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TRAINS 2006 in Review

John Green

This year's show began at 6:00 pm on Friday evening November 10th when the registration desk opened and the layout of the hall and set up of the layout displays at the Cameron Recreation Centre began.

While many participants were involved in the setup of the displays and modular layouts, sixteen registrants participated in operating sessions hosted on three local layouts. Special thanks to Steve Stark for arranging these operating sessions, and for hosting one of the sessions on his N scale Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway. Thanks also to Brian Pate for opening his HO_{n3} Klondike Mines Railway, and Mike Chandler for opening his Western Midland HO scale layout. A total of twenty five positions were available for this year's operating sessions.

While people were working in the Cameron Sports Hall setting up the hall or operating or assisting in operating sessions, a hardy few braved the inclement weather and ventured out on self-guided layout tours. Thanks to the following layout owners and their helpers: Scott Calvert – CPR Boundary Kaslo and Phoenix Subdivisions,

Cliff Basler - Birch River and Coast, Carl Sparks – Seymour Valley Logging, and John Green – Coquihalla Valley Railway.

Early Saturday morning at the Cameron Recreation Centre preparations continued for the public show with the arrival of the vendors and smaller displays. Clinics began at 10:00 am when John Geddes spoke about new methods of



Hazel - North Island Model Railroaders

benchwork construction. Other Saturday clinics included tree making by Harvey McRae and in the afternoon, Tom Carr lead a meeting of the Great Northern Railway Historical Society.

At 11:00 we observed two minutes silence in memory of the fallen in two World Wars, Korea, United Nations peace-keeping missions and Afghanistan.

Then the public show began and continued until 4:00 pm. This year's public show featured modular layouts provided by the Campbell River Model Railroad Club, which was selected as favourite layout both in the popular vote category

and in the public vote. Also in attendance were the Nettlewood Railway Company layout, the Mainland Modular Railway Society, the Chilliwack Model Railroad Club N scale layout and the Train Gang N scale Layout. The Norwest Club displayed the 40 year old HO scale railway constructed on a bicycle wheel. This display was first introduced at the 1965 NMRA National Totemland convention held in Vancouver. The Toy Train Operators Society was in attendance as was Brian Rudko and his G_n15 Micro Layout. The PGE/BCR modelers debuted a new and dynamic display relating prototype practices and photos and showing how these were integrated into their respective layout designs.

Throughout Saturday's show Pete Steinmetz manned the Public Address system, handling announcements and distributing many door prizes provided by local model railway stores and by individuals.

Throughout the morning fifty five entries were submitted to the contest table which was organized and managed by Craig Spink who was assisted by Ken Catlin and Ed Warren, who led the achievement program judging. These contest entries were judged by popular vote using ballots completed by registered meet participants who selected the following winners:

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TRAINS 2006 Popular Vote Winners



Kyle Gardiner, Roy Zschiedrich, Scott Calvert, Doug MacDonald



**Scott Calvert - Offline
CPR Snowshed**



**Roy Zschiedrich- Train
Steam Freight with Smoke**



**Kyle Gardiner - Locomotive
CP #2711 - 0 Scale Brass**



**Dale Rusnel - Structure
Auntie Jean's House**

Shaun Arthur - **Rolling Stock**
 CNR Pullman 10-1-2 Lake Nipigon

Roy Zschiedrich - **Prototype Photograph**
 Quesnel yard in Winter

Peter Thornton-Trump - **Model Photograph**
 O Scale Cascade Pacific Geep at Hooks Pond

Al McLennan - **Diorama**
 N Scale diorama of port on KRR Railway

Bruce Daykin - **Module**
 Train Gang 10' 1 module 11 bridges, 11 Tunnels

North Island - **Layout**
 North Island Model Railroaders - Doug McDonald

Shaun Arthur - **Novice**
 CNR Pullman 10-1-2 Lake Nipigon



John Moore
Proto 4 Display

There was a new category in this years contest. An “Offline” section was added to accommodate those models which appear on a model railway, but which are not directly related to the railway and its operations. Thanks to Craig Spink for compiling these results.

In addition to the Popular Vote contest NMRA Achievement Program judges were in attendance and two scratch built steam locomotives constructed by Rene Gourley and Kyle Gardner each achieved merit award status, More details about these excellent models including photographs can be found in Ed Warren’s Achievement Program report.

The Seventh Division PNR NMRA Annual General Meeting was held in the Cedar room between 3:00 and 4:15 pm. During this meeting David Tomljenovich was presented with the Ross Herriot Memorial Gold Spike Award for his service to the 7th Division and in particular with the Victoria Train Show. The Jack Work Trophy was not awarded this year.

After some time for dinner, seventy nine people boarded four buses to visit model railways out in Langley and East Surrey. These layouts are further away from the Cameron Recreation Centre than layout tours in recent years. The buses were chartered from Wellstone Coach Lines and this year the tour conductors were Mike Chandler, Peter Anthony, Graham Stokes and Dick Sutcliffe, while George Massey was the backup conductor, Dave Manzer assisted with map preparation - John Green coordinated layout tours. This year the escorted tour visited Ron Keith’s Cascade Northern, Gordon Varney’s Cedar Ridge Tie and Timber Company, Warren Rowan’s CP Wee Line, and Blair Middleton’s Santa Fe – Cloverdale Division. This year the tours returned to the Cameron Recreation centre between 10:30 and 11:10 pm.



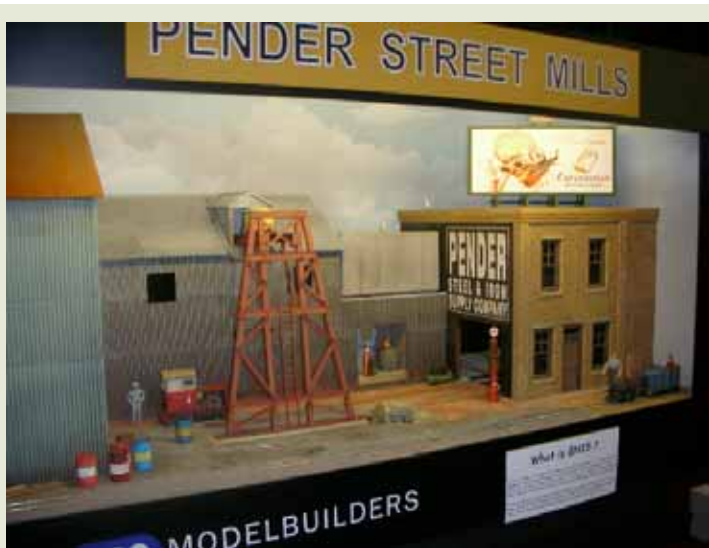
Roy Zschiedrich
CN Stabilization Car

North Island - **Peoples Choice**
 North Island Model Railroaders - Doug McDonald

On Sunday the public show again ran from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and John Zuk competently handled the P.A. duties. There were hourly door prizes and at the end of the show, a grand prize of a quality model railroad starter set with extra track, turnouts and literature. The grand prize was won by a gentleman from New Westminster. He is looking forward to sharing the hobby with his grandchildren.

This year's total public show attendance over two days was approximately 2,300 people.

On Sunday there were four clinics presented. John Ostler presented a series of techniques about upgrading Accurail hopper cars to match Canadian National Railway practices. Brian Rudko provided an interesting clinic about a new type of layout called a "Micro Layout". Brian also had his Micro layout on display during the show. In the afternoon Clinic Coordinator Bill Raikes and Dane Nicholson presented a beginners clinic entitled "Now I have a train set - Now What!!". The last Sunday clinic was presented by Rene Gourley - "Lessons Learned - My First Scratch Built Steam Locomotive". Rene shared his experiences gathered during his four year project to build a model of a steam locomotive in PROTO87 scale.



Brian Rudko
Gn15 Micro Layout

After the public show display was disassembled and removed from the sports hall, ninety meet registrants enjoyed a delicious banquet catered by Cosmic Catering. This year's Master of Ceremonies was Pete Steinmetz who is a regular visitor to our annual Trains Show. Pete resides in San Diego. Pete guided the evening program of short speeches, draw prizes, dinner and contest awards. The Guest Speaker was Mr. Singh Biln who is the former VP of motive power for the British Columbia Railway and is now a Project Manager at the West Coast Railway Association. Singh provided an interesting and entertaining talk about the restoration of Royal Hudson 2860 to running status. Aside from the very interesting technical information and photos of 2860, Singh announced that 2860 is scheduled to

haul a train to White Rock to help celebrate that city's 100th anniversary. In addition he mentioned that there have been some discussions with representatives of the Canadian Pacific Railway exploring arranging an event involving both Hudson locomotives 2816 and 2860.



Greg Kennelly
BCR - PGE Squamish Sub

On Monday morning, there was a prototype tour arranged by Gordon Hall. Thirty participants traveled to the West Coast Railway Heritage Park in Squamish and toured the site as described in the following report prepared by Dane Nicholson:

"Despite some cold, wet weather the tour was exceptional and I am sure all those who participated had an excellent time. The tour was extremely well-organized with the first half of participants being sent on a mini-rail ride within minutes of their arrival. A trip over to the former BC Rail shops was provided on the ex-BC Rail RDC BC33; included was a well-versed tour guide providing the history of the park, the RDC, and the shops. Once in the shops the guides provided relevant information to the participants, and gave everyone insight as to the goals and activities of the WCRA. Again I can speak for all the participants in saying that this was a very unique

and educational opportunity, and for myself as an ex-Host on the BC Rail Royal Hudson it was nice to once again climb aboard the Capilano car.

Several of the participants were also bus fans so it was a nice coincidence that the heritage buses were being worked on at the shop. Being able to walk under the railway equipment in the shop was also a once in a lifetime experience for many of the participants.

Getting back on the RDC a participant had been auctioned the privilege to sit in the cab as we headed back to the Heritage Park. This was done twice, once for RDC cab rides and once again for RSC3 cab rides. Both were very popular among those in attendance.

Lunch was served timely and efficiently, and the video that Singh Biln had discussed the previous night at the meet banquet was a nice touch. The displays through-out the Park were up to the high calibre that the guests have come to expect. For many it was also the first time they'd seen some of the newer exhibits such as the model railway car.

Lastly, and certainly not least was an exceptional presentation of the Royal Hudson restoration by Trevor Mills. He went through several of the parts Singh Biln had discussed the previous night, and the cab was opened up for photo opportunities.

On behalf of myself, the Trains Committee and participants of the prototype tour a huge thank-you goes to all those involved in the WCRA that made this experience possible."



**Micro Layout
Switch Crew**

This year's TRAINS 2006 show has been arranged by a dedicated committee of volunteers who enjoy the fun, fellowship and challenge of organizing this annual event, which is a process that runs throughout the entire year. There is an old axiom "More hands make light work" and as we begin to prepare for the twenty fifth anniversary show and meet, please think about joining us.

This years show was organized for your and for the public's enjoyment by the TRAINS 2006 Committee, Dick Sutcliffe –
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- Bill Dixon – Exhibitor Registrar and Vendor Registrar
- Kathy Dixon – Meet Registrar and Banquet Co-coordinator
- Gladys Gooch – Treasurer
- Don Gooch – Videos
- John Moore – Member Emeritus
- John Green – Layout Tours
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- Craig Spink – Contests and Door Prizes
- Mike Chandler – Volunteers
- Gordon Hall – Prototype Tour and Meet Book
- Dane Nicholson – Secretary, Webmaster, Surveys
- Glenn Morgan – Member at large.



**Micro Layout
Pender Steel & Iron Supply**

In closing, we are looking forward to seeing as many of you that can possibly come and participate in next year's 25th anniversary TRAINS 2007 show.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome aboard the following new members to the 7th Division of the PNR.

Kathy Dixon	North Vancouver, BC
William Dixon	North Vancouver, BC
Robert Grace	Kamloops, BC
Jamie Nelson	Langley, BC

NMRA/PNR RENEWAL

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To renew your NMRA and PNR/7th Division membership contact Don Hillman at registrar@nmracanada.ca Registrar, NMRA Canada, 69 Schroder Cres, Guelph ON N1E 7B4

The 7th division PNR NMRA is updating our list of model railroad clubs and groups in our division. Please contact me with the following information if you want your group to be listed.

Group name; Group contact name;
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Editor's Desk

Eric Reynard

Just a quick note to thank all those who contributed information from Trains 2006 and photos especially John Green. I am just going to leave space for the pictures and not add much myself other than to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



TTOS Curve Meet

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 A full list of tapes is published in the March and September issues of the BULLETIN BOARD

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NMRA	http://www.nmra.org
NMRA Canada	http://www.nmracanada.ca

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Not available at press time. I think I misplaced it and Bob is not available to ask so it will have to wait until next issue

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MMRS Elevated Street Cars

AP Report

Ed Warren

**TWO 7TH DIVISION MEMBERS
EARN MOTIVE POWER CERTIFICATE**

At the Annual 7th Division Meet in Burnaby held at the Cameron Recreation centre November 10 to 12, both Kyle Gardiner and Rene Gourley had a locomotive judged with enough points for a merit award. In both cases it was their third Merit Award, and a scratch built model, meeting the qualifications for the Master Builder Motive Power.

This category in the Achievement Program requires that you make models of three engines. One must be scratchbuilt, including the frame, and commercial castings and wheels can be used. The other two can be kit bashed. All models must earn at least 87 1/2 out of 125 points, based on the categories of construction methods, details, paint, amount of scratchbuilding effort, and fidelity- meaning that the model can be freelanced but it should look like it has a prototype somewhere. It must move on the track by some motorized mechanism. It can be steam, diesel or traction. When you earn more than 87 1/2 points on a model, you get a merit Award. Both Rene and Kyle chose to do it the hard way, modelling steam with all its linkages and rods. Both have received Merit Awards for other models over the years, and now have the three necessary for their Motive Power certificate. Congratulations to both for a tremendous effort.

Ed Warren MMR, CRC 7th Division AP Coordinator



Kyle Gardiner's model of CPR Pacific number 2714 is scratchbuilt from brass with commercial drivers. He used some commercial castings, but had to modify most to match the prototype. The model had not reached the paint shop at the time of judging, but still received 93.5 out of 125 points,



Rene Gourley's model is a beautifully built HO scale Proto 87 model of Canada Atlantic 4-4-0, built from brass, and styrene. He cast many of the parts himself, including the domes. Notice the finely rendered "Russia Iron" boiler jacket and scratchbuilt tender trucks. Rene spent 4 years researching and building this engine. He received 118 out of a possible 125 points in Merit Judging for this engine.



Ed Warren 7th Division AP coordinator congratulates Kyle Gardiner on qualifying for his Master Builder Motive Power Certificate at the Trains 2006 banquet

TIMETABLE

Jan 13-15, SEATTLE, WA

33rd Pacific Science Center Model Railroad Show sponsored by NMRA/PNR/4th Div, corner of Denny & Broad, 10am- 6pm. Info: - Frank Dekker, (425) 746-6964, rekkedrails@juno.com, www.pacsci.org, www.4dnpnr.org.

Jan 20 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

SP&SRHS, Spokane Portland & Seattle Railway Historical Society Annual Swap Meet. Holiday Inn, Portland Airport Convention Center, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd. 10am-3pm. Info: - Bruce Barney, 10832 SE Stephens, Portland OR 97216, (503) 257-8855, bcbarny@msn.com, www.spsrhs.org.

Feb 3-4, MONROE, WA

United NW Model RR Club's 16th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet - at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds Arena - Bldg 100. Proceeds benefit Equifriends a therapeutic equestrian program for people with disabilities. Adults \$7 Seniors/Juniors \$5 - Hours 10am - 4pm daily. Info:- www.unwclub.org/unwshow.html

FEB 11, (SUN), VANCOUVER BC, Mount Pleasant Lions Model Railroad Show, Mount Pleasant Community Centre, 3161 Ontario St. 10am-3pm. Info: - Alex, (604) 875-1837.

Feb 17 (Sat), SPOKANE, WA

River City Modelers open house, 11811 E. First Ave., Spokane Valley, WA - 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM - info: Bob & Shirley Sample 509-292-8332 or email: shirleysample@qwest.net

Feb 17-18, CALGARY, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2007 , Calgary Model Railroad Society Annual Model Railway Show, Big 4 Building, Stampede Grounds, 9am-5pm. Info: -Mike Borkristl, (403) 203-1970, supertrain@calgarymodelrailway.org, www.calgarymodelrailway.org

Feb 18 (Sun), SPOKANE, WA

River City Modelers Train Show & Swap Meet, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Spokane Community College Lair Bldg, Greene & Mission Street, Info: Bob & Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, Wa 99009-0314 - 509-292-8332 or email shirleysample@qwest.net.

Feb 24 (Sat), CLACKAMAS, OR

22nd Annual Willamette Model Railroad Club Swap Meet at Camp Withycombe Armory, SE 102nd off of HWY 212-224. Hours 10am to 3pm. Admission is free. Info:- Rick Andrews 503-642-3298, e-mail DRDREWS@msn.com

Mar 11 (Sun), BURNABY, BC

Western Rails 2007 - 25th Annual Show. 9:00AM - 4:00PM Cameron Recreation Centre, 9523 Cameron Street Info:- (604)-681-4403 or westernrails@wcrs.org

MAR 18, (SUN), PULLMAN WA, 11th Annual Palouse Empire Railroad Show & Swap Meet. Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum, WSU Campus, 10am-3pm. Info: - Ken Vogel NW 237 Sunrise Dr, Pullman WA 99163, (509) 332-4916, or Noel Randall, 805 Panorama, Moscow ID 83843, (208) 882-3773.

APR 6-7, PRINCE GEORGE BC, 2007 Crossroads Express, 7th Div, 2007 Spring Meet, Prince George Civic Centre, 808 Civics Plaza. Info

APR 14-15, EUGENE OR, 19th Annual Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Train Show and Swap Meet. Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W 13th Ave, Expo Hall, South side of the complex. Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. Info: - Lee or Diane Temple, (541) 954-4914, (541) 225-7394, tanddt@ram.com.

Apr 29 (Sun), HELENA, MT

27th Annual Helena Railroad Fair. Civic Center, Intersection of Neill & Benton, 9:30am-4pm. Info: - Helena Railroad Fair, PO Box 4914 Helena MT 59604-4914, (406) 443-1578, rrfair@mt.net.

May 17 to 21, 2007 Victoria, BC Pacific Rails 2007 National Convention, University of Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria B.C.

Four days of clinics, prototype and layout tours, social events and public railway show. Open to all railway enthusiasts. See the website at caorm.org. Contact Ed Warren Chair at 250 752 4857 or chairpr2007@yahoo.ca for a registration form Sponsored by the Canadian Association of Railway Modellers, the Vancouver Island Chapter, The Canadian Railroad Historical Association, E&N Chapter, The Victoria Model Railroad Club, and the Mid Island Railway Club. With the participation of CP Sig, CN Sig, West Coast Rail Association, Island Corridor Foundation, Via Rail, and the West Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society.

JUL 22-28, DETROIT MI, GREAT LAKES EXPRESS., NMRA National Convention, Sponsored by the North Central Region. Detroit Marriot at the Renaissance Center. Info: - www.nmra.org/2007/.

JUL 27-28, DETROIT MI, NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW. Cobo Center. Info: - www.nmra.org/2007/.

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NMRA National Convention, sponsored by the North Central Region. Info:- www.nmra.org/2007/

Aug 8-12, BOISE, ID

PNR Regional Convention

Superintendent's Report

-Gary Hazell

The biggest and most exciting news was Trains 2006 held at the Camereon Centre in Burnaby. John Green has a report elsewhere in this BB, but I would like to thank the Trains committee for again putting on a wonderful show. Next, 2007 will be the 25th anniversary for Trains and they have asked everyone who has a layout to come to this milestone celebration. My only worry is if all the modular groups come there will be quite a restriction on space. I have mentioned in the past that a bigger centre is needed but apparently there is nothing bigger in relatively close proximity to the Camereon Centre. It a shame that we only get 2000 plus public to our show when both Calgary and Edmonton each get approximately 10,000 public to attend.

We held our 7th Div. AGM and a general meeting at 1500 hours on Sat. Nov 11 and although there was a lot to get through we were finished at 1615 giving everyone enough time to eat before the layout tours. The election results for Secretary, Treasurer and Director at Large for 2007 - 2008 was read and I am pleased that we had new people running for two of the positions. Although the incumbents were successful in getting re-elected, I do not want those that ran unsuccessfully feeling badly because it is very important to have new people stepping forward. Unfortunately we did not have anyone nominated for the Jack Work trophy which is for someone that does exemplary modeling but there was a nomination for the Ross Heriot Memorial Golden Spike Award and in that the recipient was not going to be at the banquet but was at the AGM, was presented to David Tomjenovich for all the work he has done for the 7th Div and more specifically the Victoria Train show. Both the Nanaimo and Victoria train show representatives presented cheques to the 7th Div which along with other show contributions during the year goes a long way toward paying for the BB and I thank you.

Speaking about the election, a number of you came up to me and asked why the Nov – Dec BB was mailed, two mailings in fact. First a ballot could not be emailed (something we will work on for next year) and secondly the ballot inserted in the BB had errors and omissions plus the Trains 2006 registration form was omitted. We had to send out a new ballot and included the registration form at a

cost we surely didn't need but I am pleased that the Trains committee who have always been very generous helped out with this cost.

I am pleased to report that the 7th Div has now over 250 members, up significantly from last year. This is great news and I would like to see it at 500 second only to the 4th Div (Seattle area). The implementation of the new Long Range Plan and a Canadian dues structure has and is helping to build our membership. One thing I had hoped we would not have to consider is a subscription fee for the BB, but with only approx. 80 members taking it by email we may have to charge. **Please** if you can take it by email contact me at comhaven@jetstream.net I believe the BB has to be self-sufficient and we should not count on the various meet committees to have to help subsidize the BB. They would be far better to pay more expenses to the groups that bring models and modules to these meets which really makes the shows. Travel; fuel, highway tolls and ferry costs are continually rising. The other thing that would go a long way to making it self-sufficient is advertisers. Advertising rates in the BB start at a low \$36.00 (business card 3^{1/2}" x 2"), \$72.00 (1/4 page 4" x 5"), \$144.00 (1/2 page 7^{5/8}" x 4^{1/4}"), \$288.00 (Full page 8^{1/2}" x 11"). These rates are for the full year, 6 issues. Contact Dick Sutcliffe for the lower mainland, Don Forsyth for the Island or me, Gary Hazell for the rest of BC.

As Christmas and the festive season is fast approaching I would like to wish you and yours all the very best in what ever way you celebrate and if you exchange gifts, I hope it's lots of trains.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from Gary and Donna Hazell

Interior Report

-Mike Barone

Finally, there is something to report from the Southern Interior. First, in June Hugh Clark, Doug Campbell and myself made a weekend railfanning excursion to the Crowsnest Pass area. On the way we stopped at the Cranbrook Railway Museum to view their new premises. They have rebuilt an old ballroom from a hotel that was in Winnipeg. It is exquisite. The passenger cars have been realigned and some are undergoing further restorations. We were somewhat disappointed however as they presently allow only guided tours and could not roam freely about the exhibits. We were advised this situation is to continue for possibly 2 or 3 years as much work is needed before people could roam freely. For the rest of the weekend CPR provided us with many trains and a good variety of motive power from CP, UP, C&NW, SP and CEFX. Though most were GEs' and EMD SD90s' there were still SD40-2s' to be seen out on the road. There was an ample supply of coal,

grain, potash and mixed trains. It is hard to say just what the crowning event was since there the freight climbing the horseshoe curve at MacGillvery, the RCP at Lundbreck Falls or the derailment of a coal train at Frank though it could also have been the steaks and beer at Blairmore at the end of a long hard day.

Now for some really good news. Don Young and Bob Flegel of Rossland along with a couple of other modellers in Rossland have formed the Rossland Model Railway Club. They have acquired some funding and a location in which to build a modular railway with scenes that depict Rossland in the 1930s'. Construction has started with a tubular steel frame, much as Salmon Arm has done, to form the basic layout structure. Their track plan is relatively simple but designed to capture scenes that Rosslanders will recognize. Much research is going into duplicating many of the Rossland landmark buildings. It is expected that the trains will run on code 83 track and be controlled by DCC. No timetable has been given for the railways first show as they do not want to rush construction but it will be something to look forward to in the future.

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Sup't Gary Hazell presents 6x6 Award to Roy Zschiedrich