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## 2007 Victoria Model Railway Show Report

By David Tomljenovich

Vancouver Island Garden Railway (Victoria) steals the Show at the seventeen annual 2007 Victoria Model Railway Show held at the 2,230 meter Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

The big attention getter appearing for the first time was a big hit for the families and children. A truly scenic layout (a figure eight with an outside mainline) with real grass turf, variety of shrubs and plants, and buildings. Beautifully done! A credit to their landscape crew. The small kids were allowed to sitting and/or getting down on their knees to watch the trains run by. My compliments to David Marecek, Dave Hitchcock and their wonderful crew. In keeping with the family attractions, new to our venue for the first time was the Victoria Lego group very popular with the families, along with the popular Thomas the Tank attractions at the Tin Plate Operating Society (Line and the Ganger Group. Overall response at the Centre is still positive from both the public and sale vendors.

Our attendance was down by 25% from last year due to many other attractions happening in the greater Victoria area and the rainy weather. Still 1525 in attendance enjoyed the many popular operating model railroad clubs and group. 12 foot aisles and an increase of new venders brought some great deals at various exhibitors and happy smiles from the public.

I would like to thank the following dealers for providing the hourly door prizes, BC Shavers and Hobbies, Britannia Models, Central Hobbies, Charlie Choo Choos, Creative Hobbycraft, Leisure Time Hobbies, MacDonald Video Productions and Victoria Scale Rail.

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Donations will be given out to the following supporters of the Show; Times Colonist 1000 Fund, C-Fax Santa's Anonymous and the News Group "Pennies For Presents".

The popular vote contest winners were awarded plaques with a picture of last year's winner O Scale Module "Elm Park" Cascade Pacific Railway.

The popular vote contest winners are as follow:

The **Public Choice Best Layout** went to HO Scale "Island Pacific Railway" division of Victoria Model Railway Club; **Best Module:** Wayne Paulsen O Scale "Lakeview Station" Cascade Pacific Railway; **Best Train:** Bob Dagleish; **Best Locomotive:** Rick Slingerland; **Best Rolling Stock:** Dave Quissy; **Best Diorama:** Mark Giles; **Best Proto Photo:** Robert Turner; and **Best Model Photo:** Dan Rowsell. Congratulations to the winners and participating entries.

On behalf of the Show Committee I would like to personally thank the various club members for volunteering their time on the admission tables. Thanks to the ladies @ the Ricochet's Café providing the lunches throughout the day. Special thanks to Dave Quissy, helping out on the popular vote contest, Mark Giles, floor planner, Peter Thornton-Trump our marketing whiz and public relations, and finally Ted Alexis. So all aboard for next year's **eighteen annual Victoria Model Train Show Sunday September 21st, 2008.**



CFB Esquimalt Layout

### Railfanning at Juniper Beach

Salmon Arm Model Railway Association (SAMRA) railfans every fall at the Juniper Beach Provincial Park just east of Cache Creek on Highway #1. Included are some shots of the events of that weekend not all of which are railway related. Photos are courtesy of Ed Parsons, Doug Fibish and Gary Hazell.

*-Editor*



Mainline



CN Power in foreground - CP on other bank



Feasting



New Club Member?

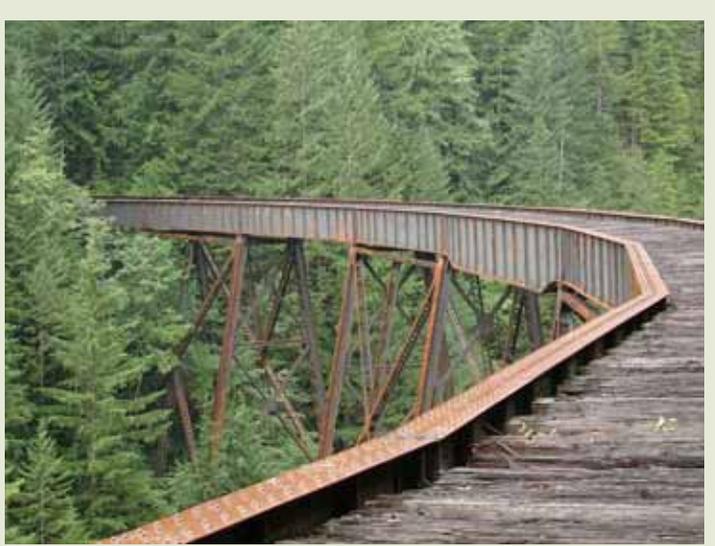


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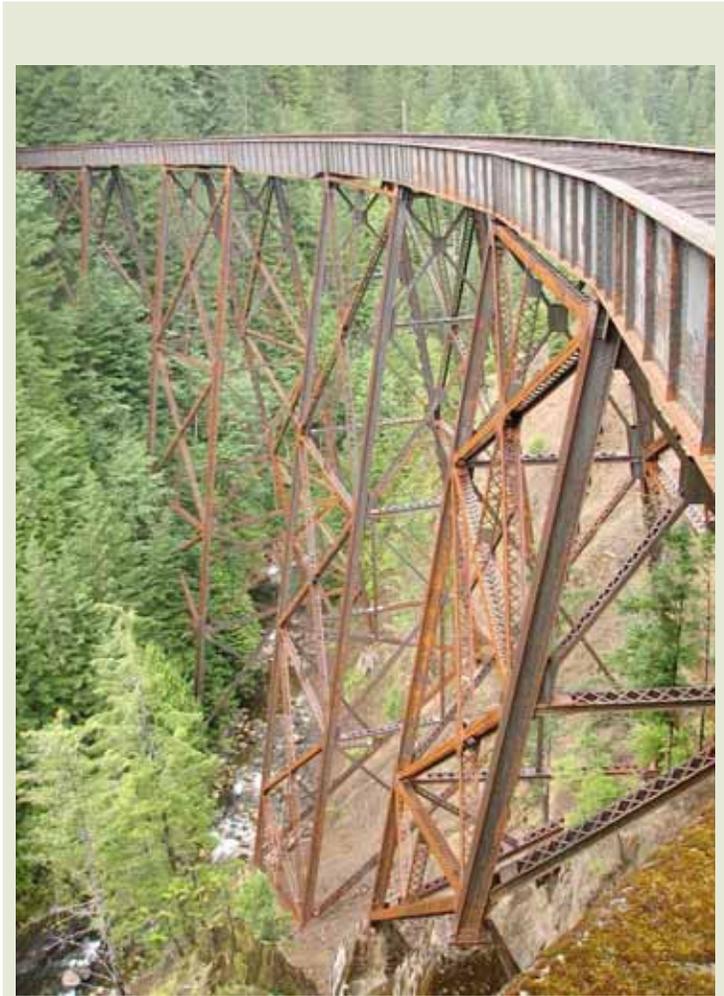
**Ladner Creek Bridge**

Included in this issue are some recent photos of two sites on the Coquihalla portion of the Kettle Valley Railway. They are used with permission from a website many of you may have used. If you are at all interested in Canadian Locomotive Company and the FM power they produced you owe it to yourself to visit this wealth of information on H16-44's, C-Liners and Trainmasters. It is as thorough a history of these locomotives as I have seen on the web. It is located at <http://members.shaw.ca/cprclc/>.

The Ladner Creek Bridge and Bridal Veil Bridge pictures will be up for a limited period of time due to web space restrictions but several are reproduced here. Check out <http://members.shaw.ca/cprclc7/southbctrip.html> and <http://members.shaw.ca/cprclc8/coquihalla.html> My thanks to Richard for permission to use these images.



**Ladner Creek Span showing Decking**



**Ladner Creek Bridge**



**Southern Tunnel Portal**



**Remains of Southern Approach - Bridal Veil**

**NMRA/PNR RENEWAL**

All MEMBERSHIP INQUIRIES including NEW MEMBERSHIPS must be forwarded to the Membership Coordinator: Don Hillman, [registrar@nmracanada.ca](mailto:registrar@nmracanada.ca) Registrar, NMRA Canada, 69 Schroder Cres, Guelph ON N1E 7B4

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

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

Group name; Group contact name;  
 Building layout? Round robin group? Looking for members?  
 E-Mail &/or address &/or phone :Brian Clogg [bcclogg@shaw.ca](mailto:bcclogg@shaw.ca)

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**Editor's Desk**

**Eric Reynard**

I am very pleased to be able to include the pictures of the Ladner Creek Bridge and the Bridal Veil Bridge with the kind permission of Richard the webmaster for the CLC - FM Locomotive site. I have use his site for detailing information for the C-Liners and H16-44's for my own layout. Don't wait too long to view them as they may not be on the website past the end of November. The locomotive information is up on a permanent basis and is an excellent resource.

Thanks to all who contributed this month. I have an embarrassment of riches in terms of photographs this month and cannot possibly include them all in one issue.

Don't forget about registration for the PNR 2008 in Chilliwack. Registration now still saves you money even though the Early Bird deadline is past. Check for registration and other information at <http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com/>

See you at Trains 2007. We will be there with the layout.

*-Editor*

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July 15th	August 15th	Sep/Oct

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**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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7th Division <http://www3.telus.net/rlink/7division/>

PNR <http://pnr.nmra.org>

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**Questions?????**

Please feel free to contact any of the members if you have questions, comments, suggestions or concerns. The strength of any organization is with it's members! DIRECT YOUR MODELING QUESTIONS to our 7th Division Member Aid Chairman, Bob Gardner, MMR, Voice: (250) 832 9883, Fax: (250) 832-0681, Email: [rvongard@jetstream.net](mailto:rvongard@jetstream.net)

The National Model Railroad Association (Canada) is a separately incorporated section of the National Model Railroad Association Inc. headquarters in Chattanooga, TN. NMRA (Canada) is presently a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving our railroad heritage through the promotion of model railroading and by promoting and recognizing craftsmanship and service to others within the hobby.

**NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

All members are invited to attend the Annual General meeting of the Seventh Division, Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association (CANADA) which will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 2:30 PM in the Cedar Room of the Cameron Recreation Centre,  
 9523 Cameron Street, Burnaby, BC.  
 Respectfully submitted by  
 John Green  
 Secretary Seventh Division, Pacific Northwest Region  
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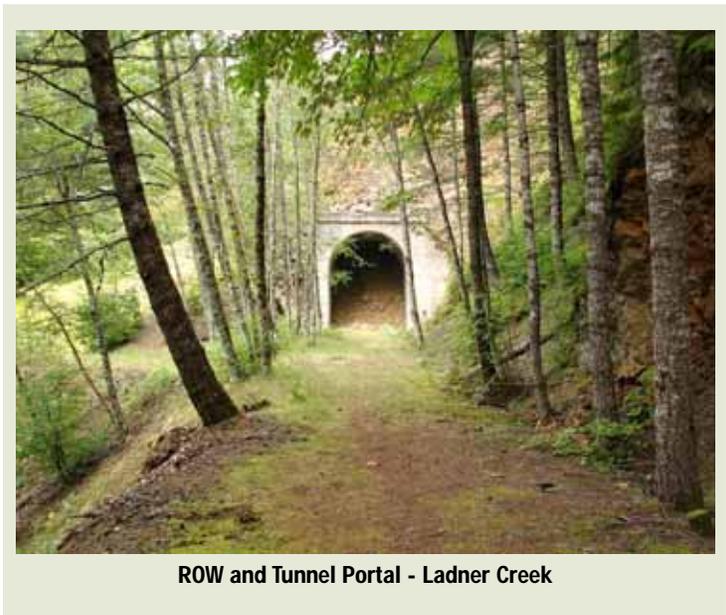
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**ROW and Tunnel Portal - Ladner Creek**

## TIMETABLE

### Nov 9-12, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2007, 25th Annual 7th Div Fall Meet, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. Trains Meet Registrar, Bill, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (604) 987-4237, [Trains-2007-reg@telus.net](mailto:Trains-2007-reg@telus.net), Info: - Dick, (604) 467-4301, [www.bctrains.org](http://www.bctrains.org)

### Nov 11-12, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2007, 25th Annual Public Show, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 10am-4pm. Info: - Trains Show Registrar, Bill, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (604) 987-4237, [Trains-2007-reg@telus.net](mailto:Trains-2007-reg@telus.net), [www.bctrains.org](http://www.bctrains.org)

### Nov 10 (Sat), KENT, WA

28th Boeing Employees' Model Railroad Club Annual Model Railroad and Railroadians SWAP MEET 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Kent Commons, 525 Fourth Ave N. Info:- [swapmeet@bemrrc.com](http://swapmeet@bemrrc.com), [www.bemrrc.com](http://www.bemrrc.com)

### Nov 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, Dec 1-2, PORTLAND, OR

Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club Annual Show, 2505 N. Vancouver Ave. 10am-5pm. Admission: Adults \$5, kids 3-11 \$2.00 Info: - (503) 28-TRAIN, [www.cgmrc.com](http://www.cgmrc.com)

### Nov 11-12, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2007, 25th Annual Public Show, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 10am-4pm. Info: - Trains Show Registrar, Bill, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (604) 987-4237, [Trains-2007-reg@telus.net](mailto:Trains-2007-reg@telus.net), [www.bctrains.org](http://www.bctrains.org).

### Nov 17-18, PUYALLUP, WA

The Great Train Expo Western Washington Fairgrounds, 110 9th Ave SW Sat & Sun: 10 am - 4 pm Cost: \$7; Ages 11 & under free w/ adult Info:- [www.GreatTrainExpo.com](http://www.GreatTrainExpo.com)

### Nov 24-25, MEDFORD, OR

30th Annual Rogue Valley Railroad Show, Medford Armory, 1701 S. Pacific Highway, Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4 Info: - Brad Fawcett 541-535-7952, [bfawcett@mind.net](mailto:bfawcett@mind.net) or [rvmrc.railfan.net/](http://rvmrc.railfan.net/)

### Nov 24-25, Dec 1-2, 8-9, 15, NORTH BEND, WA

Santa Train 2007 to Snoqualmie and return, North Bend Depot, 205 McClellan Street. Tickets \$14 for everyone 2 and older. Departures hourly, 9AM-3PM (sells out in advance) Info: - [www.trainmuseum.org/SantaTrain.asp](http://www.trainmuseum.org/SantaTrain.asp)

### Dec 1 (Sat), RICKREALL, OR

Polk Station Rail Annual Open House, 280 Main St (99W), 12-4PM. Info: - [www.trainweb.org/psr/](http://www.trainweb.org/psr/)

### Dec 8-9, RAINIER, OR

Longview Kelso & Rainier Model RR Club Show and Swap Meet, Riverside Community Church, 305 W 3rd Street. Sat 10-5, Sun 12-4 Info: - Al Belanger 503 556 3415 or Dave Helton 503 556 2362

### Dec 15-16, RIDGEFIELD, WA

The Great Train Expo - the largest traveling model train show. Clark County Fairgrounds Info:- [www.greattrainexpo.com/](http://www.greattrainexpo.com/)

### Dec 26 - Jan 1, TACOMA, WA

12th Annual Train Festival, Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Ave. Info: - (253) 272-3500, [www.washingtonhistory.org/wshm/exhibits-events.htm](http://www.washingtonhistory.org/wshm/exhibits-events.htm)

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### Jan 19-21, SEATTLE, WA

34th annual Pacific Science Center show, 4th Div NMRA, Sat - Mon (Dr. Martin Luther King Day weekend), 10 am - 6 pm. Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors 65+ \$8.50, Child 3-13 \$7. For more info contact Frank Dekker, [rekkedrails@juno.com](mailto:rekkedrails@juno.com), Jeff Moorman, [kb7rr@arrl.net](mailto:kb7rr@arrl.net), or see [www.4dprn.org/PSCshow.htm](http://www.4dprn.org/PSCshow.htm)

### Feb 16 (Sat), SPOKANE VALLEY, WA

Open house at River city Modelers Club, 11811 E. First, Spokane Valley, WA from 7 PM to 9:30 PM. For more info or flyer, contact Bob & Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314, 509-292-8332 or email: [shirleysample@qwest.net](mailto:shirleysample@qwest.net)

### Feb 17 (Sun), SPOKANE, WA

Model Railroad Train Show & Swap Meet sponsored by the River City Modelers Club from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Spokane Community College, Lair Building, Mission & Greene Streets, Spokane, WA. Admission \$5 for adults, \$3 for 11 to 16 years

of age, 10 & under free with adult. For more information or flyer for tables please contact: Bob & Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314, 509-292-8332 or via email: [shirleysample@qwest.net](mailto:shirleysample@qwest.net)

### Feb 23 (Sat), CLACKAMAS, OR

The Willamette Model presents 23rd annual Model Railroad Swap Meet at Camp Withycombe Armory, SE 102nd off of HWY 212/224 from 10am to 3pm. Admission is FREE. Info:- Rick Andrews 5650 SW 182nd Aloha, Oregon 97007, (503) 642-3298, [DRDREWS@msn.com](mailto:DRDREWS@msn.com)

### Apr 12-13, EUGENE, OR

Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club 20th Annual Train Show & Swap Meet at the Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. 13th Avenue. Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Vendors can set up on Friday, April 13th from 10 am to 10 pm. Admission: 11 and older \$5.00, 10 and younger free if accompanied by an adult, early bird special (9 am) for \$10 (admission is good for both days). Info:- Lee or Diane Temple at 541-954-4917 or 541-225-7394, [ttandt@ram-mail.com](mailto:ttandt@ram-mail.com)

### Apr 19-20, CALGARY, AB

Supertrain 2008 \*NEW DATE AND LOCATION\* Calgary Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. Time: 9-5 both days. Families: \$20, Adults: \$10, Children 12 and under: \$5. Info:- [www.supertrain.ca](http://www.supertrain.ca)

### Apr 26-27, PUYALLUP, WA

April 26 & 27, 2008 Trains, Trains and More Trains Train Show and 4dPNR Spring Meet At Puyallup Fair and Events Center, Pavilion and Expo Halls, 9th and Meridian, Puyallup, WA Saturday 10-5 (early admission for a fee) Sunday 10-4 Info:- [www.tmtshow.com](http://www.tmtshow.com) or [tmt@4dprn.org](mailto:tmt@4dprn.org)

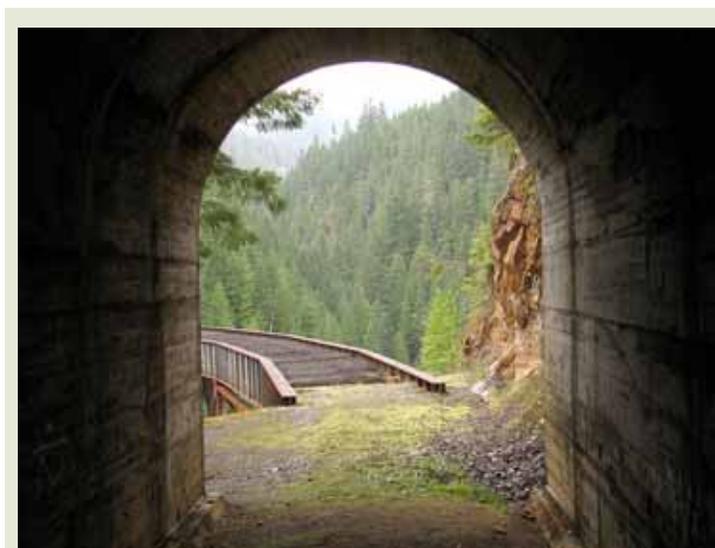
### Jun 12-15, CHILLIWACK, BC

Chilliwack Interchange 2008 - PNR 2008 Regional Convention. Best Western Rainbow Country Inn. Info :- [www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com](http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com)

### 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... Info:- Harry Lubbers, [hlubbers@lis.ab.ca](mailto:hlubbers@lis.ab.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](mailto:timetable@pnr.nmra.org)



Engineer's View - Ladner Creek Bridge

## Superintendent's Report

-Gary Hazell

As you read this and a lot of you will be getting together for the 25 Anniversary of Trains 2007. There is still time to register at [Trains-2007-reg@telus.net](mailto:Trains-2007-reg@telus.net) or visit their site at [www.bctrains.org](http://www.bctrains.org) The Annual General Meeting will be held at 1430 hours (2:30 PM) in the Cedar Room at the Cameron Recreation Centre in Burnaby, BC on Saturday November 10th. Everyone is welcome to attend and I would encourage you to please attend as this is your Division and it is where decisions for the up coming years are made. There will also be reports on all of the meets that have been held this year and there have been a number of them along with a number of other reports that will bring everyone up to date on the activities of your 7<sup>th</sup> Division.

I was planning to ask one of the directors to introduce a motion to charge a subscription fee for this BB that is sent out 6 (hopefully) times per year but as I look through the membership list which now shows birthdates I realize that our membership is aging and that a number of our senior members especially those that do not have email nor have any intensions of getting it would be unfairly charged a subscription fee. What I am going to ask is that everyone who has email except the BB this way. There are over 50 of you that are not presently taking it by email and that would significantly reduce our costs. I will ask Eric Reynard our BB editor and John Zuk our webmaster to comment and explain this procedure (file size and/or access). I will also ask that we introduce a policy whereby we ask those who don't have it emailed make a yearly donation of between \$10 and \$15 (or more if you wish) to cover the costs of mailing. Starting at the first of the year a letter requesting a donation will be sent out to all that get this BB by mail. Donations can be sent to our treasurer Mike Barone Box 1048 Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L0

I am getting excited about this coming year PNR Convention in June of next year. For any of you that have not attended a PNR convention this will be a great opportunity. The 7<sup>th</sup> Division only gets to hold the convention once every 7 years as there is seven Divisions in the PNR and the convention rotates throughout the Divisions. You should register early as I suspect a number from the Northwest will attend. Also the convention hotel only has a limited number of rooms. For more information go to [www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com](http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com)

As I reflect on the last two years we have seen a number of changes. The biggest change saw the implementation of the NMRA's Long Range Plan where the Canadian NMRA was given its' own status and as such we were able to select services from the NMRA in Chattanooga to reflect the needs of the Canadian Model Railroader. Membership is now \$20.00 CDN and the publication, Scale Rails

only adds \$24.00 to your membership. Scale Rails is published 12 times per year, features great articles on Model Railroading and is in colour, all on glossy paper, you really should look at it - that's \$2.00 per issue mailed to your door. There are now over 100 members taking the Bulletin Board by email. We also saw some new Model Railroad Shows. Another great achievement for members in our Division was in holding the Canadian Association of Model Railroaders convention in Victoria. I was able to attend a number of shows in our 7<sup>th</sup> Division and all in all it has been a great two years. I would like to thank the 7<sup>th</sup> Div executive and Standing Committee members (appointed positions) for all their help.

See you at Trains

## Truck Hits Historic Train

-Rachel Kimola



**2141 and Truck Collision**

by Rachael Kimola - Story: 34297Oct 7, 2007 / 12:52 pm  
It could have been tragic.

A group of tourists got more than they expected when the train they were riding in collided with a dump truck in Falkland. Just after 3 p.m. Saturday, the Kamloops Heritage Railway Steam Train was hit by a truck as it crossed in front of the train.

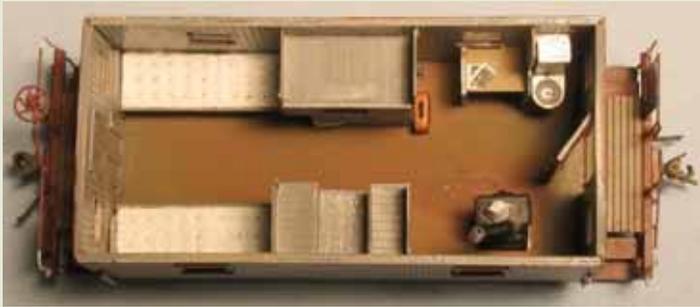
Constable Paul Hooyisma says there were about 170 people on the train, but none of them were injured. "The driver of the truck suffered minor bruises and cuts. It all could have been much worse," says Hooysma. He says the truck driver didn't see the train as he crossed the private railway crossing. "The crossing is at a corner and doesn't have signal lights. The train was unable to stop in time to avoid a collision." Hooysma says the KHRS is mainly used as tourist attraction.

"It's a beautiful old steam train and it does daily trips from Kamloops to Armstrong. It's very popular with tourists."

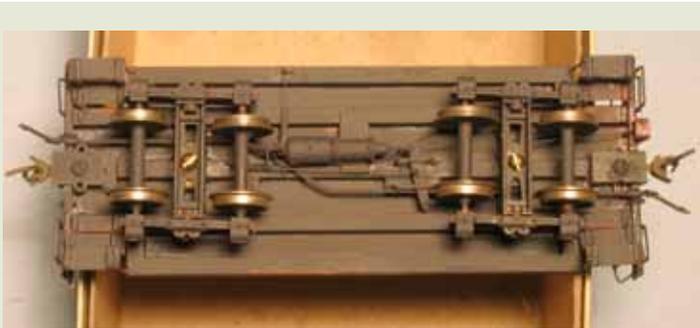
It's not known if charges will be brought against the driver. Hooysma says speeding and alcohol are not considered factors.

## Building a Narrow Gauge Caboose

-Ed Warren



The interior is built up from Grandt Line parts, arranged to suit the space



The completed underframe. The trucks are from the San Juan Car Co; they are slightly smaller than those from Bachman. As no prototype information was available, the underframe layout followed standard practice, and what I had in my parts bin.



The painted caboose before final weathering and paint touch-up. The end ladders are held down by brass pins in the end beam and roof. A functioning door is simply hung on paper hinges, held with styrene cement.

## Building a Narrow Gauge Caboose

- a few hints on construction of a model from photos.

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A lot of the fun in the hobby for me is in building a unique model from scratch. I have needed a caboose for my On30 branchline on my O scale Esquimalt and Nanaimo layout for quite some time. Most of the commercial models available are based on the three foot gauge American prototypes of Colorado Southern, D&RGW or East Broad Top. British Columbia had a beautiful three foot line in the Kootenay Mountains called the Kaslo and Slocan Railway. Robert Turner and Dave Wilkie published an excellent book on the line in 1994 called "The Skyline Limited" (Sono Nis Press). There are photos on pages 69, 94 and 111 that show the one and only Kaslo and Slocan caboose at the end of a train. Typically, the photographer was focused on the engine, so the caboose is poorly exposed. But the shape and size caught my eye. There has been no other data found about the caboose. The Kaslo and Slocan's boxcars were built by the railway in 1895 in Kaslo (probably by boat building carpenters), and it is safe to assume that the caboose was built there also. It is not listed in the equipment inventory when the line was taken over by the CPR in 1912, so had probably been scrapped by then.

One of the nice things about modelling in On30 is that there was never a prototype in that gauge (except for small, short-lived industrial lines), so you are free to do what you like. We use the three foot prototype for inspiration, but otherwise our imagination and desires lead the way. No one can criticize your model as unprototypic- there never was one!

The K&S caboose is the perfect shape, style and size for my needs, but judging from the photos and available information, some things needed to be changed. It is not clear whether there were truss rods on the prototype. Probably not as one photo shows that it may have been a 4 wheel (bobber) caboose so truss rods would not be needed for support. I elected to use two 4 wheel arch bar trucks from San Juan Car Company with 24" wheels, rather than scratchbuild the bobber truck. The two trucks should hold the track better than a rigid, long wheelbase 4 wheel truck. Nothing takes the fun out of operation like constant derailments.

The prototype used link and pin couplers, but I chose Kadee #5's set at On3 height.

There was probably no roofwalk, and ladders are not visible on the photos, but I thought the model looked better with ladders and roofwalk, so I installed them on the model. The prototype photos don't give much information about the railing or grab or brake gear location, so I used common sense and common practice for their placement.

The K&S apparently did not paint its boxcars, so the caboose was probably unpainted also, and the photos do not show any lettering. But weathered siding is hard to model well, so I painted and lettered the exterior. These are the liberties you can take with a semi-freelanced model. If you submit your freelanced model for AP judging as part of your Master Builder -Cars Certificate, these liberties don't matter to your score. The model only has to look like it would work as a prototype, and using even scanty photo information takes you a long way to that goal.

In order to extract dimensions from the photograph, I started with the assumption that the side would be 6.75 feet tall (6' inside height at the wall and 9" for the floor sill). Using a digital caliper, I measured the distance from the eaves to the window top, the window height, and the distance from the sill to the bottom. Plugging in my 6' 9" foot total height into a simple algebra equation gave me a distance of 1.1' eaves to window, 2' for the window height, and 3.63' for the sill to bottom distance. The cupola measured 2.33' high. I rounded off the numbers for convenience, which I expect the prototype builder did too. It is not so easy to extract lengths from a photograph without some fancy trigonometry or an expensive computer imaging program, so I assumed the sides to be 16' 3" long and the cupola to be 5' 3" long, centred on the body. I made the windows 18" wide with 2" trim, and the body 8' wide with 24" platforms.

I start construction with the underframe. I like to make caboose underframes from brass as they take a lot of wear and tear on the layout and brass is more durable and repairable. But styrene works too. Once the steps are installed, I add the brake rigging. Grandt Line makes a very nice Type K cylinder (part # 97) and air hoses (part # 115). The body is made using Evergreen 3047 .030 scribed passenger car siding. I laid out the sides by marking and cutting the window openings with a square, as well as the ends. The roof is made from #2060 scribed styrene cut 8'6" by 20' 6". A trick to bending styrene is to use an old metal paint can (or whatever has the correct radius)



The completed Kaslo and Slocan On30 caboose in service

as a form. Hold down the roof sheet with metal straps (.02 by .25 brass strip) clamped with elastic bands, and pour over boiling water from the kettle. After it cools, the curve will hold in the plastic. I trimmed the edges with 1 X 4, forming the end curves with gentle finger pressure. The roof is covered in a layer of single ply tissue, held down with yellow glue over paint primer. The primer keeps the glue from lifting off the plastic.

I like to instal the .02 brass wire grab irons and railings into #74 holes with ACC and then drill #72 right next to the wire and instal styrene NBW castings- I used Grandt Line #62 because they were in my parts box. This gives the illusion of a flattened bent grab end bolted to the body. The ladders are scratch built, but you can use commercial ladder stock. My method for making ladders is as follows; Cut four lengths of Detail Associates #2528 .015 X .042 flat brass wire about 3" long. Bend the end into a half inch curve, hold

ing the flat with pliers and gradually forming the curve as you work your way down to the end. Make sure the curve matches on all four, and then solder together in pairs. Drill #78 holes for the rungs every 18". Unsolder the pairs, then thread .015 wire rungs into the holes, and solder. Drilling the ladder sides as pairs insures even, square spacing. I put a 90 degree twist on the bottom, drilled #74 and soldered on .02 mounting pins for mounting on the end sill. They are attached to the roof with small angles and pins. This holds the roof on. You could also ACC the ends into slots cut in the roof or make a bend on the end and glue it down.

I hope these few hints will inspire you to jump in and freelance a model that you like. The test of the design you have extrapolated from photos comes when you put the finished model on a train. If it evokes the feelings you got when you looked at those 100 year old photos, you are a success.

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##### Wednesday, Dec. 12

- Sparwood - 4:15 p.m., 367 Pine Street (behind the Leisure Centre)
- Fernie - 6:00 p.m., 700 1st Avenue (behind Station)
- Cranbrook - 9:45 p.m., 1400 block Theatre Road

##### Thursday, Dec. 13

- Castlegar - 4:15 p.m., to be determined
- Nelson - 7:45 p.m., to be determined

##### Friday, Dec. 14

- Radium - 7:45 p.m., Foresters Road Crossing
- Golden - 10:15 p.m. PT (11:15 p.m. MT), Across from 7-11 Store (Track #7), 10th Ave

##### Saturday, Dec. 15

- Revelstoke - 3:15 p.m., House Track in Revelstoke Yard, Victoria Road adjacent to CPR Parking Lot
- Sicamous - 5:30 p.m., N.W. corner of HWY #1 at Silver Sand Road Intersection, East of the Draw Bridge
- Salmon Arm - 7:15 p.m., CPR Station, 51 Lake Shore Drive
- Notch Hill - 9:15 p.m., Davies Road - Notch Hill Rd Crossing across from Notch Hill Hall, 1639 Notch Hill Rd.

##### Sunday, Dec. 16

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Garden Railway at Victoria Show

## Nanaimo E&N Station Fire Aftermath

-John Green



Remains of E&N Station After Fire



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From the newspapers it seems the fire was deliberately set. Efforts are underway to restore the station but as always it is complicated. For more information see [http://www.bcclocalnews.com/vancouver\\_island\\_central/nanaimonewsbulletin/news/10674786.html](http://www.bcclocalnews.com/vancouver_island_central/nanaimonewsbulletin/news/10674786.html)

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