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Annual Award Winners: Dec. 5, 2018 Presentations

Photographs courtesy Frank Fleury

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, January 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Rainbow Creek Station

120 North Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

All members of the Society are encouraged to attend this meeting!

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Submissions & Deadline

If a BCSME member has any articles or photos that they'd like to submit for publication, please send them to the editor as an attachment in an e-mail.

Please add the word "**Whistle**" in the e-mail's subject line. The more submissions made by members of the Society the better this newsletter will be.

The deadline for any submissions is the 3rd Sunday in every month.

Means of Publication

I use Apache's OpenOffice suite on a Mac Mini to create this newsletter. OpenOffice can open almost any Microsoft document file.

Photos are handled using The GIMP. Any digital pictures being submitted for publication should be in as high a resolution .jpeg format as is possible.

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Regular Meetings

These meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of every month, unless it happens to fall on a statutory holiday, at 7:30 p.m. at Rainbow Creek Station.

Board of Directors & Senior Managers Meetings

These meetings are generally held on the last Wednesday of every month, except for December, unless it happens to fall on a statutory holiday, at 7:30 p.m. At Rainbow Creek Station.

Members are welcome to attend these meetings!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Also check: bcsme.org

BCSME Frostdbite Sunday

Sunday January 6, 2019 – 1:00 p.m. At Rainbow Station

Annual General Meeting

Saturday January 12, 2019 – 1:00 p.m. At Rainbow Station

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

BCSME Garden Railway Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 9, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. In the station.

Regular Meeting and Auction

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES ARE NO LONGER IN GOOD STANDING.
THOSE WHO DO NOT PAY BY MARCH 1, 2019 WILL LOSE THEIR MEMBERSHIP!**

President's Message

As I write this, it is the last hours of a special year - 2018, and we look forward to the good changes and challenges in 2019.

The addition of the new concession stand will greatly ease the pedestrian flow around the station and the maze; the new concrete foundation for the Birthday tables will be much simpler to clean, and the new walkways for our guests will be much safer. Not to mention increased drainage means less mud at the beginning of the season. These are some of the good changes coming. It is my hope that there will be more as the year unfolds.

Of course, we do have some challenges to overcome - feel free to ask our concession project manager, Terry Anderson, about them. I am, however, firmly convinced that we could not have a better person in charge. Motive power is yet another concern - our Northern has been put on the back burner until the Hudson is back in service. As per usual, as the Hudson was put in the shop for boiler work, some other issues had been found. However, Al is on top of it and hopes to have it back in service by opening. For those of you who have not been at the site lately, we now have another hill beside Mount Allan. This is the soil that came out of the construction site. Depending on the Raised Track Committee's needs for fill, we may have to distribute this around the site.

As I said - Challenges. But depending on how we approach them, they too can become good changes instead.

I am sure that our Whistle Editor has mentioned elsewhere in this issue the Frostbite Meet and the AGM. The Frostbite Meet will be the first Sunday of the month and lunch will be provided. Come around 9 - 10 AM with appropriate clothing. This is a good time to take out an engine and learn how to run it (just make sure that you have someone qualified with you).

We have changed the date and time of the AGM to Saturday, Jan. 12th at 1 PM. In addition to the reports from the executive and the financial reviewer, we will be electing new members to the board. This is the time for you to participate and help choose the members that you expect will do the best job for the BC Society of Model Engineers. Even better, throw your hat in the ring for a position that you are interested in. You don't have to have experience, just a willingness to help our society to become better than it is now.

Have a Happy New Year and see you at the track.

Kent Cavaghan, BCSME President

2018's Proudest Moment ...

...happened on September 1st when the Burnaby Central Railway's One Millionth Rider was a passenger on a train at Centennial Park. She was an 18-month old infant named Ada Zhu, and she was accompanied by her parents, father Jing Zhu and mother Yan Kang.

