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# Addendum #3

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## **7th Division PNR NMRA**

### **North Fraser Annual Report November 9, 2014.**

My report this year will be very brief, as my professional career has taken priority over the past year, and I have not been visiting the clubs in my area on any sort of a regular basis. As I maintain personal contact with individual members of all 3 clubs I am able to report that they are all alive and well, with at least one of them adding new members on a fairly regular basis.

I hope the coming year will allow me to visit them all a bit more often.

Respectfully submitted;

Tom Carr  
North Fraser Area Representative

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## Fraser Valley Report

November 2014

The Abbotsford Model Railway Club continues to expand and develop its layout in Abbotsford farm country. I have been unable to arrange a visit to view the layout, but hope to in the new year. The AMRC can be contacted at [abbotsfordmodelrailwayclub@hotmail.com](mailto:abbotsfordmodelrailwayclub@hotmail.com).

The Chilliwack Model Railway Club was constructing a very large Free-mo-like layout in a commercial building in Chilliwack; however they have lost their space.

A sub-group of the club attended the Mount Cheam Lions Train & Hobby Show in October 2014 with a modest set of Free-mo compliant modules.

The club also continues to develop its N-scale modular layout based on NMRA standards. Most unfortunately, the group lost one of its members, Steven Savich, to cancer recently.

The CMRC website can be found at <http://www.chilliwackmodelrailwayclub.com/>.

Coldslap Free-mo, also based in Chilliwack, continues to develop its modular layout fully compliant with the North American Free-mo standards. In June 2014 they hosted the Second Annual BC Free-mo Meet, to which all Western Canada Free-mo modellers were invited. The event was held at Heritage Park in Chilliwack, and attracted 17 participants who brought 23 modules from as far away as Calgary and Idaho. All enjoyed the two-day weekend run.

Coldslap Free-mo has just returned from the October Mount Cheam Lions Hobby and Train Show, at which they were honoured with the People's Choice award.

Anyone with an interest in pursuing the Free-mo concept is welcome to visit [www.coldslapfreemo.org/welcome](http://www.coldslapfreemo.org/welcome) and/or to contact the group. The group will be pleased to mentor anyone with a strong interest in Free-mo. The group will be organising future Free-mo events in the Fraser Valley and elsewhere, including the Portland 2015 NMRA National Train Show joint layout. They have recently begun a foray into signalling in accordance with the California MSS signal system, and plan to have all modules operational.

I invite all model railroaders in the Fraser Valley area to send me news, photos and updates on their activities. I am always looking for something interesting for this report. Digital submissions only please. I can be contacted at [sebelley@shaw.ca](mailto:sebelley@shaw.ca).

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7<sup>th</sup> Division  
Fraser Valley Representative

**Report of the Vancouver Burnaby New Westminster Richmond Sub Division 2014.**

**Prepared for the 7<sup>th</sup> Division PNR NMRA Annual General Meeting of 09 November 2014**

This year I am sorry to report the last runs on two significant model railway layouts located within the Sub-Division. However like the “Mythical Phoenix” reconstruction and replacement activities have already started.

The two layouts are Steve Stark’s Esquimalt and Nanaimo, which has been visited on a number of occasions as part of the TRAINS Escorted layout tours. Steve also participated in the bi-annual “Vanrail Operating Events”. Steve and Mary have moved, and planning is underway for a new and improved version of the “Esquimalt and Nanaimo”

The second layout is the “Vancouver Waterfront” constructed by Colin Dover. This basement sized HO scale model railway reflect operations of four prototype railways on the south shore of Burrard inlet, the CPR, CNR GN and Harbors Board. Colin has opened his layout for Vanrail Operating events, Trains Operation events, and invitational open houses. An extensive video has been shot and editing is underway. A replacement model railway depicting the BC Hydro Central Park line circa 1955 is to be built in this space. This is to be a simpler model railway with less maintenance and requiring a smaller operations crew.

This year Gary Hinshaw has made his new N scale layout the “Tehachapi BC” available as part of the TRAINS 2014 self guided tours. Also Mark Dance has made his “Columbia Western” N-Scale layout available for both operations on Friday evening operations and self guided tours. Mark has shared in the print media, on the internet, and in Model railroad clinics, many items of interest about his fascinating model railway. Other participants include Anthony Craig, who has also opened his Kettle Valley Division” to both operations and Self Guided Tours, and Mike Chandler continues to share his freelance HO Scale “Western Midland Railroad” hosting formal operating sessions. I will have my HO scale Coquihalla Valley open for self guided tours tomorrow.

Outdoors, the Burnaby Central - operated by the British Columbia Society of Model Engineers continue their operations at Penzance Park in North Burnaby. I am told that they have plans underway for further track expansion in the coming years.

In full size railroading, many attendees have noticed the remarkable progress of the guide way for the new Evergreen extension of the Skytrain system on North Road, and along the CPR right of way between Port Moody and Coquitlam. This new line is scheduled to be operational in 2016.

Local Activities are happening within several Local Unknown Groups who are helping constructing, maintaining, and operating on each others layouts throughout the year. In addition there are social occasions just to meet and share conversation and stories.

There have been no organized sub divisional activity or meeting in 2014. I would solicit ideas and reasons for arranging such a meeting, as I consider meeting just for the sake of meeting is simply a waste of everybody’s time without any obvious benefit.

In closing I would like to thanks the members 2013-2014 Trains Committee and the volunteers for organizing and hosting another very enjoyable weekend. I know from many years of experience that these show/meets, do not just happen, they always require a lot of energy, time, and commitment by those involved to “Make it Happen” for other modelers and members of the public to enjoy.

Respectfully Submitted

John Green

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### PNR 7th Division Area Representative Report 100 Mile House to Prince George November 2014

I took on the area representative position a year ago after the untimely death of John Ireland from Prince George, the previous representative. However, unfortunately I don't have a lot to report.

Currently we have only one member in Prince George, 7 in Quesnel, 3 in Williams Lake, 2 in 150 Mile House, and 2 in 108 Mile House for a total of 15 members.

I started to arrange a membership meeting for a date in the late spring or early summer, however the venue we wanted to use - an empty Quesnel mall store adjacent to the Quesnel Model Railway Club layout - required that we have \$2,000,000 each occurrence liability insurance. So the cost of the insurance along with the rent made it too costly. I was actually planning a mini meet of sorts with operating FreeMo modules from the North Cariboo FreeMo group, a clinic or two and a show and tell. I was thinking that if members were travelling from a distance of over 2 hours away, we should have something worth the effort. I'll try again in the spring at a different venue and we may have to have just a one-day get together without the FreeMo modules. And perhaps we could arrange it in Williams Lake so that it would be more central to the majority of members.

I invite all members to contact me with their ideas and suggestions so that we can work together to know each other better and to enhance our NMRA experience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russ Watson  
100 Mile House to Prince George Area Rep  
Quesnel, BC  
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