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Most of British Columbia's public health orders around COVID and its variants have been rescinded. Events are taking place again. However, recruiting new members and volunteers to work events has become a significant challenge.

7th Division Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 7th Division will be held on Thursday, 17 November 2022, at 8 PM. Gordon "Gordy" Robinson, President of the NMRA, will be our Guest Speaker this year. He has already begun some bold innovations to benefit our membership and plans to increase our numbers significantly. We dislike telling you he's got "exciting" ideas because that word has been used and abused in every press release you've ever heard, but it really is an accurate description of his ideas. A short clinic presentation will begin at 7 PM. "40 minutes with Clark Kooning MMR." Gordy will speak at the end of our AGM.

The Board of Directors has decided that a virtual meeting will best serve the interests of our members.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84083260325?pwd=aVp4dm5PUldiMEJGTkNMbjd5TURKdz09>

The meeting is open to every member of the 7th Division, PNR, and NMRA in good standing. We hope you'll join us for the clinic at 7 PM and stay for the AGM at 8 PM.

The Railway Modelers Meet of British Columbia (RMMBC)

The online portion of the Meet was well attended in May 2022, as was the In-Person Meet held at the Queensborough Community Centre in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada. Check out the RMMBC website (<http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca>) for details and photos of the Meet.

The Vancouver Train Expo (VTEx)

Unfortunately, VTEx 2022, scheduled for November 5th and 6th, has been cancelled due to lead time for commitments and the unpredictable nature of COVID. The 7th Division was part of the process and supports the VTEx committee's difficult decision. Planning is in progress for 2023. Check the VTEx (<https://www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca>) site for updates.

The Ferrier Collection

The 7th Division has had in its possession for many years a collection of Canadian Pacific drawings donated by Jim Ferrier. While these drawings were available to the NMRA membership, access was difficult, and they were unorganized and only partly catalogued. 7th Division members Doug Mayer, Mike Barone & Dick Sutcliffe worked many hours on the collection. It has now been permanently placed with the Revelstoke Railway Museum (RRM) in Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada. An agreement was reached between the 7th Division, RRM, and the Canadian Pacific Historical Association (CPHA) to have the collection catalogued by professional archivists, digitized by the

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CPHA, and made available to the members of these organizations. There are nearly 1,000 drawings in the collection, so it will take some time to make the collection accessible. We are about 1/3 of the way into the project.

7th Division Member Awards

The 7th Division has three awards that may be presented annually to members of the 7th Division.

The Jack Work Memorial Trophy – Scott Calvert

The trophy may be presented annually to an individual who best exhibits the qualities that Jack Work displayed: imagination, creativity, innovation, artistry, forward-thinking, quality workmanship and the sharing of the results of these qualities with the rest of the hobby.

The Ross Heriot Gold Spike Award – Lori Sebelley

The award may be presented annually to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the division.

The Railway Heritage Award – Robert Turner

This award may be presented annually to individuals who have contributed in a meaningful way to the preservation of railway history.

It is in appreciation of our members' unselfish devotion of time and effort to further the aims of the NMRA, the PNR and the hobby of model railroading through assistance and service for the benefit of all model railroaders within the 7th Division, PNR, and NMRA.

More information on these awards may be found on the 7th Division website, <http://7divpn.ca/node/4>.

7th Division Member Recognition

- Tim Horton
 - Four Merritt awards for cars
 - Chief Dispatcher certificate
 - Author certificate
 - Car certificate
- Randy Nussli
 - Golden Spike award
- Larry Sebelley
 - Three Merritt awards for track work
 - Electrical Engineering certificate
 - Civil Engineering certificate

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- Peter Shergold
 - Golden Spike award

Related Events held in the 7th Division

The Nanaimo Train Show was held in May. This was a single-day event, and by all accounts was attended well and is planned to return in 2023.

The Victoria Train Show was held in September. This event was also a single-day event, was well attended, and is planning to return in 2023.

The Sea to Sky Model Train Show was held in October. This was a new event. This was a two-day event held at the Railway Museum Of British Columbia.

(<https://www.wcra.org>) The organizers of this event are planning to hold this show in the spring in the following years to fill the gap left by the loss of the Western Rails event.

As always, our thanks go out to our committee members who continue to deliver an outstanding experience to the Model Railroad community, Virtual or In-Person.

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