 7th Division PNR NMRA Annual General Meeting chaired by our new Superintendent, Scott Calvert, was held late Saturday afternoon. The business of the Division was reviewed while attendees munched on sandwiches and soft drinks. At 6pm the buses from Wellstone Coach Lines began arriving to take 110 escorted layout participants on layouts located in Coquitlam and Port Moody. This year layouts included three layouts which had never been toured before. Thanks to layout hosts Gordon Mitchell, Richard Starchuk, Matt Hassen with Louther Warnat, Gunther Brioch and Scott Calvert for opening their pikes. Your trains committee is always on the lookout for model railroads in the lower mainland to tour, please direct any leads to John Green.

On Sunday, 2557 members of the public visited the show, enjoyed the layouts and other displays, bargained with vendors, and many lucky people won Door prizes which were contributed by a number of Vendors and others with an interest in Railroad and Model Railroad. (John Zuk assisted by his daughter Fiona, did a great job of handling the announcements and distributing the door prizes). Special thanks to the donors of all the prizes. Sunday evening, 74 registrants sat down in the expanded multi purpose room to enjoy a delicious supper catered by Cosmic Catering with a bar service run by Black Tie. After the dinner there was presentation of awards for modeling and Ted Alexis was this

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years recipient of the Ross Heroitt Memorial Gold Spike award. In his presentation Scott Calvert mentioned that Ted had earned his award for years of faithful service organizing the very successful Victoria Model Railway Show and conceiving and continuing to run the Victoria NTrak club.

This years speaker was Bud Forbes of the Kamloops Heritage Railway Society talked about their successful efforts in restoring Canadian National Railways Consolidation 2141 from a rusting hulk in Kamloops Riverside Park to a fully operational steam locomotive ready and certified for excursion service.

On Monday morning, 31 registrants enjoyed a tour at the SKYTRAIN operations where we had an opportunity to inspect and discuss both the older Expo Line and new Millennium Line equipment. We were met and welcomed by SkyTrain Vice President of Operations Mike Richard, who was assisted by the Control Centre Shift Supervisor Kerry Mulhall, and Jay Golithly. The tour was extremely interesting and ran well over the planned two hours, as we inspected both the old and new shop areas and the new control center where 4 operators oversee and manage the operations of up to 42 trains during rush hour peak.

Hopefully photos of the TRAINS 2001 meet will appear on the Trains and 7th Division web sites shortly.

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CP SIG AT TRAINS 2002

by Scott Calvert

As you have read or heard recently, the CP SIG of the NMRA will be participating in the Trains 2002 meet. Planning is currently developing in conjunction with the Trains committee, but tentative plans include CP-specific clinics and a layout tour. Prototype modelling will also be featured. We may also offer the opportunity to operate on CP layouts depending on scheduling. If you are a SIG member and have any ideas or wish to help, you can contact myself at the e-mail or phone contact numbers on page 2 of this issue. Watch the CP SIG Yahoo group, Trains 2002 and 7th Div web sites for further info.

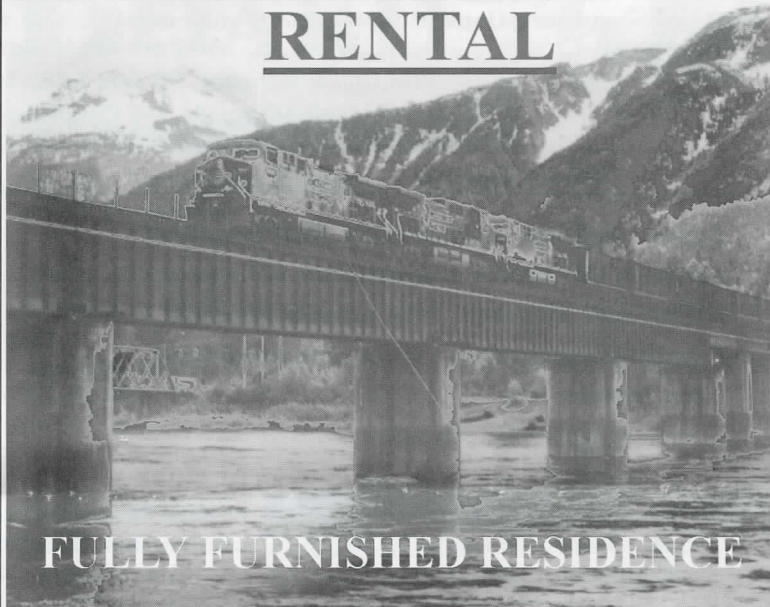
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Len Soper, PNR Office Manager, reports that the Post Office has returned 18 copies of the Switch List due to moves by the members. Each return, including re-sending, cost the PNR approximately an additional \$1.20. Also, there are an additional 2 members (one a Life Member) that have no return address and the SL can't be forwarded, HQ has the same address for each that Len has. Please ensure that you send any change in your address and/or phone number to Len at the address shown on Page 2.

In Time For Christmas?

John Green suggests the new book: "Ghosts on the Trade: Hiking and Biking Abandoned Railways on Southern Vancouver Island" by railway buffs and hiking enthusiasts Ian Baird and Dr. Peter Smith. \$12.95 at local book stores.

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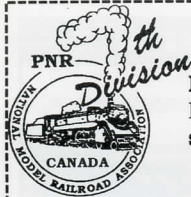
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All Fees are in Canadian Funds:

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Select Option	Number of Years	Total
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7th div Associate <u>subscriptions</u> (Bulletin Board only)	_____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____
(Mail this form to Gary Hazell if this option is chosen with a cheque payable to 7th division PNR NMRA Credit card option is not available for subscriptions)		
Total Enclosed		_____

If paying by cheque or money order, please specify **Canadian Funds** and make payable to: **PNR-NMRA**
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form rev. July 27, 2001 (**Fee schedule effective 09/01/2001**) **Signature** _____

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I do hope that you had a chance to participate and enjoy the Trains 2001 meet and show. This years committee consisted of: Dick Sutcliffe, Chair, and Prototype Tour, Door Prizes, Publicity; Darren Brkich, Venue Coordinator; Kathy Dixon, Registrar, and Banquet; Bill Dixon, Secretary, name tags, timetable, and web master; Gladys Gooch, Treasurer; John Green, Layout Tours; Pat Kelleway, Non-Rail Tour; Roy Kelleway, Volunteers; Bill Raikes and George Massey, Clinics; John Moore, this year-no designated responsibilities- gofer; Craig Spinks, Contests; Elizabeth Reymond, Banquet Master of Ceremonies.

I would point out that these meets are put on by volunteers. As you can see in the list above, in order to make this years show happen, some people had multiple responsibilities, and with the thought that "more hands make light work" I would encourage others to some 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, the many volunteers and Committee members who made TRAINS 2001 the success it was.

Next year is the 20th annual TRAINS show and it will include special activities as we are to be joined by members of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Special Interest groups - their biannual conventions will be integrated with normal trains activities. We are looking forward to seeing you at TRAINS 2002 - Remembrance Day weekend next year !!! For those on the Internet please monitor our site at <http://www.bctrains.org/>

