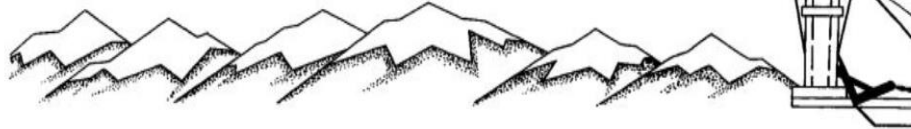


Highball!

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A CN freight train makes its way past the Port Aux Blaireaux station on Joe Sheppard's well-detailed Tamarack Northern Railway layout. This was one of the many fine layouts open for visitors during the Calgary Model Railway Society's recent Layout Tour weekend. (photo by Rob Badmington)

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

Hello Everyone

I just got back from the Saskatoon Train Show where the 6th Division had a booth. It was a good weekend as convention registrations were popular and I had a lot of people stop by to chat. Also it was great that it was not -40 outside! Early reports suggest that a record amount of folks attended show.

Saskatoon has started us on the "show circuit" for spring. Remember to check out the events page on the PNR website for upcoming shows and events.

Speaking of events, the Spring Meet in Camrose (Battle River Rails 2020) is just around the corner.

Register before March 15 for a \$10 discount. To register see the website www.brrmodellers.ca If you attended last time you will know they put on a good show and I am sure they will do a great job of it again.

Membership remains strong and I would like to thank the Rocky Ridge Model Railway Club (Martensville) for becoming 100% NMRA. Welcome fellas!

As mentioned previously the 6th Division will have a booth in all upcoming shows this spring. Please stop by and say hello.

From the Editor – Rob Badmington

Whenever I send out a reminder to the usual contributors that it is time to put together another issue of Highball!, the results are like Forest Gump's box of chocolates. I never know what I am going to get. But I am never disappointed.

When I think back to my early days of model railroading (about 50 years ago), there was a very limited number of events to take in. There was the annual Spring Meet, and maybe a local club show somewhere. Now, there are well over a dozen activities within the 6th Division, and more next door in BC, which one can attend. Of course, it would be almost impossible to get to all of them (although Ed and Peter do try), but the days of staying in your own basement to play with your trains alone are over.

I see the purpose of this Divisional newsletter is to try to make everyone aware of all these events and encourage you to get out to some of them. If you do, I guarantee that you will learn some things, meet some new friends, and generally have a great time.

Bottom line, if you are thinking of putting together something that would be of interest to other model railroaders, send me some information, and we will get it publicized. If you are not sure how to go about organizing something, don't be afraid to ask. There are plenty of people in the Division with experience who are willing to share their knowledge.

I hope to see you at some of these events this year.

Achievement Program Report - Doug Burton, 6th Division, PNR AP Chair

Hello everyone

As we start to come out of the darkness I hope you have found time to do some modelling. I have been working on 4 AP cars as well as an annex for one of my elevators and I have also started on another 2nd class station.

While building the cars there were many things that I had to learn as the details are not normally something you pay attention to. All 4 cars are CN and include a 78' express horse car, a 48' horse car, a 65' gondola and a 40' boom car for my crane. These are all cars I have wanted for a while. They all have fish belly under frames - which took some thought as to how to build that detail-along with the bolsters. I did not realize that the express and passenger cars had curved ends with a second straight wall inside of that, plus you have to get the wall to curve to the roof. I learned a few things about brakes especially on the express car. I have found this very interesting as I go through the research for each car. It is great when you can learn new things.

Dale has been busy in Calgary along with some help from Roger. They were judging Dave Audley's home layout for the AP scenery certificate and I will be sending that paper work off to Jack.

We are also working with a couple of people in Edmonton to get out some more certificates.

Remember the Spring Meet in Camrose on the May long weekend! I hope to meet people that I have only had email contact with.

I am still looking for a couple of people to do clinics for the upcoming meet. If you are interested please just send me an email or give me a call.

If you have not registered yet please do as they have not had a lot of people register yet.

Here are the members of the 6th Div AP Team

Doug Wingfield	MMR	Lethbridge
Dale Sproule	MMR	Calgary
Roger Walker	MMR	Calgary
Greg Orme		Calgary
Doug Hunter		Regina
Dale Armstrong		Swift Current
Jeff Betcher		Regina
Cal Sexsmith		Saskatoon
Doug Burton		Edmonton/Camrose
Ray Clifford	MMR	Edmonton/Camrose

Please feel free to send me a note or talk to anyone above about any AP questions you may have and I/we will get you the answers you need.

Nominating Committee Report – Rick Astle

Rob has indicated that he wishes to publish this issue and one more in April just before our spring meet in Camrose, Alberta and the Nomination Committee is looking for eager and willing candidates to fill the roles of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for the 6th Division.

To help with this process I am referring you to our current by-laws and in particular 'Article 5 Elections subsection 2' which reads 'Nomination for the offices of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent shall be by the nominating committee of at least 3 people or by nomination by a minimum of 3 members. A letter of acceptance of the nomination from the individual shall be sent with the nomination or received

within 5 days by the nominating committee chairman.'

At the time of writing this piece for the Highball! I can confirm we have not received nominations for either position in accordance with subsection 2 and in an effort to comply with ballot insertion requirements for the April Highball! we must close nominations not later than April 15th, 2020.

Please give service to the division some serious thought and if you know of someone suitable to fill either elected position or are yourself interested please submit the nomination at your earliest convenience.

Rick Astle, ve6rla@gmail.com, Chairman 6th Division Nomination Committee

2020 Convention Preview – Camrose, Alberta - David Halliday

Battle River Railway Modelers are hosting the 2020 convention, looking to build on the success of the 2010 convention. Layout and prototype tours have been confirmed, clinics planned and the host hotel chosen. Prototype tours will include the Evraz pipe plant, now that uncertainty about that venue has been resolved.

Le Chateau Hotel, 3911-48 Ave, Camrose, is the convention venue. This is a newly renovated hotel that has a mix of premium and budget rooms. It's well located for access the Camrose Railway Station where the barbecue will be held May 16, 2020. Le Chateau is also the venue for the convention banquet on May 17, 2020.

For those who plan to travel with their RVs, Exhibition Trail RV Park is nearby. This is a Good Sam park that offers full hookups, pull-through and back-in campsites and washrooms with showers. Reservations can be made online at www.camroservpark.com or by phoning 780-678-2888.

Convention registration is \$60 (early bird) before March 15, 2020, \$70 after March 15. Barbecue May 16 is \$15, and banquet May 16 is \$25. Deadline for registration is May 1, 2020. To register on-line go to <https://www.brrmodelliers.ca/index.html>.

A copy of the registration form is on page 12.

Layout tours are an enjoyable part of model railway conventions and Battle River Rails, the PNR 6th Division 2020 convention, is no exception.

The layouts on the tour cover a wide range, but Warren Bjornson's Alberta Pacific Railway takes it a step further with track on three levels. Most of us build on a single level, but Bjornson has a level below the main track and another above, reached by a helix.

The track through the Rocky Mountains highlights great stone work, painstakingly made a piece at a time with rock molds, then seamlessly assembled

onto the support structure. Bjornson then followed up with a fine job of putting colour on the mountains.



Examples of Warren Bjornson's meticulous work in using rock moulds to create the mountain area on his layout. He seamlessly joined the castings to create a continuous mountainside.

Bjornson decided to build his railroad, housed in a 28 by 30 foot basement room, as a transition era layout set in September 1958. Based in Red Deer, AB, it has lines running to the province's major centres of Calgary and Edmonton, but also



goes through the Rockies to the West Coast.

Warren built this finely detailed roundhouse from a kit.

Since it's a road that grew from Bjornson's imagination, he's has to either paint and decal freight cars for the railway or put in a special order to Accurail for box cars and hoppers. But

that's part of the challenge and satisfaction of running your own railway.

Bjornson chose NCE for his DCC system because it's user friendly and easy to use.

At the moment, four layouts are on the itinerary for tours. Along with Warren's layout, you can also visit Norman Skretting's CN Clearwater Subdivision, Randy Kvill's CPR layout, and Doug Burton's CN Prairie layout. All are well along with scenery and operations.

An example of the mountains and surrounding countryside Warren created on his layout.



Area Reports

Moose Jaw - Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club - Greg King

The Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club Inc. is now a registered non-profit in the Province of Saskatchewan.

We are hosting our 25th Annual Model Railroad Show at the Western Development Museum (WDM) in Moose Jaw on March 28-29, 2020. Admission to the show also includes full access to the Museum displays.

The spring season will also see the only running steam engine in Saskatchewan, with 101 making its debut on May 16, 2020 at the WDM.

The Club is also planning to attend shows in Calgary, Saskatoon and Regina this spring.

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Greg

Calgary - Dale Sproule

Calgary Model Trainmen

CMT lost one of our members, Paul Foster who passed away in January. Paul always had a smile on his face and was instrumental in finding and securing our present layout space in the Rehabilitation Centre.

Our annual CMT Post-Christmas brunch was postponed from mid January due to very, very cold weather. There were originally 23 slated to enjoy a brunch in The Strathmore Station Inn and Restaurant. During a recent Wednesday club night we had probably 30 visitors, and that has to be a record, we do not know where they came from but this is a good sign regardless. Normal club nights are always Wednesday (operations) and Saturday morning (work sessions). Visitors and potential new members are always welcome.

The address is: #7 - 11 Street NE. Our club website is: <http://www.calgarymodeltrainmen.com>.

Two more members joined CMT since January bringing our numbers up to about 32 active members. January saw 10 CMT club members gather for an afternoon operating session hosted by Brian Keay. Brian arranged for many of his operating crew to accompany CMT members as they operated trains. Brian's 35' x 37' HO scale layout has 10 scale miles of track, 1200 cars, over 150 engines, 48 staging tracks, 128 block detectors, 130 signals and much more! Great time had by all, Thanks Brian!

Finally, the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club (CMT) announces our next Open House will be Saturday, November 14, 2020.

Other Calgary News

CMRS hosted their self-guided layout tours on the weekend of Feb. 22-23. The North (Feb 22) and South (Feb 23) part of the city each had 6 layouts open for visitors. Layouts ranged from O scale to N. All were excellent. In mid-February Roger Walker and myself had the opportunity to view and judge the layout of Dave Audley (from Calgary) for the NMRA AP Certificate in Scenery and I am happy to report that he was successful.

March 13-15 will be a busy weekend for model railroaders in Calgary. It starts off with the Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet on Friday evening and Saturday. The attached poster gives all the details.

On Sunday, the CMRS Spring Mini-Meet and CMT Flea Market will be held in the Glenmore Inn, corner of Glenmore Trail and Ogden Road. The CMT Flea Market setup is 7:30 am, selling starts at 8:30 until 11. Tables can be rented for \$20 for standard 2' X 8' size table (Half tables can be booked for \$10. We will try to match someone to share the table with you.) Tables always go

quickly, there is a maximum of 46 tables so don't miss out. To reserve a table, please contact Brookes Harrow at bharrow@nucleus.com or call 403-201-4937. The CMRS mini-meet fills out the day with clinics and modelling. The topics for the clinics include Understanding Electrical Switches and Relays by Laurie Kitchen, "Is Anyone There?" Use of the CPR Telegraph and Mail Services by Tom Price, Rail – From Mill to Mainline (and beyond) by Rob Badmington, Slocan Star-Silversmith Mines Ltd Power House by Ken Clark, and How to Read Canadian Railroad Signals by Brian Keay. The clinics run from 11 am until 3 pm.

No Calgary report would be complete without an update on SUPERTRAIN which arrives into The Genesis Centre in North East Calgary on April 18 and 19. SUPERTRAIN has long been Canada's biggest and best annual train show with 48 hobby exhibitors, 41 commercial vendors, and 23 non-commercial exhibits such as museums and historical associations, and 8 food trucks. Live clinics, demonstrations, and trains to ride on will offer something for everyone.

Lethbridge - Paul Smith

The Southern Alberta Model Railway Club has been busy so far for 2020. Track, structure and scenery projects are proceeding on both our HO and N scale layouts. The N scale group are in the middle of updating our locomotive/rolling stock roster to fit our selected modern era theme. The suspended roadbed is nearly complete for our G scale layout, with track and electrical work to come.

We will be hosting our Spring Open House at the clubhouse in Gyro Park on Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22, running from 1100 and

1600 both days. Highball! readers are invited to stop by and see our layouts in action.

We're having a Sale! Well, this is really an EVENT, but since model railroaders are a quiet, restrained lot we'll just call it a Sale. Mark Saturday, June 13, 2020 on your calendar. It all happens at our clubhouse and features a boxcar load (and then some) of locomotives, rolling stock, track, switches, buildings and other cool stuff, all in N scale. Please note that sales will be cash only. Check our website at <https://www.albertasouthernrailway.ca> for further details as the EVENT, er, Sale approaches.

Regina – Echo Valley Railroad Guild - Doug Johnson

Planning continues for the fourth annual Regina Railfest to be held at the Caledonian Curling Club on May 2nd and 3rd, 2020. This is the same large venue which was used in 2019 and which met with enthusiasm from all participants. Rumours are circulating regarding the possibility of

additional railroads for the show. The 2019 show had a record attendance and we hope to increase that in 2020. Information can be obtained by contacting Ron Coburn at (306) 545-4883 or rdcoburn@accesscomm.ca

Olds - Didsbury - Carstairs - Rick Astle

Members of the Mountain View Model Railroad Club are hard at work preparing our newest portable N-scale project for SUPERTRAIN in April as well as updating our portable HO-scale 'Pack It and Place It' for the show. Updates to the layout located on the second floor of the Didsbury Museum continue as well. At the Mountain View Arts Festival last September, one of our members set up his G-scale trains on the museum lawn. The outdoor train was a great hit with young and old alike and we have been working on developing a permanent G-scale offering to

enhance the telling of the development of Didsbury in the late 1800s and early 1900s. We plan to develop this project in three phases as funding allows along the east side of the property and hope to begin phase one this spring with some form of operation for the arts festival next September.

The club layout is open to the public during museum hours and upon special request can be viewed during off hours or as a private group tour. Call or email Rick Astle at 403 507-3314 or ve6rla@gmail.com to arrange your visitation.



NMRA Canada Election - Brian Stokes, Nominations Committee Chair, NMRA Canada

NMRA Canada Executive

Ballots were sent to the Canadian members via email in early February and by regular mail to those without valid email addresses shortly after that. There was one candidate declared for each position: John Bate for Canadian District Director, Ed Molenkamp for President, and Steve Juranics for Vice President. As of this writing we have had 18 per cent turnout. Voting closes (closed) on March 1st at 11pm PST.

At-Large North American Director

Please note that we have the opportunity this year to nominate candidates to the NMRA Board of Directors. You will be receiving a notice from NMRA head office soon.

As per section A3.1 of the NMRA Executive Handbook, Directors are responsible for:

A. Developing policies for the benefit of all NMRA members.

B. Maintaining liaison between the Regions and the NMRA through the user of the Regional Advisory Council, defined herein.

C. Keeping the NMRA informed of Region issues and desires.

D. Transmitting to the NMRA such recommendations as are made by Region members.

E. Performing such duties as required under the laws of the State of Ohio and as fiduciarily required under the Internal Revenue Code for a nonprofit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of said code.

Basically it is a really great way to get involved at the top level of the NMRA, meet new members from all over the world, and help set the course for this great organisation and hobby.

Directors serve a three year term. If you are interested in serving or are thinking of someone who would be a good representative on the Board, submission of candidates' names for consideration for the position of At-Large North American Director should be made to one of the following no later than June 1, 2020 to

CanNominations@nmra.org.

Stay up to date on these and other events, and get more value for your membership by making sure that we have a valid email address for you on file. If you aren't receiving NMRA emails, let us know so that we can update your membership information!

Railway Modelers Meet of BC – Burnaby - Marc Simpson

Announcing Trevor Marshall as the Keynote Speaker for the 5th Annual Railway Modellers Meet of BC

The RMMBC committee is happy to announce that Trevor Marshall will be the keynote speaker at the 5th Annual Railway Modellers Meet happening May 22nd to 24th, 2020. Trevor's Keynote Presentation will be on "The Road Less Travelled". Trevor is a lifelong model railway enthusiast whose current project – a



Canadian National branchline in southern Ontario in S Scale – is getting close to being finished. That said, he's already thinking about what will come next.

Trevor is a frequent contributor to Railroad Model Craftsman magazine, co-hosted a podcast called The Model Railway Show and was a host and writer for TrainMasters TV. He writes a number of websites about the hobby, too. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the leading voices in today's model railway scene. It will be one of the many great things on tap for the 5th annual RMMBC.

Bring a Friend

This year we are trying something new. If you have a friend who has been on the fence about attending the Railway Modellers Meet, now's the time to get them signed up. Word of mouth is our best promotion, as a personal recommendation carries much more weight for people considering participating.

We are offering a bring a friend discount of \$20. If your friend has never attended The Railway Modellers Meet of BC then list him-her on this form. If they are an NMRA member add their NMRA number for an additional \$15 discount. When their status is verified as a new attendee the meet registrar will issue you a PayPal refund for the total applicable discount.

We want to engage as much of the model railway community locally, regionally and further afield, so we are hoping that attendees will help bring new people to both the hobby and to the Railway Modellers Meet.

Clinics

In addition to the keynote presentation noted above, Trevor Marshall will also be presenting an additional clinic as part of the excellent clinic stream planned for RMMBC. The 2020 clinic edition will include such wide ranging topics as building scenery, electronics, buildings, rolling stock and more. We will also have returning favourites like hands on clinics, a Skype clinic and many others.

We'll also have returning favourites like Operating Sessions (with new layouts operating), layout tours (this year touring layouts on the North Shore), Display Room and Meet the Modeller among others. Check the website at www.railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca for more details.



Venue and Accommodations

As in previous years, the Railway Modellers Meet will be held at the Simon Fraser University's Burnaby Campus. We had great feedback about the clinic rooms last year, and we have them booked again this year. These rooms will have improved sound and microphones to enhance the clinic experience for attendees.

SFU offers clean, comfortable inexpensive accommodations for meet attendees. Several options are available, all of which are very much in demand. The accommodations page can be found at <http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/Accommodation>. Book your room and register for the meet soon as rooms are limited!

Much More to Come

Online registration is now open for the 5th Annual Railway Modellers Meet of BC happening May 22nd to 24th. Future newsletters will have much more information and many more announcements about the Railway Modellers Meet of BC. Check our website, Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter accounts for regular updates as well. We'll see you at the 5th Annual Railway Modellers Meet of BC. Bring a friend!

Nelson 2020 Convention

Nelson, British Columbia — September 19-23, 2020

This is a unique opportunity to attend the first-ever joint CPHA-GNRHS convention, and the first-ever national CPHA convention. Nelson, B.C., was chosen as the location based on its rich history for both railways, world class tourism opportunities and the beautiful natural surroundings it affords us all.



Nelson is located in southern British Columbia along the CPR "southern main line", and was home to CPR divisional offices and a major yard for many years. At milepost 0.0 of the Boundary Subdivision, situated on the west arm of Kootenay Lake and on highway #3, Nelson is centrally located in the Boundary/Kootenay area of B.C.

The convention program is already taking shape and promises to keep you very busy for the duration of the event. We are extremely pleased to report that noted author and historian Robert D. Turner will be joining us as the banquet keynote speaker and guide for the K&S circle prototype tour. The program will also include:

- Historic and community tours
- Clinics and presentations
- Meet-and-greet patio BBQ
- CPR models and photo displays
- Model railroad layouts
- Opportunities to socialize with like-minded people
- Events for non-rail partners

With so much to enjoy, we are confident this convention will provide a great time for our members. Watch for more information in future issues of *CP TRACKS* and on the CPHA website (www.cptracks.ca) . A Facebook page will also be launched later this fall. Please remember that you must be a member of either CPHA or GNRHS to attend this event. See you there!

For more information, contact Scott Calvert, Co-Chair, Nelson 2020.

FOR SALE: FSM and Hobbycraft kits for sale. All HO scale FSM kits have the kit box autographed by George Selios. Cost is below initial selling price, I will absorb shipping:

FINE SCALE MINIATURES "AVRAMS BAKING COMPANY" (Jewel Series #10), \$300.00

FINE SCALE MINIATURES "BUTCHERS WAY" (Jewel Series #11), \$300.00

FINE SCALE MINIATURES "DEXTER DEAD END" (Jewel Series #8), \$300.00

HOBBYCRAFT AIRPLANE KITS, 1:72 Scale 2 of DHC-2 Beaver Floatplane, \$10 each 1 of DHC-3 Otter Floatplane, \$10 each Dale Sproule, 403-274-4852, (sproules@telusplanet.net)

RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 13 - 14, 2020

**ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
703 HERITAGE DRIVE S.W.
CALGARY, ALBERTA**

**ADMISSION: \$10, under 12: FREE
Covers Both Friday and Saturday Sessions**

FRIDAY MARCH 13

19:00 - 21:00. Photo Night

Participants are invited to bring 10 to 20 digital images or slides around the theme of modelable subjects. This can include locomotives, cars, structures, bridges, scenery or almost anything else. The idea is to inspire someone to build a model. We will have a computer and digital projector so bring your photos on a thumb drive. We will even have a projector for old school slides upon request.

SATURDAY MARCH 14

09:00 – 16:00

Our goal: To provide a venue to exhibit how models are built to accurately reflect their real world counterparts past or present. Emphasis is placed on sharing information, modeling techniques and most importantly, displaying one's own models.

This is basically a "Show and Tell" meet where modelers can bring engines, rolling stock, structures, etc. to show and share techniques and to get inspired to finish their projects. There is no model judging. These items need not be in the finished state. This is a chance for interaction between builders and modelers who would like to learn from the models being shown. In other words, an exchange of ideas.

CLINICS AND PROTOTYPE PRESENTATIONS RUNNING ALL DAY

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| <u>10:00</u> | "Calgary's Canadian Government Grain Elevator (1915 to 2011)" – Scott Jolliffe |
| <u>11:15</u> | "Update/How to do Resin Casting" – Al Hough |
| <u>Lunch Break</u> | Coffee, Soft Drinks and Chips available on site. Pizza will be brought in at \$5.00 |
| <u>12:15 - 13:00</u> | per person for those who wish to sign up. |
| <u>13:15</u> | "The History of Royal Trains in Canada" – Doug Phillips |
| <u>14:30</u> | " RDC's in Canada " – Don Thomas |

FREE DRAW TICKETS (LIMIT OF 10) FOR BRINGING YOUR MODELS FOR DISPLAY

For further information and updates, please contact:
Dave Audley, 403-275-1869 (daudley@telusplanet.net)



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Battle River Rails 2020

6 Division, Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA

Spring Meet

15 - 17 May 2020

LeChateau Hotel

3911 48t Ave, Camrose, AB

*Sponsored by Battle River Railway Modellers,
in association with the Canadian Northern Society*

Convention C\$70.00 /person

\$10.00 /person discount if registered before March 15

Saturday BBQ C\$15.00 /person

(Barbeque at Canadian Northern Station/Museum, Camrose, AB)

Sunday Banquet C\$25.00 /person

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ***Prov/State:*** _____ ***Postal/Zip Code:*** _____

NMRA Number: _____

Convention Package _____ **@ C\$70.00 =** _____

Banquet _____ **@ C\$25.00 =** _____

Barbeque _____ **@ C\$15.00 =** _____

Total: _____

(Less \$10.00 if before March 15, 2020)

Registration and Payment may be sent to:

Battle River Rails 2020

Box 1174, Camrose, AB

T4V 1X2

Online Registration and Payment:

Registration at www.brrmodellers.ca

Etransfers to: treasurer@brrmodellers.ca

*****Please note that your registration will not be confirmed until payment has been received*****

6th Division Nominations Requested

With 2020 being an even year, the terms of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent end on August 31.

Our current Superintendent, Ed Molenkamp, has told me he is currently serving as VP NMRA Canada and although he enjoys his present role as 6th Div Superintendent would be willing to step aside if someone would like the job.

Our current Assistant Superintendent, Peter Ulvestad, has informed me that he would like to hand over the reins this year.

At the business meeting in Cranbrook, Ed asked for volunteers to form a nomination committee. At that meeting Ron Coburn and Doug Hunter together with myself stepped forward.

This is our second call for nominations. We will declare nominations closed on May 1, 2020 as this will allow time to conduct a full election should multiple nominations be forthcoming.

If you are interested in what the jobs entail, please refer to the PNR's Superintendent Handbook located at <http://pnr.nmra.org/policies/>

Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee with a nomination, or if you have any questions.

Rick Astle

Nomination Committee Chair
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Ron Coburn

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Doug Hunter

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Upcoming 2020 Events in the 6th & 7th Divisions

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

Mar 15, (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMT Annual Flea Market, Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE (corner of Glenmore Trail & Odgen Road, SE). The Flea Market runs from 8:30 to 10:30. Time to start putting aside those items you no longer need so that you can buy more stuff that you do need! Tables are \$20 each, half tables can be booked for \$10. To book a table contact Brookes Harrow at bharrow@nucleus.com or 403-201-4937.

Mar 15, (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Spring Mini-meet follows the CMT Flea Market at 11:00 at the Glenmore Inn with several clinics lined up, along with Show and Tell. <http://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html>

Mar 21-22, (Sat-Sun), Lethbridge, AB

Southern Alberta Model Railway Club Open House, at the club building in Gyro Park, 15th Street and 10th Avenue A South. 11:00 am to 4:00 pm both days. <https://www.albertasouthernrailway.ca>

March 28-29, (Sat-Sun), Moose Jaw, SK

Model Train Show. Sponsored by the Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club. Western Development Museum, 50 Diefenbaker Drive. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 for adults which then provides full access to the show and all museum exhibits. There is no charge for show participants or vendors who may rent tables for a small fee. Info:- www.tcmrc.org

Apr 4-5, (Sat-Sun), Prince Albert, SK

RiverXingNorth 2020 - Prince Albert Model Train & Hobby Show at the Prince Albert Golf & Curling Club. 900-22nd St E Saturday 9-5; Sunday 10-5. info:- riverxingnorth.webs.com/

Apr 5 (Sun), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Spring Swap Meet: Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 11113 113 St. 10AM-2PM, Admission \$3. Info:- Ric Francoeur, swapmeet@mmrf.ca Ph. 780-458-1032 www.mmrf.ab.ca

April 18-19, (Sat-Sun), Calgary, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2020, Canada's Largest Model Train Show. 9 AM to 5 PM both days. Genesis Centre, 7555 Falconridge Blvd. NE, Calgary. FREE PARKING at McKnight-Westwinds C-Train Station with free shuttle. Adult - \$15, under 16 - free. Over 70,000 sq. ft. of operating layouts, exhibits and displays, railroad artists, hobby shops, model manufacturers, demonstrations, clinics, museums and railroad historical associations, Lego and Thomas Play Area, garden railways, ride-on trains, and much more. Info:- www.supertrain.ca or email to info@supertrain.ca

May 2-3, (Sat-Sun) Regina, SK

Regina Railfest 2019, Over 25,000 sq. ft. of model railroad layouts, displays, exhibits, and vendors!. Caledonian Curling Club, 2225 Sandra Schmirler Way,. Information can be obtained by contacting Ron Coburn at (306) 545-4883 or rdcoburn@accesscomm.ca, or visit <https://reginarailfest.com/railfest-2020>

May 15-17, (Fri-Sun), 2020, Camrose, AB

Battle River Rails, 6th Division, Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association, convention at the Le Chateau Hotel, 3911-48 Ave, Camrose. Prototype tour of the Evraz Pipe Mill, and layout tours. Clinics to be announced. See <https://www.brrmodellers.ca/index.html> for more info and registration form.

May 22-24, (Fri-Sun), Burnaby, BC

Railway Modelers Meet of British Columbia (RMMBC) at Simon Fraser University ****New Dates****. The emphasis is primarily on "modelling," as the name implies, with many interesting clinics, layout tours, and operating sessions. Full information and registration is at: railwaymodellerversmeetofbc.ca/

May 23-24 (Sat-Sun), Carstairs, AB

Model Railroad and Hobby Extravaganza, Carstairs Curling Club, 350 11 Ave. Saturday 10am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. \$5.00 per person with 5 and under free. Info:- Rick, 1mvmmc@gmail.com, 403-556-8121 (home), 403-507-3314 (cell)

June 13, (Sat), Lethbridge, AB

Huge sale of N Scale locomotives, rolling stock, track, switches, buildings and other cool stuff at the Southern Alberta Model Railway Club building in Gyro Park, 15th Street and 10th Avenue A South. Please note that sales will be cash only. Watch the club's website: <https://www.albertasouthernrailway.ca> for more info.

September 19-23, (Sat – Wed), Nelson, BC

Joint CPHA-GNRHS convention, and the first-ever national CPHA convention. Watch for more information in future issues of CP TRACKS and on the CPHA website (www.cptracks.ca) . Please remember that you must be a member of either CPHA or GNRHS to attend this event. For more information, contact Scott Calvert, Co-Chair, Nelson 2020.

November 14, (Sat), Calgary, AB

Calgary Model Trainmen Club Open House. #7-11 Street NE, Calgary. 10 am – 4 pm.