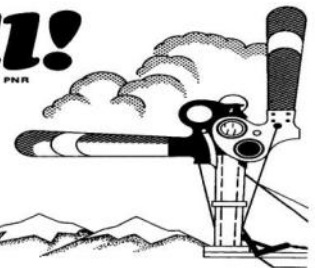




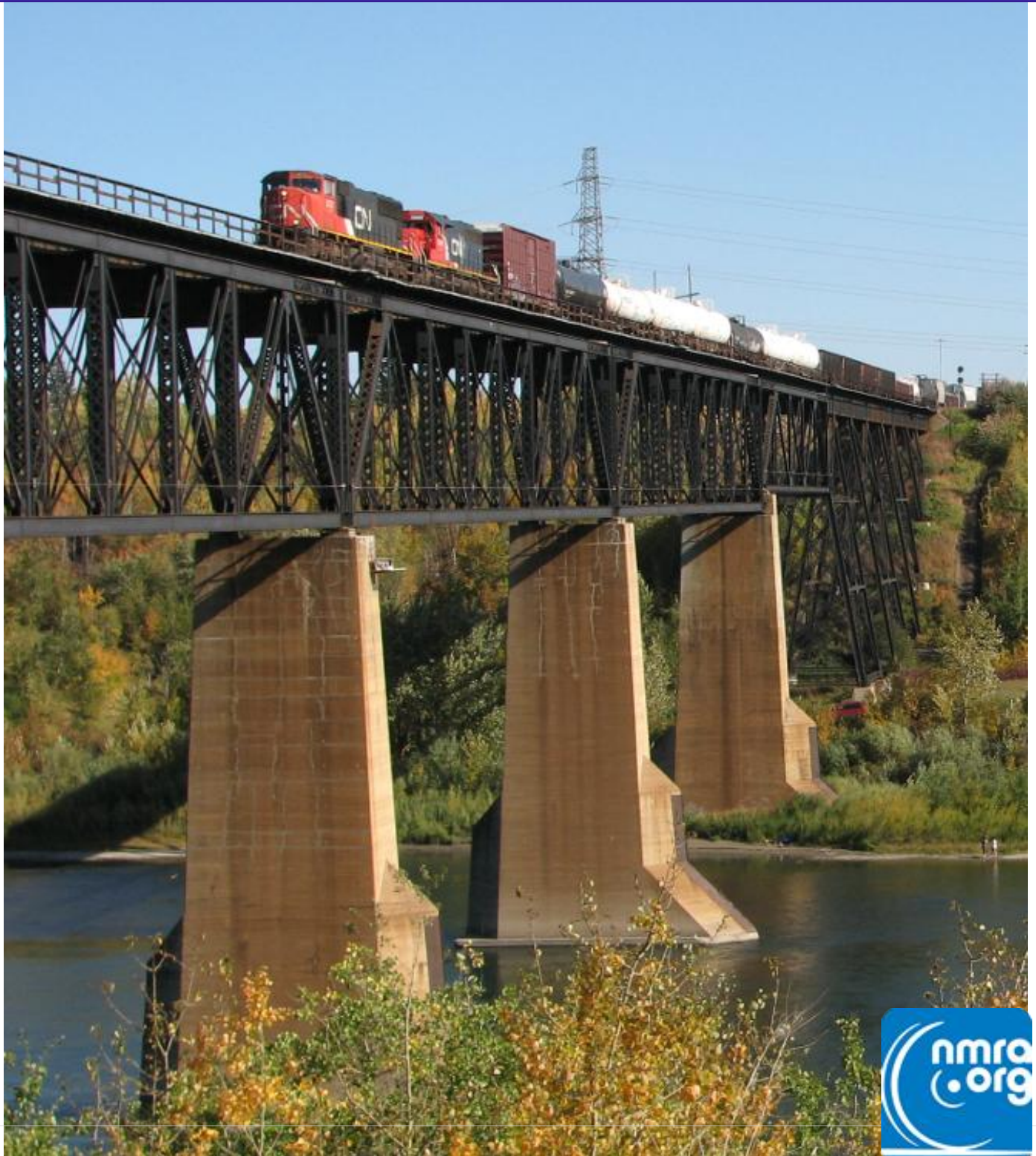
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On the cover: Freight rolls across the Clover Bar railway bridge in east Edmonton on Sept 15, 2008. The 1,655 ft. (504 m) long, 138 ft. (42 m) high iron and concrete truss bridge was built in 1907-08 by the Grand Trunk Pacific is still in use by CNR as part of east-west main line. Photo by Rick Walker

From the Van

Ron Gillies



Family Day is underway as I write this editorial—a sure sign that the dark cold days of winter will soon vanish.

I've managed to stay warm and used a few of those long dark evenings to stretch my understanding of new developments in the hobby.

After a long gestation standards and technical documents for [NMRAnet](#) have been released

and I have been poking around at the concepts involved in the new control bus that adds simple but elegant functionality to the electrical side of the hobby.

Add in a program such as [JMRI](#) and you have a set of tools that allow you to run all your devices, manage settings on your locomotives, and build prototypical operating sessions for your layout. When you add in devices such as the Raspberry Pi (a credit card sized computer) it's almost possible that you could run your layout from your phone or tablet with a real computer in sight!

I've also been looking at some interesting use of RFID technology for identifying trains and providing feedback without the need to change DCC chips.

Progress has been slow on my workbench as I finish some home renovations but I hope to rebuild my test layout and run some trains before spring.

Efforts have been further slowed by my own debate over whether I should visit one of the many shows and meets in the Division or spend my hobby time at my own workbench. If you see me at an event (check pages 13-14 for a list) you'll know that the siren call of new things has won out. If not, accept my apologies and know that lonesome kit on the shelf won the battle.

So what is on your workbench? If you can find 30 minutes, take a few pictures and write a few paragraphs and share it through the Highball! Content is always welcome!

- Ron Gillies

6th Division Highball!

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Highball! Deadline

Copy deadline for Highball! ia : May 15 2013 for the Spring issue. You should normally receive Highball! within two weeks of the copy deadline.

Superintendent's Report

It is very rare that I have little to say, and for most of you that know me, that will come as a great surprise!

But as I prepare a blurb for this Highball, I actually find myself in that very weird state! Since the last Highball, it seems like time has flown by, consumed with a trip, family health issues, a death in the family, and the building of a new home to provide a roof over the new train layout, and business so crazy I have no time to breathe some days.

So from a modeling perspective, I have not been involved, or attended very many of the activities around the Division. I am hoping that life will slow down soon to allow me to get back to having some modeling fun.

As you will see in other parts of the Highball, things have been busy though, and in Calgary we are about to get even busier with the 6th Div meet coming up as well as Supertrain.

The 6th Div committee has come



up with some great ideas and we hope to see as many of you here as possible. Safe travels and see you soon!

Mike Borkristl,
Superintendent
6th Division PNR

Achievement Program Report

Another Spring Meet is almost upon us. I look forward to lots of entries for Merit Awards this year in Calgary. Listed below is a check list of things to bring with your entry.

1. A filled out entry form as downloaded from the NMRA website. I will bring additional forms in case you don't have time to do it before the meet.
2. Description of the model along with drawings, plans and photographs. This makes the task of assessment much easier.
3. Check over the model to make sure no glue is showing and the construction joints are tight. These items are the most obvious to the assessors and will make a

huge difference in the mark a model receives.

4. You are welcome to sit in on the assessment of your model to hear what we have to say about the model and what we look for to establish if it is of Merit quality.

According to the Achievement Program Chairman a craftsman kit qualifies as scratch built because of the number of random parts such as stripwood, castings, etc. A Fine Scale Miniatures kit would be considered as scratch built for the entry form.

The answer to the question posed in my last report is Union Pacific's Bailey Yard in North Platte, Nebraska.

Railroaders are known for giving nicknames to various things on the railway and this place is no exception. Bailey Yard now has a railcar so you can view trains in the largest rail yard in the world. Go to Golden Spike Tower and click on the link. If that doesn't work then go to North Platte website and click on the link. Over 120 trains per day use this yard so you are bound to see some action.

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

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

Area Reports

Calgary

As we get ready for two major model railroad weekends in Calgary in a span of six weeks, lots of other things are happening too. The Calgary Model Railway Society just held its annual Layout Tours, with between 40 and 60 modelers visiting 8 different layouts across the city. Three of these layouts will also be on The Chinook layout tours, but five are different ones, and all are worth visiting. See this issue of Highball for more information on the layouts and the other activities planned for March 8 thru 10.

Three of Calgary's model railroad clubs will be celebrating significant anniversaries in 2013.

It was in 1938 that the Calgary Model Trainmen club first met, and are still going strong 75 years later. Their annual Flea Market is always eagerly anticipated by modelers looking to buy or sell some surplus treasures, and this year will be part of the Model Railroad Weekend on March 10th at the Glenmore Inn.

Numerous other groups have

spun off from CMT over the years, including two formed in 1963.

The Bow Valley Model Railroad Club celebrates 50 years in 2013 and is planning some special activities for members and friends to commemorate the milestone. Bow Valley's 20 members enjoy taking their modular layout to shows all across the 6th Division. Ted Richardson, one of Bow Valley's founding members is still active with the club.

South Bank Short Lines is also celebrating their Golden Anniversary this year. SBSL currently has 13 active members who meet weekly to work on each other's layouts and talk railroading.

South Bank hosts the Boomer Auction every October, and also looks after the clinics at SUPERTRAIN.

I have some sad news to pass on to our readers. On January 25, 2013, Allan Peirce passed away at the age of 77.

Al was a long-time member of South Bank Short Lines, and a Life Member of the NMRA. He served as Highball Editor in the 1980's and was awarded the 6th Division's Silver Spike in 1989.

Al also served as Chairman of SUPERTRAIN for two years. Many

will recall Al's passion for craftsmanship in the form of complicated trackwork that performed flawlessly. We will miss him.

- Rob Badmington

Edmonton

Things are moving around this year! The meeting location for MMRF (Mainline Model Railroaders Fellowship, www.mmrf.ab.ca) has moved from the Central Lions Seniors Recreation Centre to the Edmonton Public Library. The time has not changed, still 7:30 - 9:00 PM, but check the web site for the date and location of the meetings. All modelers are welcome.

The annual Great Edmonton Model Train Show (GETS) is on the same date (third weekend in September, 21 & 22 in 2013), but has moved to Millennium Place in Sherwood Park. The Mayfield convention centre is being torn down to make room for an expanded hotel.

But something HASN'T moved! The MMRF swap meet will be held as usual on the first Saturday in May (May 4 in 2013) at the usual location in the Central Lions Seniors Recreation Centre. The table rates haven't changed

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either, \$15 for MMRF members; \$20 for non-members (includes 2 admissions), and the admission fee remains at \$2.00.

Be sure to check out the great bargains, hard-to-find items, and be sure to buy enough to fill your own table next year (it happens)!

The layouts in Londonderry and Capilano malls have been displaced in favour of retail space, and are looking for new locations. Watch their web site at www.trainweb.org/esmre for news.

The Edmonton Model Railroad Association (www.emraonline.ca) is working toward establishing full TT&TO (Timetable and Train Order) operations. Full implementation includes a dispatcher and two operators, one on each level of the two-level layout. A timetable has been developed, and the Operations Coordinator, Brian Stokes, is developing the other paperwork to fully model ops in 1959. We've got a lot of learning to do, but the EMRA members and friends are enjoying the challenge! It's way more fun to run a mainline train, since you have to be aware of everything happening in your part of the railroad - more interesting and not as daunting as it may seem.

Watch the EMRA Calendar (link under "More Information" near

the bottom of the home page for upcoming sessions, if you'd like to try this out yourself - you won't be sorry!

- Mark Johnson

Lethbridge

Mid winter finds the Southern Alberta Model Railway Club enjoying record membership with several new members coming on board this winter. A successful after Xmas event was held at Tony and Luella Lee's home with 24 members and spouses in attendance.

Members are looking forward to taking our N scale portable layout to Supertrain in Calgary in April. As well some are planning on going to the 6th Division Spring Meet in March.

The club has been approached to set up a model railroad display in a show home in West Lethbridge for 12-15 months. The show home is to be located in a railroad themed subdivision. After the show home is sold, the O scale layout will revert back to the club. To facilitate this project, the club has bought the O scale layout of Lloyd Parker, a former member. Lloyd's health does not allow him to pursue his hobby and he had requested we dismantle the layout. At least parts of the layout will be put to good use.

Another project for SAMRC this

year is to replace the siding on our facility in Gyro Park. The City of Lethbridge will provide the materials and club members will be required to install the siding.

- Tony Lee

Regina

Well winter is upon us and model railroading is back in action. Regina did not have its annual train show in October due to renovations and other technical issues with out location. Next year we will have to see.

The Regina club I understand has acquired a new home and now have a place to work out of. The Echo Valley Railway Guild is back and active after the convention. The work room has been transformed and set up with work tables for every member. Work continues on the layout as well as visits to home layouts, promoting scratch building and on bench modeling. This seems to be a good solution for the group coming of a convention. The three hour tree clinic given at the convention was rerun and changed to two three hour evenings and was well very well attended and seemingly successful.

Many of the Regina modular groups will be off to Moose Jaw for their March show so may see you there.

- Wayne Wessner



The Chinook

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

Like its namesake train streaking across the prairies, The Chinook Model Railroad Weekend is fast approaching. It arrives in Calgary at noon on Friday March 8th, at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

We hope you can come aboard for some fun and plenty of model railroad activities. Cost is only \$20 for NMRA members and \$30 for non-members.

This registration fee will get you into all of the activities listed below.

Layout Tours

Friday 7 PM to 9 PM and Saturday 2 PM to 5 PM (except as noted)

- Hans Foltinek, HO, German prototype with full catenary and computer control
- Ed Hopkin, HO & N, freelance, full basement with amazing scenery too many structures to count!



[Herb Stroh's modeling will convince you that you are in the Rockies in 1950.](#)

- Al Hough, O, CPR prototype steam and diesel, exquisite scratch built rolling stock and scenery
- Herb Stroh, O, CPR prototype, full basement, beautiful scratch built locomotives and scenery. Open Fri evening only.
- Grant Eastman, N, modern freelance featuring scale length trains and scenery of southern Alberta.
- Cal-O-Rail, O, a large club layout nearing the end of a major rebuild and conversion to DCC



[Vintage automobile meets modern trains at Cal-O-Rail](#)

- Rick Reimer, On30, This layout was featured as the cover article in the On30 Annual 3 years ago, and has beautifully weathered rolling stock and structures
- Brian Keay, HO, freelance, large full basement layout featuring modern freight operations in mountain and urban scenery. Brian invites everyone to operate a train while visiting.

Clinics

Friday 1 PM to 5 PM and Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM (at St. Andrews Church, 703 Heritage Drive SW)

- Assembly of Athabasca passenger cars - Dave Audley/Bob Hardcastle
- The History of Banff Station (3 variations?) - Don Thomas
- NAR passenger trains and stations - Colin Hatcher

Plus additional topics still being finalized

Prototype Tour

Friday 2 PM to 4 PM Calgary Transit's Anderson Road LRT Maintenance Facility Limited to 25 participants max.



A detouring CN freight crosses the Stoney Creek Bridge on Cal-O-Rail's layout

Prototype Modelers Meet

Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM (at St. Andrews Church)

Bring your favorite models to display and discuss NMRA Achievement Program Evaluation upon request. Awards for Best Models by popular vote

6th Div Annual General Meeting

Saturday 5:30 to 6:30 PM (at Royal Canadian Legion, 9202 Horton Road SW)

No-Host Dinner, Socializing, and Slides

Saturday 6:30 PM until ?? (at Royal Canadian Legion) Good food and beverages at great prices!

Calgary Model Trainmen's Flea Market

Sunday 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon (at Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE)

Many bargains to be found! Bring Cash!

Calgary Model Railway Society's Spring

Mini-meet Sunday (at Glenmore Inn) Clinics start at 9:45 AM

- DecoderPro - Brent Ciccone - an introduction to JMRI DecoderPro
- Geology and Landforms for model railroaders - Roger Walker – Effective and realistic scenery starts with understanding the real world.

- Manufacturing- How, What, When, Where, Why - Don Smith, Pacific Western Rail Systems - the secrets manufacturers don't want you to know about.
- Rolling Stock and Track - Repair and Maintenance – Open Forum/ Q&A - Glen Judd and Roger Walker

Lunch will be provided by CMRS (12:15 - 1:15 approx.)



Realistic scenery on Roger Walker's layout will be the topic of his Sunday clinic

For the most up-to-date information, please check our website <http://pnr.nmra.org/6div/thechinook/>.

There won't be pre-registration for The Chinook but we would certainly appreciate advance notice of your attendance so we can properly plan our space requirements. Please send me an email at TheChinook@pnr.nmra.org.

Rob Badmington
Chairman The Chinook,
6th Division Spring Meet 2013

Traffic Flows

Cal Sexsmith

In setting up a car forwarding system for a model railway one of the first things to consider are the traffic flows that you wish to represent. In this article I am going to discuss how I set up traffic flows for my railway.

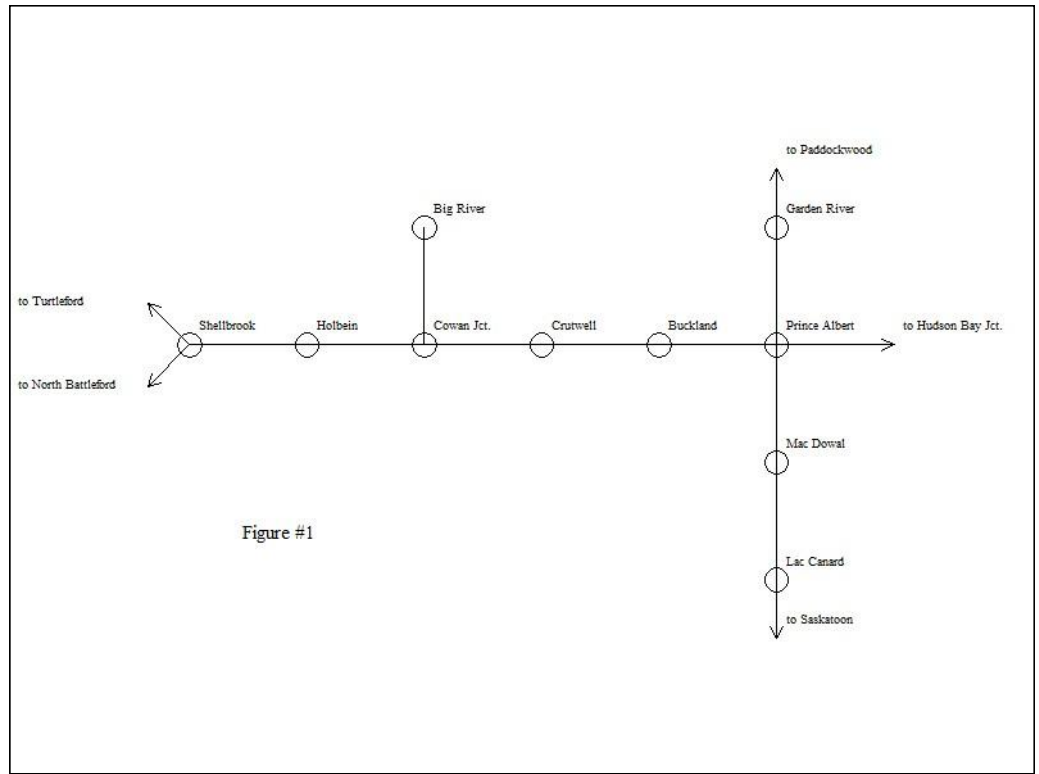
The Parkland Division represents CNR and CPR joint track lines in the forest fringe area of Saskatchewan. Although both railways are present there is little interchange of cars between the two systems.

In an attempt to simplify things I will deal only with the CNR lines. Please see figure #1 for a simplified schematic. NIT PICKER ALERT – I have taken some liberties with reality!

I began by identifying the various types of traffic to be handled as summarized below:

- Agricultural Products
- Forest Products
- Petroleum and Chemicals
- Food Products
- Manufactured Goods
- Minerals
- Less than Carload

Each of these traffic types can be further subdivided. As well, traffic can be originating (produced at an on-line site and shipped to an off-line customer), terminating (produced at an off-



line site and shipped to an on-line customer), bridge (produced at an off-line site and shipped to an off-line customer over the modeled portion), and on-line (produced at an on-line site and shipped to an on-line customer).

On the Parkland Division most traffic is either originating or terminating, bridge traffic is only a small percentage of traffic and on-line is almost non-existent.

Agricultural products are subdivided as follows:

- Grains (wheat, oats, barley etc.)
- Alfalfa Pellets
- Animal Feed
- Livestock

Grain is by far the most important of the agricultural products and is handled as either originating or bridge traffic. Traffic originates at what is planned to be eventually about 12 country elevators.

The outbound grain loads will be shipped to ports at Thunder Bay (50%), Churchill (25%) and Vancouver (25%). Bridge traffic grain will come from branch lines represented by staging and shipped to the above ports and from southern Saskatchewan headed for Churchill.

The grain loads from the on-line elevators and the off-line branch lines will be collected in the Prince Albert Yard and then forwarded on to Thunder Bay (via Saskatoon), Churchill (via Hud-

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son Bay) and Vancouver (via North Battleford). The traffic from southern Saskatchewan to Churchill will be routed Saskatoon-Prince Albert-Hudson Bay. Because of my era the grain will move in 40 foot boxcars.

Alfalfa Pellets are produced at a plant at MacDowall and at off-line plants on the Tisdale Subdivision. All alfalfa loads will be sent to Prince Albert to be weighed and then shipped to customers via Saskatoon in covered hoppers.

Animal feed will be shipped from off-line producers to team tracks in various towns, mostly by boxcar. The Bell's feed mill in Prince Albert will receive feed supplements by boxcar mostly shipped via Saskatoon. Shipments from Bell's will be mostly by truck, often picked up at the plant by the farmers, although the occasional car load may be shipped to an off-line customer. During droughts in the southern prairies boxcars of hay bales may be shipped from team tracks.

Most of the on-line towns will have a livestock loading facility. Livestock collected at these locations will be shipped to the Winnipeg stock yards via Saskatoon. Livestock from the unmodelled branch lines will have one of three destinations: direct to the Winnipeg stock yards, to the Prince Albert stock yards (and then on to Winnipeg after the stock is rested) or to the Burns packing plant in Prince Albert.

Being on the forest fringe, forest products are almost as important as agricultural products.

There are two major forest industries, a sawmill in Big River and a pulp mill in Garden River. The sawmill will receive its logs by truck, but will ship out finished lumber in boxcars, flatcars and gondolas to off-line customers, mostly in the east. The sawmill will also ship wood chips to the pulp mill and pulpwood will be loaded on the site as well.

The pulp mill will receive pulpwood and wood chips by rail and truck. In addition to the Big River sawmill off-line sawmills on the Tisdale and Amiens subdivisions will also ship lumber to eastern markets and wood chips and pulpwood to the pulp mill. Some pulpwood will also originate at both on-line and off-line team tracks.

Wood pulp from the pulp mill will be shipped to off-line paper mills via Saskatoon. Some wood pulp from the off-line pulp mill in The Pas, Manitoba headed for western markets may be handled as bridge traffic via Hudson Bay and North Battleford. Finally, some lumber from western mills will be shipped to on-line team tracks.

Most of the on-line towns have one or two bulk oil dealers who will receive purple gasoline, diesel fuel and heating oil from refineries mostly in Regina and Edmonton. Pulp chemicals and chlorine will be shipped in tank cars from Saskatoon Chemicals to the pulp mills in Garden River and The Pas. Dry chemicals to the mills will be handled in covered hoppers. There will also be shipments of fertilizer in boxcars (sacked) and covered hoppers (bulk) to team tracks, grain elevators and the Bell's feed mill.

Food products are both produced on-line (meat, fish, beer) and off-line (canned goods, dry goods, fresh & frozen fruits and vegetables). The Burns packing plant in Prince Albert will ship sides of beef, mostly to Quebec, in refers and canned meats in insulated boxcars (or un-iced refers) to a variety of customers. Sic's Bohemian Brewery, also in Prince Albert, receives malting barley and hops in boxcars or covered hoppers, bottles in boxcars, and ships Both in refers and insulated boxcars.

Fresh fish from northern Saskatchewan is loaded into express refers at the fish plant in Big River and shipped to eastern markets (like New York City) on passenger trains. In bound food products are shipped mostly to the Scott National and MacDonald's-Consolidated warehouses in Prince Albert in regular boxcars, insulated boxcars and refers. Some food products may be shipped directly to team tracks and freight houses in some of the larger towns.

Manufactured goods come mostly from off-line factories and are shipped in boxcars, flatcars and gondolas to team tracks and warehouses. Farm machinery on flatcars and in double door boxcars would be quite common.

There are also metal fabricators in Prince Albert that would receive shipments of structural steel, sheet metal and welding supplies. One of them, Leach Iron Works, manufactures front-end loaders, snow blowers and rototillers for mounting on farm

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tractors and will ship some of these products by rail.

Mineral traffic, while very important on many railways, is minor in nature. Coke from the Crow's-nest Pass will be shipped to smelters in northern Manitoba; it will be interchanged from the CPR in Prince Albert. Ballast is extracted from a pit near Crutwell and is shipped to track gangs at various locations.

Ore concentrates from northern Manitoba are shipped in covered gondolas from northern Manitoba to the smelter in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. Finally, there is still some coal traffic for home heating, even though by the time I am modeling it had mostly been replaced by natural gas and heating oil. As was common in this region the coal will be shipped in boxcars from the Drumheller area.

Less than carload (LCL) traffic is also handled. The overnight speed freight between Saskatoon and Prince Albert will handle at least half a dozen cars of LCL to and from the Prince Albert freight house.

Also, every way freight will have a way car behind the locomotive. The way car is a boxcar (or possibly a refer or baggage car) loaded with LCL at the Prince Albert freight house for each of the towns along the line. At each stop the way car will be spotted at the station (but not removed from the train) so that LCL can be loaded and unloaded. Sometimes there will be enough LCL for a particular town that a carload of LCL will be left

at the team track for unloading.

Larger towns may have a freight house and in this case they will receive carloads of LCL on a regular basis.

There are also a few other LCL opportunities that I am considering modeling.

The first is company coal. Even though most homes and businesses had converted to gas or oil many railway stations still used coal. Company coal was loaded (often in sacks) in a boxcar and sent to a rural station and spotted on the team track. The agent, or section gang, would unload as much coal as they needed over the course of a day or two and then ship the car and the remaining coal on to the next town and the process is repeated. A car could spend several days moving one town at a time along the line. Similar movements could be done for other company supplies.

I have also heard that beer was handled as LCL. This would be similar to a way car but would be a refer or an insulated boxcar loaded with beer which was unloaded a few cases at

each town for the local beer parlour.

Another option is oil in three dome tank cars. A three dome tank car actually has three separate tanks. Sometimes each tank would have a different product for a single bulk dealer, but other times it could be the same product headed to three separate dealers. This can also be done with coal loaded into gondolas with plank bulkheads dividing the loads.

I hope that this article has given you a few ideas about what you can do on your railway. In future articles I will get into more detail on how to "generate" the traffic in order to simulate your desired traffic flows.

- Cal Sexsmith

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Division Financial Report

Treasurer Rick Walker provided the report below, noting that the current bank balance is \$9,600.38 at January 31.

		<u>Sep '12 - Jan 13</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income				
	Interest	4.22		
Total Income		<u>4.22</u>		
Expense				
	Bank Charges	10.00		
	Highball!	562.31		
Total Expense		<u>572.31</u>		
Net Income		<u>(568.09)</u>		

NMRA Election Ballot Correction

ATTENTION CANADIAN MEMBERS: Due to a production error, the February NMRA Magazines sent to NMRA Canadian members and containing the ballot do not have peel-off labels. Ballot instructions call for the peel-off label to be affixed to the ballot when returned. Since this is not possible, please write your name and your membership number in the label space provided on the ballot for the label, and return the ballot to HQ for validation.

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 Saturday March 9, 2013 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the Royal Canadian Legion, 9202 Horton Road SW during the annual convention in Calgary, AB. The meeting location will be posted at the Convention.

The officers of the Division will be appointed at this meeting, so if you'd like to help out with the operation of your Division, please send a note to 6divsuper@pnr.nmra.org. Other business planned for the meeting include receipt of reports, approval of the budget and site for the 2014 Division Meet.

The minutes from the 2012 AGM are online at <http://pnr.nmra.org/6div/minutes/> - please read them over before the meeting

Mark Johnson, Secretary

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

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, Olds, AB

Annual Olds Model Railroad show. Olds College, Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-4. Admission \$5.00 per person, children 5 and under are free. Booth cost: \$100, free for non-commercial displays. Info:- Gord Sylvestor, funtimeshobby@shaw.ca or www.funtimeshobby.com

Feb 23-24, Saskatoon, SK

All Aboard 2013, Western Development Museum 2610 Lorne Ave. Saturday 9-5:00, Sunday 9-4:30. Layouts, Vendors, and Videos. Consignment sale on Saturday. Info:- www.prairierailworkshop.com, or al-laboardtrainshow@sasktel.net

Mar 2 (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 8-10, Calgary, AB

The Chinook. The weekend will be filled with plenty of activities, many of them centered 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



The Chinook
6th Division PNR
Spring Meet
March 8 - 10, 2013

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 9 (Sat), Calgary, AB

Calgary Prototype modelers Meet. Doors open at 9:00 AM. St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 703 Heritage Dr. SW \$10.00 Adult 5.00 16 & under. Clinics: Assembly of Athabasca passenger cars - Dave Audley/Bob Hardcastle; The History of Banff Station (3 variations?) - Don Thomas. NAR passenger trains and stations - Colin Hatcher

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 10 (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:- www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html

Mar 16 (Sat), Portland, OR

MT Hood Model Engineers Run Your Train Day. 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 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@wera.org 604-484-2791.

Mar 23-24, 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.tcmrc.org

Mar 24 (Sun), Lewiston, ID

Second Annual Lewis-Clark Railroad and Collectibles Swap Meet. Sponsored by the Lewis-Clark Train Club (LCTC), P.O. Box 682, Clarkston, WA 99403. This will be held at the Nez Perce County Fairgrounds, 1229 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, ID from 9:30 AM to 4 PM. Admission \$5 Adults, Children under 12 free with an adult. Additional information or to order tables contact - Wayne Walling, 509-751-1289 or Mike McGee, 208-816-6072.

Apr 3-7, Dublin, CA

Iron Horse Express 2013 - Pacific Coast Region Convention. Info:- www.pcrnmra.org/conv2013/index.html

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Apr 4-6, Kamloops, BC

Kamloops Model Railway Days, PNR 7th Division Spring Meet and public show, Calvary Community Church Halls, 1205 Rogers Way, Public Show Friday 6 PM to 9 PM and Saturday, 9 AM to 4 PM, vendors, operating layouts, clinics, layout and proto tours, contests, door prizes, Friday night Pizza Bash, spousal program and more. Registration forms soon at: pnr.nmra.org/7div/Timetable.shtml Info:- Brian Kelly 250-377-8510 (work), bandwkelly@shaw.ca or Ken Klein 250-828-8776, paleotrains@shaw.ca

Apr 13-14, Eugene, OR

25th Annual Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Swap Meet & Train Show, 796 W. 13th Avenue, Lane Events Center (Lane County Fairgrounds). Adults \$6 each, children 8 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 3 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 ttandt@ram-mail.com or Diane Temple at 541-225-7394 or LDTemple@ram-mail.com

Apr 14 (Sun), Nanaimo, BC

29th Annual Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Beban Park Rec Center, 2300 Bowen Road. Operating Layout, 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



SUPERTRAIN

Apr 20-21, Calgary, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2013 Canada's Biggest and Best Annual Model Train Show. 9 AM til 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

Apr 27 (Sat), Livingston, MT

Depot Railroad Swap Meet Livingston Depot Center A get-together to sell or swap antique railroad pieces and memorabilia, art items, model train cars, and more. Info:- www.livingstondepot.org

May 4-5, Rickreall, OR

Rickreall Grange Model Train Swap Meet & Show Sat/Sun 10am-3pm 280 Main str. {Hwy 99W} Rickreall, Or. 97338. Sat. Admission \$5.00-\$1.00 off with can food; Sun. Admission free with can food item! Vendor Tables 6'=20.00 8'=25.00 Vendor move-in Fri. 1pm-7pm or Sat. 7am. Breakfast & lunch specials Make checks payable to: Tom Pryor Mail to: 2085 S. Pacific Hwy. West, Dallas, Or. 97338 Operating Model Railroad! Two Rooms of Vendors! Come join The Fun! Info:- Tom 503-606-0398 pry626@onlinenw.com

May 4 (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

May 16-19, Bloomington, MN

Thousand Lakes Region NMRA Regional Convention. Info at: www.thousandlakesregion.org

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

**Sep 21-22, Sherwood Park, AB**

2013 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 AM - 5 PM, *NEW LOCATION* Millennium Place, 2000 Premier Way in Sherwood Park. Layouts, displays, clinics, dealers and LEGO! Info:- www.mmrf.ab.ca email: trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

Oct 19-20, Chilliwack, BC

Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Location, Admission Prices TBA Info:- Don Carson, 604-847-0230, Amtrak375@hotmail.com

Oct 26-27, Red Deer, AB

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

Upcoming National Conventions

July 14-July 20 2013 Atlanta, GA

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

2014: Cleveland, OH July 13-20

www.2014cleveland.org

2015: Portland, OR August 23-30

www.nmra2015portland.org/

2016: Indianapolis, IN July 3-10, 2016.