

# **Addendum #2**

# North Island Report 2011 - by Ken Rutherford

## Activities

### Model Railroad

- 1 January – North Island Model Railroaders hosted their 15th annual model railroad display in the Campbell River Museum. They had 756 visitors for a 15 year total of 10,277 people.
- 2 April - Nanaimo Train Show was a success. Public attendance was 1001, 4<sup>th</sup> highest attendance in the 27 years that the show has been held. Layouts on display included North Island Model Railroaders HO, CFB Esquimalt N scale layout, Rick Slingerlands On30, Lego display, 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 15)
- 3 Summer – Vancouver Island Garden Railroad Club had another successful series of open houses at 12 garden layouts. Approx 40 members.

- Clubs
- Mid Island – 2 round robin groups (10 to 13 ea) in the Parksville/Qualicum/Nanaimo area, 23 members that meet very other Thursday. Have been going for 9 years.
  - North Island – Campbell River club continues to be active in shows with their modular layout.
  - C.A.R.M members on the island meet twice a year. Ken Crigan is the current local president

### Railroad

- 1 The Alberni Pacific Railway in Port Alberni continued it summer steam train runs with great success. The Great Railway Journeys video team filmed the train and mill in August to be part of their next release (watch for announcements of Seattle PBS).
- 2 June 15 – The Alberni Pacific Railway hosted 35 mostly European photographers for a “Loggers Special” train. The train consisted of the #7 steam engine, water car, two log cars, a flat car and an ex-BCR caboose. The photographers were dropped at 6 sits where the train did photo run-bys. We will be working with Doug Cummings in the future to host more of these events.
- 3 Motor Car Operators West hosted approx 30 members of the North American Rail Car Operators Association with a base in Port Alberni on June 25 - 29. Speeders ran the Port Sub and the Englewood logging operation. A fun event.
- 4 December 20, 2011 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first train to arrive in Port Alberni. The APR will host a commemorative train on Sunday Dec 4 at 1:30 pm celebrate the anniversary. This event will follow their annual Santa train runs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.