

Highball!

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Malcolm Anderson's HO scale model of CPR's station / hotel which once stood on the shore of Shuswap Lake at Sicamous BC is nearing completion. More pictures and descriptions of the construction are in this issue.

(Malcolm Anderson photo)

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

Greetings to everyone in the Division.

I hope you all had a good summer as fall is fast approaching.

Membership remains steady.

The Hinton Meet was originally planned for this past spring but then because of the Jasper fires there was a lack of hotel space and venues so it was delayed to this fall. Now the Committee has decided to cancel the Meet. Many of the members are also involved in the Great Edmonton Train Show and they are feeling like there is

just too much on their plates. There are solid bids for 2026/2027 so something to look forward to.

The fall season of Shows and Mini Meets is just around the corner so stay current with upcoming events in this issue as well as the website.

The Great Edmonton Train Show has moved to the Expo Center on Sept 13/14. A brand new venue! We are hoping for a good turn out so mark your calendars.

Keep an eye on your emails as the AGM meeting for the 6th Division will be posted soon.

Assistant Superintendent's Report – Rick Astle

Trying to keep dry with about 12 inches of rain so far this year keeping the lawn cut and making improvements to my garden railroad. Shows and events coming this fall are now creeping into our thoughts. I hope all is well with members and their families this time of year.

I continue being busy with events in Didsbury and Olds as several family issues have made it difficult to travel away from home for more than a day at a time. I enjoyed my time at SUPERTRAIN split between the club's layout



and the division booth throughout the weekend.

Remember your division officers and volunteers are here to help NMRA and 6th Division members in particular. I am here to help you in any way I can. Please reach out, I don't know what you need or want without some form of dialogue.

Remember we are NMRA and we can make it better by being there to help each other or even one budding model railroader.

See you at the next stop, Rick
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From the Editor – Rob Badmington

This issue of Highball! is a bit late as I was waiting for the latest news on the proposed Hinton Meet. Well, as Ed has stated in his column above, due to numerous issues, the decision was made to cancel a 6th Division Meet this year. These events take a lot of planning and organization, not to mention a considerable amount of personal time to put together. While it is disappointing, at least there are plenty of other shows, mini-meets, and open houses where we can get together with our model railroad friends.

On the subject of cancellations, many will be disappointed to learn that after 43 years, the South Bank Short Lines

Club has decided to end the annual Boomer Auction, normally held in October in Calgary. Among other reasons, the age of the members has now surpassed the energy needed to run the event. The same issue has arisen with the Calgary RPM meet. See the story on page 7. Perhaps another group will step forward to take on one of these events.

As always, I am very grateful for the many reports, articles, and photos that are sent to me for each issue.

Contributions are always welcome for upcoming issues. Don't wait to be asked.

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

Hi everyone hope you are having a great summer!

AP has been rather quiet the last few months. There have been some discussions going on behind the scenes but we are working our way through it. I always feel very fortunate that Bill Fassett is the PNR chair for AP. Our participation in

Div 6 and the PNR has been fantastic so far again in 2025 so thank you to everyone involved.

The next event we have coming up is the Northern Alberta Railway Modelers Meet or NARMM on Oct 26th which is the day after the fall swap meet in Edmonton. .

Area Reports

Moose Jaw - Thunder Creek Model Railway Club – Al Howard

The Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club held its final meeting of the 2024-25 season on June 17. We then took our annual summer recess. Matters became complicated shortly afterward as the new management of the Town & Country Mall, as part of their reorganization of commercial space, asked us to move our operational display to another place in the mall by July 31. The club pulled together and we met our goal of being operational in the new space on August 1. We have some concern that we do not as yet enjoy the high traffic and visibility that we had in the old space but we are optimistic that traffic will improve as the commercial reorganization becomes finalized.

The club participated in SUPERTRAIN in Calgary on April 5 & 6 and Regina Railfest on April 26 & 27. We had 6 members attend and operate our display in Calgary and 8 members attend and operate our display in Regina.



The Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club display at SUPERTRAIN in Calgary April 5, 2025.

When the club resumes meeting in September the primary focus will be on planning our 2026 Annual show.

We are pleased to say that the club continues to operate every Friday & Saturday at the Town and Country Mall at 1235 Main Street North in Moose Jaw. We have an operating HO display plus a static N Scale display, as well as several other items of interest. Operating sessions are open to the public at no charge.

Olds - Didsbury - Carstairs - Rick Astle

The Mountain View Model Railroad Club has had a generally quiet summer showcasing our indoor HO layout and garden train to many visitors to the Didsbury Museum.

This year we are focused on improving some of our scenery, updating our web site and just having fun running trains and we encourage visitors to check our web site schedule to know when members will be there.

We recently had a family book a birthday party for their 6 year old train lover. We were fortunate the weather was fine as there was a three hour power failure and

the event started outside with the garden train running until closing. Power was restored at 1:00pm and they were able to move indoors to watch the trains inside before doing cake and presents.

The web site is being updated with new fall schedule to be finalized soon and we hope to keep content updated on a regular basis. Please visit www.mvmrc.ca to check our schedule and watch for the updated pages in the near future.

I can be contacted by email at ve6rla@gmail.com or by phone at 403.507.3314 daily...

Regina – Echo Valley Railroad Guild – Doug Johnson

This summer has been quiet for club activity as members have been enjoying outside activities and travel. Several members have been involved with individual modelling projects. Malcolm Anderson has made progress on his HO model of the Sicamous station and hotel and photos are included in this Highball! issue.

Preparation is underway for what will be a busy fall season. The Free-Mo group is planning on going to the

Winnipeg show on the last weekend in September and the On30 group is going to the show in Melville on October 18 and 19. In addition, the club has obtained space in an indoor mall to show layouts for the last two weeks in November. Planning has also begun for Regina Railfest 2026 to be held next year on April 25 and 26 at the Caledonian Curling Rink in Regina.

Melville – Ron Haskell

The Melville Model Railway Club will be hosting its fourth annual Melville Model Train Show at the CN Community Centre (photo attached) located at 575 - 2nd Avenue West in Melville 18-19 October. The show is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. both days. Admission is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for youth (6-17 years of age) and free for children 5 and under. There is also a family rate of \$25.00 for immediate family members. An HO starter set is being offered as a door prize. Almost every club in Saskatchewan will be represented. Many favorite layouts from past shows will be returning. As well, some new layouts will be making their debut. The Melville Model Train Show is

made possible by a generous sponsorship from CN.



Saskatoon – Roger deWeerd

Well, summer is upon us and we at Prairie Rail Workshop Model Railroad Club are busy doing maintenance on our HO, N and T Track layouts, getting them ready for the upcoming train show season. We

are also building 3 new tables for the N Scale layout and are planning to expand our HO layout as well.

For those who are visiting Saskatoon over the summer, our clubhouse is open Thursday from 6 to 9 pm and Sundays from 12 to 6 pm. Pop in to see the layouts and to visit. Our address is 103 3rd Ave N, double doors, down the stairs to the basement and we are on the left.

Now is the time to start planning to attend our All Aboard Train Show, February 14 and 15, 2026. We will be sending registration packets out in August and September. If you have never participated in the show before, send an email to allaboardtrainshow@gmail.com and we will send you an information/registration package.

Another event that is fast approaching is our annual Swap Meet October 19 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63, 606 Spadina Crescent West, Saskatoon, time - setup 12 - 1:30, doors open to the public at 1:30 and sale goes till 5:30 or until no more people come in. Table cost is still \$25.00 each, if you would like a table(s) or have questions please email prwswapmeet@gmail.com.

That is what is happening here at Prairie Rail Workshop, have a safe and wonderful summer, happy model railroading.

Edmonton



Lethbridge — Paul Smith

The Southern Alberta Model Railway Club has enjoyed a quiet summer and is preparing for a new club year commencing in September. Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for September 16 and our Fall Open House is planned for October 18 and 19 (1100 to 1600 both days). We're looking forward to beginning work on a new N scale layout once our plans are completed as well as structure and scenery work on our

HO scale layout. We're organizing material from our mountain of stuff for another in-house/members only auction during the fall. As always, any Highball reader who's in the vicinity of our Gyro Park clubhouse on a Tuesday night (except for our AGM night, please) or during our Open House is welcome to drop by for a visit.

Airdrie / Iron Horse Park — Greg Orme

Here we are in August already and more than halfway through our 2025 run season. Since Opening Day on the 24th of May weekend the weather has been cooperating

for the most part but we have still had the odd wet run day. Ridership has been relatively good this year despite the wetter weather.

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. We have had one Food Bank run day already this year with another planned for August 17th.

Last year we ordered a new CPR SD70Ace locomotive from Titan Trains (like the one in the prototype photo) and are eagerly awaiting its delivery. Titan had promised delivery by April but you know how that goes; they will promise anything to get an order. So here we are still waiting and hopefully we will get it before the end of the season.

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 video reports on a weekly basis on our ride days or anything else that we think would be of interest.



Construction has started on a snow shed in the south

end of our trackage in honour of one of our late members Joe Purves.

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 web site or come see us at the park any Sunday till October.

Until next time, Happy Railroading.

Calgary – Dale Sproule

I read in May 2025 issue of NMRA magazine that 7 year old Ryker Josephson was signed up as the newest and youngest member of the NMRA by his grandfather in the 5th Division PNR. Why not do the same for your grandson or granddaughter?

Members of The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club had our 2nd annual "SHOW AND TELL" evening in May and again members came out in force to show what they have been doing at home that they are proud of. Again, projects do not have to be train related.

Does anyone know of a 6th Division member in the Estevan, SK area?. If so, please reply to myself, Dale Sproule (sproules@telusplanet.net) .

A beginner level workshop of creating hardshell scenery was held recently with mild success. In days of old I would use newspaper strips but *The Calgary Herald* sure has gone cheap, the newspaper strips almost melt in the hydrocal wash. Need to use stronger towels I guess! Hydrocal is available in Calgary at Industrial Plastics.

END OF THE LINE FOR ROYAL TRAIN AFTER 156 YEARS

The Royal Train will soon leave the station for the last time. King Charles III has accepted it's time to decommission the train whose history dates to Queen Victoria, because it costs too much to operate and would have needed a significant upgrade for more advanced rail systems, Buckingham Palace said. "In moving forwards

we must not be bound by the past,” said James Chalmers, a Palace official. The train, actually a suite of nine railcars that can be hitched to commercial locomotives, will be decommissioned before the maintenance contract expires in 2027. That will bring to an end a tradition that dates back to 1869, when Queen Victoria commissioned a pair of special coaches to her travels. The decision was announced during the palace’s annual briefing on the royal finances. (*Associated Press*) .

Union Pacific, a freight rail giant announced on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, that it had reached an agreement to acquire Norfolk Southern, another large railroad, in a deal worth \$85 billion. Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern are most likely betting that the Trump administration, already pushing deregulation in the rail industry, will approve the deal. A spokeswoman for BNSF declined to comment but pointed to Warren Buffett’s denial last week that Berkshire had hired bankers from Goldman Sachs to assess a deal with CSX. The transportation board has to assess whether the merger enhances competition. The board is currently split between two Democratic appointees and two Republicans. A fifth board member, to be appointed by President Trump, may not be installed for many months. The merger would cut the number of major freight railroads in the United States to five from

six. Most of the freight, however, is carried by just four companies: Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern, CSX and Berkshire Hathaway’s BNSF. If BNSF and CSX were to also combine, as some analysts expect, nearly 90 percent of rail freight would be in the hands of two companies.

However in 2023 the STB approved the first major rail merger in more than two decades. In that deal, which was supported by big shippers, Canadian Pacific acquired Kansas City Southern for \$31bn to create the CPKC railroad. But there were some unique factors in that CPKC deal that combined the two smallest major freight railroads. The combined railroad, regulators reasoned, would benefit trade across North America. The deal was approved, in part, because the combined company had little to no overlapping routes, which is the case with Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern.

But if this deal is approved, the two remaining major American railroads – BNSF and CSX – will face tremendous pressure to merge so they can compete. The continent’s two other major railroads – Canadian National and CPKC – may also get involved. Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern said they expect to submit their application for approval within the next six months and hope the deal would get approved by early 2027.

Calgary Railway Prototype Modellers Meet – Dave Audley

The 2025 Calgary Prototype Modeler's Meet was held Friday evening May 9 with a slide show and Saturday May 10 with 6 clinics and many displays.

The Friday evening slide show had an audience of 12 people, two folks bringing slides in a wonderful and appreciated showing that had to be "ended" at 8:55.

Saturday saw many models on display as well as some ephemera around barges and slips found in the Rosebery area of BC. The format was 3 morning clinics, no-host pizza lunch and 3 afternoon clinics, all clinics were well received!

Paid admissions was \$15 for the entire event, which numbered 30. Where else can you spend a day with new and old friends, enjoy first class clinics, displays, and photos, discuss modelling techniques and have 2 pizza slices for 5 bucks more! Many, many doorprizes were

donated by Trains and Such and HobbyTech, both Calgary shops. Please support these and any other hobby shops in your area since they continue to be a huge supporter to events like this one.

So after Dave Audley and friends have run this RPM show for the last 8 or so years it is time for a change. Dave has done enough in organizing this show for the hobby and hopes a new club or group of people can take over. Dave presently has a positive bank account, a projector and computer ready for the next photo evening, all of which he would hand over to the next host group. More importantly, he has some very positive comments and suggestions on how to make the next show a success and make a profit for the host group.

Dave Audley can be contacted at:

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NMRA Station No. VI National Convention – Cal Sexsmith

I attended the NMRA Station No. VI National Convention in Novi, Michigan from July 14th to 19th. When the first railroad was built through Novi the siding was called Station No. VI on the drawings so when it came time to name the town they chose Novi.

I arrived in Michigan a couple of days early so I could participate in an operating session on Bruce Chubb's **Sunset Valley System** in Grand Rapids. The layout occupies a 2650 sq. ft. basement that is actually larger than the house extending under the sun porch and 2 ½ car garage. In one location it actually has four decks, although much of it is single deck. The layout is centred on Portland, Oregon and represents the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Spokane Portland & Seattle, Northern Pacific and Great Northern. One of the branchlines represents Bruce's free-lanced Sunset Valley Railroad. Some parts of the original Sunset Valley are incorporated into this layout. Bruce hopes that the layout will eventually be re-located to a purpose built museum.

Bottom deck Spokane staging, 2nd deck Coos Bay Branch,
3rd deck SP mainline, 4th deck Sunset Valley

(two photos by Cal Sexsmith)



The next day a few of us were able to operate on Skip Luyk's **Arcadia & Betsey River**. This is a logging railroad with a lot of geared locomotives and occupies a 14 x 28 room in his basement. The log loads are live and are dumped in the log pond during the session. After leaving Skip's I drove to Novi for the start of the convention.

I was able to participate in two more operating sessions in the Novi area. Jim Botsko had a basement filling O scale version of a Pennsylvania Railroad secondary line with lots of first generation diesels. The other was Kevin Griffin's Iowa Central. This is a modern short line occupying a 13 x 19 room in his basement and represents the town of Vinton, Iowa including a junction and a short branchline. Trains are fed onto the layout from surround staging.



All of the layout tours were self-guided and ran in a different geographic direction each day. Highlights for me were the late Bill Neale's Pennsylvania Panhandle Division, Doug Tagsold's Colorado & Southern and Brook Stover's Buffalo Creek & Gauley. Bill's layout, at least the structures and rolling stock, has been sold to Doug Tagsold! Doug will be removing the scenery and structures from the C&S, modifying the track where necessary, and installing Bill's structures. Also of interest is the fact that the soon to be gone C&S was built to 1:72 scale utilizing HO scale track and mechanisms.

I only attended one clinic at Novi but I presented two clinics (both twice), assisted with the Make Only New Mistakes (MONM) layout design clinic and participated on the What

Would You Do Differently (WWYDD) panel discussion. Both MONM and WWYDD are presented by the Layout Design Special Interest Group (LDSIG). LDSIG also sponsors the annual SIG dinner at the National. This year the guest speaker was Tony Koester.

The National Train Show was restricted to two days this year instead of the usual three days and only the first hour was exclusive to convention registrants. Unfortunately, this was enough time to see most of the show. In my experience I think peak National Train Show was in St. Paul in 1999.

Next year the National is in Chattanooga, Tennessee; 2027 will be in Tacoma, Washington and 2028 is rumoured for Rochester, New York.

Gas Refinery – Dennis Dreher MMR

A Gas Refinery is rarely seen on many layouts. When I saw this kit, I had to acquire it. It had to be built.

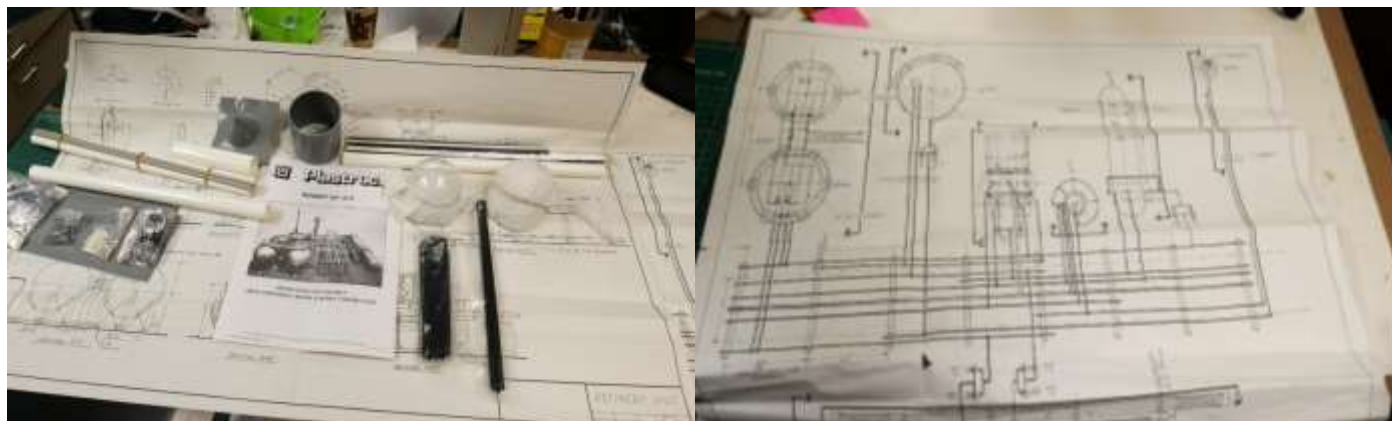
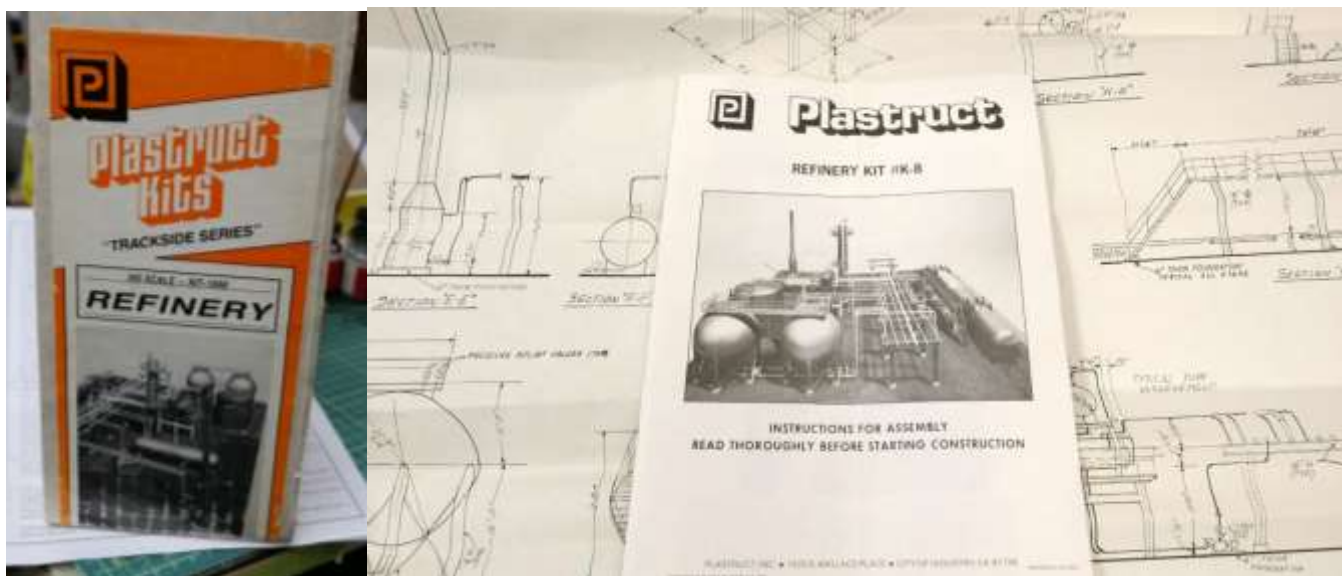
I was reluctant to start this kit for a number of reasons. It looked unfamiliar to me; the instruction book was 8 pages with some photos on each page but there was no step-by-step wording as to parts and instructions like all kits I built before. Hmm..., but I knew that it would turn out fabulous once complete. So, on June 1 this year I started this Plastruct 1008 kit. What could go wrong and how hard is it to build? See photos below.

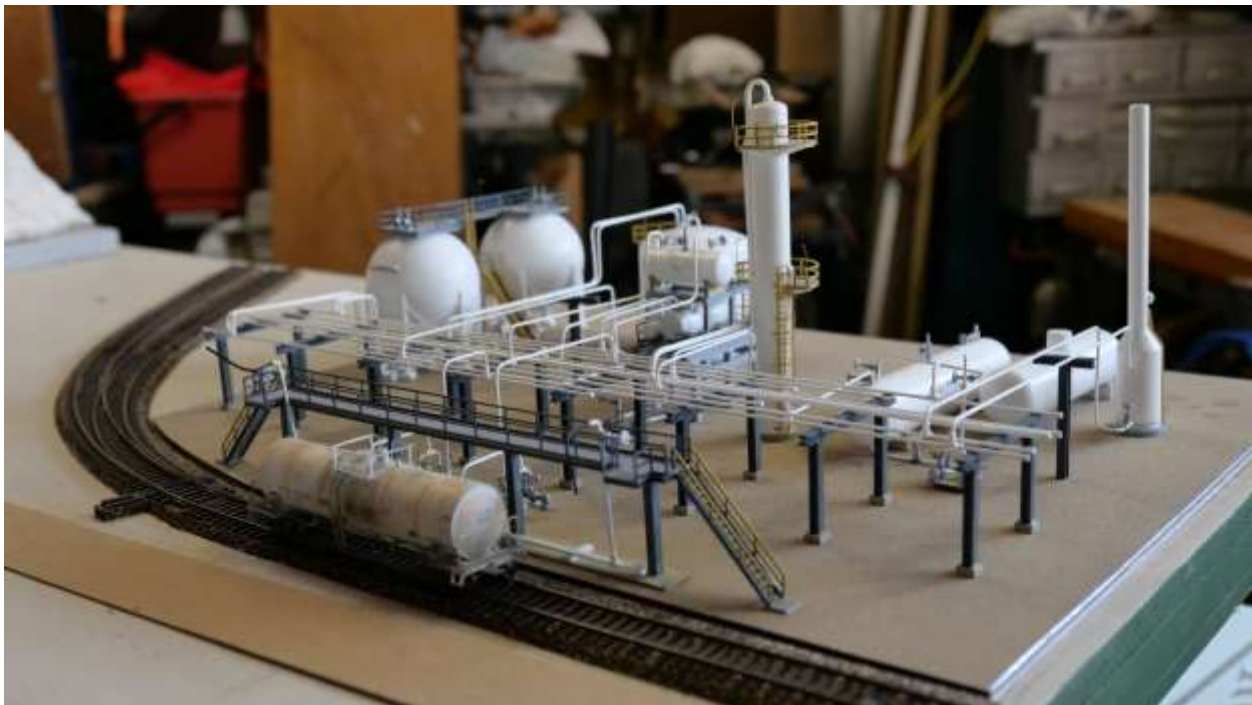
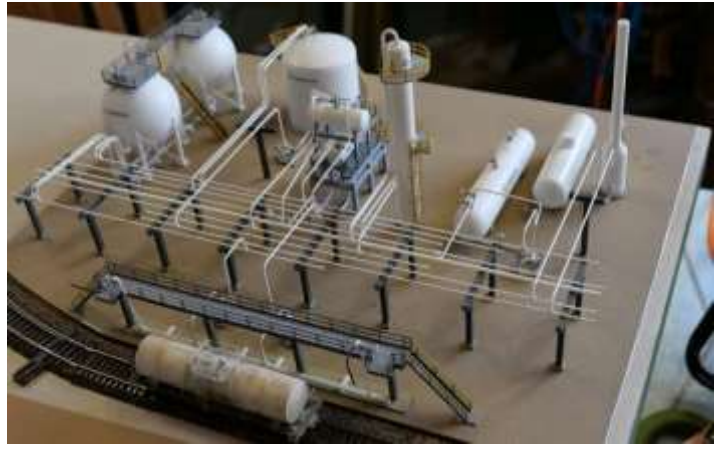
Around July 15, 2025 it was complete and on a base ready for a diorama. The gas plant has LEDs that I soldered tiny wires to and drilled small holes in platforms and glued in place. Under the base I soldered 1K ohm surface mount resistors to each LED.

I'm going to enter this kit for AP program scratch-built structure for a merit award. I'll get the AP 6 Division Chair, Doug Burton to assess it. I'll make room for another merit award on my wall.

I really enjoyed building this kit because it challenged my skill due to the lack of instructions. I had to think how to cut the curved platform bases and bend the stairs on the large tank. Steam from a boiling kettle assisted in bending the plastic parts. Many other problem-solving nights had one's mind working overtime. Solutions came about after some trials and errors.

I won't get into each step or the head scratching events but I would recommend an experienced craftsman could build it. It is NOT for inexperienced builders unless they want the challenge.





Sicamous Station / Hotel by Malcolm Anderson



(Malcolm Anderson photos)

Malcolm is going for the Prototype Model AP award with this project. He started this project late last year and it is nearing completion. It is an HO model of the Sicamous station/hotel that once stood on the shore of Shuswap Lake. The entire scene is a Free-mo standard module that is nine feet long in two sections. The hotel model is scratch built from plans from the Sicamous Museum. It is 22-1/2 inches long, with lots and lots of shingles and windows! The stone foundation is cast plaster with hand carved mortar lines. The platform is board-by-board construction that is just under 6 feet long, made out of cherry strip-wood. Seven other scratch built structures will be included to match photos circa 1920. He plans to have the modules ready for next year's spring shows in Regina and Moose Jaw.

Editors Notes: The May 2024 issue of *Railroad Model Craftsman* published plans of the station, drawn by Patrick Lawson, along with a couple of photos taken in the early 1900s. The station was torn down in 1964.



A shore-line view of the station/hotel, complete with planter boxes and fabric awnings.

A view of the impressively long cherry wood platform.



Monashee Laser Engineering – Rick McPhee

We started Monashee Laser Engineering around 7 years ago to fill a need in the Canadian model railroad industry. Our focus is mostly on providing Canadian models and parts not currently available from another manufacturer. All our fine scale model kits are manufactured in house from initial design to completed parts and packaging. Laser cutting/engraving and 3D print manufacturing is done using modern technologies and materials. Our goal is providing a museum quality product that modelers with some experience will be successful in assembling.

We'd like to thank many of you that have been customers or subscribed to our newsletter. Our newsletter comes out every couple of months and announces newly released models, upcoming projects, shows we'll be attending and other great stuff. Come give us a visit at our website and subscribe. www.monasheelaserengineering.ca

Now Available	Shipping in August	Coming Soon
 <p>CPR 'Witches Hat' Station</p>	 <p>CNR 'Special' Third Class Station (Plan 100-19)</p>	 <p>CPR #2A Freight Shed Plan H-14-68-1-A</p>

6th Division Website Events Page - Peter Ulvestad

The events pages on the 6th Div website, the 6th Div Highball! and the PNR Switchlist all rely on events being submitted to us. If you are hosting a model railroad event in your area and would like free advertising, please email the details of your event (with contact information) to timetable@pnr.nmra.org. Submissions are normally up on the website within a few days and included in both the Highball! and Switchlist in their next publications.

Upcoming Events in and near the 6th Division

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

September 13-14, 2025, Edmonton, AB

Greater Edmonton Model Train Show - New location! To be held at the Edmonton EXPO Centre. Activities for the whole family including the LEGO Activity Centre, Operating layouts, How-to clinics & demonstrations, Static displays, and Dealer booths. More information to come: <https://www.mmrf.ab.ca/>.

September 13-14, 2025, Calgary, AB

Railway Days at Heritage Park. Check [Railway Days | Heritage Park](#) for more info.

October 5 (Sun), 2025, Edmonton, AB

Edmonton Model Railroad Association's Annual Open House

10 AM to 5 PM at Fort Edmonton Park's Freight Shed, 7000 143 St NW, Edmonton, AB



- Enter **EMRA** into Google maps for easy directions. Building and operating the Monashee Pacific Railway, one of the largest model railroads in Canada. A large selection of model railroad equipment will be for sale. Visit the [Edmonton Model Railroad Association's](#) website.

October 5 (Sun), 2025, Calgary, AB

CMRS Fall Mini Meet and AGM - Glenmore Inn. Clinics, Show & Tell, plus a special presentation by Trevor Marshall, a noted author of many articles in *Railroad Model Craftsman* magazine.

October 18-19, 2025 (Sat-Sun), Melville, SK

Melville Model Train Show CN Community Centre, 10:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. both days. Cost: \$10.00 - adults, \$5.00 - youth 6-17, \$25.00 - family, free - under 6. For more info email Ron at melvillemodelrailwayclub@outlook.com

October 18-19, 2025 (Sat-Sun), Lethbridge, AB

Southern Alberta Model Railway Club Fall Open House. 1420 10a Ave S, Lethbridge, AB
Admission is FREE, but donations are gratefully accepted.

October 19, (Sun), Saskatoon SK

Swap Meet at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63, 606 Spadina Crescent West, time - setup 12 - 1:30, doors open to the public at 1:30 and sale goes till 5:30 or until no more people come in. Table cost is still \$25.00 each, if you would like a table(s) or have questions please email prwswapmeet@gmail.com.

October 25, (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Fall Swap Meet Central Lions Seniors Recreation Centre, 11113 - 113 Street, Edmonton, Alberta
11 AM - 2 PM. Free parking in rear. More information to come at <https://www.mmrf.ab.ca>

Oct 26, 2025 (Sun), Edmonton, AB



Northern Alberta Rail Modellers Meet (NARMM) 2025. RPM-style event with clinics, model displays and more. 18325 Stony Plain Rd (Wolfe GMC Buick), Edmonton, Alberta
More information to come at <http://www.narmm.ca/>

Feb 14-15 2026 (Sat-Sun), Saskatoon SK

The Annual All Aboard Model Train Show. We will be sending registration packets out in August and September. If you have never participated in the show before, send an email to allaboardtrainshow@gmail.com and we will send you an information/registration package.



April 25-26, 2026 (Sat-Sun), Calgary, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2026, Canada's Largest Model Train Show. 9 AM to 5 PM both days. Olympic Oval at the University of Calgary campus, Calgary. Adult (17+) - \$15.00; Youth (7-16) - \$5.00; Kids (6 and under) - Free.

More than 70,000 sq. ft. of operating layouts, exhibits and displays, railroad artists, hobby shops, model manufacturers, demonstrations, 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

Photos Over Time at Banff Station – Dave Audley

Several years ago, I built a somewhat compressed version of Banff Station. I had to shorten both the length and width to fit my layout. Lately, I have been thinking about posing some of my models from different eras in front of the station.



The first photo has 6713 doing some switching. CPR kept a yard switcher at Banff for many years, usually switching private passenger cars into the Garden Tracks East of the station. The Garden Track area is now a parking lot and local bus "station", the buses taking people into downtown Banff.

The second photo has units 8615 and passenger unit 8521. These GP units were very common from the 1950's through the 1960's as mainline power.

The third photo has FM C-Line units 4081 and 4452 (a B Unit). I have a rather large FM locomotive collection and wanted to show off some of these locomotives. These were more commonly seen on the Kettle Valley line but they occasionally made it into Banff!



The fourth photo has 4081, 4452 and 8721, an A-B unit with an H-Line in front, a combination usually seen working out of Nelson.

The fifth photo has SD 40-2's 5572 and 5674 on a West bound freight in the siding waiting for another West bound to pass.

The sixth photo has H-Line 8721 doing some switching in the Banff yard as two other trains wait their turn to get out on the West bound main! And that's what I saw this Monday evening at Banff Station.