

Highball!

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Brand new CN SD75IACC No.8344 was seen solo leading CN 111 wasting no time after a crew change at Wainwright AB. (Kevin Cameron photo)

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

Greetings to all of you in the Division. Here we are at the end of another year with winter coming soon.

Once again, I report that the Division remains strong with membership and our finances steady as reported by our treasurer at the recent AGM.

I have reported earlier and in the *Switchlist* about the changes to all of our Shows and Events. The changes to venues for our Shows have worked out very well.

The current coordinators have been appointed to their positions for another 2 years as well. Thank you to them all.

We have scheduled a 6th Division Convention next June in Fort Saskatchewan which is located near Edmonton. The "Heartland Express" will run from June 5 -7. The Yellowhead Club will organize this convention. Hotel

information will be out shortly and a website is being constructed so stay tuned to *Highball!* and watch for email blasts.

Other news to report from NMRA Canada is that there will be elections coming up next year as all elected officials have timed out. On the ballot will be President, Vice President and District Director positions.

As well, we are getting a new website built for NMRA Canada in the next 2 months. This is exciting news as the existing one is showing its age and not functioning well anymore as some of you have noticed. It will feature a membership system that allows members to go onto the site and make changes to their personal information like phone and address changes.

I hope the Train Santa treats you all well!

Assistant Superintendent's Report – Rick Astle

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 G.E.T.S. split between touring the show and the division booth on Saturday.

The November 1 NMRA *eBulletin* outlined 'Vision 2035'. I hope you took the time to read the bulletin. I believe there is much to look forward to over the next ten years.

Remember your division officers and volunteers are here for 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. Looking forward to the division meet scheduled for June 2026.

From the Editor – Rob Badmington

Sometimes I wonder why I don't get more work done on my layout, and then I remember all the other model railroad activities that take me away from my own basement. Attending meets and shows, participating in operating sessions on other layouts, and editing *Highball!* all take up a fair amount of my time. And now I find myself back in the position of SUPERTRAIN Chairman for 2026. I'm not complaining, I enjoy all of this. I'm just glad I'm retired and don't have to find time to go to work too.

For this issue I have been swamped with feature articles about layouts and models and the prototype too. I hope you enjoy this content. We also have reports from eight different areas around the 6th Division, so lots of things are happening. I am very pleased that Kevin Cameron has answered the call to provide updates on what is happening in the Wainwright and eastern Alberta area.

Two modelers from our division had construction articles published in the most recent edition of the PNR *Switchlist*. Well done Malcolm and Dave!

I look forward to receiving the *NMRA Magazine* in my mailbox every month and although I received the October and November issues on consecutive days last month, I thank Canada Post for delivering them. I enjoy reading Editor Cinthia Priest's Observation Car columns as she always has an interesting viewpoint on enjoying our hobby. Cinthia also has a long article in the October *Model*

Railroader magazine wherein she outlined the many benefits of the NMRA's Achievement Program.

Looking at the back page of *Highball!* or the Events page of the 6th Division website, you can see that there are many shows, meets, sales, and other activities in the coming months. While this is a very good thing, inevitably there will be conflicts where two events happen on the same weekend. I feel bad that due to availability of the venues, SUPERTRAIN in Calgary will be on the same dates as Regina Railfest, the last weekend of April 2026. Whether you participate as an exhibitor, volunteer, or attendee, I strongly urge you to support shows in your local area. No doubt you will come away with some new ideas, merchandise, and maybe new friends.

Some early information is emerging about our upcoming Spring Meet, the Heartland Express, to be held in June in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. I'm looking forward to attending and hopefully seeing you there.

As always, I am very grateful for the many reports, articles, and photos that are sent to me for each issue. Please send contributions for upcoming issues anytime.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

No report this issue. .

Area Reports

Moose Jaw - Thunder Creek Model Railway Club – Al Howard

Since resuming meetings from our summer recess, the Thunder Creek Model Railway Club has focused on our annual show. We are pleased to announce that our 2026 show will be held Nov 7 and 8, 2026 at the Moose Jaw Exhibition Convention Centre. This is a significant change from our usual time and venue; however, we believe that we will be able to better accommodate all exhibitors and guests. More details will follow.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Oct 28. We broke even financially last year and therefore decided to keep our membership dues the same. Barry

Johnson, Al Howard and Gilles Doiron were elected as President, Vice President and Treasurer respectively.

We had a very successful Halloween day at the mall seeing about 400 kids go through our display area. We continue to operate every Friday & Saturday in unit 125 at the Town and Country Mall located 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.

Regina – Echo Valley Railroad Guild – Doug Johnson

Members of the club's Free-Mo group took the layout to the Winnipeg show in late September and reported that it was well attended and a good show. Club members have been preparing for a show in a community room in the Victoria Square mall in east Regina. The show will include the On30 South Park & Western layout, the HO30 Haslam Bridge layout and several railroad displays. The public viewing will be

from November 19 to November 29. We see this as a good opportunity to demonstrate what model railroading is all about and maybe attract some people into the hobby. Planning is also being carried on for Regina Railfest 2026 which will be held next year on April 25 and 26 at the Caledonian Curling Rink in Regina.

Olds - Didsbury - Carstairs - Rick Astle

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

The museum has experienced a boiler failure and with the colder weather approaching the decision to close until the new boiler is installed was made. We are hopeful all repairs will be complete before the end of November and we can return to our regular schedule.

The web site is being updated with a 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.

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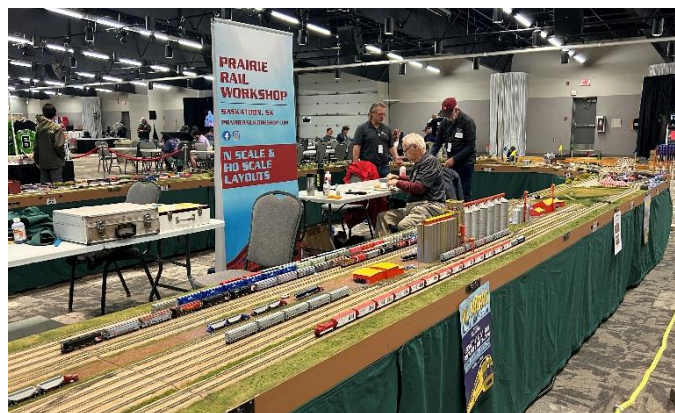
Saskatoon – Roger deWeerd

Hello everyone from Prairie Rail Workshop here in Saskatoon. Our club has been busy this past month with some events that we were involved in. On October 4 and 5 Prairie Rail Workshop had their N scale layout up and operating at the Saskatchewan Card & Collector Experience Show at Prairieland Park. It was a great show, with 4,000 visitors coming through. It was wonderful to display and operate our layout for the people at the show and to also promote our train show and swap meet as well.



On October 19, we held our fall swap meet, 18 tables of model railroad treasures for sale, everyone had a great time with folks from Saskatchewan and Alberta coming to sell. Our spring sale is coming in March. Also if you haven't marked your calendars yet, keep February 14 and 15, 2026 open to attend or participate in the All Aboard Train Show at Prairieland Park, we have already

started planning for the show and look forward to hosting a great event again. If you are interested in obtaining vendor tables or to bring your layout to display, contact us at allaboardtrainshow@gmail.com. For those who participated in the show in past years, a registration form will be emailed, should you not receive one please contact us. We are also busy building several new modules for the N Scale layout and are exploring more with T Trac. Attached are pictures of the Card and Collector show and the swap meet. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, may you find your train wish list under the tree from Santa. From all of us at Prairie Rail Workshop.



Edmonton

Mainline Model Railroaders Fellowship (MMRF)

The MMRF successfully held the 2025 Greater Edmonton Train Show September 13 and 14 at its new venue, the Edmonton Expo Centre. Plans are already underway for the 2026 show to be held on October 3rd and 4th of 2026 at the Expo Centre. The Fall Swap Meet was held Oct 25 and the spring event will be in April. Watch <https://www.mmrf.ab.ca/> for updates.

Edmonton Model Railroad Association

At the EMRA, work is underway on a 5 phase south staging upgrade.

- Phase 1 - Columbia Gardens Coach Yard
Columbia Gardens Coach Yard had been mostly complete but some track started lifting, probably due to extreme humidity changes when there was a water leak in the area. The track has now been removed and the coach yard rebuild is now included in phase 2.
- Phase 2 - Columbia Gardens
The new Columbia Gardens Staging will include a new coach yard as well as 6 full length staging tracks and a run through "Main" track. This replaces our existing Columbia Gardens which has 3 tracks that can't hold full length trains.

[Track Plan](#)

- Phase 3 - CPR West Staging - Van Horne
Phase 3 will replace the existing Van Horne Staging and have ability of holding several full length trains

[Track Plan](#)



- Phase 4 - Blueberry Creek and CPR East Staging - Nelson
Replace the existing Columbia Gardens staging yard with a new single 35 car siding to be called Blueberry Creek
Install a new four track staging yard (Nelson).
The new yard to be installed below the current elevation of the existing Columbia Gardens staging track.
- Phase 5 - Castlegar Wye Extension
Realign tail of the Castlegar Wye track to allow for it to be extended around the end of the Tadanac peninsula under the south end of Castlegar to join up with the CPR East staging yard (Nelson).

Other current projects include redoing the Vernon hillside (one section left to complete) and structure construction for Tadanac yard (Trail).

<https://www.emra.club>

Airdrie / Iron Horse Park – Greg Orme

The end of our regular run season at Iron Horse Park was Sunday October 11, Thanksgiving weekend. Another successful season with a total of 24 run days and 13,417 passengers taking the trip from Airdrie Station to Vancouver and back.

We added another 903 passengers on our Halloween run October 26 in support of the Airdrie Food Bank. This year we were able to collect 837 lbs in donations with a

food value of \$3046.68 along with more than \$1200.00 in cash donations and sales for regular journeys.

A very good year all in all with loyal support from our regular ridership keeping us on our toes right to the end.

Along with continuing the ballast and tie renewal program we managed to complete our snow shed in honour of the late Joe Purves' memory. This project has been in the works for a couple of years, but we finally

were able to get approval from the City of Airdrie to construct it.



Back in September of 2024 the club ordered a SD70Ace from Titan Trains with a promised delivery date of late April 2025 but that date has come and gone and we are still waiting to see it. Looks like we should have asked April of what year.

Our Pennsylvania K4 class locomotive has now been commissioned, and we are in the process of putting together a training program so we can start running it next season. We should be able to start using it along with our CPR Mikado class locomotive.

As a club we continue to donate and support the community as much as possible. We have been fortunate enough to be in the position to donate to a number of organizations within Airdrie over the years. From the Airdrie Food Bank, Nose Creek Museum and Veterans Food Bank we have tried to support as many Nonprofits as possible. We also open the park to special needs and day camps.

With December on the horizon, we are now once again into our winter maintenance mode on all of the club's equipment as well as members' equipment in preparation for next year. We are planning to hopefully be back to SUPERTRAIN next year followed closely by our opening day for the 2026 season which will begin on the Sunday of the May long weekend.

As I have said in my previous reports, we are always looking for new members or volunteers to help 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. Information is available on our Web site.

With this being the last report of the year, I would like to wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Happy Railroading

Respectfully, Greg

Calgary – Rob Badmington

Model railroading in Calgary continues year round with numerous clubs and informal groups hosting activities and events. The Calgary Model Railway Society (CMRS) held its Fall Mini-meet in October with a model display room, several clinics, and the AGM. Slide Night was held in mid-November, and Layout Tours are planned for February.

Calgary Model Trainmen and Calgary Free-Mo are teaming up again to offer the Christmas Run, where anyone can run their own trains on a combined CMT/CFM layout spanning over 2000 feet. See the ad in this issue for more details.

The process begins. SUPERTRAIN 2026 will be held in the Olympic Oval on Sat/ Sun April 25-26 with setup on Friday April 24. The first meeting of the 2026 Committee has been held. Invitations to prospective exhibitors were issued on 31 Oct, and as of mid November, we have more than 40 applications for display or commercial space.

All is good. Get those applications in. Prepare to volunteer. Tell your neighbours. Block your calendars. See you all in April.

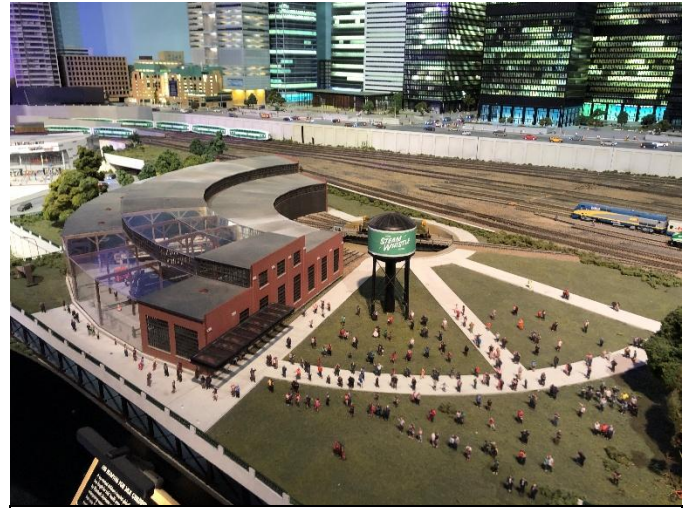
Trip to Real Rails Convention in Burlington – Dave Robinson

Six fellows (Rob, Rick, Ed, Jim, Kevin, & Dave) travelled to Toronto in October for the "Real Rails" convention in Burlington, put on by the combined Historical Associations of CP, CNR, TH&B, and VIA. We took VIA's eastbound train #2 from Edmonton to Toronto,

enjoying three nights in bedrooms in sleeper "Blair Manor" rather than the cheaper coach accommodation. Typical railfans, we spent most of the time in the dome car observing signals and operations.



Kevin, Rick, Dave, Jim, and Ed enjoy the passing scenery from one of four domes on The Canadian. (photos by Rob Badmington)



After checking out the model of the John Street Roundhouse and the Steam Whistle Brewery at Little Canada, a visit to the real site followed.

Arriving in Toronto a couple days ahead of the convention gave us time to wander. Brantford, Ingersoll, and Otter Valley Railroad hobby shop in Tillsonburg were visited one day. The next day, travelling by GO Train to the heart of Toronto, "Little Canada" was very intriguing and is well worth visiting; followed by lunch at the Steam Whistle Kitchen in the old John Street Roundhouse and a quick visit to the Toronto Railway Museum also in the roundhouse.

The convention started Thursday evening, with Friday and Saturday featuring LOTS of very good clinics, a hospitality room with those Historical Associations present as well as some model vendors and a lovely HO

layout, and many other displays in the hotel. Concurrent with the clinics were some prototype tours, such as the GO Transit Maintenance Facility, and the VIA Maintenance Facility, making for some difficult choices! The Saturday evening banquet featured Adam Meeks of CPKC's Heritage program talking about that railway's Empress 2816 trip to Mexico City. It was very entertaining!

Sunday there were more tours plus a large sale, but most of our party were on our way home, sadly by airplane. Oh well, we had fun there.

A big round of applause goes to the organizers of "Real Rails" for a great convention.

Kinsol Trestle – Rupert James

If you visit Vancouver Island and get the opportunity, a visit to the Kinsol Trestle is worthwhile. On a recent visit to the Island to see my sister, my wife, sister and I took a day trip to the Kinsol Trestle.

The Trestle is one of eight along the Cowichan Valley Trail route and by far the largest and most spectacular. It is one of the tallest free-standing and most spectacular timber rail trestle structures in the world. With its seven degree curve and constructed of old-growth Douglas Fir timbers, the Kinsol Trestle soars 44 metres (144 feet) above the river and is 187 metres (614 feet) in length. Access from the parking lot is by a 1 km long trail along the old railway track bed, making it wide and relatively flat.



Construction started in 1911 and was completed in 1920, following a pause for World War I. The trestle was designed by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway and built by local farmers and loggers to improve access to old-growth timber which was in high demand in Europe. The Canadian Northern Pacific Railway was taken over by CN in 1918. The Kinsol Trestle supported both freight and passenger traffic until the last train in 1979, after which it fell into disrepair. The last scheduled passenger trains ran in 1931. In 1954 an excursion train carrying model railroaders attending an NMRA convention in Victoria travelled from Victoria to the Cowichan Valley, with transit across the Kinsol Trestle being a highlight.

In 2007, the feasibility of restoring the Trestle were explored. Hundreds of holes were drilled to establish the condition of the timbers. Remarkably, 80% of the major timbers were found to be sound so restoration was determined to be feasible for a cost of \$5.7 million. A local committee took on the task of fundraising. In 2011 the Kinsol Trestle was re-opened to the public. The tracks were removed, timbers replaced and steel beams installed to strengthen the structure. A substantial deck and railings were installed to accommodate pedestrian, cycling and equestrian traffic. The Cowichan Valley Trail is part of the Trans-Canada Trail and the Vancouver Island Trail.

The Kinsol Trestle is located approximately 13 km west of the Trans-Canada Highway. It takes approximately 1 hour 15 minutes driving time when travelling south from Nanaimo and 52 minutes drive time north from Victoria.

Sources: BC Government signage at the trestle; www.cvrld.bc.ca; Wikipedia.

The End of the Line - Roger Walker MMR

A combination of old age and other problems has forced me to stop construction and operation of my railroad. I have decided to sell off almost everything, at prices well below used prices in the hobby shop and way below current new prices.

Three sets of items are available.

FIRST, there are HO diesels and cars. The diesels are mostly road engines from CP, with a few others from UP, Montana Rail link and BNSF. Note some of the weathering details explained in the captions of photos 1, 2 and 3. There are also two pairs of CP switchers (photo 4). All have DCC and most have sound. Weathering is prototypical, and mostly on the light side. There is also a big variety of cars, all prototypically weathered (no SP “shiny plastic” cars), with metal wheels and KD couplers. Note weathering details in photos 5 and 6). Some of the cars have been extensively upgraded from their RTR initial state (photo 7). For those just beginning a layout, or expanding a current layout, there are more than 50 tortoises available, all wired to terminal strips for easy installation. There is also a supply of code 83 flextrack (it’s easy to join this to code 100 – just ask me) and rail. To give life and reality to a layout, I have lots of automobiles and 18 wheeler trucks, and many painted people (mostly from Woodland Scenics).

SECOND, there are 5 brass steam locos (4 PFM, one NWSL), all painted but some not weathered. I am presently upgrading them with can motors, DCC and sound. I have replaced the old slipping rubber tubes between the motor and gearbox, and have worked on the running mechanisms to be sure they run smoothly with no binds. Two are finished and ready to run, and I am currently working on the other three.

THIRD, I have some Hon3 Denver and Rio Grande locos and cars (some scratchbuilt and contest winners).

Many Calgary friends have already bought some of my stuff, but much remains. I will be happy to provide more details for those interested, and can easily arrange for visits here (northwest Calgary). Please simply email me with your interests and requests (walkerrg@telus.net), and I’ll send more information. I’ll look forward to hearing from you.



Photo 1. Century C630m. Lightly weathered. Note weathering of trucks to show detail, and dusty-dirty lower front cab side.



Photo 2. Trainmaster H-24-66. Lightly weathered overall, but trucks weathered to show detail in side frames.



Photo 3. 8901 and 4500. Note slight differences in overall weathering colour, and details in the truck sideframes.



Photo 4. MP15 switchers. In the prototype, 1403 is the AC version, 1444 is DC.



Photo 5. UP double door box car. Note rust and dirt on sides, and rusty roof. The irregular lines of weathering were achieved using a cosmetic sponge.



Photo 6. CP cylindrical hopper, used for cement transport. Prototype photographed at Exshaw. Weathering of model consists of a) overall fading of the black plastic car sides, and b) cement streaks as on the prototype, using a fine paintbrush and cosmetic sponge.



Photo 7. BCIT lumber car. No load on model as bought. Each block of 4x8s was individually wrapped (note wrinkles in wrappers), and stacked with wood strips between blocks. Note ties holding the blocks on, with black reinforcements at the top to prevent damage to the edges of the 4x8s.

CN Wainwright Subdivision - Kevin Cameron

(Kevin Cameron photos)

CN's Wainwright Subdivision has seen a variety of different motive power including the newest Wabtec AC44C6Ms and Progressive Rail's SD75IACCs. Older power is still plentiful but the CN SD75Is are starting to dwindle due to rebuilds. They can be seen working on CN401 and 402 along with DASH9s. On occasion CN's leased Progress Rail's SD70ACE T4 units pass through the Wainwright yard.

Track Work

Track work and maintenance continues to be done east of Edmonton. The tracks have been buzzing with M.O.W. crews slowing the daytime traffic with scheduled work blocks. Hi-rail patrols and track evaluation trains added to the thrill of rail fanning.

Rail-fanning the Wainwright Subdivision

Train traffic remains busy in Wainwright into November even with traffic being reportedly down around 40%. Rail fans can enjoy seeing on average 12 - 15 trains during the daylight hours. A must-see in the area is the Battle River Trestle Bridge located near the hamlet of Fabyan. The bridge spans 2775 feet, is 195 feet above the river, and was completed on December 10, 1908. The viewing area can be accessed just east of Fabyan. Another interesting area to explore, while waiting for trains is our Wainwright Train Station, home to our local museum and San Marco's Italian restaurant.



CN 3309 was spotted back on July 18, 2025 with the OCS Inspection Train in tow. They were quickly changing crews at Wainwright AB before continuing to Edmonton.



On August 30, 2025, we see an odd consist for CN 111. Leading was a CN SD70I No.5611 followed by a BC Rail DASH9-44CW No.4646 as they were pulling out of Wainwright AB after a quick crew change.



In the early evening on November 9th, 2025, CN 402 had an interesting second unit. Progress Rail SD70ACe T4 No.7218 was cooling its heels after pulling into Wainwright AB for a lay over before it started switching out the canola plant.



During the morning of November 10th, we see another Progress Rail SD70ACe T4 No.7206 as the DPU on CN 356.



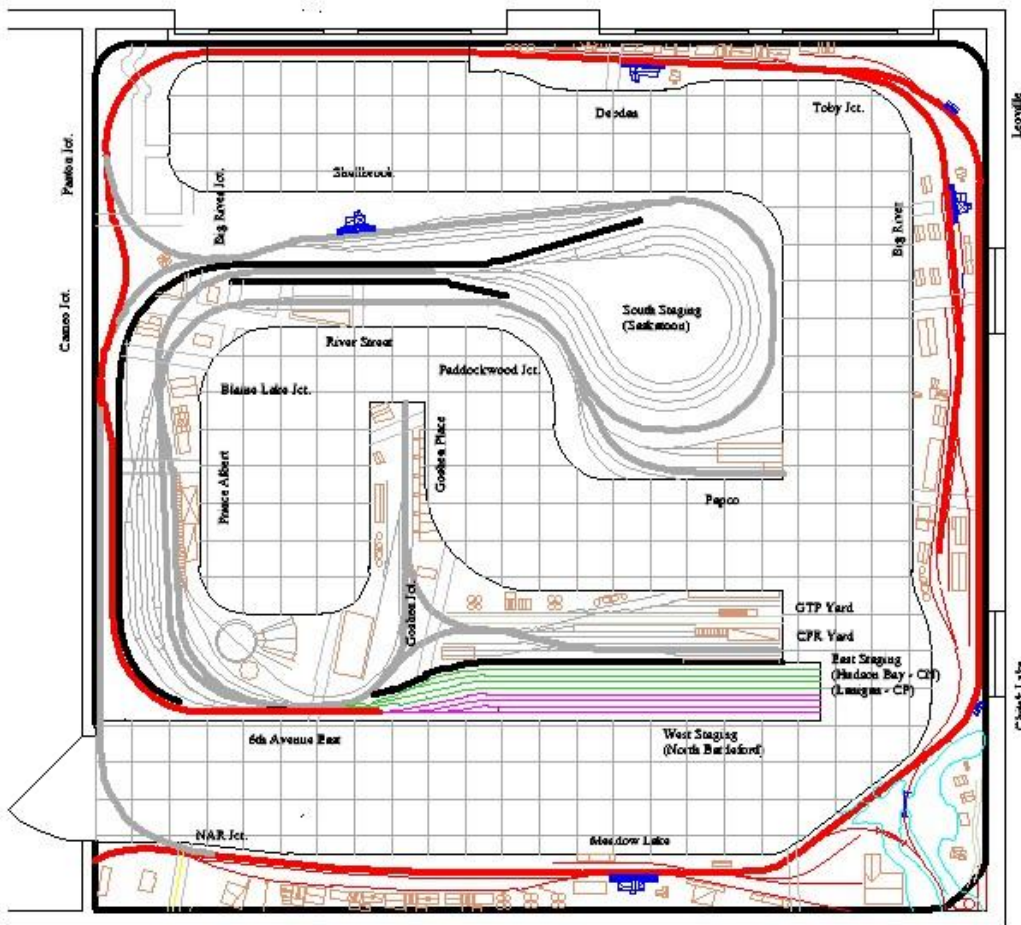
CN 316 was seen back in November 2012 crossing the Battle river trestle. Fabyan AB

Parkland Division Update- Cal Sexsmith

Over the summer I made much use of the chop saw in the unheated detached garage and was able to complete the lower level benchwork. I am now working on the sub roadbed and most of that is now in place. Next is to add risers before moving on to track work. I hope to have the Prince Albert Pulp Mill (PAPCO) in operation by year end and Shellbrook by spring.



The first photo is of PAPCO and the second of Shellbrook. The track plan shows operating track in red and future track in grey, bold lines indicate main track.



If and when the second level goes into operation a helix will replace the south staging return loops. I can achieve 90% of my planned operation without the second level. As always questions and comments are welcome.

CPR Bay Window Caboosees – Dave Audley

As I have mentioned in past articles, Dale and I usually visit Trains and Such Thursday mornings before ending up at Brewster's in the Bonavista Mall for our weekly ROMEO lunch. In one of the T&S store aisles, there are many of the so-called Blue Box freight cars in plastic bags hung on many pegs.

I was walking by all this used equipment and noted an Athearn bay window caboose done in NYC green paint. A few steps later, the light bulb went on! Could I kitbash one of CPR's bay window caboosees out of this?



Photo #1

At a \$10.00 price tag, I was willing to bring this model home and see just what I can do with this as a starting point. The scale length of this model is a bit longer than the actual CPR bay window caboose. However, I wanted to see how close I could come. If this is unsatisfactory, one can always get an exact scale model from Bedarail.com.

At this point, I got my Canadian Pacific Caboose Colour Guide book out and found photos of the three bay window caboosees. This presented me with a conundrum as there are four different paint schemes shown. What should I do? Why, buy three more of these caboosees!

In studying the book photos, I realized that the 3 car body windows on each side would have to be filled in as they were in the wrong places. Photo #2 shows that process.

Photo #2 also shows the new windows that I cut in to remove the vertical bars in the bay window each side. I made those the same size as the old windows I filled in. You also need to fill in the window in each end. I also removed all the cast in place grab irons. You also need to remove the vertical bars in the bay windows and the horizontal bars in the end doors.



Photo #2



Photo #3



Photo 4

Photos 3 & 4 show the roof details and all the body grab irons. Roof details show the roof walk, smokestack, toilet vent and skate antenna. I also added the end grabs and the curved side grabs - Tichy caboose grabs. The end grabs were bent from Tichy 0.015 wire. I added Evergreen 5-291 angle to the inside of the new windows to simulate the window frame.

Photo #5 shows the first coat of Scalecoat S2002 Oxide Red paint. Three of the caboose bodies each received 3 coats of paint. Decals for each of these 3 bodies were then applied and, after they set, a flat clear coat was applied. Same process for the yellow caboose using Scale Coat CPR Diesel Yellow for the body and Scale Coat S10 black for the roof.

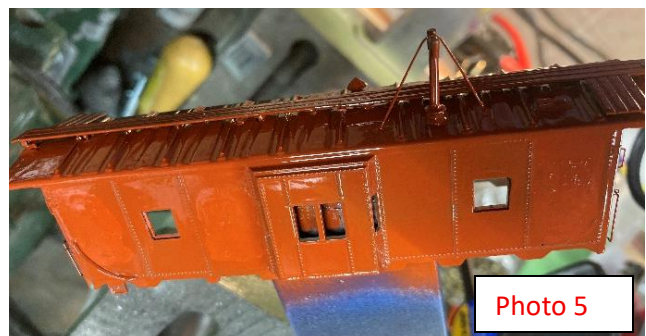
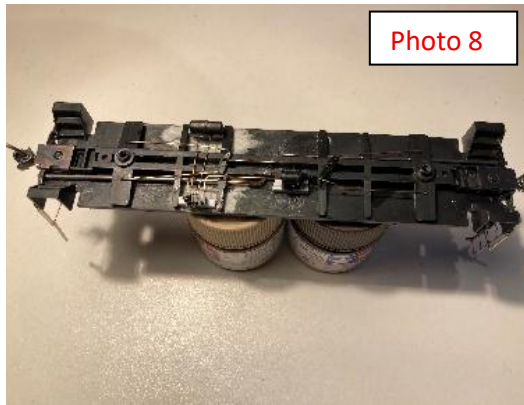
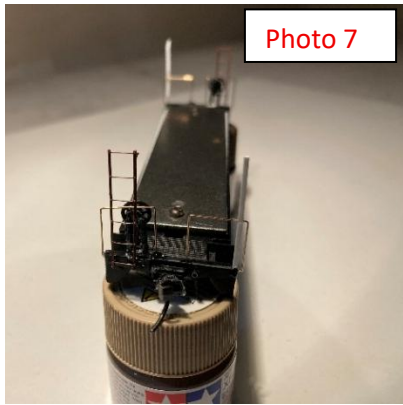


Photo 5



Photo #6 shows two of the red cabooses - but with incorrect black roofs! After consulting with my all-knowing CPR consultant, these two received red roofs.

This left the underbody work. I like to add all the brake lines and rigging. Photos 7 and 8 show both the underbody detailed and most of the end detailing. For the ends, splash panels need to be added along with the end drop steps.



The next four photos show each of the four finished cabooses!



This project started with one caboose, but mission creep arrived resulting in a total of four cabooses! And then - wouldn't you know. Because Dale seems to instigate these projects, I decided that he should have one as well! And that is the end of this!



RMMBC 2026 Save the Dates

The 2026 Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia

Online: Apr 30, May 14 In-Person: May 22-24

We are now about six months away from the **in-person RMMBC meet** at the SFU campus in Burnaby (Vancouver).

We invite all railway modellers to join us and extend a special invitation to our friends in Division 6. Your past participation has helped make RMMBC the success that it is.

Our goal is to provide a forum where model railroaders can meet and exchange ideas. RMMBC welcomes all:

- All scales
- All interests
- All experience levels
- Come and share what you have been working on

RMMBC 26 will have your favourite activities and a few new surprises.

- A full program of **Model and Prototype Clinics**
- Two half-days of **Operating Sessions**
- An evening of **Layout Tours**
- **Model Displays and Table-Top Clinics** throughout
- **Discussion Groups** for getting to know your fellow modellers
- Come and meet some of BC's model railroad **Manufacturers**

Online Prologue Apr 30 and May 14 (Thursday Evenings)

Don't miss our series of virtual (Zoom) clinics. Free by donation.

SFU Accommodation

One of the features of our SFU location for the in-person meet is the low cost accommodation available on campus. This always sells out early.

Check out our new website and look for registration information in early Feb.

<https://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/wp/>

Sign up for the RMMBC newsletter:

<https://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/wp/sign-up-for-our-newsletter/>



One of the layouts open for an operating session at RMMBC. (Photo by Marc Simpson)

2nd ANNUAL CMT/CALGARY **FREE-MO CHRISTMAS RUN**

DECEMBER 2025: 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29

JANUARY 2026: 2, 3

MODEL RAILROADERS ARE INVITED TO BRING AND RUN YOUR OWN TRAINS ON THE CMT 1075 FOOT MODULAR LAYOUT, THEIR 10 LEVEL HELIX AND ONTO THE CFM 880 FOOT MODULAR LAYOUT. RUN TIME FOR 1 CIRCUIT IS APPROXIMATELY 1.5 HOURS

COST: - GENERAL ADMISSION: \$5.00 FOR VIEWING ONLY

- KIDS TEN AND UNDER 10 ARE FREE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT
- \$20 FOR EACH 4 HOUR PERIOD, 10 am-2 pm or 2pm-6 pm
- NO DC ENGINES OR CODE 03 DCC ENGINES
- BRING YOUR OWN DIGITRAX THROTTLE, DCC ENGINE, CARS UP TO 40

CALGARY MODEL TRAINMEN

#7-11 Street NE. CALGARY

Upcoming Events in and near the 6th Division

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



Dec 21,22,23,27,28,29, Jan 2,3 Calgary, AB

Calgary Model Trainmen's Club and Calgary Free-mo present **25 Days of Christmas Run**. 10 am to 6pm daily at CMT layout, #7 – 11 St. NE, Calgary. Bring your own train to run. See: <https://www.calgarymodeltrainmen.com/>

January 17-18, 2026, Prince Albert, SK

Prince Albert Model Railroaders Club annual Model Trains and Hobby Show. Gateway Mall. Watch their [Facebook page](#) for more info, or email riverxingnorth@gmail.com.



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

The Annual All Aboard Model Train Show. 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. Watch <https://prairierailworkshop.com/train-show/> for upcoming info.

Feb 21-22, 2026 (Sat-Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Layout Tours. For more info email: Layout_Tours@calgarymodelrailway.ca

Mar 22, 2026 (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Spring Mini Meet. Clinics, Show & Tell. Glenmore Inn, 9:00am - 3:00pm. For more info see: [CMRS - Events \(calgarymodelrailway.ca\)](http://calgarymodelrailway.ca)



April 4 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

[MMRF Spring Swap Meet - 2026](#)

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>

April 25-26, 2026 (Sat-Sun), Regina, SK

Regina Railfest 2026 – Model Railroad Show. Over 25,000 sq. ft. of model railroad layouts, displays, exhibits, and vendors. More information available at www.reginarailfest.com. Caledonian Curling Club, 2225 Sandra Schmirler Way.



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

April 30, May 14 (on-line), May 22-24, 2026, (Fri-Sun), In Person - Burnaby, BC

Railway Modellers' Meet of British Columbia. At Simon Fraser University. The emphasis is primarily on "modelling" as the name implies, with many interesting clinics, layout tours, and operating sessions. Latest information at: railwaymodellermmeetofbc.ca/

June 5-7, 2026, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

6th Division Spring Meet, details to follow

September 19-20, (Sat-Sun), Calgary, AB

Heritage Park 40th Anniversary Railway Days. Watch <https://heritagepark.ca/events/railway-days/> for updates.



October 3-4, (Sat-Sun), Edmonton, AB
[2026 Greater Edmonton Model Train Show](#)

Edmonton Expo Centre, 7515 - 118 Avenue, Edmonton. 10 AM to 5 PM, both days
Operating Layouts, Dealer Booths



October 24 (Sat), Edmonton, AB
[MMRF Fall Swap Meet - 2026](#)

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>

Nov 7-8, 2026, (Sat-Sun), Moose Jaw, SK

Thunder Creek Model Train Show, featuring a variety of displays from across the Prairies. Moose Jaw Exhibition Convention Centre. More details will follow.

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 *Highball!* and *Switchlist* in their next publications.
