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TRAINS 2002 Update

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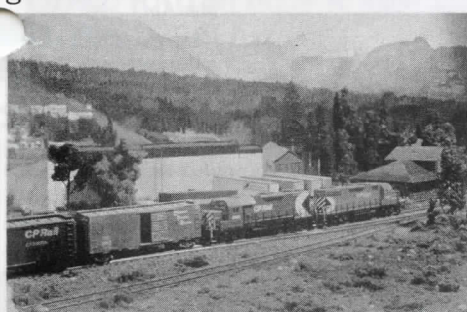
TRAINS 2002 is rapidly approaching. Have you got your registration in yet?

A registration form was included with the last issue of the *Bulletin Board* in the hope you would register early. More of you have than for any meet to date. Registrations



are up, and that means all those tours and limited number activities are filling up. I will very surprised if there are any spots left on either of the layout tours by the meet weekend. The prototype tour of the lower mainland's railway services on Friday Nov 8 only has 30 places, and they were 1/3 booked on July 20, both layout tours were 1/4 booked as was the banquet, so get those registrations in - don't be disappointed.

How are your entries for the model contests coming? Contests to choose from are the regular popular vote, the RPM contest, Norwes models and Kaslo shops, special contests, the model and prototype photo contests in B&W and color, and don't forget the famous BB 6 x 6 contest. NMRA AP judging will also be available.



For the non railroaders the Saturday tour will cover the quilting and craft shops, but if that's not the partners' thing how about stopping at the Red Barn Antiques in Cloverdale for a while. The fare is - bus \$20 plus a no host lunch. (This might be a better deal than a shopping spree).

While the partners are enjoying the above tour, visiting the relatives, or shopping 'till they drop, there will be TWO streams of clinics. One stream will have a CP emphasis, the other CN. We have local clinicians and out of town "experts". There will also be two clinics on Sunday, one in the AM, the other after lunch. These will be open to the public as well.

CN & CP Sig members will have meetings

on Sunday, if your not a member of one of the Sigs you will have a chance to sign up at the meet.

Gordon Hall is going to set up his larger scale trains at floor level, with controllers for the kids to operate the trains, we have crayons coming from Red Robin, and colouring books from Southern B.C, Railway - sounds like fun.

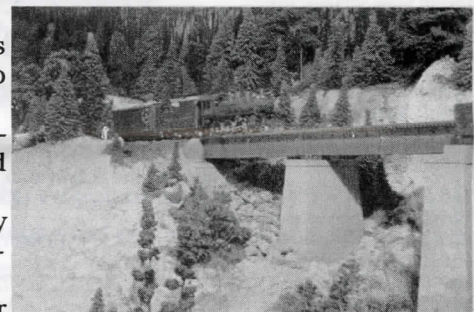
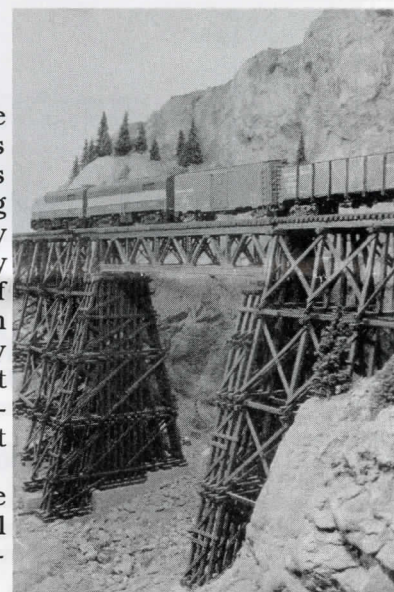
Just a reminder that the Executive Inn is the "official" hotel for the meet. They have a special rate for registrants, but you must reserve before Oct. 8 to be assured of a room. Quote group 10.

Any questions? Check our website for updates, meet registration and vendor application forms, or access to the activity coordinators.

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

See you in November.

The above photos feature just some of the layouts on this year's layout tours. Photos clockwise from the top right are: 1) Train #79 descending bridal veil trestle at mile 21.2 of Anthony Craig's HO scale Coquihalla Subdivision of the CPR. The bridge was built from a timber taken from the actual trestle after it was abandoned, 2) Extra 453 west on Pennsylvania truss bridge at slide creek mile 26.2 of John Green's HO scale Coquihalla Subdivision of the CPR, 3) northbound freight entering Parksville on Steve Stark's N scale Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, and 4) Extra 4080 west approaching Grand Forks on Scott Calvert's HO scale Boundary Subdivision of the CPR.



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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

by Scott Calvert

By the time you receive this issue, summer will be winding down and soon the kids will be back to school. A good way to get inspired for the winter modeling season is to attend the Victoria show on Sept 8th.

I was able to attend the 2002 PNR meet in Regina, Saskatchewan and had a wonderful time. Wayne Wessner and his committee did a great job in organizing a very enjoyable, and affordable PNR regional meet this year. It had all the makings of a good time including well organized tours, great food, nice layouts, and of course the Queen's visit!! Those who chose not to attend missed a good meet. Watch for further info on next years meet to be held in Eugene, Oregon.

At the PNR executive meeting we dealt with many issues that affect the NMRA and the local divisions. Declining membership is a key item, and the 7th Div has been the worst hit with a 15% loss over the last year. Overall, the PNR has experienced a 7% loss over the last year. All levels of the NMRA are trying to develop promotional strategies to increase the tangible benefits to the members. The consensus was that the best efforts are made at the Divisional level since that's where most members are active. To that extent, the 7th Div is doing well, however, there are other things we could consider.

The PNR remains financially stable and in good shape. The Convention handbook is currently being reworked in an effort to make it a more effective guide for convention host groups because several regionals have lost money over the last few years. A decision was made to include, at the host groups discretion, Popular Vote contests at regional meets in an effort to increase the participation. Personally, I think this is a good move since many modelers do not want to have their models in the more structured contests, but are willing to bring them for a "peer" judged popular vote format. The AP program is quite active at the PNR level, but, there is limited participation at the 7th D level. I know there are many members out there who could easily achieve some of the AP certificates. Remember, there are many categories - not just model building!

The NMRA is also working towards a standard single dues concept which is designed to improve efficiency and reduce the wait for new & renewal memberships to be generated.

There was a meeting held in Vancouver on July 28th with Henry Jordan, who is the Director of Meetings and Trade Shows for the NMRA to explore the possibility of Vancouver being the host community for the 2008 National convention. Unfortunately, since this report is being written before the meeting, I cannot provide any feedback to you on this topic. The structure for hosting National conventions is being changed significantly to relieve the local host group from a lot of the organizational tasks, and virtually all the financial liabilities. The NMRA hopes that with this new approach, more communities will be willing to host a convention. I am interested in any thoughts of this topic - both for and against.

I hope you are all starting to think about registering for the Trains 2002 meet in November. At last report, both layout tours and the banquet had already achieved 25 to 30% sales - this is much higher than normal.

I look forward to seeing you all at the fall activities.

EDITOR'S DESK

by Russ Watson

"Foamers." Last time, I wrote about this nick name given to us by some and an unwillingness for some to proudly discuss their interest in playing with choo choos with anyone outside of the hobby. At the end of that editorial I left you with the following question, "why are there so few people entering the hobby?"

Certainly there are more model trains running on more portable layouts at more public model railroad events than what there have ever been in the history of the hobby. Every year results in more non-model railroaders being exposed to the hobby. Surely membership is not increasing because of a lack of visibility of the hobby.

Why aren't more of these people bitten by the bug? I've heard that the economy, the difficulty for young people to raise a family and buy a house these days, is a major reason. Perhaps. There are more products available than ever before, but are they more expensive? There are more model railroad magazines than ever before; all focusing on superb modelling - are we driving those away who cannot achieve or afford to model to these high standards? When was the last time a magazine ran an article about a modelling effort by a child? Perhaps our very own NMRA Bulletin should start a youth column whereby children of all ages are encouraged to share their modelling with the rest of us?

Many of us have or will plant the model railroad 'seed' in our own children by taking them to model railroad events and just by immersing them in the hobby by rail-fanning on holidays and by our own modelling efforts within the household. I planted the seed in our three children, however, none of the seeds have sprouted yet. Every child loves model trains, but perhaps we can no longer rely on parent modellers to plant the seeds and nurture them along. I wonder how many boy scouts have parents who are involved in scouting or were even boy scouts themselves? How many children playing organized sports today are following in their parents footsteps? Why don't parents drop their children off at model railroad meets or club meetings as they do for other activities? Is it time for us to provide the same type of services as scout leaders and juvenile sports coaches provide?

Fishing in the Province of BC is free to those 16 years of age and under - how about free NMRA membership to those 16 years and under regardless of whether they have a parent that is an NMRA member or not?

If you believe that a youth column should be started in the Bulletin and/or that membership should be free to children 16 years of age and under, please contact your PNR Trustee, Roger Ferris (contact info on Page 2).

And please read the "World's Greatest Hobby Update on Page 5 of this issue and help out if you can, we would all be better off for your effort.

WELCOME!

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

John Hodges
Dan Huberman
Terry Mitchell
Bert Ollivier

Balfour
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Parksville

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.

AP Chairman Required

Hugh Clark will be stepping down as chairman of 7th Division Achievement Program (AP) in September leaving the position vacant. If you are interested in helping to administer this excellent NMRA program for the 7 Division as the AP Chairman, please contact Superintendent Scott Calvert or myself. Contact information is available on Page 2 of this issue.

Hugh Clark

Taking The Sheen Off Plastic Models

From the June 2002 6th Division Highball Newsletter

A touch of alcohol and ink is all that they need. The famous HO scale layout, the Franklin & Southern abounds with extensive weathering - the buildings, the trains, the streets and even the plastic population that lives and works along the model railroad line. "They're not weathered," George Sellios, creator of the Franklin & South Manchester layout, protests. "They look better." The alcohol and ink mixture he puts on takes the plastic sheen off of the figures and blends them into the scene. Sellios describes it as a light stain of a couple of drops of India ink into a pint of alcohol. "Then I blot it with tissue. That sort of tones it down. Sometimes I repaint figures just to try to make them a little different." Sellios said most of his figures are made by Preiser. "I think they're well proportioned figures," though he has a smattering of other figures from different companies on his layout. The placement of the figures is also crucial for Sellios. The populace of the

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World's Greatest Hobby

Did you know that the World's Greatest Hobby campaign has produced an introductory video tape on model railroading? Why not obtain a copy and take it to a local school, church, Boy Scout or Girl Guide meeting? Following the viewing of the video, an invitation to a local model railroad club meeting may just be all that is needed to spark an interest in our hobby. Info at <http://www.greatesthobby.com/>

Is your membership expiring?

Please check the expiry date on the mailing label on the envelope that this *Bulletin Board* arrived in and follow the instructions on Page 2 to renew now.

World's Greatest Hobby Campaign Update

WORKSHOPS FOR NEW HOBBYISTS

By now you've received your club kits including the "Building Your First Model Railroad Video." We hope this tape and the other materials in the kit will give you a good start on organizing workshops to help newcomers to the World's Greatest Hobby (WGH).

Remember that if you need more copies of the WGH booklet or any other campaign materials, you can e-mail your requests for materials to customerservice@kalmbach.com, or telephone 877-426-5082. Please plan ahead and allow at least two weeks for delivery.

OPEN HOUSE FOR MODEL RAILROAD MONTH

One of the best things that clubs with layouts can do to promote the World's Greatest Hobby is simply to let the public see your railroad in action. Whenever else you might want to do this, we especially encourage you to hold an open house in November, which is National Model Railroad Month. Experience shows that this is a time of year when many people are introduced to our hobby. If all of our participating clubs make a concerted effort, it's bound to have a great effect.

Why am I mentioning this now? If your club has done it, you know that a successful open house takes planning. Usually some layout preparation is needed to put your best foot forward, and you'll also need to be organized to handle crowds. Most of all, you'll want to plan for the local publicity and media attention that will draw visits from the general public. So it's definitely not too early to start getting ready for your National Model Railroad Month open house.

THE STEW MARSHALL CHALLENGE

Stew Marshall is an old friend, a longtime model railroad hobbyist and hobby retailer, and now a WGH Ambassador. He lives in Central Florida. Not long ago he sent me some clippings of newspaper stories about train shows and other model railroad events he had organized. Wouldn't it be great, he wrote, if every club in the WGH campaign could get their own stories in their local media, print or TV, for National Model Railroad Month. Clearly it would, so that's what I'm calling the

"Stew Marshall Challenge." Your club's open house, beginner's workshops, or train show would all be good "hooks" for feature stories, because they'll show your group making the effort to share the hobby you enjoy with your neighbors. You can start now to make this challenge part of your planning for National Model Railroad Month, and help make this November one of the greatest ever for our hobby.

YOUR FEEDBACK

We'd like to hear from you about any WGH workshops that you present, and any other World's Greatest Hobby-related events your club sponsors or participates in. We'd like to share your successes and anything you learn with the other clubs.

UPDATING YOUR INFORMATION

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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

September 28-29 - EDMONTON, AB - 2002 - The Great Edmonton Train Show, Mayfield Inn Trade Centre, 16615-109 Ave, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4, 17 operating layouts, dealer and swap tables, Info: Jim Baker (780) 430-7595 www.mmrf.ab.ca

October 19 - Portland, OR - Annual Fall Railroadiana & Model RR Swap Meet, Collectors Market, 8900 N. Vancouver Ave (exit 307 off of 15 south on MLK Blvd to Vancouver Ave), 10-4, Info: Doug Auburg, c/o CGMRC 2505 N. Vancouver Ave, Portland OR 97227, (503) 288-7246, (360) 694-7769, Email: swap@cgmrc.com

October 19 - CALGARY, BC - South Bank Short Lines 23rd Annual Model Railroad Auction, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive, SE, 11am. Info: - Allan Peirce, 619 Woodsworth Rd. SE Calgary AB T2J 1M6, (403) 278-6786, peircea@telusplanet.net

October 19-20 - EDMONTON, AB - The annual open house at the Freight Shed will be held

October 19-20 - RAVENSDALE, WA - 5th Annual Maple Valley Operating Train Show, Gracie Hansen Community Center, 27132 SE Ravensdale Way, Info: Henry Hollwedel (425) 432-7900, Email: henhollwedel@juno.com

<http://mytown.koz.com/community/trainshow>

October 20 - CALGARY, AB - Calgary Model Railway Society Fall Mini Meet

November 7-11 - BURNABY, BC - TRAINS 2002, The 20th anniversary, 7th Div. Fall Meet, is combined with a **CN & CP SIG Convention**, Cameron Rec. Centre, 9523 Cameron St, operating layouts, displays, layout tours, contests, clinics, banquet, non-rail tour, meet fare \$17, NMRA \$4 +\$4 refund if active presenter, bused layout tours \$17, banquet \$25, non-rail \$20, Prototype Tours TBA, Meet Registrar: Kathy Dixon, 439 E. 16th St, N. Vancouver, BC, V7L 2T4, (604) 987-4237 or meetregistrar@bctrains.org Show Registrar: Darren Brkich, 38-8844 208th St, Langley, BC, V1M 3X7 or trains_show_registrar@hotmail.com Info: Dick Sutcliffe (604) 467-4301, dicks@axionet.com or www.bctrains.org Meet hotel (reservation group #10) Executive Plaza Hotel Coquitlam, 405 North Rd, 1-888-433-3932, Deluxe Guest \$89, Corporate Club \$99, Superior Suite \$109. **Public show** Sunday, Nov 10th, 9-4, adults \$5, seniors/students/NMRA \$2, family \$10.

November 23-24 - SEATTLE, WA - Great American Trains Show, Western Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup, Info: www.gats.com

March 23, 2003 - 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-

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August 6-10, 2003 - Eugene, OR - (see below)

September 3-6, 2003 - FIELD, BC - Spirral Conference IV

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The Posen Group has arranged a pre-Fathers' Day appearance by WGH celebrity spokesperson Michael Gross on NBC's "Today" show. The spot will include a portable large-scale layout as well as the HO layout shown in our "Building Your First Model Railroad" videotape. Look for it on Thursday morning, June 13th.

RECRUITING

As grass-roots supporters of the campaign we now have 584 model railroad clubs, 865 ambassadors, and 658 hobby shops. As we reported earlier this year, the hobby shops include all Hobbytown USA franchises.

Thank you very much for your support and participation.

Best wishes,

Andy Sperandeo

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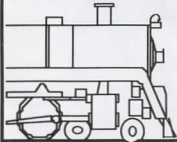
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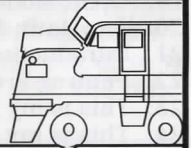
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