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Chilliwack Interchange Review

Chilliwack Interchange 2008

Although the dust has not yet even settled on the Chilliwack Interchange 2008 convention and show held June 12 to 16, I would very much like to thank all the registrants, layouts, displays, and vendors who helped to make the event a success. Our committee has received much positive feedback from the participants, including the 2,000 men, women, and children who visited the two-day public show. I am still working on the financial records and paying the leftover bills, so I cannot comment precisely on the financial results. However, I am confident there will be a reasonable profit in the end. The primary goals were to provide a convention for the PNR on behalf of the 7th Division, and to showcase our wonderful hobby to a new group of potential members. I believe we succeeded.

Larry Sebelley
Secretary
Chilliwack Model Railway Club

I am including a selection of images from the Show to whet your appetite for more. The September/October edition of the Bulletin will contain a more comprehensive review of the layouts at the public show and some of the amazing and unusual things we saw on the layout tours. For now I will share throughout this issue, a few of my own images of the show and layout tours. If you have any shots of layout tours or clinics I would appreciate a copy as I did not get to all of the layouts or clinics.

Editor



Puget Sound Garden Railway F-Units



Amazing Scratchbuilt O Gauge Trucks

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NMRA/PNR RENEWAL

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Group name; Group contact name;

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2816 & the BC Spirit Train

Eric Reynard

The Spirit Train with CPR 2816 at the head arrived in Salmon Arm on Thursday, June 19th for a visit. The railroad club provided security to help keep people safe and I got to wander around with my kids and enjoy the locomotive. A noticed a couple of interesting things for modellers. For all of you agonizing over the perfect shade of CPR Tuscan to paint on your latest creation I think you can rest easy. None of the coaches seemed to be painted quite the same colour. I noted at least four variations of shading of the Tuscan; some tending toward brown and others red so I know I won't worry too much anymore, I'll just go with one I like.



Lots of Fans & Officials



Sophisticated Adjustment Tool



Fascinated with lots of moving parts

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Editor's Desk

Eric Reynard

I thoroughly enjoyed the 7th Division meet in Chilliwack. It was extremely well organised and the banquet food some the best I have had at a convention. Many interesting things to see and my one regret is that I didn't get to see everything there was to see. The amazing number of modules of the Free-Mo display were a sight to see - the largest assembly I have witnessed.

Included in this issue of the Bulletin is another layout article from one of the members of the Salmon Arm Model Railway Association. We will exhaust the available layouts in Salmon Arm soon so it is time for someone else to step up and show their work. It even counts toward your AP-Author certificate. The article need not be long; just a brief description of your concept, a few construction details and photographs. Share the wealth!

It has been a busy last while in railroading for me with the Chilliwack show, some railfanning on the way home and the arrival of 2816 and the BC Spirit train in Salmon Arm. I have included some of those photos as well. Actually all the photos in this issue are mine except for Russ Watson's from Quesnel. Send me some of yours and we will get them included.

The next issue of the Bulletin will include a more in-depth coverage of the Chilliwack Interchange 2008 meet with photos of layouts and layout tours.

-Editor

7th Division Video Library

Please phone, write, or Email to request the tapes you would like to borrow and they will be mailed to you prepaid. After use, you are required to mail them back 'Proof of Delivery with \$100 insurance.' Please keep your return postage receipt for tracing purposes in case the tapes are lost in the mail. Check your membership expiry date on your Bulletin Board mailing label. If it has expired, please renew it now using the instructions above before requesting to borrow tapes. The library address is:
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A full list of tapes is published in the March and September issues of the BULLETIN BOARD



Lots of colour in Lego layout at Chilliwack



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7th Division	http://www3.telus.net/rlink/7division/
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NMRA	http://www.nmra.org
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Timetable

2008

Jul 13-19, ANAHEIM, CA

NMRA National Convention, sponsored by the Los Angeles Division/Pacific Southwest Region. Info:- www.nmra.org/2008/

Jul 15-19, TACOMA, WA

Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association Annual Convention; Hotel Murano (Formerly Sheraton Tacoma Hotel) 1320 Broadway Plaza Info:- www.nprha.org

Jul 18-19, BUTTE, MT

2008 Milwest Annual Meeting, (Milwaukee Road-Lines West Historical Group).

Best Western Butte Plaza Inn, 2900 Harrison Ave. Info:- www.milwest.org/meet.html

Jul 19-23, WENATCHEE, WA

Great Northern Historical Society Annual Convention Info:- www.gnrhs.org

Jul 19 (Sat), WILKESON, WA

Wilkeson Handcar Races. Railway Avenue

Jul 26-27, IONE, WA

NPOV Lions Excursion Train Ride - Down River Days Weekend - \$12.00 ages 13 - 64; \$7.00 ages 2 - 12; \$7.00 ages over 64; children under 2 free. Info:-

www.povn.com/npovlions/schedule.htm

Aug 15-24, REVELSTOKE, BC

Railway Days 2008, Revelstoke Railway Museum. Railfan day is Saturday, August 18. Includes slide show and Rogers Pass bus tour. Info: - Roberto Rodriguez, 250-837-6060, president.railway@telus.net, www.railwaydays.com.

Aug 15-17, TOPPENISH, WA

11th Annual Toppenish Rail and Western Art Show, Asotin & Toppenish Ave. Info:

www.nprymuseum.org.

Aug 16-17, BIG VALLEY, AB

Alberta Free-mo 2008 Info:- www.calgaryfreemo.ca

Aug 29-31, LETHBRIDGE, AB

Galt #8 in 2008 - Sixth Division meet. German Canadian Club 902 6th St. North. Prototype and Layout Tours, Contests, Clinics, more... (mention you saw this note online, and claim the \$10 pre-registration discount until the end of July)

Info:-www3.telus.net/samrc/galt.html, Harry Lubbers, hlubbers@telus.net

Aug 30-31, METALINE FALLS, WA

NPOV Lions Excursion Train Ride - Labor Weekend - \$12.00 ages 13 - 64; \$7.00 ages 2 - 12; \$7.00 ages over 64; children under 2 free. Info:-

www.povn.com/npovlions/schedule.htm

Sep 5-7, 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 10-13, PORTLAND, OR

28th National Narrow Gauge Convention. Holiday Inn Portland Airport. Info:-

www.28thnngc.com

Sep 21-22, EDMONTON, AB

2008 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 21, VICTORIA, BC

Victoria's Annual Model Railway Show

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

Operating Model Railroads

Commercial and Individual Sales and Displays

Information, Ted Alexis 250-595-4070

Sep 27-28, IONE, WA

NPOV Lions Excursion Train Ride - First Autumn Colors - \$12.00 ages 13 - 64; \$7.00 ages 2 - 12; \$7.00 ages over 64; children under 2 free. Info:-

www.povn.com/npovlions/schedule.htm

Sep 27-28, CALGARY, AB

22nd Annual Railway Days. Two operating 0-6-0's, spike driving competition, and model railway exhibits. 1900 Heritage Dr. SW. Info: - (403) 268-8500,

www.heritagepark.ca.

Oct 3-5, KENNEWICK, WA

5th Division Fall Mini-Meet. Benton County PUD Auditorium, 2721 W 10th Ave, Kennewick, WA. Operating sessions on the TCMR club layout; private layouts tours; clinics; model displays (bring those models!); AP Merit Award judging; self-guided layout tours; a no-host dinner on Saturday evening, and much, much more. Info:- John Decker, 509-586-2825, jrdecker@verizon.net, pnr.nmra.org/5div/

Oct 4-5, IONE, WA

NPOV Lions Excursion Train Ride - Second Autumn Colors - \$12.00 ages 13 - 64; \$7.00 ages 2 - 12; \$7.00 ages over 64; children under 2 free. Info:-

www.povn.com/npovlions/schedule.htm

Oct 4-5, GARIBALDI, OR

Oregon Coast Steam Adventure \$148 Info:-

www.railsnw.com/Tours/charter/garibaldi_steam/garibaldi_steam.htm

Oct 11 (Sat), CHEHALIS, WA

Train Show & Swap Meet, SW Washington Fairgrounds, 2555 N. National Avenue, 9AM - 4PM Lewis County Historical Museum and the Lewis County Model RR Club. Same weekend as the annual community garage sale. Info:- 360-748-0831

Oct 11-12, IONE, WA

NPOV Lions Excursion Train Ride - Third Autumn Colors - \$12.00 ages 13 - 64; \$7.00 ages 2 - 12; \$7.00 ages over 64; children under 2 free. Info:-

www.povn.com/npovlions/schedule.htm

Oct 18 (Sat), CALGARY, AB

29th Annual Boomer Auction, Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW, 10am, auction starts at noon. Info: - John Wrinch, (403) 281-5745, jawrinch@shaw.ca

Oct 18-19, EDMONTON, AB

Edmonton Model Railroad Association Open House, at the Freight Shed, Fort Edmonton Park, 10am-5pm. Info: - www.EMRAonline.ca.

Oct 18-19, IONE, WA

NPOV Lions Excursion Train Ride - The Great Pumpkin Rides - \$12.00 ages 13 - 64; \$7.00 ages 2 - 12; \$7.00 ages over 64; children under 2 free. Info:-

www.povn.com/npovlions/schedule.htm

Oct 19 (Sun), CALGARY, AB

Calgary Model Railway Society, (CMRS), Fall Mini-Meet, Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE, 9:30am-3:30pm. Info: - Jeff Burke, (403) 272-5546, jeffb@boltsupply.com, www.calgarymodelrailway.org.

Oct 19 (Sun), SPOKANE, WA

The Spokane Railroad Show at the Spokane Community College "Lair" Student Activities Building. The campus is at Mission and Greene Streets, north of I-90 exit 283B. The public is invited from 10 till 3:30. Adult admission is \$5, kids under 12 are free, \$1 for teens. Early admission after 9 is \$10. A 6 foot table is \$20, vendors can setup starting at 7:45. Info:- 509-535-7186 or ierhs@yahoo.com.

Nov 7-10, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2008, 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, ras1@uniserve.com. Info:- www.bctrains.org.

2009**Sep 17-19, EDMONTON, AB**

Northern Lights 2009. PNR Regional Convention. Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel. Info:- Mark Johnson, registrar@northernlights2009.ca www.northernlights2009.ca
To add your activities to the Switchlist Timetable or PNR web page, contact the Timetable Editor, Mark Johnson at (780) 436-2480, timetable@pnr.nmra.org

Superintendent's Report**Gary Hazell**

What a great PNR convention! Larry Sebelley and all of the crew did a wonderful job. There wasn't even time to get bored; great clinics running simultaneously, a number of layout tours and two great proto tours, One to Othello Tunnels, the site of the Quintet tunnels on the abandoned Kettle Valley route and a visit to Hells Gate where the construction of the CPR caused a landslide which formed Hells Gate. Now they have fish ladders, a cable car down to the river and a great interactive centre. The other tour was to the West Coast Rail Association in Squamish, BC. This is the home of the Royal Hudson 2860, and many other railway interests including a 71/2 scale railway.

We had a 7th Division Standing Committee meeting where it was determined there would not be an Interior Spring Meet in 2009 as the PNR Convention next year is in Edmonton Sept 17 - 19. They already have a web site www.northernlights2009.ca The Spring Meet in 2010 will be in Salmon Arm and 2011 will be in Vernon.

There was also a PNR BOD meeting and along with the regular reports we changed the audit duties away from the treasurer and put it in the hands of the president. We don't want anyone to perceive any conflict. We also changed the rotation of the PNR Conventions. A number of years ago the 7 divisions were put in a hat and that established the rotation. It was felt that to go from Boise in the very south of the region to two conventions not only in Canada but in the north was not best for the region. Now the rotation will be as follows; 2009 - 6th Div, 2010 - 4th Div, 2011 - 6th Div again but for this change in that both Edmonton and Regina wanted the 2009, it is expected that Regina will do it in 2011, 2012 tentatively a joint PNR/PCR convention held in the 1st Div, 2013 - 3rd Div, 2014 - 2nd Div, 2015 - 7th Div (Island, are you listening?), 2015 - 5th Div and 2017 back to the 4th. This will rotate the conventions in a better mix of North/mid/South and East/West. We also adopted a "participant" tax rather than a percentage split for the conventions. The Policy Manual and bylaw changes were discussed. The bylaw changes will go to the membership in the fall. Also we thanked Kevin Oleson out-going president of the PNR and welcomed Jack Hamilton as the incoming president

The Burger/Beverage was great on Friday night as everyone was able to mingle among the displays and layouts. The Saturday banquet was one of the best I have ever had as they had salmon, chicken and a huge very tender hip of roast beef (probably Alberta). The guest speaker was Barrie Sanford, author of McCulloch's Wonder, the story of the Kettle Valley as well as many other railway books. He gave a very interesting talk on the Kettle Valley and presented some excellent slides.

A first ever for a PNR convention was the presentation of a cheque at the banquet from the host committee to the PNR treasurer not only with the repayment of the \$1000.00 advance but included the "participant tax". This year the participant tax was \$12.00 for every full registrant and there was somewhere around 126 that registered.

It is time for a call for nominations as a ballot will have to go out in the Sept/Oct BB. This year it is time to elect a Secretary, Treasurer and Member at large for a two year term. Scott Calvert is head of the nomination committee so you can email him at scottcalvert@shaw.ca or phone him at 604-939-1849

Have a great summer and remember there are meets in Victoria; Kamloops and Revelstoke Railway Days; and lots of railfanning to do so have lots of fun and send Eric pictures. Tom Carr tells me he gets upwards of a 1000 images from an N scale meet so there is no excuse, get us some pictures.



2816 on the main in Salmon Arm

Member Aid

Bob Gardner, MMR

We're not receiving many enquiries or requests for "aid" so feel free to e-mail me c/o Editor Eric, or write, phone or fax me with your modeling problems.

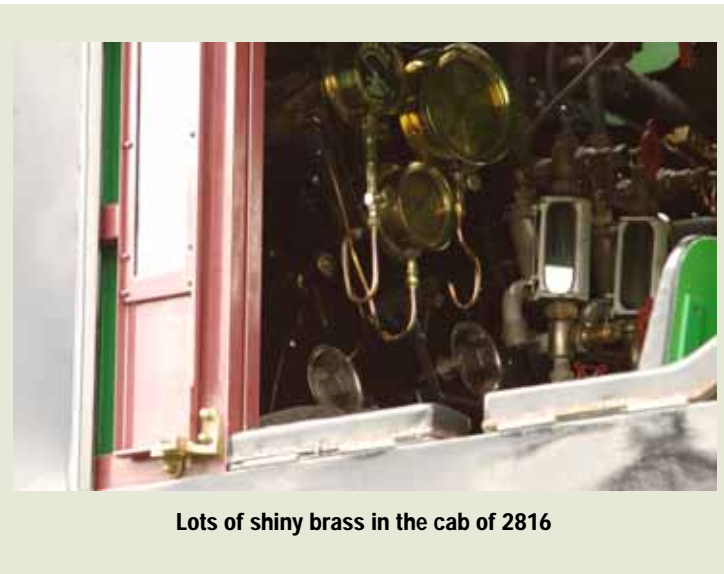
Here are a few tips;

To protect your hand from painful stab wounds when using a file, screw an electric marette (Marr connector) to the tang o the file. These come in a variety of colours which can be helpful in quickly selecting various files.

Before discarding burnt-out miniature light bulbs, clip off and save the leads. They make a good source of fine wire.

I have several steel blocks which I find invaluable to hold things down, squaring up walls while gluing and many other jobs. These can often be obtained from a steel fabricator's scrap box and band-sawed to length for a reasonable price. Mine happen to be 2"x2"x1" and 1/2"x1 1/2"x3". To get blocks with nice square corners, ask for cold-rolled steel.

More tips next time.



Lots of shiny brass in the cab of 2816

New Members

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

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|-----------------|----------------|
| William Bal | Rosedale, BC |
| Guy Brooke | Nanaimo, BC |
| Fred Burri | Nanaimo, BC |
| Dick Combe | Vernon, BC |
| Steven Coulson | Nanaimo, BC |
| Doug Fibish | Armstrong, BC |
| Les Kobes | Abbotsford, BC |
| Clemens Rohling | Abbotsford, BC |
| Stephen Savich | Chilliwack, BC |
| William Savich | Chilliwack, BC |

Eagle Bay Subdivision - CPR

Brian Golds

Eagle Bay Subdivision – Canadian Pacific Railway

The Eagle Bay Subdivision of the Canadian Pacific Railway is a make believe line which runs along the shoreline of the Shuswap Lake from Revelstoke to Kamloops in the 1950's (Transition period). It climbs at 2.25% grade up to Notch Hill and then turns inland to run to Kamloops. Due to the grade and revenue sources, heavy motive power is required. In addition the Eagle Bay-Deer Creek narrow gauge Hon3 mainline joins up with the main CPR line at Notch Hill. The main revenues of the EBDC are mining (colonium) for export to the Orient, logging for the mill at Deer Creek and farming (livestock).



CPR Mainline & EBDC Narrow Gauge

This CPR layout is located in a boat garage (25'x14') and is 9'x22'. Scenery is approximately 75% complete. Revelstoke terminal is on one end of the lake and Eagle Bay at the other end with the Eagle Mountain range (Selkirks) in between. Within these mountains is Notch Hill with a large mine that extracts colonium, a coal-like substance which when refined creates lubricants, oils and 'groseline', a new high-powered fuel for transportation.



Colonium Mine

The Eagle Bay Deer Creek narrow gauge also has two mines extracting colonium. This is taken to Notch Hill mine, transferred and then transported by CPR to the waterfront ore dock at Eagle Bay. It is then shipped by barge downriver to Kamloops for smelting.

The CPR line climbs out of Revelstoke through a helix like the Spiral Tunnels (1.8% grade), over a large deck bridge (36" long 17" high), through another large tunnel arriving at Notch Hill where empty ore carts are dropped at the mine. A Shay and Climax do the switching. Full cars are picked up and head down grade through a series of tunnels to the ore dock at Eagle Bay, The passenger and freight services continues on to Kamloops and points west.

The Eagle Bay Deer Creek Railroad runs 14"-16" above the CPR mainline. It is a large curved dogbone layout with the main terminal at Deer Creek (not yet built). The other end is the townsite of Crystal Springs where the sawmill, stockyard and abattoir are located. Midway through the dogbone is Notch Hill where the ore is transferred to the CPR mainline. The Hon3 layout consists of the mainline terminal with large locomotive facilities (all steam). The size of the Hon3 layout is slightly larger than the CPR mainline but with much more primitive bridges and tunnels and higher scenery.

Construction began in early June of 2002



Ore train moving upgrade

Hon3 Layout Stats

Mainline -145 feet of ME Code 70 track
 Sidings -Code 55
 Maximum Grade 4%
 Currently DC control
 Scenery -Hardshell and extruded Styrofoam
 Motive power is generally K-27, K-36 and K-37, with C16 & C19 for lighter trains.

HO Layout Stats

Mainline - 125' of Code 83
 Sidings - Code 70
 Maximum grade - 2.25% All eastbound trains are double-headed.
 Currently DC but considering DCC
 Motive power mainly
 Selkirks 2-10-4, Sante Fe's 2-10-2, Mikes 2-8-2 and Consolidations 2-8-0
 Switching is done mostly by Ten wheelers and 0-6-0's
 Hudsons and 1200 class Pacifics are used in passenger service
 Transition era diesels such as FPA's, C-Liners, FP7's are in evidence.

It is hoped that the world demand for colonium will come about soon so that groseline will replace gasoline.



Switching the coal dock

This is Brian's 19th layout. He has been a member of the Salmon Arm Model Railway Association since 2001. He and his wife Beryl live in Eagle Bay on Shuswap Lake having moved from Prince Rupert in 2001.



NMRA (Canada) Calendar

The deadline for submission is currently 31 July 2008.

The 2009 NMRA Calendar (Canadian version)

Volume 1, Issue 1, May 2008

Eric

As a fundraiser in the past, NMRA Canada has sold the national NMRA calendar. Unfortunately, this does not showcase the rich talents of Canadian modellers. Therefore in 2009, we would like to produce our own calendar and that is where you come in, **Eric**. We need photos of your models or your layout.

Please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- They should be clear and in sharp focus
- They should be well lit and the lighting should be uniform across the image.
- Compose the shot well. Decide what is your main point of interest. Leave enough space to crop the image.
- Take the picture at the highest resolution that your camera will support.

Send the image to canrailcal@live.ca. (one image per email, please)

With each image include a short text that lists your name, address (we will only publish your city) a description of the image and any modelling notes. Just think of what you would like to know about a calendar picture that you are viewing for the first time.

With your help **Eric**, this calendar will be something we all can be proud of, and show the world the exceptional modelling that is available in Canada.

Substitute your name for mine in the above.

Videos for rent

There are a number of model railroading videos available from the NMRA (Canada) . For a listing of those available either go to the NMRA (Canada) web site www.nmracanada.ca or contact the librarian directly by telephone 705-653-4902



or by email librarian@nmracanada.ca .



Quesnel

Russ Watson

Not much happens in our little town, however a railway event of significance occurred this morning, May 14th, 2008 at 7 am. Rocky Mountaineer Vacations (RMV) locomotive RMR 8013 was unveiled to display its recently designated name, "Pride Of Quesnel" in honour of the city. RMV initiated a new train route in May 2006 - the Rocky Mountaineer Discovery Fraser Route - from Whistler, BC to Jasper, Alberta. The company chose Quesnel, BC as the overnight stopover on the two-day trip. Quesnel City Council along with the towns businesses and residents have responded with great enthusiasm. RMV staff report that customer feedback consistently indicates that the people of Quesnel are the friendliest people they encounter on all of RMVs routes. RMV dignitaries and Quesnel Mayor Nate Bello - wearing a conductors hat - unveiled the new locomotive name and logo. RMR 8013 is a GMD GP40-2(LW) built in 9/1975. The consist of the train on this day - the first north-bound run of the routes third season - also included RMR 8017, RM 9490 (baggage-dorm.?), RM 5716 & 5707 (coaches), RM 3030 (cafe'-coach?), RM 5713 (coach) and RM 9501 & 9511 (dome coaches).



Pride of Quesnel



Quesnel Station



Dome Cars on the Pride of Quesnel



Station Board

NMRA Res Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 6, 2008

NMRA Patent Challenge Update: Real Rail Effects fails to respond to NMRA DCC-sound patent challenge

The deadline for Real Rail Effects, Ltd. (RRE) to respond to an NMRA patent challenge has passed, with no response from RRE.

RRE was granted a patent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) based upon a claim that the technology for using sound with DCC was invented by RRE. The NMRA, with the technical and financial support of a number of DCC manufacturers and hobbyists around the world, filed a challenge to the RRE patent.

The NMRA filed the challenge because we believe that the claims in the RRE patent application were not supported by the facts. The NMRA was aware that prior art and other evidence existed which negated RRE's patent.

The NMRA felt that, should it remain in force, the RRE patent posed a threat to modelers and manufacturers of DCC equipment because it would both increase the costs to modelers and unfairly restrict manufacturers who provide decoders with sound. Therefore, the NMRA coordinated an industry- and hobby-wide effort to have the patent overturned. The NMRA submitted evidence from a number of sources raising substantial questions about the validity of the patent.

On February 11, 2008, the USPTO issued a ruling granting the NMRA's patent re-examination request. The examiner stated in the ruling that there was a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider the prior art important in determining the patentability of the application of RRE.

After the examiner at the USPTO determined that the position of the NMRA had merit and compelled a new analysis of the patent, RRE had two months to respond to the re-examination request. The deadline for a response has come and gone, and RRE made no reply. The NMRA is now very hopeful that a favorable decision will be announced and that the position of the NMRA and its supporters will be vindicated.

The NMRA considers this a clear triumph for the modeler and the model railroad industry. We are proud to have led the challenge team that has made this victory possible.

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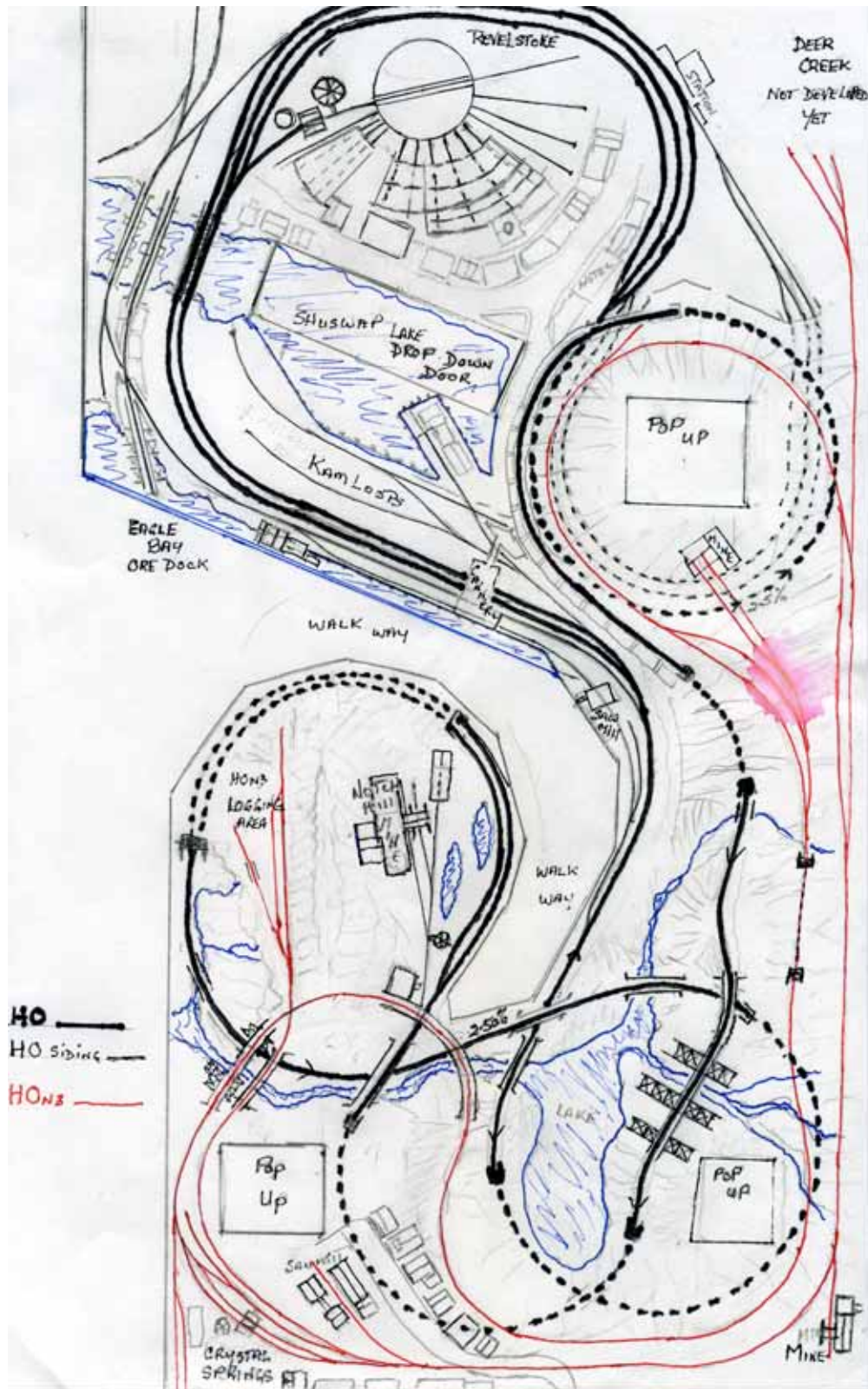
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