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**ABOVE:** A westbound freight crosses the Bridal Falls Trestle in the Upper Coquihalla Canyon on Anthony Craig's Kettle Valley Division. This layout will host a operating session in the upcoming Railway Modelling Meet of BC.

Photo by Anthony Craig

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## From the Editor's Desk

As I'm sure you are all aware, the January/February Bulletin Board was not available for download until long after its normal publication date due to problems with the division website. Since that issue didn't become available until a couple of weeks before this one was due to come out, we decided to delay this issue by a few weeks to spread them out a bit. The plan is to have the May/June Bulletin Board out at its normal time, the beginning of May.

You will also notice that this issue is shorter than usual and lacks a feature article. That is because I didn't have one to print. You can help here: I would be delighted if you could step up to tell us about your layout, a model you built, a railway modelling event you attended or are planning, a railfanning trip you went on, or many other subjects. Think about it – it's easy and I can give you all the help you need.

This issue does have three small articles on upcoming events: RMMBC, VTEX and the PNR Regional Convention. You should definitely consider attending one or more of these. I think of them as one of the major benefits you get from being an NMRA member.

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 photos or some news or information that should be in the next edition, 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

As you may have noticed, the 7th Division website has been updated, and some changes have been made. While now complete, the "Member's Only" section has some limited availability. The remainder of the pages in the Hewlett Collection will become available over the following weeks at a rate of one or two pages a week. After that, the back issues of the Bulletin Board will come online at about the same rate.

The login process has changed. You will now need your NMRA member number to login. Passwords were not able to be copied from the old access. To get your new password, click on the "Forgot Password" link, and a temporary password will be sent to the email address we have on file for you. If you do not receive a temporary password shortly after it has been requested, check your Junk Mail and Spam folders. If there is still no password, please get in touch with [webmaster@7divpnr.ca](mailto:webmaster@7divpnr.ca).

The 2023 Railway Modelers Meet of BC (RMMBC) continues planning. Registration is now open. There will be virtual sessions on May 4 and May 18, followed by the in-person meet Friday May 26th to Sunday May 28th, returning to the SFU Burnaby Campus. Please plan on attending. See the [RMMBC website](#) for details.

The 7th Division's Winter clinic was held on January 18th. The clinic on "Layering vegetation to enhance realism in model railroad scenes" was presented by Mathew Hicks. It was informative and showed we could improve our models by observing what happens in the real world. Thank you, Mathew, for your presentation.

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## 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?

If you know of someone who should be recognized with one of the awards listed below, 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](#).

The **Jack Work Memorial Trophy** is presented annually to the 7th Division member who best exhibits the qualities that Jack Work displayed: 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 an individual or a group of individuals in the 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.

## 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 the last page of this 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 to Regional and National.

## Volunteering

We need volunteers and have openings for the following:

- Publicity Coordinator  
Responsibilities: Coordinate with local events to have an NMRA presence, liaise with NMRA Regional and National for publications.
- 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" 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 perhaps 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!







## Vancouver Train Expo 2023 Update

By Tom Lundgren, Leader, Vancouver Train Expo

Planning for the return of Vancouver Train Expo has started. In January the Organizing Committee met and decided to go ahead with Vancouver Train Expo 2023. The Forum at the Pacific National Exhibition has been reserved for November 3rd to 5th. Setup will be on Friday November 3rd, with the event open to the public on November 4th and 5th.

A notice recently sent to all previous vendors and exhibitors advising them of our plans generated many positive responses. Hopefully we will experience the same great response as last year.

Staging non-profit events like model train shows depends entirely on volunteers: volunteers to organize the event, (volunteer) exhibitors to provide the content, and volunteers to assist with the many tasks to be done on event days. We have the core organizing committee. Our experience last year clearly indicated that we had the support of exhibitors and vendors, so much so that it would have been a challenge to fit everyone in. It was very encouraging to see two other groups stage events, the Sea to Sky Model Train and Hobby Show and the Cloverdale Community Train and Hobby Exposition, when we decided not to proceed with Vancouver Train Expo 2022. The great unknown, for all event organizers, is whether or not enough people will step up to assist with organizing and event day tasks.

We are still looking for some enthusiastic people to act as assistants to members of the Organizing Committee, and we will be seeking event day volunteers, many volunteers. If you are at all interested, please contact me at: [chairman@vancouvertrainexpo.ca](mailto:chairman@vancouvertrainexpo.ca).

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## 2023 PNR Regional Convention in Tacoma

This year's PNR regional convention is coming up quickly and is worth your consideration.

While many regional conventions are a fair drive away for most 7th Division members, this one is approximately a three hour drive south of the border, making it fairly close for 7th Division members living in the lower mainland and doable by those living on the Island or further north or east. Importantly for 7th Divisioners, the convention will start on the Wednesday in the second week of May, so it will be well clear of the Victoria Day weekend as well as our RMMBC meet, which will run on the weekend after Victoria Day.

It provides three full days of convention activities, along with an additional day for an optional workshop. There are many layouts available for visiting and some of those provide operating sessions. There will also be a broad selection of clinics.

If this sounds at all interesting to you, have a look at the [convention website](#) and give some thought to attending.

### PRAIRIE LINE EXPERIENCE





# Register Now for the 2023 RMMBC!

By John Geddes, RMMBC Publicity

Registration is open! Here is some information on a few of RMMBC's features.

## In-Person Meet May 26-28

Most In-Person Meet events occur at the SFU Burnaby Mountain Campus. The schedule and description of events can be found at <https://www.railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/>

## Prototype Tour

We are delighted that this year's meet will include a new and exciting opportunity – a bus tour of the G3TV rail-marine grain terminal on the North Vancouver waterfront. Join us to get a close-up view of this remarkable and otherwise closed, prototype operation. This tour sold out once but additional bus seating has been arranged. Book now!

## Operating Sessions

There is still room in the Saturday evening operating session, but it's going fast. Register now!

## Layout Tours

Layout tours this year will be in Langley, Maple Ridge and Surrey. The tour is self-drive, with maps provided.

## Table-Top Clinics – Sharing Skills

This year, as in the past, table-top clinics will be part of our In-Person Meet on Saturday and Sunday. The clinicians work at stations demonstrating an example of their modelling. Attendees circulate from station to station as they wish, observe the work being done and ask questions. These clinics allow for lively discussion comparing tips and tricks.

## Tony Thompson Keynote Speaker

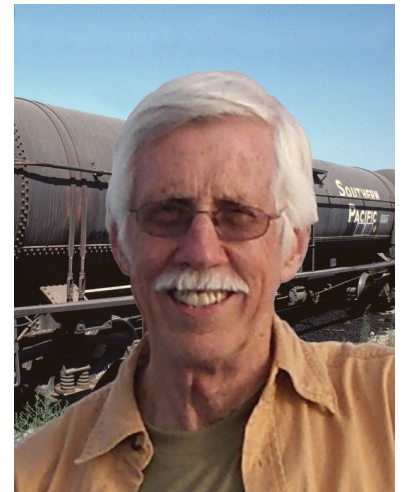
Our 2023 Keynote speaker will be Tony Thompson. Tony has been at the forefront of prototype modelling for over thirty years. For many years, he has been delving deeply to understand how real railroads work, and has been pushing the prototype-modelling ethos into operations.

Tony grew up along the rails of the Southern Pacific. He has long been a model railroader in HO scale, and has built a layout depicting the SP main line south of San Luis Obispo, CA, in 1953.

Tony is an experienced speaker on railroad historical topics and has served more than ten years on the national Board of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society. He has been on the Board of Directors of the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society since 1991, and has also served five years as society President.

Not only an excellent speaker, Tony wrote the modeling column in the SP Historical and Technical Society's magazine, Trainline, for 25 years and has published both magazine articles and books on these subjects (Pacific Fruit Express, SP Coast Line Pictorial, Southern Pacific Freight Cars in five volumes, SP Freight Car Painting and Lettering Guide).

Come and hear him on Saturday morning as we kick off the In-Person Meet (May 27th) and have a chance to meet and chat with him. Tony will also be presenting a clinic at the in-person meet: "Modelling Freight Traffic on Your Layout".



## Accommodations

For out-of-town participants, the low-cost accommodation is one of the best features of holding RMMBC at SFU. Currently, private single-occupant residence-style rooms are available for \$55 plus parking (\$6) and taxes per night. SFU also provides larger hotel-style rooms, but these have now been sold-out for RMMBC. Links for booking SFU accommodation are provided on the [RMMBC website](#), as well as links to off-site hotels.

SFU also offers cafeteria-style meals in its Dining Commons, located next to the accommodations. Experience has shown the meals are quite satisfactory and reasonably priced.



## And Don't Forget the Online Prologue May 4 and 18

Don't miss our "Online Prologue" for a series of virtual (Zoom) clinics that will be presented May 4th and May 18th (Thursday evenings). Check [our website](#) for details.

## Stay Tuned

Please encourage your friends to sign up for our newsletters. It is the easiest way for us to keep in touch. <https://www.railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/>



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## 7th Division Club Directory Addendum

By Rob England, Bulletin Board Editor

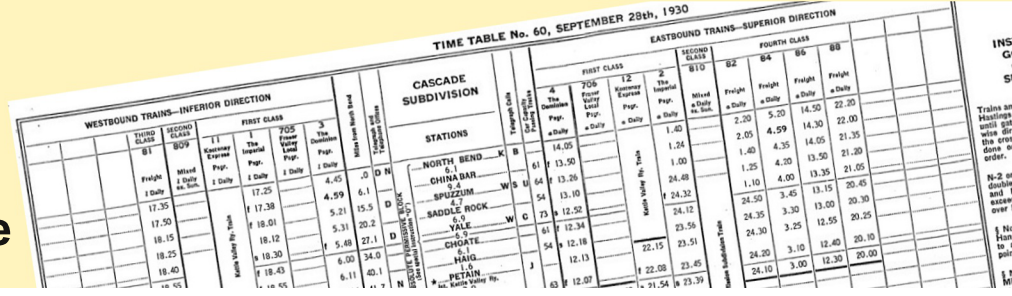
The January/February Bulletin Board included a Directory of 7th Division Railway Modelling clubs. I realize that I missed a few clubs and may have errors in some of the club descriptions. If this applies to your club please let me know. There will be an addendum published in the May/June Bulletin board to fix those problems. Note that the club doesn't have to have a club layout, nor be a 100% NMRA club.

As before, I would like to get the following information about your club:

- 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, please provide a brief (one sentence) description of it.
- 4) A brief (one to three sentence) description of the club, what it does, any specific interests, and any special things about it. If the club has a website or other online presence, please mention it.
- 5) A contact person with phone number or email address.

Please [email me your information](#) before the publication deadline for the May/June edition (April 17th).

# 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.

March 18-19, 2023 – The Second Annual **Sea-to-Sky Model Train and Hobby Show**, Railway Museum of British Columbia, 39645 Government Road, Squamish. Check the website [www.wcra.org](http://www.wcra.org) for more details.

April 2, 2023 – **Nanaimo Model Railway Show 2023** – Beban Park Recreation Centre, Nanaimo. Visit the show website for more details: [www.nanaimotrainshow.com](http://www.nanaimotrainshow.com). See the poster on the following page.

April 15-16, 2023 – **SUPERTRAIN 2023** – This Calgary train show bills itself as the largest model train show in Canada and is well worth seeing. This year the show is at Genesis Centre, 7555 Falconridge Blvd NE, Calgary. See the show website for more details: [www.supertrain.ca/](http://www.supertrain.ca/)

May 10-14, 2023 – **PNR Regional Convention: Prairie Line Experience** – Tacoma, Washington. See the meet website: [www.pnrtacoma2023.org](http://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 this spring. This year there are two evenings (May 4 and 18) of virtual content, followed by three days of in-person events at SFU. More information is available on the [RMMBC website](#).

September 24, 2023 – **Victoria Model Railway Show** – Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Ave., Sidney (corner of Highway 17 and Beacon Ave.). Operating model railways and displays, commercial and individual sales. Free parking. Open 10 am to 4 pm. (No website)

November 4-5, 2023 – The **Vancouver Train Expo (VTEX)** is back! For more information check out the article on page 4 or the VTEX website [www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca](http://www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca). In particular, check out the call for volunteers – there are some great opportunities.

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.





# **Nanaimo Model Railway Show 2023**

**SUNDAY  
APRIL 2, 2023  
10-4**

**Beban Park  
Recreation  
Centre  
Nanaimo**

**Admission at the door  
NMRA Discount**

**Register for space at:**

**[www.nanaimotrainshow.com](http://www.nanaimotrainshow.com)**

**Presented by:  
Nanaimo Train Show Society**





## Notices and Contacts

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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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