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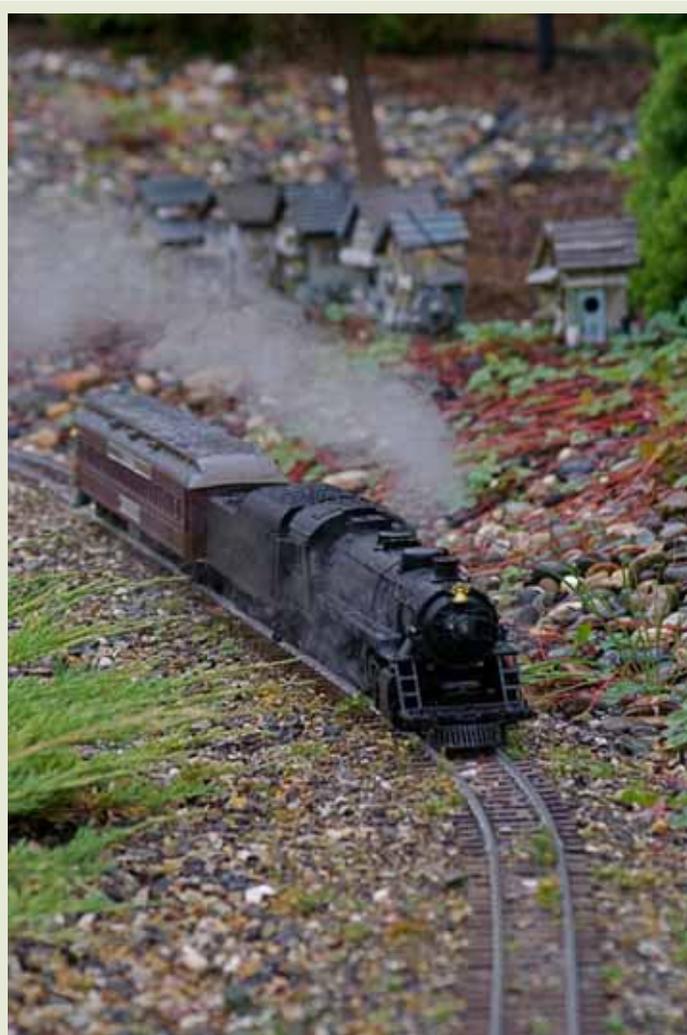
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Live Steam in Quesnel

Live Steam In Quesnel!
KERSLEY (Quesnel) BC:

Live steam was operating on the Roc 'N Burl Railway on August 10 and 11th, 2008. The special train and open house was organized by the railways superintendent and NMRA member, Roy Zschiedrich and vice superintendent Rose (or maybe I have their titles backwards!). The somewhat damp day didn't detract from the very special event, which celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Zschiedrich family presence in the Quesnel area. The railway is built on original family farm land. The many visitors enjoyed a piece of the large anniversary cake and the live steam locie ran almost flawlessly, with only a slight traction problem at times on the wet rails.



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- 7th Division <http://pnr.nmra.org/7div>
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Cliff Basler passed away on 27 February 2009 to re-join Jean his wife of 55 years. Cliff was for many years an active and involved member of the 7th Divi-

Clint Basler 'Last Run'

John Green

sion and may of us enjoyed visiting his HO scale model railroad the "Birch River and Coast" – which a proto freelanced pike based on Canadian National practices. The model railroad's reporting marks were an anagram of Cliff's initials. This layout featured towns with station names based on locations where his career with the TD bank had taken him and his family. Before Canadian grain hopper models became so popular Cliff had created and kit-bashed an interesting collection of different variations of these freight cars.

Cliff wrote articles that appeared in the Canadian National SIG publications "CN lines" and compiled and maintained an interesting magazine index which is available on the CN SIG web site.

A celebration of Cliff's life was held on Saturday March 28th, 2009. We offer our sympathies to his children Robert and Susan and their families who have lost a much loved father and grand-dad - much too soon"



Clint Basler

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) Meanwhile a few suggestions on how to create another "wow" scene on your layout.

How about a farm in that blank area of scenery?

Farmhouse with lighted interior

- Porch with outdoor furniture
- Garden with fence and gate
(picket, board, basket weave)

Rows of vegetables

Window boxes with flowers & shutters

Spigot and hose (puddle of water)

Picnic table, benches, BBQ

TV antenna on roof

Wading pool, outhouse, sundial

Clothesline with washing

Garage and vehicles (man working under it, legs sticking out)

Gravel driveway, painted rock border

Ladder, garbage can, bicycles, lawnmower, wheelbarrow

Power & telephone poles, wall meter,

Oil or propane tank

Wood pile, chopping stump, axe, chips, saw horses

Flower beds, hedges, bushes, arbors, bird bath

Paths to front and back doors, milk can, newspaper

Shade trees, hammock, swing (old tire)

Tree house, sand box, dog house

People - hoeing, gardening, hanging clothes, sitting

Cats and dogs

See how much detail you can put in a small space (Then leave a "quiet" area before your next detail scene)

More ideas next time!



News from the Cariboo

Russ Watson

Local Modeller Wins Award

150 MILE HOUSE, BC: David Ross recently received the NMRA Golden Spike Award, congratulations David! The wonderful modelling he has completed on his HO scale home layout (unfortunately being dismantled as I type this) and his new FreeMo modules easily qualified him for the award. Please visit NMRA member Adrian Noble's web site <<http://www.cariboofreemo.org/>> to see photos of David's and other local modeller's work on their FreeMo modules. And if you would like to apply for your Golden Spike Award, check out <<http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/gold.html>> for all of the details.



David Ross proudly displays his award

All Aboard & Best of the Web

Tom Carr

This column features trivia from a bygone era of railroading. We hope you enjoy the memories.

Great Northern's Gopher and Badger passenger trains between Duluth and Minneapolis got their names from the two states they served, Minnesota - the Gopher State, and Wisconsin - the Badger State.

During the 1960 winter season CNR's "Continental" and CPR's "Dominion" will be downgraded, carrying only head end traffic and coaches, plus sleepers in certain local areas. The trans-continentals "Canadian" and "Super Continental" will continue to provide year-round feature service.

In 1960 Winnipeg, Manitoba was served by daily passenger trains belonging to Canadian Pacific, Canadian National, Soo Line, Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

Great Northern's new car barge slip on Burrard Inlet came into operation in the summer of 1967. Designed to accommodate four and five track barges and costing \$350,000.00, it meant that rail cars could now be loaded at Powell River and taken directly to GN trains at Vancouver for movement to US markets.

The peak year for passenger earnings on the Oregon Electric Railway was 1920, when gross earnings were \$891,000.00. By 1932 that amount had shrunk to just \$17,313.00. Passenger service on the OE was abandoned on May 13th, 1933.

Best of the Web

Our feature web site for May/June 2009 is our very own 7th Division web site, now installed on the PNR server. Webmaster John Zuk does a great job of keeping the site updated. If you haven't visited it in a while now's your chance, and don't forget the links to PNR, NMRA Canada and NMRA National, at: <http://pnr.nmra.org/7div/>

Editor's Desk

Eric Reynard

My apologies to all of you for the long wait for this edition of the Bulletin Board. I encountered the perfect storm of work and personal life scheduling over the last month. I think I even found a way to be two places at once. I committed my layout as part of the layout tours for the Salmon Arm Spring Meet in 2010 as a way of motivating myself to complete projects I have been delaying for no particular reason. There is nothing like a deadline to motivate oneself. I am making progress and have a good section of the spline roadbed complete and have begun tracklaying. As I am determined to handlay much of the rail it is taking a little longer than I had hoped but I am taking a cue from my university days and actually scheduling time to work on the layout. This has been one of my better decisions in making progress on the railroad. I have used it for work and other events but never applied it to my modeling and am very glad I did. If I only allow myself to work in my "spare time" nothing gets done. With two young children, 1 1/2 jobs and all the other events that make up life, "spare time" is non-existent, so modeling becomes another scheduled event and therefore actually happens. I have also applied the principle to the Bulletin so we should see more timely publication. I hope you all are better at finding spare time than I am and are able to get quality modeling time. Good luck.

Timetable

2009

Jun 13 (Sat), BREMERTON, WA

Bremerton Northern Model Railroad Club 2009 Swap Meet, Saturday June 13, 10 AM - 4 PM. Upstairs at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2515 Burwell. \$2.00 donation for adults, children under 12 free. Info contact Dan or Marion Weston, 360-633-7217, or MarionandDan@live.com.

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:- kj.rutherford@shaw.ca, Ken Rutherford (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Jun 17-20, PORTLAND, OR

N Scale Collector Convention. In addition to the convention activities all week, there will be NTrak and Z layouts plus a major vendor fair open to the public from 10AM to 4PM Saturday 20th. Info:- www.nsc2009.org

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.com

Jun 20 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

Oregon Steamer 50th Anniversary 10AM-2PM www.oregonzoo.org

Jun 21 (Sun), FORT STEELE , BC

6th Annual Fathers Day at the Steam Railway, Fort Steele Heritage Town. Info: - www.fortsteele.ca

Jun 25-27, KLAMATH FALLS, OR

SP&S Historical Society Convention. Info:- www.sphs.org

Jul 5-11, HARTFORD, CT

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

Jul 25-26, IONE, WA

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

Aug 13-16, BIG VALLEY, AB

Alberta Free-mo 2009. An entire hockey rink filled with a modular layout! Modules expected from Chilliwack, Cariboo Free-mo, Battle River Railway Modellers and Calgary Free-mo. Info:- www.calgaryfreemo.ca

Aug 14-23, 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 14-16, TOPPENISH, WA

11th Annual Toppenish Rail and Western Art Show, Asotin & Toppenish Ave. Approximately 20 western and railroad artists. Info: www.nprymuseum.org.

Sep 5 (Sat), METALINE FALLS, WA

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

Sep 11-13, CALDWELL, ID

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

Sep 17-19, EDMONTON, AB

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

Sep 19-20, EDMONTON, AB

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

Oct 17-18, CHILLIWACK, BC

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

Nov 13-16, BURNABY, BC

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

Nov 14-15, BURNABY, BC

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

Superintendent's Report

Gary Hazell

Now that Spring is in the air we can all think about railfanning or that "G" scale layout you are dreaming about. I have got started and I have a tunnel constructed under a waterfall and about 20 feet of hand-laid track. I have a long way to go but hopefully I can get a lot more done this year. Also I have been working on my HO scale Eagle Valley Railway. The branch line is in, there are now 3 staging tracks and block detection on all 20 blocks. All this is in anticipation of our 2010 Spring meet next Easter in Salmon Arm. We have redone our website and although the registration form is not quite ready you can look at the site at www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com and download our poster. We will have more information in the Fall.

By the time you get this I will have travelled with Tim Anderson of www.ngineering.com to the Calgary Super Train show April 18-19. This will give me an opportunity to promote our 2010 meet and to help Tim with his booth. Ngineering is the company in Battleground, WA just East of Vancouver, WA that manufactures very small (ultra small) simulators that use specially programmed micro processors. They also handle micro, nano and super-incandescent high intensity LED's, small lengths of stainless steel tubing (from .050" down to .018") through which you can still thread tiny 32 gauge wire, (yes they have the wire to go through it), escutcheon plates and scale (I mean scale) lampshades. All this along with small soldering irons, low temperature silver solder, ultra-thin saw blades for Rotary tools and even a small LED tester. Check out their website and there are more and more hobby shops stocking their products. Tim is an N scaler and could not find products small enough for his needs hence the Ngineering. We, SAMRA, are using a number of his products including the flash camera on the highway bridge and new tower lights on the lift bridge. These tiny LED's are much more to scale and we are going to change our street lights over to the small stainless tubing with escutcheon plates, lamp-

shades and LED's. This will get us away from changing incandescent light bulbs and much over-size brass tubing.

I received an email last week telling me to look at www.wimp/largestmodel/ - absolutely incredible, too much to describe, but it is in Hamburg Germany and the commentary is in English.

Membership is down slightly to 319 but I suspect it is partly due to the economy. I think spending what cash you have on Model Railroading vs. going out for dinner or on long trips is easier on the pocket book and speaking of membership it is only \$22.00 Cdn to keep your membership current. If you are reading this from someone else and interested in more information please email me or Don Hillman, Canadian Registrar. We are listed on the page with **PNR 7th Division**.

I hope a number of you are planning to attend the PNR Northern Lights Convention in Edmonton Sept. 17-19 and the Great Edmonton Train show Sept 19-20. Check out their web site at www.northernlights2009.ca. There is also a link to the Edmonton Train Show. Have a great spring and I will see you in the July-Aug issue.

New Members

We are please to welcome the following new members;

Royan Black	Chilliwack
John Black	Chilliwack
Ronald Jones	Abbotsford
Kelly McKay	Chilliwack
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7th Division Video Library

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 A full list of tapes is published in the September issue of the BULLETIN BOARD

North Fraser Report

Tom Carr



1. Santa Fe diesel power in action on the TrainGang layout at the Baillie House Train Show in February 2009. Bob Berbeck photo.

Spring has sprung, the grass has riz.....at least in theory, that is. Winter seems to be lingering this year, March has been colder and wetter than normal. So much for global warming, at least so far this year.

Members of all three clubs in the North Fraser area attended and participated in both the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club Train Show in Vancouver in mid-February, and the Western Rails Train Show in Burnaby in March. Attendance at both shows seemed good, although a false fire alarm at Cameron Centre during Western Rails that forced everyone outside in the rain and snow did dampen folk's enthusiasm somewhat.

The Dewdney Alouette Railway Society (DARS) reports that they are busy with track maintenance and hosting museum tour groups. They are continuing FreeMo construction and are almost to the track laying stage.

The TraiNgang held it's AGM on January 18th and elected Clint Maxwell as their newest coordinator, congratulations Clint. Long-time coordinator Bob Berbeck was elected to the newly created position of Superintendent, congratulations Bob and thanks for your many years of hard work and dedication to the club. The TraiNgang also put on shows at the Baillie House Extended Care Centre at Ridge Meadows Hospital for two weekends in February, followed by another two weekends at the Willow Manor Senior's Residence in Maple Ridge. Both shows were very well received by the residents, staff and visitors at each location; and both venues have invited the TraiNgang back again next year.



TraiNgang Superintendent Bob Berbeck (L) and Coordinator Clint Maxwell smile for the camera at the annual Baillie House Train Show in February 2009. Bob Berbeck Photo.

The Maple Ridge Model Railroad club continues to meet weekly. It's a very friendly club and I will visit them again soon and report more on their activities in my next column.

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.

**Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster &
Richmond Report**

John Green

One billion SkyTrain riders!

Copied without permission from the February 13th 2009 edition of the Buzzer which is now published by TRAN-LINK

The buzzer began publication in The Buzzer is a free onboard publication.

It was first published June 2, 1916, and is presently distributed on the first Friday of every month.

- By the first weeks of March, one billion paying passengers will have traveled on our SkyTrain system!
- Ridership estimates have put us at this historic number after just over 23 years of SkyTrain service—that’s since we launched full revenue service on Jan. 3, 1986. (Those who joined SkyTrain for eight days of free preview rides starting Dec. 11, 1985 weren’t counted in the estimates, sorry!)
- SkyTrain was built not only to provide a rapid transit system for our region, but also to coincide with Expo 86, the five-month long World’s Fair exhibition hosted by Vancouver in 1986.
- The fair’s theme was transportation and communication, which accelerated the development of the long-discussed regional rapid transit system.
- The new SkyTrain launched with 15 stations, starting at Waterfront and ending at New Westminster.
- It repurposed two existing lines from historic rail systems—the 1933 CP rail tunnel under downtown Vancouver, and the old B.C. Electric interurban train route through Burnaby and New Westminster.
- SkyTrain also provided connections between the major Expo sites—Canada Place, where the Canadian National pavilion resided, and the main Expo exhibition area near B.C. Place and Science World.
- Today, SkyTrain has expanded to become the world’s longest automated light rapid transit system, spanning 49.5 km from Vancouver to Surrey.
- The system now carries over 73 million riders per year, an average of about 240,000 per weekday, with over 20,000 in peak hours.

- That all adds up to one billion riders carried so far—and means a big thank you to every rider who helped us reach this milestone. Congratulations to SkyTrain and its customers! Here’s to the next billion riders we’ll carry!

Astronomical SkyTrain facts

- With an average trip length of just over 10 kilometres, SkyTrain riders have logged **more than 10 billion kilometres of travel**, nearly a round trip to Pluto (a mere 5.7 billion km from Earth).
- SkyTrain’s 210 cars have accumulated over **593 million kilometres of travel**, which is nearly two return trips to the sun. (The Earth orbits at 150 million kilometres from the sun.) The entire fleet averages 180,000 kilometres per car, per year.
- The original 114 cars, delivered 1984-1986, have travelled **an average of 3.7 million kilometres each**, more than 87 trips around the Earth (a 40,000 km circumference).
- The rails between Waterfront and New Westminster have carried **more than 2.5 million trains**. That’s 10 million cars and 40 million wheels!
- Over one billion paying riders have been on SkyTrain since 1986!

SkyTrain service, by the numbers

- 43.5** SkyTrain’s average in-service speed, in kilometres per hour
- 108** Number of seconds between trains during rush hours, in the stretch between Waterfront and Columbia
- 480** Number of trips SkyTrain provides on an average weekday
- 12,000** Average number of passengers per hour during peak hours, from Broadway to Waterfront, the busiest section of the line

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