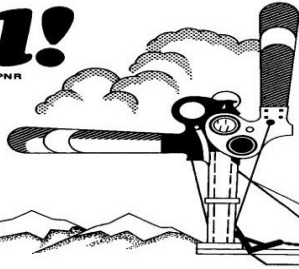


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Wayne Wessner's prize winning photo from Moose Tracks 2011 features White Pass & Yukon locomotive 73 (a Baldwin 2-8-2 Mikado built in May 1947 and purchased new by the White Pass)

From the Van



As you'll see reading through this issue the Spring 2011 Divisional meet in Moose Jaw was a great event.

In addition to some great tours, contests and clinics there was a lot of time for members to spend learning about a variety of aspects of our hobby.

As editor I was pleased to be

able to get some good pictures of people and events.

I was also really happy to get my hands on some great content for future Highball! issues.

Doug Wingfield's clinic on cataloging your digital picture collection is already set for the next issue.

In between cleaning up on the photo side of the contest room Superintendent Mike provided a few unique concepts on easily constructing benchwork — simply think drapery valances in a new role. Look for more info in a future issue as well

As noted by Mike in his report, hard deadlines for Highball! copy have been set (see below for details) and although contributions will always be appreciated at any time they must reach me by the listed date or they will not run in that issue.

So avoid that last minute feeling and put your contribution on the wire to me as soon as you get that great idea!

And finally special thanks to the gang at the EMRA who take time each issue to collate and stuff envelopes.

- Ron Gillies

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Highball! Deadlines

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Superintendent's Report

Since our last Highball we have seen some changes, some recruitments and some refinements. Thanks to Ron Gillies, Mark Johnson, Doug Wingfield, Cal Sexsmith, Rob Badmington and Rick Walker for their continued support. All have agreed to stay aboard in their positions.

New recruits are Rick McPhee in membership/education, and Stirling Millar as Moose Jaw area reporter (and also eyeing convention coordinator).

Still looking for clinic / contest coordinator although Roger Walker was also eyeing that position. Your division is in good hands and we now have a good group of people in place.

The next bit of pressing business was the AGM and cleaning up lingering items from last years old business. We had a full agenda prepared ahead of time and we moved through a lot of items quickly.

We can report that we have been given financial records from the last 5 years, and the Division is now moving forward,

and the matter is now closed. Another lingering issue was the Highball. We have agreed to publish the Highball 4 times a year regardless of the content. If no one submits content, and the Highball is one page, it will still go out. Ron will publish dates further in this issue.

We can also report that the 6th Division will be working with the Echo Valley Railroad Guild for next year's convention on June 28th to July 1, 2012. For information on 2012 go to http://echovalleyrailroadguild.ca/Echo_Valley_Railroad_Guild/Upcoming_Show.html

We will be looking forward to a group stepping up for 2013.

We also had discussions around involving the 6th Division in other meets and functions put on by groups outside the NMRA. This helps promote the hobby and also gives those working on AP a chance to attend other meets for accreditation other than once a year at a Divisional. It may also help promote the idea of bring items to display.



Part of our education focus.

And on a final note, thanks go to Bud and Barry and Ted and Stirling and The Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club (and to those I missed) for a great meet. A good time was had by all, Murphy showed up at tried to cause havoc, but the boys survived! And the banquet meal was terrific!

Thank you for all your efforts and hard work. (and now that you have experience in running a convention.....you are officially on the rotation and we will see you soon!!!)

-Mike

National and Regional News

The 2011 NMRA election results are in!

The new NMRA Canada Director will be Don Hillman, replacing Clark Kooning, MMR.

The new Central District Director will be Peter Magoun, MMR, replacing Bob Beatty, MMR.

The new Regional Advisory

Council Director will be Stephen Priest, MMR, replacing Bob Ferguson.

All new Directors will take office at the Sacramento Board Meeting. Speaking of the Summer Board Meeting this year's will be held prior to the Sacramento x2011 Convention and will begin on Friday, July 1, 2011.

Current plans put the meeting in the Beavis Room in the Sacramento Grand Sheraton Hotel. Tentative starting time is 9 am.

All locations and times are subject to change -- be sure to keep an eye out for updates to this information.

-Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications Director

Achievement Program

Achievement Program Report 2010-11

2010-11 was not as productive year as last year from the standpoint of awards to 6th Division members for various categories of Achievement Program Certificates and Merit Awards. The list is as follows.

Achievement Program Certificates

Engineer Electrical

- Doug Wingfield - Lethbridge

Engineer Civil

- Doug Wingfield – Lethbridge

Master Builder Cars

- Doug Wingfield – Lethbridge

Railroad Author

-Roger Walker – Calgary

-Doug Wingfield - Lethbridge

Merit Awards

The following Merit Awards were made at the Camrose Meet

Motive Power

- Rick McPhee – Calgary

Structures

- Doug Wingfield – Lethbridge

- Tony Lee – Lethbridge

Free-Mo module judging

In August of 2011 we plan to judge some of the Calgary Free-Mo modules on their portable layout at the Railroad Days meet in Big Valley, AB. They are a 100% NMRA Club and have asked that some of their modules and structures be judged for Merit quality.

Upcoming Master Model Railroaders

This is the 50th anniversary of the Achievement Program and in honour of that we will have 2 MMR designations to announce shortly for the 6th Division.

These will be the first MMR designations for the 6th Division since #214 was awarded to Bill Tokaruk a long time ago. MMR designations are at #450 now.

Moose Tracks 2011 Results

As an add on to this report, here are the results of the Achievement Program judging at Moose Jaw.

The following models earned a minimum of 87 ½ points and were awarded a Merit Award Certificate.

Cars

CPR work car 412061 converted from a box car.

- Mark Wittrup, Regina

Locomotives

CPR SD40-2 #5806.

- Rick McPhee, Calgary

CPR SD40-2 #6050.

- Rick McPhee, Calgary

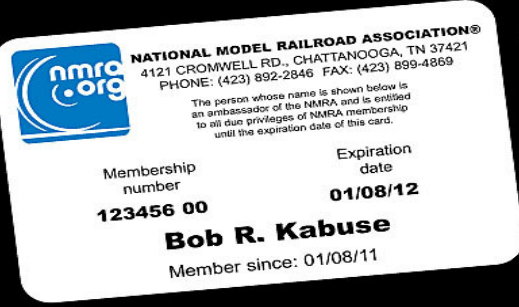
Structures

O Scale 2 stall engine house and machine shop.

- Malcolm Anderson, Regina

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Wingfield




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MOOSE TRACKS 2011 REPORT

The Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club was proud to have presented the PNR 6th Division's Spring meet from 20 May to 22 May 2011.

Like a fast freight, the weekend crept up on us quickly and passed us in a blur. Now we get to sit back, consider what transpired and comment on the good, the bad and the ugly.

So, this is the saga of a number of rookies – new NMRA members. Some

had never attended an NMRA sanctioned event let alone organize one! The planning and actual meet were a true educational process for us and we'll only be the better for the experience.

On 26th Oct 2010, our club finally voted to do the 2011 6th Division Spring meet if the 6th Division executive were in agreement.

In retrospect, had we made our commitment earlier, we would have gained precious time for the planning and organizational

process. Although everything worked out fine, the extra time could have taken away some of the initial stress and apprehension as to what we had actually

with the contest and clinic requirements. Sure seems like a fairly simple process now (except for all that contest paperwork) but at the time we

were very unsure of ourselves!

On the positive side, our club has run an annual show with a concession and banquet for many years, so the logistics of the meet easily fell into place.

Friday May 20th arrived in a hurry

taken upon ourselves.

We can now acknowledge that as a group, we did not do enough research or have the appropriate knowledge of all that was involved in a PNR meet! We asked numerous questions of the PNR executive for which we received answers, but in hindsight we may not have been asking the right questions and the executive were probably not aware of just how raw a crew they were dealing with.

Our greatest challenges were

and at 4PM as per schedule our guests started to arrive for registration and a BBQ. The evening went off without a hitch. Old acquaintances were renewed and new friendships were kindled. We were one step closer to pulling this off.

Saturday morning started off smoothly as we registered the last of our attendees, ushered most off to a tour of the CP Rail shops and started the first of our clinics. About 11:30 Stirling Millar got a call from GATX Rail Services – bad news! Due to all the rain of the past few days,



Malcolm Anderson's HOn3 engine house won both the People's choice award for Best Model and 1st place for Structures - Online

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their property was a sea of mud and so they regretfully cancelled the tour scheduled for 1:30!

There went our schedule - we were scrambling. Stirling contacted Parrish & Heimbecker and they saved the day by organizing a second tour of their elevator facilities to accommodate all of our attendees. Additionally, we had to cancel one of our "N" scale layout tours on Saturday afternoon due to the owner's illness.

From all accounts, both prototype tours were well received & the locomotive rides at both

sites were a great hit. I guess the lesson of the day was to roll with the punches as model railroaders are a very flexible and understanding group of people.

Sunday morning started with the PNR 6th Division annual meeting. For a newcomer to the NMRA it was very informative to see the inner workings of the Division and a chance to familiarize ourselves with the fellows who hold the executive positions in the 6th Division.

Fortunately, the day just flowed along smoothly with a number of clinics, layout tours and the judging for the NMRA achievement awards and contests.

Sunday evenings banquet provided a great meal, a number of prize draws, the awarding of certificates to all contest winners and clinicians and the awarding of the annual John Marlor award. Having had the time to sit back and reflect, I know that there will always be areas that could be improved upon but I am very proud of my fellow club members who worked so hard to put on this 6th Division Spring Meet.

For anyone contemplating a try at doing the meet, we would be more than happy to share the lessons learned at Moose Tracks 2011. - Ted Dowdy

MOOSE TRACKS 2011 CLINICS & CONTESTS

When we first look at holding the meet in Moose Jaw it seems like a good idea and considering we haven't done one for a long time (1985) thought maybe it was our turn. As we looked at what was involved we realised we didn't know much about organizing one, most of us had never even attended a meet. We put our heads together and got online to check out what others had done but there wasn't a lot of information from first. Finally, we tracked down a white paper from the NMRA, which had sections from each of the Regions as to how they organised for regional meets and took some of the ideas as to what contests were usually held.

Discussions with some of the 6th Division executive assured us that whatever we chose would be acceptable so putting our heads together we came up

with a few contests that we thought people would be interested in. We had good support in the form of entries and a big thank-you goes out to all the participants. Congratulations to the winners and those that participated in the AP judging, you put a lot of work into your models and the rewards were justified. (See the winners elsewhere in this issue.)

A big thank-you goes out to Doug Wingfield and his judges for their assistance and guidance through the process, and also to Superintendent Mike Borkristl for his help and the Registration forms that we didn't know about.

There were some great clinics and we want to thank all those clinicians for their participation. The members saw the following:

Benchwork (Mike Borkristl), *Rail-*

road Traffic Control (Cal Sexsmith), *Prototypical Railroad Slides* (Doug Hunter), *Catalogue Your Digital Photos* (Doug Wingfield) *Weathering Rolling Stock* (Kevin Tipper) *MRR Scenery* (Larry Dickinson), *Locomotive Operation and Train Handling - Startup to Shutdown* (Larry Dickinson) and *Amtrak at 40* (Stirling Miller)

If anything we found out that our apprehension was unfounded, the little bumps in the scheduled were easily ironed out and if you needed assistance with anything there were multiple hands ready and willing to jump in where needed and help out. This more than anything makes for a great meet, as well as the new friendships made and the old acquaintances renewed.

- Barry Johnson

MOOSE TRACKS 2011 CONTEST WINNERS

PHOTOS - MODEL

- 1st Mike Borkristl
Switching yard
- 2nd Mike Borkristl
Waterfront Scene with dock
- 3rd Mike Borkristl
Warehouse behind switching
yard

Photos taken on Dick Elwell's Hoosac Valley in
Adams Massachusetts

PHOTOS – PROTOTYPE

- 1st Wayne Wessner
Old 76 on White Pass and Yukon in old
siding
- 2nd Mike Borkristl
CP locomotive in trees near Craigellachie
- 3rd Mike Borkristl
CP Locos crossing Revelstoke bridge
thru the trees.

MOW – ROLLING STOCK

- 1st Mark Wittrup
Old Box car converted to Bunk Car
- 2nd Larry Dickinson
Bulkhead flat with load of ties O Scale
- 3rd Larry Dickinson
Converted Stock Car with load of ties in O



LOCOMOTIVES



- 1st Rick McPhee
CP Rail SD40 #6050
- 2nd Rick McPhee
CP Rail SD40 #5806
- 3rd Larry Dickinson
4-8-8-4 Mallet – O Scale



MOOSE TRACKS 2011 CONTEST WINNERS

DIORAMA

1st Dale Sproule
Chicken house Restaurant

2nd Maurice Despins
Rocky Gorge with tracks
on bridge



STRUCTURES – ONLINE

1st Malcolm Anderson
HOn3 Enginehouse

2nd Wayne Wessner
Water Tower

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS

BEST PHOTO

Wayne Wessner
White Pass Steam on Branchline

BEST MODEL -

Malcolm Anderson
HOn3 Enginehouse

JOHN MARLER AWARD

Ted Dowdy



Cal Sexsmith presents Ted Dowdy with the 2011 John Marler award for the most popular home layout as determined by visitor secret ballot

Convention Coordinator Report

The Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club hosted Moose Tracks 2011, the 6th Div Spring Meet in Moose Jaw on the Victoria Day Weekend. A total of 46 members attended from far-flung locations such as Lethbridge, Edmonton, Calgary, Lloydminster, Paradise Valley, Saskatoon, and Regina. Our hosts had a very busy schedule laid out for us, starting with a Meet & Greet Barbeque on Friday evening. Except for the tours, all activities took place at the Western Development Museum.

On Saturday morning many of us enjoyed a very in-depth visit to the CPR locomotive and car shops. The CPR guides were eager to show us any detail we asked about. Mark Johnson's simple question about how real knuckle couplers work was answered immediately by the complete disassembly of a Type F coupler on a car right there in the shop. We met Doggie, the shop's resident cat, who keeps mice and gophers in check in exchange for plenty of attention from the employees.

After lunch we toured the century old Parrish & Heimbecker concrete elevator and fertilizer blending facilities.

Once again we were treated to another cab ride, this time in

former CN S-3 switcher 8454 which was built in 1951, and has also served on the Prairie Dog Central in Manitoba.

While the prototype tours were going on, a special wine tasting tour was arranged for spouses



Mike, the youngest member on the tour at age 5 helped to spin the turntable before we all took turns on a cab ride in an ES4400AC up and down the shop lead.

- Rob Badmington photo

at the former CP station in downtown Moose Jaw, now a liquor store. Also, back at the WDM, several clinics were presented. We even had some layouts to visit.

Sunday morning activities started with the ever-popular 6th Division Annual General Meeting. Superintendent Mike Borkristl introduced the appointed Officers of the Division, and among other business, accepted Regina's offer to host the 2012 Meet to be held concurrently with the CARM National Convention.

More clinics followed the meet-

ing, then we had three layouts to visit in the afternoon. A very successful meet wrapped up with a banquet at the WDM in the evening where prizes were awarded for the model and photo contests and the layout popular vote. Congratulations to all the participants.

Before we headed for home Monday morning after a very full agenda of activities all weekend, my wife and I finally had a chance to tour through the Museum itself. We could easily have spent many hours there as it is full of railroad artifacts including a couple of locomotives and passenger cars, but the Trans Canada Highway beckoned and we had to leave. I know the Meet Committee led by Presi-

dent Ted Dowdy had some anxious moments over the weekend as plans had to be changed at the last moment due to circumstances beyond their control. However, I can assure them that everyone who attended had a great time in Moose Jaw and are looking forward to visiting again in the future. Thank you to everyone who had a part in putting together an extremely well organized and enjoyable Meet.

Rob Badmington
6th Div Convention Coordinator

Edmonton Area Report

The Edmonton Model Railroad Association (EMRA) has continued to open the doors of their layout in Fort Edmonton Park to many kinds of groups. The Northern Alberta spring campout for Scouts includes several demonstrations at the EMRA layout in their roster of activities at Fort Edmonton. Several cub and scout groups drop by for an evening tour throughout the year.

Under the initiative and leader-

ship of Peter Ulvestad, quarterly open operating sessions are held on the Monashee Pacific Railroad, providing a painless introduction to organized operation on a large model railroad. 7-12 visitors each session have taken Peter and the EMRA up on this offer.

Your next opportunity to join in the fun is August 27 - contact Peter at ulvestad@telus.net to sign up or get more information.

Sessions are announced on the PNR Calendar of Events on the PNR home page at <http://pnr.nmra.org/>

The Mainline Model Railroad Fellowship (MMRF) Spring Swap Meet on May 7 was well stocked and well attended. Many bargains were to be had, and modelers took the opportunity to visit with others from across the province.

Watch the calendar for next year's dates and location.

MMRF is ramping up preparations for the annual Great Edmonton model Train Show (GETS), which will be held in the same location as the last several years, the Mayfield Trade Centre, on September 17th and 18th.

Visit <http://www.mmrff.ab.ca/> for more information.


The LaBaJa modular group is hitting the road this summer, and taking their layout for display at the National Train Show in Sacramento, California on July 7-9, held in conjunction with the NMRA National Convention, Extra 2011 West. Be sure to drop by the layout if you're at the convention.

- Mark Johnson

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Calgary Report

Since our last report in February a lot of model railroading activities have been taking place in and around Calgary.

Calgary Model Trainmen held their annual Flea Market in March in conjunction with the CMRS Spring Mini-meet. A full day of clinics went along with a room packed with bargains for the thrifty shopper. Supertrain 2011 in April was a huge success, with over 12,700 attendees which is up by more than 2,000 people over the past few years. There were 30 layouts in scales from Z through Iron Horse Park's 1/8 scale, including 3 Junior entries. We had 13 commercial and 15 non-commercial displays, and 36 vendors selling products ranging from model railroad supplies to tools, photos, and paintings. Finally there were 15 manufacturers from various parts of North America showing off their newest products including some pre-production models.

On the last weekend in May, the CMRS layout tours took place

over two days, with 11 home layouts open for visiting. There were layouts in Z, N, HO, O, and On3 to enjoy and learn from. Actually, there were more layouts on display. Randy Rodman of Airdrie has three working layouts in 3 different scales.

Calgary is fortunate to be the home of CPR's Empress 2816 steam program. CP recently announced that rides behind 2816 would be available to the public between June 8 and August 5th in numerous locations throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan, and BC. Proceeds from ticket sales are going to the Children's Wish Foundation. More information can be found on CP's website: www.cpr.ca.

A respectable contingent of Calgarians made the eastward trek to Moose Jaw on the Victoria Day long weekend for Moose Tracks 2011. I know I speak for all of them when I say that it was a very enjoyable weekend, and well worth the trip. There are many things to see and do in the city and we didn't have

time to do all of it. Along the way we found ourselves in Maple Creek and stumbled upon the Star Bar & Grill. It is on Pacific Avenue facing the CPR main line and has great food and ambience. The country between Medicine Hat and Moose Jaw is anything but flat and we even managed to shoot a few trains and elevators between rain showers.

Every model railroader who has ever been to Calgary has no doubt made at least one visit to Trains and Such, one of the best and longest serving hobby shops in the Region. After more than three decades on 4th Street NW, the shop has moved to a new location on the other side of town. The new address is 6043 Centre Street South, only a couple of blocks from Chinook Mall and the Chinook LRT station. The new store is bigger than the old one and reportedly the "Dragon Lady" from the convenience store next door was left behind on 4th Street

- Rob Badmington

Regina Report

Many Regina modellers enjoyed the well done outstanding 6th Divisional convention held in Moose Jaw. About 15 were in attendance from here.

The Echo Valley Railroad Guild remains very active with full membership. May 24th, 2011 saw an open house at the club layout in conjunction with the

local Cathedral Arts Festival. Over 300 guest toured the layout over the 2 1/2 hours.

Work continues on the layout with an operating session the last Tuesday of each month.

June 8, 2011 saw a day-time open house for a number of groups of school children. We

need to spark the modeling interest young, to inspire modelers in the future.

Regina members continue the work on next years 6th Division Convention. Many exciting activities are being planned

- Wayne Wessner

Moose Jaw Area Report

The months of March, April and May have been very busy for the Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club. The club also hosted our annual train show in March and the PNR 6th Division Meet in May. New modules were being built and made their debut in our club's modular layout. In addition to this some of the members also worked on getting their home layouts ready for the meet.

The new modules made their debuts at the Thunder Creek Model Train Show in March, with three sets being integrated into our layout. The modules are being built to a standard using a jig to allow for all of the modules to be built to exactly the same specifications. The new modules have three tracks that run through them, the first two for a mainline, and the third as a branch and switching line. This

will allow for crowd pleasing continuous running, and the challenge of switching industries. The club is still using the Lenz DCC system for command control, and many of the club members have DCC equipped locomotives.

Our annual train show held on March 26-27, was another success for both the club and the Western Development Museum our long-time host. We had approximately 1200 visitors over the two days. We have had participants from Calgary, Saskatoon and Regina as well as other areas. This year's show also included a banquet that was well attended and the meal was provided by Charlotte's. Three weeks later eight members of the club attended the annual Supertrain show and set up the layout.

May brought about the first NMRA meet held by the Thunder

Creek Model Railroad Club since 1984. The meet didn't go off without complications, with the cancellation of one of the prototype tours due to weather and one of layouts being unavailable due to health issues. We had two modular layouts, and four home layouts that were displayed, and two prototype tours that included cab rides in a former CN S3 (owned by P&H) and a Canadian Pacific ES44AC. With the cancellation of the GATX tour Parrish & Heimbecker allowed us to run a second tour, both of which were more than what was expected. The meet closed with a banquet catered by Charlotte's, a great presentation by Larry Dickinson and awards presentations.

- Stirling Millar

OPSIG Report

This is the first of what I hope becomes a regular series of articles on prototypical operations.

For some of us, me included, operating is the main reason we are in the hobby.

From the point of view of a die hard operator the reason why one builds a layout is to have a railway to operate, the rolling stock are the chess pieces and the scenery the background.

Most important is the track arrangements, the control systems

and the aisle space. This is not to say that the die hard operator doesn't appreciate and enjoy other facets of the hobby, it's just that operating a model railway brings it to life.

Through this series of articles I hope to show you that most model railroads can be operated and that it is not that hard to learn how to operate your railway in an enjoyable and prototypical manner.

I put the word enjoyable, because if it's not fun you should

be spending your leisure hours doing something else!

With the next issue I will be showing how a published 4X8 HO layout can be modified to make it more suited to operations.

In future articles I will go into how to set up an operations plan, how to set up a car forwarding system, how to set up a dispatching system, and tying it all together.

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For those of you interested in learning more about operations I would like to draw your attention to the Operations Special Interest Group – or OPSIG.

You can get more information on OPSIG at www.opsig.org. Canadian memberships in OPSIG are \$25 per year (payable in US

funds) including four paper copies of the "Dispatcher's Office" magazine or \$15 per year for a web membership where the magazine is available as a downloadable PDF.

For further information contact Operations SIG, PO Box 67, Wood Dale IL USA 60191-0067 or email membership@opsig.org.

In addition to the Dispatcher's Office, the OPSIG also sponsors several operations weekends across North America.

In the Sixth Division Northern Rails is held in the autumn of even number years in Edmonton. There will be more information on this event as the time draws nearer.

- Cal Sexsmith

Financial Report

PNR 6th Division September 2010 through August 2011	
Sept 10– Aug 11	
Income	
PNR Membership rebate	<u>\$700.00</u>
Total income	<u>\$700.00</u>
Expenses	
General expenses	\$ 9.12
Bank charges	\$ 77.25
Highball!	<u>\$554.03</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$640.40</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 59.60</u>
- Rick Walker Treasurer	

Secretary's Report

The 6th Division Annual General meeting was held early Sunday morning during the Moose Jaw Spring Meet. 30 members and guests attended the meeting, showing a strong interest in the activities of the Division. Superintendent Mike Borkristl has assembled a team of volunteers to help lead the Division. Check Mike's report and the Division web site for more information on the volunteers and positions that are still open.

Mike and Ron Gillies promised a renewed dedication to on-time production of Highball!, and since this mailing is the Division' largest expense, several members asked that members take the publication electronically. Please send me a note at Mark.Johnson@InfoHarvest.ca if you'd be willing to save the Division some money (and volunteer time).

This was the middle of the term for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, but we'll be looking for volunteers to run in 2012.

- 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, timetable@pnr.nmra.org

Jun 20-26, Tacoma, WA

Cascade Rails 2011, National Railway Historical Society (NHRS) annual convention. Info:- 253-495-7500, www.cascaderails2011.com

Jul 1 (Fri), DeWinton, AB

Canada Day Open House at the DeWinton Station Garden Railway., 10AM-6PM. G scale indoor and outdoor layout. Info:- www.dewintonstation.com, Barrie L. Roberts, Cell: 403-680-7061, info@dewintonstation.com

Jul 3-9, Sacramento, CA

NMRA National Convention - EXTRA 2011 WEST. Sacramento will be the home of the combined 2011 National Conventions of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) and the National Association of S Gaugers (NASG). That's right - two national conventions in one. The EXTRA 2011 WEST CONVENTION promises to be The Unconventional Convention! Info:- www.x2011west.org

Jul 16-17, Ilwaco, WA

The Annual Clamshell Railroad Days celebrates the history of the IR&N Railroad-the only railroad that ran with the tides-that ran on the Long Beach Peninsula from 1889-1930. Co-sponsored with the Peninsula Model Railroad Club, it includes model railroad layouts from regional clubs, historical presentations, vendors and a bus tour. Info:- columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org/news-events/clamshell-railroad-days

Jul 27-30, Spokane Valley, WA

Union Pacific Historical Society 27th Annual Convention. Info:- www.uphs.org/events/

Aug 11-14, Revelstoke, BC

Railway Days 2010, Revelstoke Railway Museum. Info: - Jennifer Dunkerson, Executive Director, at 1-877-837-6060, director.railway@telus.net, www.railwaydays.com.

Aug 13-14, Big Valley, AB

Alberta Free-mo 2011. An entire hockey rink filled with a modular layout! Info:- www.calgaryfreemo.ca

Aug 26-27, Toppenish, WA

14th annual Northern Pacific Railway Museum Train Show & Swap Meet at the Toppenish depot on Asotin Avenue, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 26-27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; admission to be announced; tables \$20. Info:- Larry Rice at (509) 930-7210, www.nprymuseum.org

Aug 27 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

Open operating session on the Monashee Pacific of the Edmonton Model Railroad Association, www.emraonline.ca. 7:00PM on. To confirm attendance, or for more info:- ulvestad@telus.net

Aug 27 (Sat), Beaverton, OR

West End Model Train Swap Meet, sponsored by the Tualatin Valley Model Railroad Club. Valley Catholic High School, 4275 SW 148th Ave., Beaverton, OR. Hours will be 10AM to 3PM. Admission will be \$4, under 12 admitted free. Vendor tables will be \$20 for the first table, \$15 per table after that. Info:- Jim Young, Show Chair, 503-643-1701, tvntrak@gmail.com

Sep 8-10, Portland, OR

2011 Annual Conference, Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society. Info:- www.sphts.org/convention/

Sep 9-11, Caldwell, ID

Treasure Valley Train Expo. O'Conner Field House, 2207 Blaine, Caldwell. Noon to 8:00 P.M. Friday, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM Saturday and Noon to 6:00 P.M. Sunday. Admission \$5.00 Children 12 and under Free. The event will include modular layouts, model contests, vendors and clinics. Clubs are encouraged to participate. Vendor tables are available. Info:-t Troy Dewey, 208-461-5028 treasurevalleytrainexpo@gmail.com 1509 Caldwell Blvd. #19, Nampa, Id. 83651

Sep 17-18, Edmonton, AB

2011 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

Sep 24 (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

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Sep 24-25, North Bend, WA

Milwaukee Modeler's Meet. Models as well as presentations on model, prototype and historic Milwaukee Road operations. Past meets included guided tours of the Milwaukee Road route through the Seattle Watershed. Location: To Be Announced. Info:- www.milwelectric.org

Sep 24-25, Calgary, AB

25th 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.

Sep 25 (Sun), Victoria, BC

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

Oct 1 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

38th Annual Great Train 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 I-5 Bridge at Exit 1-C on Mill Plain Blvd (East). There will be an operating HO gauge layout of the Columbia Gorge and over 125 tables with vendors from all over the Northwest. Table space will be available at \$15.00 for a 6' table. Hugh free parking. Adults - \$5.00, Students - \$2.00 and children under 6 are free with paid adult. Info:- www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Oct 1-2, Lynden, WA

Lynden Lions Club 27th Annual International Model Train Show. Info:- www.lyndentrainshow.com

Oct 2 (Sun), Edmonton, AB

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

Oct 8-9, Chehalis, WA

Lewis County Train Show and Swap Meet Yard Birds Event Center, 2100 National Avenue. Presented by the Chehalis River Valley Model Railroaders and The Lewis County Historical Museum. 140 tables available and room for layouts. Info:- www.lewiscountymuseum.org, director@lewiscountymuseum.org, 360-748-0831

Oct 15-16, Chilliwack, BC

Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Admission Prices: Adults \$6; Seniors/Students \$4; Family \$20. Info:- Don Carson, 604-847-0230, Amtrak375@hotmail.com

Oct 15 (Sat), Calgary, AB

32nd Annual Boomer Auction, Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW, 10am, auction starts at noon. Info: - John Wrinch, (403) 281-5745, jawrinch@shaw.ca

Oct 15 (Sat), Regina, SK

Regina Annual Train Show. Cochrane High School. 1300 sq ft show and sale

Oct 16 (Sun), Calgary, AB

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

Nov 11-14, Burnaby, BC

TRAINS 2011, Annual 7th Div Fall Meet, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. Trains Meet Registrar, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, 604-272-1623 (Registration ONLY), Info:- www.bctrains.org.

Nov 12-13, Burnaby, BC

TRAINS 2011, Annual Public Show, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 10am-4pm. Info: - Trains RE: Public Show, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, trains2011@telus.net, www.bctrains.org.

2012**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/

June 29-July 1, Regina, SK

Living Skies Express 2012, PNR 6th Division Convention Regina, SK. University of Regina Campus.