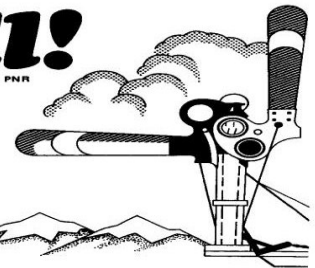




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**On the cover: (clockwise from top left)** City scene on Jim Peers' HO layout, the prairies on Bill Stahl's On30 South Park & Western, detailed industry on Jim Peers layout, Mountain mine on the Echo Valley club layout, Malcolm Anderson's multilevel scene from the public show and several generations of RCMP patrol cars from the Regina G-railers. All photos by Ron Gillies from the 6th Division/CARM joint meeting

# From the Van

Ron Gillies



In late June I made the 6 hour drive to Regina for the combined 6th Division/CARM convention.

For those who didn't attend it was a great event. Although I missed on tours, people really enjoyed them.

Clinics were great. Gerald Harper's clinic on Mongolian railways provided a fascinating overview of very different rail-

roading (and the steppes mean you don't need to model trees!)

Other clinics included Walter Reid's well researched presentation on the Dolly Varden RR; Wayne Wessner's on the White Pass & Yukon; Cal Sexsmith on the basics of operation and Martin Lapp on the Meaford Shortline in an easy to model form.

Like Mike Borkristl I was amazed at the quality of local modeling. Favorites included Jim Peers intricately detailed home layout, and sipping lemonade while watching a long consist wind through Rupert James' garden.

On top of this the local team found the time and energy to run a great public show that

filled a small gym at the University.

One of the real highlights for me was meeting modelers from central and eastern Canada. And yes, I had fun having a few beer while watching Edmonton beat Toronto on Saturday night in a room with more than a few Argo fans present!

I've run rather more pictures than I normally would to try and give you some idea of what you missed.

Wayne Wessner and his team deserve a lot of credit for taking on the challenge they did and carrying it out as well as they did. I'll be back for the next one!

- Ron Gillies

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## Highball! Deadlines

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# Superintendent's Report

Today is a good day. We had our 4th day of summer here in Calgary!! There have been lots of rainy days to head to the basement and tackle a new project.

The summer months have been relatively quiet in terms of functions or meets, but we did have the Living Skies Express on June 28th – July 1st. From what I heard at the convention, attendance was pretty good. Although I must say that the turnout from Alberta was disappointing. But more on that in the convention report.

I myself did not get to attend the entire convention as I flew in Saturday, we had an AGM Sunday morning, and I was home in time to watch the Stamps man handle Montreal! And since I took such a ribbing from the Rider Nation at the convention for leaving early to catch the game, should I mention the monumental collapse of the Riders against the Stamps 18 days later?? Better not!

But I digress, back to the convention. I arrived in time to spend some time at the train show, and catch up with all those that were in attendance. Had some good discussions on many topics during the day.

Saturday night, Ron Gillies and I toured 5 home layouts and had a great meal at the Keg. Between us we solved the world! Well, at least talked about it! On the layout tour we saw a couple of great layouts and I encouraged the builders to look at AP or at least a Golden Spike, as I believe they would easily qualify for a few certificates.

At the contest room, 3 models were judged and 2 new judges were recruited to learn the process. One Merit award was presented to an exceptional model and the other 2 were close. The 2 models that were close were structures, so although they did not quite achieve Merit status, they still counted towards the 12 you must have judged in that category. Remember only 6 have to receive Merit for that AP certificate.

And Sunday, yes we did have an AGM, and yes, we had a quorum. And since virtually no one attended from Alberta, the Sask boys voted and approved Calgary holds the 2013 6th Division Meet! I got out voted! So yes, the Meet will be in Calgary. Details will be forthcoming from Rob and myself as soon as we know. When Rob reads this, that's how he will know we have the event!! Hahaha.



Before our AGM, CARM had an impromptu round robin session rather than an AGM. I will not go into the details on that, as that is not for us to question or comment. But it was very nice to hear that CARM thanked the 6th Div for doing a joint convention.

We did discuss the pros and cons, the communication barriers, and some logistics, and it is not out of the question that we do another one in the future. So cooperation between groups is not only possible, but rewarding and healthy.

Next up for NMRA activity will be at the CMRS, Boomer Auction, AGM, weekend in October. Another joint venture in the spirit of model railroading. There will be a contest room and for those who wish to have models judged, let myself or Doug know and we will be more than happy to do it.

Hope to see some of you there!

- Mike

# Achievement Program

Doug Wingfield

The end of another summer is upon us. Time to be thinking of the next Achievement Program project to complete for Calgary in 2013. I believe March 9, 10 and 11 are the dates. Only 6 months away. Where does the time go?

This year has been incredibly busy with 12 weeks spent away from home so far this year. I was sorry to miss the Regina Convention due to being in Ontario for 4 weeks. I am on the list for Calgary, however.

Congratulations to Sonny Potiuk of Edmonton who finally received his Master Builder Structures certificate from NMRA. The paperwork somehow got delayed but all is now fixed.

Two Golden Spike awards were also earned. One by Dave Hackett of Spruce Grove and the other by John Slimmon of St. Albert. Well done.

At Regina there was one Merit



Award achieved by Jeff Betcher for a water tank. Thanks to Mike Borkristl for standing in for me to assess the models entered in AP. Jeff, your paperwork is in the works so please be patient with me.

Here is a trivia question. Does anyone know where the 'sheep jump', 'crack house' and 'Nascar track' are located? They are all

in the same rail yard. The answer in the next Highball along with a full explanation.

Contact me at [dwfield@telus.net](mailto:dwfield@telus.net) if you think you know. I was there so know they exist.

This month's picture shows an automated uncoupling device used on BNSF locomotives that are used as manned helpers from Crawford, NE to Belmont, NE about 9 miles.

Since the helpers have only one man on them they needed some sort of automatic uncoupling device to separate the helper from the rear of the train they are pushing when they reached the top of the grade

It would make a great addition and conversation piece to a model.

Don't forget, if you have any questions on the Achievement Program please do not hesitate to contact me at email address above.

- Doug Wingfield, MMR #484  
6th Division AP Chair

# Area Reports

## Calgary

As we enjoy the final few weeks of hot weather and anticipate cooler evenings and the lure of the basement, we can look back on a pretty busy summer of model railroading in and around Calgary. Since our last report, the Calgary Model Railway Association held its annual Layout Tours on May 26 and 27, with more than a dozen layouts open for viewing. They ranged from a whimsical Lionel layout to scale layouts in Z, N, HO, O, and G. One of the highlights, among many, was seeing Cal-O-Rail's extensively rebuilt layout, with new scenery and operation by DCC. It was also nice to see Bert Haynes at the club, still going strong well into his nineties.

The annual Alberta Free-mo event took place in the Big Valley Arena again in mid-August, with plenty of Calgary modules helping to make an incredibly long train run possible. Also in August, the South Bank Short Lines club held its annual Christmas Party at Aspen Crossing, near Mossleigh southeast of Calgary. Christmas celebrations in August, you ask? Why wait- avoid the



Ultimate Trains Big Sky Railway in Nanton Alberta. An incredible outdoor G scale railroad. Photo by Rob Badmington

rush say SBSL members. In any case, a delicious meal in the dining car was enjoyed by 27 members and spouses. If you haven't visited Aspen Crossing yourself, it is well worth a visit for the great food, but also for the railroad artifacts collected including a GE 44 tonner, a snow plow, a couple of boxcars, and three CP cabooses. One of the cabooses has been fixed up to become very enticing lodging in the middle of Aspen's campground. The other cabooses will also be refurbished for the same purpose.

Another place to you must visit if you are south of Calgary is Ultimate Trains Big Sky Railway in Nanton. Tony and Joan Schei-

willer have built an incredible garden railroad in the yard behind the store, complete with a mountain over ten feet tall. Cog driven trains climb all the way to the top in scenes similar to the Swiss Alps where Tony grew up. One of the most amazing things about the Big Sky Railway is that all of the track is taken up in the fall and put down again in the spring. The yard is a very popular destination for young families, perhaps encouraging a few of those kids to become model railroaders in the future.

Speaking of the future, there are lots of events upcoming in Calgary. Railway Days at Heri-

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tage Park will be on the September 29-30 weekend, with lots of full sized and model trains to enjoy. South Bank Short Lines 33rd Annual Boomer Auction will take place on Saturday October 13th, at St. Andrews Church on Heritage Drive, followed by the CMRS Fall Mini-meet and AGM on the 14th at the Glenmore Inn.

Very soon, the committees will be getting together to organize the details of two big events in Calgary next Spring. Of course, everyone is familiar with SUPER-TRAIN, to be on April 21-22, 2013. The other event is the 6th Division's Spring Meet which will take place in Calgary in conjunction with the Prototype Modelers Meet, Calgary Model Trainmen's Flea Market, and the CMRS Spring Mini-meet. This will all take place March 9-11, 2013. More details on the Meet are in this issue of Highball.

Finally, in the last issue of Highball it was noted that there would be an auction of Gerry Quon's estate collection. It turns out that Gerry's family has decided to sell the models through the Chinook & Hobby West store, so that's where to go if you are interested in what Gerry collected over his many years in the hobby.

- Rob Badmington



Big Sky Railroad cog rail line climbing 10 feet into the air Photo by Rob Badmington

## Regina

Summer is almost gone and soon we will be back to modeling again. After a successful Regina combined CARM and PNR 6th Division Convention many of our committee members took advantage of deserved time off but I am sure will be back modeling anew in September.

When I say successful convention I mean in terms of quality and delegate satisfaction. Our eastern friends say you need to come to central Canada in order to get this kind of prototype tours.

The tours, clinics and layouts were outstanding and many commented that the time was packed with activities. You could

take in everything and not miss a thing.

We all know convention attendance is down everywhere but I must say attendance from within the 6th division (with the exception of Regina and area) at Living Skies Express 2012 was overwhelmingly disappointing. Hope everyone had a great summer and happy modeling.

- Wayne Wessner

## Edmonton

The modeling season starts early this year, with a live morning visit to the EMRA from Lorraine Mansbridge and the Global Edmonton TV crew. The Monashee Pacific and a few members will be shown in four segments between 7 and 9 AM on Monday September 10th, in

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support of the Great Edmonton Model Train Show (GETS).

Speaking of GETS, things are moving along well for the train show on September 15 and 16, at the usual location - the Mayfield Trade Centre, 16615 - 109 Avenue, from 10-5 each day.

Drop in for good deal from vendors, displays of operation layouts, including LEGO and Freemo.

There will also be clinics on a variety of topics. Admission is \$6, but parking is FREE!  
<http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/>

The EMRA's Open House at the Freight Shed in Fort Edmonton Park is on Sunday, October 14 this year from 10-5. Admission is FREE, but bring a Food Bank donation if you like.

This is a great opportunity to catch up on the developments on the Monashee Pacific.  
<http://www.emraonline.ca/>

Northern Rails 2012, an OP-SIG/NMRA event is being held in Edmonton and area from October 26-28. Several fantastic new layouts have been added to the roster this year.

Attendance to this popular weekend of prototypical operation is by invitation only, so contact Cal Sexsmith ([calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net](mailto:calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net)) to see if there is space, or to get on the mailing list for 2014.

- Mark Johnson

## 2013 Spring Meet

Rest assured that there will be a 6th Div Spring Meet in Calgary in 2013. According to the Abridged History of the 6th Division posted on our Division's webpage, there have been 11 meets in Calgary since 1965 plus a PNR Regional in 1971 and the Railroadeo National Convention in 1979. The last Spring Meet in Calgary was Rocky View Express in 2006. It is our turn to host again.

At the 6th Div AGM in Regina a couple months ago, there were suggestions that a meet should be scheduled to coincide with SUPERTRAIN in April. However, those of us who are deeply involved with the planning and execution of SUPERTRAIN recognize that our resources would be

stretched too thin. Not just committee members, but all of the people who volunteer at the show, or man their layouts and displays through three intense days of set-up through tear-down.

Instead, we will host our meet a few weeks earlier on March 9, 10, & 11, 2013, in conjunction with the Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet, Calgary Model Trainmen's Flea Market, and CMRS's Mini-meet.

Each of these events alone is worth a trip to Calgary for our out-of-town friends, but when they are combined with some layout tours, NMRA contests and Achievement Program evalua-

tions, a banquet, and maybe a prototype tour, we can promise a bang-up weekend.

Lots of details are still being worked out. We haven't even come up with a catchy name for the Meet yet. But, most important is to ask you to mark the weekend in your calendars so you don't miss out on a lot of model railroad fun.

Watch the 6th Div website for updates. The next issue of Highball will have much more information, registration forms, and activity schedules.

- Rob Badmington

## Thunder Creek Donation

Members of Moose Jaw's Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club were a hit with one modeler during the 6th Div/CARM joint meet.

Adam Schellinck (l) presented Aaron and Glenda Sinclair with an HO scale layout that club members built for Aaron (r) when they heard that illness prevented Aaron from participating fully in the hobby.

Club members assembled a small but fully detailed operating layout complete with rolling stock and displayed it at the public show.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the project! A simple act of kindness helps build the hobby in so many ways.



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elected as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

Mike spoke on behalf of AP Chairman Doug Winfield, reminding members that the AP assessment team would gladly make trips to locations within the division to do group assessments. At the 2012 meet Jeff Betcher's model of a water tower had been assessed and received a Merit Award

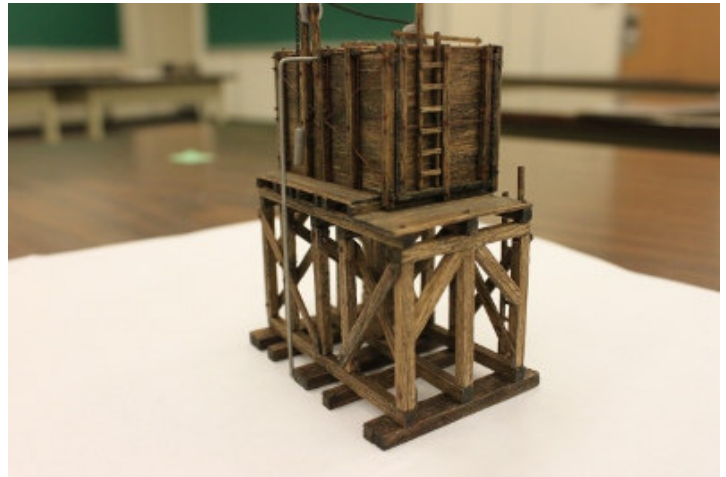
Treasurer Rick Walker's most recent report adjacent to this meeting report..

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<b>Income</b>			
Interest	9.82	0.00	9.82
<b>PNR Membership Rebate</b>	<u>737.10</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>-262.90</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	746.92	1,000.00	-253.08
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<b>6th Division Expenses</b>			
General Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>
<b>Total 6th Division Expenses</b>	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Bank Charges	3.00	72.00	-69.00
Education	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Event Seed Money	0.00	500.00	-500.00
<b>Highball!</b>	<u>956.08</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>-43.92</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>959.08</u>	<u>1,922.00</u>	<u>-962.92</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>-212.16</b></u>	<u><b>-922.00</b></u>	<u><b>709.84</b></u>

# 2012 Annual Meet Awards



Motive Power—Diesel-First  
Wayne Wessner HO<sub>3</sub> White Pass and Yukon



Structures—First  
Jeff Betcher — HO Water Tank  
Merit Award Winner



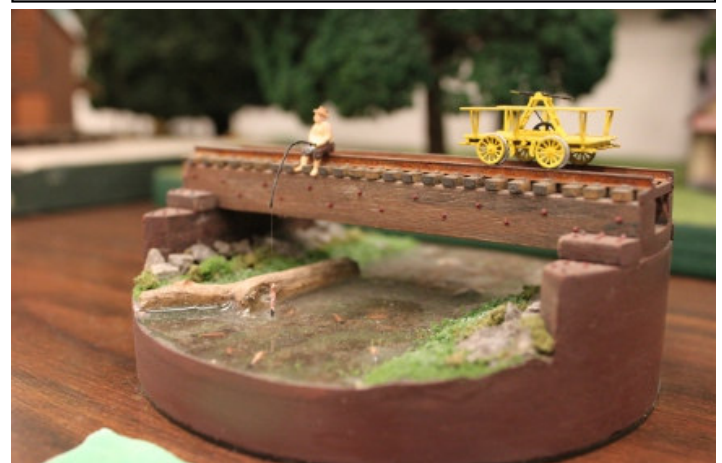
Diorama—First  
Wayne Wessner—Weiry and Son Irrigation

### Other Awards

- Structures—Honorable Mention  
Malcolm Anderson 0-Scale Coaling Dock & Sanding
- Rolling stock—Revenue  
Wayne Wessner- HO<sub>3</sub> gondola - First  
Wayne Wessner- HO<sub>3</sub> tank car—Honorable Mention
- MOW - Non Revenue  
Mark Wittrup- HO ?  
Barry Kelly- HO caboose
- Prototype Photo— CP/CN Dave Slater
- Most popular layout tour - Jim Peers
- Peoples Choice  
Best of Show Modular Layout - G railers (G scale)  
Honorable Mention - Rupert James (N scale)



Motive Power - Steam— First  
Gerald Harper-On30



Diorama—Honorable Mention  
Barry Kelly-Fishing off bridge

# 2012 Annual Meet Photos



A scene on Tyler Smith's N scale Japanese prototype layout. Incredible work especially given it replaced a layout dismantled earlier in the year for home renovations. This is part of a 20 foot long section built in under 2 weeks.



Part of Martin Lapp's Meaford Short line built with standard wood shelving as the baseboard or sub-roadbed.



The public show included exhibits such as this one on rail-road telegraphy and collectables from Bruce & Louisa Eastuke of Pilot Butte, SK.

## 2012 Annual Meet Photos

A sunny afternoon on the back reaches of Rupert James' garden railroad. Fish ponds, elevated rail sections and a clever system that brings trains into the house via a basement window all add to the effect.

Sitting back, sipping a cold one while watching (and listening) the sound equipped engines circle the yard is a great way to spend a hot afternoon



Jim Peers has assembled a marvelous HO scale layout in his basement.

Many square feet of intricately detailed scenery such as this bring an impression of life to Jim's world.

Lights, buildings with interior details, hundreds of figures and well thought out finishing touches such as the dog and bicycle in this photo are found everywhere.



## 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](mailto:timetable@pnr.nmra.org)

### Sep 8-9, La Conner, WA

18th Annual Northwest Logging Modelers Convention. Info:- Lloyd Lehrer 310-951-9097 (9 to 9 PST) [loggingmodeler@gmail.com](mailto:loggingmodeler@gmail.com)

### Sep 12-15, Bellevue, WA

Seattle 2012: 32nd National Narrow Gauge Convention, Meydenbauer Convention Center. Info:- [www.seattle2012.com](http://www.seattle2012.com)

### Sep 16 (Sun), Missoula, MT

33rd Annual Train Show and Swap Meet, from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Big Sky High School, 3100 South Ave., West. Info:- MMRC Show, P.O. Box 2315, Missoula, MT 59806-2315 or call Mike or Elaine Brown at 406-543-6123, email: [show@missoulamodelrail.org](mailto:show@missoulamodelrail.org). Admission \$3 for adults, children and under free.



**2012 Great Edmonton Model Train Show**  
**September 15 & 16**  
 Saturday & Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM  
**Mayfield Inn Trade Center**  
 16615-109 Avenue (Mayfield Road) Edmonton, Alberta; Phone: 1-800-661-9804  
 \*\*\* Free Parking \*\*\*  
 \*\*\* Admission \$6.00

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 Website: [www.mmrf.ab.ca](http://www.mmrf.ab.ca)  
 Rob Faulds: 780-478-5622

### Sep 16 (Sun), Victoria, BC

Victoria's Annual Model Railway Show \*Cancelled\* Info:- Ted Alexis, 250-595-4070, [m\\_talexis@shaw.ca](mailto:m_talexis@shaw.ca)

### Sep 29 (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](http://www.swwamodelrailroaders.com)

### Sep 29-30, Calgary, AB

26th Annual Railway Days. 9:30 - 5:00 Two operating 0-6-0's, the annual Train Pull, cab tours, model railway layouts and vendor booths. 1900 Heritage Dr. SW. Info: - (403) 268-8500, [www.heritagepark.ca](http://www.heritagepark.ca).

### Oct 6-7, Lynden, WA

Lynden Lions Club 28th Annual International Model Train Show. Info:- [www.lyndentrainshow.com](http://www.lyndentrainshow.com)

### Oct 6-7, Sequim, WA

North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Train Show and Swap Meet, Sequim Prairie Grange, 290 Macleay Rd, Sequim, WA.. 10 am to 4 pm Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm Sunday. Info:- Lauren Scrafford, (360) 379-3280. [e78milrd@q.com](mailto:e78milrd@q.com)

### Oct 13-14, Chilliwack, BC

Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Admission Prices TBA Info:- Don Carson, 604-847-0230, [Amtrak375@hotmail.com](mailto:Amtrak375@hotmail.com)

### Oct 13 (Sat), Calgary, AB

32nd Annual Boomer Auction, Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW, setup and viewing 9:30am, auction starts at 11:30am. Info: - John Wrinch, (403) 281-5745, [jawrinch@shaw.ca](mailto:jawrinch@shaw.ca)

### Oct 13 (Sat), Seattle, WA

Rails By The Bay 2012, Pacific Northwest Railroad Prototype Modelers meet. Info:- [www.northwestrpm.com/RPM\\_Meet.html](http://www.northwestrpm.com/RPM_Meet.html).

### Oct 13-14, Idaho Falls, ID

Eagle Rock Railroad Historical Society Rail show 2012 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](mailto:errhsi@ida.net) or [www.ida.net/org/errhsi/](http://www.ida.net/org/errhsi/)

### Oct 13-14, Spokane, WA

River City Modelers open house, 1130 E. Sprague Ave. Saturday: 4 PM to 8 PM; Sunday: Noon to 4:00 PM. [www.rivercitymodelers.org](http://www.rivercitymodelers.org) Info:- 509-535-3462 or via email [RCMInfoNow@gmail.com](mailto:RCMInfoNow@gmail.com) or [shirley@busnws.com](mailto:shirley@busnws.com).

### Oct 13 (Sat), North Bend, WA

Milwaukee Modeler's Meet. 10:00 - 5:00 Models as well as presentations on model, prototype and historic Milwaukee Road operations. Location: Cedar River Watershed Education Center . Info:- [www.milwelectric.org](http://www.milwelectric.org)

### Oct 13 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

Annual Swap Meet - 9:30am to 2:30pm. Hudson's Bay High School at 1206 E. Reserve Street, Vancouver, Washington. It is located just off the

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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. Info:-

[www.swwamodelrailroaders.com](http://www.swwamodelrailroaders.com); Rik Simmons (360) 907-5353 [simmondsrn2001@hotmail.com](mailto:simmondsrn2001@hotmail.com) or Richard Renihan (360)892-3410, [renihanr@yahoo.com](mailto:renihanr@yahoo.com)

#### **Oct 14 (Sun), Edmonton, AB**

Edmonton Model Railroad Association Open House, 10AM-5PM at the Freight Shed, Fort Edmonton Park, Free admission - please bring a non-perishable Food Bank donation! Info: -[www.EMRAonline.ca](http://www.EMRAonline.ca).

#### **Oct 14 (Sun), Calgary, AB**

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

#### **Oct 14 (Sun), Spokane, WA**

2012 Fall Spokane Model Train Show, sponsored by the Inland Northwest Rail Museum and River City Modelers. 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Spokane Fair & Expo Center, Ag Bldg. A & B; 404 N. Havana Street, Spokane, WA. Admission - 10 & under free; Ages 11-16 - \$3 and 17 & older - \$6. For table flyer or other information contact Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 3065, Spokane, WA 99220; 509-991-2317 or email [shirley@busnws.com](mailto:shirley@busnws.com) or Kevin Kozloski 509-703-0514.

#### **Oct 20-21, Ravensdale, WA**

15th 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 [hies\\_skel@hotmail.com](mailto:hies_skel@hotmail.com), [www.greatermaplevalleyareacouncil.org/events.html](http://www.greatermaplevalleyareacouncil.org/events.html).

#### **Oct 26-28, Edmonton, AB**

Northern Rails 2012 OPSIG Operating weekend. Six or more operations-focussed home layouts, sessions on the EMRA's Monashee Pacific. Operation-specific clinics. Due to the limited space available, this event is invitational with spots being filled on a first come basis. Info:-  
[www3.telus.net/public/ulvestad/NorthernRails.html](http://www3.telus.net/public/ulvestad/NorthernRails.html), [calvinsexsmith@saktel.net](mailto:calvinsexsmith@saktel.net)

## 6th Division AGM

The annual general meeting of the 6th Division, Pacific Northwest Region of the NMRA was held on Sunday July 1st in Regina SK starting at 9:20am

Superintendent Mike Borkristl chaired the meeting which was attended by 14 members of the Division.

After approving the minutes of the 2011 AGM in Moose Jaw,

a good part of the meeting was spent discussing our annual convention and ways to improve participation.

Most members present felt that busy schedules and many other events made putting on a meet with clinics, tours and a public show a challenge. Putting our meet on either in conjunction with another event or immedi-

ately before or after an event was seen as a possible solution. Our Calgary area members are taking up the challenge for 2013 and some basic information appears on page 8 of this issue.

In the absence of any other nominations by the 9am deadline, incumbents Mike Borkristl and Rob Badmington were re-

#### **Nov 24 (Sat), Calgary, AB**

Model Railroad Estate Auction - **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

#### **Nov 24-25, Red Deer, AB**

Red Deer Model Railroad show. Westerner Park in the Harvest Center 4847A 19th St. Red Deer. Sat: 10AM-5PM; Sun: 10AM-5PM. \$5.00 per person, children 5 and under are free. Info:- Gord Sylvester, 403-986-3866, [reddeertrainshow@shaw.ca](mailto:reddeertrainshow@shaw.ca) or [www.reddeertrainshow.ca](http://www.reddeertrainshow.ca)

#### **Dec 1 (Sat), Edmonds, WA**

Edmonds Amtrak Station & Swamp Creek Model Railroad Association Holiday Open House. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. 210 Railroad Ave (1/2 block south of Edmonds Ferry Terminal). Info:- [www.scwrra.org](http://www.scwrra.org)

#### **Dec 26 - Jan 1, Tacoma, WA**

15th Annual Model Train Festival at the Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma. 10 am to 6 pm every day. Multiple modular layouts in N, HO, O, and G, Kitsap Live Steamers exhibition, Playmobil display, Operation Lifesaver booth, train play areas for the little ones. Visit the largest permanent model train layout in WA state, built and operated by the Puget Sound Model Railroad Engineers (PSMRE) on the fifth floor. Enjoy the excellent history museum exhibits. Info:- [www.wshs.org/wshm/](http://www.wshs.org/wshm/) or call 253-272-3500. Museum entrance fees are \$8 / 7 / 6 for adults, seniors, student or military, respectively. Children 5 and under are free.

#### **March 9-11, 2013 Calgary, AB**

A super weekend for model railroaders. 6th Division annual meet along with Railroad Prototype Modellers, Calgary Model Trainmen's Flea Market and CMRS Spring mini-meet. Watch Highball for more!

#### **Future NMRA National Conventions**

##### **July 14-July 20 2011 Atlanta, GA**

NMRA National Convention and National Trainshow.  
<http://www.nmra2013.org/>

##### **2014: Cleveland, OH July 13-20**

[www.2014cleveland.org](http://www.2014cleveland.org)

##### **2015: Portland, OR August 23-30**

[www.nmra2015portland.org/](http://www.nmra2015portland.org/)

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