Merry Christmas Everyone and a Happy New Year!

This issue is a year end message to all existing and new members throughout 2011; as well as a few updates towards recent and completed events. I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of you for you hard, thoughtful and dedicated work throughout the year! I speak for everyone here by the way! All projects on equipment, and the ongoing Port Sub project have been a great success over not just this year, but always has been since the start of any project we attempt as a group! That hard work and dedication towards or passions show how when you’re doing something you love... it can never feel like work! We should all feel very privileged to know that our group has such knowledgeable, skilled, passionate, and dedicated members working together to get any job done. The pride all of us show in our work; from handy-man to painter and railroader to weed-puller, it shines and enough to step back and admire a conquered goal together, as a team should because after all, we’re all the same railfan breed!!! Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good fight (literally?) Happy New Year guys! 2011 was great and I look forward to what 2012 will bring our way! Cheers, James.
Recent activity since last issue...

On Sunday September 25 the E&N Division attended the Victoria Train Show. Our table had a Port Sub theme; being that it was the 100th anniversary of the line. Nicely set up, the table displayed some artifacts, a video slideshow of our work on the Port Sub, E&N decals for sale, photos, and some more photos new and old in a CPR frame. Very well done; thanks to all who attended and helped out!

October 1 was the East End Track Gang’s latest Port Sub run and track inspection up to the washout risk site at Mile Post 15.8. The inspection included all track, rail, culverts, and rock slide areas. In addition, we also cleared any obstructions (i.e. trees, rocks, etc.) from Fairdowne Rd. Parksville (MP 1.10) to MP 15.8 above Cameron Lake. We also replaced the switch target at the east end of Cameron Lake Siding. It was a successful, long, day well spent. Weather was great and scenery spectacular!

In Closing...

Hope everyone has a great Christmas and we’ll see you all in the new year! 2012, bring it on!!!