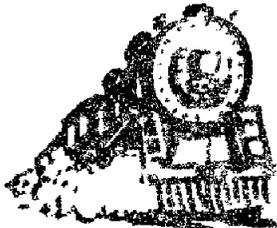


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PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION



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JUNE 14th



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EDITOR'S NOTE

After some conversation with the Super, it was decided that some feedback from you, the Readers, was needed and wanted. This happened to coincide with my first letter to the "Editor", which is reprinted below. For want of another or better heading, this page will be titled,

"SANDING THE FLUE"

Naturally, I expect some flak from you liquid fossil fuel fans. So write to us already!

Letters will be published where space and time allow, and where more than one letter per topic is received, they will be selected at random and printed.

We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, and content which may be offensive.

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"Dear Ian:

I enclose a notice that I would like to have published (See Page 4) Ed.

Even though I have been a Model Railroader for many years, I have no idea what modelling Railroad Groups or Clubs there are in or about Vancouver. It would be an idea to gather the names of groups, whether there are memberships open, and a contact name, and publish them for general use.

Thanks,
Cliff Basler"

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EDITOR'S REPLY

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In Response, in part, to Mr. Basler's letter, the Standing Committee has decreed that an addressed Questionnaire page be inserted in this Issue. All you, the Reader, has to do is fill it out. Fold on the dotted lines, staple closed, add a stamp and put in the mail box.

The items contained in the questionnaire are self-explanatory and give you the Member, some input as to our activities after the Summer Holidays.

So, please take the time to fill in the form and return it to the Bulletin Board.

Editor.

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"SHOULD THE RAILROADS BE REQUIRED TO MAKE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE CAUSES OF DE-RAILMENTS, AND THE CARGO CARRIED ON THE TRAIN?"

-excerpt from an editorial in the
Columbian of Wednesday, May 13, 1981.

WE INVITE YOUR COMMENTS.

BURNABY AREA MODELLERS

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In the March, 1981 NMRA Bulletin, president Huebenthal described the "Roundhouse", a formal name for small local groups of model railroaders connected with the NMRA.

Burnaby resident Cliff Basler will co-ordinate a first meeting for Burnaby area NMRA/ PNR members who would be interested in forming a "Roundhouse". Modellers who are interested please phone Cliff at 294-7934, he will collect names and phone numbers and arrange a first meeting at his home.

Cliff models his Birch River and Coast Railroad in HO scale, but this invitation is for modellers in all scales.

One idea for discussion will be the setting up of a module system compatible with that developed by the Dewdney/Alouette group in HO, and/or the construction of modules in other ideas out there?

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"GOLDEN SPIKE DAYS"

Third Annual World Championship Hand Car Races will be held during Port Moody's Golden Spike Days, which run from June 27 - July 4th, 1981.

The hand car races themselves will run June 2 and June 28, with a practise race the weekend before. Races and practises take place behind the Port Moody Social Recreation Centre off Ioco Road. Applications are being taken until June 14. Last year 70 teams pumped and pushed their way along the 300 metre track.

Each team must have four "pump men" and one "pusher" who is allowed to give each team its initial shove from the starting line.

The entry fee is \$30.00 and each team should have a sponsor.

Proceeds go towards restoration of the 76 year old Canadian Pacific Railway Station as a museum. The Handcar Races raised \$1,500 last year.

For further information, contact the Historical Society at 126 Kyle Street, Port Moody - or telephone: 939-1648 939-1393 936-0856 941-4529.

This years Golden Spike Days coincides with the 100th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Golden Spike Days is an annual event marking the arrival of the 1st scheduled passenger train to the west coast on July 4th, 1896.

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Friday, May 15, 1981 - The first run of the Season for the R O Y A L H U D S O N. Daily through September 15th. Boarding at 9:00 am on a first come - first served basis.

For further information - call ROYAL HUDSON 987-5211 or Tourism B.C. 668-2300

Our Division was once again deeply saddened by the news that Elmer Blackstaff of Ladysmith, B. C. had passed away on March 24, 1981. Although I had never met him, I understand he was quite a man. On behalf of the members of the Division, I would like to express my sincere sympathy to Elmer's family, who, along with all of us, will miss him greatly.

A demonstration clinic on Module Construction was held on March 22nd by the members of the Dewdney-Alouette Model Railway Society. As they assembled the modules together, each step in the process was explained, and they were able to run trains after about an hour and a half.

Our Annual Spring Meet was held on April 18th in Kamloops, B. C. This was another very successful meet, with a total of 143 sitting down for the dinner.

The display room was full with both individual modellers displays and many commercial displays. The Dewdney-Alouette boys came out in force once again to set up and operate their modules. Thanks go to Bob Hadlow and Lindsey Scott from Calgary who put on a great clinic on remotoring diesels, and to George Mackey for his clinic on painting and weathering.

The highlight of the Awards Banquet was the presentation of the Ross Heriot Memorial Gold Spike Award to Hank Menkveld. Hank has done a lot for the Division, usually from behind the scenes, so it is fitting that he receive the award, one that he is well worthy of. Congratulations Hank!

For those who did not have to leave early Sunday, Ken Vere had arranged a self guided tour of the C.N. junction in North Kamloops on that afternoon. We were allowed into the C.T.C. dispatcher's rooms and also the hot box detector room. The operators there are to be thanked for their patience in answering our many (and I'm sure repeated) questions. They also let us wander around the engine facilities and service tracks to take photos if we wanted. Thanks to Ken and to the C.N. for a great tour!

A big vote of thanks is in order to the Kamloops Committee for a job well done. (Incidentally, many of the Committee Members were not P.N.R. members before the meet, but when they saw how much fun it can be when you are involved, they joined up during the banquet. Once again, this shows that a great way to have fun in this hobby is to PARTICIPATE.)

Our most recent event was the afternoon of movies at Oakridge on May 3rd. Included were MacMillan Bleedel logging at Powell River, narrow gauge railroads of Colorado, and some South African Beyer Garratts, as well as slides of the Fraser Canyon. Thanks to John Green and Tom Beaton for their presentations.

The last clinic before the summer will be the long awaited switch building clinic presented by Duane Damgaard from Seattle. The clinic is a combination of slides with narration, plus a demonstration. This is not a participating clinic, however.

In order to plan useful and interesting clinics and meets for the Autumn season, we need some feedback from YOU the members. When no comments are forthcoming, we simply assume that we are doing a good job, and shall endeavour to continue to do so. If you have any ideas (or complaints!) for future clinics, please let either myself or one of the standing committee members know about it.

Happy Railroading,
Greg Madsen

One of the members of our group (Dawdney-Alouette Railway Society) has for some time been telling us about a switcher in the old maroon and gray C.P. colours said to be still working on Mitchell Island in the Fraser River. One Thursday afternoon Art Thomson and I went in search of this elusive engine. We made our way across the Knight Street Bridge to Mitchell Island and then westward on the only through road to a huge scrap yard served by a collection of sidings and spurs vaguely reminiscent of my first attempts at hand laid track, only with more three dimensional variables! A very sad collection of battered gondolas looking for all the world like aging prize fighters, all battered and lumpy - sitting rusting away, scattered between huge piles of equally rusty metal. We waited for some time near the scale house but no switcher, so we left after noting and photographing at least five different types of switchstands serving the spurs.

The next day, after taking a load of equipment out to a job in Tsawwassen, we decided to again hunt for the switcher. We parked by the scales and started to walk down the track to the steel foundry and rolling mill, when out of the mountains of rust came a string of empty gons headed for the scales, and pushing this motley consist up the track was our missing engine! When the crew stopped to route the train to the line over the old rail bridge, I asked the engineer (John Carmel) if I could cadge a ride across the river with him. He said "yes" since there were no 'brass hats' about, but I would have to walk back because they have to wait for B.C. Hydro to shunt a string of full gondolas to replace the empties we were taking across. I readily agreed to the conditions.

Away we went - leaving Art in a cloud of black smoke - running along the track to catch up. Good thing too! He doesn't get enough exercise anyway. With four of us in the cab of 6574-DS-6n, built in 1941 by the Montreal Locomotive Works, we headed up the grade to the bridge. As we bounced along the rails, Ross Schnurr, the Conductor, explained they needed a good run at the grade because a lot of the original 600 horses died quite a while ago. On the outside though, the Old Girl looks pretty good, very photogenic. We picked our way carefully across the bridge trying not to disturb the nesting Canada Goose in the pilings underneath. When we reached the north bank of the Fraser, we were told that we were in luck, that Hydro was all ready for us, so no need to walk back. The exchange went very quickly, with a marked difference between the big crash of couplers from B. C. Hydro, and the gentle embrace of 6574.

Again away back across the bridge. This time on the head end instead of the drag, down the grade to the scales where we bailed out to photograph the old girl at work with some full cars.

For those of you who want to see this engine at work, get over to the west end of Mitchell Island about 12:00 noon, as each day about 12:30 the train takes the empties over to the north side, and returns about one or one thirty. You can catch them on the north side - just behind Eaton's plant on SW Marine Drive, west of Knight Street. If you go down, ask John or Ross for permission to ride - the most they can say is "no", - too many brass hats around! To the best of my knowledge, it's the only 6n left, not to mention the fact that it is still in the original colours.

I.D.S.

JUST A REMINDER RETURN THE ENCLOSED QUESTIONNAIRE BY JUNE 30th.

U R G E N T - RETURN THIS MAILER BY JUNE 30th, 1981

THE STANDING COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE SOME SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT YOU WANT IN THE WAY OF CLINICS, PARTICIPATING OR OTHERWISE.

PLEASE NUMBER YOUR CHOICES WITH NUMBER (1) BEING THE FOREMOST CHOICE.

- Basic Wiring _____
- Basic Benchwork _____
- Bridges & Trestles _____
- Constant Lighting _____
- Scenery _____
- Kit Bashing _____
- Tree Construction _____
- Art Work for Decals _____

SOME POSSIBLE GUEST SPEAKERS

- JIM FINNELL - DURANGO PRESS
- MIKE O'CONNELL - CHOOCH ENTERPRISES
- MIKE PEARSALL - PACIFIC FAST MAIL
- KELLY MORRIS - CUSTOM BUILDER
- KEN SCHMELZER - LOGGING EQUIPMENT.

LIST YOUR OWN SPECIF SUGGESTIONS HERE.

CLUB INFORMATION
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NAME OF GROUP _____

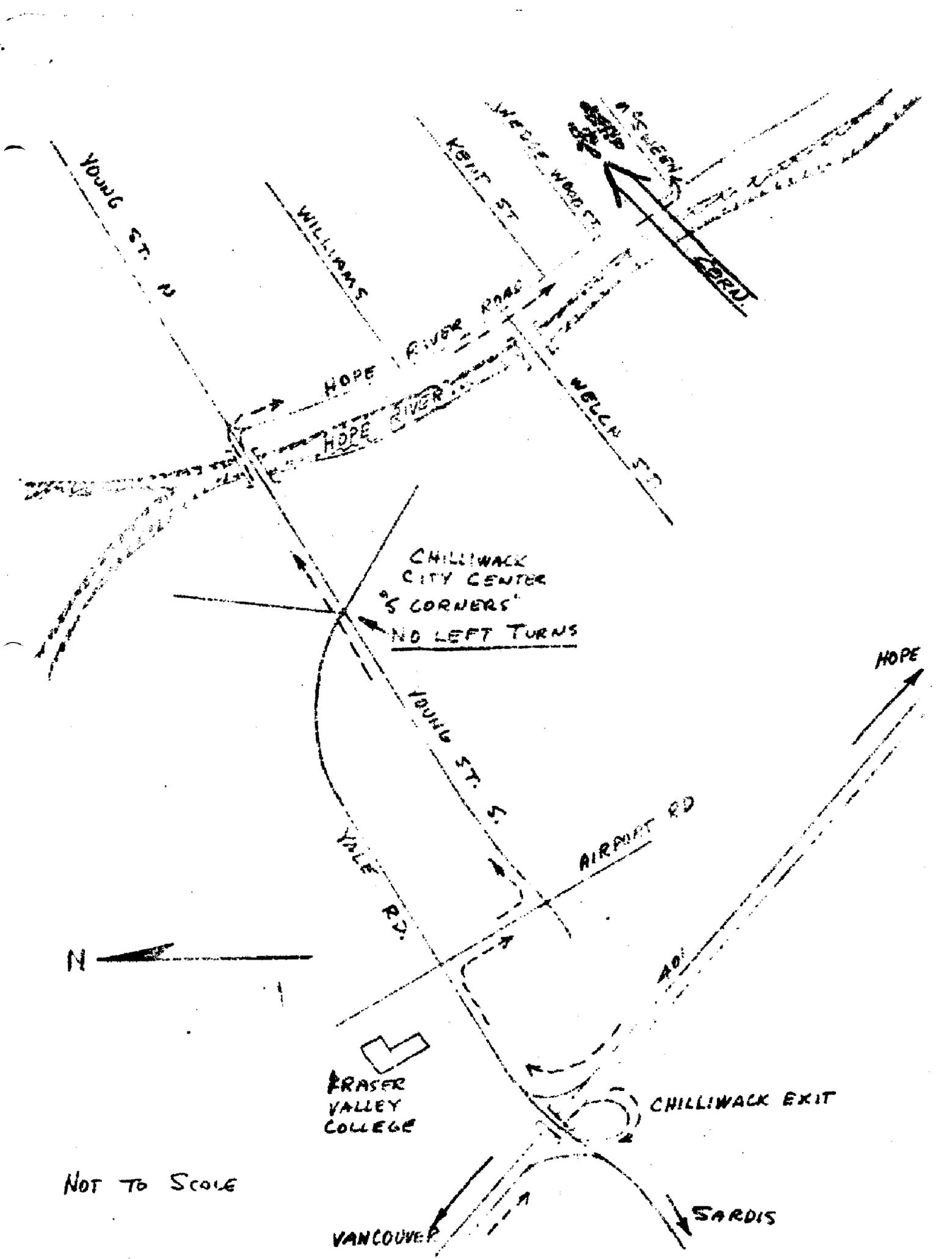
CONTACT PERSON _____

SCALE OR GAUGE MODELED _____ NUMBER OF MEMBERS _____

ARE MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE? _____

AREA COVERED BY GROUP _____

GENERAL COMMENTS _____



- May 23 & 24 WILT'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI FEED & GATHERING OF THE MODEL RAILROAD CLAN in NYSSA, OREGON. No Host Dinner, Saturday Night at Grange Hall, Spaghetti Feed - Sunday - same location. Please let Betty & Bill know a couple of days ahead if you are coming. At this late date - don't write - Phone Bill Wilt, (503) 372-3555. Be advised all available accommodation in Nyssa is already booked - try Ontario, Oregon - about 12 miles away - lots of room there the last time a check was made.
- June 14 OAKRIDGE AUDITORIUM - 1:00 pm - 7th Division Clinic
DUANE DAMGAARD will sho his slide clinic on "SWITCH BUILDING" plus a film show of his CP Rail trip over the Mountain Divisions.
- July 17 - 19 "LIDGERWOOD" P.N.R. CONVENTION
Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA.
For Information - write or Call Dale Kraus
15024 S. 16th Ct., Spanaway, WA 98387. or phone (206) 531-8703 - Registration in Jan-Feb SWITCHLIST.
- August 18 - N.M.R.A. 1981 NATIONAL CONVENTION - SAN MATEO, CALIF.
23 San Mateo Fairgrounds. "WESTERN FUN IN '81" is the theme of this year's Convention. Items of interest at the Convention will include:
- "extra fare" tours to many railroad museums and operating facilities
 - over 30 model layout tours
 - the largest scale circus display ever assembled in one place
 - "selling" area for retailers
 - one of the largest auctions in the NMRA
 - complete "Railette Program"
 - teen program
 - NMRA Contest
 - Special Contests with the usual Model Contest & "Photo Contest"
 - A total of 32 clinics - each to be shown twice.
- The entire convention will be transported by a special Commuter Train over the Southern Pacific's main line to San Jose. For information write the REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN, 1448 Cary Avenue San Mateo, CA 94401
- September 6 & 8 CORN FIELD MEET - LABOUR DAY WEEKEND - HANK & HENNY MENKVELD'S 3rd ANNUAL CORN FIELD MEET.
Saturday Night's No-Host Dinner Requires advance notice so Hank can warn the local restaurateurs how many are coming. Hank & Henny would also like some idea of how many trailers and campers will be parked in the Corn Field.
Bring your KIDS, CAMERAS, GAMES - AND JOIN THE FUN!
To contact Hank - phone (504) 792-4926.
For directions on how to get to Hank's - TURN OVER THIS PAGE!
- August 1982 PNR REGIONAL CONVENTION, Vernon, B. C. - Al Adams, Convention Chairman
- 1982 NMRA National- Washington, D.C.
- 1983 NMRA National - Winnipeg, Manitoba - JULY 18-24