

**Report of the Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster, Richmond Sub Division 2022  
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This year has been a continuing washout for organizing in-person model railway events. I think this is an appropriate term for this third unusual year. While the recovery from the pandemic is improved with the development and availability of more effective vaccines, as a member of a generally aging community I have continued to avoid most in-person activities.

The Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia for 2022, was in my humble opinion was again most successful. Including virtual clinics , some virtual layout tours with in person layout tours over on the North Shore area and an in person – gathering out at the Annis Island Rac Centre – New Westminster.

Again this year plans for sub-division “Mini Meet” activities have been cancelled until it is again safe for us to meet in community. These events are usually held at the British Columbia Society of Model Engineers [BCSME] clubhouse located in Confederation Park in North Burnaby. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive and members of BCSME for their kind and continued offer of hospitality.

Personally, throughout the year - I have continued to host weekly virtual ZOOM gatherings of a Local Unknown Group. We are a group of six to ten who meet online to chat about projects and plans we have about constructing, maintaining, and solo operations on our layouts throughout this year. In addition, we share conversation, fellowship, and stories both tall and true.

In closing, I would remind everybody that this pandemic is not forever. Perhaps in 2023 we will be able to safely gather in fellowship and enjoy some of the in person based aspects of our fascinating hobby.

In closing, while we wait - I would share again the wonderful quotation from Dr. Bonnie Henry – “Be Kind, Be Calm, Be Safe”.

Respectfully Submitted by John Green