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**ABOVE:** This stunning scratch built locomotive can be seen on Rene Gourley's Canada Atlantic Railway layout as part of the upcoming Railway Modellers Meet of BC layout tour on May 29th. For more information on this and the many other things happening as part of RMMBC, see the article on page 6.

Photo by Rene Gourley

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## From the Editor's Desk

This coming month the 7th Division will be putting on its major meet for its members: the Railway Modellers Meet of BC (RMMBC). This year's event is a hybrid affair, with all the clinics provided online via Zoom on the four Thursdays of May, followed by a one-day in-person event held this year in New Westminster along with a layout tour and two sets of operating sessions. To my way of thinking, RMMBC is definitely one of the main reasons I belong to the NMRA. If you haven't already registered to take part in this meet, have a look at the article starting on page 6. The meet is free – if you haven't registered, what's holding you back?

This issue we also have part 2 of Kyle Gardiner's series on building a CPR combine. While I doubt that I would ever think of scratch building a pair of trucks, much less a pair with fully working swing bolsters, Kyle's article gives lots of interesting information on the trucks and a great view of his process for working with brass. We also have an addendum to last issue's list of BC train museums and heritage railways. This grew directly out of an email from Bob Grace pointing out that I had missed a couple of museums. The issue is rounded out with Victor Gilbert's comments on what the 7th Division board is doing and programs available to all members, Tom Lundgren's report on VTEX, and, new this issue, a list of upcoming events.

If you have any comments on this issue, or if you are thinking about maybe providing your fellow 7th Division members with an article on something important to you, please send me an email at [r.England@computer.org](mailto:r.England@computer.org).

Enjoy the issue!



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## Superintendent's Message

By Victor Gilbert, 7th Division Superintendent

I think we can all agree: enough about the past.

The question is: Where do we go from here?

Honestly, I don't know.

Our board has taken the first steps. We have created "The Exchange", a social gathering place to share modelling ideas, projects, and post "buy & sell" items. Check it out at: [groups.io/g/7thDivision-PNR-Exchange](https://groups.io/g/7thDivision-PNR-Exchange). If you haven't joined, please do.

We have also started our Quarterly Clinics. The first one in February, the winter clinic, featured "Old-Style Billboards" and was presented by Dave Ackmann from the Gateway Division of the NMRA.

The clinics will be held in the winter, summer, and fall. In the spring there is RMMBC.

Baby steps but we must start somewhere.

We need your help and I do want to hear from you. I have put forth three options for a winter program starting in October running through spring.

- Option ONE

A follow-along series once a month on "Building a craftsman kit".

Pick your own kit, we all don't have the same interest, and follow along. The program has not been laid out but would follow along the lines of the St. Lawrence Division's program. Check out this link:

[sld-nmra.ca/projects/taking-structure-kits-to-the-next-level/](https://sld-nmra.ca/projects/taking-structure-kits-to-the-next-level/)

- Option TWO

A monthly meet-up with no program. Join a ZOOM link with myself and other modellers to socialize while at your workbench working on a project.

- Option THREE

An Arduino series starting where all the 101 clinics leave off. Projects would be decided by the group. We would start off small, maybe how to make a signal mast, and eventually move on to more challenging projects.

The hope is to allow our sub-divisions to avail themselves of the content that sees mostly Lower Mainland participation.

This choice is up to the membership, please send me an email with what you think, and what you would like. If you have a different idea, let me know and we will consider it.

I will send an all-members email in June with the plan.

Enjoy the summer everyone.

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## Adding Value to Your Membership

By Victor Gilbert, 7th Division Superintendent

### What's New

In April, the NMRA Magazine went digital. For those who no longer want a paper copy of the NMRA Magazine, there is a dramatic cost reduction of \$55. There has been a slight increase of \$10 to our annual membership for the rest of us, but we now get the digital NMRA Magazine. The paper version of the magazine is still available.

Here are links to explanations on how to register, and how to navigate around, the new digital version of NMRA Magazine:

[How to Register and Sign-In to the digital NMRA Magazine](#)

[How to Navigate the NMRA Magazine Web Application](#)

There is also a discussion from the recent NERx Convention [Digital Magazine Presentation](#) in which NMRA Publications Chair Riley Triggs talks about the new digital NMRA Magazine and how it came about. In it, he explains to viewers how to use this new NMRA benefit! Don't forget that the digital magazine is now available online at the [NMRA website!](#)

NOTE that you must be registered on the NMRA website to access member-only content.

Support needed?

Please contact the Digital Publication Team at: [pubs@nmra.org](mailto:pubs@nmra.org)

### Events

#### **Make Tracks to Eugene** – May 11 through 14, 2022

The 2022 PNR Convention is in Eugene, Oregon, from May 11-14, 2022.

Click on this link for additional details: [pnr.nmra.org/1div/Eugene2020/home.htm](http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/Eugene2020/home.htm).

#### **Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia** – May 5 through 29, 2022

The event this year will be a hybrid event. The online portion of the meet will be held as it was the past two years, via ZOOM on May 5, 12, 19, and 26. On Saturday, May 28, the in-person part of the meet will be held at the Queensborough Community Centre, 920 Ewen Ave, New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada.

The 7th Division will be recognizing our award winners at the in-person event on May 28, where there will also be displays, table-top clinics, meet-ups, meet the modeller, and a new invention, meet my layout. In addition, operating sessions are back, as are layout tours!

The entire meet is by donation. Please be aware that space is limited!

If you have not yet attended an RMMBC event, you are missing out. I strongly urge you to give this a try – there's something for everyone, and you most definitely don't need to be an “elite” modeller to attend.

Check out the [RMMBC website](#) for details.

## Awards

Did you know that the 7th Division recognizes our members for their achievements?

The **Jack Work Memorial 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 **Ross Heriot Gold Spike Award** is presented annually to the individual or individuals in the PNR 7th Division who has made a significant contribution to the division.

The **Railway Heritage Award** is presented when appropriate, to a current member of the 7th Division who has contributed in a meaningful way to the preservation of railway history.

Check out the [Awards page of the 7th Division website](#) for more details and past recipients.

If you know someone that should be recognized with one of these awards, contact the Award's coordinator or the Superintendent of the 7th Division. Contact information can be found on the [About Us page of the 7th Division website](#).

## Modeller's Helpdesk

We are here to help. If you need a solution or an idea for your layout, ask the “Modeller's Help Desk”, listed on the [About Us page of the 7th Division website](#) or on the last page of the Bulletin Board.

## Changing Your Email Address

We have created a simple way to change your email address. Email the [7th Division Membership Coordinator](#) with EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE as the subject line. Include your name, NMRA number, old email address, and new email address. We will update our records and pass the information on to the regional and national offices.

## Volunteering

We need volunteers and have openings for:

- **Publicity Coordinator**

Responsibilities: Coordinate with local events to have an NMRA presence. Liaise with NMRA Regional and National offices for literature.

- **Social Media Coordinator**

Responsibilities: Work to establish a 7th Division social media presence.

- **7th Division Regional Education Team**

Responsibilities: Work with the NMRA PNR Regional Education Team to establish a library of “How To's” and research material for access by NMRA Members

- **Assistant Web Admin**

Responsibilities: Work with the 7th Division's Web Admin to manage the 7th Division's website.

- **Assistant Clinic Coordinator**

Responsibilities: Work with the 7th Division's Secretary to coordinate clinicians and resources for the 7th Division's winter, summer, and fall clinics

Would you like to volunteer for one of these positions or do you have an idea for the Division? Reach out to your sub-division coordinator. They are listed on the [7th Division website on the About Us page](#) or contact me at [victor@sugarwood.info](mailto:victor@sugarwood.info).

WE NEED YOU!

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## Vancouver Train Expo 2022 Update

by Tom Lundgren, Leader, Vancouver Train Expo

The efforts of the Organizing Committee have continued since my last update.

A targeted poll of our Facebook followers indicated continued interest in the event. Our outreach to vendors and exhibitors has also been encouraging although a few of the major exhibitors, and vendors representing about half the tables, have not responded. It appears that the firm providing the furnishings (tables, chairs, curtains) has gone bankrupt, necessitating a search for a replacement. The search for an insurance provider continues.



Our plan is to continue putting together the missing pieces, in particular furnishings and insurance, as well as evaluating the enthusiasm of vendors and exhibitors to participate. The preceding are vital inputs to the decision early in June on whether or not to proceed with Vancouver Train Expo 2022, November 5th and 6th at the PNE Forum.

COVID remains a significant concern, and unknown, in terms of its impact on staging the event. The decision to proceed will be based on the Committee's perception of the likelihood of staging an appealing event (enough exhibitors and vendors), attracting sufficient attendance to ensure financial success, and finding sufficient volunteers for the various tasks, in particular ticket sales and admissions. The latter is problematic at the best of times.

As a registered non-profit organization and society, we have a responsibility to continue to be diligent, and responsible for the development and operation of the Vancouver Train Expo, as we seek to support the hobby as a whole. As part of the process, we are looking for your thoughts on this year's show. Please take the short survey by [clicking here](#). Responses are anonymous. Thank you in advance.

Ultimately the decision will be tempered by the knowledge that our entire financial resources are at risk if we guess wrong.



# We're Ready to Go! Registration is Open for RMMBC 2022!

by Marc Simpson, RMMBC Promotion

## Keynote Speaker

We are very pleased to announce Marty McGuirk as the Keynote Speaker for the Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia 2022! Marty will be presenting on macro-scale prototype modeling. Prototype modelling can apply beyond the equipment we run and the buildings we place on our layouts. However, in our limited spaces this requires that we compromise. Marty's keynote clinic will challenge us to choose those compromises carefully.

Marty started in the hobby with Lionel trains and picked up HO modeling in his teens. He built several N scale and HO scale layouts over the years. His current project, an HO scale rendition of the Central Vermont Railway's Richford Branch, is the culmination of many lessons he's learned building layouts in N and HO scale over the years.

He is a former Associate Editor of Model Railroader and currently is one of several rotating "Getting Real" columnists for Model Railroad Hobbyist. He has authored five books related to model or prototype railroading.

Marty's keynote presentation will kick off the 2022 edition of the RMMBC on Thursday May 5th at 7pm on Zoom. Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear this well-known model railroader.



**ABOVE: Marty McGuirk in his Central Vermont layout.**  
Photo by Marty McGuirk

## The Online Meet

The online portion of the meet will be every Thursday evening in May (May 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th) with clinics and virtual layout tours. Check the RMMBC website for more information about the many great online offerings. We'll be sending out more updates about the great online clinics that will be part of RMMBC 2022.



**ABOVE: Queensborough Community Centre**

## The In-Person Meet

The RMMBC committee is very pleased to announce the return of the in-person RMMBC this year at a new location! We will host the in-person RMMBC at the Queensborough Community Centre on Saturday, May 28th.

The Queensborough Community Centre is located at 920 Ewen Ave in New Westminster. This modern facility is located in beautiful Ryall Park and features a large, bright meeting space with access to a large patio. The building is wheelchair accessible and has many other amenities. The in-person meet will feature the return of in-person displays and the popular "Meet the Modeller". We also have some new additions to the program for 2022: "Table Top Clinics" and "Meet My Layout".

## Table Top Clinics

Table Top Clinics will be what it sounds like: several tables with modellers showing techniques for building and weathering models, scenery, buildings and more. Attendees will be able to move between the various tables and talk with the clinician about the topic they are presenting. Think of it as "speed dating" for model railroaders.



**LEFT: Table Top Clinics will demonstrate a variety of techniques.**  
Photo by Marc Simpson

## Meet My Layout

Something new for the in-person meet is “Meet My Layout”. Meet My Layout is an opportunity to share your layout without committing to a 30 minute virtual layout tour. All that is needed to participate is a brief overview of your layout and four to five images that capture the essence of your layout. Send these items to the Meet My Layout coordinator who will assemble them into a presentation.

At the in-person meet on May 28th, you will have an opportunity to introduce yourself and your layout in a brief 4-5 minute discussion. Overviews of complete layouts and work in progress are both welcome! We are excited to offer this new section to the meet. We hope to see some new layouts in the presentation, especially those that haven't been on a layout tour before.



**ABOVE: A scene from Marc's layout.  
Photo by Marc Simpson**

## Meet Ups

Another new feature of this year's in-person meet are “Meet Ups”. Birds of a feather flock together! You can learn a whole lot more by getting to know model railroaders who work on projects similar to your own. This year, we introduce social gatherings related to specific railroads and eras.

Have a question about how to model your favourite piece of equipment? It's likely someone else has already researched it; if not, maybe they will be interested to collaborate with you. Ever wonder how the prototype actually operated your line? Perhaps someone else knows someone who was there! Or maybe you just like hanging out with people with the same taste in railroad-centric T-shirts.

This will be a facilitated exchange to ensure everyone has a chance to learn and share. Be ready to introduce yourself and engage with other like-minded modellers on your favourite railway subject.

## Display and Meet the Modeller

After a long wait, we are looking forward to seeing everyone in-person at the live meet at Queensborough Community Centre on Saturday, May 28th. The display will be at the centre of the live meet activities and we invite you to show your model railroad projects, whether partly underway or complete.

All are welcome, from those taking their first steps in the hobby to those who've been at it a very long time, and everyone in between. Bring any project that will fit on the bus or in your vehicle, including models (structures, locomotives, rolling stock, track work, scenery, etc.), photos, drawings, prototype track and layout diagrams, and any other projects (circuits, signal systems, tools, etc.) related to the hobby.



**ABOVE: Al Lill talks about his models in the 2018 Meet the Modeller session.  
Photographer unknown**

We will have display tables available, as well as display boards for mounting two dimensional objects. Please let us know in advance what you intend to bring, and the space and power requirements. This will allow us to plan the space effectively and will ensure your projects are displayed as attractively as possible.

“Meet The Modeller” is a highlight of the meet for us and gives a low-key way to meet other modellers, learn about interesting projects and to ask a few questions. Each of us displaying models or other projects is given a brief chance to introduce ourselves, answer questions about the project we've displayed and chat with like-minded folks.

Come as you are; you do not need to prepare any speaking notes. It is relaxed and friendly, and uncompetitive.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged (but not required) to participate. Even if you don't bring something to display, join the audience and get to know the other attendees a little better. The "Meet the Modeller" event will be held on the afternoon of May 28th.

## Operating Sessions and In-Person Layout Tours

We are also happy to announce the return of the very popular operating sessions. The operating sessions have always been one of the most sought after activities at the RMMBC, and should be even more so this year. When you register for the in-person meet, select operating sessions on the form if you want to participate. But don't delay, spaces for the operating sessions are limited and fill up quickly. Once the capacity is reached for the operating sessions we'll have a waitlist for anyone wanting to participate but who registered after the spaces were filled up.

2022 also sees the return of in-person layout tours. This was another very popular activity at previous RMMBC. If you would like to take part in the layout tours simply select the option for layout tours on the form and you'll be contacted with more information about the tours as it becomes available.

Please bear in mind that some layout owners may have specific requirements regarding masking and vaccination status; we would ask attendees to respect the requests of layout owners. We are still in a fluid situation with regard to the ongoing pandemic.

## Schedule

Here is a breakdown of the various RMMBC events:

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday May 5th 7pm  | – Marty McGuirk keynote presentation and online clinics                                                             |
| Thursday May 12th 7pm | – Online clinics and online layout tours                                                                            |
| Thursday May 19th 7pm | – Online clinics and online layout tours                                                                            |
| Thursday May 26th 7pm | – Online clinics and online layout tours                                                                            |
| Friday May 27th       | – Operating sessions 1st session – afternoon                                                                        |
| Saturday May 28th     | – In-person meet at the Queensborough Community Centre during the day<br>– Operating sessions 2nd session – evening |
| Sunday May 29th       | – In-person layout tours – North Vancouver – afternoon                                                              |

Go to [www.railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca](http://www.railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca) for more information on each day's events and schedule. The 2022 Online and In-person RMMBC promises to have all the things you enjoy in both event styles. Register today for one or both events. We'll see you at the meet!



**ABOVE: CPR #4064 leads a freight past Farron on Scott Calvert's layout. This layout will be hosting two RMMBC operating sessions.**

**Photo by Marc Simpson**







## Canadian Pacific Combine 3299 – Part 2: Building Working Swing Bolster Trucks

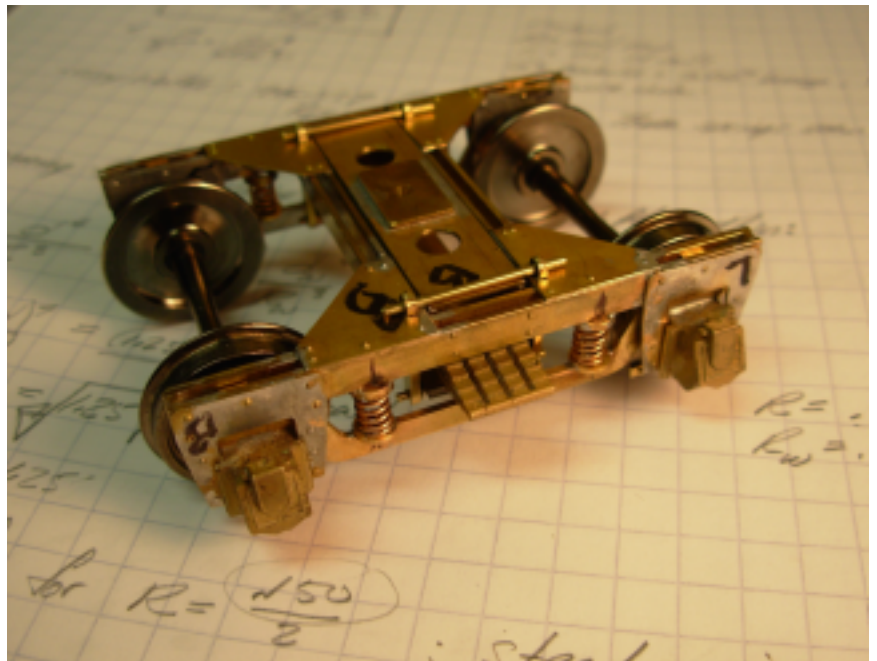
Text and photos by Kyle Gardiner

The previous article in the March/April Bulletin Board described building the CPR 3299 combine frame with undercarriage details. By the time those portions were complete what had started as a model modestly aimed at the AP program became one with contests in mind. A state of lunacy familiar to many model railroaders set in and bears responsibility for scratch building sprung and equalized trucks with the unnecessary and unappreciated feature of working swing action bolsters.

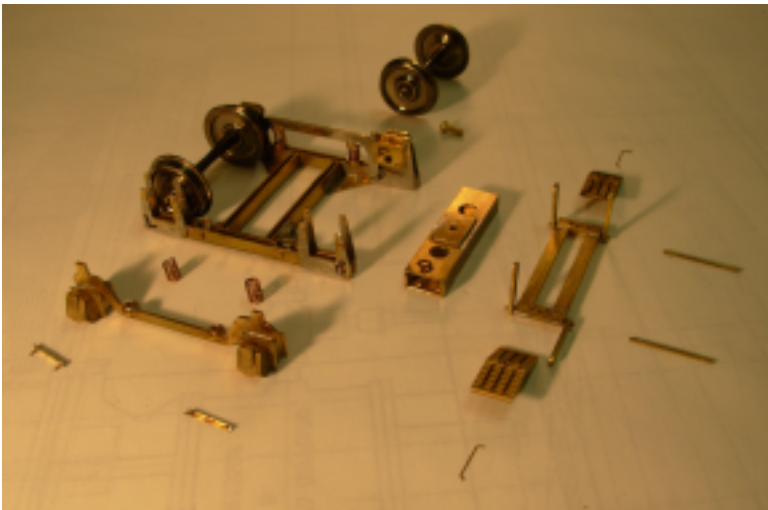
This invites the question of why does one scratch build anyway? I think it is because the product is so uniquely personal. One can buy very good models, but I find the ones I cherish are the ones I build myself, even with all their warts.

O scale is attractive because it is easier to include finer intricacies in larger scales. The drawback is I have no place to run them. The boundary between ambition and lunacy is not always clear.

The 3299 prototype trucks were the last word in early CPR truck design inasmuch as their all-steel structure was a vast improvement over the composite construction then commonly employed. The composite trucks had suffered from loosening of bolted connections, warping and instability of the wooden members, and



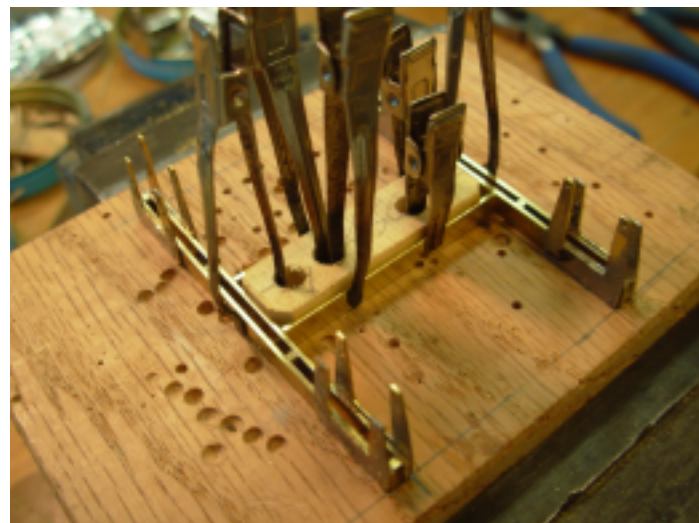
ABOVE: The fully assembled truck



**ABOVE: Exploded truck showing all components.**

5" on the prototype. The idea was that disturbances from small lateral track deviations would not be imparted to the car body, thus providing a more comfortable ride. A more modern design might have included dampers to settle down inevitable "waltzing" but maybe there was enough friction to accomplish the same thing. (Angling the tie bar geometry would induce tilting of the car so passengers would not feel as much centrifugal effect on curves, but I could not be sure that that is the case on 3299.) The plate pedestals were found to not fracture in a derailment and were strong enough that vexatious pedestal straps were not needed. Combined with inside, top mounted brake rigging nothing impeded dropping out wheel sets for maintenance. The little bars in the photo were pinned to the inner pedestals to prevent the journal boxes falling out if the car was jacked or derailed.

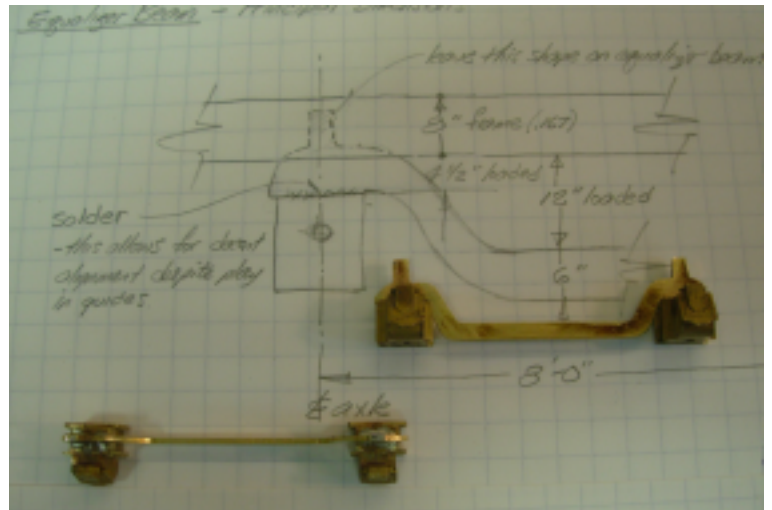
The equalizer beams on the model are fixed (soldered) to the journal boxes and have ears poking up that slide into the side sills. These deviations from the prototype keep everything in perfect alignment while working within manageable tolerances.



**ABOVE: One of the soldering jigs used.**

especially insufficient rigidity to keep their pedestals plumb with the journal boxes. Bearing friction could double within a year as they gradually misaligned. Fabricated steel trucks were cheaper, more easily repairable and considered as good in most respects as the cast designs that followed. This explains their long service lives. Long gussets between the side sills and pedestal plates provide sufficient strength without end sills. This permitted shorter side sills, giving better clearance for steps and end platforms – appreciated by the modeler as well.

The swing bolsters on which the car rests are suspended by four tie bars, and move laterally about .070" on the model, corresponding to some



**ABOVE: Two of the equalizer beams, one shown in side view and the other in top down view.**

This simple jig – just an accurately sized wooden block glued to a piece of scrap wood – illustrates the sort of contrivance that helped prevent a mild state of lunacy from degenerating further. The holes in the jig permitted using very handy hairpins as clamps while soldering. These versatile hairpins also were used on occasion as very effective heat sinks. Being stainless steel, they could withstand a lot of heat, solder would not adhere, and they could be bent or cut up to suit.

In O scale it is often possible to suspend locomotives and rolling stock, so they float on their springs. It is a challenge to at the same time maintain correct numbers of coils, coil wire diameter, and spring diameter and still wind up with a working arrangement. But with some calculations it is possible to come close. Surprisingly, I found that the same physics I used in an earlier life designing suspensions for 100-ton logging trucks also worked for suspensions in two-pound combines.



To make coil springs I first find a cap screw with suitable diameter and pitch for the values calculated. Allowing for spring-back this means a smaller diameter and tighter pitch than the finished spring. I drill a tiny hole through the spring. I bend the wire 90 degrees to hold the end securely in the hole to get started. I then wind the spring wire up the screw threads. One can then cut off the number of coils desired, grind the ends square with a Dremel tool and stretch the spring to length. It is impossible to compress an overstretched spring and so it pays to allow for a few rejects.

On the 3299 the springs had seven .019" phosphor bronze coils of .156" mean diameter, and a free length of .250". A #4-40 cap screw as a mandrel did the trick.

**ABOVE: Truck coil springs under construction.**

Altogether, building these trucks was a fascinating modeling experience, but wore me out to the extent that I didn't undertake the brake rigging (but might some day). I was glad to get on with the body where the fruits of one's labour would be more apparent! Building it will be the subject of the final article in this series.



**ABOVE: One of the completed painted trucks.**

# More on BC Train Museums and Heritage Railways

Text by Rob England with input from Bob Grace, photos from attraction websites

After last issue's article on this topic I was contacted by Kamloops modeller Bob Grace, who let me know that I missed a couple of interesting museums. Here is an addendum to the last list – I'm sure there are still one or two more out there that I haven't heard of yet.

As before, my descriptions provide just a bit of a taste of what these attractions provide, with more information available from the listed websites. Although we may be through the worst of the COVID pandemic, be sure to check the websites before visiting these attractions.

## Kamloops Heritage Railway

The Kamloops Heritage Railway was started to bring ex-CNR 2-8-0 #2141 back into service after it had sat in a city park for many years. In 2002 the KHR, a non-profit society, completed the restoration and started running heritage passenger trains along a piece of the CN Okanagan Subdivision. The KHR acquired a small fleet of ex-CNR passenger equipment, as well as a number of pieces of static heritage equipment

Bob reports that recently the CN started running 10 coal trains per day on CN's interchange track in Kamloops, leaving the KHR no track time to operate. As a result of this the KHR has been working hard to create more of a museum display that will include the full-size railway equipment along with a miniature train ride and a HO layout of downtown Kamloops. The new museum display opened this last month.

The KHR museum is located just north of the Kamloops CPR rail yards, with the KMR backshop storage facility located nearby just off of riverside Pioneer Park. See the website for more information on what is currently available before visiting.

Website: [www.kamrail.com](http://www.kamrail.com)

## Three Valley Gap Heritage Ghost Town

This is a privately-owned tourist attraction associated with the Three Valley Lake Chateau, a hotel/resort located on the Trans-Canada Highway 27 km west of Revelstoke. The "Heritage Ghost Town" is a substantial museum of heritage buildings, many rail cars, and other historical items such as clothing and antique cars. The rail equipment is housed in a fully-enclosed roundhouse and turntable. It would appear that the standard of preservation and display is perhaps a bit lower than at most museums, but the artifacts are all stored indoors, which is something many other railway museums can't claim. Bob makes the point that the wide variety of artifacts here means that if you are travelling with one or more non-railfans, they have something to look at while you are ogling trains.

The resort and associated museum are open only in the tourist season: late spring, summer and early fall. The website indicates that it will open this year on May 13th.

Website: [www.3valley.com/heritage\\_resort/roundhouse.htm](http://www.3valley.com/heritage_resort/roundhouse.htm)



ABOVE: Kamloops Heritage Railway locomotive ex-CNR #2141 waits while its train loads.



ABOVE: The interior of the Three Valley Gap roundhouse.

## Upcoming Events

With the COVID pandemic getting to a manageable state, we can finally start looking forward to attending railway modelling events. The following events are coming up and may be of interest to 7th Division members. Check out the identified website for more information.

May 1, 2022 – **Mid-Island Model Train Show**, 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday May 1st, Beban Park Recreation Centre, 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo. Check the website for more details: [www.nanaimotrainshow.com/](http://www.nanaimotrainshow.com/)

May 5 to 29, 2022 – **Railway Modellers Meet of BC (RMMBC)**. The meet is a hybrid of four evenings of online clinics delivered by Zoom on the Thursdays in May, plus an in-person meet at the Queensborough Community Centre in New Westminster on May 28. The in-person meet will include two sets of operating sessions on May 27 and 28, and a layout tour on May 29. Check the meet website: [www.railwaymodellersmeetofBC.ca](http://www.railwaymodellersmeetofBC.ca) for more details.

May 11 to 14, 2022 – **PNR Regional Convention**, Eugene, Oregon. See the meet website: [pnr.nmra.org/1div/Eugene2020/](http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/Eugene2020/) for more details.

September 17 to 21, 2022 – **Joint Canadian Pacific Historical Association / Great Northern Railway Historical Society Convention** in Nelson, BC. See the convention website: [www.cptracks.ca/nelson2022.html](http://www.cptracks.ca/nelson2022.html) for more details.

September ??? – **Victoria Train Show**. This show usually takes place in September, but online sources are contradictory and vague. Check back here in the September/October issue.

November 5/6, 2022 – **Vancouver Train Expo (VTEX)**, a train show aimed at the general public as well as modellers. The show is tentative at this point. See the article on page 5, as well as the [VTEX website](#), for more details.

April 15/16, 2023 – **SUPERTRAIN 2023** – This large Calgary train show was cancelled in 2022, but is planning to run in 2023. See website for more details: [www.supertrain.ca/](http://www.supertrain.ca/)

If you are helping to organize an event, or even just know of an event that you think other 7th Division members would like to know about, send an email to [Bulletin Board Editor](#) describing it.

## Don't forget to register for RMMBC!

Online registration is open now. Even if you missed the first day or two of the online meet, you can still take part in the rest of the meet. Registrations will be accepted for the online meet right up to May 24th, and it takes only a few seconds to register at the [RMMBC website](#). Registration for the in-person meet is best done as soon as possible as this part of the meet can fill up. Don't miss out on the 7th Division's top railway modelling event this year.

And, remember that the meet is absolutely free!

## Notices and Contacts

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