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Finally!

I must start out this issue by expressing my regrets in the long delay in getting an issue of the Bulletin Board into your hands. I can give out many excuses but the fact is I didn't get it out there. I trust that you were not inconvenienced by my lack of production. Most of my ills are behind me and the compilation of the Bulletin Board should return to its normal schedule. That being said there is surprisingly little material available for this issue. I want to encourage all of you to submit information, photographs and articles on the modelling and railfanning you are doing. For those of you working on the Achievement Program, articles in a Divisional publication count one point per page towards the forty-two required for you authors certification. Articles have also been picked from Divisional newsletters for publication in Regional and National publications. So aside from seeing your work in print you get points toward your Master Model Railroader designation. Don't be shy; send stuff in. Sadly, a portion of the content of this issue is remembrance of the passing of a longtime of our community.

In the last year I have attempted to reconfigure an existing model into something more appropriate and interesting for the SAMRA layout. I was extremely frustrated by my lack of success and the difficulty in ungluing old joints, squaring up used material and generally making compromises that just didn't work out. It was then I re-read an article by Rene Gourley in the July 2007 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman; **Modeling Philosophy 102: Measure once, cut twice**. I had also seen a clinic by Rene in Victoria at the CARM National on the very same topic and was ready to give it a try. I grabbed the requisite tools and proceeded to scratchbuild the proposed building from styrene. My previous scratchbuilding has been quite limited in scope so this is a major commitment for me. Rene's techniques with the NWSL Chopper and Duplicutter really make construction much simpler than it might otherwise be and was especially helpful in the construction of the large windows with there mullions that were part of the structure. Everything is amazingly square and there has been little requirement for fiddling and fudging except where I had mental errors. I am inordinately slow but am very pleased with the results so far and wanted to thank Rene for an inspirational article, albeit a four year old one. -Editor

Superintendent's Report

Gary Hazell

Gary's report is from some time ago as I didn't get the last issue out. He will have more to say for the next issue now that he has returned to the sunny Shuswap. -Editor

I am writing this from sunny Arizona. My only complaint is there are no Trains. Closest tracks are about 12 miles south in Parker, AZ and there is not much action. The Arizona & California Railroad is either part of or a subsidiary of the BNSF. The railway connects between Cadiz CA on the BNSF mainline and then goes to Mattheie AZ with trackage rights to Phoenix. I missed a great opportunity last Saturday as we were in Parker shopping and there was a BNSF train, 4 units and a string of the short cylindrical grain cars. I didn't have my camera and it was about 2 blocks away. I understand from our good friends Bob & Shirley Ball, retired BNSF engineer living in Salmon Arm and camped right next to us that this happens a couple of times a week so I am going to try and get picture.



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John Maughan 1925-2010

MAUGHAN, John Robert

Passed away peacefully on December 24, 2010 at the age of 85. A long time resident of Maple Ridge, BC, John was predeceased by the love of his life, wife Anne. He is survived by the rest of his family. Bob (Shelley) Sjogren, Barbara (Dennis) Pederson, granddaughters Stacy, Darlene (Chris), Julia, Megan and Courtney as well as five great grandchildren.

John was born in Vancouver, Sept. 23, 1925. He served in the Navy during W.W.II, and was a proud long time member of the Royal Canadian Legion 88.

His working career started with training as a jeweler but early on changed to a manager for one of Vancouver's largest hobby distributors. When this business closed he had a job the next day at Creative Hobbycraft in New Westminister, where he worked full and part time until 2007. This was an excellent career choice as John's passion was model hobby trains. He was known and respected far and wide for his extensive knowledge and ability to repair and restore almost anything. In fact John had more than 40,000 train repairs to his credit and satisfied customer's for all. The Train Doctor will be sadly missed by railway modelers in the Northwest.

John was also a major force in acquiring the restored CPR Caboose that is displayed sits beside the Maple Ridge Museum today. John was a life member of the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society, and a member of the Maple Ridge Model Railway Club. Until recently John was also a member of the NMRA.

John developed the guidelines DARS uses for evaluating and dispersing estate model train collections.

A kind, gentle man, with a quick and easy smile, John will be sadly missed by all that knew him. His encyclopedic knowledge of imported brass and first name contact with the founders of Athearn and Model Diecasting and their products will add to the loss. The family sends special thanks to all his train buddies that kept him young at heart until the end.

A Service of Remembrance was held Sunday January 9, 2011 at the Royal Canadian Legion 88, Maple Ridge, BC.

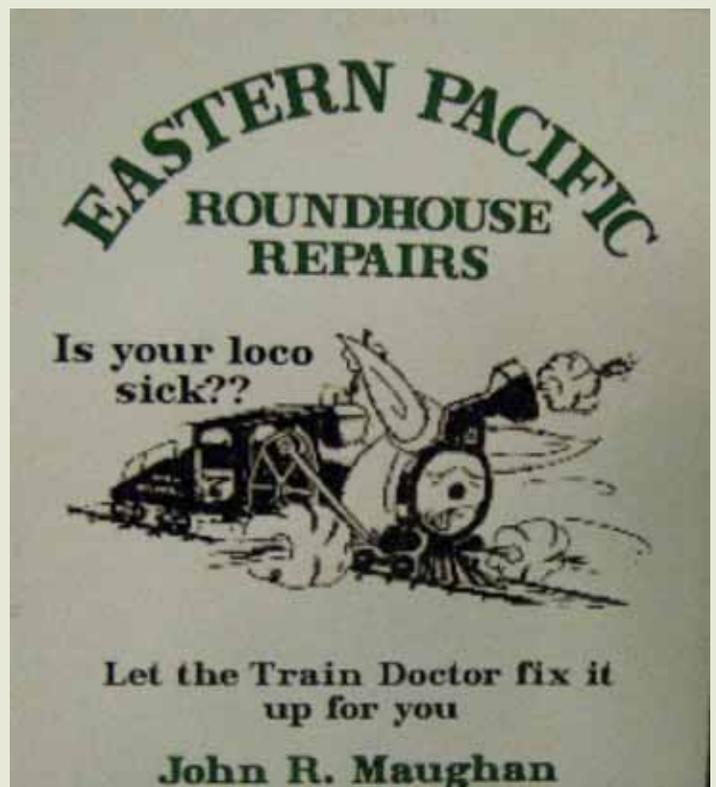
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John Maughan



THE TRAIN DOCTOR

Apr 30 (Sat), Roseburg, OR

1st Division PNR/NMRA Mini-Meet, hosted by Nick Lehrbach and Dirk Kruijsman. Douglas County Library at 1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd. Doors open at 8:00, clinics start at 9 Info:- Nick at: lehrbach@rosenet.net

Apr 30 (Sat), Calgary, AB

Calgary Model Trainmen Open House. 10AM-4PM 619 12 Avenue S.E. Info:- www.calgarymodeltrainmen.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

May 7-8, Rickreall, OR

Rickreall Grange Train Swapmeet & Show 10am-4pm At Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 main str. Rickreall, Or. 97371 Admission Sat \$5.00 Sunday is Free \$1.00 off w/can food! Table's 6'=\$15.00 8'=\$20.00 Make check payable to: Tom Pryor, 2085 S. Pacific Hwy. West, Dallas, Or. 97338 Vender move in is Fri-1-7pm and Sat 7am Info:- pry626@juno.com 503-606-0398

May 14-15, Tacoma, WA

Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet sponsored by Tacoma NW Model Railroad Club at Freighthouse Square (2501 East D Street), the original Milwaukee Road Freight Terminal. Hours: Saturday May 14, 9am to 5 pm, Sunday May 15, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission: Adults \$5, Children under 12 \$3, Children under 3 years free. Layouts and vendors on three floors. Info:- tnwmrr@gmail.com or www.tnwmrr.org

May 14 (Sat), Spokane, WA

Inland Empire Railway Historical Society, Open House at the Spokane Fairgrounds South Entrance, 9 AM to 4 PM. Tours of Vintage RR Cars and Museum, Free ride on the 2 ft. Gauge Train, Souvenirs, Food, Photo-ops. Donation of \$5 per family or \$10 per van load. Info:- ropenhouse@comcast.net or call Donna at 509-924-9781 or 509-325-3641.

May 14 (Sat), Vernon, BC

Vernon Spring Swap Meet at the refurbished CPR Station, Paddlewheel Park, Okanagan Landing 10am - 5pm, Vendors, Displays, Two Silent Auctions, Favorite Train. Adm 5.00, NMRA Rebate. Info:- and Table Reserve Eldie Jamieson eldie@shaw.ca 250-545-0177 or Hugh Clarke hughclarke@shaw.ca 250-545-3900

May 14 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

The Edmonton Model Railroad Association (www.emraonline.ca) is holding an open operating session, from 1:00PM - 5:00PM. The session will be followed by a 'No-Host' dinner at a local restaurant. Info:- Peter Ulvestad, ulvestad@telus.net

May 19-21, Bend, OR

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

May 20-22, Moose Jaw, SK

Moose Tracks 2011. 6th Division Spring Meet; Western Development Museum, hosted by the Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club (TCMRC). Info:- Ted Dowdy, teddowdy@hotmail.com, www.tcmrc.org

May 21 (Sat), Elbe, WA

Specialty charter with the Mt Rainier Scenic Railroad, presented by RailsNW. 11AM-6:30PM. A unique triple-header opportunity, traveling across the Nisqually River bridge to Mineral Lake for a catered BBQ lunch, and on to a large wooden trestle at Divide. Info:- 503-292-5055; www.railsnw.com/Tours/charter/rainier/rainier Rambler.htm

Jun 4 (Sat), Portland, OR

Organizational meeting of On30 modelers to get acquainted, display models, view sample layout modules, and decide how often to meet in the future. Meet is 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club, 2505 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland 97227. Free admission. Info:- ghulin@earthlink.net or (541) 344-6858. This is not an open house of the host club.

Jun 17-18, Spokane, WA

Inland Empire Railway Historical Society, 5th Annual Open House at the

Spokane Fairgrounds South Entrance, 10 AM to 3 PM. Tours of Vintage RR Cars and Museum, Free ride on the 2 ft. Gauge Train, Souvenirs, Food, Photo-ops. Donation of \$5 per family or \$10 per van load. Info:- ropenhouse@comcast.net or call Donna at 509-924-9781 or 509-325-3641.

Jun 18 (Sat), Bremerton, WA

Bremerton Northern Model Railroad Club 2011 Swap Meet. We have a new location at the West Side Improvement Club, 4109 West "E" Street (the corner of National Ave & "E" Street in Navy Yard City) Get off Hwy 3 at Loxie Eagans to National, turn right at light. 9am - 4pm, \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 free. Info:- Marion Weston, 360-633-7212, or MarionandDan@live.com

Jun 18 (Sat), Portland, OR

The Rose City Garden Railroad Society Summer Tour of Portland area layouts from 10AM to 5PM. Booklets with directions are available from local area hobby shops and some garden centers for \$10 per family (grandkids to grandparents count as one family). Info:- www.RCGRS.com

Jun 18 (Sat), Port Alberni, BC

Logging Modelers Meet - Cancelled

Jun 19 (Sun), Fort Steele, BC

The first run of the season! Throughout the day... special displays, BBQ, engine shed tours and entertainment. Steam train rides from 11am - 5pm. Father's Day Special - single ride for \$2 + tax (5 years and under free). Dads ride for free today! Info:- www.fortsteele.ca

Jun 20-26, Tacoma, WA

Cascade Rails 2011, National Railway Historical Society (NHRS) annual convention. Info:- 253-495-7500, www.cascaderails2011.com

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

Jul 16-17, Ilwaco, WA

The Annual Clamshell Railroad Days celebrates the history of the IR&N Railroad-the only railroad that ran with the tides-that ran on the Long Beach Peninsula from 1889-1930. Co-sponsored with the Peninsula Model Railroad Club, it includes model railroad layouts from regional clubs, historical presentations, vendors and a bus tour. Info:- columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org/news-events/clamshell-railroad-days

Jul 27-30, Spokane Valley, WA

Union Pacific Historical Society 27th Annual Convention. Info:- www.uphs.org/events/

Aug 11-14, Revelstoke, BC

Railway Days 2010, Revelstoke Railway Museum. Info: - Jennifer Dunkerson, Executive Director, at 1-877-837-6060, director.railway@telus.net, www.railwaydays.com.

Aug 26-27, Toppenish, WA

14th annual Northern Pacific Railway Museum Train Show & Swap Meet at the Toppenish depot on Asotin Avenue, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 26-27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; admission to be announced; tables \$20. Info:- Larry Rice at (509) 930-7210, www.nprymuseum.org

Aug 27 (Sat), Beaverton, OR

West End Model Train Swap Meet, sponsored by the Tualatin Valley Model Railroad Club. Valley Catholic High School, 4275 SW 148th Ave., Beaverton, OR. Hours will be 10AM to 3PM. Admission will be \$4, under 12 admitted free. Vendor tables will be \$20 for the first table, \$15 per table after that. Info:- Jim Young, Show Chair, 503-643-1701, tvtrak@gmail.com

Sep 8-10, Portland, OR

2011 Annual Conference, Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society. Info:- www.sphs.org/convention/

Sep 9-11, Caldwell, ID

Treasure Valley Train Expo. O'Conner Field House, 2207 Blaine, Caldwell. Noon to 8:00 P.M. Friday, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM Saturday and Noon to 6:00 P.M. Sunday. Admission \$5.00 Children 12 and under Free. The event will include modular layouts, model contests, vendors and clinics. Clubs are encouraged to participate. Vendor tables are available. Info:-t Troy Dewey, 208-461-5028 treasurevalleytrainexpo@gmail.com 1509 Caldwell Blvd. #19, Nampa, Id. 83651

Sep 17-18, Edmonton, AB

2011 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 trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 24 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

Southwest Washington Model Railroaders Open House. 10:00am to 4:00pm. We plan to be running many different types of HO gauge engines from the small logging area to the Big Boys on the main line. This event will be located at 8100 E. Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, Washington. This is one block east of Garrison Square, in the building behind Safe Harbor Nazarene Church, bordering the parking lot off 82nd Ave. Info:- www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Sep 24-25, Calgary, AB

25th Annual Railway Days. 9:30 - 5:00 Two operating 0-6-0's, the annual Train Pull, cab tours, model railway layouts and vendor booths. 1900 Heritage Dr. SW. Info: - (403) 268-8500, www.heritagepark.ca.

Sep 25 (Sun), Victoria, BC

Victoria's Annual Model Railway Show , 10 am - 4 pm; Operating Model Railroads, Popular Vote Contest, Commercial & Individual Sales & Displays Cedar Hill Recreation Center, Saanich, B.C. Free parking Admissions: Adults \$6, Family \$13, NMRA members \$5 Under 10 - Free when accompanied by an adult. Info:- Ted Alexis, 250-595-4070, m_talexis@shaw.ca

Oct 1 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

38th Annual Great Train Swap Meet - 9:30am to 2:30pm. Hudson's Bay High School at 1206 E. Reserve Street, Vancouver, Washington. It is located just off the I-5 Bridge at Exit 1-C on Mill Plain Blvd (East). There will be an operating HO gauge layout of the Columbia Gorge and over 125 tables with vendors from all over the Northwest. Table space will be available at \$15.00 for a 6' table. Hugh free parking. Adults - \$5.00, Students - \$2.00 and children under 6 are free with paid adult. Info:- www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Oct 2 (Sun), Edmonton, AB

Edmonton Model Railroad Association Open House, at the Freight Shed, Fort Edmonton Park, 10am-5pm. Info: - www.EMRAonline.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

Website of Interest

submitted by Roy Kelleway

<http://www.nfb.ca/film/railroaders>

It's a 1958 National Film Board documentary on railroaders life on the CPR Mountain Sub.

It has some great clips of the Dispatcher, Operators, Engineers, and the various line side men working their jobs.

AP Corner

Russ Watson

Unfortunately gremlins were at work on the photo caption published with my column in the January/February 2011 BB: the photo was of Kyle Gardiner's merit award winning O scale CPR flanger and not Rene's HO caboose. Apologies to Kyle and Rene'.

I'm not aware of any AP activity in the 7th Division over the last two months, so have nothing to report in that regard. I'm sure everyone is hunkered down though working on some great projects that I look forward to seeing soon.

I suggest you study the "AP Judging Guidelines for Motive Power, Cars and Structures" document in the 'Forms' link on the 'Achievement Program' page at <http://www.nmra.org> for help in perhaps pre-assessing your modelling work prior to submitting it for assessment. In particular the 'Point Matrixes' give you a good idea of how your model will score in each category. If you don't have internet access, please contact me and I'll mail you a hard copy.

You may also check out this link: <http://ser-nmra.org/national.htm> The files are large, however if you have high speed internet they don't take long to download. They are photos of actual national contest models with the scores they received in each category. It gives you an idea of the scores a certain level of detail etc. receive. Unfortunately you don't really know what construction was done on models other than scratchbuilt ones and contest judging scores can be different than AP judging because they are judging one model against others to determine winners rather than in the AP where the model is judged on its own merit.



Michael at the Victoria Show

Switching gears a bit, I was in Victoria for the Victoria Model Railway Show in September and was fortunate to have been able to take four of our grandchildren to the show - ages 4 to 9. They enjoyed the show and particularly the opportunity to operate the 'kids' layout provided by the Sooke chapter of The Toy Train Operating Society. And Michael, the eldest, was given a real treat by Don Forsyth when Don helped him run a long train around the DCC Victoria NTrak layout, I real thrill for him.

So I decided it was time for Michael to have a train of his own. I drew up plans for a small N scale bedroom layout, wrote up construction instructions, acquired all of the equipment, did some pre wiring and mailed it all down to Michael in December for his 10th birthday. Some of you know his mum Brenda, our youngest daughter, whom I often took to model railway meets when she was a child.



The newest model railroader operating his home layout

Michael and his dad built the table and installed the track and I'm happy to report we have a new model railroader in the 7th Division. Michael has phoned me on several occasions and is really enjoying running trains. The locomotive and rolling stock came from my late dad's large N scale layout and Brenda tells me her little 6-wheel industrial switcher - that I had painted pink for her many years ago - still runs!

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.

Happy modelling!

Railroader Job Descriptions

submitted by John Green
author unknown

SWITCHMAN - A man dedicated to doing less today than what he did yesterday. Looks his best when standing in the rain. Some of these men, after years of training, can spot a returnable bottle at 75 car lengths if the light is good. Can also carry three times his body weight in copper, brass or grain -- depending on the season.

HEADEND BRAKEMAN - A new man who does all his thinking with his feet. Target of criticism for the rest of the crew. He can generally add short columns of single digits if not rushed.

REAR BRAKEMAN - The conductor's stooge; a lazy fellow of average ignorance who bosses the head brakeman, tries to act like an old head while silently contemplating on how he would do the work were he the conductor.

CONDUCTOR - A grouchy individual, void of soul, with a big head and flat feet. Continually advising rear brakeman as to both handling women and running engines.

FIREMAN - A mental midget with a pointed head, hero worshipper of the engineer. He is usually found talking to beanery queen or trying to figure his time. Also coaches student brakemen.

ENGINEER - A marked success story, an authority on government and financial matters. Can usually write his own name. Has a burning envy of road foremen; spends most of his time at the water tank taking slack or oiling around.

CREW CALLER - An absolutely friendless character who takes fiendish delight in making calls too short when you want to eat and too long when you want to sleep. Passes the buck and sheds crocodile tears for the rawhided crew. Apathetic soul when times-lipped.

TRAIN DISPATCHER - Dot-dash expert wired for sound. Tonnage hog and side track artist. Sees all, knows nothing, poor guesser whose hobby is delaying trains.

ROAD FOREMAN - A rare blend of talent and tact. A job taken by those engineers with a marked inability to handle switch engines. Usually promoted at insistence of customers to prevent further damage to their goods.

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT - Typewriter expert greatly impressed by his own importance. Loves to make tests and instruct students. Chief qualifications: learn to smoke cigars and look intelligent.

SUPERINTENDENT - A brakeman or switchman who couldn't add short columns of single digits, abhorred criticism; couldn't act like an old head because he didn't know how to do the work. Chief qualification: has a name with a nice ring to it to go on the timetable.

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

John Green

While progress was made on several model railroads throughout the year, including regular operating sessions, there were several items of prototype significance in 2010. The "Canada Line" which serves Richmond, YVR Airport and Vancouver, completed a very successful first year of operations when over 36 million passengers were carried. During the 2010 winter Olympics, this service consistently exceeded its design capacity with a weekday average of 228,190 passengers. The peak day was Feb. 19, when 287,379 passengers were counted. The Canada line normal weekday average is 107,000. The first anniversary of this service was in August 2010. In September 2010 the number of car sets in regular use was increased from 14 to 16. There are a total of the 20 car sets.

The demonstration streetcar line provide service between Cambie Street and Granville Island, carried approximately half a million passengers during the games period between January 21 to March 21, 2010.. State-of-the-art Flexity streetcars (on loan from Brussels, Belgium) were provided

Vernon Spring Swap Meet

SPRING TRAINING Sat 14 May 2011

at CPR's Okanagan Landing Station, Paddlewheel Park

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or Hugh at 250-545-3900 hughclarke@shaw.ca



COMING TO VICTORIA

Victoria's Annual Model Railway Show

Sunday, September 25th
10 am - 4 pm
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road
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NMRA/PNR Members \$5
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and operated by Bombardier Transportation, the City's partner and operator for the 60-day demonstration project. The two sets of equipment were returned to the manufacturer.

On 01 November 2010, the West Coast Express completed 15 years of service. Ridership has doubled to about 10,500 daily since it began operating in 1995. Recently seven additional cars were put into service. These are expected to accommodate an additional 2,000 riders per day.

During this summer my wife Sharon and I rode the second daily AMTRAK Cascade Talgo train, which leaves from Vancouver's Pacific Central Station for Portland at 6:45am. We enjoyed a five day great "automobile free trip" as there is excellent public transit in Portland. Over the summer the Cascades Trains were very highly used. The peak month occurred in July when 25,000 people used the service. On many days it is sold out on different part of its run both north and south. In particular as the train approaches Seattle. Towards the end of October there was a threat of cancelling the second train (Vancouver to Seattle in the morning and Seattle Vancouver in the evening) due to costs claimed by Canadian Border Service. Funding has been secured for at least

one more year.

There has been a recent announcement of a five million dollars upgrade/restoration of Pacific Central Station. This far there has been no visible external evidence of activity on this project.

On the modeling front, several layouts are being constructed or enhanced. The 80+ participants on the TRAINS 2010 layout tours visited layouts in Vancouver and Burnaby. This tour included including two new layouts which had not been visited before. There are several groups who meet and operate regularly as Local Unknown Groups. There are plans to host another bi-annual VANRAILS weekend operating event in September 2011. A number of Vancouver area modellers who are interested in Model Railroad operations are planning to attend the four day bi-annual Bay Rails operating session in the San Francisco area in March of 2011.

The Friday evening group which for many years met at my home continues to meet with evenings of construction and operation of layouts in Tsawwassen, Vancouver, Burnaby, North Vancouver and New Westminster.

Canrail Calendar

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First of all, thank you for your past submissions. Those that are not used are put back into the selection list for future consideration. Having said that, we are still looking for new material. If you have any new shots or would like to redo an older shot from a new angle or otherwise put a new spin on it we encourage you to take the shots and submit them. If you know of a non-photographer who has a model that you think would make a good calendar page, offer to take the picture yourself and submit it. Previous calendars had a wide geographical representation involving many scales. There are still areas of Canada that have not been featured and some scales that need more exposure.

Remember these guidelines to get the most out of your picture:

The scene should be well and evenly lit. Flash usually does not work. As much of the scene should be in focus as possible. Use a tripod, set the camera to the smallest f Stop and use a remote cable release or the self timer that is built in.

Set the camera for the highest resolution possible. The higher the resolution, the crisper the picture when it is finally printed.

Include a short caption that tells the viewer what he/she is looking at. Include any modelling details that you feel are pertinent and also the modeller's name and the photographer's name if different.

Look around your layout and see what you can share with other modellers. There is a lot of talent here- let's show everyone!

Deadline for submissions is July 31 this year. This allows more time for selection/ review and to get the final product to the printer.

We look forward to seeing your work again,

The calendar committee

CP Mainline in the Snow

Roy Kelleway

