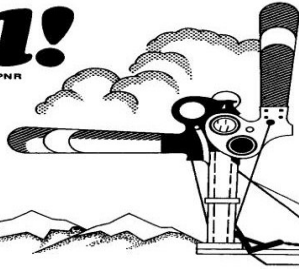


Highball!

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Alberta, Saskatchewan, Eastern Montana and Nunavut

Fall 2010



Pulling a full consist of cars for Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions, CN 6060 pulls out of Big Valley AB on the northward return trip to Stettler on August 15, 2010. Passengers had enjoyed brunch and a visit to the Alberta Free-Mo setup during their early afternoon stop in Big Valley

- Jim McArdle photo

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From the Van



Welcome to the fall 2010 issue of the Highball!

The summer and early fall 2010 has been busy throughout the Division. Alberta Freemo saw a large contingent of modelers visit Big Valley to run long trains and to ride behind a favorite.

The Great Edmonton Train Show was a well-attended event with new dealers and enough stuff to

gladden even a collector of "things" like me.

At the National and Regional level, conventions were held and business conducted in between clinics and tours.

With the arrival of fall it's almost a relief to get back to modeling and associated activities.

One of the activities that I would like to encourage everyone in the Division to try is writing for the Highball!

We need interesting articles (modeling, prototype or historical) and photographs. If you have an idea please let me know

and I'll try to schedule a publishing window for you.

Remember, writing and photography that appears in a Divisional newsletter counts for purposes of the Achievement Program.

On another front I am pleased to announce the return of member classified ads.

Your free 25 word ad (address, telephone number and email address each count as a word) can run in two issues in a row. Non-commercial use only please.

- Ron Gillies

New NMRA logo revealed

Below is a short explanation of the new logo, which was printed on a flyer that was handed out to all NMRA members who entered the National Train Show Friday morning at 9:00, to be greeted by a 7-foot banner of the logo.

I am reprinting it for those who may have missed this change amongst all the others that arrived this summer.

Welcome to the new NMRA logo...

and in many ways, the new NMRA. On its face this wheel-

on-rail symbol represents the oldest of the NMRA's objectives: interoperability.

Yet, it also represents the future. It's a symbol of our willingness to keep pace with the changes all around us. Changes in our world, in our lives, in our hobby. While it honors the achievements of the past 75 years, it commits us to the continuation of those achievements in the next 75.

Most important, our new logo is a symbol of the NMRA's commit-

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Highball! Deadlines

September 1 for the Fall 2010 issue, December 1 for the Winter 2011 issue, March 1 for the Spring 2011 issue and June 1 2011 for the Summer issue. Expect the actual Highball! within three weeks of the deadline, volunteer schedules permitting

Superintendent's Report

As I sit back thinking about my first superintendents report, I wonder what I could possibly write! You see, I only took the job over Sept 1st and I have barely got my feet wet, let alone jumped into the pool!

What I can tell you is I have received about 400 e-mails from the PNR on what I am in store for! Everything from membership lists to recipes to bylaws to a superintendents handbook that is 39 pages long!

I have also had some well wishers and welcomes as well. Thank you for your kind words and encouragements. And thank you for those who volunteered to help. You can bet I will call on who ever wants to help. One person can get 10 things done. 10 people can get 100 things done, so I will count on your help along the way.

Soon it will be time to get a little business cleaned up and expand on the things Ed has accomplished and started as well.

One thing I want to work on is representatives from all over the division to participate in decision making, education, membership etc. I am working on an outline of what I am proposing (and outlined in the handbook), and will put it out to all members for feedback.

I also hope to meet with or talk with Ed to help me with the transition. I want to pull as much info out of Ed as I can and also thank him for all that he has done for the division over the past 6 years! So if you get a chance, thank him next time you see him or talk to him.

I did manage to catch up with Ed for 20 seconds at the Edmonton Train Show, but he was on the run in different directions. I know what that is like after being involved in the Calgary show for so long. Ed has been involved with the division for a long time. It appeared that the show had good attendance on the Saturday while I was there.

What I did learn in Edmonton is



that Ed has been working on the PNR meet for 2011 coming to the 6th division and I look forward to an update. (head office is after me already! LOL)

Lastly, for those of you that do not know, we did lose the bid for the National for 2014. We have been offered the opportunity to rebid in February in Las Vegas for 2015. We have only to tweak of few things to make the bid successful.

At this time it is unclear whether or not we can tweak these things and I have to admit that the current committee has lost a bit of steam. If anyone is interested in continuing with the bid or possibly working with us, please let me know.

- Mike

60,000 pages of railroading journalism for Christmas!

As press time neared I was surprised and pleased to learn of a new product being released by Kalmbach Publishing this fall.

All 70 years of *Trains* magazine from the first issue in 1940 to December 2010 will be available by Christmas in DVD format.

Kalmbach joins a growing group of publishers who are providing access to back files at an affordable cost (\$149 US).

Debate is already heating up over whether we should abandon all those carefully saved boxes of back issues. As a li-

brarian who deals with this daily I applaud the access provided but still look forward to reading new issues in paper. Comments anyone?

- Ron Gillies

Calgary Area Report

Several Calgary area modelers as well as friends from other parts of the 6th Div attended the 75th National Convention in Milwaukee in July. We were all treated to many days of clinics, layout tours, contests, the National Train Show, operating sessions, and a lot of socializing. One of the best events was the Layout Design SIG's self guided tour. They prepared a list of about forty layouts all across the region from Milwaukee to northern Illinois, and turned about 100 modelers loose to see them. Our group of 7 people in two cars managed to get to 13 of them, but that involved driving over 300 miles. The GPS navigation system was mandatory to find the layouts, all of which were worth the visit.

A three man committee from Calgary - Mike Borkristl, Rick

Walker, and myself - put together a proposal and presentation which we took to the NMRA Board meeting at the convention, bidding for the 2014 National in Calgary. Our ideas were well received and the Board was excited about what they saw, but in the end, the bid from Cleveland was chosen. It seems that the cost of hotel rooms in Calgary is more than they would like to see for these type of events.

The Calgary Model Railway Society organized an outing on August 14 up to Stettler to ride the Alberta Prairie Steam Railway. A total of 47 of us rode a bus to Stettler, then the train to Big Valley for a delicious beef dinner. Next was a tour of the various historical displays and museums in town, and of course, a visit to the arena where Alberta

Free-mo was set up with their annual get-together. It is always great to see how much model railroad can be fitted into a hockey rink. We could have used more time in Big Valley to see more of the exhibits. It was a fun trip.

With cooler weather approaching, it is time to begin the long list of model railroad activities. Here in Calgary, the South Bank Boomer Auction will be held on Saturday October 16th, with the CMRS Fall Mini-meet and AGM following the next day.

Planning for SUPERTRAIN 2011 is underway, so make sure you circle April 16 & 17 on your calendars.

Rob Badmington

NORTHERN RAILS 2010

The Operations Special Interest Group, the Edmonton Model Railroad Association (EMRA) and the Sixth Division PNR NMRA will be hosting Northern Rails 2010 on November 27 and 28, 2010 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Highlight of the event will be operating sessions on the EMRA's Monashee Pacific located at Fort Edmonton Park. Sessions on several home railways including Mark Johnson's Alberta Great Western, Brian Stokes' Nelson and Fort Sheppard, Norman Skretting's Canadian National Clearwater Subdivision, and Ken King's Kootenay Western will also be hosting sessions. An early bird session will be held in the evening Friday November 26 if there is sufficient interest.

In addition to the operating sessions we will also be having an operations clinic or two to start things off Saturday morning and a no-host dinner Saturday evening.

Space is limited, so please register early. If you wish to attend or want further info please contact Cal Sexsmith at calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net by October 31.

Alberta Free-Mo 2010

What happens when Free-mo modellers join efforts to make a BIG layout?

I'm sure some of you wish you had abilities to build a bigger layout. The dreams of "just a few more feet here would allow me to do this and that" and

of a modular group, you've probably found other things to limit the amount of space you could use - ie: the space available at various train shows just isn't as large as you want, or not enough people attend with their modules. Alternatively, you might find your layout is

other specifications (including 42" minimum radius, and code 83 rail height to name a couple), the module is good to go. No length restrictions, no backdrops, no shape restrictions!

In 2004, the Calgary Free-mo found a few friends in the small Al-

Alberta Free-mo 2010 Big Valley, AB August 13-15, 2010

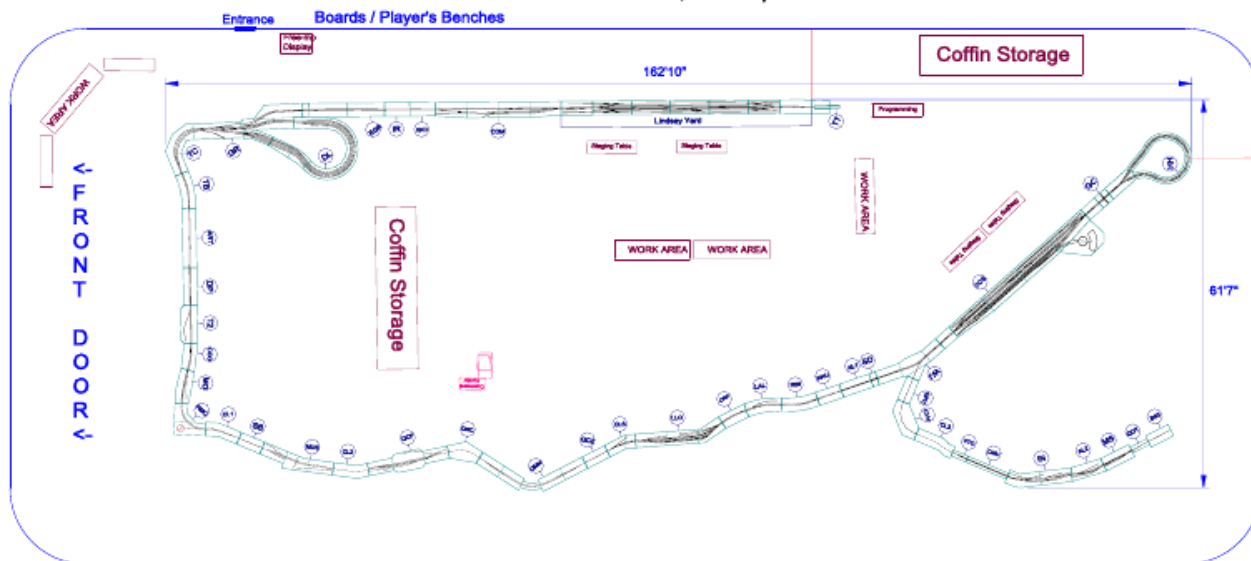
428.3 Feet Benchwork- 162'10"x61'7" outline

Main Line - 277.55' (215.2' Double Track, 62.35' Single Track)

Alberton Branch - 56.75' (32.75' Double Track, 24' Single Track)

Lindsay Branch - 94' (89' Double Track, 5' Single Track)

43 Modules - 25 Individual Owners, 4 Group Owned Modules



then you're fighting against the significant other to break through the "political barriers" in the home to accomplish that.

Or perhaps you've already taken up the entire basement and an eight foot tall helix to the main floor just isn't in the cards?

For those who are already part

quite fixed in size and there's just nowhere you can add more trackage.

Welcome then to the concept of Free-mo. A free-form module standard which doesn't place many limits on a module's overall design. So long as the track(s) are centered on the endplate and meet a few

berta town of Big Valley willing to offer up their hockey arena (sans ice of course) for a weekend in August to host a few model train people to setup and have some fun on a layout which did away with the majority of the space concerns imposed from exhibiting in a train show. An invite went out to the other Free-mo group in Alberta

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to join in the fun, and Alberta Free-mo was born.

Years passed, and every year the layout grew at an almost exponential rate with the participation of other groups and more members of each of the groups deciding to join in the fun. 2007

North American Free-mo layout.

Which brings us to current. This past August, Alberta Free-mo 2010 hosted modules from 4 different groups plus a few independent Free-mo modellers put together 43 modules making up a still respectable 428 feet of benchwork. Fun was had by all who attended, and as witnessed

line because there are that many stations to stop at! (On the 2010 layout, there were no less than six stations on the layout)

Thanks to everyone who attended, from as near as Stettler to as far away as Roberts Creek, BC, for helping setup a big layout and having a great time at



was a particularly good year, with the Battle River Railway Modellers from Camrose, the Chilliwack Model Railroad Club joining together with a lot of modules from the Calgary Free-mo group to make a layout which had almost 520 linear feet of benchwork, and set a record which lasted until this past NMRA National as the largest

during the late hours of the night, long trains of nearly prototypical dimensions traversed the layout. Imagine that...Building a 4 foot long module, connecting it with others and then being able to run a 108 car coal train with distributed power! Or being able to run a passenger train and making numerous stops along the

Alberta Free-mo 2010. If you haven't been, do make plans to attend Alberta Free-mo 2011, to be held August 13th and 14th!

Jon Calon

(For more information on Free-mo standards visit www.calgaryfreemo.ca – ed)

Scanning of the KML photos begins

If you're a subscriber to NMRA Magazine (formerly Scale Rails) you've seen the "Timeframes" series of photographs printed on the magazine's last page. Those are all shots taken from the Kalmbach Memorial Library (KML) archives.

The fact is, our NMRA Library has over 100,000 images, negatives, slides, plans and drawings, and only a handful have ever been seen by NMRA members because it would have entailed making a personal trip to Headquarters in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to flip through the files.

Soon that will all change, thanks to the NMRA's Diamond Club. The Diamond Club is a fundraiser specifically designed to support adding enhanced content to our website at www.nmra.org. The first item on the list of is scanning those 100,000 images and making them available for download.

The good news is that scanning of the photographs has begun! In August of 2010, Historical

Archives Services (HAS), the firm the NMRA Board of Directors hired to do the scans and design the photo website, began receiving and cataloging shipments of photographs from KML.

HAS estimates that the first batch of photographs will be available for viewing online sometime in the first quarter of 2011, after a short period of

This detailed metadata will make it easier and faster for users to find exactly the photograph they're looking for. Current plans are to make the low-resolution thumbnails of the photographs available to everyone via the website around the clock.

Users will be able to download high-resolution files, and NMRA members will receive a substantial discount.

Proceeds from the scans will help fund the remainder of the project and future Diamond Club web projects.

As promising as this sounds, it's important to remember that the Diamond Club still hasn't reached its projected goal of \$75,000.

If you haven't contributed to this worthy

cause, please send your donation now to The Diamond Club, NMRA, 4121 Cromwell Road, Chattanooga, TN 376421, or do it online at www.nmra.org/diamondclub.

**By Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications
Director**



Each of the 100,000 photos in the Kalmbach Library must be digitized, and important metadata added to each scan to aid in fast, efficient user searches. It's a time consuming process that will be an invaluable resource to members.

beta testing late this year.

Putting the entire library online will be a costly, time consuming task, since each photo's listing will also contain highly detailed, searchable metadata, which is being added by the railroad experts at HAS.

Edmonton Area Report

I'm still recovering from another Great Edmonton Train Show!

The Mainline Model Railroaders Fellowship (www.mmrf.ab.ca) filled both halls of the Mayfield Trade Centre with layouts and vendors from across the country!

There were clinics for all levels of modellers, and a team of MMRF members undertook to build a complete layout -from scratch- right there on the show floor!

My personal favourite was the dealer from Whitby, Ontario. He is a Micro-Mark dealer, and brought a fantastic array of the small tools for which they are famous. I picked up a right angle jig and an extra set of magnets - no more parallelogram structures for me. Now, how do I fit my roundhouse kit in there?

The usual temptations from Max Jacquard were on display, including a new release of 6060 in front of Mt. Robson!

Sorry, Max, it's not realistic: there are no clouds covering the

top of the mountain!

It was great to see the Free-mo layouts, including one from Camrose. I talked to several people who are interested in starting an Edmonton Free-mo group, and I know the Camrose group would be willing to provide suggestions and guidance.

The Free-mo concept has proven over and over again to be a gentle introduction to the hobby for all ages. Let me know if you're interested, and I'll help get you in touch.

Stay tuned for MMRF's next event - the annual swap meet, likely the first weekend in May. Check their website for more details as they are available.

The Edmonton Model Railroad Association (www.emraonline.ca) is preparing for their annual open house, which has moved up to Sunday, October 3, trying to avoid the snow and cold.

Drop by for a tour of the new projects underway, including automated train running using

JMRI, and the upgrade to the lower level lighting.

The EMRA has been holding operating sessions on Saturdays, open to anyone interested in finding out about operations on a large model railroad using car cards and waybills, and soon, a timetable.

Check the PNR events calendar at pnr.nmra.org to find the date of the next session.

Speaking of operations, the Operations Special Interest Group (www.opsig.org), the 6th Division, and the EMRA are sponsoring Northern Rails 2010, the second operations-oriented weekend to be held in Edmonton on the EMRA layout and several home layouts in the area. Contact Cal Sexsmith of the OPSIG for more information (calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net) and to register for a fun-filled weekend of ops (*or see the notice on page 5 for details - ed*)

Mark Johnson
Area Reporter

Election and Bylaw Amendment Results

There were 79 ballots returned out of 212 mailed out, for a response rate of 34%. Two were received late, and one was spoiled. Thanks to those members who took the time to participate in the direction of their Division. Mike Borkristl was elected to a two year term as Superintendent, taking office on September 1, 2010. Congratulations, Mike! You can email him at 6divsuper@pnr.nmra.org. Thanks to Ed Molenkamp for his three terms as Superintendent, and for running again this year.

The three Bylaw amendments were all accepted by a majority of the votes, and have been included in the online version, linked from the 6th Division home page.

Mark Johnson, 6th Division Ballot Committee

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Modeller's Calendar

To add your activities to the PNR Switchlist Timetable or PNR web page, contact the Timetable Editor, Mark Johnson at (780) 436-2480, timetable@pnr.nmra.org

Sep 25 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

Southwest Washington Model Railroaders Open House. 10:00am to 4:00pm. We plan to be running many different types of HO gauge engines from the small logging area to the Big Boys on the main line. This event will be located at 8100 E. Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, Washington. This is one block east of Garrison Square, in the building behind Safe Harbor Nazarene Church, bordering the parking lot off 82nd Ave. Info:- www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Sep 25 (Sat), Boise, ID

PNR 3rd Division Fall Meet, Covenant Presbyterian Church 4848 North Five Mile Road (McMillan and Five Mile). Coffee - Donuts - Conversation - Clinics - Displays - NMRA and Favorite Model Contest - Silent Auction - Afternoon Layout Tours. Registration: 8:00AM, events begin 9:00AM Admission \$8, \$7 for NMRA members. Info:- terrynelson8030@msn.com (208) 895-8030; pnr.nmra.org/3div/

Sep 25-26, Calgary, AB

24th Annual Railway Days. Two operating 0-6-0's, spike driving competition, and model railway exhibits. 1900 Heritage Dr. SW. Info: - (403) 268-8500, www.heritagepark.ca.

Sep 26 (Sun), Victoria, BC

Victoria's Annual Model Railway Show, 10 am - 4 pm; Operating Model Railroads, Popular Vote Contest, Commercial & Individual Sales & Displays Cedar Hill Recreation Center, Saanich, B.C. Free parking Admissions: Adults \$6, Family \$13, NMRA members \$5 Under 10 - Free when accompanied by an adult. Info:- Ted Alexis, 250-595-4070, m_talexis@shaw.ca

Oct 1-3, Lewiston, ID

5th Division Fall Mini-Meet. Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2200 11th Ave. Clinics, layout tours, possible local railroad yard tour, Sunday trip to Woodlands, ID to visit a huge Lionel/American Flyer layout and collection with lunch included (\$20 to \$25 if we take a bus or van, less if we car pool). A/P judging; \$10 for NMRA members, \$15 NMRA member & family, \$15 non-member (includes 6 month Rail Pass membership). Info:- Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314, 509-292-8332 or email shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com.

Oct 2 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

37th Annual Great Train Swap Meet by the Southwest Washington Model Railroaders. 9:30am to 2:30pm, Hudson's Bay High School at 1206 E. Reserve Street, Vancouver, Washington. It is located just off the I-5 Bridge at Exit 1-C on Mill Plain Blvd (East). There will be an operating HO gauge layout of the Columbia Gorge and over 125 tables with vendors from all over the Northwest. Table space will be available at \$15.00 for a 6' table. Hugh free parking. Adults - \$5.00, Students - \$2.00 and children under 6 are free with paid adult. Info:- www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Oct 2 (Sat), Lynden, WA

Lynden Lions Club 26th Annual International Model Train Show, N.W. Washington Fair, Henry Jansen Ag Bldg. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. \$4.00 for seniors, \$5.00 for adults, \$3.50 for ages 6-12, \$15.00 for families, and children under 6 are free when accompanied by an adult. Info:- www.lyndentrainshow.com

Oct 3 (Sun), Edmonton, AB

Edmonton Model Railroad Association Open House, at the Freight Shed, Fort Edmonton Park, 10am-5pm. Info: - www.FMRAonline.ca.

Oct 9 (Sat), Spokane, WA

River City Modelers open house, 1130 E. Sprague Ave. 6:30 PM to 9:00

PM. Visit the layout and see the progress that has been made since February. Info:- Shirley or Bob Sample, 509-292-8332 shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com

Oct 9-10, Idaho Falls, ID

Eagle Rock Railroad Historical Society Railshow 2010 Multiple Scale Model Railroads; Swap & Commercial Dealer Tables; 1-1/2" Scale Trains to ride! Idaho Falls Recreation Center, 520 Memorial Drive Sat: 9 am. - 5 pm. Sun: 10 am. - 2 pm. Info:- (208) 681-7383 ; errhsi@ida.net or www.ida.net/org/errhsi/

Oct 9-10, Chehalis, WA

Lewis County Train Show and Swap Meet, SW Washington Fairgrounds Blue Pavilion, 2555 N. National Ave., Chehalis, WA 98532 Presented by: The Lewis County Model Railroad Club, The Lewis County Model Historical Museum Info:- Lewis County Museum 360-748-0831, director@LewisCountyMuseum.org, www.lewiscountymuseum.org

Oct 10 (Sun), Spokane, WA

The Spokane Railroad Show, 9:30AM - 3:30PM at the Spokane Community College "LAIR" Student Activities Building. The campus is at Mission and Greene Streets, north of I-90 exit 283B. Adult admission is \$5, kids under 12 are free, \$1 for teens. Early admission after 9 is \$10. An 8 foot table is \$35. Vendors can setup Saturday 3PM-5PM; Sunday, starting at 7:30. Info:- Kevin 509-467-0597 , 509-842-8079 or kozlowski.amy@gmail.com

Oct 16-17, Chilliwack, BC

Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Info: James Hill, (604) 824-1757, Fax: 604-795-5046, gdee@telus.net.

Oct 16 (Sat), Calgary, AB

31st Annual Boomer Auction, Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW, 10am, auction starts at noon. Info: - John Wrinch, (403) 281-5745 , jawrinch@shaw.ca

Oct 16-17, Ravensdale, WA

13th Annual Maple Valley Operating Model Train Show, 10am-5pm. Gracie Hansen Community Center, 27132 Ravensdale Way. Suggested Donation: Adults \$5, Children (3-11) \$2. Info:- Steve Hiester, (425) 432-8391 begin_of_the_skype_highlighting (425) 432-8391 end_of_the_skype_highlighting hies_skel@hotmail.com, www.greatermaplevalleyareacouncil.org/events.html.

Oct 17 (Sun), Calgary, AB

Calgary Model Railway Society, (CMRS), AGM and Fall Mini-Meet, Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE. Info: - www.calgarymodelrailway.org.

Oct 23-24, Red Deer, AB

Red Deer Model Railroad show. Westerner Park in the Harvest Center 4847A 19th St. Red Deer. Sat: 10AM-5PM; Sun: 10AM-4PM. \$5.00 per person, children under 5 are free. Info:- Gord Sylvester, 403-986-3866, funtimeshobby@shaw.ca or www.funtimeshobby.com

Nov 6 (Sat), Portland, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (32nd year), 5500 SE Belmont St., noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Theme: Modern. Info:- MHMENG@aol.com, 1.877.378.6563 (voicemail)

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Nov 6 (Sat), Hillsboro, OR

2nd Division, PNR-NMRA Fall Meet. Free - Open to all. At the Laurel Community Church, 30640 SW Laurel Road, Hillsboro, OR 97123. Map: www.tinyurl.com/laurelchurch Doors open at 8:30am - clinics start at 9am - layout tours at 1pm. More information at www.2dpnr.org or e-mail superintendent@2dpnr.org

Nov 6 (Sat), Olympia, WA

OLY-OPS 2010, presented by The Olympia Operations and Open House Group, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, still a few spots left. Participants will enjoy operating 2 different model railroads each. Admission: one or two cans of food for the Thurston County Food Bank, bring more if you can. Registration and Info:- Greg Wright, 360-352-5386 or gregorywright2002@yahoo.com.

Nov 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Portland, OR

Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club Annual Show, 2505 N. Vancouver Ave. 10:00 -5:00, doors close at 4:30. Info: - (503) 28-TRAIN, www.cgmrc.com

Nov 12-13, Burnaby, BC

TRAINS 2010, 27th Annual 7th Div Fall Meet, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. Trains Meet Registrar, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (604) 987-4237 (Registration ONLY), ras1@uniserve.com, Info:- www.bctrains.org.

Nov 13 (Sat), Kent, WA

Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club Annual Swap Meet 9:30am to 4:00pm Kent Commons 525 4th Ave. N Kent, Washington Info:- swapmeet@bemrrc.com

Nov 13-14, Puyallup, WA

The Great Train Expo Puyallup Fair & Events Center, 110 9th Ave SW Sat & Sun: 10 am - 4 pm Cost: \$7; Under 12 free w/ adult Info:- www.GreatTrainExpo.com, Bill@TrainExpoInc.com

Nov 13-14, Burnaby, BC

TRAINS 2010, Annual Public Show, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 10am-4pm. Info: - Trains RE: Public Show, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, trains2009@telus.net, www.bctrains.org.

Nov 13 (Sat), Portland, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (32nd year), 5500 SE Belmont St., noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Theme: Member's Pride. Info:- MHMENG@aol.com, 1-877-378-6563 (voicemail)

Nov 20 (Sat), Portland, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (32nd year), 5500 S.E., Belmont St., noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Theme: Passenger/express. Info:- MHMENG@aol.com, 1.877.378.6563 (voicemail)

Nov 27-28, Portland, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (31st year), 5500 SE Belmont St., noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Theme: Steam (Sat), MT Hood era (Sun). Info:- MHMENG@aol.com, 1.877.378.6563 (voicemail)

Nov 27-28, Medford, OR

Annual Rogue Valley Train Show, Medford Armory, 1701 S. Pacific Highway. Displays, Exhibits, Swap Meet, Door Prizes, Raffle. Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4. Adult \$5, Senior \$4, 14 and under -free with adult. Proceeds benefit the Medford Railroad Park Info: - Brad Fawcett 541-535-7952 , bfawcett@mind.net or rvmrc.net/

Nov 27-28, Edmonton, AB

Northern Rails 2010, invitational operations weekend. Operate on the Edmonton Model Railroad Association's Monashee Pacific, and home layouts in the Edmonton area. To request an invitation, contact Cal Sexsmith, email: calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net

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We've even renamed our magazine "NMRA Magazine" to further reinforce that brand. And our website, www.nmra.org, will become "your portal to more fun in scale model railroading."

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