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NMRA WEEK

National Model Railroad Week, January 16-24, 1965. WHAT DOES IT MEAN ?

The National Model Railroad Association is composed of modellers, people like you and me, as of September of this year there were 14,592 members. The "Week" is their chance to tell other modellers just what it is all about and why they belong to the NMRA.

The "week" is a good time to show off railroads, visit other modellers, meet new enthusiasts as well as old; perhaps to help an oldtimer back on the track or to start a newcomer off down the mainline. The "week" is an institutional thing, but it is also a personal thing and every NMRA member will want to do his part for this week. The "Week" is timed to catch the eye of the public as well and provides a good chance for the hobby to come into the spotlight of publicity and take a few bows which it may have earned. It is also a good chance for the local modellers to show off what they have accomplished in the past year at a time when many people are thinking along the lines of model railroading as a result of Christmas.

While we have too many advertised "weeks" of one kind or another and we sometimes wonder just where it will all end; the NMRR WEEK provides a chance for us to focus our activities upon a mark and strive to achieve something noteworthy, knowing that we have the support of modellers all over the country and yes, all over the world.

Do your bit to help promote model railroading, get into the spirit of good will and help another along the path to satisfaction and accomplishment. We can all help, we do not need to belong, but we should all participate.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED

The BOW VALLEY RAILROAD ASSOCIATION are planning a Christmas party on December 16, at the home of the Walter's where men and wives will gather for an evening of enjoyment of the fellowship that comes from belonging as modellers. Last year's party was very successful and it is anticipated that this year's will be as good. The party comes as a focal point of the winter's activities and provides a chance when the wives can get out and meet the other wives and men who regularly get together.

The SOUTH BANK SHORT LINE ASSOCIATION are also planning a Yuletide party, this one will be a New Year's Eve party and it appears to be becoming an annual event. The party will mark the occasion of the second anniversary of the formation of the club, as it was formed early in the Spring of 1963. The members have accomplished much in that time and look forward to many more years of association.



MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR



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CONGRATULATIONS

With this issue goes our congratulations to Ross McIlveen, member of the South Bank Short Lines, for winning the SBSLA SCRATCH BUILT TROPHY. The trophy is a very interesting piece of driftwood and is suitably inscribed. It was donated to the club by Lynn Zelmer. Lynn made the presentation to Ross at a house warming given by Paul Mayner for the members of the club. Paul has recently moved into Willow Park in S.E. Calgary. The trophy presentation was a highlight of the evening and will be held by Ross for a period of several months before being put up for presentation again. Ross has built many fine structures which grace his Seton, Horsefly and Galena Railroad.

MEETINGS EARLY IN NEW YEAR

Chinook Western Lines: (Calgary Model Trainmen's Club) meeting 6 Jan. 6th at the home of Sid Whitford, 37 Malibou Road, time 8:00
Bow Valley Railroad Assoc.: meeting first week of January at the home of Lynn Zelmer, 3715- Kerrydale Road, time 8:00
SBSLA: Every Friday, various homes.

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HISTORICAL SPOT

Any person who might be interested in seeing or obtaining an old railroad water spout (HERITAGE PARK take note) should contact Elmer Holm, it would be a good addition to any railroad collection; scale 12" equals 1'.

LIBRARY FORMED

Starting with the first of January 1965, the South Bank Short Line Association will be operating a lending library for the lending of model railroad and prototype information books. The collection of the association numbers in excess of 50 books. Most are in very good shape and may be borrowed but some are rather poorly preserved and may only be used for reference. A fee of twenty-five cents for two weeks will be charged to help cover repair and cataloguing costs.

Our thanks to Mr. G.A. Winfield and Mr. Wm. Yeates for the donation of several books to the library.

BOBBER TO GET NEW LOOK

With the next issue of the Bobber, whenever that is, we will be featuring a printed masthead. The masthead will contain a drawing of a typical "bobber" and should help spruce thing up a bit. The news section will continue to be done by the ditto process, but several features are now being printed by lithography for inclusion in future issue (photos even).

LAUGH PLEASE: Two drunks were walking along a New York street when one suddenly walked down into the subway. When he came out the other entrance, he was asked by his friend, "Where did you go?"

"I walked into some guy's basement. Has he got a set of trains?"

YOUR COMMENTS INVITED

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Best of Luck in '65

IMPORTANT NOTICE ...PLEASE READ

From a communication received by myself, dated 10 December 1964, from Mr. P.H. Spike BROWN, Executive Vice-president, PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION, NMRA.

Because the National Model Railroad Association is divided into regions and the regions into divisions, and because the majority of the activities of our geographic division occur in the southern portion of British Columbia, and because of the increased interest in Model Railroading in Alberta and Saskatchewan, particularly Alberta..... it has been determined that Alberta and Saskatchewan will be formed into the 6th division (of the Pacific Northwest Region) and thus afford the opportunity of organized activities within the two provinces which will be more convenient to attend to attend by PNR members residing within that territory, and thus enable better management of PNR affairs within the region's boundaries.

In the formation of the division it is obvious that an election of Vice-president cannot be conducted because there is no organizational opportunity. Therefore, it is the function of the Region's President (FRASER WILSON, 3900 Pandora Street, North Burnaby, B.C.) to appoint the initial Vice-president, and in this connection it is requested that he be supplied, no later than January 31st, 1965, with the name or names of a party or parties within this area who would be willing to accept the capacity of Vice-president of the new 6th Division. In supplying a name or names it is requested that a biography or biographies be furnished, setting out name, address, age, occupation, experience in model railroading, and whatever other pertinent data that would assist in determining the desirability of the applicant to undertake the responsibilities of Vice-president.

It goes without saying that the party or parties MUST have membership in good standing in both NMRA and PNR, and membership numbers are required in the applications. It is not necessary, but could indicate agreement of your group, if applications were endorsed with the signatures of its members.

The above is approximately the material received by me 14 Dec. 64

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For further information please contact me as soon as possible.

Also requested was an application for the position of Co-ordinator of the NMRA Achievement Program to be submitted, a position of "small onus".

NMRA Membership...\$ 5.00 per annum (in USA funds) to Bob E. Bast,
4602 - Fourth Street N.W., CANTON, OHIO, USA, 44708

PNR Membership (NOT AUTOMATIC) ...\$ 2.00 per annum, to
Ed. H. Albrecht, 3110 S.E. 57th Avenue, PORTLAND, OREGON, USA
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Membership in NMRA does not make automatic membership in the region. However membership in the region confers automatic divisional membership.