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Wow, Record Attendance at the 2003 Victoria Model Railway Show!

By David Tomljenovich, Photos by Russ Watson

That's right, the largest one day event on Vancouver Island set a new record. The 2003 Victoria Model Railway Show held at the Victoria Curling Rink had a record attendance of 2,265 beating the 1999 attendance of 2,010.

The people came in a steady stream right up to the doors closing. I noted more children with families than in previous years. One of the major attractions was the Vancouver Island Model Engineers train rides for the kids. The very popular Thomas the tank train made another appearance on the Sooke Toy Train Operating Society O Scale layout. Their Lionel and large scale train layout proved popular for kids who were allowed to operate the trains.

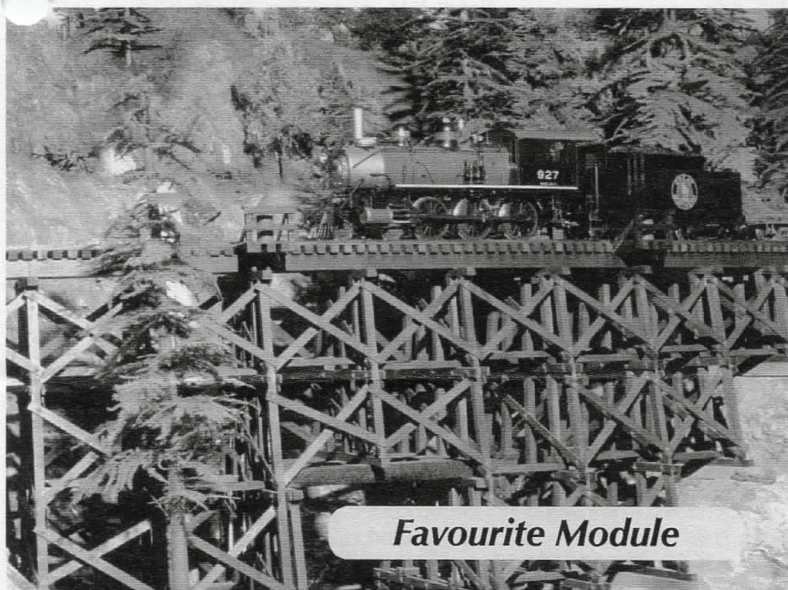
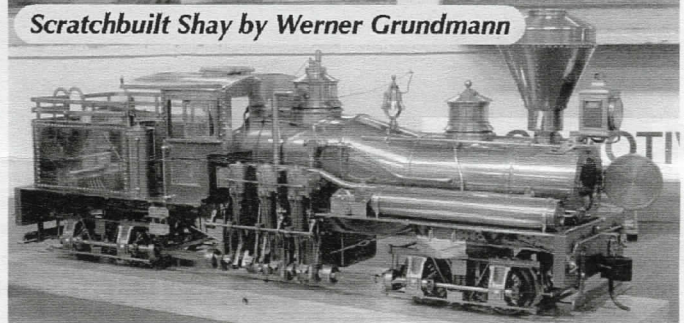
The big crowd also brought smiling faces to the commercial and private sellers. I would like to thank the following dealers for providing the hourly door prizes: BC Shavers and Hobbies; Britannia Models; Central Hobbies; Charlie Choo Choos; Creative Hobbycraft; Jim's Model Trains; Leisure Time; and Victoria Scale Rail.

Donations will be given out to the following supporters of the Show:

Times Colonist 1000 Fund; CFAX Santa's Anonymous and the News Group Mustard Seed Program. A share of the profits will be paid to the 7th Division and a donation to help rebuild the KVR trestles is being explored.

This leads to the popular vote contest. Model Photo: HO CN Freight by Leonard Moss; Proto Photo: China Steam by Robert Turner; Rolling Stock: 1 1/2" Scale Caboose by Bob Buckle; Locomotive: G Scale K27 by Warner Grundmann; Diorama: Mine Tipple by Richard Slingerland; Module: Cascade Pacific Trestle corner; Structure: On3 Bridge by Robert Hopkins; Train: HO CN Passenger by John Britt; and Operating Layout: Victoria & Sidney Layout.

Scratchbuilt Shay by Werner Grundmann



Favourite Module

The winners were awarded plaques featuring a photo of last year's winner - the N Scale Module by Gordon Shrimpton and Ted Johnston. Next year's 2004 poster feature the best of show 'O' Scale module by Peter Thornton-Trump: "Wood Pile Trestle Bridge" on the Cascade Pacific Railway.

On behalf of the Show Committee I would like to personally thank the various club members volunteering their time on the admission tables. Also the various hobby stores who contributed door prizes. Special thanks to the ladies at the Shot Rock Café providing the breakfasts and lunch throughout the day. Finally thanks to Don Forsyth, Coordinator for the popular vote contest; Dave Quissy, volunteers; Peter Thornton-Trump our marketing whiz and public relations man; and finally Ted Alexis the other half. So all aboard for next year's Victoria Model Railway Show to be held on Sunday September 12th, 2004. See you there!

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The Cascade Pacific Railway O Scale Layout

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *by Scott Calvert*

First, I would like to thank those of you that took the time to cast your votes for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent positions. I look forward to serving you for another 2-year term. My compliments to the organizers of the Victoria show. Several of us "mainlanders" were able to attend and we had a good time. They had an awesome public turnout despite parking challenges created by the construction of the new rink next door.

The AGM will be held on Nov 9 at 2 P.M. in the Cedar Room at the Cameron Rec Centre during the Trains meet. Please see page 4 of this BB issue for an important notice regarding some bylaw revisions to be voted on at the upcoming AGM.

I was able to attend the PNR board meeting at the Eugene convention in August and offer the following brief report. The PNR finances are tight like many other regions but remain in the black. The 2002 convention in Regina generated a profit share to the PNR of about \$1800, which really helped boost the finances. The board is also focusing on how to make the annual PNR conventions more affordable and appealing to the members.

Attendance at these meets has been declining, and, like the 7th Div, the PNR relies on profits from the conventions to help finance various member benefits. There was substantial discussion regarding the NMRA long range plan (LRP) which has resulted from a huge amount of work by many people who collectively developed a strategy and plan for moving the NMRA forward. Members will be invited to vote on the plan in the near future. If you want to review the details, they are available on the NMRA web site. When they are issued – PLEASE VOTE on them!

There have been numerous 25 and some 50 year NMRA membership certificates issued recently to our long standing members. If you believe you qualify and have not received one, let me know and I will pursue it for you.

Good news on the membership dues front – because of a more favorable exchange rate, the Canadian dues have declined to \$75. It is nice to see that occur, since the rising dues were a significant reason for many members to not renew.

It is with regret that I inform you that Terry Mitchell has had to resign as the 7th Div AP coordinator. We appreciate Terry's efforts, and look forward to seeing him back in the group in the future. If anyone is interested in assuming this task, please contact me.

As I reported in the past, there will be some pre-Seattle National convention activities in Vancouver on the July 3rd & 4th 2004 weekend. These will include Op Sig/LD Sig operating sessions and tours, and an Amtrak trip/layout tour for delegates. Watch for more info regarding these on the Seattle web site and in the BB. Feel free to contact myself, or John Green if you want to know more about these.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual Trains meet in November – it promises to be another enjoyable event.

EDITOR'S DESK *by Russ Watson*

I received answers to my questions from NMRA President Allen Pollock in regards to the cancellation of the weekend Trains Show at the NMRA National Convention in July as follows in italics:

I would like to know the number of bookings just prior to SARS: *"the train show booth space was not sold out prior to SARS, I believe the number was that we were about 80% sold, more than enough to hold the train show."* At the time the cancellation was made; *"at the time the cancellation was made, there were less than 18% of the booths still spoken for meaning that about 62% of those who had sent money to pay for their booths had canceled coming to Toronto."* And what the typical numbers were for the past few Train Shows. *"The immediate past train show statistics indicate that about 95% of the available booth space was sold."*

You may notice a slight change in the look of this BB this time. I am using a new software product called *Canvas* that has caused some of the changes. BB postage costs alone are approximately \$750 per year; the new software allows me to save the BB as Adobe Acrobat .pdf files. I will be able to email the BB to members who would like to receive it in that format. The file size is over 1 MB though, so unless you have a high-speed Internet connection, you may face long download times. I will ask that this item be added to the AGM agenda for Nov 9th. I received an email recently from an acquaintance in Ontario that included a draft proposal for the creation of a new Canadian Model Railway society. Preliminary discussion is interesting and ongoing; if you would like a copy of the proposal or other information, please contact me. I hope to see many of you again at the TRAINS meet, bye for now.

MEMBER AID *by Bob Gardner, MMR, Coordinator*

A few questions and requests for aid are coming in, but I'm sure there must be more modelling problems out there. Please contact me at the address on Page 2 if you have a question. It is all a part of the member benefits!

In the meantime, here are a few modeling tips of my own:

1. When glazing windows in cars, structures or autos, use "Micro Kristal Klear" to cement in the clear styrene. It dries clear and invisible.
2. When installing coupler springs or truck springs use an old-fashioned pen and nib placed between the coils. A tiny dab of "Pliobond" adhesive on one end of the spring will keep it from disappearing into space.
3. Make a lap cloth from a 2 ft. x 2 ft. piece of light-colored cotton. Secure it with staples or thumb-tacks to the underside of your work bench. When you sit down at the bench, drape it over your lap. It will catch and retain small parts and also protect clothing from spills.

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4. When using a drill press always place a scrap of wood under the work-piece. This prevents the table from being drilled full of holes and also makes drill bits stay sharp longer.
5. For mounting plaster rock castings use a hot glue gun. This saves holding the castings.
6. Spaces between rock castings can be quickly filled using thin plaster in a cake-decorating "syringe".

How about sending along a TIP for this column? Maybe something you have discovered will "AID" some of our members.
 For the best tip published in each of the next three issues, I will award a modest HO car or structure kit. (Other scales will just have to swap.)
 Let's hear from you!!!

7th DIV BYLAW CHANGES

Submitted By Dick Sutcliffe with assistance from Steve Stark

The bylaw changes passed at last year's AGM do not become effective until filed with the Registrar of Companies. The Registrar declined to accept last year's changes for filing until certain further changes were passed in order for the bylaws to conform to the current Society Act. These further changes, together with the proposed changes to Section 25(3) and Section 62, are included in this proposed Special Resolution. The changes to Section 25(3) are required to conform with PNR bylaws. The changes to Section 62 are recommended to allow bylaws to be amended by mail ballot.

BE IT RESOLVED that the bylaws of The Seventh Division, Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association be amended as follows:

1. Section 4(1) be deleted and replaced with the following:
 4(1) Membership in the society is open to all persons applying for membership in both the Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association Inc., and the National Model Railroad Association Inc., and paying the membership fees of those associations, if any, and who reside within British Columbia, the Yukon Territory, and that portion of the Northwest Territories west of 120 degrees longitude.
2. Section 21 be deleted and replaced with the following:
 21(1) Every resolution proposed at a meeting must be seconded to be valid and the chair of a meeting may not move or propose a resolution.
 (2) In case of a tie vote, the chair does not have a casting or second vote.
3. Section 25(3) be deleted and replaced with the following:
 25(3) Each director shall be elected for a two (2) year term. The president and secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years. The other directors shall be elected in even numbered years.
4. Section 26 be deleted and replaced with the following:
 26(1) The directors of the Society may be elected either at a general meeting of the Society or by regular mail, as the directors shall determine.
 (2) In the event a mail ballot is used, ballots shall be mailed to every member by regular mail, not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date set for the Annual General Meeting.
 (3) In order to be valid, the ballots must be received by the

returning officer designated in the ballot, not less than 15 days before the date set for the Annual General Meeting.

- (4) The directors shall retire on the first day of the month following the Annual General Meeting, at which time, their successors shall assume office.
 - (5) Separate elections shall be held for each office to be filled.
 - (6) An election may be by acclamation, otherwise it must be by ballot.
 - (7) If a successor is not elected, the person previously elected or appointed continues to hold office.
5. Section 62 be deleted and replaced with the following:
 62 (1) These bylaws must not be altered or added to except by special resolution.
 (2) A special resolution may be passed either at a general meeting of the Society or by regular mail ballot as the directors shall determine.
 (3) In the event a mail ballot is used, ballots shall be mailed to every member by regular mail, not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date set for voting on the amendments.
 (4) In order to be valid, the ballots must be received by the returning officer designated in the ballot, not less than fifteen (15) days before the date set for voting on the amendments.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The 7th Division AGM is scheduled for
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You're invited by Dick Sutcliffe

The registration desk will open, at Cameron, on Friday evening, 7pm, for early pick-up of packages. There will be space & equipment available for slide & video presentations - bring yours. The usual self-guided tour layouts will not be offered this year as we are testing invitational operating sessions for PSX 2004.

If you pre-register, the invitations may still be available. Check the website for a registration form, or your favourite lower mainland hobby shop.

On Saturday morning volunteers will set up the hall starting at 7am, (remember all volunteers earn points for their designated group's honourarium). Registration will reopen at 8am. Clinics will start at 9am with the PGE/BCR SIG clinics in parallel with the mainstream clinics, which are: John Ostler - trees, Mike Barone - maintaining brass, Donald Bain - CPR in the West, Doug Mayer - improving turnout electrics, and Rene Gourley - Converting to Proto:87.

The displayers will be setting up as well - layouts, manufacturers, SIGS, contests, also some new vendors. Do you have your entry(s) ready for the popular vote and RPM contests? Don't forget the famous BB 6x6" contest. AP judging will be available. Due to limited interest there will not be a non-rail tour this year.

The guided layout tour will be on the North Shore, with layouts that some you have seen, but with changes and some new layouts as well - pre-register so you don't miss out.

Sunday is the Public Show, as well there will be beginners clinics at 10am and 1pm, the PGE/BCR SIG meeting at 11am, The 7th div AGM meeting will be at 2pm. The clinics will be open to the public.

The banquet in the evening will include great food, the awards, and recognition ceremony. The after dinner speaker is not finalized yet, but will be either Singh Biln or Graham MacDonell

With Monday not being a statutory holiday, the prototype tour is still undecided, but they are always interesting, if you can get the time off.

For up-to-date information check our website www.bctrains.org.

NEWS FROM NANAIMO

by Ken Rutherford

The 2004 spring show and swap meet in Nanaimo will be the 20th edition. To commemorate this milestone Rick and I have decided to hold an additional model contest. In addition to the favorite model contest that is voted on by the NMRA members that attend, there will be a contest for the best logging theme diorama. The base of the display should be no larger than 12" x 18". We chose a logging theme because it played such an important role of our islands history. The winner will receive a special prize.

Regarding future shows there has been some recent discussion amongst the Standing Committee about moving the Easter weekend two-day show around the province. It was suggested that the Nanaimo and Victoria shows could host one once in a while. While this sounds like fun and could be done, it would take more volunteers on the organizing team than we have now. At present Rick and I run the Nanaimo show from Port Alberni. If there was enough interested volunteers in the central Island to form a committee to take on a two-day event we would certainly look into hosting an Easter show. Anyone interested in offering their services can contact me at 250-724-4698 or e-mail at kj.Rutherford@shaw.ca

Mark April 4, 2004 on your calendars for the Nanaimo show. Complete your latest models and enter them in the contests (we have a draw for a couple of gift certificates from all entries besides the winners plaques) and come and make new friends, that is what the NMRA is really all about.

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OCT 18-19, CHILLIWAK, BC, Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way. Sat. 10am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Info: James Hill, (604) 824-1757. jcdmhill@dowco.com

OCT 18-19, EDMONTON, AB, Edmonton Model Railroad Association Open House, at the Freight Shed, Fort Edmonton Park, 10am-5pm. Info: - www.InfoHarvest.ca/EMRA/

NOV 7-10, BURNABY, BC, TRAINS 2003, 21st Annual 7th Div Fall Meet. Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. Info: - Bill Dixon, 439 E. 16th St., N. Vancouver BC V7L 3X7, (604) 987-4237, meetregistrar@bctrains.org, www.bctrains.org

NOV 9, (SUN), BURNABY, BC, TRAINS 2003, 21st Annual Public Show, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 9am-4pm. Info: - Bill Dixon, 439 E. 16th St., N. Vancouver BC V7L 3X7, (604) 987-4237, meetregistrar@bctrains.org, www.bctrains.org

NOV 8, (SAT), KENT WA, Boeing Employees' Model Railroad Club Annual Swap Meet, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, 9:30am-4pm. Info: Ed Sherry, (206) 878-5968, swapmeet@bemrrc.com www.bemrrc.com.

NOV 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, PORTLAND OR, Columbia Gorge Model RR Clubs Annual Show, 2505 N. Vancouver Ave. 10am-5pm. Info: - (503) 28-TRAIN, www.cgmmc.com.

NOV 8-9, REGINA, SK, Regina Model Railroad Show, Sponsored by Echo Valley Model Railroad Guild, and Regina Model Railroad Club,

Cochrane High School, 1069 14th Ave East, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm, Info: - Grant Halkyard, (306) 522-3004, g.halkyard@accesscomm.ca.

NOV 15-16, PORTLAND OR, Great American Train Show, Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King. Info: - www.gats.com.

NOV 22-23, PUYALLUP WA, Great American Train Show, Western Washington Fair Grounds, 9th & Meridian. Info: - www.gats.com.

NOV 22-23, RICHLAND WA, Tri-Cities Model Railroaders Open House. Intersection of Columbia Center Blvd. & Columbia Park Trail, Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, Noon-4pm. Info: Steve Prevette, (509) 544-9475, prevette@owt.com, www.owt.com/tcmr.

NOV 28 & 30, (FRI & SUN), ABBOTSFORD BC, Abbotsford Model Railroad Historical Society 10th Christmas Show, 33772 Essenden Ave, (above Fraser TV). Info: - Jeff Roenitz, (604) 853-3745 or Doug McLeod (604) 850-7333.

NOV 28-30, SEATTLE WA, 30th Pacific Science Center Model Railroad Show, (co-sponsored by NMRA/PNR/4th Div), corner of Denny & Broad, 10am-6pm. Info: - Frank Dekker, (425) 425-6964, rekkedrails@juno.com, www.pacsci.org,

www.3dprn.org.

NOV 29-30, MEDFORD OR, 26th Annual Rogue Valley Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Medford Armory, 1701 S. Pacific Hwy. Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Info: - Brad Fawcett, (541) 482-7952, brad-fawcett@charter.net, www.rvmrc.railfan.net.

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APR 4, (SUN) 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

JUL 4-11, 2004, SEATTLE, WA, PSX 2004. Puget Sound eXpress. NMRA National Convention, Sponsored by the 4th Div. Pacific Northwest Region. DoubleTree Inn Convention Complex, (adjacent to the Seattle- Tacoma Airport. Info: - info@ml2003.com www.nmre2004.org.

SEP 12 (SUN) 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

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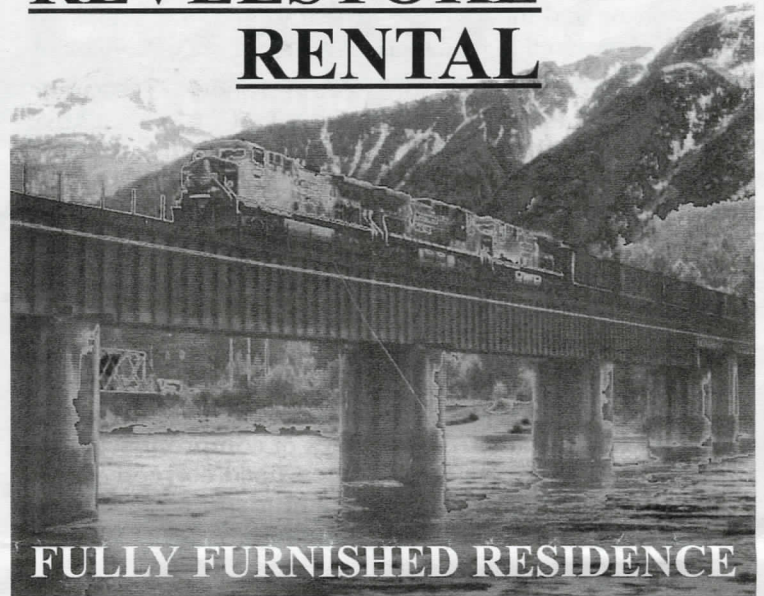
GAP FILLER - Thick formulas of CA are good for filling small gaps, but to fill larger gaps, sprinkle some baking soda into the crack or hole, pat it down and shape it, then put a drop or two of CA into the baking soda. It will turn as hard as a rock. It's sandable too!

CA APPLICATOR - Find a sewing needle with a larger eye and use a cut-off disk in a Dremel tool (*always wear eye protection, Ed.*) to lop the top of the eye off, leaving a "Y" shape. Use that to apply a very small drop of CA to a model in exactly the place you want it. To make it even easier to use, make a handle by mounting the needle in a piece of dowel.



CLEANING THE APPLICATOR - The CA applicator will get gunked up eventually. To clean it, soak the tip in a little Acetone. Cut a disk of foam slightly larger than the neck of an empty glass paint jar (a 1/2 ounce Polly Scale jar is great), drill a small hole in the centre of the foam and put the disc in the bottle neck. To clean the needle, push it through the hole to let it soak in the Acetone. The foam keeps the Acetone from evaporating too quickly.

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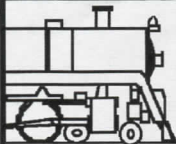
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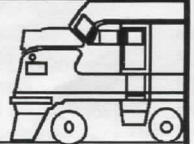
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