

## Bulletin Board – by Editor John Stevenson

As Bulletin Board editor, I have managed a bi-monthly newsletter since I took over with the May-June 2015 issue (v.29 n.3). From the outset, I have used PagePlus X8 from Serif as the desktop publishing platform which has a robust and flexible .pdf publishing component. I established a format with the front page image linked to the significant following content.

The issues have ranged from 8-13 pages with an average of 10. With improvements in the past year to the 7DPNR website, we now post a high and low resolution version of the newsletter to facilitate online access for members with slower ISP connections. With a hard limit of 10 pages (five double-sided pages) per edition to ensure the lowest postal rate (and cost) for the approximately 30+ members still receiving a paper copy, we experimented with one extended edition with more graphics that was made available by download only. Those pictures covered the story of Brian Pate's KMR relocation to Dawson City, YT and were included as a teaser for the keynote address at this year's RMMBC banquet. In total, three of the 10 editions incurred extra mail out costs due to extended content, two of which occurred this year.

Beyond the administrative news of the division, content has included ops sessions reports, craftsman related modelling, train show reports, member rail-related travelogues, and some prototype news stories.

I have an open request to the membership for interesting submissions to ensure varied and high quality content. We continue to encourage member-supplied content (either original or previously published) so that the Bulletin Board retains its appeal and place as the divisional communications tool. I have stated that I'll travel and interview anyone including taking or editing photographs for a possible story as we did with the KMR relocation project.

Feed me. Thanks

John Stevenson