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Cover Photograph

These old turn of the century post cards show a CPR passenger train coming down the Big Hill into Field B.C., and views of Glacier Station on the old Rogers Pass CPR loop.

The Editor Comments

Richard Starchuk

Summer has come and gone... and come and gone... but your *Bulletin Board* staff are working away through sun and rain. The *Bulletin Board* is changing slowly into what I would like to see in a NMRA quality Division publication, This issue has various articles about many diverse areas in the hobby. Articles about old-time railroading, and information about some new trains-on-stamps for you closet stamp collectors will be included from time to time. Earl Ponsford who is the Video Library co-ordinator, will try to give you thumb-nail reviews of tapes in the Division's library in every issue. This issue also talks about the Skeena Valley Model R.R. Association's club layout. So keep those letters and photos coming in, we would like to see your layout in the *Bulletin Board*.

Victoria Model Railway Show

The Vancouver Island Sub-division of the PNR 7th Division is playing host to the Victoria Model Railway Show on Sept. 29th, 1991. It will be a one day event in the Princess Mary Restaurant, 344 harbour Road, Victory, BC. The Princess Mary Restaurant is located one block from the Johnson Street Bridge. Admission is \$2.00/person, \$5.00/family, and \$1.00/NMRA, Seniors, or children under 12. For more information, please contact:

David Tomljenovich Victoria Model Railway Show c/o 7175 Hagan Road Brentwood Bay, BC VOS 1A0 August, 1991 7th Division Bulletin Board

Interior Report July 10, 1991

by Gary Hazell

Since this is summer, most of us are out railfanning or attending the model railroad meets in Denver or Spokane. But, I thought it might be of interest to give you an update on the Nelson Electric Tramway Society.

The Nelson group, headed by President Mike Culham, has a very well constructed and almost completed HO scale layout using carrier controlled trains. As well as building a layout, he has been very busy over the past number of years, refurbishing street car #23, a single ended type.

Just over one year ago, this group embarked on a mammoth project to operate this streetcar in downtown Nelson. The appropriate planning, approvals, monies, grants, and City Hall's endorsement were received.

Construction of a point-to-point track plan with two loops was started last year, and it now 90% complete. The track is located down on the waterfront with one of the loops near a secondary airport serving private planes.

Volunteers from the City of Nelson, West Kootenay Power, CP Rail, and others have worked on the project. To date, the Society has spent over \$100,000.

When planning the location of this loop, the Society worked closely with Transport Canada and obtained the necessary approval in July of 1990. This was necessary due to the potential safety hazards, but none of the poles interfered with the dimensions of the predetermined flight envelope.

Even with Transport Canada's approval, the local aircraft pilots started a campaign to remove all the work by the airport citing safety concerns. They lobbied city council without consulting the Society, and on May 21st. 1991, council

passed a motion requiring the removal of two of the poles in spite of a recommendation by the City Administrator and legal council to paint stripes on the poles. The poles were removed, but this left the Society in dire straights!

Almost all of the volunteers have been lost due to the controversy.

The Society cannot get their final release of monies from the GOBC grant, and the local banks will no longer give credit to the Society.

The City of Nelson will not accept financial responsibility for the relocation of the loop even though the project has brought over \$900.000 into the local economy.

The Nelson Electric Tramway Society needs your help!!!

Become a member of the Nelson Electric Tramway Society. Financial donations are tax deductible and memberships only cost \$10.00 per year which includes their newsletter. Please write to:

Nelson Electric Tramway Society c/o 123 View St., Nelson B.C. V1L 2V8

You can also write to the Nelson City council asking them to reconsider their motion of May 22nd 1991, and also ask them to reconsider their financial obligation and finance the relocation of the loop. Please write to:
Nelson City Council
City of Nelson,
502 Vernon St.,
Nelson, B.C. V1L 4E8

If you write, please send a copy of your letter to the Editor, Nelson Daily News, 266 Baker St, Nelson B.C. V1L 4H3.

Last but not least, the 1993 7th Division Spring Meet (Easter 93') will be in the West Kootenays in the Castlegar/Nelson area. If we of the 7th Division can help out in any way, maybe the

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Trains 91 Registration Form

Name(s):					
Address:					
Postal Code: Telephone: ()					
Full fare with banquet:					
Rebates at show: \$5 for NMRA members and youths (under 19) Mail this form to: Registrar, Trains 91 1415 Venables Street Vancouver, B.C. V5L 2G1					
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August 8 to 11, 1991	PNR Annual Regional Convention, Spokane, WA, USA.
August 21 to 24, 1991	National Narrow Gauge Convention, Seattle, WA, USA.
September 8, 1991	Monthly Workshop - Oakridge Auditorium, Project Layout, Operation.
September 29, 1991	1st. Annual Victoria model RR Show, Victoria, BC
October 13, 1991	Monthly Workshop - Oakridge Auditorium, Project Layout, Conclusion.
November 8 to 11, 1991	Trains' 91 Fall Meet & Public Show, Cameron Rec Center - Burnaby, BC.
December 8, 1991	Monthly Workshop - Oakridge Auditorium. Topic to be confirmed.

This may be your last issue of the Bulletin Board!

If your 7th Division membership has expired in June or July of this year and you haven't renewed, this will be your last issue of the Bulletin Board.

Please renew your membership using this form, and mail it in as soon as possible.

.....and while you're at it, why not register for Trains' 91 as well!

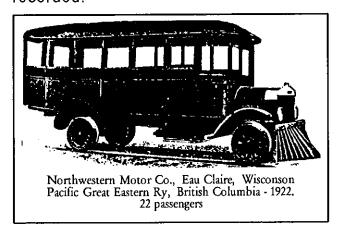
street cars and tramway will be one of the tours.

Railroad Notes

Research into railcars or rail motor cars turned up two examples that bore a familiar name: "Casey Jones", appended to two passenger-caring vehicles of a bygone age. They both resembled bus-type bodies except one was strictly a kitbash job of wood with a kitchen door attached to the front, but no screen door.

This model was built in 1914 by the sunnyside mining Co. for the Silverton northern Railroad Co. (3 foot ga) and powered by a Cadillac V-8 gas-mechanical drive. Parts of an earlier 1908 stover model were used to enhance its 18'-11" shape and it was reported on display at Silverton, Colorado, by Edmund Keilty in his excellent book 'The Short Line doodlebug, Galloping Geese and other Railcritters' (1988).

The second "Casey Jones" model was a trade name of the Northwestern Motor Co. of Eau Claire, Wisconsin (USA), and at least one such vehicle was turned out in 1922 for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway (BC Rail). It weighed two and a half tons, seated 22-passengers, and operated at a cost of \$14.50 per day as opposed to the steam passenger train it replaced at \$54.00 per day. A large 40-passenger version was advertised, but no confirmation of its existence has been recorded.





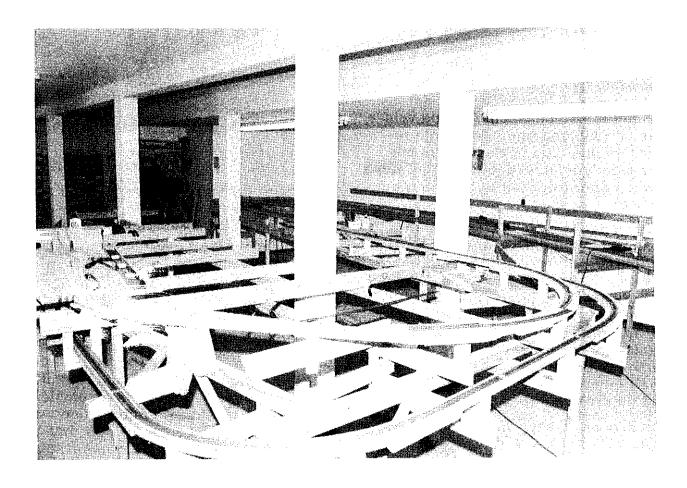
Off The Main Line Skeena Valley Model Railroad Association

The Skeena Valley Model Railroad is now open at its new clubhouse at 5010 Agar Avenue, Terrace, BC. For those not familiar with this layout, it is a joint building effort by 16 members and six students.

As shown in the photograph, the club is well on the way to having a complete HO scale layout. No information was supplied as to the layout size, but 36.6 metres (120 feet) of main-line track has been laid. One terminal, Rupert, is finished, and the other terminal, Smithers, is about 10% done. Kitimat Port, on a subdivision from Terrace, is connected by hand-laid track. The partly completed Hilltop Logging spur, originating at Carnaby, is also hand-laid track.

The Rupert terminal consists of five hidden staging tracks. It is provided with 12 optical-train detectors and nine remotely-operated turnouts. A reversing loop completes this part of the Rupert terminal.

Most of the turnouts will be hand-operated since electrical mechanical turnouts are so costly! Each of the three main lines will have hand-held throttles with controls and memory. This will allow the engineer to advance from plug-in to plug-in as the train moves along the track.



Skeena Valley Model Railroad

The Skeena Valley Model Railroad's first Open House was held in November of 1990, and attracted some 80 members of the public. The next Open House on June 1 1990, attracted the same number of people. But by that time, the club had a good deal of hardshell scenery to display, at Kitimat Port. The visitors could examine the supporting framework of extruded polystyrene and plastic flyscreen. The club prepared and ran five trains, two at a time for a full five hours.

On June 13th, some 15 kindergarten children from Veritas School, Terrace, visited the club for an hour. They had just completed a round trip via VIA Rail between Terrace and Kitwanga. A passenger train and a freight train provided entertainment for the children

during their visit. In this way, we will continue to keep our name before the public.

Video News and Views

By Earl Ponsford

If you would like to borrow video tapes, please contact me by mail at the following address:

Seventh Division Video Tapes, C/O Earl Ponsford 450 Glencoe Drive, Port Moody, BC, V3H 1G2

Telephone; 936-5653

All tapes are in the VHS format and are available for viewing at no charge to current member and associates of the 7th Div. in good standing. If you have

not borrowed from the library, here is how it works. Drop me a note listing your selections, and if available, they will be mailed to you post paid. Your only obligation is to return then on time in good condition, and with adequate postage (about \$3.00).

In this issue, I would like to give you a thumbnail sketch of tape #27.

Colorado's Narrow Gauge Railroads

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Colorado Railroad Museum

Here you can learn the amazing story of railroads in the Centennial State with a visit to the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden, Colorado. See historic trains, photographs, artifacts, important record collections, timetables, maps, and much more.

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

This scenic line follows the Animas River to Silvertion through the spectacular forests and canyons of the San Juan Mountains

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Georgetown Loop

Ride over an ingenious, incredibly high trestle loop at Devil's Gate - a loop which engineers designed to make the rail connection between the booming towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume.

Cripple Kreek & Victor

In their heyday, several rail lines served these thriving mining communities. To-day ride the 2'-0" gauge, industrial train over old grades and past historic sites.

Railroad Camp In and Corn Roast August 23 - 25, 1991

If you and yours are planning to be in the Interior during late August, the Salmon Arm Model Railroad Association cordially invite YOU and YOURS to a camp or motel weekend on sunny Shuswap Lake. We have reserved a special section of Glen Echo Resort from our good member, John Wayslow, for the weekend. Glen Echo Resort has a fantastic sandy beach right on CP Rail's Shuswapp Sub. main line. This is guarantied to give you ample train watching plus activities for the rest of the family. The motel has complete cooking facilities and is right across from the resort.

Bring Y O B, steaks and any other meals you will require, plus deck chairs, suntan lotion, and swim wear.

A donation will be collected so that we can get on with the planning. By mail our address is:

Railroad Camp In and Corn Roast Box 1098, Salmon Arm, BC, V1E 4P2

or by phone: Graham Redman at 832-6119, or Gary Hazell at 835-8628, or Al Wilson at 832-9566.

Trains 91' Report

By Scott Calvert

Plans for Western Canada's largest public model railroad show and fall meet are once again well underway. As the 7th Division's major activity for the year, Trains 91' will combine numerous enjoyable activities including workshops, contests, layout tours, a prototype tour, the huge public show, complete with modular layouts, awards, and

a banquet all occuring on November 8th through 11th, 1991.

For fall meet registrants, events will begin on Friday evening with several home layouts open for viewing.

On Saturday, a complete slate of meet activities will take place. This includes contests, display hall set up, workshops, videos, A.P. judging, plus the banquet with an entertaining, after dinner guest speaker.

Sunday will feature the large public show, giving us an opportunity to highlight the many exciting aspects of our hobby. Hours will be from 10:00 hours (10 AM) to 16:00 hours (4 PM). Monday will offer more home layout tours, a prototype tour (tentatively) and a 7th Division breakfast meeting.

If you have not attended a previous Trains' meet, don't miss the opportunity to participate in this years show, and for you veterans, we're sure you won't be disappointed with Trains' 91. A registration form is enclosed in this issue as a pull-out. Watch for more reports in upcoming Bulletin Board issues.

As always, I'm most interested to hear from anyone wishing to take part in the show. Feel free to call me any evening at 939-1849.

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