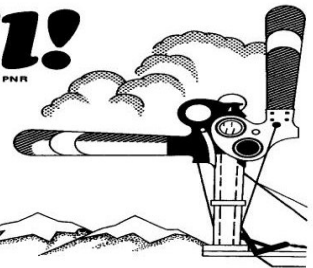




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On the cover: On a sunny Saturday September afternoon Edmonton Radial Railway car 33 runs east across 104th street in Edmonton with a full load for the Strathcona terminal of the High Level Bridge Line. Restoring her to 1912 condition took volunteers 17 years, 35,000 volunteer hours and expenditures of over \$150,000.

photo by Ron Gillies

From the Van

Ron Gillies



As I look out on a few feet of snow in my yard I really wonder what happened to fall. Winter came all too soon this year with it came the desire to start back to the modeling bench.

I've been experimenting with different track radii for trams and streetcars and my plan for this winter is to get a working test layout with 8 inch radius curves (and that's in HO)

The Grey Cup celebrated 100 years as our prize for the best football team in the land and although a team from the 6th Division didn't win, a special train brought the opportunity for a rare visit and some great photos.

A number of us also spent time this fall wandering around with a camera and some travel photos appear in this issue. Subjects range from steam to trams, structures to Lego.

Rob Badmington and our fellow Calgary modelers are putting together a packed weekend of events for the 2013 spring meet (early spring but still spring). The cost is right and where else can you participate in as many different events?

Moving a bit further afield the 2013 PNR regional convention

will be held in Boise, Idaho. Details on who, how and what appear in this issue.

Finally, as I write this Christmas is less than a month away.

Take a few minutes to think about how you can extend our circle of modelers and bring cheer to the world.

Consider re-gifting that older train set to a young person who might be interested in the hobby. Take advantage of the NMRA RailPass and gift a six month trial membership to a fellow modeler. Sit down and screen the Polar Express with a hot chocolate and some neighbor children. In other words, have a Merry Christmas and take time to run a train!

- Ron Gillies

6th Division Highball!

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Highball! Deadlines

Copy deadlines for Highball! are : February 15, 2013 for the Winter issue and May 15, 2013 for the Spring issue. You should normally receive Highball! within two weeks of the copy deadline.

Superintendent's Report

Where does the time go? Seems like yesterday I was playing golf (oh wait, I was!) and now there is 2' of snow on the ground! Happy days! Why happy days? Because now we get to head to the basement to revisit with our layouts, perhaps more frequently than we would during the summer months. Time to finish up those lingering projects that you left for a rainy day over the summer. And after July there were not a lot of rainy days around here.

Of course, instead of enjoying a layout, you could be trying to move a large layout in the mid-

dle of winter to a new location. I can tell you that's lots of fun! But with great friends with strong backs it goes faster! And you never really know how much stuff you really have until you have to move. When you fill a 10 x 10 x 8 storage unit to the max, do you have too much stuff?? Apparently not, because at the boomer auction in October, the auctioneers kept making me buy even more stuff!

It was a great Model Railroad weekend in October with many bargains, activities, and displays from various groups coming together to make it all work. Dur-



ing the annual CMRS AGM on the Sunday, we got a little bit of microphone time to talk about joint ventures, NMRA, modeling, and a nice lead in to Rob Badmington talking about the upcoming 6th Div meet in March. More about that in other places in our Highball.

Kudos to a few people. Ron Gillies for our Highball being regular and full of content, Rob Badmington, Dave Audley with their committee fully under way planning the upcoming meet, Mark Johnston for our website, and all the area reporters letting us know what's going on in and around our division. The Division is in good shape with all the help and volunteers that are coming to help out and thank you for participating.

Best wishes to all of you for a joyous holiday season, and start planning your trip to Calgary in March!

- Mike Borkristl
6th Division Superintendent

6th Division Finances

	<u>Sep '12 - Aug 13</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
Interest	2.57		
Total Income	2.57		
Expense			
Bank Charges	6.00		
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Total Expense	304.44		
Net Income	(301.87)		

Treasurer Rick Walker reports that the Division has a current bank balance of \$9,866.60.

Area Reports

Calgary

Fall is always a busy time for model railroaders in Calgary and area with plenty of activities to participate in. In mid-September the Grey Cup Train visited Calgary allowing football fans the opportunity to see and touch the Cup.

Heritage Park hosted its annual Railway Days on September 29-30, with model railroad displays in several buildings, CPR's employee spike driving contest, and a train pulling contest benefiting the Special Olympics. Another feature was the operation of a freight train making numerous laps around the park in very photogenic conditions.

The South Bank Short Lines club held its 33rd annual Boomer Auction on October 13, with close to 100 people attending from all points in the 6th Division.

The following day, the Calgary Model Railway Society held its Fall Mini-meet and AGM at the Glenmore Inn. Again, the event was well attended, with the crowd enjoying five entertaining and informative clinics on signals, weathering, and photography.



CPR Employee's spike driving contest at Heritage Park
photo by Rick Walker

The CMRS also hosted a Slide Night on Nov 9.

Calgary Model Trainmen opened the doors to their clubhouse on November 17 to a respectable crowd of modelers. Sadly, we won't be able to visit CMT in its present location for too much longer as Stampede Park which owns the property has plans for new developments on the site, probably starting later next summer. The imminent demise of their clubhouse hasn't stopped CMT members from working hard on layout projects with new scenery being completed. CMT also holds regular operating sessions, and welcomes visi-

tors on Wednesday evenings as well.

A number of Calgary modelers made the trip up to Red Deer for the model train show at the Westerner Park Harvest Centre. I didn't attend myself, but I am told it was a good show with club layouts from Edmonton and Calgary participating.

With such a busy autumn, there is now a bit of a lull over the Christmas holidays, but planning and organizing for a great Model Railroad Weekend in Calgary in March continues. The three day event starting on Friday March 8 includes the 6th Div Spring

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Meet, the Railway Prototype Modelers meet, CMT's annual Flea Market, and the CMRS Spring Mini-meet. See the article in this Highball describing the events in much more detail. You won't want to miss coming to Calgary for that weekend!

And as it stands right now, SUPERTRAIN 2013 in April looks to be another success with layouts coming from all over western Canada and even Washington state.

I hope Santa finds your stocking and stuffs it full of models in the appropriate scale. Happy Holidays!

Rob Badmington

Camrose

Just a quick note to let you all know we are back in the Duggan Mall, on the west end near the Canadian Tire store. We have set up the modules in a slightly different arrangement from before GETS so that we can better use our yard modules, and also have some switching opportunities on the side of the layout toward the public. The Tortoises are all in place in the yard now. Scenery is, of course, a work in progress. We are in the mall on Thursday nights for our own 'fun', as well

as to promote the hobby to the public and on Saturday mornings primarily for public display.

There is a 'hardcore' group of about 7 or so who live at the mall. (JK) Plans for the future include incorporating some kind of operations scenarios at least on club nights and a membership drive early in the new year.

We have lost a couple of members over the last few months, but have also added a couple 'newbies', so things progress about as usual.

Our business meeting is the last Thursday of each month at the Camrose Railway Station Museum, which we encourage all to visit over the summer months! The station also contains a Canadian Northern archive, with a number of drawings that could help with AP projects!!

-Norm Prestage

Lethbridge

Here in Southern Alberta things are going well at SAMRC with between 75-80% turn out of members on any Tuesday evening.

We hosted a very successful open house for the public in October with over 400 people

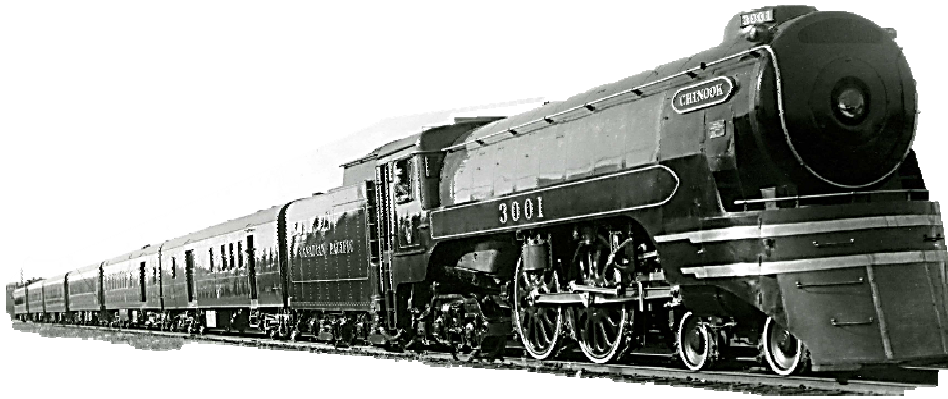
showing up on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Four members of the Medicine Hat group came for a visit to Lethbridge on Nov. 17. After enjoying a couple hours at the SAMRC, and out for a nice lunch, the afternoon was spent at Dale Gloer's and Stu Wilcocks' home layouts. Two other layouts were going to be on the tour, however, circumstances changed which did not allow these layouts to be open.

Our N-scale portable layout was on display at the Evangelical Free church in Lethbridge Nov. 30, Dec. 1st and 2nd. The church puts on 6 Xmas concerts each year to raise money for the Lethbridge Food Banks, through donations. They are very well attended.

Because of the club's growing numbers, space is becoming a premium on any given evening. Several suggestions have come up to help alleviate this situation, including the possibility of some kind of expansion.

Some areas of the layout are having the scenery upgraded as some of the work done 30-35 years ago needs upgrading.

-Tony Lee



The Chinook

6th Division PNR
Spring Meet
March 8 – 10, 2013

Calgary is proud to host The Chinook, the 6th Division Spring Meet, March 8 – 10, 2013.

The name of the meet honours the high speed passenger train that Canadian Pacific Railway introduced in 1936 to connect Calgary and Edmonton.

The weekend will be filled with plenty of activities, many of them centered around the theme of passenger trains, operations, and facilities.

This meet also links together four different model railroad events taking place in Calgary, and registering for The Chinook gives you access to all of them.

Maybe the best part of all is that the cost of registration is only \$20 for NMRA members and \$30 for non-members.

Schedule

Friday, March 8:

Registration opens at noon
Model and Photo Contest entries, Display set-up
Prototype tour (details still being finalized)
Clinics
Layout Tours

Saturday, March 9:

Railroad Prototype Modelers
Meet starts at 09:00
Clinics
RPM Displays
AP Judging
Contest Judging
More Layout Tours
6th Division Annual General Meeting
No Host Dinner, Socializing, and Slides – starts at 6 pm

Sunday March 10:

Calgary Model Trainmen's Flea Market starts at 09:00

Calgary Model Railway Society
Mini-meet
Clinics start at 11:00
Displays

To keep costs low, we will be using three different venues and all meals are no host.

The daytime activities on Friday and Saturday will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive SW.

The AGM, Dinner, Socializing and Slide Night will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion, 9202 Horton Road SW, just a few blocks from the church and close to Calgary Transit's Heritage Station. The Legion offers a great selection of food and beverages at very competitive prices.

On Sunday, all events take place at the Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE.

Layout tours will be drive yourself, with the committee providing accurate maps and addresses to plug into your GPS.

If you are coming from out of town and need a place to stay for the weekend, the Glenmore Inn is about a 10 minute drive from the church and legion.

There are also several hotels and motels along Macleod Trail within a five minute drive from

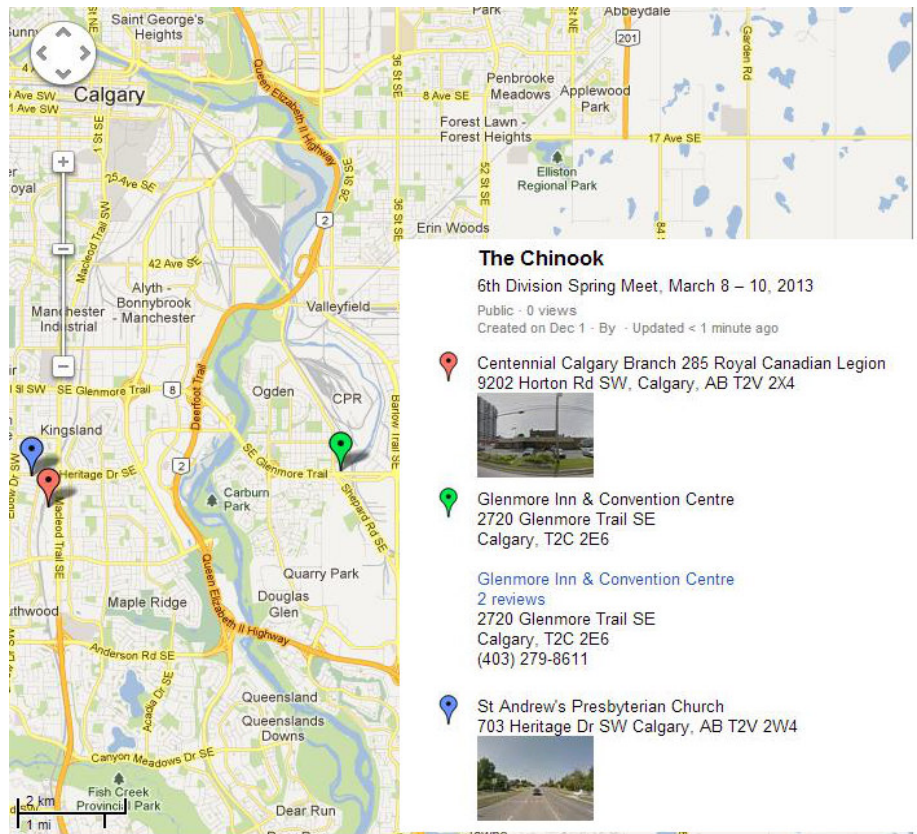
the church, including the Econo Lodge, two Travelodges, and the Carriage House.

We will not be doing pre-paid registrations, but would certainly appreciate advance notice of your attendance so we can properly plan our space requirements.

Please check our website at <http://pnr.nmra.org/6div/thechinook> to get updates on the activities.

We're looking forward to seeing you at The Chinook!

Rob Badmington
Committee Chairman



General locations for The Chinook events— Blue for the church, red for the Legion and green for the hotel

2013 PNR Regional Convention

As a lot of you know, the 3rd Division are hosting the Northwest Regional Convention next year, June 26th thru 30th in Boise ID. So here is what's planned so far.

The Boise Hotel and Convention Center (the old Holiday Inn across from the airport) will be the location.

All of the usual functions you would expect will be on the agenda including clinics, model contests, prototype tours, silent auction and, YES, a two day train show.

We will start on Wednesday evening with a BBQ at the Boise Depot and Joel Slagg is giving a

clinic about the history and move of Big Mike.

Bruce McCosh has built a web page which should be published by the time you read this which includes registration details, Hotel registration details and much more. Just access the 3rd Division web page at <http://pnr.nmra.org/3div/2013.html> for all the latest info.

There are some new things in the works that we've never done before, so again, check out the web page and keep checking.

If you have or are part of a modular club, Tom Waters needs to know about you.

If you are interested in presenting a clinic, Bob Parrish needs to hear from you.

There are a solid 30 plus people actively planning this convention. Don't let that stop you from offering to help.

Oh, and by the way, if you have never attended an NMRA Regional Convention you have really missed a great time. Just ask me, I've been to eight or nine and I always have a great time!

-Tom Waters, Co-chair



Grey Cup Train 2012

2012 is the 100th anniversary of the Grey Cup, Canada's premiere football competition. And as part of the celebrations RONA along with corporate partners such as CP Rail, Canada Post, Telus, Cisco and TSN ran a very special promotion across Canada.

A special VIA train left Vancouver/s Pacific Central Station on August 17 and made 40 plus stops on the way to Toronto and the big game.

The Grey Cup Train consist was:

VIA F40PH-3 locomotive in a special Grey Cup wrap led the train.

VIA Baggage car 8615 followed with a display of Grey Cup history from the beginning in 1909 and its eastern roots, to the inclusion of the west and right



The Grey Cup Train near Okotoks with CP ES44AC 8711 leading September 23/24 2012
photo by Rick Walker

through to the present day

CP Rail baggage car 103 contained the Grey Cup itself as well as interactive touch screen

displays allow fans to pull up the name plates of every championship team in the history of the trophy, or browse a fan photo montage. The rings of past champions were prominently displayed. Fans could have their picture taken with the trophy and have it receiver it by e-mail.

CP Rail baggage 104 contained displays on all the current CFL teams. Both 103 and 104 are normally found on CP Rail's "Royal Canadian"

VIA diner 8412 "Kent" followed, set up for receptions for VIP's and sponsors along the line.

All four of these cars were wrapped in Grey Cup graphics.

In Edmonton a VIA Skyline car (8502) and sleeper "Chateau Dollier" (8208) were added as staff quarters.



VIA 6445 wrapped in Grey Cup colours in Edmonton, September 15 2012
photo by Ron Gillies

Summer Travels



6th Division members travelled this summer and took pictures on the way.

Clockwise from top left: Norm Prestage caught two street running trams in Jerusalem; Ron Gillies shot Alberta Prairie Steam Excursion's 2-8-0 #41 working the yard at Stettler; took a shot of Jason Ploeger's incredible light show module at GETS; Rick Walker chased Lego at Heritage Park and Ron Gillies shot another gorgeous model by Mort Spelman at GETS



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

Dec 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, Portland, OR

Calling all NMRA members to take a throttle and help run trains! Portland Area N-Trak (Oregon's only 100% NMRA club) is sharing hosting duties at Alpenrose Dairy (6149 SW Shattuck Rd, Portland, OR) at Alpenrose's "Christmas at Dairyville" holiday event. Attended by over 10,000 guests last year, attractions include Storybook Lane (Holiday stories illustrated with live animals), our Home layout, the Beaverton Model Railroad Club (BMRC) layout, Food Concession stands, and Mr. Claus himself, plus lots of historic displays of yesteryear in the Dairyville shops, and tons of lights and decorations throughout.

The event is held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for three weekends in December, starting with the 7th, 8th, and 9th. Friday hours are 3 to 6 pm, Saturday and Sunday hours are from 11 am to 6 pm. Please contact Brian Hester (Stationmaster) if you would like to help. You will receive a commemorative RailPass from the Dairyville Pacific RR (Good for a year), and our profound thanks for helping make a fun event even more so. We run Digitrax DCC, with some sound units, on a 33 scale mile layout, and would love to see you at this event. Info:- Brian Hester at amtrakfan51@comcast.net or secretary@pdxareantrak.org or by phone at 503-756-3213.

Dec 8-9, Portland, OR

The Great Train Expo. Portland Expo Center. Large train and toy marketplaces, operating layouts and displays, workshops and demonstrations. Info:- www.greattrainexpo.com

Dec 15-16, 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

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, Playmobile 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/wshsm/ 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.

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Jan 19 (Sat), Portland, OR

Spokane Portland & Seattle Railway Historical Society Railroad Swap Meet at the Holiday Inn - Portland Airport Conference Center, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Admission is \$5.00, under 12 free. Info:- www.spsrshs.org Bruce Barney 503-257-8855, e-mail: bcbarney@msn.com

Feb 23 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

Open operating session on the Monashee Pacific of the Edmonton Model Railroad Association, www.emraonline.ca. 1:00PM - 5PM, no-host dinner follows. For more info:- ulvestad@telus.net

Feb 23-24, Saskatoon, SK

All Aboard 2013, Western Development Museum 2610 Lorne Ave. Saturday 9-5:00, Sunday 9-4:30. 29th Annual model train show. Admission to the show includes Museum admission. Layouts, Vendors, and Videos. Consignment sale on Saturday. Info:- www.prairierailworkshop.com, allaboardtrainshow@sasktel.net

Mar 9 (Sat), Portland, OR

Willamette Model Railroad Club's 28th Annual Model Railroad Swap Meet at the Kliever Memorial Armory 10000 NE 33rd Dr. from 10am to 3pm. Admission is \$5.00, under 12 free. Over 110 tables of Model railroad equipment in all scales, railroad memorabilia, books, photos, and more, Free Parking. Info:- Keith Kieres 503-723-7323, e-mail: wmrswapmeet@yahoo.com

Mar 8-10, Calgary, AB

The Chinook. The weekend will be filled with plenty of activities, many of them centred around the theme of passenger trains, operations, and facilities. Registering gives you access to four events: 6th Division Spring meet (Mar 8-10), Railroad Prototype Modelers meet (Sat), Calgary Model Trainmen's flea market (Sun), Calgary Model Railway Society mini-meet (Sun). Clinics, contests, layout tours, displays and fellowship. NMRA members \$20, non members \$30. For more info: <http://pnr.nmra.org/6div/thechinook> or see the article on page 7-8



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Mar 9-10, Spokane, WA

River City Modelers Club Open House. Saturday: 4 PM to 8 PM; Sunday: Noon - 4PM at 1130 E. Sprague Ave. Visit the River City Western HO Model Railroad. The double deck 48 x 45 ft. layout is progressing rapidly with mainline track in, scenery progressing and a lot of the back-drop painting has been completed. Info:- Bob or Shirley Sample at home: 509-292-8332, cell 509-991-2317, shirley.sample@busnws.com or John Langlot, 509-981-5017

Mar 10 (Sun), Spokane, WA

Spokane, WA; Sunday, March 10, 2013 - Spokane Train Show, Spokane Fair & Expo Grounds, 404 N. Havana St., Spokane, WA; Ag Buildings C & D. Adults (17 & older) \$6.00; 11 to 16 years of age \$3.00; 10 & under free. Over 200 tables of Railroad items for sale; layouts in all scales; free parking; food service available. For information or table reservations contact: Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 3065, Spokane, WA 99220. Cell #509-991-2317; home # from 7 to 10 PM: 509-292-8332 or shirley@busnws.com

Mar 17 (Sun), Burnaby, BC

Western Rails 2013. 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@wcra.org 604-484-2791.

Apr 14 (Sun), Nanaimo, BC

289h Annual Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Beban Park Rec Center, 2300 Bowen Road. Operating Lay-out, sales tables, popular vote model contest (open to any modeler). Admission: \$10.00 per family, Adult \$5.00, Senior \$4.00, NMRA members \$3.00 Child (6-12) \$1.00 Info:- Ken Rutherford at 250-724-4698 (kj.rutherford@shaw.ca) or Rick Lord 250-724-4205

Apr 20-21, Calgary, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2013 Canada's Biggest and Best Annual Model Train Show. 9 AM till 5 PM both days. Subway Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. FREE PARKING Adult - \$10, Youth (6-12) - \$5, under 6 - free. Over 60,000 sq. ft. of operating layouts, exhibits and displays, railroad artists, hobby shops, model manufacturers, demonstrations, clinics, museums and railroad historical associations, Lego and Thomas Play Area, garden railways, ride-on trains, and much more.

Info: www.supertrain.ca or info@supertrain.ca

Jun 26-30, Boise, ID

Snake River Special. Pacific Northwest Region Convention. Boise Hotel and Convention Center. Info: pnr.nmra.org/3div/2013.html or see inside on page



Upcoming National Conventions

July 14-July 20 2013 Atlanta, GA


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

2014: Cleveland, OH July 13-20

www.2014cleveland.org

2015: Portland, OR August 23-30

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