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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & Seasons Greetings

Trains 2008 Op Session Report

Scott Calvert



Doug Mayer of Revelstoke doing some local switching in Castlegar on Scott Calvert's CP layout

As a normal part of the annual Trains event, I organize several operation sessions as part of the meet. This year's operating sessions were held on Friday night and were enjoyed by 18 guest operators from BC and Alberta. We had a great mixture of regulars and lots of new faces this year. The sessions often last 3 hours and typically begin with a general layout orientation and briefing about the layout and operation strategy. By all reports this year's sessions were enjoyed by

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all who participated.

I would like to thank the hosts; Steve Stark and Mike Chandler, as well as their dedicated crews for making this year's event;

Steve Stark; N Scale CPR Esquimalt & Nanaimo RR

Mike Chandler; HO Scale Western Midland Railroad

Scott Calvert; HO Scale CPR Boundary, Kaslo & Phoenix Subdivisions

These sessions are an excellent occasion for Trains registrants to take part in organized operating sessions on established layouts, and the best part is that experience is not mandatory. One of the benefits is the opportunity to learn about various forms and systems for op-



Brian Stokes (foreground) holding on the arrival track in Nelson while yard operators; Mark Simpson and Doug Hicks arrange a cut of cars for Brian's train

erating model railroad layouts – from relatively loose formats to more structured time table and train order systems. If you are interested in model railroad operations, participating in operating sessions on individual layouts is a great way to gain exposure to the many methods and systems for operating, and benefit from the hands on experience.

Watch the publicity for Trains 2009, since we will again offer these sessions to registrants.

If you are interested in learning more about model railroad operations, you can access the Op Sig web site at www.opsig.org where there is plenty of helpful information and further information regarding joining the group.



Kyle Gardiner (foreground) operating CP Extra #4079 east-bound out of Grand Forks. One of the regular crew; Ken Catlin looks on.

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Group name; Group contact name;

Building layout? Round robin group? Looking for members?

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Evelyn Rohn - Last Run

John Green

Evelyn Rohn – Last Run.

I am sorry to advise members that Evelyn ROHN, wife of long time member Warren Rohn, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2008 at the age of 80. She was born in Winnipeg on October 2, 1927. She came to Vancouver in 1951 where she met and married Warren Rohn and they had fifty five wonderful years together. The moved from Vancouver to Langley in 1994 and settled in the Glenwood Village estates, a seniors complex where Evelyn let Warren to rebuild his "CP Wee Line" in the dining room. They loved to travel, often by rail, and visited many parts of the world. Our condolences to Warren on his loss. Evelyn May you Rest in Peace !

Timetable

Jan 17-19, SEATTLE, WA

35th annual Pacific Science Center show - 200 2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA. 10 am - 6 pm. The 4th Division, PNR coordinates the model railroads, historical displays, and related activities for this show. This is an exhibition show. No swap-meet or vendor sales. Child-interest activities and participation opportunities are encouraged. Current fee, parking, and other facility information is at www.pacsci.org/visitorinfo/.

Info:- Frank Dekker, 425-746-6964 (evenings), rekkedrails@juno.com, or see www.4dprn.org/PSCshow.htm

Jan 31 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

Spokane Portland & Seattle Railway Historical Society - Railroad Swap Meet Info: - www.spsrhs.org

Feb 14 (Sat), SPOKANE, WA

River City Modelers Open House * New Location *, 1130 E. Sprague. 6 to 8:30 PM, info: Bob or Shirley Sample, 509-292-8332 or email: shirleysample@qwest.net

Feb 15 (Sun), SPOKANE, WA

River City Modelers Model Railroad Train Show and Swap Meet, Spokane Community College Lair Bldg., Mission & Greene Streets. 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, \$5 admission for Adults, \$3 for 11 to 16 years, and 10 & under free when accompanied by an adult. For info on the show or table rental, please contact: Bob or Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314, 509-292-8332 or email: shirleysample@qwest.net.

Mar 22 (Sun), PULLMAN, WA

13th Annual Palouse Empire Railroad Show and Swap Meet, WSU Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum. 9:30 am to 3:00 PM. \$3 for adults, Under 12 free. Contact: Jay Weidner, 3701 Ewartsville Road, Pullman, WA 99163, 509-332-4438 or email: palouse_empire_rs@yahoo.com.

April 5, 2009 (Sunday), Nanaimo, BC.

25th Annual Mid Vancouver Island Model Railroad show. Beban Park Rec Center, 2300 Bowen Rd. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Swap-n-shop (table rental \$25), operating layouts, model contest. For info contact Ken Rutherford (250)724-4698 or Rick Lord (250)724-4205 email kj.rutherford@shaw.ca

Apr 15-19, FREMONT, CA

Rails Across the Bay 2009 - PCR Convention, Marriott Fremont Silicon Valley, 46100 Landing Pkwy. Info: www.pcrnra.org/conv2009/

Apr 18-19, CALGARY, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2009 Canada's Largest Model Train Show. 9 AM til 5 PM both days. Calgary Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. Free Parking Over 60,000 sq. ft. of layouts, displays, vendors, demonstrations, clinics, children's play area, and more. Info:- www.supertrain.ca or info@supertrain.ca

Apr 26 (Sun), HELENA, MT

The 29th Annual Helena Railroad Fair. 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM. Admission is \$3 for adults with under 12 free. Vendor tables (8') can be reserved by writing the Helena Railroad Fair at PO Box 4914, Helena, MT 59604-4914 or e-mailing us at rrfair@mt.net

Jul 5-11, HARTFORD, CT

NMRA National Convention. Info:- www.hn2009.org

Sep 17-19, EDMONTON, AB

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

All Aboard!

This column features railroading news, facts and trivia from a by-gone era, we hope you enjoy the memories.

In early 1954, the CB&Q's *Morning Zephyr* was the fastest scheduled train in the United States, with a top speed of 86.2 mph between Dubuque, IL and Prairie du Chien, WI.

Great Northern's two streamlined Internationals cost US\$1.3 million and went into service on June 18, 1950. A round-trip ticket on the Vancouver - Seattle run cost \$5.25, plus tax, or approximately 1.6 cents a mile.

EMD's venerable FT diesel locomotive was introduced as a demonstrator in November 1939, and entered revenue service on February 4, 1941 on the Santa Fe. Between 1939 and 1945, 1096 FT units were produced at EMD's La Grange, IL plant.

Superintendent's Report

Gary Hazell

Trains 2008 and the AGM are now history. Trains had about 150 registrants and 2200 public attend the two day event. On Monday (day three) a number of us toured Roberts Bank, the container facility and West Shore Terminals, the coal facility. It was a great tour and the whole Trains 2008 meet was very well run. The AGM was held on Saturday afternoon and I am pleased to announce we have Larry Sebelley as our new treasurer, Tom Carr as our new secretary and Ken Rutherford as new director at large. Again I must thank John Green, Mike Barone and Brian Clogg for their many years of service. All three have agreed to stay involved with the 7th Div in the capacity of Standing Committee members: John Green will represent Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond; Brian Clogg will represent Surrey, Delta and New Westminster; and Mike Barone will continue to represent the Kootenays: Graham Stokes will join the SC and has agreed to represent North and West Vancouver. I am still looking for a member to represent the area west of Prince George all the way to Prince Rupert. I have asked Ken Rutherford to take over the Club and Hobby Shop lists that was started by Brian Clogg. Tom Carr is working with John Zuk and the PNR Webmaster Mark Johnson to establish a new Website. Watch for the official announcement of the new website in the next issue of the Bulletin Board. This website will bring us in line with the other Divisions in the PNR. I would also like to explore having a list of Judges and Clinicians available for meet organizers. We had a misfortune at Trains this year as there were 2 or 3 items that needed to be judged for AP (achievement program). All the judges that I was aware of were unable to attend and even a number of calls over the PA didn't provide one qualified judge. Hopefully a list can be established with someone appointed for each meet that will be able to bring the necessary paperwork.

I am again adding a letter to those of you that do not take this BB by email. I am hoping you will consider \$10 to \$15 to help offset the printing and mailing charges we are faced with. The Post Office tells us there will be another postal increase this Jan. and it is costing us over \$15.00 per year for the mailed version Eric Reynard our BB editor is seriously considering a maximum 8 page spread for the mailed version and more pages if needed in the emailed version. We will make sure the mailed version will have all the information needed but we will be able to include extra items including (coloured) pictures in the emailed version.

In order to keep our BB full of articles and pictures I present this list for you to consider. I received this list from Jeanie Melvin PNR secretary last year:

- Photos of layouts (yours and anyone else in the area)
- Photos of trains (there is always something interesting along the tracks)
- Photo of the railway station in your town
- Recommendations for places to watch trains
- Recommendations for places to stay and places to eat during the above activities
- Trains that you or someone you know have ridden

The PNR convention this coming year will be held in Edmonton Sept 17 to 19 and will also include the Great Edmonton Train Show. Check out their website at www.northernlights2009.ca for registration and details. (see also article this issue -Ed.)

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the best of the season, Merry Christmas or in which ever way you celebrate and all the best for 2008, Happy New Year.

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PNR 7th Division Hobby Shops

Ken Rutheford

We are looking at making additions to the 7th Division web site for member services. One item will be a listing of hobby shops in the province that offer model railroad supplies. Please find below a listing of hobby shops that I have put together from searches of various sources on the internet.

Could you please have a look and let me know if the shop in your area is listed and if the ones listed in your area do offer model railroad items.

If you have any information to change or add (ie. web address or email address) for the shop please let me know.

Regards
Ken Rutherford

Abbotsford	One Stop Hobbies	33228 South Fraser Way, V2S 2B3	604-852-6497	www.onestophobbies.com
Campbell River	Adventure Hobbycraft	2550 South Island Highway, V9W 1C6	250-923-8011	www.adventurehobbycraft.com
Chilliwack	X-treme Hobbies & Karts Ltd	Unit B 45923 Airport Rd., V2P 1A3	604-703-0300	
Duncan	Scott's Toys & Hobbies	68 Station St., V9L 1M4	250-748-2443	
Fort St. John	Hammer Hobbies	#2 10430 100th St., V1J 3Z1	250-785-7723	
Kamloops	Kelly's Caboose	634 Victoria St., V2C 2B4	250-377-8510	bandwkelly@shaw.ca
Kelowna	ABC Hobby & Shaver	104-1835 Dilworth Drive, V1Y 9T1	250-868-0508	
Ladner	Sails 'N' Rails	4817 Delta St., V4K 2T7	604-946-0002	www.sailsnrails.com
Langley	Euro Rail Hobbies & More	1526 232 St., V2Z 2W9	604-533-5886	www.eurorailhobbis.com
Langley	C & R Hobbies Collectables	20454 Fraser Way, V3A 4G2	604-539-2283	
Maple Ridge	Cameo Stamp Coin & Hobby	22756 Lougheed Highway, V2X 2V6	604-463-6113	
Maple Ridge	Iron Mountain Hobbies	28568 Dewdney Truck Rd., V2W 1M1	604-462-8081	www.hobbieshop.ca
New Westminster	Shamryn Hobbies	612 Carnarvon St.,	604-527-0594	shamry@telus.net
North Vancouver	Fine Scale Models	163 1st Ave., V7L 1B2	604-984-4366	
Osoyoos	Woodland Design	11611 115th St., V0H 1V5	250-495-6842	www.osoyoosrailroad.com
Port Moody	On Track Hobbies	Suite 16-3130 St. Johns, V3H 2C5	604-461-7670	www.ontrackhobbies.com
Prince George	Gingerbread Toys Ltd.	6553 Hart Highway, V2K 3A4	1-888-521-8697	www.gingerbreadtoys.ca
Prince George	Interior Hobbies	3663 Opie Crescent, V2N 1B9	250-564-6606	
Salmon Arm	Xcalibur Hobbies	2321 Trans Canada Hwy SW, V1E 4N9	250-803-0111	www.xcaliburent.ca
Surrey	Pacific Western Rail Systems	68-15515 24th Ave., V4A 2J4	604-542-0790	www.Pacific-western-rail.com
Surrey	Art Knapp Plant Land	4391 King George Hwy, V4P 2J9	604-596-2350	www.artknapptrains.com
Surrey	Britania Models	12851 16th Ave., V4A 7R8	604-538-2698	www.britaniamodels.com
Vancouver	Grand Prix Hobbies	3038 Broadway West, V6K 2H1	604-733-7114	www.grandprixhobbies.ca
Vancouver	Central Hobbies	2845 Grandview Highway, V5M 2E1	604-431-0771	www.central-hobbies.com
Vernon	Vernon Hobby Center	1011 Kalamalka Lake Rd, V1T 6V4	250-542-8232	vernrob@telus.net
Vernon	Trackside Trains	7636 OK Landing Rd., V1H 1G9	250-545-4500	
Victoria	Victoria Scale Rail	17A-3577 Douglas St., V8Z 3L6	250-475-2860	www.victoriascalerail.com
Victoria	BC Shaver & Hobbies	742 Fort St., V8W 1H2	250-383-0701	www.bcshaver.com
Victoria	Railhead Model Trains	1524 Pandora Ave., V8R 1A8	250-298-9033	
West Vancouver	Downtown Trains	43 6th St., V6B 2Z4	604-683-1454	
Williams Lake	Wise Owl Toys	190a Oliver St., V2G 1L8	250-392-1164	

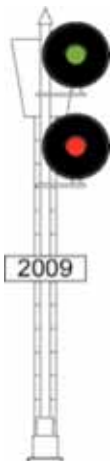
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Edmonton

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Kicking Horse Pass, Spiral Tunnels, Lake Louise, Frank Slide, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Radium Hot Springs, Royal Tyrrell Museum . . .

If you are traveling to Edmonton to attend the 2009 PNR Regional Convention next September, these and other world-class attractions await you along the way. Northern Lights 2009 promises to be a great model railroad convention, but there is so much more to do if you take a few extra days and make the trip into a vacation.



If you are a railfan, you may want to take the Trans-Canada Highway from the Coast paralleling Canadian Pacific's main line up the Fraser Canyon, along Shuswap Lake, to Revelstoke, Rogers Pass, and Golden. You will find many picturesque spots to shoot trains along the way, and as you continue on to Field, Banff, and Calgary. On the way home, you can travel alongside CN's main line west to Jasper and the Yellowhead Pass through to Kamloops. Or you can turn south at Jasper on the Icefields Parkway and see glaciers and stunning Rocky Mountain vistas all the way to Lake Louise.

Other alternatives are to take US Hwy 2 south of the border to Glacier National Park, before turning north towards Edmonton, or travel the Crowsnest Route on the Canadian side. Any of these routes offers spectacular scenery and plenty of trains.

For the non-railroaders, while in Edmonton, you won't want to miss the opportunity to visit West Edmonton Mall, the world's largest shopping and entertainment centre. If over 600 shops and services aren't enough to keep you busy, you can always try the wave pool, ice skating rink, casino, or Mind-Bender roller coaster. If something a little tamer is more your style, you can go for a river cruise on the Edmonton Queen Riverboat, check out the exotic plants at the Muttart Conservatory, or visit the Telus World of Science.



A Great Northern FA waits near the turntable at Monashee Summit on the HO scale layout of the Edmonton Model Railroad Association

The Convention will be held at the downtown Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel. A block of rooms is being held for Northern Lights 2009 under group code: CEP-GFC6629. Special rates per night, single or double are Comfort - \$109, Superior - \$129, and Premium - \$149. Please check the hotel's website or call directly at 1-800-663-1144 for reservations.

www.coasthotels.com/hotels/canada/alberta/edmonton/coast_edmonton/overview



The Edmonton Queen River Boat offers scenic and dinner cruises on the North Saskatchewan River from downtown Edmonton

Clinics are being added to the program regularly. Keep checking the website for the most recent updates. If you or someone you know would like to present a clinic at Northern Lights, please contact Clinic Chairman Rob Badmington at badmingt@telusplanet.net. Remember that presenting a clinic at an NMRA convention earns you points toward an Achievement Program certificate.

The members of the organizing committee are all veterans of many Divisional, Regional, and National conventions, and know what it takes to make a convention successful – a strong program of contests, clinics, layout tours, prototype tours, and non-rail activities. But perhaps the most important ingredient of any model railroad get-together is the fun and fellowship that comes from being with others that share a love of our great hobby. A convention is a great time to get to know other modelers from near and far. Once you've attended one convention, you look forward to the next so you can meet old friends and make new ones. When you come to Northern Lights 2009, bring a friend who has never been to a convention. Give him a chance to discover what we already know. I'm looking forward to meeting you both in Edmonton next September.

www.northernlights2009.ca

Submitted by
Rob Badmington, Publicity Chair
Northern Lights 2009

North Fraser Report

Tom Carr

As we watch the last of the leaves fall from the trees summer starts to seem like a distant memory. Christmas will soon be upon us, and with it the excitement of the holidays and time spent with family and friends.

I was pleased to see that attendance at the annual TRAINS show was up this year from previous years, a positive sign. All three North Fraser clubs attended TRAINS this year, although only the TraiNgang had an actual display. Their layout was impressive and won 2nd Place in the Best Layout category. Congratulations to Bob Berbeck of the TraiNgang for taking 1st Place for Best Module in the show, his Santa Fe Icehouse was featured in my last column. Congratulations also to Al McLennan for winning 2nd Place for his N-Scale Burlington MOW Train. TraiNgang's final show of the 2008 season will be at Burnaby Heritage Village on November 22nd and 23rd for the opening of their Christmas season.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club this past week. This HO-Scale group is the original model railroad club in Maple Ridge, and currently has around 25 members. Club president Jim Rankin welcomes members and guests every Tuesday evening for an operating session on the layout in his basement, complete with coffee and refreshments for all. I found the members very friendly and enjoyed the evening chatting about trains and watching the activity on the layout. If you are looking for an HO-Scale club in the Ridge-Meadows area you should come by for a visit, the dues are very low and the meetings informal and relaxed. For more information, contact Jim Rankin at 604-463-3682. Even though I operate in N-Scale, I plan to be a regular visitor myself.



The Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club layout

The Dewdney Alouette Railway Society (DARS) reports having had a successful Annual General Meeting. They have several school groups booked to tour their layout at the Maple Ridge Museum and have a FreeMo Group within the club. Club members attended at Chilliwack and at TRAINS. I've also heard that the club is working on developing a web site. Keep up the good work guys.

I invite all model railroaders in the North Fraser region to send me updates and news on events in their areas. I can be contacted at tajcarr@shaw.ca.



CNR steam power in action at the Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club

Member Aid

Bob Gardner MMR

I hope that you are all able to work in some modeling time during the Christmas Season. If you encounter any modeling problems, please contact me. Here are a few more suggestions for detailing one of those "WOW" mini-scenes:

Industrial Scene-

(Sawmill/Canning/Brewery/Fruit Packing House)

Roof detail; piping and vents, smoke stacks, pigeons, duct work

Water tanks, garbage cans/barrels, outhouse

Loading dock with barrels, pallets, crates, boxes, sacks, piles

General junk/trash/debris, tools (brooms, shovels), cats, dogs

People, dock hands, foreman

Warning signs, factory roof signs, posters

Truck loading, hand carts, fork lifts, ladders

Roads and signs, manhole covers, curbs, street lights, sidewalk cracks

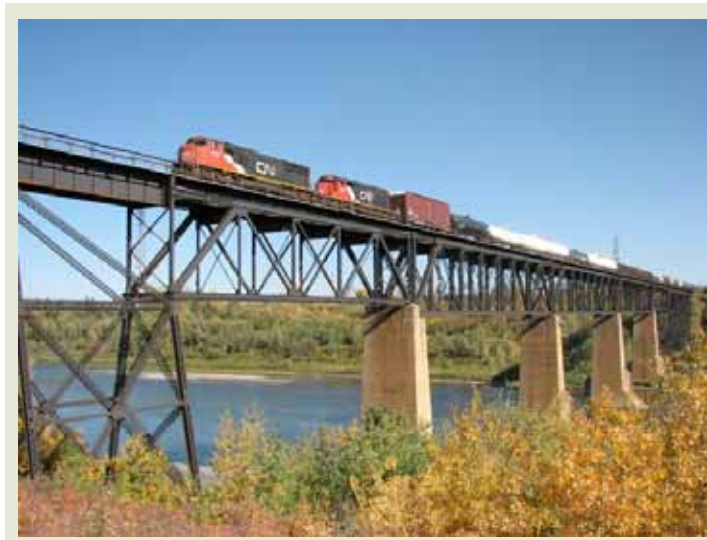
Parking / Loading space, out-buildings, sheds

RR track detail, weathered, weed-grown, tie plates, spare ties, joint bars

Hedges, grass, weeds, dead-fall, ivy on walls.

Take a look at an industrial siding near you for more ideas. Also perhaps add a bit of animation such as welding flashes in a window.

Have fun!



	<p>Northern Lights 2009 PNR Regional Convention Edmonton, AB September 17-19, 2009 www.northernlights2009.ca</p>	
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Street Address:			
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Province or State:		Postal/Zip Code:	
Phone (with area code):	()		
Email:			
Preferred contact:	Postal	Email	

Item	QTY.	Each	Amount
Registration (before March 1, 2009) (includes clinics, layout tours, contests, auction, operating session)		\$109	
(after March 1, 2009)		\$119	
Non-NMRA member add		\$10	
Spouse/Youth (under 18)		\$50	
Thursday BBQ		\$15	
Saturday Banquet & Speaker		\$35	
Total:			

Please make cheques payable to "Northern Lights 2009"

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