

## Jack Work Memorial Trophy - 2021

Rene Gourley awarded the Jack Work Memorial Trophy (from Sep/Oct BB)  
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Jack Work is considered by many to have been a highly influential early force in the hobby of railway modelling. During the 1950's and 60's he shared much of his substantial knowledge and accomplishments with the modelling public through many articles in noted periodicals. He was also a 7th Division member, getting his start in Nanaimo. After Jack's death in June 1996, his stainless-steel railway whistle was kindly donated to the NMRA PNR 7th Division and now is the basis of the Jack Work Memorial Trophy.

The Trophy is presented annually to the 7th Division member who best exhibits the qualities that Jack Work displayed, namely: imagination, creativity, innovation, artistry, forward thinking, quality workmanship and the sharing of the results of these qualities with the rest of the hobby.

The award may only be received once in a lifetime and is only presented in years when a suitable recipient is recognized. The candidates are nominated by their peers.

This award has been presented eleven previous times, starting in 1998. The recipients are listed on the 7th Division website.<https://www.7divpnr.ca/node/4>

This year the Jack Work Memorial Trophy has been awarded to Rene Gourley.



Rene has been involved with the hobby and NMRA's PNR 7th Division for many years. He has given numerous clinics, quite often on leading-edge technology topics. He is continually "pushing the envelope", as they say.

He has written various articles for the model press and for the past six years has been the Chair of the Railway Modellers' Meet of BC, bringing all facets together for a first class, well received and well-organized meet. Rene is also working towards his Master Model Railroader title, having received several AP Merit Awards. He is always ready to help and give friendly advice to fellow modellers.