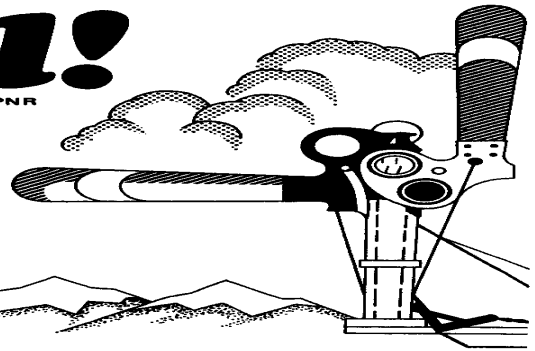


# Highball!

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION 6TH DIVISION PNR



## Welcome Back Aboard!!

Hi everyone! It has been a while since we have had a Highball and I am sure Grant will do a great job. Many things have happened since we last spoke. The line-ups for the Meets planned for the future are exciting. We have the PNR Regional in Chilliwack (June 2008), the 6<sup>th</sup> div Meet in Lethbridge (Aug.2008) and the PNR Regional in Edmonton (2009). Let's all come out and help support these Meets.

I have attended the last three Regional conventions in Spokane, Portland and Boise. I have come away from these Meets very impressed with the modeling skills, layouts and various events planned for attendees. It was also interesting to put faces to names that we see in our publications. We had 13+ people from our 6<sup>th</sup> Division attending the Boise

Meet. Our dedication to the hobby impressed our American friends. I reminded them that the next 2 Regional Conventions will be held in Canada and we would love to show them around our country. While enjoying these Meets we also got some work done as in attending BOD meetings. Some of the discussions in these meetings relates to Canada as we are planning on switching the rotation of Regional meets so the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Divisions are not hosting in consecutive years. The rebates have also changed so that we receive more money for the Division. Membership in the Division continues to rise largely

due to our NMRA Canada dues structure. New rules have come into effect. All divisions need to have 2 elected officials whereas previously the rules only required one elected official per Division. We will address this change at our business meeting in Lethbridge. I am looking forward to the new venue in Calgary for Supertrain and I am sure it will be a great event. While attending Supertrain look for the 6<sup>th</sup> Division booth as Mark Johnson and I will be there with an information table as well as advertising and registration forms for Lethbridge.

To all our reporters, thank you for hanging in there and I encourage you to send your reports in to Grant. Also, if there is anyone else out there interested in writing an article or writing some thoughts on model railroading please contact Grant.

Happy modeling!

Ed Molenkamp 6<sup>TH</sup> division superintendent

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Here's a nice shot from one of the many fine home layouts you will see on display at the 6<sup>th</sup> division meet in Lethbridge.

From the communication department:

Welcome to the new look Highball. I hope to introduce some new wrinkles in the 6<sup>th</sup> divisions official publication.

You will note that there is more extensive use of pictures. I love pictures. Not only do they look good but also they are easy to edit for spelling and grammar. Do you want to see your own layout photos in the Highball? It couldn't be easier. All you need to do is email me a digital photo and give a brief explanation of what the photo is about. Hey, I'll even consider putting your prototype photos in the Highball.

Due to the high cost of printing colour documents the new look Highball in full living colour is only available on the Internet at <http://pnr.nmra.org/6div/highball>. Do you want to save the division a lot of dough and your editor a lot of envelope licking? Why not get your name added to the Highball distribution list. Once a new Highball is posted on the Internet you'll get instant notification via email. Once you're set up with the e-version why not opt out of the black and white print version. To get set up for the e-version just send an email to [highball@pnr.nmra.org](mailto:highball@pnr.nmra.org).

After doing some digging in the archives. Well, actually the basement of a former member I came across some vintage editions of the Highball. Did you know that the Highball once had a distribution of well over 500? Wow!! Not only did it have a huge distribution compared to the 130 or so this one will have it included some really fine articles. Perhaps we should consider doing some reprints? While reprinting vintage material is fine I'm sure that the budding author is welling up inside of many of you and you'd love to contribute an article or two to the new Highball. As you can tell my grammar ain't the best either but I'd be happy to lend a hand at getting your articles printed right here for the world to see.

Happy Modeling and I hope you enjoy the new Highball!!

Grant Halkyard

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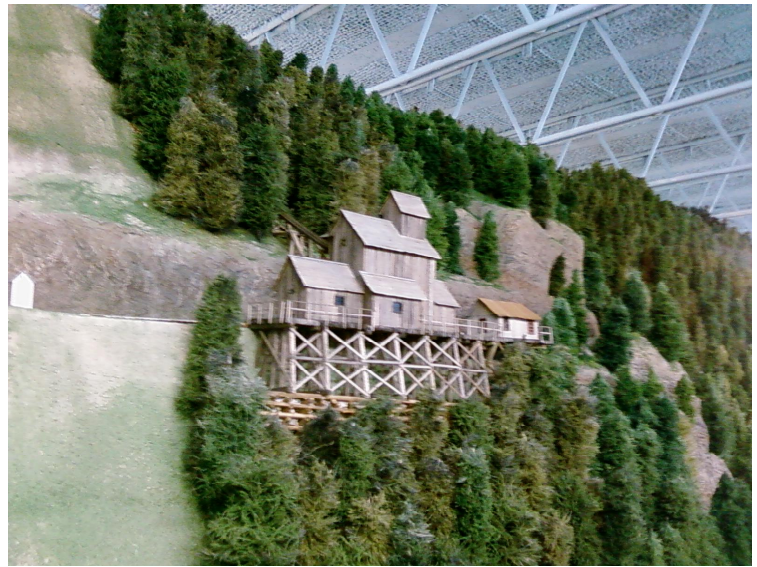
## Area Reports:

### Regina Reports:

The Echo Valley Model Railroad Guild has been busy tweaking track work. In the last few years there has been a number of track changes and we are hoping the track plan is final. A single-track 'bottleneck' section has been double tracked for ease of operation.

We have experienced ghost problems with our DCC system. So the DCC wiring crew has totally retested the whole layout. Upgrades included circuit breakers and more track feeders. Sound equipped Locos should now run on our track.

Installing switch machines on all mainline switches continues, hoping to be completed by June.



A shot from The Guild's Club Layout

Scratch built buildings & tree making have delayed scenery progression, yet, some things cannot be rushed.

As with most Club Layouts we build to operate. We have adopted a suggestion to begin first by having 'Running Nights' instead of 'Operating Nights'. Running nights will give members a chance to run both personal and club owned equipment. This will help teach members how the DCC works, in addition to, breaking in new locos and rolling stock.

On a final word we are designing a new web site and we will let you know when it is up and running.

Happy Modeling!

Ron Coburn- Regina



A coal drag speeds past a coalmine on the editor's portable layout at the RMRS.

Over at the Regina Model Railroad Club things are not going quite as well. Our landlord, The Elks, have given us notice to vacate our layout room as of July 1, 2008. Where we had been busily building a new layout based upon the CN mainline between Melville and Regina the club now faces an uncertain future. We've been considering a number of interim measures. But we are extremely busy packing and tearing down the layout that was complete through the tracklaying stage.

This past October the Regina Model Railroad Club and Guild sponsored the

Regina Model Railroad Show. Well over a thousand people attended the annual event and were treated to some fine model railroading. Grant Halkyard

### Lethbridge Area Report:

The Southern Alberta Model Railway Club is busy preparing for the upcoming 6th Division meet on the Labour Day Weekend August 29 to August 31, 2008.

Our group has attracted several new members this winter. Tom Sterenberg, a previous member of the club has rejoined after a 15-year hiatus on Vancouver Island. Shane Dumont a Calgary refugee has moved to Lethbridge and joined as well along with Dave Mocat from Taber.

One of our members, Dusty Pearson has purchased the clubs HO portable and will be setting it up on the farm in Manyberries this year.

Work is progressing on getting some more scenery on the prairie peninsula completed along with getting our DCC system functioning with Shippit so trains can operate on a timetable.

A total of 8 home layouts will be on tour during the convention with each in various stages of completion most, if not all, will have some scenery completed.

Hope to see you all in Lethbridge in August..... Tony Lee

### Edmonton Area Report

Mark Johnson

The 6th Division organized a day trip by bus to the Fabyan Bridge, continuing on to the railroad museum in Wainwright. The weather was great, and CN was helpful in providing several photogenic East bounds. The Wainwright museum folks set up tables and a brand-new barbecue for us, and gave us a guided tour of the museum. They even let some unnamed members try their hand at driving a vintage speeder! No injuries resulted (beyond deep embarrassment!)

Several Edmontonians made the long journey East to Saskatoon for the 6th Division meet on the September long weekend. The highlight of the meet for me and many of those I talked to included what may have been the last viewing of the late John Marlor's layout. A fascinating trend is toward larger and larger outdoor layouts, with more elaborate track plans and scenery. It was good to see old friends again, and all in attendance had a great time! We're already planning the trip to Galt #8 in Lethbridge on Labour Day Weekend, 2008.

The MMRF (<http://www.mmrf.ab.ca>) is planning the 2008 version of the annual swap meet at the same location as last year, with lots of space and lots of parking. A great place to get rid of that old surplus and replace it with new surplus!

Speaking of events in the area, I'd like to remind you of a great resource - the PNR's home page! I try to find all upcoming events of railroad (model AND prototype) interest in the area, and regularly update the list at <http://pnr.nmra.org>.

The Edmonton Model Railroad Association has moved to their own web address: <http://www.EMRAonline.ca>. They're hosting a page listing the clubs in the Edmonton area at <http://www.emraonline.ca/Edmonton.shtml>. If your club would like to be added, or you'd like your listing improved or expanded, contact [Marrk.Johnson@InfoHarvest.ca](mailto:Marrk.Johnson@InfoHarvest.ca) (Address is also on the web page).

## Elections

The 6th Division has elections for the Division Superintendent every two years. Recent changes to the NMRA Regulations will require us to elect at least two Board members each year in order to guarantee the availability of insurance coverage. Specific rules should be available following the PNR Board meeting at the Regional Convention in Chilliwack (June 12th-15th - I'm already registered - are you?).

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would be interested in running for elected office in the Division, or if you know of someone who is.

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Nominating Committee Chairman

## Upcoming Events:

### **Apr 5-6, MOOSE JAW, SK**

Moose Jaw Model Train Show. Western Development Museum 50 Diefenbaker Drive Moose Jaw. The museum is opened from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: - [www.tcmrc.org](http://www.tcmrc.org)

### **Apr 19-20, CALGARY, AB**

Supertrain 2008 \*NEW DATE AND LOCATION\* Calgary Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. Over 100,000 sq. ft. of operating model railroad layouts, displays, Lionel, Lego trains, Thomas and Friends, Garden Railways, photo exhibits, merchandise for sale, and live demos and clinics. Time: 9-5 both days. Families: \$20, Adults: \$10, Children 12 and under: \$5. Info: - [info@supertrain.ca](mailto:info@supertrain.ca) or [www.supertrain.ca](http://www.supertrain.ca)

### **Apr 26 (Sat), EDMONTON, AB**

Annual Swap Meet: 9 AM -1:30 PM, Northgate Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 7524-139 Ave. Admission: \$2 (6 and under, free); Tables \$10 for MMRF members, \$15 others. Info: - Ron Boyer, 780-466-2670, [www.mmrf.ab.ca](http://www.mmrf.ab.ca)

### **Apr 27 (Sun), HELENA, MT**

28th Annual Helena Railroad Fair, Civic Centre, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, \$3 under 12 free. Info: - Helena Railroad Fair, P.O. Box 4914, Helena, and MT 59604-4914, 406-227-7469 or email: [rrfair@mt.net](mailto:rrfair@mt.net)



### **June 12th-15th, Chilliwack BC**

Chilliwack Interchange, PNR Regional Convention, Best Western Rainbow Country Inn, More Information is available at [www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com](http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com).

### **Aug 16-17, BIG VALLEY, AB**

Alberta Free-mo 2008 Info: - [www.calgaryfreemo.ca](http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca)

### **Aug 29-31, LETHBRIDGE, AB**

Galt #8 in 2008 - Sixth Division meet. German Canadian Club 902 6th St. North. Prototype and Layout Tours, Contests, Clinics, more... Info: - Harry Lubbers, [hlubbers@lis.ab.ca](mailto:hlubbers@lis.ab.ca)

# Galt #8 in '08

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Division Convention in Lethbridge, Alberta

### August 29 to August 31, 2008

#### Clinics

##### **Dale Sproule** – Modeling in Styrene

Dale is an expert in using this medium for creating fine models. He has won many awards at different meets and conventions for his creations.

The focus of this clinic will be on using styrene for making good looking structures. This will include types and applications for styrene, laying out, tools to use when cutting styrene, gluing, painting and weathering.

This clinic will occupy the whole hour and he will finish off by distributing a hand out series of sheets on the techniques he uses to create believable models.

##### **Doug Wingfield** – South African Railways

This slide and movie show has only been given once in Calgary in 1973 after his trip to South Africa in November of 1972. The length of the show will be approximately 1 ½ hours plus additional time for questions after the show.



A photo from Doug's home layout.

It begins with slides taken at Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, Peitermaritzburg, Umzinto and Durban areas.

The South African Railways is mostly a 3'6" gauge system and in 1972 was mainly steam locomotive operated on concrete ties, welded rail and two way radios. At Umzinto they use 2' gauge Beyer Garratts for moving sugar cane to the processing factories in the area. As hard as it may seem, one of these Garratts was only 5 years old, having been built in 1967.

The show begins with 0-8-0 switchers at Germiston yard near Johannesburg then we move south to Bloemfontein for action on a hill north of town where they use double headed 4-8-2 locos for all of their freight movements. The action then goes to the major locomotive rebuild shop at Bloemfontein where we see steam locomotives being rebuilt using the most modern machinery available at the time.

The show then moves west to photograph the condensing 4-8-4's across the Karoo desert between Kimberley and Bloemfontein. These locomotives were unique in that they re-used the exhaust steam to replace the water in the tender by a series of condensers and fans on the

tender. The exhaust of the locomotive was a fan in the smokebox that drew air from the firebox through the tubes to heat the water. So rather than a chuff chuff it sounded like a jet aircraft coming at you.

After Bloemfontein we go to Peitermaritzburg to tour the large running shop and then go to a steep hill where they use double headed 4-8-2+2-8-4 Beyer Garratts with auxiliary tenders. These are incredibly long units and very dramatic when on the road pulling a freight up this steep grade of probably 3%.

After the slide show there will be a 30-minute 16mm silent movie of most of the action seen in the slides.

## **Contest Categories**

In addition to the usual NMRA Achievement Program categories there will be contests with trophies for both models and photographs.

### **Model Contest**

First Place awards will be presented to the best model judged for the following categories.

Freight Cars – including revenue and non-revenue

Passenger Cars – including cabooses

Motive Power – Steam

Motive Power – Diesel and other

Structures – on line

Structures – off line

To enter a contest you only have to be a fully registered delegate. The contest models do not have to be scratch built. The judging will be based solely on appearance and how it compares to other models in that category. It can be a kit or ready to run model. Adding weathering or extra details will help your entry do better than if no extra details was added.

To enter the NMRA achievement program judging you must only be an NMRA member. You do not have to be a registrant at the convention. You can send you model with someone who is registered at the convention. However, if you are not a registered delegate to the convention you will not be able to enter your model in any contest category including photographs.

### **Photography Contest - First Place awards only**

Entries are prints only colour or black and white with a minimum size of 5X7. All entries must be mounted on some form of card stock or backing to make the photo rigid. They must not be framed or have glass over the photo.

Both film and digital prints are allowed. Digital prints adjusted with photoshop or some other means of altering the original image are allowed. No special mention has to be made of altering the image. The photo will be judged on its own merit regardless of its source.

## Photography Categories:

Colour or Black and White Print - Model  
Colour or Black and White Print - Prototype



Dale Glore's

Coyote Flats  
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of Canadian  
Pacific  
Railway

## Hotels in the Lethbridge Area

The convention committee has not blocked rooms in any hotel in Lethbridge. We will make suggestions as to where to stay but you will have to contact the hotel for reservations.

Lethbridge Lodge Hotel  
320 Scenic Drive South  
Phone: 403-328-1123  
Website: [www.lethbridgelodge.com](http://www.lethbridgelodge.com)  
(This is a great hotel to observe the bridge from the west facing rooms. Ask for room on the third floor.)

Days Inn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Scenic Drive South  
Phone: 1-800-661-8085  
Website: [www.daysinn.ca](http://www.daysinn.ca)

Holiday Inn Express  
120 Stafford Drive South  
Phone: 1-866-494-9292  
Website: [www.hielethbridge.com](http://www.hielethbridge.com)

The above 3 hotels are the closest to the convention at the German Canadian Club. There are lots of restaurants close to or in these hotels.

Econo Lodge and Suites  
1124 Mayor Magrath Drive South  
Phone: 1-877-777-5591  
Website: [www.econolodge-lethbridge.com](http://www.econolodge-lethbridge.com)

Comfort Inn  
3226 Fairway Plaza Rd. South  
Phone: 1-866-554-4110  
Website: [www.choicehotels.ca/cn424](http://www.choicehotels.ca/cn424)

Ramada Hotel and Suites  
2375 Mayor Magrath Drive South  
Phone: 403-380-5050  
Website: [www.ramadalethbridge.com](http://www.ramadalethbridge.com)

Best Western Heidelberg Inn  
1303 Mayor Magrath Drive South  
Phone: 1-800-791-8488  
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# Galt #8 in 2008

6th Division NMRA PNR Meet

Lethbridge, Alberta

August 29 to 31, 2008

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / Province / State \_\_\_\_\_

Postal / Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Full Registration not including banquet (up to June 30, 2008) \$45.00

Full Registration not including banquet (July 1 and after) \$55.00

Banquet only - Sunday evening for registrants and non registrants \$26.00

Bar-B-Q only - Saturday evening for registrants and non registrants \$17.00

Note: Bar-B-Q will be steaks, beans, 2 salads, dessert and pop or coffee

Full Registration (s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet (s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$26.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bar-B-Q(s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$17.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques payable to : Galt #8 in 2008

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