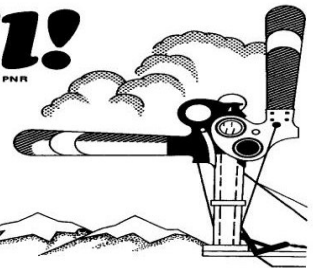




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Alberta Railway Museum's F3 (ex CN 9000) leads Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions coach (ex CN 6740) into the station for the 4pm trip on May 20th. Photo — Ron Gillies

# From the Van

Ron Gillies



It's almost time for another 6th Division meet and that means another year has passed in the life of your editor.

I think our team of contributors has managed to produce interesting and relevant material on a reasonably regular schedule that our production team has been able to deliver to your mailbox.

It's time to take a look at what we are doing and what we can do in the future.

The biggest challenge is content. We have some great regular contributors but could use more. In particular we need a correspondent in Saskatoon who can keep all of us up to date on local happenings.

I would also like to bring more images into Highball, especially some of the prize winning pictures from various contests.

I will also be tinkering a bit with the front cover and logo to try and fit in our NMRA logo.

I have been asked several times if I could increase the frequency of Highball and the answer is a cautious yes as it depends on content. Unless people really

want my 24 part series on why traction modeling is better than railroad modeling, people who are able to submit good articles and photos are essential.

Cost is the second issue. We print and mail about 130 copies of Highball with the rest being delivered electronically. Printing and mailing costs for a 16 page issue run about \$2.40 per copy or about \$300 per issue. Increased frequency or more pages would require more money or more readers willing to read an electronic copy.

I'll be at the Regina convention and look forward to talking to anyone with ideas for stories for Highball. If you have an idea don't be shy as editorial help is always available.

- Ron Gillies

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## Highball! Deadlines

Copy deadlines for Highball! are : August 15 2012 for the Summer issue and November 11, 2012 for the Fall issue. You should normally receive Highball! within two weeks of the copy deadline.



# Superintendent's Report

Mike Borkristl

Have you ever been to a model railroad National Convention? Any National Convention, of any scale or type of modeling? Have you ever been to a National TRAIN SHOW? If so, you will understand the level of displays and clinics and activities one gets to experience at a National. If not, your opportunity to attend one is a lot closer than you may see in some time.

Why the importance of these questions? I speak of our upcoming joint divisional meet in July. LIVING SKIES EXPRESS 2012 on June 29th to July 1 in Regina Saskatchewan is a National Convention put on by our CARM friends and modelers.

Many of the CARM members presenting this National convention are also NMRA members as well, but more importantly, avid and passionate modelers, which is what this hobby is supposed to be all about. It is with this renewed enthusiasm that the 6th division is breaking new ground in participating with other major groups to enhance the

enjoyment for all modelers!

For those of you thinking of not attending for various reasons, mostly financial from what I have heard through the grape vine, I want to shed some more light on that very subject.

1) Are the costs somewhat higher than our usual 6th division meet? Of course they are, this is a National! Even the yearly NMRA National Conventions have higher fees. But they also offer more, which is what this meet is doing as well.

2) As with all Nationals, there are certain rules and protocol. CARM requires their National to be held at a university, so room costs and gymnasiums cost a little more. But if you stay at the University you will find sleeping costs way down. (of course you can always stay in a hotel if you prefer)

3) Tours and bussing costs are higher, generally longer, and of higher quality – 4 Prototype tours



so far!

4) A full slate of 14 clinics to date!

5) 8 layout tours to date!

6) The meet and greet is included in the registration and there will be PIZZA!

7) The BBQ is a full meal deal with three meats and including salads

8) Did you know your registration also includes entry to the TRAIN SHOW with preferred times for

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## 6th Division Annual General Meeting

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

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

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

Mark Johnson  
Nominating Committee Chair

# Achievement Program

Doug Wingfield

Most of you are probably finishing off your models for entry at the 6th Division / CARM meet in Regina in early July. We look forward to seeing them. To save time at the meet I would suggest you download and print the judging forms from the NMRA website.

Also, don't forget your backup documentation such as photos, plans and details how you did the work. We are also encouraging those that entered the model to participate in the assessment of the model with the people that are assessing the model for a Merit Award.

I have just returned from the joint PNR/PCR convention in Medford, Oregon May 2 to 5. There were over 300 delegates registered and there must have been at least 30 models entered in AP. Dale Sproule received a Merit Award and a 3rd place ribbon for his Quon Quarry load out bin.



I was asked to help in the assessment of models to see if they qualified for a Merit Award. Hopefully there will be photos posted on the PNR website of some of the models entered at the convention.

You will notice I call it 'assessment' rather than judging. That is the term they like to use because you are not judging compared to other models but are assessing the model to a

standard of modeling. Judging is only used in a contest setting.

Walt Huston, President of PNR announced my MMR achievement at the banquet. There must have been 15 or more other MMR's at the convention and it was very inspirational talking with some of them.

One of the highlights of the convention for me was an all day tour to Train Mountain live steam 7 1/2" scale outdoor railroad at Chiloquin, Oregon.

There is over 30 REAL miles of track on 2,400 acres. We rode a train for 2 hours and didn't cover the same piece of track twice. During their tri-annual meet they have over 200 trains running at the same time. Some are live steam and some are gasoline powered diesel locomotives. A wonderful place to visit if you are in the area.

There were some incredible

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convention attendees before the public comes in?

9) There will be a full contest room and AP judges attending for those working on projects

Do I need to mention the late night gatherings, the comradery, the laughs we share, the stories, the lies, and seeing friends we see but once a year?? PRICELESS

Did I mention how hard the committee is working to make this an overall success for all modelers and put all politics aside?? OUTSTANDING

Did I mention that most of us in the 6th div do not have to travel very far and not cross an International border to attend a National? NO DUTY!!

\*\*Ohhh, one other very important item which I say off the cuff and tongue in cheek.\*\* This is also the AGM for the 6th Div, so if you do not attend, do not have a chance to cast a vote on items that may come up, have no voice to express to the board and fellow members your thoughts, how can you possibly complain with the way the division is run?

I think you will find these all very

good reasons to attend and hopefully explain why some of the costs are higher. I believe it to be good value considering what we pay to go to other Nationals. We need the numbers to climb, especially from Alberta, so what are you waiting for? Find some car pools! Hitch a ride, catch a bus! Let's get going!

All information that you could possibly need is on their website. [www.livingskiesexpress2012.ca](http://www.livingskiesexpress2012.ca) Hope to see you all there!

- Mike

## Gerry Quon 1937-2012

The 6<sup>th</sup> Division has lost one of our longer standing members. Gerry Quon, CGA passed away March 9, 2012 at the age of 75.

Gerry was married to Nora Jean for 51 years and had 4 children and was an extremely proud Grandfather. He was active in Golf. Model Railroading and travelling. He was founding partner (retired) of Quon and Associates and was involved in his own accounting practice since 1969.

Gerry was our 6<sup>th</sup> Division Superintendent from 1981-1983.

Gerry, as registrar for the 1979 NMRA National Convention held in Calgary was the reason that the Convention was the financial success that it was. As a direct result of Gerry's work, many 6<sup>th</sup> Division groups have directly benefited from layout expansion and other worthy projects

Former Highball! Editor Dale Sproule has fond memories of Gerry:

*I met Gerry through the Calgary Model Trainmen's club in 1971. he later become a founding member of "The Extra Gang" and attended most Southbank auctions that I know.*

*He would occasionally outbid modelers then ask the auction runner to take the item he just bought over to the same kid that he just outbid. That person never knew where the item came from.*

*He had a G-scale layout at his summer trailer entertaining kids and adults on Pine Street. He was always a big Stampeders and Flames season ticket holder and found time to Golf with Nora Jean. He also has a spectacular home HO gauge layout.*

*Gard Lindquist, friend of Gerry's tells me that whenever Gerry went to a strange city he just had to go to the local hobby shop and buy something, anything, and if there is Hobby Shop in Heaven then Gerry has probably bought something*



*there too!*

Dale visited Gerry two days before he died and reports that "Gerry was anxious to return home to continue putting kits together and to operate his home layout. He admitted one regret was working as hard as he did instead of enjoying our hobby."

Dale is organizing the auction of Gerry's HO scale Shunda Valley and this will occur November 25, 2012. (More details available on page 11 or at <http://shundavalleytrains.minus.com>)



# Area Reports

## LETHBRIDGE AREA REPORT

The Southern Alberta Model Railway Club has had a busy winter with lots of work being done on the layout.

Work is progressing on the main town with 5 or 6 members presently building structures for this area. Gary Brown has built an operating drilling rig for the foothills area of the layout. Tom Sterenberg and Don Cook are presently working on a farm and rural scene on the prairie-foothills area. The club has now started having a formal running night, the first Tuesday night of each month.

Several members under the guidance of Rolf Freund are improving and upgrading our N Scale portable layout.

Some very preliminary discussion has been held regarding the possibility of expanding our facility. This, of course, will depend on funding possibilities and also whether the membership feels this is what is desired by the group. Under our new lease we are responsible for all interior and exterior maintenance of our facility, hence, an exterior paint job will be in order over the summer.

Several weeks ago the club held an open house for the neighbours around Gyro Park to let them see what we are up to.

Twenty five people showed up on a Saturday morning to have a look at our facility.

- Tony Lee

## CALGARY AREA REPORT

With nice warm summer weather luring us out of the basement and into the sunshine, the traditional modelling season winds down and is replaced by garden railroading and railfanning. It is also the season for attending conventions, sometimes in far-off locations. Only a small contingent from the 6th



Mike Borkristl, Dave Walker, Rick McPhee, and Mark Johnson staffed the Division booth at Supertrain throughout

Div made it to the joint PNR-PCR Regional Convention in Medford Oregon. The National in Michigan beckons to some. And the joint CARM/6th Div meet in Regina is rapidly approaching.

Here in Calgary, Spring brings SUPERTRAIN, Canada's largest model train show. It was another success this year with 11,000 people attending, despite the beautiful weather. We only half joke when we say that we prefer snow and cold on the show weekend, but last year we had another 1500 people attend

when nobody was thinking about gardening and golf. In any case, SUPERTRAIN appealed to many youngsters and their families with the Play Area and South Bank Short Lines' free cardboard fold-up model buildings being very popular. Outside the Soccer Centre, Canadian Pacific brought over their Puffer Belly Express and a CP Police cruiser, both of which attracted

much attention. Inside the building were layouts, displays, hobby shops, and manufacturers from all over North America.

Back in March, Calgary hosted another model railroad weekend. On Saturday the 3rd, the Prototype Modellers Meet attracted over 60 participants.

There were many tables set up with models to study and techniques to discuss, as well as four very entertaining and informative clinics on topics ranging from CPR's wooden passenger car fleet, NMRA Achievement Program, NAR's equipment and how to model it, and how to use digital photography to enhance your modeling.

On Sunday March 4th, Calgary Model Trainmen held their annual Flea Market, followed by the Calgary Model Railway Society's Spring Mini-meet, both at

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the Glenmore Inn. Much merchandise changed hands at the Flea Market, then we enjoyed several interesting clinics that included hands-on building sessions.

CMRS will be conducting its annual Layout Tours at the end of May, then taking a break until the fall.

On November 24th, Dale Sproule is organizing a special auction to help Gerry Quon's family dispose of his extensive collection of brass and other models.

As written elsewhere in this Highball, Gerry passed away in early March. Gerry was a great supporter of the 6th Division, the NMRA, and our hobby. He was a key part of the Railroadeo 79 committee that hosted the NMRA National Convention in Calgary, and helped to administer the fund that dispersed the profits to many projects and organizations that promote the hobby throughout the Division. He will be missed.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

- Rob Badmington

## EDMONTON AREA REPORT

Modellers from Edmonton and across the province gathered for the MMRF Swap Meet, on the first Saturday in May at the Kingsway Kinsmen Centre. All tables were sold, and, to my eyes, there were more items for sale than in recent years. It's a great opportunity for bargains, but I enjoy socializing with friends and acquaintances, too.

That first Saturday in May is also a big campout weekend for Boy Scouts from the Edmonton Area at Fort Edmonton Park. The Scouts try their hand at a variety of activity stations, and the EMRA provides one of them.

About 60 Scouts and their leaders enjoyed demonstrations on building trees, layout construction, yard switching, and taking a chance to run a train on the Monashee Pacific.

To cap off a busy Saturday, the EMRA hosted one of the continuing series of Open Operating sessions, described by Brian Stokes in the last issue of Highball. We had visitors from out of town (Calgary and Valley-

view), as well as others from Edmonton and EMRA members.

The next session will be August 25 in the evening. Announcements and contact information are available on the PNR events calendar on the web at [pnr.nmra.org](http://pnr.nmra.org)

While the modelling season in the basement seems to be winding down, planning is well underway for fall activities.

The Great Edmonton Model Train Show is on its regular (3rd) weekend in September (15,16) - see [www.mmrf.ab.ca](http://www.mmrf.ab.ca) for the latest information.

The EMRA will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, October 14. The EMRA and a group of local layout owners are preparing to host the biennial invitational OPSIG/NMRA operating weekend, Northern Rails 2012, October 26-28.

For more information, or to ask for an invitation, contact Cal Sexsmith at [calvin-sexsmith@sasktel.net](mailto:calvin-sexsmith@sasktel.net)

- Mark Johnson

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clinics at the convention and I tried to see as many as time would allow.

There is a big focus now in the hobby on Operations and the

OPSIG group. I had 2 very enjoyable sessions on the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club layout.

Two of the clinics were from a retired UP dispatcher and rules instructor so he gave his per-

spective on operations in a modeling context with regard to train orders and yard limits.

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



### SASKATOON AREA REPORT

The Prairie Rail Workshop hosted another successful train show at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon. Almost 3,900 people attended over the two day show that filled meeting space and Main Street of the exhibit area.

Layouts and displays from across the province entertained and informed the public with

vendors from as far as Calgary.

The favorite non-scale display was the Saskatchewan Lego Users Group while the favorite scale display was the Prairie Rail Workshop.



## Financial Report

	Sep '11 - Aug 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Interest	7.89	0.00	7.89
		1,000.0	
PNR Membership Rebate	737.10	0	-262.90
		1,000.0	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>744.99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-255.01</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
6th Division Expenses			
General Expenses	0.00	100.00	-100.00
<b>Total 6th Division Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-100.00</b>
Bank Charges	1.00	72.00	-71.00
Education	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Event Seed Money	0.00	500.00	-500.00
		1,000.0	
Highball!	673.63	0	-326.37
		1,922.0	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>674.63</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,247.37</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>70.36</b>	<b>-922.00</b>	<b>992.36</b>

Bank Balance 10,452.09

Pictures clockwise from top: Saskatchewan Lego Users Group, Prairie Rail Workshop, Main Street overview, Regina G Railers Photos - Ron Gillies



## Modeller's Calendar

To add your activities to the PNR Switchlist Timetable or PNR web page, contact the Timetable Editor, Mark Johnson at (780) 436-2480 or [timetable@pnr.nmra.org](mailto:timetable@pnr.nmra.org)

### Jun 27 - Jul 1, Medford, OR

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

### Jun 28 - Jul 1, Regina, SK

Living Skies Express 2012. Joint CARM National/PNR 6th Division Convention. University of Regina Campus Info:- [www.livingskiesexpress2012.ca](http://www.livingskiesexpress2012.ca), Tyler Smith, [smithtyler@sasktel.net](mailto:smithtyler@sasktel.net)

### Jul 1 (Sun), DeWinton, AB

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

### Jul 7-11, Klamath Falls, OR

Great Northern Historical Society Annual Convention Info:- [www.gnrhs.org](http://www.gnrhs.org)

### Jul 13-15, Squamish, BC

PGE Centenary Convention. Clinics, displays, RDC excursion. The convention is scheduled for July 13-15, 2012 at the West coast Railway Heritage Park in Squamish, B.C. This facility, now one of the premier rail attractions in Canada, is home to a superb collection of PGE and other railway artifacts. The display hall and banquet will be in the CN Roundhouse & Conference Centre with PGE troop sleeper 722, PGE boxcar 4182, BCR caboose 1859 and Royal Hudson 2860 on the display floor! There will be two streams of clinics dedicated to modeling the PGE/BCR, and several slide shows throughout the weekend. We are also offering an afternoon ride on Budd RDC cars BC-33 and BC-21. Info:- Brian Clogg, [bcclogg@shaw.ca](mailto:bcclogg@shaw.ca)

### Jul 14-15, 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](http://columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org/news-events/clamshell-railroad-days)

### Jul 18-21, Butte, MT

Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association Annual Convention; Mirabeau Park Hotel. Info:- [www.nprha.org](http://www.nprha.org)

### Jul 29 - Aug 4, Grand Rapids, MI

NMRA National Convention - "Grand Rails 2012". Traditions and the Future: Sustaining, Applying, and Expanding Our Traditions to secure the future of Model Railroading. Info:- [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org)

### Aug 9-11, Bend, OR

SP&S Historical Society Convention. Info:- [www.spshs.org](http://www.spshs.org)

### Aug 16-19, Revelstoke, BC

Railway Days 2012, Revelstoke Railway Museum. Info: - Jennifer Dunkerson, Executive Director, at 1-877-837-6060, [director.railway@telus.net](mailto:director.railway@telus.net), [www.railwaymuseum.com](http://www.railwaymuseum.com).

### Aug 17-19, Big Valley, AB

Alberta Free-mo 2012. An entire hockey rink filled with a modular layout! Info:- [www.calgaryfreemo.ca](http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca)

### Aug 24-25, Toppenish, WA

13th annual Northern Pacific Railway Museum Railroad Show 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](http://www.nprymuseum.org)

### Aug 25 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

Open operating session on the Monashee Pacific of the Edmonton Model Railroad Association, [www.emraonline.ca](http://www.emraonline.ca). 7:00PM - 11PM. To confirm attendance, or for more info:- [ulvestad@telus.net](mailto:ulvestad@telus.net)

### Aug 25 (Sat), Longview, WA

The Longview, Kelso and Rainier Model Railroad Club will display their layout in the Grand Ballroom of the Historic Monticello Hotel in the middle of the Squirrelfest activities from noon to 4:30 p.m. This is a FREE event! Info:- Patrick Kubin [kubin@mediate.com](mailto:kubin@mediate.com) 360-430-0302 [www.lvsquirrelfest.com](http://www.lvsquirrelfest.com)

### Aug 25 (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. Hours will be 10AM to 3PM. Admission is \$5 adults, 12 & under admitted free with paid adult. Vendor tables are \$20 for the first table, \$15 for each additional table. Info:- Jerry Sheffield, [tvntrak@gmail.com](mailto:tvntrak@gmail.com)

### Sep 12-15, Bellevue, WA

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

### Sep 15-16, Edmonton, AB

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

### Sep 16 (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, 3220 Cedar Hill Road. Free parking. Info:- Ted Alexis, 250-595-4070, [m\\_talexis@shaw.ca](mailto:m_talexis@shaw.ca)

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**Sep 29 (Sat), Vancouver, WA**

Southwest Washington Model Railroaders Open House. 10:00am to 4:00pm. We plan to be running many different types of HO gauge engines from the small logging area to the Big Boys on the main line. This event will be located at 8100 E. Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, Washington. This is one block east of Garrison Square, in the building behind Safe Harbor Nazarene Church, bordering the parking lot off 82nd Ave. Info:-[www.swwamodelrailroaders.com](http://www.swwamodelrailroaders.com)

**Sep 29-30, Calgary, AB**

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

**Oct 6-7, Lynden, WA**

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

**Oct 13-14, Chilliwack, BC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annual Swap Meet - 9:30am to 2:30pm. Hudson's Bay High School at 1206 E. Reserve Street, Vancouver, Washington. It is located just off the I-5 Bridge at Exit 1-C on Mill Plain Blvd (East). There will be an operating HO gauge layout of the Columbia Gorge and over 125 tables with vendors from all over the Northwest. Info:- [www.swwamodelrailroaders.com](http://www.swwamodelrailroaders.com); Rik Simmons (360) 907-5353 [simmondsrn2001@hotmail.com](mailto:simmondsrn2001@hotmail.com) or Richard Renihan (360)892-3410, [renihanr@yahoo.com](mailto:renihanr@yahoo.com)

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

Edmonton Model Railroad Association Open House, at the Freight Shed, Fort Edmonton Park, Free admission! Info: - [www.EMRAonline.ca](http://www.EMRAonline.ca).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HUGE MODEL RAILROAD ESTATE AUCTION**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  
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# 2012 Convention Registration and Rooms

## Registration Form Details

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Accommodations

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

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

## Convention Cancellation Policy

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

## Latest Information

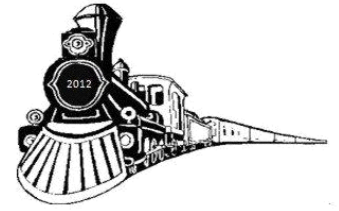
Since this is written in February 2012 things can, and doubtless will, change ! All changes will be posted to the convention web site <http://www.livingskiesexpress2012.ca/>

Please direct enquires about registration to the Registrar at [dcjohnson@accesscomm.ca](mailto:dcjohnson@accesscomm.ca)

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



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



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

**Registration Form: Part 1: General Information**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ NMRA Membership # : \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2: Primary Registrant:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Part 4: Prototype Tours / Clinic Advance Registration**

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

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

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

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

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

**Total Registration Costs for Page 1:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Part 5: Convention Banquet & Lunch Options

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Part 6: Companions' Concierge Service:

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

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ persons are interested in this service

### Part 7: Display Items You Are Bringing

I plan to bring: \_\_\_ Structure models \_\_\_ Rolling Stock models \_\_\_ Photographs \_\_\_ Other

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

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

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

**6th Division PNR Convention**

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