

ALBERTA FREE - MO 2018

15TH ANNUAL MEET – 1000 FOOT CHALLENGE

AUGUST 15-19, BIG VALLEY, ALBERTA

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The 1000 Foot Challenge – Call For Modules

Calgary Free-mo is attempting to recruit enough modules for our 15th Annual Alberta Free-mo meet to make a layout that is 1000 feet or more of bench work.

A sample plan of such a layout is attached with this Challenge. All modules in this plan have participated in Free-mo setups in Alberta, British Columbia, or Washington in the last 4 years. We hope that your module(s) will be in Big Valley in 2018, and that you will be there as well.

The planning for this large a setup will require Module owners to be on site during the setup. It will also require a large number of boosters, radio towers (UR91, UR92), and LNRP's. Please be prepared to bring any of these items if you have them personally, or can borrow them from a group of which you are a member.

Event Information

Venue: Big Valley Agriplex, Big Valley, AB

Event Dates: 2016 August 15 through 19

Rail Height and Skirting: For this meet the rail height will be 42", skirting is optional

Operator Fees:

Full Operator: \$50.00 for unlimited running time within the Operating Procedures. Fees will be collected on Thursday morning during setup. Anyone that wants to operate without a module has to be onsite by 10:00 am on Thursday, pay their fee, and participate in the setup along with all the module owners. Everyone participating will be assigned to a crew.

Guest Operator: \$20.00, a limit of 3 consecutive hours, one session only, between 09:00 – 15:00 Saturday or Sunday. First come first served, and we may limit the number of guests on the setup at any one time to ensure access for full operators.

Setup Timetable

Wednesday, August 15

12:00 – Pre-Setup

Arena Preparation will be conducted before any modules are brought in. Modules may start arriving at any time. **Calgary Free-mo modules that will be in the signalled section (the Core Subdivision) will be expected to on site by 15:00**, and they will be positioned, levelled, connected and operational before this phase of the setup is considered complete.

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Thursday, August 16

08:00 – Full Setup

All modules will be expected to be on site by 10:00. We will encourage those with modules that will be adjacent to the Core Subdivision to arrive on Wednesday night, so that we can start assembling early. The setup will be divided into districts, with each district having a Sub District Chief, Leveling Chief and crew, an Electrical Chief and crew, and a couple of ‘gophers’ to assist in locating any supplies or people that need to help troubleshoot problems. Module owners will be expected to be in the building when their module is being attached to the layout so that if any issues arise with their module, they can be solved in a timely matter. If possible we will try to put you in the crew that is assigned to the area that contains your module.

Module Compliance

All modules are expected to meet the North American Free-mo Standards, including implementation of Anderson Power Poles and DCC Common Buss. Scenery is not required, but all necessary electrical and main line trackwork must be operational and within specification. Any turnouts off the main line that lead to incompleting work should be marked so that no one will try to access them. There should be no open holes in the surface of the module that would allow anything to fall through the module to the floor. Rail Height for this setup will be 42". Calgary Free-mo has implemented a setup plan that improves setup time by putting insulated rail joiners at every module connection (just the Free-mo ends of multi-section modules). You must expect that Atlas insulated rail joiners will be put on your module and should ensure that the rails at the Free-mo ends are undercut to accept this readily, to speed setup and to avoid damage to your rail if the joiner does not slip on easily.

Participant Guidelines

The Participant Guidelines are attached. These are similar to the Guidelines that have been used on many Free-mo Setups for Free-mo Layouts, and also a full timetable of events and information to enhance your experience at this setup. Anyone intending to camp on-site at the arena are asked to review the camping information in this document.

Accept the Challenge

On behalf of Calgary Free-mo, we all hope that you will help us in this Challenge and participate in 2018. Please provide the information as shown on the Alberta Free-mo 2018 Registration Form attached to indicate your participation in this event.

Please forward this information to anyone whom you think may be interested.

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Information and documents also available on the Calgary Free-mo Website (calgaryfreemo.ca) link to the Alberta Free-mo 15th Annual Meet – 1000 Foot Challenge