

# **Addendum #3**

## **Standing Committee – Subdivision Reports**

# Vancouver Island – Central & North

## North Island Report 2012 - by Ken Rutherford

### Activities

#### Model Railroad

- January – North Island Model Railroaders hosted their 16th annual model railroad display in the Campbell River Museum.
- April - Nanaimo Train Show was a success. Public attendance was 876, down about 150 from 2011. Layouts on display included North Island Model Railroaders HO, CFB Esquimalt N scale layout, Rick Slingerlands On30, CARM members switching layout, Vancouver Island Garden Railway club. Vendors did well. The show made a profit and we are please to donate \$500 to the 7<sup>th</sup> Div. (next years show is scheduled for April 14)
- Summer – Vancouver Island Garden Railroad Club had another series of open houses at 8 garden layouts. Approx 40 members.

#### Railroad

- The Alberni Pacific Railway in Port Alberni continued it summer steam train runs with great success. This past few months the volunteers have been rebuilding a 44 ton GE switcher (ex M & B Alpulp). Unit was test run last week and hopefully will be in use during the next BCIT conductor's practicum. NMRA member Sterling Stump has been doing the electrical work
- Motor Car Operators West hosted approx. 24 members of the North American Rail Car Operators Association with a base in Port Alberni on July 3 - 7. Speeders ran the Port Sub and the Englewood logging operation. 3<sup>rd</sup> year and are expected back next year.

# Lower Mainland – Tri Cites To Hope

## (North Fraser)



## 7th Division PNR NMRA

### North Fraser Annual Report November 11, 2012.

I am very pleased to report there are three active clubs in the North Fraser Area. I'll review each one individually below.

#### **Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society (DARS)**

DARS operates an HO scale DCC layout depicting the Haney area circa 1926 in the basement of the Maple Ridge Museum. Over the past year they have been busy installing over 200 LED lights in various buildings on the layout. They have also been updating their DCC equipment to better handle the sound systems their members have been acquiring. The club had six new members join over the past year, and have upgraded five of them to journeyman status. Their public open houses on the last Sunday of each month continue to prove popular. They are also happy to be part of the TRAINS 2012 layout tour.

#### **Maple Ridge Model Railroad Club (MRMRC)**

The MRMRC meets every Tuesday night at the Maple Ridge home of club president Jim Rankin. While the club is mainly HO, members model in a wide variety of scales, from N up through G. The main focus of the club meetings is social, with cake being served whenever a member celebrates their birthday. Members attend all the local train shows, but do not set up a layout at shows. Attendance at meetings is fairly consistent at around 12 to 15 each week, visitors are always welcome and the coffee is always on.

#### **The Vancouver TraiNgang**

This N-Trak modular DC club is the largest N-Scale club in the lower mainland with 34 members ranging from Vancouver to Chilliwack, including a large contingent living in the Ridge-Meadows and Tri-Cities area. With no permanent layout and only one formal meeting each year the TraiNgang maintains an active schedule of approximately 12 weekend shows at public venues, including Burnaby Heritage Village, Confederation Park, and Valley Fair Mall in Maple Ridge. This past year they even travelled to Squamish to participate in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PGE celebration at the WCRA's Heritage Park.

It has been a pleasure seeing members of all three clubs over this past year, and I wish them all continued growth and success. I will volunteer to continue serving as North Fraser Area Representative for the coming year, at the pleasure of the executive.

Respectfully submitted;

Tom Carr  
North Fraser Area Representative

# **Lower Mainland – Langley to Hope** **(South Fraser)**

## **Fraser Valley Report**

November 2012

The Abbotsford Model Railway Club continues to expand and develop its layout in Abbotsford farm country. I have been unable to contact them for an update.

The AMRC can be contacted at [abbotsfordmodelrailwayclub@hotmail.com](mailto:abbotsfordmodelrailwayclub@hotmail.com)

The Free-mo Division of the Chilliwack Model Railway Club is constructing a very large Free-mo-like layout in a commercial building in Chilliwack. The majority of the layout framework has been constructed with plywood covered with bondo to create a smooth, light grey surface. The layout will require a great deal of scenic treatment because of its size. Interspersed among the modules are the original Free-mo modules.

The N-scale Division of the Chilliwack Model Railway club continues to develop its modular layout based on NMRA standards.

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 standards. They have just returned from the Mount Cheam Lions Hobby and Train Show, at which they were honoured with the first place award for layouts. Anyone with an interest in pursuing the Free-mo concept is welcome to visit [www.members.shaw.ca/coldslap/welcome](http://www.members.shaw.ca/coldslap/welcome) 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.

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, so you have a good chance of being included. Digital submissions only please. I can be contacted at [sebelley@shaw.ca](mailto:sebelley@shaw.ca)

Larry Sebelley  
Fraser Valley Representative

# Lower Mainland – North Shore to Pemberton

## **North Shore Report to AGM, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

The North Shore Model Railroaders "...continue to meet on the third Wednesday of as many months as possible." We meet at one layout each month, and continue our shared interest "... in trains and model railroading regardless of scale. Our group consists both of NMRA and non-NMRA members. Layouts, including some new ones, are progressing, and we are helping one another with models, materials, and planning ideas." [mostly copied from my 2011 report-still true]

We enjoyed visiting Kyle Gardiner's HO layout, Michael & his son Nick Batten's N scale layouts, and Tim Horton's and Rick Nicholson's N scale layouts this year. We met a few times at my HO layout too. More visits to see progress on layouts, some new, are planned for this coming year.

The list of North Shore model railroaders keeps slowly growing, though attendance at our sessions varies with peoples' plans. Recently, Tim Horton gave a talk on the PGE for the West Vancouver historical association. I am also told that the PGE 100 Centenary Convention held July 13-15<sup>th</sup> at West Coast Railway park near Squamish, was very successful and enjoyable.

We'd be happy to add to our numbers and activities, so please refer interested persons to me. I remind members that the North Shore area includes communities from North Vancouver to Pemberton

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Stokes

North Shore Rep

# Interior - Kamloops

The Kamloops Heritage Model Railroaders are active with monthly meetings/operating sessions except in summer. We have had clinics on couplers, making trees from sagebrush, and a few others that I have missed. We also have a BBQ in the fall and a party at Christmas.

Our long term project is to move our ex-CN baggage car (1:1 scale) to Pioneer Park and make it suitable for hosting an operating model railway.

We are on the web at: <http://khmr.org/>  
Not much there yet, but it's a start.

Matthew Buchanan  
Kamloops, BC

# Interior – Kootenays East & West

Annual Report for Kootenay/Columbia Area PNR /7<sup>th</sup> Division

Golden City Railway Modelers club continues to thrive. The purchase and equipping of a trailer to transport the modular layout has been completed. The club had hoped to bring it down to Trains this year but insufficient numbers to attend prevented this. Only 3 are able to attend. We are looking forward to some future possibilities. The club has also acquired new shirts and hats with it's' logo. The shirts and trailer were covered by grants from the Columbia Basin Trust whose logo has been installed on the trailer.

The club is preparing to host a "Train Days" weekend, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November. This will include a Lego contest and model displays over the weekend. We are also looking at ways to allow younger people to learn and participate in some train operations, possibly building a "time saver".

The club continues to talk about hosting a future event but any decision on this is still some time away.

On some personal notes, I have "pulled the pin" and expect to have more time to devote to some division activities and make progress on my own layout as well as return to some scratch building projects started some time ago. Don Young is in the process of designing a new layout and Bob Flegel is building some modules for display.

Mike Barone