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**3-year old Mya Mansell of Victoria runs NCR #5 East on Papa's On30 North Cariboo Railway**

**Russ Watson photo**

The pure delight and joy in young Mya's expression is one of the great rewards of sharing the hobby with others, especially youngsters.

Inside we have a report on the Victoria spring show and updates on the upcoming big public events - a way to bring newcomers a first appreciation and greater exposure to the vast range of train modelling possibilities. The joy can be a lifelong companion. See p.3 for details.

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## Editorial Comments

I hope this issue finds everyone enjoying the endless sunshine and perhaps the bounties of your gardens. This month's BB is light on content as there haven't been many submissions; not so unusual for a summer edition, I suppose.

It's apparent that the southern Vancouver Island contingent hosted a very well received public show. Congratulations! And it is also exciting to hear of the organizational progress for the upcoming Vancouver Train Expo this fall and next year's summer event; the Selkirk Express in Salmon Arm, BC. There are some significant changes to the layout tour format at Vancouver Train Expo this year due in part to declining volunteerism. I see online that there are a host of volunteer positions available to assist the organizers with the show. Most of the positions are open and will be filled on a first-come basis. If you have access to a networked computer, and you have the time, please give serious consideration to registering for one (or several) of these 2-hour time spots.

As a teaser for the upcoming fall show and a testament to the highly skilled modellers of the 7th Division here is a shot from TRAINS 2005. As I've suggested in previous BBs, how about an article for a future issue from the scratchbuilder community?



**Kyle Gardiner's scratchbuilt lime ore tipple modelled after the original still standing (as of 2005) at Fife BC (above Christina Lake). It is made from pre-stained strip wood with functioning brass chutes and gates - and by removing stacked sections, interior detail can be seen.**

**J. Stevenson photo**

The views and opinions stated in *Editorial Comments* are not intended to reflect those of the NMRA or regions or divisions thereof. As the editor of the BULLETIN BOARD I welcome your comments and opinions regarding the comments made above or any other statements made in this publication. Send your comments to John Stevenson, Editor ([jstevenson@telus.com](mailto:jstevenson@telus.com)).

# Regional News

## 2015 PNR 7<sup>th</sup> Division Elections

By Ken Rutherford, Nomination Chair and Director-at-large

As most of you are aware, there will be an election this year for the positions of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. So far we have one candidate for the position of Superintendent: Jim Guillaume from Coldstream. Tom Carr our present Assistant Superintendent has had to withdraw his nomination to stand again. In the last Bulletin Board there was a call for nominations from the membership for additional candidates and as of this writing I have received none. Please consider serving the Division as it is the volunteers that keep things moving and improving. If you are interested in the AP program, serving will earn you Time Units (TUs) towards the Volunteer Certificate. If you have questions about these positions or would like to stand for a position, my contact information is listed elsewhere in the BB.

The Executive, as per our bylaws, have decided to forgo the mailing of individual ballots, as a cost-saving measure, and will hold the election at the annual AGM (to be held during the Trains Expo event in Vancouver on November 8 at 2:00 pm). There will be a verbal call for any further nomination at the AGM and if there is no more than one candidate for each position, then the lone candidates will be elected by acclamation.

## Vancouver Train Expo Update

By Tom Lundgren

Organizing for the Meet and public train show continues. The PNE Forum has been booked, as have the facilities for the Banquet on Saturday night. We are hoping those of you who needed to get away promptly on Sunday in previous years will join us this year.

Work continues on the operating sessions (Scott Calvert) and clinics (Mark Dance). Mark is working with some great modellers to put on some very good clinics. As a solution to the logistical and economic challenges of layout tours, the builders of four outstanding local layouts will, for convenience, take registrants on virtual tours of their layouts at the Forum. Tom Jones will be looking for your contest entries so don't miss your chance to awe us with your handiwork. We have a good room reserved for RPM. To participate in these activities register for the Meet. Registration is \$45 until August 31 and then it is \$55. We are hoping this price difference provides an incentive to register early so we have the cash flow needed to pay the bills that come due in advance of the show.

Traditional paper and online registration is available at: <http://www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca/node/8>

There will be a \$200 prize for the most improved layout, so exhibitors get to work sprucing up your layouts!

With the move to the Forum, twice the space we had at Cameron Centre, there is lots of space for exhibitors and vendors this year on the show floor. And - there is space left. Book your tables now! We have our posters ready and will be distributing them over the next few months. As always, there is a need for volunteers to help out. You can sign up by going to the website.

Hope to see you at the show.



## Selkirk Express 2016

By David Walker, Chairman, Selkirk Express 2016



The Selkirk Express 2016 is less than 10 months away, so book your calendar for June 15-19 with a public train show on June 18-19. We are working on the clinics and layout tours for the convention and will have a list of the offerings on the web site this fall. There will be two railfan tours scheduled; one tour on June 16 to the Kamloops Historical Railroad (KHR 2141) with a 115 km. round trip between Kamloops and Armstrong on the steam train, and the other tour to Revelstoke and Three Valley Gap on June 17 with a stop at Craiggallechie, the last spike (CPR).

We will be attending a number of the local train shows in Greater Edmonton Train Show (Sep 19-20), Lynden, WA (Oct 3-4), Chilliwack, BC (Oct 17-18), Vancouver Train Expo (Nov 6-8), over the fall and of course SUPERTRAIN 2016 in Calgary, AB (Apr. 16-17, 2016). If you are at the NMRA national convention in Portland, OR (Aug 23-29) you will see our booth advertising the upcoming event.

The registration form is on the website and information on the tours, clinics and contest as well. As more information is confirmed we will update the site. Contact emails are on the site as well so if you have a question please contact us. Hope to see many of you in 2016 in Salmon Arm and the beautiful Shuswap area.

Visit the website at [www.SelkirkExpress2016.ca](http://www.SelkirkExpress2016.ca).

## 2015 Victoria Model Railway Show

By Ted Alexis

Our 25th Annual Model Railway Show was held on May 25 at West Shore Parks and Recreation Centre in Colwood, BC. Our attendance was 1100 people on the floor, similar to attendance in 2014 even with the changed spring date. We heard praise from all that attended for showcasing the wide range of model railroading possibilities.

The show displayed some 10 sectional and modular layouts for public viewing in hopes that we could attract and promote the hobby to first timers. Some of the main attractions were the HO layouts from CFB Esquimalt and the Victoria Model Railway Club, British HO, Victoria Lego group, Vancouver Island Garden Railway Club and Victoria One track Club. Our added attraction was the Brio layout from Washington State.

At this time I would like to thank our dealers for providing many door prizes. Also, I would like to thank Tim Anderson of Ngineering and David Mackinnon from Detailed N Scale and Tom Beaton for his tree making display. These were great crowd pleasers. Donations this year were going to C-Fax Santa's Anonymous and the Times Colonist Christmas Fund for people in need. And in closing, I would to thank Mark Giles our floor planner, Fred Madill and David Tomljenvich for their help with set-up and reception. Next year's show will be held on Sunday May 29, 2016.

The show gave monies to 13 groups for their participation and a cheque to the 7th Division for \$250 for their ongoing work with the Division.

Because of ongoing constraints from the NMRA regarding insurance coverage not meeting minimum Canadian liability limits that now routinely reach \$2-3M, we intend to purchase our own insurance next year with West Shore Parks and Recreation Society. I hope that in the near future the NMRA is able to resolve this.



# Superintendent's Report

by Russ Watson

Once again a warm welcome to all of our new members. Please don't hesitate to contact any of our members with your questions or suggestions. Contact information for our executive members is listed in this issue and a full standing committee contact list is available on our website [7DPNR.org](http://7DPNR.org) and is also included in each Jan/Feb issue of the *Bulletin Board*.

I am very pleased to report that Jim Guillaume of Coldstream has volunteered to let his name stand for Superintendent in this year's 7th Division election. Thank you Jim! Tom Carr is unable to let his name stand for Assistant Superintendent, as he had hoped to, for personal reasons. Thank you Tom for your past service to the 7D. So please contact Ken Rutherford if you are interested in letting your name stand for Asst Superintendent. And please see Ken Rutherford's article about the election elsewhere in this issue. Thanks again to Ken for agreeing to complete the tasks of Nomination Chair and Returning Officer.

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer and those with garden railways are finding time to run trains on them - hopefully without having to pull too many weeds. I don't have much to report this time, which perhaps means things are running along just fine in the 7th Division.

I hope that those of you who attend the NMRA National Convention in Portland, Oregon, August 23-29th enjoy it very much. If you still haven't decided on attending please visit our website [7DPNR.org](http://7DPNR.org) and click on the convention logo (4th from the left near the top of the page) for full details. Thank you to Asst Superintendent Tom Carr for agreeing to be my proxy at the Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) Board of Director's (BoD) meeting to be held during the convention.

The PNR BoD is still looking for members to express interest in filling the vacant PNR positions of President and Vice President. Please contact me if you are interested and would like additional information on the duties of these positions.

I do hope to attend the Vancouver Train Expo at the PNE Forum building being held November 6-8th. The committee is working hard to make this event the biggest and best ever so please support the event by registering. And please read an update elsewhere in this issue and visit <http://www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca> for all of the details including the registration form and online registration. Register by the end of August to receive a discount. The event is always looking for volunteers and I know that Peter Mueller [peter@muellerlacourt.com](mailto:peter@muellerlacourt.com) would be happy to hear from you in that regard.

I am looking forward to attending the next NMRA Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) Annual convention, *Selkirk Express 2016* that will take place June 15-19th, 2016 in Salmon Arm. Please read an update elsewhere in this issue and visit <http://selkirkexpress2016.ca/index.html>.

Until next time ....





Young railfans Mya, Logan and Emma Mansell of Victoria enjoy watching CN 2966 North pull out of 2 Mile Flat in Quesnel on July 25, 2015 to the delight of the horn-blowing CN engineer

Russ Watson photo

## Timetable

**August 23-29, 2015.** The **NMRA 2015 National Convention** is at Expo Center, 2060 North Marine Drive, Portland Oregon, USA and the Convention Hotel, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland is at 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, Oregon, USA

**October 17-18, 2015.** **Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway and Hobby Show** is at Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack, BC (Freeway Exit #116)

**November 6-8, 2015.** **Vancouver Train Expo** is at Pacific National Exhibition, Forum building, 2901 E Hastings St., Vancouver, BC.

For up-to-date event listings for the PNR 7<sup>th</sup> Division, jump to [7DPNR.org](http://7DPNR.org)

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