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ABOVE: Looking down the main street in Balcarres, Saskatchewan, on Dwight Kayto's 1957 CNR layout. Check out the article on this beautiful home layout starting page 5.

Photo by Dwight Kayto

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From the Editor's Desk

This issue's main feature is Dwight Kayto's article on his layout depicting the CNR around Regina in 1957. Since moving to Courtney in 2014, Dwight has produced a very nice layout with well thought out operational features and some very nice buildings and scenes. Have a look at his layout starting on page 5.

We also have an article on the 7th Division Heritage Award that was presented to well-known railway history author Robert Turner at the Victoria Model Railway Show in September. In addition, there are a number of articles from Victor Gilbert, our Superintendent, and John Martin, our Assistant Superintendent.

One thing I would particularly like you to have a look at is the short article at the bottom of page 11 regarding the 7th Division Club Directory I hope to publish in the upcoming January Bulletin Board. I have received a number of requests for such a directory, but to provide it I need your help. If you are a model railway club member, please send me [an email](#) providing any information you can on your club.

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, or if you just have some information that should be in the next edition, please send me an email at r.England@computer.org.

Enjoy the issue!



Superintendent's Message

By Victor Gilbert, 7th Division Superintendent

Things have been slow over the summer, and with school starting and the weather turning colder, modelling season is beginning.

As noted in our last Bulletin Board, the Division Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on November 17th, 2022, via ZOOM. I am still working on the agenda, but it will be announced shortly via an email to the division's membership.

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84083260325?pwd=aVp4dm5PUldiMEJGTkNMbjd5TURKdz09>

An invitation will be mailed to the 7th Division Membership before the AGM. Please be on the lookout for this email.

At this year's AGM, we have asked Gordy Robinson to speak to our membership and share his thoughts and plans for the future of the NMRA. Gordy is a dynamic and infectious speaker. I hope all will attend.

It is time for Elections for the Division's Secretary, Treasurer, and Director at Large. Terms are for two years. The current position holders are:

- Secretary: Randy Nussli
- Treasurer: Larry Sebelley
- Director at Large: Ken Rutherford

If you would like to participate in the direction and decisions of the 7th Division, contact Ken Rutherford at kj.rutherford@shaw.ca to make a nomination. Self-nominations are allowed, so do not let that stop you from participating.

The election will be held at the AGM, and you need to attend to vote.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Adding Value to Your Membership

By Victor Gilbert, 7th Division Superintendent

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 Memorial Golden 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 Regional and National.

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.

WE NEED YOU!

Annual General Meeting

by Victor Gilbert, 7th Division Superintendent

We are legally required to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year and to provide you with 60 days advance notice. The 2022 Meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 November 2022. Clinic presentation starts at 7 PM – AGM begins at 8 PM.

Traditionally, our AGM is held during the Vancouver Train Expo weekend. That gives people outside the Lower Mainland an additional reason to make the trip into town and helps increase AGM attendance. VTEX 2022 has been cancelled, so it is unlikely that anyone will want to visit Vancouver solely for a meeting. Even for the two Board members who live on Vancouver Island, it would be a significant expense and time commitment for a short gathering.

It's worth noting that a Zoom meeting allows everyone in the Division to participate in the AGM. In the last couple of years, virtual meetings have had higher attendance than in previous years.

We will again include a "BONUS" feature this year with the addition of a short clinic and a guest speaker – which we hope will boost interest and attendance. (Brilliant ideas and suggestions for a clinic topic would be most welcome.)

Finally, we are looking for ways to allow "virtual" participation in ALL future in-person Annual General Meetings so that every member can participate.

We regret that we won't be able to get together in person again this year and ask for your indulgence.

If you have any Zoom-related problems and need a bit of assistance, please send an email to me at victor@sugarwood.info.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 7th Division will be held on
Thursday 17 November 2022 at 8 PM.

Location – your house. The meeting will be "virtual", using the Zoom platform.

A short clinic presentation will begin at 7 PM.

Our special guest speaker, Gordy Robinson, NMRA President, will talk after the AGM.

Your Board of Directors has decided a virtual meeting will best serve the interests of our members.

You will receive a Zoom invitation by email in early November.

The meeting is open to every member of the 7th Division, PNR, NMRA in good standing.

We hope you'll join us. Clinic at 7 PM – AGM at 8 PM.





CNR Saskatchewan in 1957

Text and photos by Dwight Kayto

I'm a lifelong modeller having built many layouts, most not worth mentioning. I grew up one block from CNR's division yard in Regina which has influenced my last two layouts (1998-2014 and 2015-current). Once I realized what I really loved I focused on that, aligned my fleet to match, did prototype research and my satisfaction with the hobby soared. It was incredibly satisfying to research city archives, find old photos and then build structures to match.

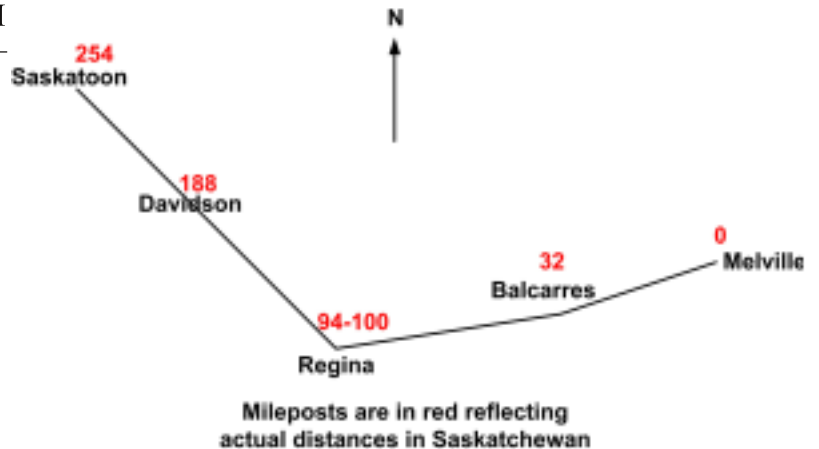
In 2014 we moved to Courtenay, BC. My HO layout is in the loft above our garage. The room is 13.5' x 26' with the layout being a 30" deep shelf around the walls. There is lots of open area for operators since people space is paramount for operations. The plus is no duck-unders; the downside is the sloped ceiling which limited me to one level. There was no club here when we moved so once I met a few guys I started a club. We now have 40+ members and currently 122 members on our Facebook page.

The system is NCE DCC; almost all locos have sound as well. My locos are all CNR numbers that ran on the prairies. Buildings and autos are also all period correct.

The layout depicts CNR's Saskatchewan prairie region fall 1957. Specifically, I model the Qu'Appelle sub (Melville-Regina) and the Craik

ABOVE: Looking down Main Street in Balcarres. The station is behind the buildings on the left. The berm on the right provides the visual block between Balcarres and Davidson. The photo on the Bulletin Board cover shows the same scene from the other direction.

BELOW: Prototype arrangement of layout towns.



sub (Regina to Saskatoon). The date was chosen to allow for late steam and early diesel.

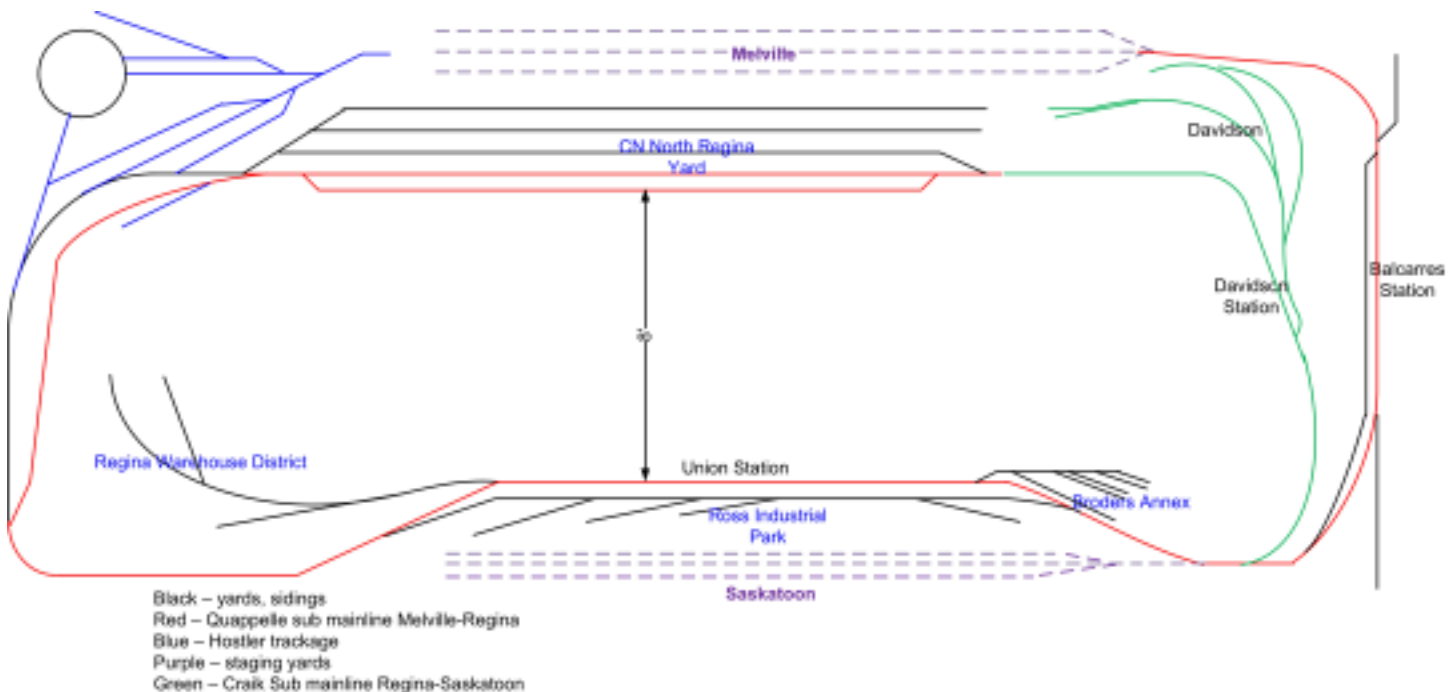
I began work on this layout in September 2015. It's #12 for me, a lifelong train enthusiast, and I believe I got it more 'right' than ever before.

With the help of a new friend, Rick Cooper, we had the layout up and running in 14 months. December 2016 saw our first operating session and to date we have had over 100 four-hour sessions. 100 x 4 hours x 6 operators = a LOT of running on this layout and it has performed admirably.

I owe the layout's reliability to some 'standards' I set, since the layout was designed primarily for operations. Scenery will get done as I have time; same with structures and details although, if the truth be told, I much prefer working on structures.

My standards:

- Code 83 main, 70 spurs
- #8 turnouts on main , #6 for all others
- 42" radius no matter what that requires in terms of track planning
- Staging yards (two with three tracks each which aren't enough!!)
- Trains don't run through the same scenery twice
- Main track on cork; spurs directly laid on the foam
- No grades
- Magnetic uncouplers
- Cars weighted to NMRA standards (some are overweighted 50% as an experiment and they do run nicely!)



ABOVE: A rough track plan for the layout. The stairs into the train room enter just to the left of the area labelled Regina Warehouse District.

This time I really thought through how to best use of my space – room for people, standards as mentioned, how it would be operated, etc., not leaving any stone unturned or any possibility unconsidered. I mean, I really considered and analyzed everything. With each building placement (there are about 100 structures on the layout) I considered reach, line of sight, height, etc. Every track was analyzed in how it would be used and in all the hours of operations, only one small change was done – the addition of a small run around track at Davidson.



ABOVE: A simplified layout schematic.

RIGHT: Overview of the layout taken from the top of the stairwell. Regina yard is on the left, Regina downtown and industrial area is on the right. Balcarres and Davidson are at the far end in front of the window.



The staging yards are along the long walls. The layout is a single track main with three passing sidings, two small towns (Balcarres and Davidson) and Regina is the main city with a division point yard and many industries.

We run the layout point to point (from Melville to Saskatoon) which covers one and a half laps around the room. Between Davidson and Balcarres is a scenic divider so that trains don't appear to run through the same scene twice. With the track plan and schematic you can see the alignment to the real map presented earlier.

Operation Sessions

I was very aware of the need for people space so that was paramount when I designed this layout. The room nicely accommodates five or six people.



ABOVE: West end of the North Regina yard. The prototype had its stockyard in the same area. I remember riding my bike there as a child to look at the cows. The three tracks at right are Melville staging. I was going to place a view block to hide staging but having those extra tracks look like they're part of the yard was too good to hide. Saskatoon staging (on the opposite side of the room) is also visible.



ABOVE: Regina downtown to the left and warehouse district to the right. I researched archives for photos and tried to model actual buildings. For the Simpsons building just in the right edge of the photo, I went to the actual building to match the brick color. Eatons is similar to the prototype of the era and the grey bank building far left is a reasonable facsimile of the Royal bank of that era.



ABOVE: Coming into the Regina yard we see the coal tower and roundhouse. The prototype also had that left side extension and was painted white. I rode my bike around there many times as a child.



ABOVE: Overview of the engine servicing area and ready tracks in Regina yard. The real yard had that water tower which was eventually sold and moved to a farm near Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

We have the following roles:

- Yardmaster – looks after Regina yard and staging yards
- Hostler – responsible for locomotive assignments, moves and servicing
- Regina local – only services Regina industries
- Staging crew boss – runs unit trains and freight trains from staging to staging
- Small town crew – takes care of Davidson and Balcarres
- Dispatcher

Trains run from staging to staging. Davidson and Balcarres are just big enough to have a lone switching engineer living there. As freights arrive they stop and “trade” cars with the local switcher. We call this a drop and swap. The local there (small town crew) handles pickups and setouts at local industries.

The same thing happens at Regina except that it involves many more cars. Such a through freight would not run around in Regina spotting and picking up cars so we have a Regina local whose sole job is to take cars out to the Regina industries and bring cars back to the yard to be ready for through freights that will pick them up.



ABOVE: 6043 hauling westbound Oil train 15, empties. Passing through Regina Industrial area, headed for Regina Yard



ABOVE: Balcarres industries. Inland cement produces cement which is shipped to Saskatoon and sand which is shipped to Regina yard for locomotives for traction. Franklin Watchworks, an FSM kit, is not rail served.

Operating Method

When I started operations over 20 years ago on my previous layout, I researched different methods or tools that people used. I settled on and still use, two methods – Shipit and scenarios.

I selected Shipit software which controls when and where cars are moved. A switchlist for one session (one day) can be generated and printed in literally two minutes. The sessions are continuous so there is virtually no set up from one session to the next. It takes me longer to set up coffee and tidy the room than to set up the layout. Operators only have to carry a switchlist and a throttle.

“Unit trains” each have a scenario sheet to direct their running from staging to staging. Restaging those is done between sessions.

We have a document for each role (mentioned earlier) and quite a bit of other supporting documentation:

- Train line up/schedule
- Roles documents
- Scenarios
- Maps of the track plan and detailed ones for each switching area
- Blocking guides for the yardmaster
- Rules and best practices

We operate every Friday afternoon. It’s something we all look forward to every week; it kept us sane through Covid and the ‘puzzle’ solving no doubt keeps our brains in better shape! And the camaraderie, well, I wouldn’t give that up for anything!

I sometimes do think, if I tore this one down, what else would I build? Maybe a different theme but for this room the benchwork footprint, layout height, depth and mainline placement is as optimum as can be. I’m not a genius, I simply did things wrong many times in the past, learned from that and really planned and analyzed things in line with the vision I had.

That would be my suggestion for others – really think about what you want to model and how you want to run your layout. Then really examine your space, set some standards and build the optimum benchwork. Then you can work out a track plan. To create the plan first and then ‘fit’ it into your space almost guarantees you will make compromises.



RIGHT: This is in Broder’s Annex, part of the Ross industrial area. It is another FSM kit which I named as the local John Deere dealer. The tractor unloading platform is off to the right with more industries at far right.

2022 Railway Heritage Award Presentation

By Ken Rutherford, Heritage Award Co-ordinator

On September 25th at the Victoria Model Railway Show, I had the pleasure of presenting the 2022 Railway Heritage Award to Robert Turner of Protection Island. The award is presented to a member (or members) in the Division who has/have contributed significantly to the preservation of railway history within the Province of British Columbia.

Robert is the author of over 15 books on transportation history (mostly railway related). He has also written over 300 articles and reviews in magazines and journals on both prototype and prototype model subjects. He has given numerous lectures and over 3,000 of his photographs have been widely published in books and magazines as well as being featured in exhibits.

He is a Curator Emeritus at the Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria after having been their Chief of Historical Collections for many years. As a heritage consultant, he has extensive experience with heritage sites, historic railway operations, restoration projects and museum developments from many countries. He has worked for the Canadian Museum of Civilization, the Canadian Parks Service, the City of Vancouver, the Prince George Railway and Forestry Museum, the Dawson City Museum, the City of Nelson, the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel, the Cowichan Valley Regional District (Kinsol Trestle Restoration), and a number of other institutions and government agencies. Bob has also provided many volunteer services for museums and historical societies throughout British Columbia over many decades.

In 2005 he was awarded the Life Achievement Award by the Canadian Railway Historical Association for his many contributions to Canada's railway heritage.



**LEFT: Ken Rutherford (r) presents the award to Robert Turner.
Photo by Rob England**

News Flash!

By John Martin, 7th Division Assistant Superintendent

Here's a rare opportunity. Put 8:00 PM, Thursday Nov 17th 2022 on your calendar.

Gordon "Gordy" Robinson became President of the NMRA in 2021. He has already begun some bold innovations to benefit our membership and he also plans to significantly increase our numbers.

We dislike telling you he's got "exciting" ideas, because that word has been used and abused in every press release you've ever heard, but it really is an accurate description of his ideas.

Gordy will speak at the end of our Annual General Meeting on November 17th. The Zoom meeting starts at 8 PM (after a 7 PM clinic) and Gordy should begin around 8:45. The exact time depends on how quickly we get through the AGM agenda and is hard to predict – a little like the arrival time of a Canadian transcontinental passenger train.

Please join us via Zoom to hear what Gordy has to say. He's an interesting guy with some novel ideas. Gordy lives in the Orkney Islands, UK, and it'll be about 4:45 in the morning at home for him. We hope a lot of our 300 members will tune in and show their appreciation for his getting up that early.

You can listen to him at the end of the AGM – which starts at **8:00 PM on Thursday Nov 17th 2022**. We'll send you a Zoom invitation by email a few days beforehand. The clinic presentation starts at 7 PM – so catch that too. (The clinic presenter and topic will be announced soon.)



ABOVE: Gordy Robinson, MMR, NMRA President

7th Division Club Directory

By Rob England, Bulletin Board Editor

Over the time I've been the editor of the Bulletin Board, the number one suggestion I've received for a Bulletin Board article has been one describing the clubs within the 7th Division. I am planning to provide such an directory in the coming January 2023 edition. However, I need your help.

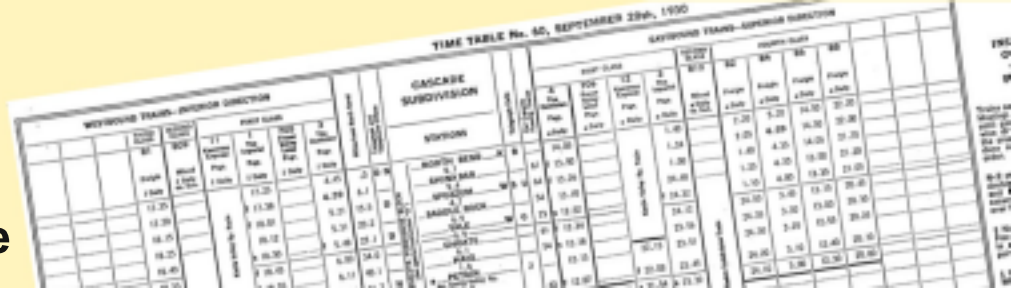
If you are a member of a model railway club, or even just know of one, please send me an email telling me about it. The club doesn't have to have a club layout, nor be a 100% NMRA club. It just needs to be primarily about railway modelling and have at least three members. Don't hold back if you aren't the president or on the executive. If you know something about the club please tell me!

Ideally, I would like to get the following information:

- 1) Name and location of the club (the town or area from which the club draws its members).
- 2) How many members does it have and is the club open to new members?
- 3) Does it have a club layout? If so, give me a brief (one sentence) description of it.
- 4) Does it have a specific interest or set of interests (such as the E&N railway, or the CPR in the Rockies), or is it more of a general interest club.
- 5) A brief (one to three sentence) description of the club, what it does, and any special things about it. If the club has a website or other online presence, please mention it.
- 6) A contact person with phone number or email address.

Please [email me your information](#) , the earlier the better. I look forward to hearing from you.

7th Division Time Table



The following events are coming up and may be of interest to 7th Division members. Check out the identified website for more information.

November 2022 – **Vancouver Train Expo (VTEX)** has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19 issues. The show will return in November 2023.

November 12, 2022 – **Cloverdale Community Train and Hobby Exposition** – Shannon Hall, Cloverdale Fairgrounds, 6050 - 176 St, Surrey, BC. Doors open from 10 am to 4 pm. Enter off 62nd Ave. for free parking. (No website)

November 17, 2022 – **7th Division Annual General Meeting (AGM)** – the AGM will be held by Zoom this year. See the article on page 4 for more details.

April 2, 2023 – **Nanaimo Model Railway Show 2023** – Beban Park Recreation Centre, Nanaimo. See the show website for more details: www.nanaimotrainshow.com

April 15-16, 2023 – **SUPERTRAIN 2023** – This Calgary train show bills itself as the largest train show in Canada and is well worth seeing. See website for more details: www.supertrain.ca/

May 10-14, 2023 – **PNR Regional Convention: Prairie Line Experience** – Tacoma, Washington. See the meet website: www.pnrtacoma2023.org for more details.

May 26-28, 2023 – **Railway Modellers' Meet of BC (RMMBC) 2023** – BC's top meet for railway modellers will be back next year. More information will be available in coming months in the Bulletin Board or on the [RMMBC website](#).

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 the [Bulletin Board Editor](#) describing it.



Cloverdale Community Train and Hobby Exposition

November 12, 2022, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Cloverdale Fairgrounds - Shannon Hall
6050 176 St., Surrey, BC



Lots of Free Parking

♿ Wheelchair Accessible ♿

Sales of Model Trains of all scales, books, magazines,
scenery, photographs, DVDs, videos,
a wide variety of hobby items and much more.

Contact Coordinator at FP9ABA@GMAIL.COM for more info

Entry Fee: 3-12 \$3, 13-59 \$6, 60+ \$5, Family \$13

Please use entrance off 62nd Avenue



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The PNR 7th Division maintains a list of members that includes postal and e-mail addresses and phone numbers. If you move or change your internet service provider or in any other way cause your contact details to change PLEASE contact the [Membership Coordinator](#) to provide the new information. If you fail to do this we will lose contact with you and you will miss out on 7th Division benefits. Note that the member list is held in strict privacy.

Your comments and opinions on this publication are always welcome. As well, contributions of letters, articles, event news, plans, photographs and art are strongly encouraged and welcomed. All should be sent to the [Bulletin Board Editor](#). A phone call or email to the editor beforehand is advised if you are thinking of submitting something large or complex. The deadline for submission is two weeks prior to publication but this is somewhat flexible according to circumstances.

ADVERTISING in the Bulletin Board is accepted at reasonable rates. Please contact the [Bulletin Board Editor](#) for more details.

The following is a shortened list of division volunteers. A complete list that includes additional appointed positions as well as all area representatives is available on the [7th Division website](#).

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