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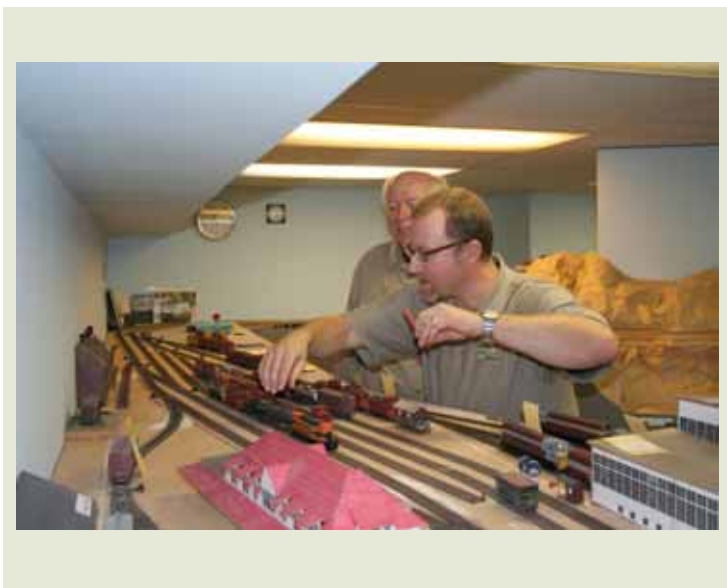
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Trains 2009

Trains 2009; Operating Sessions Offered Again This year!

One of the popular features of the annual 7th Division fall Trains meet is the opportunity for registrants to participate in an Operations Session at a local Greater Vancouver layout. These sessions last typically generally 3 hours and will take place on Friday November 13th in the evening so they don't conflict with the main events for the meet.



We typically offer a choice of one of several layouts, all of which have well established operations schemes developed specifically according to the hosts own interests. Depending on the extent on interest, we usually have 3 or 4 layouts to choose from. This is great chance to participate in an actual operating session in a low key and very enjoyable environment. It is also a good forum to learn more about this interesting aspect of the hobby. Guest operators generally possess all level of skills from novice to more advanced, however, one thing they all have in common is they all have FUN!

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If you are interested, it is best to contact me as soon as possible so we can ensure we can accommodate everyone and to make planning the event as easy as possible for all involved. My email is: scottcalvert@shaw.ca

Further information is provided on the Trains web site: www.bctrains.org

NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

All members are invited to attend the Annual General meeting of the Seventh Division, Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association (CANADA) which will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 3:00 PM in the Cameron Recreation Centre, 9523 Cameron Street, Burnaby, BC.

Respectfully submitted by

John Green

Secretary Seventh Division, Pacific Northwest Region
National Model Railroad Association (CANADA)

GNRHS Convention 2009 Duluth, MN

Tom Carr

The 2009 convention of the Great Northern Railway Historical Society (GNRHS) was held in Duluth, MN from July 19th to 22nd. Since it was a bit too far to drive this year Francina and I decided to do something neither of us had done for many years, take the train, in this case Amtrak's Empire Builder. While both of us had ridden inter-city passenger trains when we were younger, this was the first time either of us had taken a long distance

Minneapolis at 8:10 AM was only one-hour later than scheduled, due to a stalled freight train early in the trip. Unfortunately the bus connector from Minneapolis to Duluth left something to be desired in terms of both comfort and service, but we arrived in Duluth on time, and with all our luggage.

The GNRHS convention itself was very well organized and gave us the opportunity to visit not only the Duluth area, but also the Iron Range that has supplied iron ore to the US steel industry for so many years. We explored former operations of the Great Northern and the Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range railroads, visited old and still operating iron ore mines, toured the ore loading docks in the Duluth/Superior harbour, and took part in the usual convention activities. A particular highlight for myself was the op-



**Former Great Northern Ore Loading Docks
In Duluth / Superior Harbour**

passenger train. Anyone who says passenger train travel in North America is dead should try a book a ticket, we booked our July trip in late January and some parts of the train were already sold out.

Not wanting to rush our holiday we drove to Seattle the day before our train trip, and made sure we arrived at historic King Street Station several hours before our scheduled 4:45 PM departure. Amtrak staff are friendly and efficient, we found our assigned sleeper roomette quickly and settled in for 2-nights of train travel. Food service on Amtrak is well organized and the food itself is surprisingly good. The trip to Minneapolis was quite relaxing as we enjoyed the scenery along the old Greater Northern mainline through Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and Minnesota. Our arrival in

portunity to drive Great Northern SD-45 #400 "Hustle Muscle," now owned by the GNRHS and brought to Duluth for the convention from it's permanent home at the Jackson Street Roundhouse in St. Paul. "Hustle Muscle" pulled our dinner train from Duluth to Two Harbors, MN on the Monday evening, and gave us all the opportunity for a photo run past on the return trip. Although probably not high on most people's list of tourist destinations the Duluth, MN area is a very interesting place to visit; Francina and I are looking forward to a return trip.

The convention was over all too soon and it was time to head back to Minneapolis for the return trip to Seattle. The Empire Builder left on time just after 11:00 PM and arrived in Seattle an hour early just after 9:00 AM.



The Author on "Hustle Muscle" at Duluth MN

Apart from some air conditioning problems in our car, which the Amtrak crew was never quite able to fix, the trip home was relaxing and uneventful, although somewhat warmer than anticipated. We spent a day in Seattle with friends, picked up our vehicle and headed for home the following afternoon. Next year's GNRHS convention is at Glacier National Park, Montana, for the 100th Anniversary of the park. Francina and I are really looking forward to that trip.

NMRA Websites

7th Division <http://pnr-nmra.org/7div>
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Duluth Skyline from the Harbour On Lake Superior

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Editor's Desk

Eric Reynard

The Salmon Arm Model Railroad club is usually on hiatus in the summer with no regularly scheduled meetings in July and August but this year we are a hive of activity. In preparation for display at Northern Lights in Edmonton several dedicated club members have undertaken a number of renovations and upgrades. One of the most involved projects is the removal of the operating lift bridge for a complete overhaul by Neil Sutcliffe. On that same module we have also removed all of the water as it cracked severely in -40C temperatures in Calgary several years ago and no effective and unobtrusive repair could be found. Redoing all the EnviroTex has been a time consuming experience. In addition all of the electronics and wiring are being upgraded on this and several other modules to ensure continued worry free operation. Refreshing of scenery is occurring around the layout although this seems an almost continuous job. Many of these changes will not be readily apparent to casual observers but it will serve to keep the layout fully operational as it passes into its third decade having

**Vegetable Garden with Sunflowers & Corn**

been started in March of 1989.

Some of the recent additions include scale speed speedometers on both mainline tracks, beginning construction of a scale vegetable garden including corn and sunflowers and the detailing of the powerhouse including oil fired steam turbines.

Given all the activity on the layout I wish I could say I have been an integral part of the flurry of activity but I have been regrettably absent from many of the work parties. Retirement and grown children would have their advantages but for now I can sit back and admire the work of others and report on their progress. Hope to see you in Edmonton where I can at least point out all the effort.

Shuswap Rails 2010

**7th Div. Interior Spring Meet
2 - 3 & 4 April 2010**

**The Prestige Harbourfront Resort
251 Harbourfront Drive NE, Salmon Arm, BC**

Hosted by:

**Salmon Arm Model Railroad
Association**

www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com

Timetable**Sep 5 (Sat), METALINE FALLS, WA**

NPOV Lions Excursion Train Ride - Labor Day Weekend - \$12.00 ages 13 - 64; \$8.00 ages 2 - 12; \$8.00 ages over 64; children under 2 free. Info:- www.lionstrainrides.com

Sep 11-13, CALDWELL, ID

Treasure Valley Train Expo. O'Conner Field House, 2207 Blaine. Noon to 8:00 P.M. Friday and Saturday, Noon to 6:00 P.M. Sunday. Admission \$5.00 Children 12 and under Free. The event will include modular layouts, model contests, vendors and clinics. Clubs are encouraged to participate. Vendor tables are available. For further information contact Troy Dewey, 208-461-5028 treasurevalleytrainexpo@gmail.com 1509 Caldwell Blvd. #19, Nampa, Id. 83651

Sep 13, VICTORIA, BC.

This year's event will be held on Sunday, September 13th, 2009. The venue will be at the popular Cedar Hill Recreation Centre with the hours from 10:AM to 4:PM.

There will be operating layouts, model contests, and sales of new and used stock.

For info contact Ted Alexis (250) 595-4070 email at m_talexis@shaw.ca

Sep 17-19, EDMONTON, AB

Northern Lights 2009. PNR Regional Convention. Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel. Info:- Mark Johnson, registrar@northernlights2009.ca www.northernlights2009.ca

Sep 19-20, EDMONTON, AB

2009 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 AM - 5 PM, Mayfield Trade Centre, 16615 - 109 Ave (Mayfield Road). 40,000 sq. ft. of layouts, displays, clinics, dealers and LEGO! Info:- www.mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 19-20, RAINIER, OR

The LK&R Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet Saturday: 10-5 Sunday: 12-5 Riverside Community Church Gymnasium, 303 3rd Street (behind the Chevron station) Admission: \$2 or \$1 with a can of food. Vendor Tables: \$15 each Info:- Dave Helton: 503-556-2362; Robert Whiffen: 360-425-0058

Sep 26 (Sat), VANCOUVER, WA

Southwest Washington Model Railroaders Open House. Many different types of HO gauge engines from the small logging area to the Big Boys on the main line. Hours are from 10AM to 4 PM Located at 8100 E Mill Plain Blvd in Vancouver, Washington. One block east of Garrison Square, in the building behind Safe Harbor Nazarene Church bordering the parking lot off of 82nd Ave. FREE ADMISSION food donations accepted. Info:- Richard Renihan rrenihan@msn.com 360 892-3410 www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Oct 3 (Sat), VANCOUVER, WA

37th Annual Great Train Swap Meet by the Southwest Washington Model Railroaders. There will be an operating HO Gauge layout of the Columbia Gorge and over 125 tables with vendors from all over the Northwest. Located at Hudson's Bay High School at 1206 E Reserve Street in Vancouver, Washington. It is located just off the I-5 Bridge at Exit 1-C on Mill Plain Blvd (east). Hours are from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Admission for Adults is \$4.00, students are \$2.00 and children under 6 are free with paid adult. Vendor's tables are \$14.00 for a 6 foot table, set up at 7:30 AM. Info:- Richard Renihan @ rrenihan@msn.com, www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Oct 17-18, CHILLIWACK, BC

Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Info: James Hill, (604) 824-1757, Fax: 604-795-5046, qdee@telus.net.

Nov 13-16, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2009, 26th Annual 7th Div Fall Meet, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. Trains Meet Registrar, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (604) 987-4237 (Registration ONLY), ras1@uniserve.com, Info:- www.bctrains.org.

Nov 14-15, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2008, 27th Annual Public Show, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 10am-4pm. Info: - Trains RE: Public Show, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, trains2009@telus.net, www.bctrains.org.

Dec 5 (Sat), RICKREALL, OR

Railroad Show and Swap Meet - Sponsored by the Willamette Valley Model Railroad Club - 10AM-3PM Polk County Fairgrounds Hwy 22 and Hwy 99E, 10 miles west of Salem. Adult: \$5 Under 12: Free. Over 100 Tables - Kids Layout to operate - All scales of trains - Information on local historical societies and clubs. Info:- Judy MacInnes 503-581-6071 macinnej@msn.com

Superintendent's Report

Gary Hazell

Whew – hot, very hot summer. It has been so hot that most people in BC have been staying indoors. Of course the fires in BC have been incredible with many evacuations. I don't think and surely hope none of you have been affected. Needless to say my outdoor activities have been some what curtailed but the SAMRA group has been busy rewiring the layout (5 out of 13 modules have been done) and guess who does most of that. The lift bridge is been completely rebuilt and we are just waiting for the harbour scene to be completed (completely stripped down to the plywood, new fibreglass matt applied and as of today Aug 7 three coats of Envirotex poured) so that it can now be wired. We are slowly changing over all lights to LED's and new Ngeineering simulators and special effects. We are hoping to have all this done in time for Edmonton.



Scratchbuilt Steam Turbines for Power House

Speaking of the Edmonton PNR meet in Sept. there sure does not appear to be very many coming from the 7th Div. The meet is split in 2 with the PNR Northern Lights Conference taking place Sept 16 – 19 (board meeting Sept 15) at the Coast Hotel 10155 -105 St. 1-800-663-1144 and ask for the NMRA block. The 2009 Great Edmonton Model Train show is taking place at the Mayfield Inn Trade Centre Sept. 19 & 20th. Reservations can be made at the Mayfield Inn 1-800-661-9804 and mention Train Show. All this information and more is at www.northerlights2009.ca

And please remember the Interior Spring meet is in Salmon Arm in 2010 Apr. 2 – 4 and you can down load information at www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com There is an extensive spouse program on Sat. Apr.3 complete with a 47 passenger bus to visit a number of activities. Unfortunately the layouts and vendor displays will have to be out in time for the catering to set up for the banquet. Layout tours will continue on Sunday the 4th. The meet is taking place at the Prestige Harbourfront Resort & Convention Centre www.prestigehotelsandresorts.com Phone 1-877-737-8443 and ask for Salmon Arm or #7

Membership is down slightly to 312 and I still suspect it is partly due to the economy. I think spending what cash you have on Model Railroading vs. going out for dinner or on long trips is easier on the pocket book and speaking of membership it is only \$22.00 Cdn to keep your membership current. If you are reading this from someone else and interested in more information please email me or Don Hillman, Canadian Registrar. We are listed on the page with **PNR 7th Division**.



Salmon Under the Bridge

Some very good news, after the passing of Ed Warren, Russ Watson has agreed to step in and take over the position of 7th Div AP chairman. He will need help in making and recruiting Judges for the AP program. If you have or are a judge or interested in learning to judge please contact Russ at russwatson@telus.net. Thanks very much Russ.

Donna & I are leaving Aug 17 (as you get this) for Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and PEI for three weeks. We will be returning Sept 7th. I don't expect to get much railfanning done especially in Newfoundland or PEI but maybe some in Nova Scotia. At least it will probably be cooler there.

Hope you all are having a great summer in spite of the heat. Hope to see a number of you in Edmonton.

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North Fraser Report

Tom Carr

July 2009

Summer has arrived, and a signboard on a church near our home summed up our mid-summer heat wave by stating "God is asking forgiveness for January."

The TraiNgang reports that their annual summer barbecue held at Confederation Park on July 11th was a big success, the 30+ people who attended enjoyed great food, good friends and a beautiful summer evening, as always the train rides were a hit with everyone. The TraiNgang thanks the BC Society of Model Engineers for the use of their facilities for this event. The next show on the TraiNgang's busy schedule is their annual Labour Day weekend show at Burnaby Heritage Village.

The Dewdney Alouette Railway Society (DARS) reports that they are hard at work with track cleaning and other maintenance chores. The FreeMo Group is still taking a hiatus from construction for now. Society members participated in Maple Ridge Heritage Day at Memorial Peace Park on August 1st, the historical society had two 20'x20' display tents set up. The

Maple Ridge Museum, which houses DARS is on summer hours until the end of August, open 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Wednesday through Sunday.



1. Jim Rankin takes a test run at the Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club during their Tuesday, August 4th meeting



Hel en Rankin bl ows out the candl e on her birthday cake at the August 4th meeting of the Mapl e Ridge Model Rail road Cl ub.

The Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club is the only club in my area that meets every week. They are a very friendly group, and attract members from well beyond the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows area. While their layout is HO, the club has members who model in N, O and G scales as well; all you need to join is an interest in model railroading. It also helps if you like cake, whenever a club member has a birthday they have a cake and even sing “Happy Birthday” to the lucky guy or girl.

I invite all model railroaders in the North Fraser area to send me news, photos and updates on their activities. I’m always looking for something interesting for this column, so you have a fairly good chance of being included. Digital submissions only please, I can be contacted at tajcarr@shaw.ca.

**Norther Lights 2009
PNR Regional Convention
Edmontaon AB Sept 17-19**

Rod Badmington

It's less than a month til PNR's annual Convention begins in Edmonton, Alberta. Many new activities have been added to the program since the last report. Over 90 people have pre-registered to participate, from every Division of the PNR. The 7th division has a large contingent that has already registered, but the number is still a small percentage of the total membership. With the 49th parallel becoming a little more onerous to cross, Northern Lights 2009 may be the last chance for a few years for Canadians to attend a Regional Convention without having to talk to a customs agent. The Convention Committee sends a special invitation to join us on the other side of the Rockies for some fabulous model railroad fun!

In past reports I described some of the highlights of the convention including the Banquet Speaker, a few of the layouts, the tour of the Alberta Railway Museum, and the evening barbeque and reception at Fort Edmonton Park.

Among my favourite activities at any model railroad convention are the prototype tours. These give the average modeler a chance to get into places they might never otherwise see, such as big industries or railroad maintenance shops. If these appeal to you too, then you won't want to miss the bus to Lehigh Inland Cement on Thursday morning. This guided tour will show you how they make cement at the plant in northwest Edmonton. This is a very rail oriented operation, with the raw limestone arriving on unit trains from the Cadomin quarry over 340 kilometres away, and product leaving every day in covered hoppers.



The Crickinback Inn is one of the scenic features of the HO scale Monashee Pacific Railway. You can sign up to participate in an operating session on the MPR, or learn how members have made over 12,000 trees at Mike Nobl's scenery clinics

Another tour is set for Edmonton's newly expanded Light Rail Transit shops on Friday at noon. Something different here is that you will travel to the shops on the LRT itself, then go behind the scenes to get an up-close look at the cars and how they are maintained. Edmonton's LRT system is extending rapidly with a number of new cars going into service around the time of our visit.

Several more clinics have been added to the program to bring the total to 20. We are very pleased to announce that Ken Goslett, Associate Editor of Railroad Model Craftsman, will be presenting two different clinics at Northern Lights 2009. Ken is a very entertaining speaker, as well as an accomplished photographer and rail historian. His presentations will be of particular interest to Canadian modelers. The first is on the GS Gondola in Canada, describing the dumping gondola, once a very common freight car. His other clinic is a photo journey on Alberta Railnet - a modern northwestern Al-



Tom Price's clinic entitled "Snow Job" will let you in on what happens when a 90 year old snow plow hits a 30 foot high avalanche

berta shortline with a brief but colourful existence.

Another special presentation will be given by Tom Price on Canadian Pacific's snow plows and how they are used. If you are interested in building a model, you may even come away with a copy of the actual CP plans. Clinics by many others will appeal to the operations enthusiasts, model builders, historians, and those that are building layouts. We will also make a room available for impromptu discussion forums, where attendees with similar interests can get together to explore topics and exchange ideas on operations, DCC, cataloguing your photo collection, weathering, or anything else.

More layouts are being added to the Layout Tour program. I personally find that I learn something new at every layout I visit, whether it is a scenery tip, a new operating idea, or a layout design trick. The tour will be self-guided, with very detailed maps available for all delegates. We will also help to facilitate carpooling, which is a great way to meet some new friends as you travel around to the layouts.

If you haven't decided to pre-register, you are certainly welcome to register at the Convention venue when you get to Edmonton. The registration desk will be open at the Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel starting at 5 pm on Wednesday September 16th. However, pre-registering gives you a better chance of getting onto the prototype tours, as well as giving you an entry in the early-bird draw for a pair of InterMountain FP-9's.

If you have never been to Edmonton, or haven't visited for awhile, you will find a modern city of over a million people, with plenty of exciting places to explore. There is definitely something for everyone, ranging from museums, shopping, professional sports, outdoor recreation, and sightseeing. For a taste of what awaits you, please visit <http://www.discoveredmonton.com/>. There are many things near the convention to keep the non-rails busy including a Spa at the hotel and a free shuttle to numerous attractions, malls, and museums. A complete list is on the "Attractions en-route" page of the convention website: www.northernlights2009.ca. If you travel by road to Edmonton, you will find even more to discover, so check out <http://www1.travelalberta.com/en-ab/>.

Whether you pre-register or sign up at the convention, please make sure you arrive early. Activities start right at 9 o'clock Thursday morning with the Lehigh Inland Cement tour and the first of the many different clinics. The registration desk will open at 8 am. The complete convention schedule is on the website at <http://www.northernlights2009.ca/schedule.shtml> and any changes are posted promptly. If this still isn't enough, don't forget that the Great Edmonton Train Show is on at the Mayfield Convention Centre Saturday and Sunday too.

It is the Convention Committee's goal to offer you more activities than you can fit into your schedule. But whatever you choose to do, please make sure you leave some time to renew acquaintances and make some new friends. After all, isn't that what it's all about?



A two car LRT train crosses the North Saskatchewan River beside the 96 year old High Level Bridge. A streetcar runs on the top of the big bridge on weekends, connecting downtown Edmonton to the Strathcona Market shopping area.

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Registration (after June 1, 2009) (includes clinics, layout tours, contests, auction, operating session)		\$119	
Non-NMRA member add		\$10	
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Thursday Tour - Lehigh Inland Cement (by bus)		\$8	
Thursday BBQ		\$15	
Friday Tour - LRT Shops (by LRT)		\$6	
Saturday Tour - APRA Railroad Museum (by bus)		\$15	
Saturday Banquet & Speaker		\$35	
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