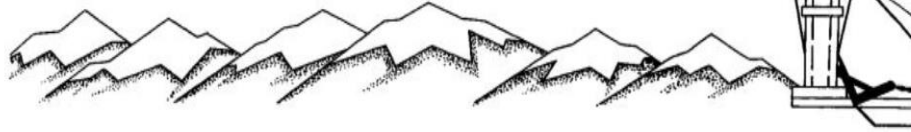


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Railway History in Red Deer

Alberta Central Railway support pier, Mintlaw Bridge under construction and today, CPR station in city centre. (photos from Forth Junction website)



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Superintendent's Report - Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent 6th Division

Hello everyone!

Spring has finally arrived and most of the Winter/Spring shows are now over. I was able to attend quite a few of these shows as well, some with Peter Ulvestad and some on my own. All of the shows were well attended and were well run once again.

Our booth at SUPERTRAIN was particularly successful as we gained 20 members and 8 registrations for the Spring Meet.

It was exciting to see the Regina show back on track (no pun intended). Doug Johnson, our 6th Division Secretary was able to run a table for the 6th Division with help from the NMRA Canadian Director Fred Headon. Thank you to both of you for this time commitment. It has been an interesting run of shows this year. Some people believe the hobby is dying but on some weekends we had multiple choices of which Show to attend. This says to me that the hobby of model railroading is alive and well.

The Spring Meet is just around the corner with a good program available. There are 10 clinics, 2 great prototype tours and layouts to visit. There

is also a Ladies Program for the first time in many years. As mentioned we have a guest speaker for the banquet, Paul Pettypiece, who will speak on The Forth Junction Project. We have added a raffle with a Grand Prize of a Max Jacquiard painting! Check out the website for more information: www.calgaryedmontonexpress.ca.

Speaking of Meets we still do not have a bid for the Divisional Meet in 2018. If need be I will set something up in the South as it has been awhile since those folks have had a meet in their area. Although I have received some interest from some groups in the near future. We are also responsible for the Regional in 2019. Planning is underway for that as well, as we did not receive a bid.

Once we are done with the Spring Meet we have the Regional Convention in Spokane in June. It looks like it will be a fantastic meet as well. Then as summer approaches we will leave our basements for more summer activities. Stay posted for some events planned over the summer and then we get right back into the Fall show schedule. Thank you and I hope to see many of you in Red Deer!

From the Editor – Rob Badmington

Our upcoming Spring Meet in Red Deer might seem like the end of a great season of model railroading, but a quick check of the upcoming events page shows that it just keeps rolling.

There are numerous events and activities all over the 6th Division that encompass trains, both model and full size. Model railroading isn't just for winter anymore.

Achievement Program Report – Doug Wingfield, MMR #484, 6th Division, PNR

AP Chair

In this article I thought I would do a 'self promo' of the clinic I am doing in Red Deer for the C&E Express meet this month.

The clinic consists of methods and tools I have used to build structures not only from scratch, but kit built ones as well. I think there is a feeling out there that 'scratchbuilding' is much more difficult than kit building. Of course this only applies to the 'craftsman' type kits where you get a box of stripwood and some instructions to put it together. The methods and techniques are very similar for kit and scratchbuilding. The only things missing from kit built kits is you don't have to do any research or draw plans for what you want to build unless you kitbash it for something other than it was intended. If you have built a craftsman wood kit then you can do a scratchbuilt one. This applies to both structures and cars. I am bringing a number of photographs and structures so you can see what I have done.

We will focus on methods I have used for weathering raw wood used in platforms and ways to brace and prevent warping of walls and roofs. We will also look at 'progressive error' and see how to fix it.

Photography can, and should, be used extensively in the research of structures and cars for your layout. There have been many structures and cars I have seen over the years that I thought might fit into a future project or layout. The

secret is to take the photo now as you never know if it will there in the future. I have a number of structures on my layout where I took the photo more than 25 years before they were built.

Magazines are also a valuable resource for photos, plans and articles. I have just cleaned out (recycled) over 50 years of Model Railroader and NMRA magazines but have saved the ones with articles I may use in the future. Those magazines with useful articles I will scan and put in the computer then toss the magazine. With a proper index and file name system you should have no difficulty in finding one of the articles of interest on your computer at a later date.

I have a clinic on developing a computer filing system for your scanned railroad photographs which could also be used for scanned magazine and book articles. If you are interested in the program email me and I will send it to you as an attachment at no cost. It is in Word format.

I also have this clinic in PowerPoint on Dropbox which will be available after the meet. All I need is your email address to send you the link where you can download and print whatever you need from it.

See you in Red Deer!!

Area Reports

Banff – Rob Badmington

As reported in the last issue, Parks Canada is planning a full summer of train related programs and displays at the Cave and Basin National Historic Site in Banff. Launching on the May long weekend, the Cave and Basin's historic pool deck and surrounding area will be converted into an immersive 1880s railway construction camp, depicting life as it might have been for those who worked so hard to build a transcontinental ribbon of steel, a national dream.

On May 1, twelve Friends of Champion Park gathered at the Cave and Basin for a workshop on hand-laying track in 1:1 scale. In only a few hours, 111 actual feet of track had been built, and

a couple of test runs were made with the handcar borrowed from Heritage Park. Handcar rides will be available to the public throughout the summer. Model trains of various scales will also make appearances, including five layouts on May 27-28, along with CP's Puffer Belly Express. On July 7 and 8, the trains of Iron Horse Park visit the Cave, and on July 8 and 9 the Calgary Lego Train Club will set up some amazing displays.

Also of note in Banff, the 106 year old CP ice house has been relocated from the north side of the tracks to a spot west of the station. It was to have been demolished by CP, but was saved as a



Edmonton – Mark Johnson

I finally took the studded winter tires off the car! It always seems like a good idea to wait until after SUPERTRAIN, since snowy surprises have been known to occur!

Things are hopping in Camrose! I've been lucky enough to be invited out to a couple of operating sessions this year so far - both enjoyable and educational excursions. Doug Burton explained his method of watching documentaries from the fifties - focus on the roads, buildings, and scenery in the background for modelling ideas. Paved roads and sidewalks were scarce in those days!

A group of most excellent Camrose modellers came in to visit the Monashee Pacific layout of the Edmonton Model Railroad Association (EMRA, www.emra.club) at Fort Edmonton. Peter Ulvestad, EMRA's Operations Coordinator, gave the group a gentle introduction to Timetable and Train Order operations and everyone had a chance to run some trains with a minimum of stress...

The Mainline Model Railroaders' Fellowship (MMRF, www.mmrf.ab.ca) held their Spring Swap Meet on April 1, and all the tables were sold out well in advance. From the number of bags being toted out the door, I think some people found some pretty good bargains - I even heard of \$5.00 N-scale locomotives! Watch for the next Swap Meet, October 28, in the same location, the Central Lions Seniors Recreation Centre. It's a great social opportunity to connect with modellers from across the city and beyond.

A large contingent of Edmonton model railroaders (and model railroads!) headed to Calgary for SUPERTRAIN in April. Another great chance to meet old friends and make new ones. I have been planning to install a sawmill on my own layout, and was intending to use the Walthers' Mountain Lumber Company Sawmill Kit. Two things happened - I found at least two vendors with the kit on their shelves at the show, and several

historical structure and will be part of a new development on property leased from CP.

Twelve railroad enthusiasts spent the day in Banff handlaying track, 1 to 1 scale. From left to right - David Dansereau, Tom Price, Selwyn Morris, Yves Dansereau (kneeling), Ross Cameron, John Sutherland, Michael Harle, Ken Ashmead (kneeling), Rick Walker, Brian Henderson, Rob Badmington, and Mike Westren

layouts had the assembled kit on their layouts on display. While the cost was small, the buildings weren't, so I left empty handed to measure the layout space before I commit to that kit. It always helps to look around, and a train show like SUPERTRAIN has a lot to look through.

May has started with lots of train activities, with more later in the month. On the first weekend, there was a train show in Regina, a modeller's meet in Vancouver, and the EMRA all-day Open Operating schedule. To help keep track (pun intended) of the events, head to the PNR home page at www.pnr.nmra.org to see what's coming up.

Later this month, May 19-21, the C&E Express 2017, the Sixth Division Spring Meet (www.calgaryedmontonexpress2017.ca) is pulling in to Red Deer, and I'm looking forward to some more RRR&R (Rail Road Rest & Recreation - ok, maybe not much rest!).

The annual Meet and Greet event will be held on June 23 from 4PM-10PM at the Deville/North Cooking Lake Community Hall, located at 21033 Wye Road, North Cooking Lake. Open to all with an interest in trains and railroading - an evening of fun, fellowship, and hopefully, a few trains on the adjacent CN main line.

Being a public club, the EMRA gets asked lots of questions via our web site. A few recently have been about clubs in the area. There is a list of clubs and organizations on the Sixth Division web site (www.pnr.nmra.org/6div/), and if your club is not there, or inadequately described, please send me a note, and I'll be sure the list is improved. A lot of new or returning modellers are looking to join a group, and there's likely to be one nearby that fits their interest.

There's a lot of model railroad activity on the Internet, and a lot of our communication is by email, to save money for the "fun stuff." If you're reading this from a paper copy that was mailed to

you, please consider sending your address to the NMRA - send it to me, or any of the volunteers listed at the front of the issue. If you know of someone who isn't getting the Highball! by email, please ask them to contact any of us. I'll bring the latest NMRA roster to Red Deer, and you can check and correct your contact information.

A note in passing - it is likely that when you read this, the doors to an Edmonton model train institution will have closed permanently.

Calgary – Rob Badmington

Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet – Dave Audley

This past March 3rd and 4th, the fifth Annual Calgary Prototype Modellers Meet took place. After setting up the venue on Friday evening, a practical hands-on clinic was held on the installation of DCC decoders. This session presented NMRA wiring standards and compared them with the European standards used by Loksound.

On Saturday March 4th four clinics were presented, as well several model displays were set up. Up first was Cal Sexsmith with Layout Design based on prototype track layouts. Afterwards Cal consulted on individual layout designs, and a new operating module was on display.

Next up was a presentation on the acquisition and restoration/conservation of Canadian Pacific Mail Express Car No.3622 on the Champion Park Railway near Okotoks, the car's background and history, culminating in the running of the actual live operation of "Mail Extra 19 South".



The afternoon began with a wonderful illustrated outline history of Canadian Northern's passenger service between Edmonton and Vancouver, including details and heritage of the rolling stock

After years of having "most quality lines in completeness," Roundhouse Sales is going out of business. The store always seemed to have that "one little thing" that you needed to finish a project - it will be missed.

I hope to see many of you in Red Deer!

making up these pre-Canadian National train services.

Finally Doug Phillips made an excellent presentation talking about the restoration underway at Heritage Park of the incredibly significant CP Colonist Car, and how the discovery was made that this is indeed one of the earliest in the series, No.1502 from 1905, not No.2658 from 1912 as previously thought. A huge undertaking, expect a further three to four years to be needed to complete this comprehensive total rebuild.

All in all a very interesting and successful event, attendance was a good 30 plus. Thanks go to all who helped with the running of this event, in particular Alan Pile for running the dining car and Bernie Smink for handling the electronic technology, all so important to the success of the 2017 Proto Meet.

SUPERTRAIN 2017- Rob Badmington

Another edition of Canada's largest train show has come and gone. Most likely due to Alberta's sluggish economy, public attendance was down from past years, but still just under 12,00 people attended over the two day event in late April.

There were 52 layouts and hobby exhibits, 10 non-commercial entries, and 50 commercial booths. Almost 200 people were volunteers, handling everything from ticket sales, security, and parking patrols, to driving Calgary Transit shuttle buses and helping with set-up and take-down.

Planning for next year's show is already underway, with the Genesis Centre booked for April 14 & 15, 2018.

Moose Jaw – Doug Johnson

Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club (TCMRC)

In February 2017 the club attended the Saskatoon show and enjoyed a wonderful weekend.

The weekend of March 25 – 26, 2017 saw the club host their 21st annual Model Train Show. It was held at the Western Development Museum in Moose Jaw, Sask. and was attended by over 2300 people. The weekend included over 30 displays of operating Model railroads, including various scales from N to G, several vendors and individuals selling railroad related items (both new and used), as well as static displays of railroad memorabilia.

There was a door prize awarded each day to one lucky attendee and the annual People's Choice Award was presented to Larry Dickinson's 'Mexicali Grande' O scale layout. There was also a presentation and award to the Saskatchewan Lego Users Group (SLUGs).

Saturday evening there was a gathering of 120

for a great meal, a refreshment or two, a few stories and an auction of items that were donated by many of the participants and the Thunder Creek Club. Thank you to all that contributed.

As a result of the tremendous support shown by those attending the show, the Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club is discussing a donation to the Western Development Museum "Back on Track Campaign"

http://www.wdm.ca/media/WDM_MJ_101forthe101_2017.pdf to assist with the restoration of the roadbed and track for the 1914 Vulcan steam locomotive.

Thanks to all who supported this great event and mark your calendars to attend the 2018 event, when confirmed details will be posted on our web site at <http://www.tcmrc.org/>

In April, the club enjoyed attending SUPERTRAIN in Calgary with a layout that was 60' long and 12' wide. We also attended the Regina Railfest Show in May.

Regina - Doug Johnson

Echo Valley Railroad Guild

In March, members of the Guild were pleased to display their modular layouts at the Thunder Creek club's annual show at the Western Development Museum in Moose Jaw. These included large G scale, N scale and On30 layouts, as well as Malcom Anderson's Big Trees layout, which he also displayed at SUPERTRAIN in Calgary. The show marked the unveiling of club members' new HO Free-mo layout, which has been constructed over the last several months. Congratulations to the members of the Thunder Creek club for organizing another excellent show.

On May 6 and 7, the Guild hosted the first annual Regina Railfest at the Tartan Curling Club in Regina. It was the largest model railroad show ever held in Regina, with over 20,000 square feet filled with layouts, displays and vendors. There were 14 layouts, including out of town ones from Calgary (Bow Valley), Winnipeg (NTrak), Prince Albert and Martensville. There was also a large

LEGO display put on by the Saskatchewan LEGO Users Group. The large Free-mo layout included two modules bought to the show by a couple from Medicine Hat.

The Guild partnered with Hope's Home, a charity providing support services to challenged children. The charity received all proceeds from a daily raffle as well as a portion of the admission proceeds.

The NMRA was represented by a display staffed by Doug Johnson, with able assistance from NMRA Canadian District Director Fred Headon who drove back and forth from Winnipeg on Sunday for the show. Several new memberships have resulted.

The Guild would like to sincerely thank all participants in the show, especially those who travelled from out of town. Railfest was the first public show held in Regina since 2014 and the Guild would like to make it an annual event.

Camrose / Central Alberta – David Halliday

Battle River Railway Modelers have a new home for the club layout in the Wetaskiwin Mall.

When we returned to Camrose following the Great Edmonton Train Show in September 2016, Duggan Mall in Camrose said there no longer was space for the layout. We now have a larger space in Wetaskiwin — large enough that we had to use every module available as well as build two filler sections. This layout includes two wyes and two yards.

Model train stores close

In recent years, we've witnessed a decline in the number of model train shops and, unfortunately, that trend is continuing. The Train Emporium in Donalda, AB, has closed and Roundhouse Sales in Edmonton is shutting down. Roundhouse has extended the closing date several times in an attempt to clear out inventory, but it likely will be closed for good when you read this. Roundhouse was a great source for detail parts and scratch-building supplies.

Train excursion news

After a great run with the Polar Express in December, Alberta Prairie Railway has big plans for Canada's 150th birthday — we're talking eight days of steam and double headers. In addition to Alberta Prairie's #41, a 2-8-0 Baldwin Consolidation, the Alberta Railway Museum at Edmonton is sending #1392, its 4-6-0 steam locomotive, to Stettler for Rails and Tales 150.

Rails and Tales starts June 28 with a double header and concludes with a static display at Stettler siding on July 5. The static displays June 30 and July 5 are free, while prices vary for other events.

While most days will feature one run, there are three trips on July 4. The July 4 runs will include the southbound passenger train meeting and passing a northbound freight at a siding. For more information about Rails and Tales and all Alberta Prairie's rail excursions, visit the website at www.absteamtrain.com.

Bob Willis of Alberta Prairie said there have already been a number of inquiries about the event and he expects rail fans from across North America to attend. In addition, spectators who come to see the trains without riding them could help make the crowds even larger.

Rails and Tales is a "pretty exciting" event, Willis said. It's an event that reflects the importance of the railways in building Western Canada since they determined the location of communities and how those towns and villages were designed. One enduring impact on street names is the fact that Railway Avenue is always close to the rail line.

Last December, Alberta Prairie offered the Polar Express— based on the well-known movie — for the first time. Between Polar Express and the Night Before the Night Before Christmas free train ride, 10,000 people came to Stettler, a performance that Willis called "quite successful."

"We'll quite likely do it again," he said about operating Polar Express

But Alberta Prairie is not the only choice for the Polar Express in Alberta. Aspen Crossing Railway at Mossleigh, southeast of Calgary, also presented the Polar Express in December. Mossleigh is one of the few communities to retain its elevator row with three wooden grain elevators. For more information, visit www.aspencrossing.com/railway.

Olds - Didsbury – Rick Astle

Hello everyone. I am sharing the results of the Olds Model Train, Hobby and Craft Show 2017 with our readers here. While the show was again a successful one, the additional cost of increased liability insurance has severely reduced the funding available to our club. The decision to end our association with Olds College comes as a result of these increased costs and a new venue

and name, as well as a new time, will be seen in 2018.

The new show is tentatively planned for late August or early September 2018 in Didsbury and will become the Mountain View Model Train and Hobby Show 2018. Details on the venue and exact dates will be available by early spring 2018.

Till then, happy model railroading.

Lethbridge – Tony Lee

SAMRC held a very successful public open house on the third weekend in March. We had almost 1200 people in attendance over the two days. Because of our recent construction, some gremlins kept popping up on the Sunday on the HO layout.

We recently had a substantial donation of G scale locomotives, cars, track, etc. from a lady unknown to us. Apparently it was her father's garden railroad and she wanted us to have it. The club has decided we will hang the track from the ceiling of our enlarged club room and operate it during our semi-annual open houses in March and April. Trackage will be kept reasonably simple so as to keep maintenance to a minimum.

The layout planning committees for both the N and HO layouts have finally presented a proposed

plan on what the expansion could look like. These drawings are now in the members' hands for comments and/or suggestions for improvement. Within the next few weeks hopefully we can get final approval from the members to proceed and start construction of benchwork before the summer break. The main feature of the proposed HO expansion will be an extensive harbour and port scene with docks and many industries along the waterfront. The main feature of the N scale expansion will be a main line and some interesting mountain scenes.

Having just returned from SUPERTRAIN in Calgary it appears to this attendee that it was another great success. Kudos to the Calgary group which puts a huge amount of time and effort into this show, year after year.

Build a Wooden Loading Dock – Dale Sproule

Blair Line makes a nice 20 long, 11 foot wide laser cut wooden loading dock kit (#174) with a 20 foot inclined ramp and 20 foot horizontal deck. Assembly of this kit gives me a chance to highlight some things to look out for in kit construction generally and wood construction in particular. The ½ page exploded isometric drawing shows 9 parts and how they are put together. The deck exhibits 3 rows of nail holes detail but I found it odd that there is no middle support beam. I used a sharp X-Acto chisel blade (a single edge razor blade will do), flat file or sanding stick (nail file doubles as a sanding stick), sanding block, White Glue, 4 inch machinist square and stain. In addition I strongly recommend using 2 machinist squares and a set of calipers.



COMPLETED PROJECT

PREPARATION: As with any kit, read the instructions. All kits are manufactured to go together easily the first time so if you encounter a problem it is usually the fault of the modeller. Carefully remove the separate wooden pieces, (they are fragile until assembled) and sand smoothly all edges that join together before assembly.

STAINING: I chose Fiebing's Black Leather Dye available from my local shoe and leather product repair shop, a four ounce bottle runs about \$12.00. This stain is the only one of many I've tried that gives me a really good black color without a blueish hue. Stain penetrates the wood, paint doesn't and that is the effect I wanted. I dilute this stain with Methyl Hydrate. I keep a darker and lighter color stain (depending on the



LASER KIT

amount of thinner you choose). Quickly dunk each part entirely into the stain in one movement, don't stain one side then the other. Stain, like water will warp any wood piece (paint will not cause warping). Put each stained piece between pieces of paper towel to absorb excess stain with a weight on top and leave for 24 hours. I stain parts first since stain will not penetrate any white glue that is not wiped away during construction. I've had the occasion where stain after construction of a wooden kit softens glue joints and I end up with a kit again.

ASSEMBLY: Measurement before construction showed that end bracing is not as high as the 2 side pieces (0.600" vs 0.5450") so I assembled the kit upside down so all supporting pieces are glued to the bottom of the deck pieces. Careful measurement of each side piece plus end supports shows just where to glue the first side

support piece under the top deck boards. Make sure the detailed deck boards face away from where the side pieces are to be glued. I use a mirror or piece of glass-anything that I'm sure is pretty well flat. Run a fine bead of white glue as needed and join the first side support piece to the bottom of the deck and use your tools to make sure the side support piece dries in a true vertical position and in a straight line. I use 2 machinist squares placed inside and outside side support piece making sure it dries 90 degrees to the deck. Repeat with the second side piece. Glue and insert the end and intermediate cross supports and finally the inclined deck.

WEATHERING: I ran 2 trails of "tire dirt" up the ramp and along the top deck with weathering chalks until it looked right to me.

C & E Express 2017 – Red Deer, Alberta

The 6th Division will hold its annual **Spring Meet** at the **Black Knight Inn in Red Deer May 19 to 21**. Chairman Ed Molenkamp has lined up an interesting program of clinics, contests, layout tours, prototype tours, a ladies program, and social events.

For many people who travel the QE2 Highway between Calgary and Edmonton, Red Deer consists of Gasoline Alley and a couple of exits to the north. What they miss is a very nice city with a great railroad history. The Forth Junction Heritage Society is dedicated to preserving, promoting, and sharing this history. A couple of the clinics as well as the after-dinner talk at the banquet are focussed on this fascinating part of Alberta's railroading past. See the front cover photos.

A highlight not to be missed is the Ernie Beskowiney Tour. Ernie operates a business building exact replica locomotives in 1/8 scale (live

steam) and has a magnificent shop. He also is building a 1/8 scale layout in his yard and has an authentic Canadian Northern caboose.

You can still register on line on the Meet's website: <http://calgaryedmontonexpress2017.ca/>

Registration on site begins on Friday May 19 at 4:00 pm at the hotel.



Upcoming Events in the 6th Division (and the Regional Convention)

See all the PNR events and our most recent additions at pnr.nmra.org

May 19-21 (Fri-Sun), Red Deer, AB

C&E Express, the 6th Division's Spring Meet at the Black Knight Inn. Details as they are confirmed will be posted on our website: www.calgaryedmontonexpress2017.ca

May 20 to October, 2017, Banff, AB

Trains Trains Trains, at Siding 29 Cave and Basin National Historic Site

Jun 7-10, Spokane, WA

SPOKANE FALLS EXPRESS 2017 Pacific Northwest Region Convention. Hotel information is now posted; phone reservations are now being accepted at 1-800-RED-LION; use "Spokane Falls Express" as the Group Code. The registration process for the 2017 PNR Convention is now open on the SFX 2017 website.

Info: http://www.pnr5d.org/index_spokanefallsexpress2017.htm

Jun 17-18, Mossleigh, AB

Train Days at Aspen Crossing - an entire system of G scale model trains by the Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders. Enjoy 1 hour in length train experience on the full size excursion train that that hosted THE POLAR EXPRESS TM!

Info:- www.aspencrossing.com, 1-866-440-3500

Jun 23 (Fri), Edmonton, AB

Model Railroaders Meet and Greet, 4PM-10PM at the Deville/North Cooking Lake Community Hall, located at 21033 Wye Road, North Cooking Lake. Info:- Ed@ 780-886-8116

Jun 28-Jul 5, Stettler, AB

Rails and Tales - In honour of Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017, Rails and Tales 2017 is partnering with East Central Alberta Heritage Society and Alberta Prairie Railway to celebrate the history of steam rail transport in Canada. Bringing together two operating Canadian heritage steam locomotives, Alberta Prairie #41 and Alberta Railway Museum #1392. Rocky Mountain Rail Society #6060 will be on static display. Info:- www.railsandtales.ca

Aug 17-20, Big Valley, AB

13th Annual Alberta Free-mo. An entire hockey rink filled with a modular layout! Event open to all Free-mo module owners across North America. Set up begins Thursday August 17th ; commence running on Friday and go until Sunday at 4:00PM. Public viewing is 10-4 on each day, and admission is free for viewing! Sponsored by: Calgary Free-mo, a 100% NMRA Group. Info:- www.calgaryfreemo.ca, info@calgaryfreemo.ca

Aug 20 (Sun), Wetaskiwin, AB

Alberta Central RAILWAY DAY. Pancake Breakfast Served from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. with admission ticket Beaver Tails Served from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Model Train Exhibits and Collectors Show; Exhibits and Telegraph Service Demonstrations; Train Rides, Speeder Rides, Wagon Rides; Spike Pounding Demonstrations; All-Inclusive fare of \$8 per person aged 2 and older. Watch for the grand opening of the Grain Elevator Info:- www.abcentralrailway.com 780-352-2257 acrm@xplornet.com

Sep 16-17, Sherwood Park, AB

2017 MMRF Great Edmonton Model Train Show, www.mmrf.ab.ca/great_edmonton_model_train_show

Oct 14 (Sat), Calgary, AB

38th Annual Boomer Auction, Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, (www.sbsltrains.ca) St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW. Setup and viewing 9:00am, dining car opens 10:00 am, auction starts at 10:30am. Info: - John Wrinch, (403) 281-5745, jawrinch@shaw.ca

Oct 15 (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Fall Mini Meet and Annual General Meeting, Glenmore Inn. www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html