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7th Division membership report

As of November 1st 2015

Last Year

Total Members	314	298
Life Members	40	43
New Members	37	22
New members who were rail pass	12	9
Overdue	6	11
Receive the <i>Bulletin Board</i> Electronically	278	251
Members who have email but receive the BB by mail	7	10
Complimentary <i>Bulletin Boards</i>	27	37
Did not renew	27	29

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2015 7th Div, PNR NMRA Publicity Coordinators Report

I have been attempting to resign this position for a couple of years, and it started to look like there was a light at the end of the tunnel - but it seems to have gone out.

We have several members taking on parts of the position. However there are frequent periods when our display is not attended as I pursue other activities. More volunteers would be appreciated.

Greg Kennelly has constructed several sets of lightweight display panels so we can have sets in each of the subdivisions. The first set has been used at the Mid-Island Meet in Nanaimo, and the Victoria Train Show. this set is now stationed on the Island with Fred Madill looking after them. I have been sending him updates BWO the internet.

The set used at the Mt. Cheam Train & Hobby Show is stationed in the Lower Mainland, with me looking after and updating it. This one has been used at the Western Rails event as well. I have had several viewers express appreciation of the panels, especially of the Scale Comparison panel at all shows.

The third and fourth sets are in the Interior sub division, but I am not sure who is looking after them, so I have been sending updates to Russ.

I set up the display at the Mid-Island Meet, and helped with the setup at the Victoria Train Show. I expect to be able to handle the lower mainland events for a little while longer, but the hope is to get some more volunteers to staff the 7th div booth at the meets.

The division has hand outs, application forms and other information. Hopefully, the subdivisions will provide some personal contact at each event to promote the benefits of NMRA membership.

I have been appointed to the NMRA Canada Board. In contact with the NMRA Canada office and the Board updated forms will not be needed as the office address and dues are not changing with the appointment of the new office manager - Stephen Wood.

Membership 1 year without NMRA Magazine \$26 In Canadian funds.

Membership 1 year with NMRA Magazine \$62 In Canadian funds.

We currently have a hand out "Why should I join the NMRA" that I produced several years ago. This will be updated after the election results are announced.

Feedback on this document would be welcome.

The World's Greatest Hobby is no longer responding to requests for handouts, so I am considering retiring VHS tape. Are there any suggestion of other VHS media that could be used? VHS because that is what the machine John Moore donated uses.

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The NMRA Canada **Canadian eBulletin** that was to be issued every 5-6 weeks has been rather spotty, as has the hopes to establish a **Live Call-In Show via Skype**. Keep your contact information up to date with NMRA Canada. email address is:

Registrar/Office Manager <registrar@nmracanada.ca>

So you will be advised when this are to take place.

At the last shows we have had a draw for an NMRA gauge in the scale of the winners choice. There have been winners, but we also had the HO one taken from the table while unattended. Thanks to Ken Rutherford for setting this up.

We have also offered a Rail Pass Membership to the show organizers as a door prize. The winner is asked, expected, to contact the attendant at our display to complete the application. Several memberships have been awarded at the last shows.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this report, the need for more volunteers to attend the display at shows is very evident. A couple of members help with the Victoria Show. Vancouver Train Expo provided help one day at the Mt. Cheam show, thanks Tom. But more helpers would certainly make my time at the events more enjoyable.

Hoping for some more personal hobby time

Dick Sutcliffe

Publicity co-ordinator

7th div, PNR, NMRA Canada

As per Russ Watson's request, the following is my report on achievement program activities over the past year:

Our division has been reasonably active during the past year with four members earning a total of 11 certificates. During the 12 months up to and including September 2015, certificates were issued to the following:

Steve Stark: Scenery, Engineer Electrical, Chief Dispatcher, Association Official, Author & Prototype Models

Kyle Gardiner: Structures

Ted Alexis: Association Volunteer

Mark Dance: Author, Structures & Engineer Electrical

With six certificates, Steve Stark only requires a certificate in either Cars or Motive Power to earn his MMR. Kyle Gardiner finds himself in a similar position with six certificates and requires just one more in the service sector which comprises: Association Official, Association Volunteer and Author.

Regards,
Mike Chandler

Report of the Ross Heriot Memorial Gold Spike Award - 2015.

**Prepared for the 7th Division PNR NMRA Annual General Meeting
of 8 November 2015**

I regret to advise that this year, unfortunately there have been no additional nominations received for the Ross Heriot Gold Spike Memorial award. After due consideration by a small committee of previous recipients of this honour, I am pleased to advise that there will be a presentation of the Ross Heriot award at the 7th Division AGM on Sunday afternoon.

Since the award was first presented in 1968, it has been made to 40 individuals and not awarded in 9 years. In some years the award has been made to two people in the same year. A list of previous recipients is available on the 7th Division Web Site.

"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."

I look forward to continuing receiving nominations of additional worthy members who meet the award requirements.

Respectfully Submitted
John Green