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Trains - 2007

Burnaby, B.C., Canada, Saturday and Sunday, November 10 & 11 2007, will be the location of the 25th annual TRAINS show. The National Model Railroad Association (Canada), is once again sponsoring the show and a meet, which will take place from Friday, Nov. 9, to Monday, Nov. 12th.

TRAINS 2007 will be held in the 2045 sq. metre Cameron Recreation Center athletic hall plus a racquetball court and the multipurpose rooms. All this space makes this the largest annual model railway show in British Columbia, Last year over 3000 public and registrants attended.

The public show will feature modular and sectional layouts in N, HO, S, O, G scales. Displays of models in North American and overseas prototypes; Tinplate; Collectibles; as well as swap tables; commercial sales; videos; demonstrations; WGH beginner clinics; and expert advice on the hobby. Saturday and Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. Adults \$6, senior/student/NMRA \$3, family \$15.

The purpose of this show is to raise the public awareness of this greatest hobby of model railroading.

The meet will include:

On Friday, for the pre-registrants a self guided layout tour, and several operation sessions by pre-application. Set up for the show will start in the early evening and space will also be available for slide/video presentations and socializing.

There will be a little time

Saturday morning to complete setup of displays.

Clinics, popular choice, prototype modelers and SIG contests take place all day. Railway videos from the 7th division library will be on view. From 12 noon to 5 pm, the hall will be opened for the first day of the Public Show. In the evening, following time for a no host meal, there will be the traditional bused tour of five excellent layouts in the Maple Ridge area.

Sunday's activities from 9 am to 4 pm, will be the second day of the Public Show, with AP judging available for contest entries, as well as two beginners clinics, Kids Zone, and more videos. In the evening, the annual Fall Meet Banquet, with Cosmic Catering's wonderful food, and an after dinner program. On Saturday & Sunday refreshments will be available from the Center's Seniors' Association, in their lounge and the concession downstairs.

The prototype tour this year will be the Westshore Terminals and Deltaport at Point Roberts. The tour group will be bused from the causeway to the two facilities. Register early for this one.

Meet Registrar Kathy, PO Box 52224, North Vancouver, B.C. V7J 3V5, 604-987-4237 or

Trains-2007-reg@telus.net. Exhibitor/Vendor Registrar Bill, PO Box 52224, North Vancouver, B.C. V7J 3V5, 604-987-4237 or Trains-2007-reg@telus.net.

Meet fare \$16, \$4 refund if NMRA +\$4 refund if a presenter, family member \$5, bused layout tours \$20, banquet \$28, prototype tour \$30.

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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 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
National Model Railroad Association (CANADA)

trains 2007

meet registration

November 9th - 12th - Burnaby, BC
www.bctrains.org

Trains is British Columbia's premier model railroading exhibition. Held annually, *Trains* strives to promote the hobby through holding a large two-day public showcase at Cameron Centre (Burnaby, BC), organizing model railroading related tours, holding clinics, and running contests among other popular activities.

2007 will mark the 25th annual *Trains* meet, so please join us in celebrating this wonderful hobby!

Registration

Please clearly select the events/activities you wish to attend. All registrations will be confirmed by the registrar. *Register early – activities sell-out quickly!*

Basic Registration - \$16 - \$16

Includes: Two-Day Public Show Fare, "Advanced Opening" Opportunity, Contest eligibility, Operations Session, Self Guided Layout Tours, and Clinic participation.

Contest Entry - (Models, Proto/Model Photos, Modules, Structures) Details at www.bctrains.org Yes / No

Additional Family Member - \$5 (per family member) - _____

Includes: Eligibility for all the Basic Registration events/activities except contest entry.

Self-Guided Layout Tour - No Charge – Friday November 9th, 7pm-11pm Yes / No

Includes: Map to several local layouts that are open for viewing and socials. Maps are distributed from Cameron Recreation Centre on the night of the activity.

Operations Session - No Charge – Friday November 9th, Various Yes / No

Includes: Opportunity to participate in an operations session on a private layout. Layouts are assigned by the tour co-coordinator In advance of the meet.

Escorted Layout Tours - \$20 – Saturday November 10th, 6:30pm-11pm _____

Includes: A guided tour of several Lower Mainland model railroads in various scales and prototypes. Transportation is by chartered bus. *Sells out quickly!*

Meet Banquet - \$30 (per ticket) – Sunday November 11th, 6:00pm _____

Includes: Catered dinner with rail themed speaker/presentation. Several awards are presented and door prizes are awarded. *A very popular event!*

Prototype Tour - \$15 – Monday November 12th _____

Includes: A tour of secure Vancouver area port facilities, requires security clearance, please provide photocopy of driver's license or passport photo page with registration.

NMRA Member Discount - \$4 **NMRA Member #:** _____

Total Cost -----> \$ _____

Payment/Registration Return is accepted via mail to:
Trains 2007
P.O. Box 52224
North Vancouver, B.C. V7J 3V5

Payment Methods:
Cheque or Money Order (CND \$)
Add \$1 USD if using US Funds

Personal Information

Name: _____ Additional Family Members: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____

Phone: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____ E-Mail: _____

Are you interested in volunteering for *Trains* 2007? Yes / No

Group Membership: NMRA, CARM, CN SIG, CPHA, GNRHS, Other: _____



Meet Location:
Cameron Centre
9523 Cameron Street
Burnaby, BC
Additional Information:
www.bctrains.org

WEB Cash / CQ #: _____ Reg #: _____

NMRA/PNR RENEWAL

All MEMBERSHIP INQUIRIES including NEW MEMBERSHIPS must be forwarded to the Membership Coordinator: Don Hillman, 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 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;
 Building layout? Round robin group? Looking for members?
 E-Mail &/or address &/or phone :Brian Clogg bcclogg@shaw.ca

15440-99a AVE, Surrey B.C., V3 R 9H4

Editor's Desk

Eric Reynard

My modelling summer has not gone well. Work and the outdoor activities around here have limited my time working on projects for the layout. One of the 'burdens' of living in an area with excellent summer recreation opportunities. I have created a list of projects for the fall as well as a list of all the parts and pieces I am going to need for the completion of the various tasks. Hopefully being better organised will translate into completed projects. Only time will tell.

I want to make sure everyone has a look at the Early Bird Registration form for the 2008 PNR meet in Chilliwack. It offers an excellent opportunity to save some money but it expires September 30, 2007 so don't delay. It should be a well attended meet given its central location and I am looking forward to a large FREEMO display.

After last issues display of photos this is a more information packed issue with registration forms and ballots. Please submit any photos you might have for publication and we will get them in future issues.

-Editor

Bulletin Board

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July 15th	August 15th	Sep/Oct
September 15th	October 15th	Nov/Dec

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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:

7th Division Video Library, c/o Don Forsyth, 2022 Cedar Crescent, Courtenay, BC V9N 3B6, phone (250) 338 4497

Email: D.Forsyth@telus.net

A full list of tapes is published in the March and September issues of the BULLETIN BOARD

NMRA, Pacific Northwest Region, 7th Division Video and DVD Library

Great Model Railroads

- 1) New England, Berkshire & Western (HO)
- 2) Franklin & South Manchester (HO)
- 3) South Ridge Lines (HO)
- 4) Utah Midland (HO)
- 5) M & K Division of B & O (HO)
- 6) Hoosac Valley (HO)
- 7) Indian Creek Valley (HO)
- 8) Granite Mountain (HO)
- 9) L & N, Henderson Div. (HO)
- 10) Cumberland Valley (N) (2)
- 11) Virginia & Ohio (HO)
- 12) Western Maryland (HO) (2)
- 13) Stoney Creek & Western (HO)
- 14) Allegheny Midland (HO) (2)
- 15) Yosemite Valley (HO) (2)
- 16) Toulumne Forks (On3) (2)
- 17) Cat Mountain & Sante Fe (HO) (2)
- 18) Erie, Delaware Division (HO) (2)
- 19) Coal Belt (HO) (2)
- 20) Brandywine & Benedictine (HO) (2)
- 21) Western Electric (5 layouts) (2)
- 22) Narrow Gauge (Sn3, On3, & 3/8n3) (2)
- 23) Western Hoosac Division (HO) (2)
- 24) Franlin & South Manchester (HO) (2)
- 25) New England, Berkshire & Western (HO)

Model Railroads

- M1) Seventh Division Layouts

- M2) Cutting scale lumber
- M3) Introduction to English Garden Railways
- M4) Model Magic - part 1 & 2
- M5) Sierra Pacific Lines
- M6) Airbrush Painting, weathering & decaling plastic cars
- M7) Airbrushing (MR)
- M8) Building model railroad scenery (MR)
- M9) Building reliable model railroad track (MR)
- M10) Weathering model railroads - Malcolm Furlow
- M11) Rocks and basic scenery made easy
- M12) Woodland Scenics - The Clinic
- M13) Great outdoor railways
- M14) Model Railroader presents Scenery made easy
- M15) Wiring for Command Control
- M16) Model Railroads in Action
- M17) Trains 2000 & 2002
- M18) Trains 2003 & Pumpkin Trains
- M19) Model Railroads in Action (1991)

Prototype Railroads - North American

- P1) Warehouse on wheels
- P2) SD40-2's in the Rockies
- P3) Continental Divide, a winters journey
- P4) Travel the BCR & Rails to Romance
- P5) Mile 63.5, Seaton Recovery
- P6) Parade of Steam, Expo
- P7) 6060, freight to Vancouver
- P8) Snowplow, with CN F7's
- P9) VIA F's in the Rockies
- P10) BCR Steam-2860 & 3716
- P11) F Units in winter in Canada
- P12) Diesels of the Union Pacific
- P13) Steam over Sherman
- P14) B.C. Rail
- P15) San Jaun Freight Special 1987
- P16) Pentrex Preveiw, Vol 1 & 2
- P17) This is my railroad - SP 1947 steam
- P18) This is my railroad - SP 1950 diesel
- P19) The Super Chief
- P20) Canadian Double Header Steam
- P21) Colorado's Narrow Gauge Railroads
- P22) Southern Pacific - 1941
- P23) From Stump to Ship
- P24) The Gold Rush Line (WP&Y)
- P25) Running a steam locomotive
- P26) Challenge - the story of the Rogers Pass (2)
- P27) Trains Remembered - Vol 1
- P28) Trains Remembered - Vol 2
- P29) Trains Remembered - Vol 3
- P30) Rocky Mountain Steam Power-6060,2860,&3716
- P31) Cotton Belt 819
- P32) Echoes in the Gatineau - 1201
- P33) False Creek Steam Sawmill
- P34) Cass Scenic Railroad
- P35) Last Train across Canada
- P36) Coquihalia by rail,Garibaldi climb, Vancouver waterfront
- P37) Shays, lumbering & more
- P38) Sacramento Railfare 1991
- P39) Canfor's Englewood Railway
- P40) Around the Horn KVR (2)
- P41) CP Rogers, Last Pushers
- P42) Gears in the Woods
- P43) The Complete Westside Story
- P44) X2000, High Speed for America
- P45) Saluda 611 - Deux
- P46) Trains magazine on location, Cajon Pass
- P47) The Best of the West
- P48) The Steam Locomotive
- P49) The Railway Story
- P50) Livingston Rebuild Center
- P51) Better Way for the Santa Fe

- P52) Phantom Express
- P53) Evolution of the Air Brake
- P54) Opening a New Frontier
- P56) The Railroad Signal
- P56) Rolling the Freight
- P57) The Broadway Limited
- P58) Trains Magazine presents To-days EMD Diesels
- P59) Cumbres & Toltec 1996
- P60) Tour of the M1000
- P61) Southern Pacifics Shasta Division
- P62) The Wisconsin Central
- P63) The rails on Vancouver Island
- P64) Great American Train Rides Vol 1 & 2
- P65) East Kentucky Coal
- P66) From Sea to Sky (BCR)
- P67) Canada's Canyon Route
- P68) CN/CP Steam on the Move 1959
- P69) Triple Heading to the Spiral Tunnels
- P70) The Final Chapter CP steam in Ontario

Prototype Railroads World

- W1) The Other Poland
- W2) The Slow Train to Olimpia
- W3) Journey to the Land Beyond the Mountains
- W4) SL (Japan)
- W5) Steam in Britain
- W6) Keightly and Worth Valley Railway
- W7) Festiniog Railway
- W8) Trains around Britain
- W9) Raiway Wonders of the World
- W10) Steam to the Border (E. Germany)

DVD's

Model

- Prototype
- DP1) World Class Trains - The Royal Canadian Pacific
- DP2) World Class Trains - The Rocky Mountaineer
- DP3) World Class Trains - The American Orient Express

NMRA Websites

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

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

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TIMETABLE

Aug 31 - Sep 3, SASKATOON, SK

6th Division 2007 Meet - Ramada Hotel. Info:- www.x2007e.com, Ron Adams, dixonadams@shaw.ca

Sept. 6,7 & 8 - SALMON ARM,, BC

Annual Corn Roast at Pierre's Point Campground
 contact Gary Hazell comhaven@jetstream.net or (250) 835-8628

Sep 16 (Sun), VICTORIA, BC

Victoria Model Railway Show - Cedar Hill Recreation Center, Saanich, B.C. Info:- Ted, 250-595-4070

Sep 16 (Sun), MISSOULA, MT

28th Missoula Model Railroad Club Show and Swap Meet. Big Sky High School, South Ave. 10am-4pm. Info: Mike or Elaine Brown, MMRC Show, 622 West Artemos, Missoula MT 59803-1504, (406) 543-6123, show@missoulamodelrail.org.

Sep 22-23, EDMONTON, AB

2007 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 AM - 5 PM, Mayfield Trade Centre, 16615 - 109 Ave (Mayfield Road). 40,000 sq. ft. of layouts, displays, clinics, dealers and LEGO! Info :- www.mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 29, PEACHLAND, BC

The 7th Annual Peachland Model Show Presented by the Central Okanagan Railway Company and the Okanagan Garden Railway Club
 Vendor Table info: Don Wilson 250-767-3441 dw@idmail.com

Sep 29-30, CALGARY , AB

Heritage Park Railway Days 21st Anniversary. Two operating 0-6-0's, streetcar, and model railway exhibits. 1900 Heritage Dr. SW. Info: - (403) 268-8500, www.heritagepark.ca.

Oct 21 (Sun), SPOKANE, WA

Spokane Railroad Show 10AM-3:30PM, Spokane Community College, ALAIR Student Activities Building. Adult \$5, 12-16 \$1, under 12 free. Table \$20, setup 8-10AM. Info:- 509-535-7186

Nov 9-12, BURNABY, BC

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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, www.bctrains.org

Apr 26-27, PUYALLUP, WA

April 26 & 27, 2008 Trains, Trains and More Trains Train Show and 4dPNR Spring Meet Puyallup Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA further details on the "Train Show" link for 4dPNR website (www.4dPNR.org/TrainShow.htm)

Jun 12-15, CHILLIWACK, BC

PNR 2008 Regional Convention. Best Western Rainbow Country Inn.

To add your activities to the Switchlist Timetable or PNR web page, contact the Timetable Editor, Mark Johnson at (780) 436-2480, Mark.Johnson@InfoHarvest.ca

Russ Heriot Gold Spike Award

Nominations requested for the 2007 Ross Heriot Gold Spike Award submitted by John Green

I am seeking Nominations for the 2007 recipient for the Ross Heriot Gold Spike Award.

You can help by sending your nomination with the name of the person you have nominated, and the supporting reasons to John Green, before November 1, 2007

Nominations can be via e-mail to greenjohnca@yahoo.ca

Or in regular mail letter to
 John Green
 7635 Elliott St
 Vancouver BC, V5S 2N8

The award is presented annually to the individual or individuals in the PNR 7th Division who has made a significant contribution to the division. It is in appreciation of his/her unselfish devotion of time and effort to further the aims of the NMRA, the PNR and the hobby of model railroading through assistance and service for the benefit of all model railroaders within the division.

The award is a once-in-a-lifetime presentation and candidates are nominated by their peers. The award is a simulated gold spike on a plaque.

Ross Heriot Gold Spike Award Winners

*POY is the PNR person of the year award

- 2006 David Tomljenovich
- 2005 Russ Watson
- 2004 ?? no award
- 2003 ?? no award
- 2002 ?? no award
- 2001 Ted Alexis
- 2000 Ken Rutherford and Rick Lord
- 1999 Gary Hazell
also PNR POY* in 1995
- 1998 John Green
- 1997 Hugh Clarke
- 1996 Brian Clogg
- 1995 ?? No award
- 1994 ?? No award
- 1993 Gordon Varney

- 1992 Scott Calvert
also PNR POY in 1993
- 1991 Ken Davis
- 1990 Dick Sutcliffe
also PNR POY in 2000
- 1989 Steve Stark
- 1988 Bert Battey
- 1987 Carl Sparks
- 1986 Phil Magnall
- 1985 Shirley and Rob Heap
- 1984 Brian Pate
- 1983 George Biel
- 1982 Tom Beaton
- 1981 Hank Menkveld
- 1980 Art Jones
- 1978 Ken Griffiths
- 1977 Ken Vere
- 1975 Fraser Wilson
- 1973 Doug Stevenson
- 1972 Cyril Meadows
- 1971 Doug Harmon
- 1970 Phil Crawley
- 1969 Norm Szun
- 1968 Frank McKinney

Superintendent's Report

-Gary Hazell

What a great BB last time; full of pictures (colour for you that get it by email), articles on all of the Spring meets and the CARM convention in Victoria. I believe it is the best Bulletin ever and I would really like to compliment Eric for all of his work. This is also an important edition of the BB as it announces the start of the fall modeling season and has timely registration inserts, ballot and call for Ross Heriot Award nominations. There is also a report from NMRA Canada announcing a Canadian Rail Pass similar to the one offered in the US and Don Forsyth's report from the Boise PNR meeting. Unfortunately I had another commitment this year and could not attend. However I will be able to attend the Victoria meet on Sept 16th and of course this 25th year celebration of Trains (2007) in November.

I have decided to let my name stand for re-election as 7th Superintendent (if you so vote) as I feel there are some major issues still to be resolved. With the LRP (Long Range Plan) been fully implemented, funding for our Division still has to be resolved. Also the fact that there is very little travel money for your 7th Div Superintendent to attend the required two meetings a year which I have paid myself, I do not feel that the future Superintendents should or can be expected to pay this themselves. Hopefully Don Forsyth will

be able to share info from this years PNR meeting in Boise where both Division funding and travel costs are been discussed.

As the Bulletin Boards yearly printing and mailing costs are 90 percent of the Divisions yearly resources, there is no money left over. For years we have relied on the various meets generosity to donate funds to the Division to help cover this cost. I have harped long enough on this issue over the last two years that I will now ask one of the board members to introduce a motion at this years AGM in November "to charge a \$10.00 subscription fee to all 7th Division members that do not have the BB emailed to them, however all members would get one yearly mailing with ballot" This issue should include any calls for nominations for various awards, registration forms for up coming meets and anything else pertinent to the Division. We will have to make sure all of this information goes in the Sept-Oct issue of the BB. This "Subscription Policy" has been adopted by the PNR and the 4th Div. Other Divisions are in the process of or considering the same thing.

Also at this years AGM I will be looking to change some of the Standing Committee members as we have not had a change for years. I will be looking for members that **will report** to the various meetings that we have each year especially if the meets are in your given area and also report to the "Division Roundup" in the BB as I believe this gives a better cross section on what is going on in the various areas of our Province, the Yukon and NWT. These members should be willing to contact clubs or modellers in their area. An example of the areas I would like to see Standing Committee members are as follows;

- On the Island – possible North, Central and the South
- The lower mainland possibly 3 to include the North shore, Vancouver, Burnaby, Richmond and Surrey
- The Fraser Valley to include everything east of Surrey all the way to Hope – both sides of the River
- The Okanagan – possibly the South and the North
- The Kootenays – possibly East and West
- The Caribou from Kamloops including Prince George
- The Bulkley Valley everything east of PG all the way to Prince Rupert
- The North all communities north of PG

I would even like someone who can report from the Territories in that we don't often here anything on either prototype or modeling.

I am also going to ask someone to take on advertising - that is to contact all Hobby shops and ask them to advertise in our BB. Dick Sutcliffe has prepared an advertising size and cost sheet to help in this endeavour.

I have carried on long enough so I hope you have had a great summer and hope to see you at one of the up-coming shows.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

-Don Forsyth

I represented the Seventh at the recent BOD meeting in Boise, Idaho and here are a few things that were discussed;

The Switchlist

1. numerous members were unsatisfied that there was only one issue in the last while. Also that those who chose to pay the extra for printed copies have not received any. The issue dated April 2007 was an issue that all members were entitled to. (One issue per year that contains convention registration and if required election information, and other issues to be issued electronically.)
2. The board voted to a motion that gives those members who opted to pay for all issues to be mailed to them, that they would be given credit for the next fiscal year, (PNR fiscal year Sept 1 to Aug 31) and that regional records reflect this decision.

Travel Reimbursement to BOD meetings

The Canadian Divisions cannot use an income tax deductions as a donation to the PNR, these divisions may be receive financial help from the PNR. As at this time I do not know how much this is, I will make a full report at the Annual General Meeting at 'Trains' in November.

BOD voting members

The voting members of the BOD are;

President

Vice-president

Division Superintendents

A motion to include Secretary, Treasurer & Business Manager was defeated.

The minutes of this meeting will be in a forthcoming issue of the Switchlist.

PNR Convention 2008

IN 2008 Chilliwack is hosting the convention.

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER AND SAVE MONEY

The registration form is in this issue

Chilliwack Interchange 2008**-Larry Sebelley**

Mark your calendars **now** for a trip to the Chilliwack Interchange 2008 convention! We are sponsoring the 2008 NMRA Pacific Northwest Region annual convention June 12–15 in Chilliwack BC Canada. Chilliwack is located in the beautiful Fraser Valley, approximately 50 miles / 85 kilometres east of Vancouver, near the Sumas, WA border crossing. For the forward-thinkers among you, we are offering a heavily-discounted Full Fare Registration fee of \$80 which includes the banquet. Complete and mail the attached Early Bird Registration form before September 30th to take advantage of this time-limited offer.

Highlights of the convention include:

- 60,000 square feet of displays, layouts, vendors, and manufacturers
- HO scale Free-mo layout
- Clinics covering a variety of railroad topics and modelling skills
- Railway Prototype Modellers (PNW RPM) meet
- NMRA contests and AP judging
- Layout tours
- Prototype tours

The convention will be held in the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn. A block of discounted rooms has been arranged. There will be a Saturday evening banquet. The contest room and RPM meet room will also be located in the hotel.

The public show will be held across the highway in Heritage Park. There we have 60,000 square feet of available indoor display space. We will welcome railroads of all sizes, shapes, and scales.

Thursday June 12, 2008, is the earliest hotel check-in possible for Chilliwack Interchange 2008. Hotel check-in time is 3:00 pm. There is a large convention booked prior to ours. We have arranged for check out on Monday June 16th. You may stay longer at the convention rate if you desire, but this must be booked at the same time.

When reserving your room at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn, (1-800-665-1030), please quote "Chilliwack Interchange 2008" to receive the following rate:

Based on 2 people per room, 2 beds per room, including taxes, the rate is \$109.98 per night. That works out to \$54.99 individually per night.

3 nights (Sunday check out) $\$329.94/2 = \164.97 per person

4 nights (Monday check out) $\$439.92/2 = \219.96 per person

Limited cots are available at \$10.00 per cot plus \$10.00 per person per night.

Registration will commence on Thursday afternoon/evening. There will be a meet & greet during this time. We are in the planning stages of offering other activities during the evening; however there are no set plans as yet.

We have the display site booked for Sunday evening, and are at this time hoping to leave Free-mo set up until Monday so that we can play all Sunday evening.

Official Convention Hotel: www.rainbowcountryinn.com

Official Convention Site: www.chilliwackheritagepark.com

Watch our web site at www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com for late-breaking news.

See you there!

Larry Sebelley - Co-Chair

Chilliwack Interchange 2008

NMRA CANADA Report**-Don Hillman**

Our efforts at the NMRA BOD meeting in Detroit have been successful. We have received permission to offer a Rail Pass program for Canadian residents. Pricing and method of processing the information are still being worked out with the NMRA HQ Office Manager.

The Canadian Rail Pass program will be based on the same conditions and benefits as the US program except for the 6 month subscription to Scale Rails. The following conditions and restrictions will be used for the Canadian program:

- Rail Pass membership will be one time ONLY.
- Membership will be for a six (6) month period
- Available to new members and those who have not been NMRA members for two years or more
- Members can vote, attend conventions and participate in contests, but cannot hold office and will not receive a new member pack
- Membership will renew at the regular membership rate that may include a subscription to Scale Rails.

We were unable to reduce the cost of a Canadian six (6) month Scale Rails subscription to economically fit into our goal to offer the Rail Pass at or about the same rate as the US program. We were, however, able to negotiate an arrangement to mail at least one copy of Scale Rails to any member joining NMRA under the Canadian Rail Pass program. We are also trying to work out details where a six (6) month subscription to the home region publication will be taken out. The theory here is to make the new member aware of the events and activities that are available closer to home.

Once the final pieces to the puzzle are put together, we will publish details on the NMRA (Canada) web site that explain the program and tell individuals how to apply for the Canadian Rail Pass membership.