

North Shore – by Graham Stokes

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Model railroading interest and activity have been alive and well on the North Shore for another year. The North Shore Model Railroaders (NSMRs) have welcomed a few new members, so the email list now consists of 27 North Shore residents, two alumni who now reside on Vancouver Island but who are always welcome to our events, and two friends of mine who live in the Lower Mainland and offer assistance on my layout, a total of 31.

This year we met at home layouts 8 times. Two of the visits were to layouts hosting a group of model railroading visitors for the first time. In May we enjoyed seeing Rene Gourley's Proto: 87 layout set in Pembroke, Ontario in 1905. In October we met at Dennis Sayle's N Scale Canadian National: Prairie to Pacific Division set in 1956-60. We also enjoyed return visits to expanded layouts: Kyle Gardiner's HO Pacific National Railway, and my HO Hidden Prairie Valley Division of the CPR set in 1955-59. All 4 of these layouts are featured in the Self- Guided Layout Tours this year along with Tim Horton's N Scale BCR Dawson Creek Sub & Chris Eunos's HO layout. Model Railroaders on the North Shore encourage you to come see these railroads on November 6th. All 6 have grown and progressed. Three have never been on PNR 7th Division layout tours before.

We will miss seeing Brian Pate's Klondike Mines Railway on the North Shore. We thank Brian for hosting the NSMRs more than once before the KMR moved north, and for his active excellence in the hobby. Glad that he is enjoying operations on other layouts.

Submitted respectfully,

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