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The roundhouse and turntable at Field BC is a focal point on Randy Kvill's layout, set in 1920. Randy's layout was one of six on the layout tour at the Rose City Meet in Camrose on the May Long Weekend. More photos of the Meet's activities are in this issue. (photo by Rob Badmington)

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Superintendent's Report - Ed Molenkamp, Supt. 6th Division, President NMRA Canada

Hello everyone! I hope you are enjoying your summer.

As fall approaches I am anticipating a great session of shows and events especially since we can get together in person once again. The Great Edmonton Train Show is planned for Sept 10-11.

Make sure to check the events calendar in this publication for all of the upcoming shows this fall.

Speaking of get-togethers, the Rose City Meet was a huge success in my opinion. It was great to see some folks that have not seen each other in some time although it almost felt like we had not missed a beat. We were able to

witness Doug Burton get his MMR as well. Congrats Doug!

The Regina Committee is in the planning stages for next May and promises to be a good convention. It has been some time (2012) since we have had a convention down that way.

Remember if you would like to host an upcoming convention speak to Peter Ulvestad our convention coordinator. His email address is listed above.

That's it for now. I hope you have a great rest of your summer and I hope to connect with you soon.

6th Division 2022 Annual Meeting

The 6th Division held the Annual Meeting virtually via Zoom on Sunday June 12. Minutes of the meeting have not been finalized, but business discussed included a financial audit, and bylaw changes for the Meet policy. Ed Molenkamp was

acclaimed as Superintendent for 2022-2024 and Rick Astle was acclaimed as Assistant Superintendent. The draft minutes and financial statements will be included in the next Highball!

From the Editor – Rob Badmington

This is another huge issue thanks to the contributions of many people from across the 6th Division and beyond.

We held our first Spring Meet in three years in Camrose in May, and stories and pictures from this very enjoyable convention are in this issue. I am pleased to say that we have a new Area Reporter from Melville Saskatchewan who will keep us up to date on progress on their club layout and their upcoming Model Railroad Show. Welcome to these pages Ron!

I know of quite a few readers who will be heading to Nelson BC in September for the CPRHA's first ever convention. If your travels happen to take you through Revelstoke, be sure to stop at the Revelstoke Railway

Museum. Information about the museum's newest exhibit starts on page 8.

With many shows and other events starting in September, I hope you will consider taking a few photos and sending them to me for the next issue. Contributions published in Highball! can be used toward the requirements for the Achievement Program. Over the next few issues, Doug Burton MMR, our AP Coordinator will be outlining the requirements for each of the AP certificates.

Just before going to press, so to speak, I received the notice that the PNR's regional publication "Switchlist" is ready for reading. I urge you to check it out, as there is always a lot of good information about activities and people in our region.

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

We had a successful meet in Camrose and there were two tables full for the "Show and Tell". Thanks to those who participated. There was something there for everyone and it generated some good conversation. Not all pieces were fancy, for example my camera car. The clinics we had were also very interesting. Those who presented the clinics can log them as either Volunteer or Author.

I would like to have Show & Tell tables for GETS this September. These tables will be sponsored by the NMRA 6th Div with no cost to contributors. This will be in the same area where the clinics are held. Please let me know if you would like to participate.

I would also like to have Show & Tell / Prototype tables set up at the MMRF Swap meets in Edmonton. It is another opportunity for people to show off some models and give motivation to newer modelers. This is a work in progress. Please drop me an email and give me your thoughts on this.

If anyone has other ideas on how to promote modeling or AP within the division please send me a note. Hope you all have had a great summer and hope to see some of you at GETS or the Fall Swap Meet.

New AP Certificates Issued

- Peter Ulvestad – Association Volunteer
- Al Matchett - Chief Dispatcher
- Doug Burton - Master Builder Cars
- Doug Burton - MMR #704
- Ed Molenkamp - Official
- Doug Johnson – Association Volunteer
- Ed Molenkamp - Association Volunteer
- Greg King - Golden Spike

Understanding AP Association Volunteer

Starting in this issue of the Highball I am going to go more in depth on a specific AP category in each issue. There are lots of things that apply to this certificate and as people are finding out they have had these done for a while. Understand that NMRA wants people to volunteer with the NRMA which just makes sense since the Division is always looking for people. I have highlighted items that apply to Division and Region as that is what most of us do.

To qualify for the Association Volunteer certificate, you must:

- Serve actively on one or more NMRA committees (National, Region, or Division) and/or as an Officer long enough to accumulate **sixty (60) certified time units (TUs)**. The TUs you receive for various types of service are listed below:
 - Active satisfactory service as a National Department Head: 4 TUs per month.
 - Active satisfactory service as a National committee Chair/Manager, reporting to a Department Head: 3 TUs per month.
 - Active satisfactory service as a Region committee Chair/Manager or a National committee member, or Division Superintendent/President: 2 TUs per month.
 - Active satisfactory service as a Region committee member, a Division Officer other than as Division Superintendent/President, or Division committee Chair/Manager: 1 TU per month.
 - Active satisfactory service as a Division committee member or Division board member: 1/2 TU per month.
 - Editors of an NMRA publication shall receive credit at the rate appropriate for committee Chairmen at the same level. At least four (4) issues of the publication, edited by the person applying,

shall be attached to the SOQ or a URL provided for electronic newsletters before points will be considered for credit.

So what exactly constitutes a "committee"?

Basically, just about any office or function that isn't covered under Association Official. Most other officers in a Division (or Region) are considered Committee Chairs/Managers. For example, if your Division has a person who runs the contest at the monthly meeting, they can be considered the "Contest Committee Manager", your local AP representative is a member of the "Region AP Committee", and so on. Conventions (at all levels) are chock full of committees (Only the convention General Manager receives "Committee Manager" points - all others receive "Committee Member" points, even if their title includes the word "Manager"). Individuals who work just the day of the event (for example at the convention registration desk) receive credit for one month's work as committee members.

- Service as a Division officer (other than Superintendent/President) or Division Director: 1 TU per month.
- Newsletter Editors of 100% NMRA clubs having 10 or more members, may earn one time unit per issue of the club newsletter (print or electronic), providing it is four pages or more. Four (4) issues of the newsletter, edited by the person applying, must be attached to the SOQ, or a URL provided for electronic newsletters, before the time units will be considered for credit. (Other club officers, even of 100% NMRA clubs, DO NOT earn Volunteer credits.)
- Official judges at NMRA sponsored model contests (including non-rail) shall be given time units for such service at the contest only (not monthly), as a one-time service credit per contest as follows:
 - National Contest Judge 3 Time Units
 - Region Contest Judge 2 Time Units
 - Division Contest Judge 1 Time Unit

This credit is in addition to any credit that you may receive for being on the committee that works to set up the contest event.

- Individuals (and their crews) who open their home or club layout for layout tours or operating sessions in conjunction with NMRA conventions or other NMRA sponsored events earn credit as follows for each day that the layout is open for viewing.
 - National Event 3 Time Units / day (12 TUs maximum per event)
 - Region Event 3 Time Units / day (6 TUs maximum per event)
 - Division Event 3 Time Units / day (3 TUs maximum per event)

This credit is in addition to any credit that they may receive for being on the committee that works to set up the event.

- Individuals who participate in modular layouts in conjunction with NMRA Division events, or at NMRA sponsored events, earn credit as follows for each day the layout is open for viewing at the event.
 - National Event 3 Time Units / day (12 TUs maximum per event)
 - Region Event 3 Time Units / day (6 TUs maximum per event)
 - Division Event 3 Time Units / day (3 TUs maximum per event)

This credit is in addition to any credit that they may receive for being on the committee that works to set up the event.

NOTE: There is generally a maximum of 48 time units credited for any one National convention, 24 time units credited for any one Regional convention, and 6 time units credited for any one Division event.

- Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Counselors who are NMRA members can earn: 1 TU (time unit) per month plus 1 TU per Scout that qualifies. This credit is retroactive with no time limit for those who have served as counselors in the past provided that they were also NMRA members during the time of service.

◦ A live clinic that is presented more than once earns Association Volunteer credits for each additional (the first presentation is credited toward Author unless the person already holds the Author certificate) presentation at the following schedule:

- National Clinic - 3 Time Units
- Regional Clinic - 2 Time Units
- Divisional Clinic - 1 Time Unit

◦ Certification of accomplishment shall be by the Committee Manager (in the case of committee members), or by the appointing officer (in the case of Committee Chairmen). The Region (or National) President or Secretary may certify when the appointing officer is not available or when many positions will require several signatures.

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR SERVICE AS YOU DO IT: Obtain the record form from the web site then fill it out and have it signed at the time. This is much easier than going back and collecting signatures later when you're ready to apply for your certificate.

Doug Burton AP Coordinator

Convention Report- Peter Ulvestad, Convention Coordinator

The Rose City Meet was a success considering the uncertainty at the time. We had 33 full registrants and 38 at the banquet. Ron Hillis, in addition to surprising the other organizers by arranging a train ride, also gave an entertaining talk as the guest speaker at the banquet. Ed and Lynn Molenkamp were joint recipients of this year's Silver Spike award.

There are several of us from the Edmonton area already planning to attend the Queen City Express in Regina on the 2023 May Long Weekend. The Regina folks always put on a great meet.

While we have a tentative bid for 2025, we are always looking for firm bids. In 2028 it will be our Division's turn to host a Regional and we are looking for clubs or individuals to step forward with a proposal. Ed and myself are always available to answer questions or point you in the right direction.

I'd also like to welcome Rick Astle to the 6th Division Board. Rick is your new Assistant Superintendent effective September 1st.

Area Reports

Melville – Ron Haskell

We are hosting our first ever Model Train Show on the weekend of 15-16 October. Our club formed only last year and already we have secured accommodations on the second floor of the Melville Railway Station. We plan to be moved in and have our layout up and running by this winter.

The Melville Model Train Show will take place in the convention hall of the Horizon Credit Union Centre (HCUC), a spacious modern facility located just off Hwy 10 in Melville. Several clubs from Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be displaying their layouts at the Show. Canteen facilities are available at the HCUC during the day

and the Saturday evening banquet will be held in the convention hall with a BBQ roast beef dinner provided by Pro Barbeque Catering. Among the many prizes to be won at the banquet are two brand new True Line Trains Pointe St. Charles CN Cabooses - a rare find.

The weekend promises to be a great event and attract many curious local and area residents.

Ronald P. Haskell
Treasurer/Secretary
Melville Model Railway Club

Edmonton – Peter Ulvestad

The EMRA resumed its weekend operations for Fort Edmonton on the May long weekend. One or two members are on duty every Saturday and Sunday running trains for the public. The building expansion is slowing down as funds become depleted but we still hope to have occupancy by the fall. Electrical and plumbing are almost finished.

The MMRF held their annual BBQ in June with one of best turnouts since its inception. As an added bonus we had more trains than usual. Members from all the

Edmonton area clubs were in attendance with some new faces and lot of older faces.

The Greater Edmonton Train Show hosted by the MMRF is still a go for September 10 and 11. There has been a lot of interest by exhibitors. The Fall MMRF Swap Meet is scheduled for October 22nd from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Congratulations to Ed Molenkamp for receiving his AP Association Volunteer and Association Official certificates.

Calgary – Rob Badmington

Numerous informal groups continue to meet over the summer, some for operating sessions, and others for building projects together. After a three year break, Calgary Free-mo once again held its Alberta Free-mo extravaganza in the arena in Big Valley.

We are all looking forward to the many events scheduled for the fall and winter, starting with Railway Days at Heritage Park on the Labour Day weekend, followed by the South Bank Boomer Auction and CMRS Fall Mini-meet in October. Of course, many Calgarians are also planning to attend events in Edmonton, Nelson, and other places.

Lethbridge – Paul Smith

The Southern Alberta Model Railway Club has been meeting at our usual quieter summertime capacity. Members have been working on both layouts, including scenery in the harbour area and track/electrical maintenance for the HO scale layout, and track installation and planning scenery and industrial arrangements for the N scale layout. We're looking forward to forging ahead with various projects once our new year begins in September.

Speaking of the fall, we're planning for a couple of events. We'll be marking our 50th anniversary as a club in September. Yes, that's 50 years - forget the fact that

we're probably still running the same Athearn 40' boxcar the original members placed on the rails back in the day and concentrate on where we are now! We have a picnic gathering lined to up to celebrate this milestone.

We're also planning to hold our first Open House in years on October 22 and 23.

Check our web site (albertasouthernrailway.ca) for further details on our fall schedule.

We meet Tuesday evenings at our club house in Gyro Park, Lethbridge. Visitors are welcome, so come see us if you should be in the area..

Olds - Didsbury - Carstairs - Rick Astle

The Mountain View Model Railroad Club continues to battle the weeds and rain on the garden railroad layout at the Didsbury Museum but still manage to run trains most Saturdays and some Sundays throughout the summer. The museum is open 10 to 4 Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 4 Sundays and Holidays until September. The club's regular meeting schedule has been updated on our web site (www.mvmrc.ca/page2.html). We are a small group looking for new members and our HO layout on the museum's second floor is ready for some operating fun. If you have DC or DCC trains but no place to run

them, join our group and have some fun running trains and shooting the breeze.

On a personal note I am looking forward to beginning my new role as Assistant Superintendent 6th Div PNR NMRA and ask for your patience and understanding as I learn all that this role entails. I pledge to all members and potential new members that I will make every effort to be timely in my response to your questions and or concerns. I would also like to acknowledge all the dedication that Peter Ulvestad brought to the role over the past several years.

Let's make the 6th Division a great place to be involved in model railroading and grow our membership and that of NMRA Canada and PNR. Looking forward to the challenge!

Rick Astle ve6rla@gmail.com.

Moose Jaw – Greg King

TCMRC plan to attend the first Melville Saskatchewan model railroad show in October.

The club continues to see the success of having a display at the Town and Country Mall in Moose Jaw on Friday and Saturday afternoons. It is great to see the smiles on the faces and excitement of the kids young and old. A couple

of people have expressed an interest in joining the club as a result of visiting the Mall display.

The club is also going to get some copies of the World's Greatest Hobby hand book printed, which we will pass out to those showing an interest in the Hobby.

Airdrie / Iron Horse Park – Greg Orme

August already and here we are more than halfway through our 2022 season. Since Opening day on the 24th of May weekend the weather has been cooperating for the most part touch wood. Ridership has been very good this year now with the majority of the COVID restrictions lifted and we have moved back to more normal operations.

Our G Scale group has been very active this year entertaining our visitors young and old alike. They are still looking for anyone interested in joining them here at the park.

So if you're into G Scale come on out and join us.

This year the club continues to help other Non Profit Groups in Airdrie.

The Airdrie Public Library joined us at the park on Sunday July 17th. For a membership drive and on July 24th we hosted an Airdrie Food Bank Drive with over 800 riders and \$2500.00 worth of donations and ride ticket sales going to the food bank.

I hope you have been checking our Facebook page and YouTube channel for updates of what's happening at the park.

We continue to post new videos reports on a weekly basis of our ride days or anything else that we think would be of interest.

If you haven't been out to see us yet this year there's still lots of time till our last run day on the Thanksgiving weekend so come on out and take a train Journey.

As in my previous reports I have always mentioned that we are always looking for new members or volunteers to help us out at the park so if you have a bit of time and would like to get involved we would be happy if you would consider joining us. You don't have to have any equipment or experience to join and information is available on our website [Iron Horse Park - Public Pages](#) or come see us at the park any Sunday till October.

Until next time happy Railroading..

News Items from Dale – Dale Sproule

Finally, finally it appears as though many of us are able to return to our hobby and there are a whole lot of events ready for us to enjoy, and there is a lot of them so let's get started. I fully enjoyed the 6th Division Spring meet held in Camrose, congratulations to the operating crew who managed to pull it off despite staff shortages in the hotel. The Calgary Model Railway Society (CMRS) hosted a combination Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Flea Market Mini-Meet. I observed that the flea market had a lot more folks of 8-11 years of age with parents and younger folks age 11-15 on their own attending and buying at the flea market and all were asking some really great questions

about what to buy and quality equipment. A lot of these younger folks stayed on to enjoy the mini meet. CMT has gained 3-4 new members in the last 2 months. At our Wednesday operating sessions we now see 11-13 members counting at least 8 young operators.

Outside of the 6th Division area comes word that a wonderful Vancouver N-gauger Mark Dance has torn down his layout for health reasons. I had the opportunity to operate on his layout as part of the RMMBC about 4 years ago, a great experience. I understand his layout will be relocated to Edmonton. There are a several YouTube videos

on Mark's Columbia & Western available, watch and see what fine work can be done in N scale.

Calgary Model Trainmen's Club will be part of Heritage Park Railway Days September 3-4. The Calgary Model Railway Society (CMRS) is hosting their Fall AGM on October 16 at the Glenmore Inn, Calgary. The day is usually filled with clinics, model displays, lunch for paid up members and a Business Meeting. Look at the CMRS website for details. The 41st annual Boomer Auction will be held Saturday, Oct 15 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 703 Heritage Dr SW. Doors open for Set-up/Display/Viewing 08:30. The Auction starts at 10:00 am. COVID rules still apply, masks are advised and will be available at the door, check (www.sbsltrains.ca) for the latest information. CMRS is hosting their Fall Slide Night (tentative) November 18 in the River Park Church, 3818

14A Street SW, Calgary, AB at 7:30 pm. SUPERTRAIN 2023 has posted dates for April 15/16 2023. Watch the SUPERTRAIN website for details.

HOBBYTECH, a Calgary hobby shop has moved to a new address: 412-28 Street N.E., Calgary T2A 6T7. Much bigger and better! Time grows short to register grows short to register and attend the Canadian Pacific Historical Association meet to be held in Nelson September 17-21.

Athearn has now released their NAR Bay Window Caboose in 3 numbers and next May (2023) Athearn will release their NAR GP9.

Finally, Canada Post has released (about May 2022) a set of 10 stamps entitled "Vintage Travel Posters". Two of the stamps depict the Canadian Pacific era 1955 "The Canadian" with tail end dome car Banff Park.

Revelstoke Railway Museum

If you are driving west from much of the 6th Division and heading to the Okanagan or the West Coast, you are likely to take the Trans-Canada Highway through Rogers Pass. I strongly suggest that you allow a couple of hours to stop in Revelstoke and visit one of the best railway museums in Canada. In fact, plan to stay at least a day and enjoy more of what this beautiful mountain town has to offer – outdoor sports, great restaurants, friendly people, and railfanning the CPR main line.

Of course, the Revelstoke Model Railway Club's layout in the Museum continues to intrigue visitors of all ages. Doug Mayer and his team are continuing to build out the Revelstoke yards and roundhouse facilities. Because of space limitations, the new roundhouse has a unique cutaway back which will enable visitors to peek inside and see locomotives inside. The Club is also contemplating an extension which will portray Arrowhead, the place where the CPR's sternwheeler and railway car barge services met with the railhead and connected via the Arrow Lake Subdivision to Revelstoke and the transcontinental main line. (model photos below by Don Weixl)



Jim Cullen is the Executive Director of the museum. If you attended the 2019 PNR Regional Convention in Cranbrook, you will remember Jim gave us a very informative and entertaining after-dinner presentation at the banquet.

The museum recently opened a new exhibit that is of particular interest to model railroaders and railway enthusiasts. I asked Jim if he could share some insights about the exhibit and he has provided a selection of remarks to the audience at the Grand Opening. (editor)

Revelstoke is a Railway Town

Jim Cullen, Executive Director

Laura VanZant, Curator and Deputy Director

June 2022 was a special time for us at the Revelstoke Railway Museum, as we celebrated the opening of our major new exhibit “Revelstoke is a Railway Town”.

The term “Railway Town” seems to have been lost in time. When Jim was growing up in Calgary, he often heard his elderly relatives talk about a place as a “railway town”. Hanna, Alberta? Kindersley, Saskatchewan? All railway towns. Visiting some of the smaller towns in Saskatchewan and Alberta often revealed that the street closest to the tracks was “Railway Avenue”. The rest of the town may have dried up and blown away but the street sign was evidence to everyone just how important the railway was to the community.

Revelstoke didn’t share the fate of many railway towns. It is strong and vibrant and it is still a railway town deep in its soul.

Railway towns had a roundhouse, a yard, a bigger-than-normal station, often a water tank (or the foundations of one which had long-since been torn down), and lots and lots of resident railroaders. We are proud to use the phrase “Railway Town” for our new exhibit at the Revelstoke Railway Museum.



In our exhibit, you will meet early railway pioneers like Lou Patrick, whose long history working on the Revelstoke Division was miraculously accident-free. You will learn about the role of Brotherhoods and Ladies Auxiliaries, and how they created social spaces for railway workers and their families. You will explore the roots of Revelstoke’s tourism industry, and travel along railways and highways to better understand the ways Revelstoke is connected to other regions. By the end of the exhibit, we hope you will be asking questions about what the future of the railway could look like, in Revelstoke, in British Columbia, and in Canada.

What does it mean to live in a railway town? In what ways did the railway influence people’s daily lives? And how did the railway shape the history of Revelstoke? When we started developing this exhibit, these were the questions we wanted to answer.

Our exhibit celebrates our community and the people whose lives were shaped by living in a railway town. It discusses change, and the challenges that come with it. It celebrates the resiliency of the community in the face of these challenges, and the ways in which the people of Revelstoke have come together in times of adversity.



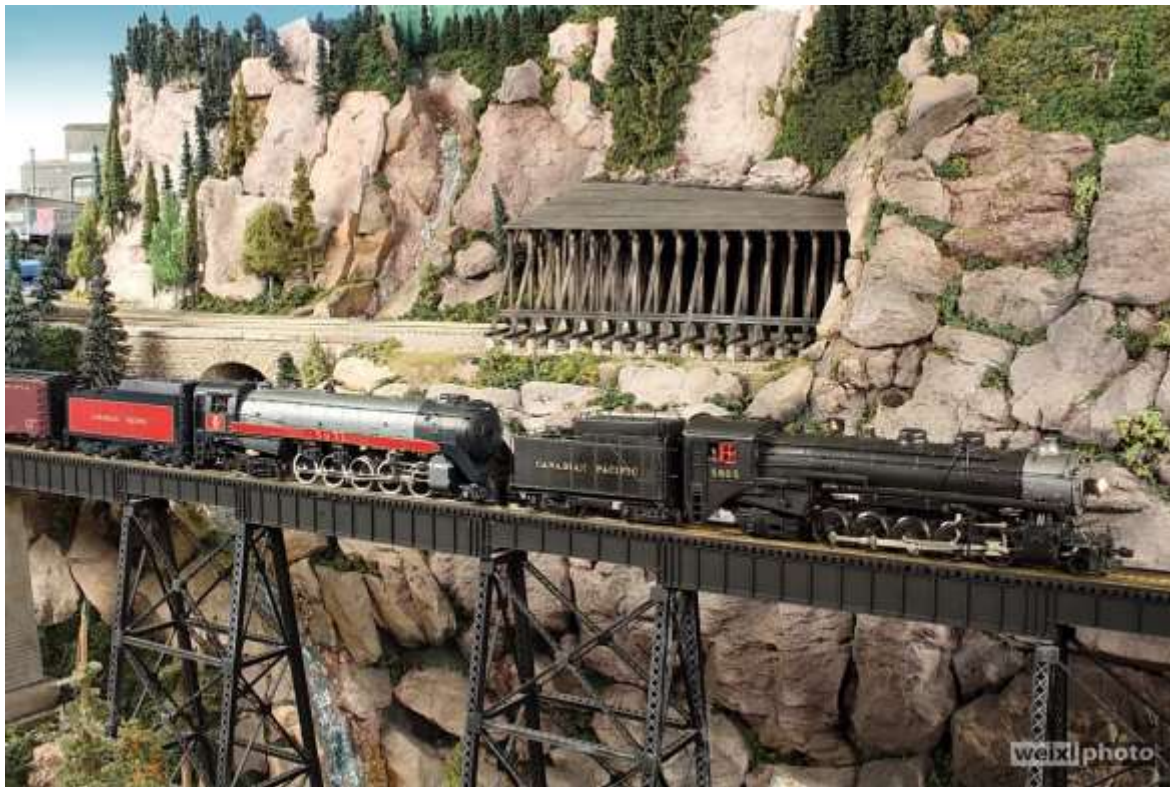
Revelstoke has come a very long way since 1883. While a railway town in the present day may not look the same as it did back then, the heart of Revelstoke still beats to the rhythm of the railway. Despite challenges and change, Revelstoke has persevered and remained a hub of community, tourism and economy. The founders of the Canadian Pacific Railway could not have envisioned the world in which we live today.

Although the exhibit will show you all of the ways the railway in Revelstoke has changed, we hope when you reach the end you will agree that Revelstoke, in some way, will always be a railway town.

Our local communities have needs and it's important that our Museum help respond to these needs. Our goals for the exhibit were to provide a gateway experience for visitors to Revelstoke, but also to re-ignite Revelstokians' understanding of, and pride in, Revelstoke's remarkable railway stories. For new Revelstokians, anything we can do to help them appreciate the colourful and just plain cool stories of their new home will help them become more engaged community members. We have been really pleased by visitor responses to our exhibit, one of the largest exhibits developed in-house in our museum's history.

This exhibit was made possible thanks to the support of many different people and organizations. We would like to thank our funders, Columbia Basin Trust, Revelstoke Credit Union, the Province of British Columbia's Resort Municipality Program, and a private donor, Mr. Len Thompson of Burnaby, for their generous financial support, and numerous institutions: Revelstoke Museum and Archives, Royal BC Museum, Ingenium, Glenbow Museum, McCord Museum, ExpoRail, Lake Superior Railroad Museum, Toronto Railway Museum, for their assistance with research and content. We would also like to thank the Revelstoke Heritage Railway Society Board of Directors for their support, and the museum's dedicated team of volunteers for their hard work.

Travel has re-opened in our region to levels similar to before the pandemic. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and come to see our exhibit and our museum. Revelstoke often seems to be one of the best-kept secrets in the BC Interior and with five museums and interpretive centres, we have a lot to offer.



Double header on
Twin Butte Bridge.
(photo by Don Weixl)

Queen City Express 2023 - Regina – Doug Johnson, Chair

The organizing committee has been hard at work on the 2023 convention to be held in Regina on the May long weekend. Arrangements have been made to hold the event at the Fairfield by Marriott hotel and a block of guest rooms has been booked. Room rates will not be fixed by the hotel until 2023 and we will advise when they are available. Current rates are about \$135 plus taxes.

A banquet for Saturday evening is being arranged at the hotel and a guest speaker has been lined up. Details will follow in a future Highball! The convention website is almost finalized and the link will be provided when it is ready for use. Regular updates are planned as event arrangements are made.

Several layouts have been lined up for the layout tour. Each future edition of Highball! will feature one or more of these. Photos and a description of Ian McIntosh's large CP railroad are on the next page.

Jeff Betcher is Clinic Coordinator and is looking for presenters. Anyone interested in doing a clinic can email him at j.betcher@icloud.com.

The committee is pleased to be able to present the first 6th Division convention in Regina since 2012 and we look forward to welcoming everyone to a spectacular event!

Ian McIntosh's model railroad is an HO scale double track mainline layout. The layout is operated on two levels, with two major helixes. The layout does not depict any specific lines or areas. Rather, it is a collection of what would be scenes and terrain from many areas of western Canada. The layout is approximately 25' x 32' in size.

The layout is transition era Canadian Pacific, with both steam engines and first generation diesels. The layout is operated using a Digitrax system. All track is Code 100 and all track switches are Peco.

Ian enjoys running trains, and this layout gives trains the room to do exactly that.



This is Ian McIntosh's HO scale Canadian Pacific layout. (photos by Doug Johnson)

CPR Boxcar Kit- Dave Audley

A few issues ago, I wrote about adding underbody detail to Accurail box car kits wanting to improve the underbody “look”. As I was doing the research for that project, I found some photos of CPR 36’-0 outside braced box cars. I knew Accurail makes a very decent 36’-0 box car kit so I ordered 2 undecorated kits wanting to see if I could produce a reasonable CPR box car. Photos 1 through 3 show the prototype box cars I wanted to build.



photo #1



photo #2



photo #3

The Accurail kits have a lot of very nice wood detail in the casting. What I wanted to do was remove the cast ladders and grab irons. The kit also has straight running boards that don't include the two side walks that go down the roof to where the ladders are located on the body. The kit also has the wrong doors cast into the body.

I ordered replacement roof walks and Youngstown doors from Tichy. I have a large supply of 18” drop grabs, but these can also be ordered from Tichy.

In order to remove the cast on ladders and grab irons, I used a new set of chisels ordered from UMM-USA, 1042 Inverrary Lane, Deerfield Illinois 60015, phone (847) 537-0867. These are very sharp and well balanced, allowing for ease of use. Photo 4 shows the tools.



photo #4

I began by getting both kits opened up and checking that everything was included. After examining the bodies and comparing them to the prototype photos, I knew I could produce a very close model.

I removed the provided roof walk. It is a friction fit and came off very easily. The Tichy roof walks are for a 40'-0" car, meaning that the Tichy roof walks needed to be shortened. I placed the Tichy roof walk on the body roof and measured the overhang. There has to be a scale 9" overhang at each end of the car making the shortened roof walk a scale 39'-0" long. I cut the extra material from the middle of the roof walk (the cut out piece is a scale 3'-9" piece). I also removed the mounting posts from the underside of the roof walks as they wouldn't match the holes in the body casting roof. I glued the roof walk to the cross braces cast onto the car body roof, setting the body aside so the glue can set.

The next step was to remove the ladders and grab irons. Using my new set of chisels, I carefully cut and scraped away the unwanted items. Don't forget to remove the grab irons cast into the bottom of the ends. Then I sanded down both the doors. I sanded until the cast wood lines disappeared. There is also a door stop, just past the first vertical to the right of the door that must also be removed.

At this point, we are ready to start detailing. Before doing the detailing, I detailed the underbodies following my previous article. Once that was done, I placed all the parts on my weigh scale so as to determine how much weight to add. I then added weight to the inside of the floor of the underbody.

I started adding details by drilling a lot of #76 holes, locating them where the ladder rungs and grab iron ends had been. This is a pretty tedious but important job. Take your time with this as this is going to add a lot of appeal to the finished car. Photo 5 shows this progress.



photo #5



photo #6

Photo #6 shows the 18" drop grab irons added to the "A" end of the car. Photo 7 shows a side view with the Youngstown door, door guides and door stops glued in place. The grab irons to the left of the door are straight grabs I bent out of Tichy .015 wire (#1102), glued in place.



photo #7

There are scale 4" by 4" styrene pieces (Evergreen #142 strips) glued under the roof walk ends above the ladders. These show as white strips in photo 7.



photo #8

Tichy part numbers:

- 3018 Youngstown steel door
- 3015 18" drop grabs
- 3029 Wood roof walk kit
- 3037 Eye bolts

Photo 8, showing the "B" end of the car, with the Tichy brake wheel, rodding and piping for the brake adjuster (also a Tichy casting). I also bent and mounted coupler cut levers. I used Detail Associates Eye Bolts to hold the cut levers. Tichy kit 3005 for K brakes or 3013 for AB brakes depending on the era you are modeling. Both kits include the brake adjuster casting.



photo #9

Photo 9 compares the original kit body with the newly detailed body. I have also added the “L” shaped grab irons (corner grabs) to the corners of the side walks just above the ladders.



photo #10

Photo 10 compares the original kit end with the modified “B” end. Finally – paint and decal time! I air brushed Scale Coat “CPR Box Car Red” on both the body and underbody. CPR painted the underbodies the same colour as the box car body. Scale Coat paint finishes in a very nice gloss coat, good for adding Black Cat decal sets, which was the next step. After adding the decals, I sprayed both the body and underbody with the Tamiya clear flat. That seals the decals to the car. Black Cat decal set #191220 36’ Single Sheathed Dominion or Fowler box car decals.

I added Cal Scale brakes hoses, part #276 to the right of the draft gear.

The last detail is to add the stirrup steps. Plastic steps are included in the kit. Glue these to the underside in each corner and paint to match the car body colour.



Place the car on your layout and enjoy!

Memories from the Rose City Meet, May 2022

Over the May Long Weekend, 33 model railroaders gathered in Camrose, Alberta for a fun-filled meet. We started on Friday evening with a pizza Meet & Greet in the preserved CN station where old friendships were renewed and new ones started.



Saturday morning was filled with three informative clinics at the Canalta Hotel. After lunch, we all drove to Rosalind, a small town southeast of Camrose, along the Battle River Railway. Ron Hillis, one of the Meet organizers and an employee of BRR had arranged a special treat for us. After a short wait, a train came into view and arrived in town. Once the regular excursion customers had disembarked for their lunch break in Rosalind, we all boarded the train for our own excursion. An SD40-2 on either end made the move westward easy for the crew, and we departed for a relaxing ride in the open gondola or the cupola of the caboose. One lucky young modeller got to ride in the locomotive!



At Rosalind, with cameras ready, modellers were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the train.



A former CN SD40-2 led the eastbound train to Rosalind where we boarded the gondola.



The open gondola was a perfect place to enjoy the ride on a sunny afternoon, although the caboose cupola was nice too.

We returned to Rosalind a little over an hour later and made our way over to the repurposed school, now home to the Detention Brewing Company which occupies the gymnasium and a couple of classrooms on the main floor. Upstairs, the Battle River Railway Modellers club have filled another classroom with their Free-mo module layout.



Rosalind School and some of the detailed scenes depicted on Battle River Railway Modellers Free-mo modules.



Back to the Canalta in Camrose, the banquet was a delicious meal of barbequed chicken and beef. This was followed by the presentation of the Silver Spike Award to Lynn and Ed Molenkamp for their many years of service to the 6th Division, the NMRA, and the hobby in general. Doug Burton was recognized for becoming Master Model Railroader #704. Congratulations Doug! It was noted that the 6th Division now has 5 MMRs, four of whom were at the Rose City Meet.



Ed Molenkamp (L) receiving the Silver Spike award from our new Assistant Superintendent, Rick Astle.



Seated side by side at the banquet are three of our Master Model Railroaders: Doug Wingfield MMR #484, Dale Sproule MMR #583 and Doug Burton MMR #704.

Our after-dinner speaker was Ron Hillis who regaled the audience with numerous stories from his career as a station operator and dispatcher for CN. We were amazed to hear of some of the hardships that Ron and his wife had to endure as they moved from town to town, sometimes living in virtually unheated stations. However, Ron also had plenty of happy and humorous tales too.

On Sunday morning, three more clinics were presented at the Canalta, and then we were off on layout tours after lunch. We were given a list of 5 layouts along with GPS coordinates, and good thing too, as four were in the country and only

one was in Camrose itself. Norman Skretting, Warren Bjornson, Randy Kvill, Ron Hillis, and Doug Burton each have great layouts, with much to see and learn from, and all were wonderful hosts.

Several people stayed over for Monday operating sessions on some of the layouts, and the rest of us dispersed back home, enthused by a great weekend of model railroad inspiration and camaraderie. Already looking forward to next year in Regina!

Warren Bjornson's multi-deck Alberta Pacific is built for operations



Doug Burton's layout includes many agricultural scenes



The Alberta Pacific is set in 1958, with steam power still in use.



Ron Hillis shows off his multi-level layout for Ron Haskell



A couple of town scenes on Doug Burton's CN Prairie highly detailed layout





Details make the difference. A Signal Maintainer waits by his motorcar for the passage of a high priority freight train on Norman Skretting's CN Clearwater Sub layout.

Grain Elevator – Dave Halliday

Grain elevators were a once common element of almost every prairie town, but now sadly, very few remain.



Here is a photo of the UGG grain elevator at Kinuso, Alberta on the south shore of Lesser Slave Lake. Although it has the traditional elevator silhouette, it is not as tall as most wooden elevators. The elevator is part of the Kinosayo Museum at Kinuso. The elevator is on the former Northern Alberta Railways line which is now owned by CN. The UGG logo is different than the one we're used to seeing.

Upcoming Events in and near the 6th Division

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

Note: All events are subject to modification or cancellation due to pandemic restrictions in effect at the time. Please check with the organizers close to the event date.

Aug 21 (Sun), Saskatoon SK

Railway Heritage Day at the Saskatchewan Railway Museum from 10 am to 5 pm. There will be a Food Truck, Caboose Rides, Demonstrations and a Show & Shine along with the regular Museum activities. Regular admission fees apply. \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, under 6 FREE. Visit the Museum's website at www.saskrailmuseum.org

Sept 3-4, (Sat-Sun), Calgary, AB

Heritage Park's Railway Days. 10 am to 5 pm. The extraordinary rail collection takes centre stage for two days with demonstrations, hands-on activities, and exciting exhibits. Regular park admission prices.

Sept 10-11, (Sat-Sun), Sherwood Park, AB

2022 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 AM - 5 PM, Millennium Place, 2000 Premier Way in Sherwood Park. Admission \$10, \$5 for youth 16 and under - children 4 and under FREE Layouts, displays, clinics, dealers and LEGO! Info:- www.mmrf.ab.ca. email: trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

Sept 17-21, (Sat – Wed) Nelson, BC

Canadian Pacific Historical Association Convention. 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. Please remember that you must be a member of either CPHA or GNRHS to attend this event. <https://www.cptracks.ca/nelson2022.html>

Sept 25 (Sun), Edmonton, AB

Edmonton Model Railroad Association annual Open House at the Freight Shed at Fort Edmonton Park. Visit the largest HO model railroad in Western Canada. 10 am - 4:00 pm. Free admission. Info:- www.emra.club

Sept 30 –Oct 2, (Fri – Sun), Edmonton, AB

Northern Rails 2022. There will be prototypical operating sessions at a variety of layouts in Edmonton and area Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will also be extra sessions in Calgary Thursday evening, Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening. There will be a social event Friday evening and an extra fare dinner Saturday evening. There will be a \$25 registration fee collected at the door. For a registration package please contact Cal Sexsmith at calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net or visit the website at www.infoharvest.ca/northernrails/

Oct 15-16 (Sat-Sun), Melville, SK

Melville Model Train Show, Horizon Credit Union Centre (HCUC) convention hall. Several clubs from Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be displaying their layouts at the show.

Oct 15, (Sat), Calgary, AB

41st Annual Boomer Auction, Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, (www.sbsltrains.ca) St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW. Setup and viewing 08:30am, dining car opens 09:30 am, auction starts at 10:00am.

Oct 16, (Sun) Calgary AB

CMRS Fall Mini Meet and AGM, Glenmore Inn. Clinics, Show & Tell. [The Calgary Model Railway Society](http://TheCalgaryModelRailwaySociety)

Oct 22 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Fall Swap Meet: Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 11113 113 St. 9AM-1PM, Admission \$3.00 Vendor Tables: \$25.00 Info:- Ric Francoeur, swapmeet@mmrf.ca Ph. 780-458-1032 www.mmrf.ab.ca

Oct 22-23 (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. Check our web site (albertasouthernrailway.ca) for further details.