



I am still attempting to retire from this position.

We have several members taking on parts of the position. However there are still frequent periods when our display is not attended at various events, as I pursue other activities. The increasing number of volunteers are appreciated.

The 3 sets of lightweight display panels have been distributed to each of the subdivisions. The first set on Vancouver Island for use at the Mid-Island Meet in Nanaimo, and the Victoria Train Show. This set is now stationed with Fred Madill looking after them. I have been sending him updates BWO the internet.

The second set is used at the Mt. Cheam Train & Hobby Show, Vancouver Train Expo and the Western Rails event. Viewers express appreciation of the panels, especially of the Scale Comparison panel. This one is stationed in the Lower Mainland, with me looking after and updating it.

The third set is in the Interior sub division, With Russ Watson looking after them, so I have been sending updates to Russ.

In 2017 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.

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

The division has application forms and other information as well. Be aware that all membership fees will be increasing Jan. 1, 2018, with the RailPass being extended to 9 months.

RailPass 19.99 for 9 months - with magazine, not renewable.

Membership 1 year without NMRA Magazine \$30 In Canadian funds.

Membership 1 year with NMRA Magazine \$95 In Canadian funds.

I am serving as the NMRA Canada, Director At Large - BC. We meet, via Skype, on the last Monday, most months. Please advise me of any issues you would like me bring up. A week in advance would let me get the item on the Agenda.

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The VHS tape - "World's Greatest Hobby" - has been retired, and replaced with a 6 minute video on DVD, which is displayed, repeating, on a 24" flat LCD screen with built in player that I am loaning. Copies of the DVD are available to the other display sets.

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

We have also offered a RailPass Membership to 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, but several have not been claimed as well. We need to decide if this is to continue with the new rate.

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 helped with the Victoria Show. I had a non-member helping at the Mid Island Train Show. Vancouver Train Expo provided help one day at the Mt. Cheam show, thanks Tom. A member also assisted on Saturday, thanks Ken. Thanks to John Martin who has been good about putting in several hours as well, thanks John. But more helpers would certainly make my time at the events more enjoyable. With the display staffed we have better contact with the public as well.

Still hoping for some more personal hobby time.

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