



I am still attempting to retire from this position.

We have had 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 increased number of volunteers are appreciated.

The 3 sets of lightweight display panels 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 has had a rather spotty performance, as it has not shown up at several events. Fortunately I was attending the events and had the Lower Mainland set with me. This set needs more exposure.

The second set was used at the Mt. Cheam Train & Hobby Show, Vancouver Train Expo and the Western Rails event. Viewers continuing to bring guests to see the Scale Comparison panel. The panels are needing some maintenance as the poster slots are starting to detach. 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. I was advised they were used at several events in the Quesnel area.

In 2018 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 was 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 were increased Jan. 1, 2018, with the RailPass being increased to \$19.95 and extended to 9 months. NMRA Canada is subsidizing this increase as NMRA National is trimming their support.

The current rates are:

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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NMRA Canada e-bulletins are being issued. If you are not receiving copies, make sure your email address is up to date at Headquarters.

We have also offered a RailPass Membership to show organizers as a door prize. but several have not been claimed. I suggest offer be this discontinued.

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 Sunday, thanks Vic. 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.

I have been taking some more personal hobby time.

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