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## 2008 Victoria Model Railway Show

crease awareness with ads in magazines and television.

Some of our main attractions this year were the scenic Vancouver Island Garden Railway Club layout along with the Victoria Lego Group. Also, other clubs had hands-on operation for the children – which created many a smile! At this time, I would like to thank all our dealers for providing over thirty door prizes which were given away hourly. Donations this year will be going to the Times Colonist Christmas Fund and C-Fax Santa's Anonymous. The popular vote contest winners were awarded plaques for their outstanding achievements.

In closing, I would like to personally thank Mark Giles for his hard work in drawing up the floor plan, making it easier when setting up the modules and tables around the 2200 sq. ft. tennis court. I would like to thank Peter Thorton-Trump, our marketing whiz. And special thanks to Dave Quissy in helping out with the popular vote contest, plus all our volunteers who helped with the set-up and admission tables. So, all aboard for next year's show to be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009!



Ferry Slip

The eighteenth annual 2008 Victoria Model Railway Show was held at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre on September 21st with an attendance of 1700 people. Overall response at the Centre from the public and sales vendors is still positive.

Higher attendance at this year's event would have been desirable, but with warm weather and a visit from Canada's Snowbirds jet team and other events in the Victoria area, it was hard to compete for crowds. The show displayed some 14 sectional and modular layouts performing for the public. Part of our mandate as train show organizers is to exhibit this great hobby to the public. Even with hundreds of dollars spent on advertising, appearances on TV and free newspaper space, it seems to me it is getting more difficult to

get the people out to these events. I personally feel that, in my eighteen years as a Co-ordinator, there has been a shift to other hobbies and activities. In previous years we can remember up to 2,400 people attending this event. I am wondering if our National body needs to in-

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**Popular Vote Winners:**

- Public Choice Best Layout  
O Scale; Cascade Pacific RW
- Best Structure: Patrick Lawson: O Scale; Ferry Slip
- Best Module: Ted Alexis: N Scale, One- Trak
- Best Proto Picture: Lorne Miller
- Best Train: Rick Slingerland
- Best Locomotive: Graham Morrison
- Best Diorama: Al Clark
- Best Rolling Stock: Daryl Barter

*Submitted by Ted Alexis*

**New 7th Division Website Address**

<http://pnr.nmra.org/7div>

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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.

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**Editor's Desk**

**Eric Reynard**

Please make note of the new website address for the 7th Division. It is noted in several places within the Bulletin.

I have been learning a lot lately about a number of things related to installing decoders, especially sound decoders. The first rule I have noted is our old favourite "Murphy's Law", whatever can go wrong will go wrong. I volunteered to install a sound unit in a club member's RS-3 as I had successfully done so in my own unit. Well, having done something once certainly does not qualify you as an expert. It was not the same manufacturer and the installation is entirely different and much more complex. Needless to say it took way longer than I anticipated which was compounded by my own procrastination. This week I will finally return the locomotive. While I won't say never to helping a fellow club member I sure will set up a schedule when delivery will occur. It was a rewarding experience but it took way too long.

## Timetable

Feb 14-15, PORTLAND, OR

Great Train Expo, Portland Metropolitan Expo Center 2060 North Marine Dr, 10:00AM-4:00PM, \$7 adults, under 12 free. Large train and toy marketplaces, operating layouts and displays, workshops and demonstrations. Info:-

[www.greattrainexpo.com](http://www.greattrainexpo.com)

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:

[shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com](mailto:shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com)

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. Info:- Bob or Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314, 509-292-8332 or email: [shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com](mailto:shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com)

Feb 21-22, OLDS, AB

Model Railroad and Hobby Show - Olds Royal Canadian Legion Info:- Gord, 403-556-3771 or [info@funtimeshobbyandcycle.com](mailto:info@funtimeshobbyandcycle.com)

Feb 28 - Mar 1, SASKATOON, SK

All Aboard 2009, Western Development Museum. Saturday 9-5:30, Sunday 9-4:30. Silent auction on Sunday. Info:- [www.prairierailworkshop.org/](http://www.prairierailworkshop.org/)

Mar 7 (Sat), CLACKAMAS, OR

24th Annual Willamette Model Railroad Club Swap Meet at the New Hope Church 11731 SE Stevens Rd. 10am to 3pm. Admission \$3.00 under 12 free. Info:- Rick Andrews 503-642-3298 or e-mail: [rdrews1@verizon.net](mailto:rdrews1@verizon.net)

Mar 15 (Sun), BURNABY, BC

Western Rails 2009 Displays and models of all kinds - Ride the indoor Miniature Train Collectables, photos, time tables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment and much much more. Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 9 am to 4 pm. Admittance: (cash only): Senior (60+) \$2.00 Adult (16-59) \$3.00 Child (0-5) Free Family \$6.00 (Maximum 2 Adults, 3 Youth) Info:- [westernrails@wera.org](mailto:westernrails@wera.org) 604-484-2791.

Mar 15 (Sun), CALGARY, AB

CMRS Spring Mini Meet & Annual CMT Flea Market. Glenmore Inn. Flea market 9:00 AM - Noon Vendors \$20, CMRS members free, others \$5.00, Mini Meet 10:30 - 3:30 Info:- [www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html](http://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html)

Mar 21 (Sat), OLYMPIA, WA

Capitol City Lions 24th Annual All Scales Model Railroad Swap Meet \*NEW LOCATION\* Thurston County Fair Grounds, 3054 Carpenter Road SE. Dealer set up is at 8:00 AM and the show is from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Adults \$6.00, Senior Citizens & Students \$4.00 and Age 12 & under free with paying Adult. Tables are \$22.00 Info:- Bill Zidel, 5143 Blacktail Ct. NE, Olympia, Washington 98516, [ZIDELRCS@aol.com](mailto:ZIDELRCS@aol.com) or 360-438-3503.

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](mailto:palouse_empire_rs@yahoo.com).

Mar 28-29, MOOSE JAW, SK

Moose Jaw Model Train Show. Western Development Museum 50 Diefenbaker Drive Moose Jaw. The museum is opened from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info:- [www.tcmrc.org](http://www.tcmrc.org)

Apr 5 (Sun), NANAIMO, BC

25th Annual Mid Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show, Beban Park Rec. Center 2300 Bowen Road, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Operating Layouts, Swap & Shop Tables, Retail Sales Model Contests (Popular Vote) Admission (cash only), \$3.00 NMRA member, \$5.00 non member, \$10.00 family, \$4.00 seniors, Child (6-12) - \$1.00. Info:- Ken Rutherford [j.rutherford@shaw.ca](mailto:j.rutherford@shaw.ca), (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Apr 15-19, FREMONT, CA

Rails Across the Bay 2009 - PCR Convention, Marriott Fremont Silicon Valley, 46100 Landing Pkwy. Info: [www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009/](http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009/)

Apr 18-19, CALGARY, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2009 Calgary Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE, 9AM-5PM. Canada's Largest and Best Model Train Show. Over 60,000 sq. ft. of operating model railroad layouts, displays, Lionel, Lego trains, Thomas and Friends, Garden Railways, photo exhibits, merchandise for sale, and live demos and clinics. Children's Play Area. Adults - \$10.00 Kids(6-12)- \$5.00 Under 6-Free. \$1 off admission with donation of non-perishable food item to Calgary Food Bank. FREE Parking. Info:- [www.supertrain.ca](http://www.supertrain.ca) or [info@supertrain.ca](mailto:info@supertrain.ca)

Apr 18 (Sat), KENT, WA

26th Annual Open House - Boeing Employees Model Railroad club from 10am to 4pm at its permanent model RR location: Boeing Recreation Activity Center (22649 83rd Av. S.) Permanent HO layout and HO and O modular layouts. Free admission.

Apr 18-19, EUGENE, OR

21st Annual Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. 13th Avenue, Saturday hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 17th set up for vendors from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$6.00 each for 11 years and older and 10 years and younger free if accompanied by an adult. Early bird admission (9:00 a.m.) \$10.00 per person. Our show features operating layouts in a variety of scales, 22,000 square feet of vendor tables with items for sale, Operation Lifesaver, Friends of #4449 & SP&S #700 information tables, speeder display, historical societies, and hourly door prizes for the public. Vendor tables which are 8 feet long and 30 inches wide with red linen are \$25.00 each. For more information or for flyers please contact Lee or Diane Temple, Show Co-Chairs at (Lee's cell) 541-954-4917 or (Diane's cell) 541-225-7394 or email [ttandt@ram-mail.com](mailto:ttandt@ram-mail.com)

Apr 18 (Sat), KENT, WA

10th annual Mini-Meet of Santa Fe Railway fans and modelers in the Northwest. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat., April 18, 2009, in conjunction with the annual open house of the Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club in the Boeing Recreation Activity Center (22649 83rd Av. S., Kent, WA). This is the same building as last year. The mini-meet will feature clinics on Santa Fe's El Capitan Passenger Train & HO models, Modeling the LA Division 3rd District in HO, and other topics to be determined. Admission is just \$7 and lunch will be available for purchase at the mini-meet. Don't forget to bring your favorite Santa Fe models to display, and any ATSF items you'd like to sell. We're looking forward to seeing all you Santa Fe fans and modelers again. Info:- John Thompson at 16031 SE 46th Way Bellevue, WA 98006; [JThomp1945@aol.com](mailto:JThomp1945@aol.com) home phone: 425-562-8955.

Apr 18 (Sat), SPOKANE, WA

5th Division Annual Meeting, Cascade Mobile Home Park, 2311 W. 16th Ave. 9 AM - 5 PM. Info:- Shirley Sample (509) 292-8332 (home) or 509-838-4029 (work), email [shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com](mailto:shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com). If anyone is interested in giving a clinic or having their home layout on tour, please let Shirley know.

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](mailto:rrfair@mt.net)

Jun 13 (Sat), PORT ALBERNI, BC

1st Annual Vancouver Island Logging Modelers Meet 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM McLean Mill National Historic Site Mill Tours, Speeder Rides, Clinics, Model Displays & Contests (Popular Vote) Sunday Tours of Alberni Pacific Railway Facilities (if enough interest) Entrance Fare - \$20 Cash Info:- [j.rutherford@shaw.ca](mailto:j.rutherford@shaw.ca), Ken Rutherford (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Jun 20 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

The Rose City Garden Railroad Society Summer Tour of 9 Portland area layouts (8-10) from 10AM to 5PM. Booklets with directions are available from local area hobby shops and select nurseries for \$10 per family (grandkids to grandparents count as one family). Info :- [www.RCGRS.org](http://www.RCGRS.org)

Jul 5-11, HARTFORD, CT

NMRA National Convention. Info:- [www.hn2009.org](http://www.hn2009.org)

Sep 17-19, EDMONTON, AB

Northern Lights 2009. PNR Regional Convention. Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel. Info:- Mark Johnson, [registrar@northernlights2009.ca](mailto:registrar@northernlights2009.ca) [www.northernlights2009.ca](http://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



**All Aboard & Best of the Web**

**John Green**

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

In 1961 Southern Pacific took delivery of three Krauss-Maffei diesel-hydraulic C-C cabs, rated at 3,600 h.p. each, these were followed by 15 more in 1964. By 1968 they had all been retired due to excessive maintenance costs for the Maybach V-16 engines, as well as their inability to breathe inside tunnels.

“Railroading has been changing very fast the past few years, and the speed of change is increasing. Freight trains are now rolling along at 70 mph. Before long they probably will be hitting 80.” *Burlington Director of PR and Advertising A.M. Rung – May 1968*

Rail employment in the USA dipped to 582,347 in January 1968, more than 5% below that of the previous year.

**Best of the Web**

Welcome to Best of the Web, the aim of this column is to highlight and promote model railroading web sites in the 7<sup>th</sup> Division. We will review a different web site in each issue and provide a link for our readers to visit it. We welcome your comments and invite suggestions for web sites we should feature, contact us at [tajcarr@shaw.ca](mailto:tajcarr@shaw.ca).

Our feature web site for March/April 2009 is The Vancouver TrainGang. This N-Trak club is the largest N-Scale model railroad club in BC's lower mainland. They maintain an active public show schedule that keeps their members busy most of the year. Their award winning web site features a gallery of photos from club events and shows over the past year, as well as a comprehensive links pages and general information on N-Scale model railroading. New members are always welcome; please contact The TrainGang through their web site for more information.

[www.vancouvertraingang.com](http://www.vancouvertraingang.com)

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**Superintendent's Report**

**Gary Hazell**

I hope everyone had a good and successful holiday season with ample time to do some modelling. Now that spring is just around the corner (at least I hope so as we still have 2 feet of the stuff (snow) here in Tappen) I hope you can get out and railfan or get those pictures you need for modelling. There are also 3 shows: one that may be complete by the time you get this - Mt Pleasant Lions Show in Vancouver Feb. 18, Western Rails in Burnaby Mar. 15 and the Mid Island Train Show in Nanaimo on Apr. 15

We now have our new website up and running <http://pnr.nmra.org/7div/>. Tom Carr and John Zuk have been working on it. As you can see from the last BB edition Ken Rutherford has put together a list of Hobby Shops. If you know of any that are new or missing please send to Ken at [kj.rutherford@shaw.ca](mailto:kj.rutherford@shaw.ca) We are also trying to establish a list of Clubs and groups so that we can contact them about meets and possibly get articles and information for our BB. Again please contact Ken.

We are presently at 324 members, 244 get this BB by email, 2 complementary also by email, 18 mostly by email for PNR/NMRA officials and 80 by mail (snail). A number of you that get the BB by mail have responded to my request for financial help for printing and mailing. Thank you very much for your donations. In that the BB is printed here in Salmon Arm the SAMRA Club has taken on the folding and stuffing it in the envelopes that I print and we are also putting the postage on it to save money on handling (9 cents each). All in all I think we are doing much better financially considering the 324 members that we have.

Speaking of the Salmon Arm Club we are going to be taking out our award winning lift-bridge section (module) to rework the drive and mechanical. Also to redo the barge slip and water as we got a major crack in it on our last trip to Calgary. We have built a spare section that we can install while working on all but the corner sections. (This way we can still open on Saturday for our lease commitment with Piccadilly Mall) We have been using the spare section for rewiring the sections and we are also redoing trees and some scenes as the layout will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year later this spring.

Just a reminder the PNR convention this coming year will be held in Edmonton Sept 17 to 19 and will also include the Great Edmonton Train Show Sept. 19 and 20. Check out their website at [www.northernlights2009.ca](http://www.northernlights2009.ca) for registration and details.

Have a great spring and don't forget to send Eric your stories and or pictures.

**New Members**

We are please to welcome the following new members;

- |                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Curtis Barber                   | Delta         |
| James Brown                     | Vancouver     |
| Chris James                     | Coquitlam     |
| Gary Jenkins                    | Coquitlam     |
| Don Leach                       | Delta         |
| Marina, Joyce and Thomas McEwan | Maple Ridge   |
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A full list of tapes is published in the September issue of the BULLETIN BOARD



## North Fraser Report

Tom Carr

The Christmas holiday season is now behind us and as I write this report many parts of our province are either digging out from record snowfalls, fighting rising water levels that threaten to flood their communities, or both.



Members and friends of the TraiNgang waiting for the Holiday Train to arrive on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Francina Carr photo.

The biggest local event in December (other than Christmas itself) was the arrival of the annual CPR Holiday Train on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Members of all three North Fraser clubs either visited or assisted with the train as it made its final few stops after crossing the country from Montreal. I think it's safe to say that this year was one of the coldest years on record for the Holiday Train, and attendance by the public seemed to reflect that fact, at least it did at the Port Haney station where I was.

The Dewdney Alouette Railway Society (DARS) held their Christmas party at the Maple Ridge Museum on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, after the Holiday train left; while members of the TraiNgang went over to a members' home for some light snacks, liquid refreshment and the chance to warm up.



The CPR Holiday Train at the Port Haney Westcoast Express station on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Patrick Schafli photo.

The Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club held their Christmas party on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at their usual meeting place.

The TraiNgang is holding its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at Confederation Park in Burnaby. They tell me they are also finalizing their 2009 show schedule, which starts in mid-February with their annual Baillie House show at the Ridge-Meadows Hospital extended care facility, to be followed this year by a show at the Willow Manor senior's residence, also in Maple Ridge. The TraiNgang is to be complemented for putting on shows for the seniors in these facilities; the looks on their faces as they watch the trains say it all.

I invite all model railroaders in the North Fraser area to send me news and updates on their activities. I can be contacted at [tajcarr@shaw.ca](mailto:tajcarr@shaw.ca).



Santa and his helpers wave good-bye as the Holiday Train heads for its final stop in Port Moody, BC. Patrick Schafli photo.

## Member Aid

Bob Gardner MMR

If you have any puzzling modeling questions, please email me c/o Editor Eric, or phone or write me (see masthead) In the meantime here are a few suggestions and tips;

### Kadee Couplers

In my opinion this line of couplers has been the greatest single advance in the history of model railroading (and take this from one who has had experience with the Mantua loop and hook, Cup-Eze loop and hook, Roundhouse operating knuckles, NMRA X2F and pre-magnematic Kadee couplers) To make these great couplers operate even better, be sure to smooth or "burnish" the knuckles as recommended by the manufacturer. With a jeweler's files used horizontally, remove the parting line and any roughness from the knuckle, then polish with fine (200 to 400 grit) emery paper. You will be amazed at how little force is now required to couple cars.

To mount the coupler and draft gear at the correct height on a new car or difficult location (I'm working on a CP snowplow) glue the coupler to the couple of your Kadee height gauge with a water soluble glue (white glue). This will hold the draft gear at the right height while you install shims. Warm water and a paint brush will remove the glue (or tape could also be use)

To make installing coupler knuckle or draft gear springs easy, insert a straight pen nib between the coils and use this to depress the spring as required. A tiny touch of Pliobond on one end of the spring will keep it from taking off into space. More tips next time.



**Trains 2008 : Loading Dock Clinic****Scott Calvert****Completed HO Scale Loading Dock by Scott Calvert**

One of the most popular aspects of most model railroad conventions is the clinics or workshops that are typically offered as part of the event, and the annual Trains meets are no exception. Bill Raikes does a great job of assembling an interesting variety of topics and presenters every year for our enjoyment and education.

Over the last two years Trains has offered registrants the unique opportunity to participate in a “hands on” clinic where attendees actually construct something to take away. This concept is well received and many modelers enjoy the opportunity to work on a project during the clinic.

Gordon Varney MMR, in conjunction with Cyril Meadows, has presented both of these sessions – a small wooden trestle at

Trains 2007, and a CPR loading dock at Trains 2008. These sessions were well received and, from all accounts, participants had a fun time working on their projects. Each member received a “kit of parts, instructions, & a copy of the plans and the group then worked collaboratively under the tutelage of Gordon and Cyril to complete their project over 2 sessions.

The 2008 session was to construct a CPR wooden loading dock based on plans prepared by the author utilizing field notes and photos originally supplied by Brian Rudko many years ago. This is a great type of model for a relatively easy scratch building project, and one that cannot really be done wrong. As a side note, the plans for this model were formerly published in the October 1984 issue of the BB!



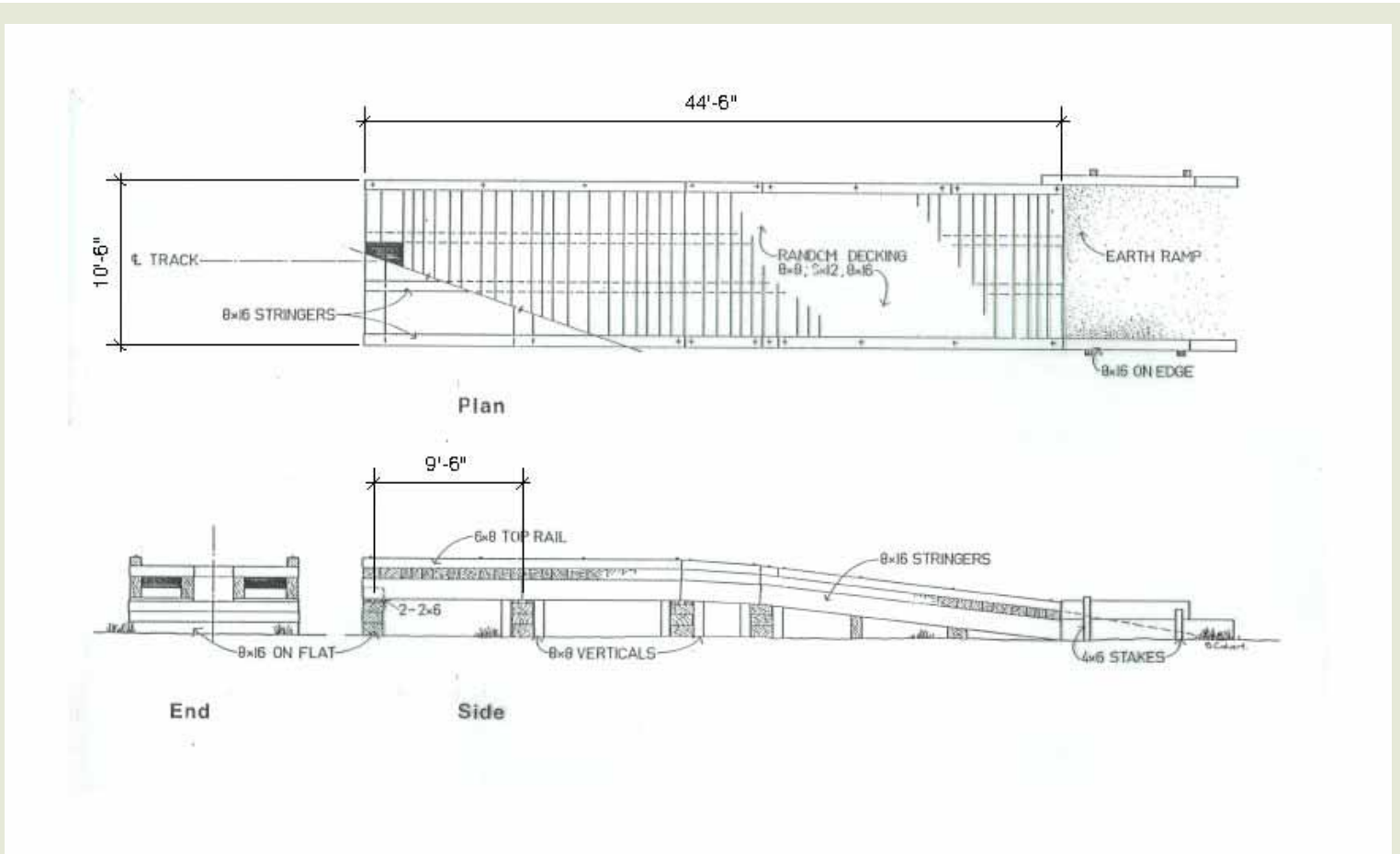
**Presenter Gordon Varney**



**Clinic Participants Jaime Nelson & Bill Raikes hard at work**

Hopefully, this type of clinic will continue in the coming years at the Trains meets. Special thanks to Gordon and Cyril for their hard work in preparing and presenting these workshops.

Submitted by Scott Calvert



**Loading Dock Plans - Not To Scale**



## Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster & Richmond Report

John Green

Well it has been one of the snowiest December in the lower mainland in forty years, and the combination of cold turning snow to ice on most streets, particularly side streets has made getting around very challenging. Even with a few days away from the office between Christmas and New Year, I found I spent a lot of time shoveling snow.

In spite of this inclement weather, there are several items of news of general interest to report from Burnaby, New Westminster, Richmond and Vancouver.

Granville Island Railway Museum closed on 01 September 2008. This museum which contained model railway, model ship, and angling exhibits opened in 1998. The brainchild of Mr. John Keith-King, the museum exhibit included displays of model trains in many scales from Z up to static 7½" gauge live steam models. One of the highlights of the exhibit was a large O scale operating layout.

I recently visited Granville Island, I found the premises had not been re-let or re-opened and there was a one page letter of thanks for the public support over the years which included the following poem:

September 1, 2008,  
Ladies, Gentleman and Humanists everywhere.  
The Granville Island Model Trains Museum has closed.

We thank all of you who have supported us in the past and who embrace the wonderful worlds of railroading and model ship building.

The closing of an era  
A time that's run its course  
The challenge of ideas  
Met passions for Modeling  
With Spirit as the source.

It's been ten years  
Three hundred thousand guests  
Happiness for young an old  
Arriving on their quests  
From almost every country  
Loving families came  
They want to see the train layout  
Enjoying family fun

We thank you for the visits  
We thank you for your caring  
It's been a trip for all of us  
We've had a grand time sharing.

There is still some web site links which describe this museum.  
<http://www.modeltrainsmuseum.ca>

There have also been changes at the Downtown Historic Railway along the south side of False Creek in Vancouver. As part of the plans for the 2010 Olympics, the western end of the Downtown historic railway has been lifted and is being rebuilt. Streetcars operations are expected to resume in the fall of 2009. More details are available on their web site  
<http://www.trams.ca>

Downtown Historic Railway - Operations have ceased as of October 2008.

At this time, the City of Vancouver is undertaking a major track rebuilding project for the western part of the line. See the City's information release for more information. DHR operations will resume when the track work is complete. Expected date: August 2009.

The City of Vancouver has a web page which describing this initiative as follows;

<http://vancouver.ca/engsvcs/transport/streetcar/index.htm>

The Downtown Streetcar is an initiative lead by the City of Vancouver to introduce modern streetcar technology into the City's existing transportation network. As a sustainable, accessible and reliable mode of transportation, modern streetcars will provide an attractive and exciting transit experience, linking activity centres in Vancouver's metropolitan core and integrating with other transit modes - SeaBus, SkyTrain, West Coast Express, and bus services - to further enhance the region's seamless transit network. The Downtown Streetcar will also support the dramatic change in land use that is underway in Southeast False Creek, Downtown Eastside, Coal Harbour, False Creek North and the False Creek Flats. These neighbourhoods are developing with significantly higher densities that will require additional convenient public transit to create livable and sustainable communities.

The Downtown Streetcar will feature a modern version of electric streetcars, a unique mode of transit that has been successfully established in other cities such as Portland, Oregon, Nottingham, UK, and Melbourne, Australia. Modern streetcars provide a quiet, safe, and comfortable mode of transit with more interior space and larger open windows than buses. As visibly fixed infrastructure they also act as a catalyst for further neighbourhood development and investment. The Downtown Streetcar will also be accessible by wheelchair and bike.

On the model railroad front, I have recently enjoyed invitations to visit and operate on two local model railways.

The first is an N scale rendition of the Columbia and Western now the Canadian Pacific Railway Boundary, Slocan and Kaslo Sub Divisions circa 1970 which is being constructed by Mark Dance. This double deck layout represents the CPR Southern mainline between Midway and Cranbrook. This pike was recently written up in the Layout Design Special Interest group publication "The Layout Design Journal". This pike includes the picturesque Slocan Lake barge service and the isolated branch line between Roseberry and Nakusp. Mark makes extensive use of paper mockups of model buildings which enable visitors and operators to clearly understand what the scenes will look when they are completed



**Train approaching Shield's siding which is on cliff above Arrow Lake west of Castlegar**



**Canadian Pacific Pier BC with Stanley Park and the North Shore mountains in the background.**



**Slocan rail barge being unloaded on the slip at Slocan City with the help of the tug, Iris G Photo by Mark Dance**



**George Massey is operating CP mixed train 809 the "Huntington Turn" as it returns to Vancouver Station from Hunting Abbotsford Mission and Coquitlam. In the background Ballantyne Pier and the BC Sugar Refinery are visible.**

Between snow falls I had the opportunity to participate on a Sunday Operation session on Colin Dover's HO scale rendition of the Vancouver waterfront where trains operated by the Canadian Pacific, Canadian National, Great Northern, and National Harbours Board all interoperate on their respective tracks. Colin has recently completed rebuilding the western part of his layout.

One of the new signature scenes is the Canadian Pacific Pier BC with Stanley Park and the North Shore mountains in the background.

The station building at the prototype Heatley avenue has an interesting history. The building was originally the Vancouver Station, built when the CPR completed its connection from Port Moody to what is now downtown Vancouver. When the first permanent CPR station was completed, this building was moved out to serve as a station build at Heatley Street where it remained until 1947. The model building was originally constructed service on the former Capilano Western Railway located in the top of the Canadian national Railway station. It was salvaged when the club had to relocate following the sale of the CN station to Via/Greyhound in 1992.

I would like to take a moment to hope that all members and their families have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas, and that 2009 will be Happy, Healthy, and full of good adventures.