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Watercolour painting by Paul Ohannesian

Myra Canyon Canadian Pacific Railway Trestle

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Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:30 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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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 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

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

Western Rails

Sunday, March 24, 2019 – 9 a.m to 4 pm.

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

2019 Public Operating Season

Good Friday, April 19, 2019

BCSME Easter Dinner

Good Friday, April 20, 2019 – 6 p.m.

BCSME April Play Day

Friday April 26, 2019 – 10 a.m.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 2019 DUES WILL CEASE TO BE MEMBERS OF THE BCSME ON MARCH 1ST. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR DUES ARE PAID VERY SOON!

President's Message

February has been an interesting month given the cold temperatures and the amount of snow (close to breaking a previous record at the time of this writing). This, of course, is having a major impact on work done outside both in the park and for the job site.

Given the weather, we are going to be in a scramble to get things done in the month and a half till we open but I am confident that our members will step up to help to get things ready.

I am happy to report that despite the weather, the new concession building is pretty much on schedule. At this point, it has the siding, roofing, and insulation done, as well as the rough wiring, plumbing and the security and internet roughed in. In addition to my usual accolades to Terry Anderson, Frank Fleury and Tom Pruden for their hard work, I would like to thank Chuck Laws for doing the internet rough-in. It is much appreciated.

Al Ponting, our shop Director, tells me that the safety inspection on the ride astrides has been completed and that Bruce Johnson is going back over them to see how they can be upgraded to our current standards. In addition, Al figures that the Hudson will be back in operation for the start of the season. Unfortunately, the Northern has been put on the back burner as the Hudson had a higher priority..

Ken Walker, our new Business Director, has jumped on his role and is working hard on making some changes to the Sales system in hopes to avoiding some of the issues last year. While there will be some price increases, I believe that they are justified given our current situation.

Lastly, for those of you who are interested in going to Supertrains (in Calgary April 13th - 14th), one of the Alberta Model Engineers Society members has offered a place to stay at his home. Contact me for the info if you will be going.

See you at the track, **[PS: The annual auction, which had been planned for March 6th, is postponed until a future date.]**

Kent

Kent Cavaghan, BCSME President

Garden Railway Snowplowing

Photographs by Frank Fleury

No matter the size of the railway, when it snows, the tracks must be cleared. Here we see a wedge plow in action, keeping our Garden Railway passable.



An Invitation

Martin Wells has sent to the Editor the following:

"Is anyone interested in bicycling the Kettle Valley Railway (Canadian Pacific Railway) route this summer? Coquihalla Lakes down to Ladner Creek, the Coquihalla Pass bit in the summer. Reply to my email:
<martin_j_wells@yahoo.com>

Editor's Comment: Several years ago my wife Susan and I bicycled the Myra Canyon portion of the Kettle Valley Railway. It was an easy ride on the nearly-level former railbed, now planked smoothly to permit biking. I can strongly recommend having this experience; be sure to take along your camera!