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## TRAINS 2010 IN REVIEW



### The Future of the Hobby

Youngsters running Thomas the Tank engine, and Gordon the Big Engine on the hands on Thomas layout by Dick Sutcliffe.

photo by John Green

The twenty-eighth annual TRAINS meet and public show – TRAINS 2010 – was held at the Cameron Recreation Center on November 12-15, 2010. Supplementary meet activities including layout operating sessions and Escorted Layout tours were hosted in private residences, and the Prototype tour visited the Via Rail Shops near the Pacific Central Station on Monday morning.

This year about one hundred and eighty people registered for the TRAINS 2010 meet.

On Friday afternoon and evening four local layout owners opened their layouts for visiting operators to participate in operating sessions. These operating sessions were organized by Scott Calvert, who opened his own layout for two operating sessions after a surprising surge in requests for this increasingly popular aspect of our hobby. Normally about twenty requests are received – this year thirty-two requests arrived in the meet registrations of which twenty eight were accommodated. In all four layouts were available for operations.

- Klondike Mines – Brian Pate
- Seymour Valley Logging and Railway Company – Carl Sparks
- CPR Boundary, Slocan and Phoenix subdivisions- Scott Calvert
- Western Midland – Mike Chandler.

On Friday evening the display hall setup began and continued for many hours as different layout operating groups and vendors hustled to set up their exhibits and storefronts.

This year's exhibitors and layouts included:

### Operating layouts

- Abbotsford Model Railroad Club - - 3' x 6' N Scale Display,
- Brian Rudko - - HO Scale portable layout *new for 2010!* and G<sub>n</sub>15 Micro layout Pender Street Mills
- CN-sig - - Switching layout *new for 2010 featuring the Point Ellis Barge slip and train ferry Canora*
- Chilliwack Model Railway Club - Ntrak - - N Trak Layout 20' x 26'. Western BC Themed
- Delta Model Railway Club - - 24' x 36' HO Modular Railroad
- Euro Rail Hobbies & More Inc. - - European Display layout *new for 2010!*
- Fraser Valley G Scale Friends - - 23' x 33' Garden Scale Display Layout *new for 2010!*
- Mainland Modular Railway Society - - 24' x 40' HO Scale Modular Model Railroad



### Mainline Modular Railway Society

photo by John Green

- Nettletwood Railway Company - - Nettletwood Parkway - 13' x 20' British OO Scale
- North Island Model Railroaders - - 14' x 38' HO Scale Modular Layout. 22st Year

- Nor-Wes Club - - Frank McKinney Wheel Layout.
- Thomas - - 4' x 6' HO Scale Thomas Layout
- Toy Trains hands on display arranged by Gordon Hall.
- Train Gang - - 36' x 16' Ntrak Layout
- Vancouver Lego Club - - Lego Train Display - 16' x 18'



LEGO

photo by John Green

**Exhibits**

- BC RPM - - RPM Modellers Display - Saturday in the Hemlock Room
- BC Society of Model Engineers - - Steam engines, pictures, Model cars and Locomotives
- CN Lines SIG - - CN Sig Display and sales of CN related model
- Dewdney Alouette Railway Society - - Club display and Estate Train Sales
- NMRA, PNR, 7th Division - - NMRA Canada and PNR 7th Division Promotions.
- GNR Historical Society - - Society Display
- Pacific Northwest TT Modellers - - Display of TT Scale models. *new for 2010!*
- PGE / BCR Modellers - - A display of Railway Prototype Modelling in N Scale covering PGE - BCR - BC rail in several distinct eras.
- PGE / BCR SIG - - HO Scale Display of PGE/BCR Models.
- Tom Beaton - Tree Making - - How to do it - Tree Making
- Transport Action BC - - Displays and information about Transport Action BC. Sales of model trams, trains and transit magazines and other rail & transit memorabilia.
- West Coast Railway Association - - West Coast Railway Association Display, Royal Hudson Rebuild information, Roundhouse Project.

Saturday morning, in the display hall, many popular vote contest entries were submitted in a variety of categories. In addition a number of models were submitted for Merit Award Judging.

**TRAINS 2010 Popular vote contest winners**

Rank Name Description

**Locomotive**

- 1 Phil Holden Motor Car Kit Bashed - MDC Combine & Brill Trolley Mechanism
- 2 Phil Holden Motor Car Kit Bashed - MDC Combine & Doodlebug Mechanism



HO scale Kit bashed motor car MDC combine powered with a Brill trolley mechanism by Phil Holden

photo by John Green

**Train**

- 1 Craig Allan 1860 Civil War & Freight Train in HO



1860 Civil war freight train in HO scale by Craig Allen

photo by John Green

**Rolling Stock**

- 1 Kyle Gardiner CP Combine 3299 in O
- 2 Bill Van Bergen Steam Crane in HO
- 3 Phil Holden Logging Caboose - Scratchbuilt



O scale Canadian Pacific Combine 3299 scratch built By Kyle Gardner

photo by John Green



**Prototype Photograph**

- 1 John Zuk 2816 Steam in Black and White
- 2 Doug Campbell CP 8834 at Morants Curve
- 3 Doug Campbell CP 8861 at Chancellor Peak

**Model Photograph**

- 1 Pete Steinmetz CP Grain train on bridge
- 2 Brian Rudko "Cuba Critter"
- 3 Al Lill Stafford Swain Forsyth MB

**Structure**

- 1 Kylie Mason Slocan Lake Barge - Tug 'Iris G' - Barge Slip



Slocan Lake Barge, Tug Iris G and barge slip by Kylie Mason who also won the Novice Award.

photo by John Green

**Diorama**

- 1 Dale Rusnell Thorndyke Feed/Fertilizer Diorama
- 2 Doug McDonald Hay Rack Loader
- 3 Phil Holden Canyon & Trestle



Thorndyke Feed and Fertilizer by Dale Rusnell

photo by John Green

**Module**

- 1 Al Lill & Brian Pate Point Ellis Ferry Slip & Canora



CNR Point Ellis Barge slip with CNR Train Ferry Canora built by Brian Pate and module by Al Lill. The Barge Slip was the Gold award winner at the 1977 NMRA National Convention. CNR Car Ferry Canora was the Gold Award Winner at the 1979 NMRA Calgary National Convention by Brian Pate

photo by John Green

**Layout**

- 1 North Island
- 2 Train Gang
- 3 Walter Menzel Euro Rail Hobbies



First Place Popular Vote Layout with Campbell river Model Railroad club members Wally Ogden, Barry Dzuris, Maynard Atkinson, Lee Waterton, Bill Van Bergen, Graham Waterton, Doug McDonald, Tony Van Bergen with their portable layout.

photo by John Green

**Novice**

- Kylie Mason Slocan Lake Barge - Tug 'Iris G' - Barge Slip

6 x 6

Brian Rudko

"the short cut"

Peoples Choice Walter Menzel Euro Rail Hobbies



Peopl e's choice PUBLIC vote favorite layout by Wal ter Menzel of Euro Rail Hobbies

photo by John Green

On Saturday only, there was an extensive display of Railway Prototype Modelers meeting in the Hemlock room arranged by Andrew Hutcheson who wrote in a posting to the RPM group:

*We held the third edition of BC RPM in conjunction with TRAINS 2010 here in Burnaby, British Columbia. Some of my photos are in the link below. I took pictures of just about every model in the RPM room but had some camera card issues and so this set is the best I could manage. In addition, since we are just one part of a weekend long show, I felt it would be beneficial to show some of the other modelling on display. Frank Valoczy and John Green have obliged and provided me with additional images. PGE BCR SIG images will hopefully appear shortly.*

My BC RPM 2010 Flickr folder is here..... <http://tinyurl.com/232jktz>

John Green's Trains 2010 folder is here...

<http://www.tinyurl.com/TRAINS-2010/>

Check out the Point Ellis slip and CN's Canora built by Brian Pate in the late 1970's and installed on modules built by Al Lill.

There was an extensive array of well attended clinics arranged in multiple streams on Saturday and Sunday by Rob Kirkham. The clinic topics and speakers included:

- Nelson Diesel Shops - by Mike Barone
- The BCR Dawson Creek Subdivision in N Scale Revisited - by Tim Horton
- Southern Railway (SRY) of BC Operations, 100 years in the making - by A.J. Shewan
- Pacific Great Eastern Railway Steam Locomotives - by Greg Kennelly
- Identifying and Modeling Tank Cars - A Computer-based Tool for Prototype Modeling - Doug Rhodes
- Reliable Operations Keeping the trains on the tracks - Jack Hamilton, MMR

- Modelling the Hotels at Sicamous (yes, there were two!) - Brian Pate and Gordon Mitchell



photo by Gary Hazel I

- Introduction to Model Railroading - by Pete Steinmetz
- Manufacturing Model Railroad Products: How, What, Where, When and Why by Donald Smith
- Achievement Program Assessment - Getting Qualified presented by: Jack Hamilton, MMR, PNR Achievement Program Chairman
- Coal to the Sea by- Phil Mason
- Small Space, Big Operation - by Don Mitchell
- Mass-production of conifers - by Wendy Magnall & Edi Irwin

On Saturday evening, eighty three registrants participated in the escorted layout tours. This years tour visited the following layouts:

- CPR, Boundary and Slokan Subs - Nelson to Cascade and North to Nakusp, circa 1970. - N Scale. DCC – Digitrax
- Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Circa 1962-1982 N Scale DC control.
- Burlington Northern Selkirk Division (second edition) a N-Scale protolance layout set in the early 1970's DC control.
- Seymour Valley Logging and Railway Company HO Scale - a free lanced line set in Southern British Columbia about 1930 – DCC Lenz.



Toy Trains operations arranged by Gordon Hal I

photo by John Green



The 7<sup>th</sup> Division Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday afternoon from 2-4 pm

On Sunday afternoon about 4:00 PM the public show closed and the lay-outs and vendor displays were removed from the display/Sports hall.

Upstairs the multi purpose rooms were prepared for the Annual Trains Banquet and awards. This popular event was catered by Cosmic Catering. Craig Spink arranged a soft drink bar. Peter Steinmetz was the master of ceremonies. After a social time, sixty seven registrants enjoyed a delicious banquet. There were a number of door prizes distributed, generously provided by local hobby shops, manufacturers, and individuals.

Then contest chairman Craig Spink handed out the popular vote awards. Russ Watson provided an achievement program update and spoke about the Achievement Program and Merit Award results. Three models achieved Merit Award status at Trains. Kyle Gardner for his scratch built O scale CPR flanger and combine and Rene' Gourley for his Proto 87- Atlantic Canada RY caboose.

This year there was a presentation of the Jack Work Memorial Award by Rene Gourley, to Mike Barone.

The after dinner speakers were Bill Johnston and Russ Grycan of The West Coast Railway Association who spoke about the Round house/Turn Table complex and the restoration of P.G.E Troop Sleeper.

On Monday morning approximately eighteen registrants participated in a guided tour of the VIA Rail Vancouver Maintenance Center located near the Pacific Central station.



VIA Rail Vancouver Maintenance Center  
photo by Gary Hazel I

The success of the Trains meet and show is dependent on volunteer participation to help make the meet and show run smoothly. In past years these have been cheerfully filled from those registering for the meet and show. This year we were very short of volunteers for various tasks. There were ninety-seven distinct volunteer positions identified, and as the event began twenty-nine of these were unfilled. Please remember this is your show and meet, and we need your help to make it a success. We are indebted to members of the First New Westminster Pathfinder Unit of the Girl Guide organization who again came and helped out this year.

We would like to thank all those who volunteered to help make TRAINS 2010 a successful show and meet. Volunteer chairman Mike Chandler looks forward to an increased level of volunteer participation in 2011.

This years show and meet was arranged by the following people:

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|----------------|---|
| Bill Dixon     | - Chair, Registrar (Exhibitor, Vendor),<br>Publicity, Web,<br>Layout Tour Assistant, Prototype Tour |
| Dick Sutcliffe | - Secretary   |
| Gladys Gooch   | - Treasurer   |
| Don Gooch      | - Meet Registrar, Videos  |

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Craig Spink       | - Contests                          |
| Mike Chandler     | - Volunteer Coordinator             |
| Gordon Hall       | - Kid's Activities, Meet Booklet    |
| John Green        | - Escorted Layout Tours             |
| Rob Kirkham       | - Clinics                           |
| Tom Jones         | - Contest Assistant/Member-at-Large |
| Andrew Hutchinson | - RPM Coordinator F                 |
| John Moore        | - Member Emeritus                   |

And many others who contributed time to help and effort make this a great meet.

The TRAINS committee is always looking for new people to server and help to organize and manage the annual Trains show. There are monthly meetings Please do not be shy – The TRAINS committee needs your help. Respectfully submitted by John Green with contributions from committee members and others.



Jack Work Award Winner  
Mike Barone

## Superintendent's Report

Gary Hazell

Trains 2010 was a good show, lots of clinics, layout tour, banquet and proto tour. John Green has a full article elsewhere in this BB. The Trains committee did a great job of organizing yet another meet at the Cameron Community Centre. The Committee has also looked at other venues but the one that they were looking at in Burnaby could not guarantee them a weekend even in May as sporting events (possibly Lacrosse) take precedent. The only date they would guarantee was in August, so "back to the drawing board".

The AGM was moved from Saturday, just prior to the layout tours, to Sunday afternoon, basically after the clinics and before the banquet. This proved to be a much better time as we were not rushed as we were in the past. The only issue unresolved is having it when the layouts, displays and vendors are busy with the public and members unable to attend. The AGM attendees felt this wasn't a major issue as most members that wanted to attend the AGM could. The only way around this issue is to hold the AGM prior to Trains, such as the day before (noon on Friday) like they do at the PNR meets. Generally it was felt that it was better to do it during the actual Trains meet as more members could attend if they wish. It was also announced on the PA as a reminder and we did have a few members attend that were not there in the recent past.

It was election time for Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large. Scott Calvert handled the election: Bob Leggett, secretary, Larry Sebelley, treasurer and Ken Rutherford, member at large were elected. Unfortunately Tom Carr had to step down as Assistant Superintendent due to work commitments but I feel we are very fortunate that Russ Watson has agreed to fill in for Tom. I really appreciate the work Tom has done for me and hope he will be able to get more involved in a couple of years.

Another perennial issue for me has been funds for executive travel. The Superintendent is a member of the PNR board and he or a designate is supposed to attend board meetings but can send a proxy. We have struck a fundraising committee to design a sales form and invoice that can be used by all Standing Committee members (area reps) when soliciting advertising for our BB. This advertising revenue will help with the expenses. Presently Larry Sebelley, Ken Rutherford and Mike Barone and I are involved. If any of you have any ideas on fundraising or would like to get involved please contact one of us.

Membership is now looked after by Brian Clogg. Larry has also put together a budget, something we have not had in the recent past.

Two of our 7<sup>th</sup> Div. members had articles published in the November 2010 issue of Model Railroader. Russ Watson's "Easy boxcar weathering" and Brian Pate's "Two simple solutions for more traffic" were both interesting and informative.

In that the BB is fairly large this month I am putting my request in this report for those receiving their BB by mail to send a donation: The 7<sup>th</sup> Div. is again asking for your kind donations to help offset the cost of printing and mailing this Bulletin Board. If you can't take the BB by email I am hoping you can donate between \$10, \$15, or more to help.

If you now have email, the .pdf which would be attached is normally around 500 Kb and on my former dial up (I now have high-speed) it took approximately 3 1/2 minutes to download. If you **can take** the Bulletin Board by email please email me at [comhaven@jetstream.net](mailto:comhaven@jetstream.net)

If you would still like the BB mailed please consider a donation and send it to:

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I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the best of the season in which ever way you celebrate and all the best for 2011.



Oldest Layout - the wheel layout constructed by the late Frank McKinney for the 1965 NMRA National Totem and convention in Vancouver

photo by John Green

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## Timetable

### Dec 4 (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. Over 50 different vendors on over 100 tables, a wide variety of railroad products, and inexpensive food. Info:- Judy MacInnes 503-581-6071 [macinnej@msn.com](mailto:macinnej@msn.com)

### Dec 4 (Sat), Edmonds, WA

Edmonds Amtrak Station & Swamp Creek Model Railroad Association Holiday Open House. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. 210 Railroad Ave (1/2 block south of Edmonds Ferry Terminal). Info:- [www.scwrra.org](http://www.scwrra.org)

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

15th Annual Model Train Festival at the Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma. 10 am to 6 pm every day. Multiple modular layouts in N, HO, O, and G, Kitsap Live Steamers exhibition, Playmobil display, Operation Lifesaver booth, train play areas for the little ones. Visit the largest permanent model train layout in WA state, built and operated by the Puget Sound Model Railroad Engineers (PSMRE) on the fifth floor. Enjoy the excellent history museum exhibits. Info:- [www.wshs.org/wshm/festivals/modeltrains.aspx](http://www.wshs.org/wshm/festivals/modeltrains.aspx), or [www.wshs.org/wshm/](http://www.wshs.org/wshm/) or call 253-272-3500. Museum entrance fees are \$8 / 7 / 6 / 25 for adults, seniors, student or military, and family, respectively. Children 5 and under are free.

### 2011

#### Jan 15-17, Seattle, WA

37th 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/](http://www.pacsci.org/visitorinfo/). Info:- Frank Dekker, 425-746-6964 (evenings), [rekkedrails@juno.com](mailto:rekkedrails@juno.com), or Jeff Moorman, 206-367-2377, [kb7rr@arrl.net](mailto:kb7rr@arrl.net) or see [www.4dprn.org/PSCshow.htm](http://www.4dprn.org/PSCshow.htm)

#### Feb 5-6, Monroe, WA

United NorthWest Model RR Club 20th Annual Charity Model Train Show and Swap Meet, Evergreen State Fairgrounds. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. Hosted by the United NorthWest Model RR Club. Info:- [www.unwclub.org/unwshow.html](http://www.unwclub.org/unwshow.html)

#### Feb 13 (Sun), Vancouver, BC

Mt Pleasant Lions Club Model Railroad Show Mt Pleasant Elementary School, 2300 Guelph St. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Admission by Donation Info:- Sarah at 604-738-4647 or [sarah@vanmtplions.com](mailto:sarah@vanmtplions.com)

#### Feb 19-20, Portland, OR

Great Train Expo. Large train and toy marketplaces, operating layouts and displays, workshops and demonstrations. Info:- [www.greattrainexpo.com](http://www.greattrainexpo.com)

#### Feb 19-20, Olds, AB

Third Annual Olds Model Railroad show. Olds College, Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-4. Admission \$5.00 per person, children 5 and under are free. Booth cost: \$100, free for non-commercial displays. Info:- Gord Sylvester, [funtimeshobby@shaw.ca](mailto:funtimeshobby@shaw.ca) or [www.funtimeshobby.com](http://www.funtimeshobby.com)

#### Feb 19 (Sat), Spokane, WA

River City Modelers Club Open House. 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at 1130 E. Sprague Ave. Info:- Shirley or Bob Sample at 509-292-8332, cell 509-991-2317, [shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com](mailto:shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com)

#### Feb 20 (Sun), Spokane, WA

River City Modelers Model Railroad Train Show, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Spokane Community College, Lair Bldg., Mission and Greene Streets, Spokane, WA. \$5 for adults, \$3 for 11 to 16 years of age, 10 & under free with an adult. Info:- Shirley or Bob Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314, 509-292-8332 or 509-991-2317 or via email: [shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com](mailto:shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com)

### Feb 25 - Mar 6, Anchorage, AK

The annual Anchorage Winter Festival, known as the Fur Rendezvous will have Model Railroad Displays at the Alaska Railroad Depot from 9AM to 6PM. The Northern Lights Model Railroad, located in Russian Jack Springs Park, 5200 Debarr Rd. will also be displaying their Model Railroad on both weekends from 5 to 8 PM on Fridays and Noon to 5 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Info:- Marty Quaas, (907) 355-7414, e-mail [cswrrceo@mtaonline.net](mailto:cswrrceo@mtaonline.net)

### Feb 26-27, Saskatoon, SK

All Aboard 2011, Western Development Museum. Saturday 9-5:30, Sunday 9-4:30. Layouts, Vendors, and Videos. Consignment sale on Saturday. Info:- [www.prairierailworkshop.com](http://www.prairierailworkshop.com)

### Feb 27 (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Spring Mini Meet & Annual CMT Flea Market. Glenmore Inn. Flea market 9:00 AM - Noon Vendors \$20, CMRS members \$2, others \$5, Mini Meet 10:30 - 3:30 Info:- Swap meet: Brookes Harrow 403-201-4937, [bharrow@nucleus.com](mailto:bharrow@nucleus.com); Mini meet: Marvin Burk, 403-995-3319, [burkpm@telus.net](mailto:burkpm@telus.net), [www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html](http://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html)

### Mar 12 (Sat), Portland, OR

The Willamette Model Railroad Club presents 26th Annual Model Railroad Swap Meet at the Kliever Memorial Armory 10000 NE 33rd Ave. Portland, OR 10am to 3pm. Admission \$5.00, under 12 free. Info:- Steve Cook 503-309-9543 or 503-236-1481, E-mail [Stephen.cook@comcast.net](mailto:Stephen.cook@comcast.net)

### Mar 20 (Sun), Burnaby, BC

Western Rails 2011. Displays and models of all kinds - Ride the indoor Miniature Train Collectables, photos, time tables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment and much much more. Cameron Recreation Center. 9523 Cameron St. 9 am to 4 pm. Admittance: (cash only): Senior (60+) \$2.00 Adult (16-59) \$3.00 Child (under 6) Free Family \$6.00 (Maximum 2 Adults, 3 Youth) Info:- [westernrails@wcrs.org](mailto:westernrails@wcrs.org) 604-484-2791.

### Mar 27 (Sun), Nanaimo, BC

27th Annual Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show, Beban Park Rec. Center 2300 Bowen Road, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Operating Layouts, Swap & Shop Tables, Retail Sales Model Contests (Popular Vote) Admission (cash only), \$3.00 NMRA member, \$5.00 non member, \$10.00 family, \$4.00 seniors, Child (6-12) - \$ 1.00. Info:- Ken Rutherford [kj.rutherford@shaw.ca](mailto:kj.rutherford@shaw.ca), (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

### Apr 16-17, Calgary, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2011 Canada's Biggest and Best Annual Model Train Show. 9 AM til 5 PM both days. Subway Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. Calgary FREE PARKING Adult - \$10, Youth (6-12) - \$5, under 6 - free Over 60,000 sq. ft. of operating layouts, displays, railroad art, hobby shops, model manufacturers (some new this year), demonstrations, clinics, Lego and Thomas Play Area, garden railways, ride-on trains, and much more. Info:- [www.supertrain.ca](http://www.supertrain.ca) or [info@supertrain.ca](mailto:info@supertrain.ca)

### May 7 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Annual Swap Meet: Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 11113 113 St. 9AM-Noon, Admission \$2, tables \$20, \$15 for MMRF members. Info :- Ron Boyer, 780-466-2670, [www.mmrf.ab.ca](http://www.mmrf.ab.ca)

### Jul 3-9, Sacramento, CA

NMRA National Convention - EXTRA 2011 WEST. Sacramento will be the home of the combined 2011 National Conventions of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) and the National Association of S Gaugers (NASG). That's right - two national conventions in one. The EXTRA 2011 WEST CONVENTION promises to be The Unconventional Convention! Info:- [www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org)

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)



**AP Corner**

Russ Watson

Congratulations to Kyle Gardiner and Rene' Gourley for earning AP Merit Awards at the TRAINS meet in Burnaby in November. Kyle for his scratchbuilt O scale CPR flanger and combine and Rene' for his HO scale (Proto 87) Atlantic Canada RY caboose. They are very well done models displaying exceptional modelling skills.

Thank you to Jim Little, Scott Calvert, Tom Carr and Ken Rutherford for helping with the assessments.

In the last eight months, 7th Division members have earned 4 Golden Spike Awards, 7 Merit Awards and an impressive 6 Certificates. A few members are getting close to earning that very coveted Master Model Railroader (MMR) status.

Thank you to the eight members who attended Jack Hamilton's AP Assessment clinic at TRAINS in November and became officially certified assessors and to those who brought models for the hands-on assessments that took place. Jack's clinic proved to be very interesting and prompted several stimulating discussions.

In the mean time, if you're not really sure what the AP is all about, check out <<http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/>> or give me a call, I'd be happy to chat about it with you.

Lastly, a reminder that you don't have to wait for a meet to happen to be able to have your AP work assessed, I can usually arrange to have that done between meets, please contact me.



HO scale (Proto 87) Atlantic Canada RY caboose by Rene Gourley

Happy modelling!

**Peter Anthony Last Run**

John Green



Christopher Peter Anthony passed away on 16 October 2010 in Prince George.

Peter had been a long time [ferroequinologist](#) and model railroader. He joined the Vancouver HO Model Railway Club shortly after he arrived in Vancouver in 1987. He was an active member of the club and served in leadership roles for many years. Peter really enjoyed Model Railroad Operations, and was an active member of the Operations Special Interest Group. He was enjoyed operations at the Club, and participated in several operating groups in the Lower Mainland. He also enjoyed weekend trips to operate on out of town layouts, and particular enjoyed operating sessions at the San Diego Club Tehachapi Layout. A regular participant in the annual TRAINS show, Peter always volunteered to help and for many years served as a bus conductor on the escorted layout tours.

Peter was also an enthusiastic rail fan. As a repair technician he was often out on the road, so he liked to arrange to eat his lunch parked somewhere he could observe railroad operations. Peter frequently returned home to visit family and friends in Halifax Nova Scotia at Christmas time. Usually those trips were done in a relaxed manner travelling by rail right across Canada and back.

A memorial service to celebrate and remember Peter's life was held on Sunday 14 November 2010.

We offer our sympathies to his family. He is survived by his mother Ruth and sister Janet and predeceased by his father Keith. He is fondly remembered by uncles, aunts, and cousins across the country and sorely missed by his aunt Edna, nieces Patti and Kristi, nephew Gary, cousins Linda and Cathy, and longtime friends Andrea and Bonnie. Peter's many friends across the country will miss his sense of humour and thoughtful nature.

## Trains 2010: operating Sessions

Scott Calvert

### Trains 2010; Operating Sessions had record participation!

One of the popular offerings of the annual 7<sup>th</sup> Division PNR/NMRA fall Trains meet is the opportunity for registrants to participate in an Operating Session at a local Greater Vancouver model railroad layout. This year we had a record number of attendees register for a chance to participate in this popular event, and unfortunately, 5 people could not be accommodated.

I would like to thank the hosts as well as their dedicated crews for this year's sessions;

Brian Pate;	Klondike Mines Railway and Ca-
nadian Pacific Railway	
Mike Chandler;	Western Midland Railroad
Carl Sparks;	Seymour Valley Railway
Scott Calvert;	CPR Boundary & Phoenix Subdivi-
sions	

This year's schedule was a little different than the previous years because an extra session was added on the CPR Boundary Sub on the Friday afternoon. This was done to accommodate the increased demand to operate on my layout which resulted from the news that it will be demolished next summer and not be available for next year's Trains meet. The large demand as well as the success of the afternoon session this year may suggest this concept be carried forward to next year's event.

We typically offer a choice of one of several layouts, all of which have well established operations schemes developed specifically according to the hosts own interests. This is great chance to participate in an actual operating session in a low key and very enjoyable environment. It is also a excellent forum to learn more about this interesting aspect of the hobby. Guest operators generally possess all level of skills from novice to more advanced, however, one thing they all have in common is they all have FUN!



Seymour Valley Railway evening operating crew



Boundary Sub Friday afternoon operating crew



Seymour Valley Railway evening operating crew



Klondike Mines Railway Friday evening operating crew