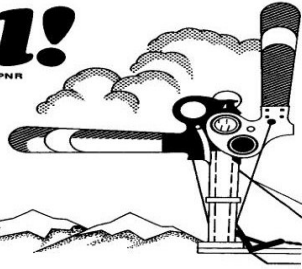


Highball!

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Winter 2012



From the Van

Ron Gillies



I've been spending a bit of time experimenting with options for Highball in response to those of you who have sent in suggestions.

The biggest challenge is to find quality articles and photos and I am really pleased to have Brian Stokes join us with his article and photos on operations at the Edmonton Model Railway Association. A willing member in the

Saskatoon area to cover local activities would be a great addition to the roster.

Doug Wingfield reviews the very simple requirements for the NMRA Golden Spike Award. It's a great way to ease into the AP process and reminds all of us that you need to read the AP instructions and take them at face value — don't read too much into things.

Rob Badmington's report on Calgary also notes a field trip taken by Calgarians to Massachusetts and features a couple of photos taken on well known layouts.

I am experimenting with more event copy (see the RPM meet on page 12 or the Supertrain graphic on page 14 to try and get more info into the hands of modelers.

The key thing with all of this is deadlines. It takes about two weeks minimum after the official deadline to print and mail so your deadline for event copy may be earlier than you think. I may miss some of you with print only options and I apologize

I have also after several requests brought back the Buy Sell Swap listing—on a space available basis I can provide one insertion for Division members.

More convention information including registration forms appear at the very back of this issue for ease of removal

Finally the cover photos prove (in my own community) that modelling can find a prototype darn near anywhere!

Ron Gillies

6th Division Highball!

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Highball! Deadlines

Copy deadlines for Highball! are : May 18 2012 for the Spring issue and August 15, 2012 for the summer issue. You should normally receive Highball! within two weeks of the copy deadline.

Superintendent's Report

Mike Borkristl

Where did the last 3 months go? They seemed to have flown by. The new train room is now under construction and concrete is being poured.

Pretty exciting stuff until you look at what you have and then realize just how much you have to move! Our little group will have to do some serious planning and "Imagineering" to pull it off! But we believe it will be well worth the effort.

The topic over the last couple of reports have been around the AP program, contests, show and tell and other ways to display models.

We have our first chance to put a bit of this to the test with the Prototype Modellers' Meet in Calgary on March 3. We will be having an impromptu clinic / open discussion with attendees on all the differences and nu-

ances involved in the program.

Attending will be one of our newest MMR recipients, a couple who are very close to achieving their MMR, plus a few of us that are working away at the program. The 6th Div will have judges available for anyone wishing to be judged for the AP program at this meet. We will also be available to offer suggestions on models for judging – "unofficially" if requested, just so they get an idea of where their models may place in the matrix.

We are working towards a program that offers inclusion, not exclusion, from what has been typically referred to as the "old boys club".

I am not sure at this time if they are having a contest or not, but that would be separate from AP judging and all its criteria



and handled by a separate group of judges.

The meet offers some interesting clinics and from some of the "previews" I have seen, there will be some exceptional modeling to be viewed.

Hope to see you there.

Mike

Where do you get your modeling ideas?

At about 3pm on Oct 11 2011 the CP Rail bridge in Lloydminster that gives CP access into their city centre yard partially collapsed when it was hit by a semi hauling a large track hoe headed eastbound

The crash sent a bridge segment down onto the semi and blocked the highway for a day.

Emergency services swung into action and an engineer from Edmonton was called to inspect the portion of the bridge that was

damaged in the collision

The bridge was stabilised overnight and on Oct 12 two heavy cranes were used to remove the damaged span.

After a further engineering review the damaged span was deemed repairable and by Nov 1st was back in action.

The driver of the semi has been charged with exceeding height limits in his permit and will go to trial in March 2012.

Photos clockwise from top left:

The bridge just after the hit (D. Newlin photo)

The semi, wrapped in ballast and track (D. Newlin photo)

Removing the bridge span later that evening (B. Till photo)

Replacing the bridge in early November (J. Macardle photo)

Proof one modeler saw this coming a month before in Edmonton at GETS (R. Gillies photo)

Achievement Program

Doug Wingfield

Golden Spike Award

The Golden Spike is the easiest, and for many people, the first AP award that they earn. It is designed to demonstrate familiarity with different areas of the hobby, rather than expertise in a particular area.

So take a look at the requirements - you may find that you have met most, or all of them already.

Here's the Golden Spike Award Application Form . Use it as a checklist, you may surprise yourself.

1. Rolling Stock (Motive Power & Cars)

Display six (6) units of rolling

stock (Scratch built, craftsman, or detailed commercial kits).

Notice that the requirement is to "display" them. Nowhere does it say that they must earn a minimum number of points in judging - just that they must be displayed.

These models need to show a little more effort than a "shake the box" kit. For example, by itself a freight car kit straight out of the box, is not enough to qualify.

However, by painting and decaling it, adding a little detailing, perhaps some weathering, etc., you'll have a qualifying model in no time!

2. Model Railroad Setting (Structures & Scenery)

Construct a minimum of eight (8) square feet of layout.

Construct five (5) structures (scratch built, craftsman, or detailed and commercial kits). These structures may be separate, or one or more of them may be part of a single scene.

3. Engineering (Civil & Electrical)

Three (3) types of trackage are required (turnout, crossing, etc.).

All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed.

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Financial Report

	Sep '11– Feb 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Interest	5.13	0.00	5.13
PNR Membership Rebate	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total Income	5.13	1,000.00	-994.87
Expense			
6th Division Expenses			
General Expenses	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 6th Division Expenses	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Bank Charges	0.00	72.00	-72.00
Education	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Event Seed Money	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Highball!	324.40	1,000.00	-675.60
Total Expense	324.40	1,922.00	-1,597.60
Net Income	319.27	-922.00	602.73

Bank balance \$10,062.46 (Includes \$2,000.00 Special Projects fund)

Area Reports

Calgary Report

Despite the mild winter here in Calgary, and it seems, most of North America, plenty of model railroading has been going on. Lots of changes and improvements are being made to the layouts and displays that will fill the Subway Soccer Centre in Calgary on April 21 & 22, when SUPERTRAIN 2012 rolls into town.

As of the beginning of February, all of the layout and commercial space has been assigned so the show is full. Among the layouts coming to the show is the La-BaJa layout from Edmonton, which won First Place in the Modular Layout contest at the NMRA National Convention in Sacramento last summer. There will be some other new layouts to see, as well as some new vendors.

If you read this in time you will have a chance to participate in the Calgary Prototype Modelers Meet on Saturday March 3 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on Heritage Drive.

The organizers have four clinics lined up focusing on improving your modeling. Participants are also encouraged to bring models for the Show and Tell sessions so you can ask questions and learn about others' modeling techniques. There will be an opportunity to have your models evaluated for the Achievement Program too.



Bikini Carwash on Jimmy Deignan's layout

The following day, the Calgary Model Trainmen's Flea Market will be held in conjunction with the CMRS Spring Mini-meet at

the Glenmore Inn. The Flea Market promises to bring out many treasures for sale at bargain prices. The Mini-meet will



A streamside scene on Dick Elwell's layout

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feature several clinics on model building and detailing in the morning, and then participation sessions after lunch so you can try your hand at what you just learned. You should bring some of your own tools but supplies will be provided. More information is on the CMRS website.

A group of six Calgarians and one ex-pat from the Island traveled together by Amtrak across 18 states to reach Springfield, Massachusetts in time to go to the Railroad Hobby Show at the end of January.

The journey covered over 3500 miles on three trains, the Southwest Chief, the Capitol Limited,

and the Northeast Regional. While in New England, visits were also arranged to a number of very fine model railroads including Dick Elwell's Hoosac Valley, Jimmy Deignan's Pennsy Middle Division, and the North Shore Model Railroad Club. Dinner in the Steaming Tender Restaurant in the restored station in Palmer, MA was capped off by a three way meet at the diamond outside.

All that, and one of the biggest model train shows in North America. What a great way to get model railroad inspiration!

Rob Badmington
Calgary Reporter

Lethbridge Report

The Southern Alberta Model Railway Club is having a successful modelling season with 3 new members joining our group in the fall of 2011.

One of our new members is from France and was an engineer on the TGV train for 13 years.

In early January we had a post Xmas party hosted by Sue and Bill Smienk. Bill's layout was in full operation. Many of the newer members were seeing the great operation and superb scenery for the first time.

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Commercial trackage may be used.

This requirement sounds a lot harder than it is. First, notice that last sentence about commercial trackage; you don't have to hand-lay anything - you can just install a store bought turnout.

"Types of trackage" can be just about anything: turnouts, crossings, and grade elevation (a change in elevation of the track) are all examples of "types of trackage".

Also, note that the three types DO NOT have to be different. For example, just having three simple turnouts will qualify. The "proper roadbed" requirement can be met by laying the track on a raised roadbed, (such as

cork) and ballasting it.

The purpose of this requirement is to show that you understand roadbed profile, drainage, etc.

All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (Double-track main, single-track main with sidings, block or command control, etc.).

This requirement can also be easier than it sounds. Notice the option for a single track main with sidings. This means that as long as you can cut power to the sidings individually, you can run one train, park it on a siding while you run another, then park it and run the first again. This meets the requirement.

Provide one additional electrical feature such as powered turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

The above article was adapted from the NMRA website under the Achievement Program.

When called by someone to judge a layout for the Golden Spike award I always look at all of the above items to determine if the work was done to the best ability of the modeller.

If the layout satisfies all of the above criteria, I will take photos of the layout and along with the application form, submit them to PNR for issuing of the Golden Spike Certificate.

As it says above, there is no formal judging of models, track work or scenery in this category. Just do your best work and give me a call.

Doug Wingfield
6th Division AP Chair

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One of our longtime members, Doug Wingfield, has passed all the qualifications to become a Master Model Railroader (MMR). Doug has been working towards this goal for many years and it is great to see he has accomplished his goal. Lethbridge has not had a MMR since Bob Gardner retired to Salmon Arm, B. C. in the late 1980's.

The club layout is progressing with scenery and detailing in many areas. A new town is springing up on the prairie area of the layout and many kits have been purchased.

With DCC now being used exclusively for operation, our dispatchers panel is no more.

On March 17th and 18th the club will be hosting our semi-annual open house from 1:00 - 4:30 P.M. both days.

Tony Lee
Lethbridge Reporter

Regina Report

I am reporting from warmer weather down south while still keeping in touch with fellow modelers back home.

The Echo Valley Railroad Guild is continuing to make progress on the club layout for your viewing at the upcoming PNR 6th Division Convention.

There unfortunately will not be a separate operating session but I am sure if you ask, someone will gladly give you a control when you are on the club layout tour. This is a layout I am sure you will enjoy and will want to spend some time there.

The Convention Committee is working hard to bring you a great time when you visit Regina for the 2012 6th Divisional Meet.

Some good clinics, tours and modeling with the experts. Remember the Upgrader Tour will be limited. Hope to see many of you in Regina June 28 - 30 and July 1, 2012.

A number of local modelers and at least four Regina modular groups plan on attending both the Saskatoon show March 10-11th and the Moose Jaw show March 24-25th.

Will be back in Canada early March, hope the weather is good to all of you. Happy modeling and hope to see you at one of the upcoming events

Wayne Wessner
Regina Reporter

Edmonton Report

The news from Edmonton is more about things that are staying the same than about things that are new and different.

Both of the 2012 events put on by the Mainline Model Railroaders Fellowship (MMRF) have booked in the same locations and week-

ends as 2011.

Coming up soon, the MMRF annual Swap Meet will be held on the first Saturday in May—May 5 (Cinco de Mayo!) in 2012.

It will be held from 9:00 AM - Noon in the Central Lions Seniors Recreation Centre, 11113-113 St, with lots of free parking in the back.

Come out for great bargains and hard to find items - locomotives, rolling stock, structures and much more! It's also a great social event, with modellers across the province renewing acquaintances and making new friends. More information:

<http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/swapmeet.shtml> or swapmeet@mmrf.ab.ca

The big event of the year, the Great Edmonton Model Train Show (GETS) will be held September 15 & 16 at the Mayfield Inn Trade Centre- 16615 - 109 Avenue, from 10:00 to 5:00 each day.

Over 40,000 square feet of model railroading fun, including dealers and layouts from across western Canada.

There will also be clinics and demonstrations to pick up new ideas and techniques. More information at

<http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/show.shtml> or trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

The Edmonton Model Railroad Association has added a calendar of club activities to their website at <http://www.emraonline.ab.ca>,

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OOpS at the Edmonton Model Railway Association

Brian Stokes

The Edmonton Model Railway Association at Fort Edmonton Park has been hosting its Open Operating Sessions (OOps) four times a year for a few years now. Despite the name however, OOpS is no accident. An initiative the club's membership, OOpS is a way for the EMRA to share its HO scale Monashee Pacific layout with non-members who are interested in operating model railroads like the prototype.

The Monashee Pacific is an HO scale, two level mushroom-style layout housed in a 31 by 51 foot space. Under construction since 1992, the layout is a free-lanced depiction of a north-south bridge line from Castlegar, BC to Vernon and Kamloops which had been surveyed in real life but never built. Interchanging with the CNR and CPR, and with trackage rights on the Great Northern to Spokane, Washington the 1959-era layout features 13 scale miles of mainline, two division point classification yards and numerous towns and in-



You can't wipe the smile of Allan Brenenstuhl's face as he brings a northbound freight up the grade towards Edgewood on the lower deck of the Monashee Pacific. Helpers will be added at Edgewood to get the train up the long, 2.5% grade to Monashee Summit (physically overhead of these two gentlemen on the second level). Meanwhile Don Pidhirney (rear) has the local turn at Renata.

The Monashee Pacific was designed and built with operations in mind. Many of the club's membership are enthusiastic operators and a few are members of the NMRA's Operations Special Interest Group (visit OPSig.org for details). Over the years the Monashee Pacific has also introduced many new modellers in the Edmonton area to the fun of operations.

dustry. In a regular session, the layout can keep around 17 operators busy for hours. For more information on the layout you can visit www.emraonline.ca.

While the club operates the layout twice a month, the quarterly OOpS days open the doors to anyone from the public who is interested in operating the layout. Guests are always welcome at the club on the regular Tuesday nights when members meet, but OOpS puts

more control of operating the layout on the guests. Club members are on hand to participate as crew, to offer guidance if needed, and to pair up with folks who are new to operations to pilot them on their first train through the layout.

The latest OOpS held last October was probably the most suc-

cessful yet. Guest operators came from as far away as Calgary and Saskatoon for the session. One regular visitor who had never operated before soon found himself with a throttle in hand running a freight across the layout, making set outs and dodging high-priority trains – all with a big smile on his face!

With the number of operating positions available on the layout, it can take several sessions to get to experience all of the different jobs.

The Monashee Pacific is a model railroad built with operations in mind and offers a wide range of operating possibilities. From through trains to industrial turns, passenger operations to

and Time Table & Train Orders sessions to direct train movement, but for now things are pretty casual and trains run on verbal direction from an Operations Coordinator. Cars are routed with the tried-and-true Card Car and Waybill system, and train control is with Digitrax wireless DCC. Much of the motive power (both steam and die-



Monashee Summit is busier than usual this afternoon as a coal empty finds the last open track in the yard. Not a minute too soon either, as Gerry Frigon (in orange) arrives at the south end of the yard with a passenger extra, having just met another northbound freight with helpers now holding the main (far left track). Gerrit Oldenhof (front) and Steve Kelcher and Doug Burton (back) wait to get their trains moving again.

yard switching and hostling there is something for every skill level and interest, even if you have never operated a model railroad before. Members always try to keep the atmosphere light and enjoyable – after all, this hobby is about having fun!

Plans are to soon offer both CTC

sel) is equipped with sound and the layout is well scened, making for a great operating experience.

Whether you are curious about operations and want to get your feet wet, or if you are a long-time Ops fan the EMRA's quarterly Open Operating Sessions have something for you. We

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encourage folks who are newer to operations to come out and give it a try in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere where you can learn from experienced operators.

Sessions last three to four hours, and usually wrap up with a no-host dinner at a nearby restau-

rant. It is a great way to meet other model railroaders from the 6th Division, too. For more information on the next session and to sign up, just email ul-vestad@telus.net.

The next OOpS dates are May 5th and August 25th. You can also check out the events schedule in your copy of

Highball! for future sessions.

-Brian Stokes

EMRA Operations Coordinator
and OPSig Member



Don't let the looks of concentration in this photo fool you – these folks are actually having fun! Vernon Yardmaster and switch crew Doug Lee and Andy Love (at back) and crew-in-waiting Bernie Dansereau look on as Robin Lowrie (green) switches the passenger yard with a trio of F units.

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near the bottom of the page under "More Information".

The club always welcomes visitors at their Tuesday night sessions, and the calendar will help you pick an operating night if

you'd like to see and take a hand in running trains, or a work night if you'd like to see the club's layout-building skills in action.

As always, the latest list of events in Edmonton and the entire Pacific Northwest Regions

is available on the PNR home page at <http://pnr.nmra.org> Tell 'em Mark sent you!

Mark Johnson
Edmonton Reporter

RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET SATURDAY MARCH 3, 2012 CALGARY, ALBERTA

Our goal: To provide a venue to exhibit how models are built that attempt to accurately reflect their real world counterparts past or present.

Emphasis is placed on sharing information and modeling techniques and most importantly, in displaying one's own models.

This is basically a "Show and Tell" meet where modelers can bring engines, rolling stock, structures, etc. to show. These items need not be in the finished state.

This is a chance for interaction between builders and modelers who would like to learn from the models being shown. In other words, an exchange of ideas.

It's all about bringing your models and your friends to see lots of superb railroad models, to share techniques and get inspired to finish your projects.

There is no model judging, just an opportunity to meet fellow modelers, share tips and learn new techniques. We will provide an opportunity to meet with fellow modelers, see lots of great models, share tips and learn.

For those NMRA members working towards the MMR program, sanctioned judging will be available.

CLINICS AND PROTOTYPE PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ALL DAY

Clinic #1:

Assembly of Athabasca Scale

Models Passenger Car Kits – by Dave Audley

in both HO and N Scales. Also includes general information on assembly of Walthers Steel side kits and the Eastern Car Works kits. Examples of each will be presented.

Clinic #2:

Early CPR Passenger Cars – by Doug Phillips.

This will cover the earliest cars owned by the CPR, both from predecessor roads and those ordered by the CPR.

Clinic #3:

Digital Photography – by Dr. George Barr.

Highly acclaimed local photographer Dr. Barr has now published 3 books (available through Amazon) that covers digital photography in depth! Dr. Barr is also a

model railroader and rail fan and will be discussing how to use photography as a tool to build detailed models.

Clinic #4:

Northern Alberta Railway Equipment – by Jeff Simpson.

Jeff will conduct a clinic on what models can be used to represent NAR equipment.

FREE RAFFLE TICKETS (LIMIT OF 10) FOR BRINGING YOUR MODEL FOR DISPLAY

For further information and updates, please contact: Dave Audley, 403-275-1869 (daudley@telusplanet.net)

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SWAP:

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FOR SALE

Van Hobbies brass unpainted CPR 30 foot wood flanger caboose	\$140.00
Alco brass unpainted ALCO DL-600B test run only	125.00
Genesis Western Pacific F7 A-B-A (920D-920C-914D) test run only	set 180.00
Proto 2000 SP&S FA2-FB2-FA2 New in box, never run, A's powered, B unpowered	set 99.00
Kato Great Northern RS-1 new in box, never run	95.00
Atlas Silver Union Pacific 420 SD24 New in box, never run	95.00
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Rivarossi CNR Green/Black passenger cars KDs - diner, coach, observation, etc 6 car set	75.00
Various Athearn freight cars most new in box, email for list	

Call Doug Hunter at 306-949-5625 or email hunter25@sasktel.net

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 or timetable@pnr.nmra.org

Mar 3 (Sat), Calgary, AB

Calgary Prototype modellers Meet. Doors open at 9:00 AM. St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 703 Heritage Dr. SW \$10.00 Adult 5.00 16 & under. Clinics: Doug Phillips - noted CPR passenger car historian; Dave Audley - associated with Athabasca Scale Models; Dr. George Barr - noted photographer and book writer.

Mar 3 (Sat), Elsie, OR

The Pacific Model Loggers' Congress- A one-day (9AM-6PM) gathering of authors, historians, photographers, loggers, model railroad enthusiasts and other persons who share an interest in logging in general, and Pacific Northwest-style logging in particular. Camp 18 Restaurant and Museum, about 18 miles East of Seaside. Info:- www.pacificmodelloggerscongress.com

Mar 4 (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Spring Mini Meet & Annual CMT Flea Market. Glenmore Inn. Flea market 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Vendors \$20, CMRS members \$2, others \$5, Mini Meet 10:30 - 3:30 Info:- Swap meet: Brookes Harrow 403-201-4937, bharrow@nucleus.com; Mini meet: Marvin Burk, 403-995-3319, burkpm@telus.net, www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html

Mar 10 (Sat), Portland, OR

Willamette Model Railroad Club Swap Meet from 10am to 3pm at the Kleiver Memorial Armory 10000 NE 33rd Dr. (between Columbia Blvd and Marine Drive). Over 110 tables of Model Railroad equipment in all scales, Railroad Memorabilia, books, photo's and more. Free Parking. Admission: Adults \$5.00, under 12 free. Info:- Steve Cook 503-309-9543, e-mail: wmrswapmeet@yahoo.com

Mar 10-11, Saskatoon, SK

All Aboard 2012, Western Development Museum. Saturday 9-5:00, Sunday 9-4:30. Layouts, Vendors, and Videos. Consignment sale on Saturday. Info:- www.prairierailworkshop.com, allaboartrainshow@sasktel.net

Mar 17-18, Lethbridge, AB

Southern Alberta Railway Club OPEN HOUSE, 1:00 -4:30 PM, at the clubhouse in GYRO PARK at 15 St and 10 Ave "A" South. Both days will feature trains running on the club layouts, a lot of conversation, and special viewings for new members who wish to join our club. Info:- www.albertasouthernrailway.ca

Mar 17 (Sat), Chehalis, WA

Capitol City Lions 27th Annual All Scales Model Railroad Swap Meet. Yard Birds Event Center, 2100 North National Ave; 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Adults \$6.00, Senior Citizens & Students \$4.00 and Age 12 & under free with paying Adult. Tables are \$27.00, set up at 8:00AM Info:- Bill Zidel, ZidelRCSD@aol.com or 360-438-3503.

Mar 18 (Sun), Burnaby, BC

Western Rails 2012. Displays and models of all kinds - Operating model layouts, collectables, photos, time tables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment and much much more. Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. (behind Lougheed Town Centre) 9 am to 4 pm. Admittance: (cash only): Senior (60+) and Youth (6-15) \$3.00 Adult (16-59) \$5.00 Child (under 6) Free Family \$12.00 (Maximum 2 Adults, 3 Youth) Info:- westernrails@wera.org 604-484-2791.

Mar 24-25, Moose Jaw, SK

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.temrc.org

Mar 24 (Sat), Portland, OR

MT Hood Model Engineers Run Your Train Day. Noon till 4:00 PM 5500 SE Belmont. Bring your train in to run on our 1200 sq. ft. HO layout - DC and DCC compatible. Have our team check out your equipment. Info:- Chuck Maggio 503-236-7042 or www.mthoodmodelengineers.org

Mar 24 (Sat), Boise, ID

PNR 3rd Division Spring Meet, Covenant Presbyterian Church 4848 North Five Mile Road (McMillan and Five Mile). Info:- terrnelson8030@msn.com (208) 895-8030

Mar 25 (Sun), Lewiston, ID

First Annual Lewis-Clark Railroad And Collectables Swap Meet, sponsored by the Lewis-Clark Train Club (LCTC). Nez Perce County Fair Grounds, 1229 Burrell Ave. 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Admission: \$5 Adults, children under 12 free with adult. Over thirty-five vendors with approximately 130 tables with all types of railroadiana, model and collectable toy trains, and many other collectable items. Info:- Mike McGee, President, LCTC, 208-816-6072; or Wayne Walling, mstusaf@clarkston.com

Apr 6-8, Quesnel, BC

GOLDPAN EXPRESS 2012, PNR 7th Division Spring Meet, Quesnel Curling Club, large display hall, operating layouts, vendors, swap tables, contests, AP judging, clinics, layout tours, public show Sat and Sun, Friday burger night, Saturday night banquet. Info:- russwatson@me.com or anoble@telus.net (250)

992-8061 www.goldpanexpress.info

Apr 14 (Sat), Olympia, WA

Ninth Annual Olympia Layout Tour. There will be at least eight layouts on the tour. Various scale and gauge combinations will be represented, including N, HO, On30 and 3/8n20. Jim Younkings' N scale Mud Bay & Southern and Greg Wright's 3/8n20 Consolidated Republic Mining Railroad have been featured in national publications. Most of the layouts are in various stages of construction, which will give visitors an opportunity to see each builder's construction methods. Info:- Scott Buckley, sbuckley54@comcast.net

Apr 15 (Sun), Nanaimo, BC

28th Annual Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Beban Park Rec Center, 2300 Bowen Road. Operating Layouts; Swap & Shop Tables, Retail Sales (Table rental \$30); Model Contests (Popular Vote). Entrance Fares: Family - \$10, Adult - \$5, Senior - \$4, Child (6-12) - \$1, NMRA Member - \$3 Info:- Ken Rutherford (250)724-4698 (kj.rutherford@shaw.ca) or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Apr 21 - Apr 22, Calgary, AB

CANADA'S LARGEST MODEL TRAIN SHOW

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9am-5pm

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Apr 21-22, Eugene, OR

24th Annual Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Swap

Meet & Train Show, 796 W. 13th Avenue, Lane Events Center (Lane County Fairgrounds). Adults \$6 each, children 10 years and younger free if accompanied by an adult, optional early bird special Saturday only at 9:00 a.m. \$10 per person admission good for both days, Show hours Sat. 10 am to 5 pm, Sun. 10 am to 4 pm., vendor tables available (8 feet long by 30 inches wide with red linen tablecloth) at \$25.00 per table, price good for both days. This is one of the largest swap meets between San Francisco, CA, and the Canadian border featuring over vendors from 9 different states, 250 plus tables filling 22,000 square feet of space. There are operating layouts in a variety of scales, speeder display, historical societies present representing Northwest Railroads of the past, train videos for the public, hourly door prizes for the public, operation lifesaver trailer display with educational literature, building fund raiser for prizes, FREE PARKING, and all kinds of trains, parts, memorabilia. For more information please contact co-chairs, Lee Temple, 541-954-4917 or tandt@ram-mail.com or Diane Temple at 541-225-7394 or LDTemple@ram-mail.com

May 2-5, Medford, OR

Siskiyou Summit 2012 Joint Convention. Pacific Northwest Region & Pacific Coast Region / NMRA. Red Lion Hotel Medford, 200 N. Riverside Avenue. Info:- www.pcrnmra.org/conv2012/

May 5 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

Open operating session on the Monashee Pacific of the Edmonton Model Railroad Association, www.emraonline.ca. 6:00PM - 10PM. To confirm attendance, or for more info:- ulvestad@telus.net

May 5 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Annual Swap Meet: Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 11113 113 St. 9AM-Noon, Admission \$2, tables \$20, \$15 for MMRF members. Info:- Ron Boyer, 780-466-2670, www.mmrf.ab.ca

Jun 27 - Jul 1, Medford, OR

20th Annual National N Scale Convention. Red Lion Hotel. Live and silent auctions, 100+ tables of N Scale at the Swap-a-Rama, Clinics, model contest, operating layouts, home layout tours, plus off site tours to the Micro-Trains plant, Medford RR Park and live steam at Train Mountain. Info:- www.nationalscaleconvention.com, Dick Ollendorf 610-923-7535 evenings, Eastern time.

Jun 28 - Jul 1, Regina, SK

Living Skies Express 2012. Joint CARM National/PNR 6th Division Convention. University of Regina Campus Info:- Tyler Smith, smithtyler@sasktel.net

Sep 15-16, Edmonton, AB

2012 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 AM - 5 PM, Mayfield Trade Centre, 16615 - 109 Ave (Mayfield Road). 40,000 sq. ft. of layouts, displays, clinics, dealers and LEGO! Info:- www.mmrf.ab.ca trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

2012 Convention Schedule and 6th Div AGM

Tentative Schedule Living Skies Express 2012 June 28 - July 1, 2012

Thursday June 28

Registration 1-7
Upgrader Tour - pm
Meet-n-Greet 5:30-7
@ Luther College - Pizza & Beer Night
Clinics 7-8, 8-9

Friday June 29

Registration 8:30-5
Clinics 9-12, 1-4
Tours 8:30-11:30, 1-4 (GE Railcar, Brandt)
Show set up 8-11 pm
BBQ @ Luther College 5-7
Modeling with the Experts 7-10 (Tree Clinic)
Clinics 7-8, 8-9

Saturday June 30

Show set up 7-9
Show open to Delegates 9-4
Public Show 11-4
Clinic during Public Show 1-4 (delegates only)
Show tear down 4-7
Layout Tours 7-10 *EV Layout on this Tour*
Self Guided

Sunday July 1

Meetings PNR 6th Division 8:30-9:30
Clinics 10-12
Tour 10-2 (CP Shops)
Layout tours 1-5
Banquet 5:30-8 Luther College
Fireworks @ Sundown in Wascana Park

Please note: Luther College is on the same campus just a short walk from the other convention activities.

Sundays Fireworks may be able to be seen from your room or the Residence common areas depending on location.

Although not listed AP judging will be available as well as Contests for:

- Photo's colour and black and white
- Diorama's any size any scale
- Motive Power steam and diesel
- Rolling Stock including Passenger,
- MOW and
- Structures.

Plaques and certificates will be awarded

6th Division Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the 6th Division, Pacific Northwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association will be held Sunday July 1 2012 at 8:30am at the annual convention in Regina SK. The meeting location will be posted at the Convention.

At the meeting reports from officers will be received and considered and nominations will close for the positions of 6th Division Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent as the incumbents' terms end on August 31, 2012. The Superintendent's job is outlined in the PNR Superintendent's Guidebook, available on the PNR Policies page at <http://pnr.nmra.org/policies/> Nominations will close July 1 2012 at 9:00am

Are you interested in running for either of these positions? Do you know someone who would be interested? Please let me know via email at Mark.Johnson@InfoHarvest.ca

Mark Johnson
Nominating Committee Chair

2012 Convention Clinics and Tours

Model with the Masters Clinic (Trees and Stumps)

This clinic will not necessarily give you a new way of making trees but an alternate way of detailing your foreground scenery with detailed trees and stumps. This clinic will be a limited attendance (aprox. 20) reasonably priced extra fare clinic. The clinic will run for three hours and will require those registering for this clinic to bring a limited number of tools. A list of tools will be provided to those registering for this clinic. All materials will be provided. Everyone will take away several detailed foreground trees, a detailed stump, a rotted out log all that you have built, weathered and detailed yourself and if time permits alternate tree ideas and projects.

Brandt Road Rail Corporation

Part of Brandt Industries, Saskatchewan's largest privately owned company, Brandt Road Rail Corporation designs and manufactures a variety of railcar movers, specialized on-track cranes and custom railcars. The equipment is designed and manufactured in Regina, Saskatchewan specifically to address the operating needs of a variety of railway customers, from short line to Class A railways.

The Brandt Power Unit is the only highway - capable switching unit in the world. It can be fitted with a crane for a Maintenance of Way work. With hundreds of units currently in service throughout North America and Internationally, the Brandt Power Unit is a proven alternative to rail-bound locomotive power, being able to move on and off rails in minutes. The Brandt OTM Tracker can be used in combination with the Brandt Power Unit to provide on track material handling. Distribution of everything from rail ties



to tie plates can be handled safely and efficiently. The Brandt Rail Tool consists of a John Deere excavator equipped with both crawler track and rail wheels. Capable of being moved off and on the rails in minutes, with couplers on each end and an AAR Brake System, the Rail Tool is able to pull two 100-ton ballast cars to a jobsite and perform on-track spot undercutting as well as track side maintenance. The Brandt Genxt Clean Locomotive is a prototype switching locomotive designed to outperform currently available switching locomotives with respect to fuel consumption, emissions, noise reliability and maintenance ease.

Our tour will visit one of Brandt's Regina manufacturing facilities to learn about product development and the manufacturing process. This will be a bussed tour. Walking tour on site.

GE Capital Rail Service

GE Capital has rail service facilities in Regina, Saskatchewan; Sayer Pennsylvania; and, Waterloo Iowa. The locations in Regina and Sayer

are full service facilities which are capable of rebuilding trucks, testing and repairing safety valves, cleaning, painting and lining rail cars and even rebuilding wrecks. Other specialized services include mobile repairs, ultrasonic thickness and corrosion testing as well as certification of tank cars. Car types that are handled by the Regina facility include tank, box, coal, gondola and hopper cars. Painting capacity is up to 25 cars per week and lining cars is up to 5 cars per week. Switching of cars occurs 5 times per week. The delivering railway is Canadian National. Our tour will visit the GE Capital Rail Service Regina facility where we will observe the production operation as well as the 250 car yard and two switching machines. This will be a bussed tour. Walking tour on site.

Canadian Pacific Railway Yard - MOW, Diesel & Car Shop

Moose Jaws CP Yard and Facilities is always a place of great interest to visit. Moose Jaw was selected as a Divisional Point by the CPR in 1881, mainly because it had a abundant supply of water for the CPR steam

2012 Convention Clinics and Tours

locomotives.

Moose jaw has been important to the CPR ever since. They maintain a large shop facility here. Our visit will be to tour the diesel and car shop. Maybe ride the turntable and maybe even a locomotive. This will be a bussed tour. Appropriate closed footwear required. Walking tour on site. Boxed lunch will be available upon request.

Industrial Tour (Consumers' Co-operative Refineries Limited)

A real gem of a tour. Thanks to one of our members we were able to acquire a tour of this exceptional location. This is one of those locations that us the public never get to access except from outside the fence. Consumers' Co-operative Refineries Limited (CCRL), the world's first co-operatively owned refinery, was incorporated on April 1, 1934, with the mission of supplying local co-operatives with quality petroleum products. On May 27, 1935, production of 500 barrels of crude oil began.

Since those early days CCRL has experienced immense growth in its



facilities, as well as in the distribution and sales of its petroleum products through the Co-operative Retailing System. CCRL celebrated its 70th year of operation in 2005. Current crude processing rates are typically 100,000 barrels per day. CCRL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Federated Cooperatives Limited

(FCL) and own and operates the Refinery facilities. CCRL also operates and manages the NewGrade Energy Inc. Upgrader, which transforms heavy crude from the Lloydminster area into light synthetic crude, a more easily refined product, for use at the refinery. Its capacity is 55,000 barrel per day.

In January 2008 FCL announced it will be spending \$1.9 billion over the next 4 years to expand the refinery to be able to process 130,000 barrel of oil a day. The CCRL Refinery Complex occupies 544 acres of land in north Regina, employs over 600 people on a permanent basis and also employs and contracts over 1,000 additional people during peak maintenance periods and turnarounds.

Our visit will be by a bus touring the facility grounds. You will receive a detailed narrative of the facilities and the refining process. Be prepared to get some great closeup pictures. This is a bussed tour.



2012 Convention Registration and Rooms

Registration Form Details

Please fill out all information located on the Registration Form **Part 1**. If you have an Email address please include this information as it is our preferred method of contact when sending out registration confirmations and other information. If an Email address is not included or is invalid information will be sent by 'snail mail'.

In **Part 2** please complete the name to be shown on your name badge.

In **Part 3** please add any additional registrations for other members of your immediate family that live at the same address.

In **Part 4** are the four Prototype tours & the Model with the Experts (Trees and Stumps) clinic. This clinic has restricted numbers. These will be available to all convention attendees, both NMRA members and non-members. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis in the order in which registrations are received. Since the events will likely be filled quickly, early registration is recommended.

In **Part 5**, please indicate any special dietary requirements and we will advise the University accordingly. The Luther College cafeteria, on the campus a short walk from the residence building, and the University food court will be open on Thursday and Friday for breakfast and lunch. These facilities will not be open on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, being

a holiday weekend. As indicated on the form, arrangements have been made to have the Luther College cafeteria provide a hot buffet breakfast for convention delegates on Saturday and Sunday. Please sign up on the form for these breakfasts.

Other food outlets are located in the Kramer Crossing mall, across the street from the south-west corner of the University. These include Subway, Trifon's Family Restaurant and McDonald's. Additional restaurants are located on Albert Street, a short drive from the campus.

In **Part 6** please indicate your interest in the companions' concierge service.

In **Part 7** please indicate in some detail items you are bringing for display. A secure area will be provided but we need to know how much space is required.

Finally please complete Part 8 and mail the registration form and your cheque in Canadian or American funds payable to "Living Skies Express 2012" to the address on the Registration form. Don't delay – do it NOW It will take just as long to complete if you procrastinate !!

Accommodations

Accommodation are in the University of Regina student residence. Please book your accommodations using the residence registration form. The form says single, double and triple occupancy. This is the

number of people in each bedroom in a unit – mostly 4 bedroom units are available. If a couple wanted to stay in one bedroom, they would indicate double occupancy. If one other person wanted to stay in that unit, that person would indicate single occupancy in the same unit as that couple. That person would then be allocated a single bedroom within that 4 bedroom unit. If 4 individuals wanted to stay in the same unit and each wanted their own bedroom, they would each register as single occupancy and indicate the other 3 people in that unit. Cut off date May 28, 2012.

Convention Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be received at the Regina address by May 28th, 2012 for a full refund, by June 21st, 2012 for a full refund minus any food or the Model with the Expert clinic. There will be NO REFUNDS after June 21st, 2012. Any refunds will be issued after the convention. University of Regina cancellation policy will apply for accommodation cancellations.

Latest Information

Since this is written in February 2012 things can, and doubtless will, change ! All changes will be posted to the convention web site <http://www.livingskiesexpress2012.ca/>

Please direct enquires about registration to the Registrar at dcjohnson@accesscomm.ca

Be sure to include your membership number when submitting your registration.



Residence Services
 Ph: 306.585.5450 Fax: 306.585.5457
<http://www.uregina.ca/residences>
<http://www.uregina.ca/studserv/confserv/>

Please complete this form in full and submit by fax to 306-585-5457 or email as an attachment to residences@uregina.ca.
 Do not email credit card information.

Guest Details

Last Name:		First Name:		Title:	
Email Address:					
Conference or Group Name:					
Phone Number:		Fax Number:			
Date of Arrival:		Date of Departure:			
Time of Arrival:		Time of Departure:			

Requested Accommodations:

Configuration	Cost Per Person Per Night	Select
Single Occupancy : (1 person per bedroom; 1 single bed)	\$49 (plus GST & PST)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Double Occupancy: (2 people per bedroom; 2 single beds)	\$34 (plus GST & PST)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Triple Occupancy: (3 people per bedroom; 1 single bed & 1 bunk bed)	\$29 (plus GST & PST)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bedroom Roommate Request: *Please Note: unless your roommate is part of your billing, the requested roommate must also request you on their registration form before you will be assigned to the same suite. You may request a maximum of 12 roommates (triple occupancy; one, 4 bedroom suite).*

Name	Gender	Include On My Billing
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide credit card information to complete your reservation. Without a credit card number on file, your room(s) will not be booked.

American Express Visa Mastercard

Card Number:		Expiry:	
Name on Card:			
Mailing Address:			
Signature:			

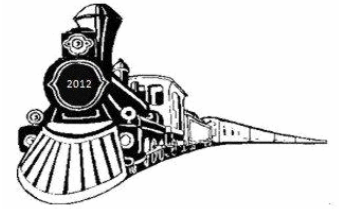
Terms and Conditions: Prices are in Canadian Dollars and do not include taxes. Full term of accommodation will be debited from the credit card supplied at time of booking. Cancellations may be made before 4:00 PM (Regina, SK local time) 2 days prior to arrival date. Cancellation after this time will result in one night's fees being assessed to the credit card on file. Check-in time is 2:00 pm. Check-out time is 12:00 pm. Accommodation is subject to availability.

I agree to the Terms and Conditions of this booking form.

Signed:		Date:	
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Regina 2012
Living Skies Express
 The Canadian Railway Convention
<http://echovalleyrailroadguild.ca>
June 28, 29, 30 and July 1, 2012



University of Regina, 3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 7K2

Registration Form: Part 1: General Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ NMRA Membership # : _____

City: _____ Province/State _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____

Part 2: Primary Registrant:

Tag Name (First & Last): _____ (postmarked by April 30, 2012) \$ 85.00 _____
 (after date of April 30, 2012) \$ 105.00 _____

Note: Preferred rate only up to **midnight April 30, 2012**

Part 3: Additional Registrants (Must be immediate family & same address only please)

Tag Name (First & Last): _____ (postmarked by April 30, 2012) \$ 15.00 _____
 (after date of April 30, 2012) \$ 25.00 _____

Tag Name (First & Last): _____ (postmarked by April 30, 2012) \$ 15.00 _____
 (after date of April 30, 2012) \$ 25.00 _____

Part 4: Prototype Tours / Clinic Advance Registration

Tour #1: Consumers' Co-operative Refinery – Thursday, June 28, 2 – 4 :30pm # ___ x \$ 30 = _____

Tour #2: GE Capital Rail Services – Friday, June 29, 8:30 – 11:30 am # ___ x \$ 20 = _____

Tour #3: Brandt Road Rail Plant – Friday, June 29, 1 – 4 pm # ___ x \$ 20 = _____

Tour #4: CP Rail Yard - Sunday July 1, 10am – 2 pm # ___ x \$ 50 = _____

Clinic: Model With the Experts (Trees and Stumps) # ___ x \$ 20 = _____

Total Registration Costs for Page 1: \$ _____

Bring Forward the Total Registration Costs from Page 1: \$ _____

Part 5: Convention Banquet & Lunch Options

Convention Banquet: Buffet Dinner (Beef and Chicken) Sunday, July 1 # of meals ___ x \$ 40 = _____

Barbeque: Hamburgers, hot dogs, and salads Friday June 29 # of meals ___ x \$ 20 = _____

Box Lunch: For CP Rail Yard tour Sunday July 1 # of meals ___ x \$ 10 = _____

Breakfast: Hot buffet available: Saturday, June 30 # of meals ___ x \$ 15 = _____

Sunday, July 1 # of meals ___ x \$ 15 = _____

Note: Please advise us of any special dietary requirements and the University will make every effort to accommodate you: : _____

Part 6: Companions' Concierge Service:

There will be no pre-arranged Companions' events. Instead, we are pleased to provide a concierge service. Hosts and hostesses will be available to plan and coordinate tours, meals, shopping and other activities in Regina and the surrounding area. Specific activities will be at the request of the registrants. Contact information and assistance will be available at the registration desk. Please indicate your interest in this service on this form.

Yes, _____ persons are interested in this service

Part 7: Display Items You Are Bringing

I plan to bring: ___ Structure models ___ Rolling Stock models ___ Photographs ___ Other

Please describe in the space below the nature of the items you are bringing for display:

Part 8: Convention Costs Total: (Add all dollar values from **Parts 2 to 5** above) \$ _____

Registrations must be **received** no later than **June 15th, 2012**. After June 15th, 2012, registrations will only be accepted at the convention. Send your payment by cheque or money order in Canadian or US funds from Part 8, payable to "**Living Skies Express 2012**", and mail to:

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