

**Nation Model Railroad Association
PNR 7th Division**

North Island Sub-division report October 2020

There are approx. 34 members in an area from Mill Bay to Port Hardy. This covers a large geographical area so we rarely hear from members. People do not want to travel so most events are attended by local hobbyists.

The annual model railroad show in Nanaimo was cancelled as were pretty much all events.

Parksville Train days was also cancelled.

The North Island Model Railroad club of Campbell River set up their display layout in the Campbell River Museum in January just before Covid arrived.

The Comox Valley Railway Modellers, now at 32 members, has been active with regular monthly meetings (except for July/August).

- Several operations oriented groups continue to hold regular sessions in the Parksville and Comox Valley areas. Some of the Garden Railroad group are now 'discovering' the joys of operations and are getting involved.
- We held a kit bashing challenge with the grand finale in February. The finished products were quite amazing with a 1st place winner and two tied for 2nd place.
- We continue exploring Freemo with one or two members constructing a module. It appears that where we could not get a group together, interest may grow as members see what others have done. We have had many discussions and received guidance from Larry Sebelly.
- As the Campbell River club numbers have dwindled, some of the remaining key members have joined up with us.

Going forward it looks like we won't soon be resuming our monthly in-person meetings. We have queried members about Zoom meetings with very low response. It really is a hands-on hobby.

Respectfully submitted
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