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Victoria Model Railway Show 2008

Ted Alexis: Lower Island Division

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.



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 increase 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 –

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-

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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 8, 2008 at 3:00 PM in the Cedar Room of the Cameron Recreation Centre,

9523 Cameron Street, Burnaby, BC.

Respectfully submitted by

John Green

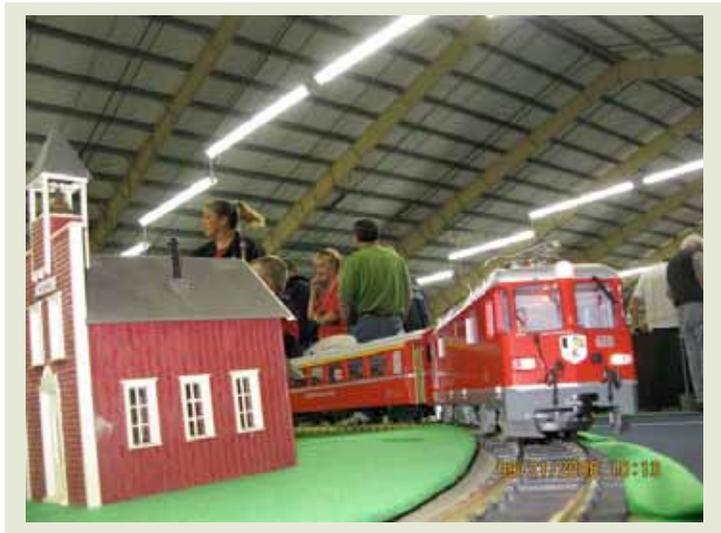
Secretary Seventh Division, Pacific Northwest Region
National Model Railroad Association (CANADA)

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 13th, 2009!

Popular Vote Winners: Public Choice

- Best Layout went to: 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



NMRA/PNR RENEWAL

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

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.

Group name; Group contact name;
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- 7th Division <http://www3.telus.net/rlink/7division/>
- PNR <http://pnr.nmra.org>
- NMRA <http://www.nmra.org>
- NMRA Canada <http://www.nmracanada.ca>

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the 7th Division of the PNR;

- Wayne Huffman
- E. Ivan
- Joan Sheffield
- Randy Sheffield
- Salmon Arm, BC
- Richmond, BC
- Rosedale, BC
- Rosedale, BC

Editor's Desk**Eric Reynard**

As if I didn't have enough modelling to do with the HO layout in the basement I went and added the garden railroad bug to the mix. We have been renovating the back yard for several summers now and with the near completion of a significant water feature my wife suggested that a garden railway might be an interesting addition. Not being one to pass up that kind of opportunity I wasted no time in getting down to the local hobby shop which just happened to be having a 40% off sale as they are relocating. The thing that surprised me most was the range of scales involved in garden railroad-ing. I was somewhat confused at first but sorted it out eventually and am now the proud owner of a three-truck Shay in 1:20.3. I have always had a fondness for narrow gauge but somehow never saw it being expressed in so large a form.

On a completely different topic I am very sorry for the lateness of this issue. The file for the Bulletin became corrupted and I had to redo the entire edition from scratch as my backups are only done once a day and I had completed the work in a single evening. It is a tiny bit tedious redoing the same material so it is not as timely as I would like. Hopefully I didn't miss anything the second time around. Thanks for your patience.

Thanks again to Tom Carr for his regular North Fraser Report.

-Editor

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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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Timetable**2008****Nov 1 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR**

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (30th year), 5500 S.E., Belmont, noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Running: Modern - 1965-present. Info: - Don Mills (503) 655-3984, MHMENG@aol.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.

Nov 8 (Sat), KENT, WA

29th 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, www.bemrrc.com

Nov 8-9, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2008, 26th Annual Public Show, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cam-

eron St. 10am-4pm. Info: - Trains RE: Public Show, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, trains2008@telus.net, www.bctrains.org.

Nov 8 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (30th year), 5500 S.E., Belmont, noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Running: Member's Pride - anything from steam to modern diesels. Info: - Don Mills (503) 655-3984, MHMENG@aol.com.

Nov 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, 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.cgmr.com

Nov 15 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (30th year), 5500 S.E., Belmont, noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Running: Passenger and Express. Info: - Don Mills (503) 655-3984, MHMENG@aol.com.

Nov 15-16, PUYALLUP, WA

The Great Train Expo Western Washington Fairgrounds, 110 9th Ave SW Sat & Sun: 10 am - 4 pm Cost: \$7; Under 12 free w/ adult Info:- www.GreatTrainExpo.com

Nov 22 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (30th year), 5500 S.E., Belmont, noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Running: Steam. Info: - Don Mills (503) 655-3984, MHMENG@aol.com.

Nov 29 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (30th year), 5500 S.E., Belmont, noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Running: Mt. Hood era (1945-1965). Info: - Don Mills (503) 655-3984, MHMENG@aol.com.

Nov 29-30, MEDFORD, OR

Annual Rogue Valley Train Show, Medford Armory, 1701 S. Pacific Highway. Displays, Exhibits, Swap Meet, Door Prizes, Raffle. Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4 Info: - Brad Fawcett 541-535-7952, bfawcett@mind.net or rvmrc.railfan.net/

Nov 29-30, Dec 6-7, 13-14, 20, NORTH BEND, WA

Santa Train 2007 to Snoqualmie and return, North Bend Depot, 205 McClellan Street. Tickets \$15 for everyone 2 and older. Departures hourly, 9AM-3PM (sells out in advance) Info: - www.trainmuseum.org/SantaTrain.asp

Dec 6 (Sat), RICKREALL, OR

Railroad Show and Swap Meet - Sponsored by the Willamette Valley Model Railroad Club - 10AM-3PM Polk County Fairgrounds Hwy 22 and Hwy 99E 10 miles west of Salem. Adult: \$5 Under 12: Free. Over 100 Tables - Kids Layout to operate - All scales of trains - Information on local historical societies and clubs. Info:- Judy MacInnes 503-581-6071 macinnej@msn.com

2009**Jan 17-19, SEATTLE, WA**

35th annual Pacific Science Center show - 200 2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA. 10 am - 6 pm. The 4th Division, PNR coordinates the model railroads, historical displays, and related activities for this show. This is an exhibition show. No swap-meet or vendor sales. Child-interest activities and participation opportunities are encouraged. Current fee, parking, and other facility information is at www.pacsci.org/visitorinfo/. Info:- Frank Dekker, 425-746-6964 (evenings), rekkedrails@juno.com, or see www.4dpnr.org/PSCshow.htm

Jan 31 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

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

Feb 14 (Sat), SPOKANE, WA

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

Feb 15 (Sun), SPOKANE, WA

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

Mar 22 (Sun), PULLMAN, WA

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

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

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

Apr 15-19, FREMONT, CA

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

Apr 18-19, CALGARY, AB

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

Apr 26 (Sun), HELENA, MT

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

Jul 5-11, HARTFORD, CT

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

Sep 17-19, EDMONTON, AB

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

Superintendent's Report**Gary Hazell****Jack O'Lanterns - Juniper Beach**

Well here it is time for Trains again. I had hoped it would be held at a new venue this year as at the 25th anniversary of Trains last year it was stated that the members who organized it were burnt out and that Trains needed new blood and quite possibly would be the last Trains show. I guess I have mixed feelings about it; first of all I am pleased that we are having a Trains show this year and that there appears to be enough organizers and volunteers. The program looks great. But I am terribly disappointed that it is still at the Cameron Centre. Trains out-grew the centre years ago when it had to take over all or most of the racquet courts and is on two floors. They have had to turn away vendors and I am sure some of the possible displays. The parking is terrible, the access for the vendors and displays is terrible and on a rainy night the grass is very slippery. There is only one door in and out for loading. I know it has been said that there is some sort of a footprint that Trains must remain in to meet its mandate. I have been told it cannot move very far. I guess someone forgot to tell the Calgary Trainman's Association about a footprint as they have moved their Calgary Show from the Armoury

in downtown Calgary to the Big Four at the Stampede Grounds and just this last year away out to the Soccer complex in the SE with acres of free parking. They also changed the date from Feb to April and although they had a freak two-day blizzard they were still able to get close to 10,000 participants. IT'S TIME WE MOVED TRAINS.

At the AGM on Saturday at Trains there will be a change of the guard. Secretary John Green, Treasurer Mike Barone and member-at-large Brian Clogg are stepping down after many years of service to the 7th Division. Without their help over these years the Division would not have been able to function as well as it does. I really do thank these members for their service and would ask you, the membership, to thank them as well. I hope everyone got a chance to mail in their ballot but if you did not you can drop it off to the 7th Div NMRA booth in the Cameron Centre before noon on Saturday. We will have a new slate of executive which will be announced at the AGM. Everyone is welcome to show up for the AGM at 1500 hours in the Cedar room.

We are up again to 338 7th Div members from 301 at last report. 239 members including 17 family members receive the BB by email and 99 including 4 family members get it by mail. If you can take the BB by email please email me at comhaven@jetstream.net. As you probably know NMRA Canada membership rates and the monthly Scale Rails magazine have gone up (the first increase since Sept 2005). Membership went from \$20.00 to \$22.00 and Scale Rails went from \$24.00 to \$30.00 as of Oct 1, 2008. It is still a great bargain when you look at the cost of magazines such as MR and Railroad Model Craftsman.

As I reported to you in the last BB the Salmon Arm Club was not able to hold their annual Corn Roast this last September due to a change in campground management so we organised a combined Corn Roast and Thanksgiving camping weekend to Juniper Beach (between Cache Creek and Savona). We had a total of seven rigs. Dave Nickerson from North Vancouver and Rod & Bernie Craggs from Ashcroft joined us. We had a wonderful 3 days (some of us 5 days) topped off with a great turkey dinner cooked in a deep fryer (believe me, no oily taste and the 18 lb bird only took 55 minutes to cook). The dinner also included fresh corn cooked in our trusty corn-pot. We also had everyone bring a pumpkin which had to be carved and then they were displayed after dinner and we asked all the campers in the park to judge them. There were 40 votes and much to my amassment I took first place with my rendition of a Ghost Train. Lots of trains both CP and CN including the Rocky Mountaineer and a number of CP westbound trains on CN track were there for our viewing pleasure.

See you at Trains.

**Ghost Train - Gary Hazell**

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Bob Berbeck's N Scale Icehouse - Photo by Patrick Schaffli

North Fraser Report

Tom Carr

As summer slowly turns into fall we all look forward to shorter days, followed by longer and cooler evenings, perfect for staying in and working on our trains. I must admit that I didn't make much progress on my home layout over the summer, but I did make some good headway on my new N-Trak module, which I hope to have finished in time for TRAINS in November.

I'm grateful to the Dewdney Alouette Railway Society (DARS) for sending me their monthly newsletter as it makes it easier for me to report on their activities. They've been continuing with a general cleanup of their facility over the summer, and are continuing the planning for the center area of Port Haney on their layout. They are also planning their AGM for mid-September. On an unfortunate note they had a break in early August; the crook was scared off on his first attempt and caught on his second attempt the following night, he is now facing charges. It just goes to show that we need to be vigilant and security conscious at all times.

There's nothing to report from the Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club this month. Unfortunately I don't receive their newsletter, but I will make a point of visiting them before my next column is due.

The TraiNgang reports another successful show at Burnaby Heritage Village over the Labour Day long weekend, which is the close of the summer season at BHV. They are also scheduled for a weekend show at Confederation Park later in September. This is a club with only one actual meeting a year, their AGM in January, and yet they maintain an active show schedule and always seem to be having a lot of fun doing it. They are currently planning their layout

for TRAINS and are already doing some long range planning for next season.

The annual TRAINS show on the Remembrance Day weekend is fast approaching. As always your support is needed to make this show a success. I hope to see all of you at the show and at the 7th Division meeting.

Trains 2008 Layout Tours

John Green

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY BOUNDARY, KASLO AND PHOENIX SUBDIVISION

This layout represents the Boundary Subdivision and portions of the Kaslo the Phoenix Subdivisions during the diesel era of the mid 1960's. It has been assumed that traffic on the line remained relatively strong, and the branchline to Phoenix is still viable. The modeled portion includes sidings at Midway, Grand Forks, Castlegar, South Slocan, Troupe Junction with the main yard at Nelson. The branchline passes through Eholt (modelers license here) and terminates in the mountain community of Phoenix. The Great Northern line from Grand Forks to Republic is to be modeled on the upper shelf. A staging yard is in an adjacent room for eastbound traffic (Cranbrook), westbound traffic (Penticton), and Great Northern (Spokane) destinations. This layout has been operated using Train Order and Timetable for over ten years. The trains are controlled by the LENZ DCC system. The scenery on this pike has been enhanced with the addition of several new bridges and detailed scenery.

KETTLE VALLEY DIVISION CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

This HO model railway is a faithful representation of parts of the CPR's Kettle Valley Division in southern B.C. The 300 foot mainline is linear in design and built on two levels joined by a 4 1/2 turn helix. There are hidden staging tracks at each end where trains originate and terminate during

a three-hour formal operating session. On the lower level the Brookmere railyard is modeled as is the busy little town of Princeton. The Coquihalla Subdivision is built on the upper level with the appropriate mountain scenery and the town of Hope. All major structures are scratch-built and trains are true to the prototype. Operations on this layout are done using an authentic Time Table and Train Order system. The owner has successfully tried to capture the excitement of Mountain Railroading in the late steam era. There are grand plans for expansion in the near future.

WESTERN MIDLAND RAILROAD

The "Western Midland" is a freelanced HO scale mountain railroad in a Western setting circa 1938. A John Armstrong track plan influenced the design of this layout which occupies a 500 square foot room. All 400 feet of track is hand laid code 70, supported on L girder bench work. Seven home-built transistor throttles control train movements through a "Delaware Tower Control" routing system. Scenery, which extends to the floor in one canyon section, is currently 20 percent complete. A home-built, fully automatic turntable serves the engine terminal. Structures on the "Western Midland" are all scratch built, including models of the CPR station at Golden and the CNR station from Boston Bar. This layout is set up for prototypical operations using Time Table and Train Orders, dispatched from a separate dispatcher's office located in a room adjacent to the room containing the Layout. There are working Train Order signals located at each station.

Pacific Great Eastern, Squamish Subdivision

This under construction N scale layout occupies a 15' X 21' room and will depict the Squamish Subdivision in the Autumn of 1952 with a few historical inaccuracies in order to satisfy the owner's personal whims. Using Micro Engineering code 40 flex track, hand-laid turnouts and Lenz Digital Plus DCC, the line will start at Squamish Dock, where passengers arrive by Union Steamship and freight by rail barge. Leaving Squamish, the line passes the railway's shops at North Yard and crosses the Mamquam River before entering the Cheakamus Canyon for the scenic climb to the summit of the Coast Range at Alta Lake. Dropping down into the town of Pemberton via a 6½ - turn helix, the line proceeds through Devine to D'Arcy, at the head of Anderson Lake. A tunnel at Mile 88 leads to a staging yard representing Lillooet and all points North.

The lower deck from Pemberton to Lillooet is currently under construction, with the upper deck from Squamish Dock to Alta Lake and the helix to be built in the future.

The Seymour Valley Logging and Railway Company

The Seymour Valley Logging and Railway Company is an HO Scale free lanced line set in Southern British Columbia about 1930. To the best of my knowledge, there never was a railway, logging or any other, in the Seymour Valley. Possibly the most unique feature of the Seymour Valley is the operating incline. Inclines were used where terrain was too steep for even a geared locomotive. Usually a 13% grade was considered the absolute maximum for geared engines. The incline on the Seymour Valley is 30%. The Yosemite Valley Logging Company ran a 78% incline.

The town of Sparksville is serviced by the short line and of course the station is a model of the one located in Sparks Nevada. There are many successful businesses in Sparksville, the most prosperous one being located in the Sparks Block.. Logs are shipped to the new sawmill east of town.

The layout is approximately 11' by 13' and the track elevation ranges from 64" at the top of the incline to 36" at the mill pond. All the visible track is code 70 rail soldered to Printed Circuit Board (P.C.) ties, no wood ties are used. The turnouts are also hand laid on P.C. ties. Hidden Track is code 100 flex. Most turnouts are manually thrown using a linkage of push rods and bell cranks.

Coquihalla Valley Railway - CPR - KVR Coquihalla Subdivision:

This HO scale layout is based on the now abandoned line Kettle Valley Railway line that used to operate between Hope and Brookmere through the Cascade Mountains of British Columbia circa July 1955. While some steam power is present, most traffic is hauled by first generation diesels.

By taking some liberties with the Geographical History of British Columbia where a huge slide has closed the Fraser canyon near Jackass Mountain. Consequently the Coquihalla Valley Railway is the only route to the coast. The line experiences much higher traffic volumes it has been upgraded to carry mainline detour traffic from both the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways. Includes the recreation of many specific scenes from the CPR Kettle Valley Coquihalla Subdivision, Including six of the stations where track arrangements are based on the prototype. Some modeler's license has been taken in adding some additional spurs to increase operational interest.

Since last being on the TRAINS escorted tours in 2002, the terminals of Hope on the lower level and Brookmere on the higher level of the double-decked center peninsula have been enhanced.

Easter Seals Railroader Express
Roy Kelleway



CPR 2816

Pat and I, with two friends, had fun on the "Easter Seals Railroader Express" train trip, Saturday, October 4th, 2008, departing from the Via Station in Vancouver, B.C., to Mission and return. This was a fund-raiser for the "Easter Seals Society", that helps disabled kids, and raised approximately \$17,200.00!



Dome Car

The train was pulled by CPR "Empress" steam locomotive #2816, and a Via Rail GMD F-40. Via also provided 13 coaches, and we were lucky enough to get seats in the dome, in the last car. Here are a few photos. We can almost be seen in the first two windows of the dome/observation car, waving as a friend at Port Haney station took photos. On the trip east the weather was overcast, then, at Mission, as we did a turn-around on the Wye, it started raining heavily, all the way back to Vancouver!



Dome Car

Member Aid

Bob Gardner MMR

Keep those modelling questions coming and I'll try to get them answered for you by one of our many "experts".

If you've got an area of your railroad reasonably finished, try adding some more details and a mini-scene or two to get that "WOW" reaction for visitors. These three-dimensional "snapshots" are fun to create and help add realism to your layout.

Here are some ideas for details along the right-of-way;

- Track crew carrying toes and tools or resting while trains pass.
- Spare rails (39 foot lengths) on railrack or concrete supports.
- Tie plates made from business card stock, cut to size, pricked holes using a needle painted rust and placed in piles.
- Kegs of spikes, usually painted grey
- Old rail and other junk
- Speeder, handcar or velocipede
- "Set-out" for these made from scraps of stripwood.
- Survey party some distance away composed of instrument man, often with helper and one or more rodmen holding 6-foot or 8-foot red and white rods.

More detail ideas next time.

Reader Dale Rusnell and wife Pat are currently experimenting with various methods of making realistic water and have promised a report on their findings. Do other readers have favourite techniques for this effect?

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