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Message from the President

It's summer but the model railroad fun never stops. At the end of May the CMRS held its annual Member Appreciation Night at the Glenmore Inn. As usual, the food was terrific and the program kept everyone entertained. Over 150 volunteers were honoured, and twenty of them went home with one of the photos enlarged from some of the Brotherhood's best photography. Thanks again to Maurice Despins and his helpers for putting on an outstanding event.

Appreciation Night was also the first time we used CMRS's own LCD projector. This projector will be a valuable addition to most CMRS events, enabling us to show digital photography at Slide Night, use computer graphics to enhance clinics at the Mini-meets, and to present information at any of our meetings. These projectors typically cost \$300 to rent commercially for an event, so we will recoup our investment very quickly. The Board has also agreed to rent the projector to member clubs for a nominal fee to cover loss and damage insurance. More information about how to go about this will be available at the Fall Mini-meet and Annual General Meeting

We had planned to run a railfan tour to Revelstoke on June 18 and 19, but unfortunately did not have enough people signed up in time to make a go of it. These trips are budgeted on a break-even basis, and if we don't have the minimum number of participants, the CMRS would end up subsidizing it. This is something we don't want to do. We will try another trip in September, either to Revelstoke, or to Stettler.



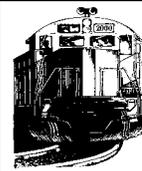
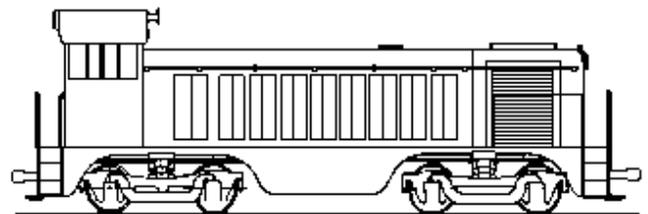
My son Mike and I enjoyed Heritage Park's annual Railway Days. This year, the rains held off and we saw many CMRS members around the park. We particularly enjoyed the lively musical "The Birth of the CPR" in the Canmore Opera House. As usual, there was a large display of model railroad layouts in the

roundhouse. It was also CPR's Family Days, so it was good to see the corporate support. However, the modern trucks and equipment just don't seem to fit with the historical theme of the park.

With the excessive amounts of rain Calgary has been experiencing through June, I sincerely hope that none of you have had your basements flooded and your model railroads damaged. My layout was untouched by the floods, but also by any effort on my part to finish some projects.

Please travel safely over the summer. We will all be looking forward to your railfan photos that you can show off at Slide Night in November. In the meantime, I hope to see all of you at the CMRS Picnic at Champion Park on July 24th.

Rob



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EDITORS NOTE

The next deadline is September 2, 2005.

As you can see in this issue there is still lots of model railroading and railfanning going on. Please don't forget to notify me if you have an article or an event that you want promoted.

Now that the sun is shining, most of us will be cutting grass. The garden railroaders will be repairing washouts and pruning scenery. Regrettably some of us had flooded basements to contend with. Whatever your summer activity, have a Great One and we'll be back in September.

-Gord Smith

Help !!

Hello my name is: Greg Clarke; I joined the CMRS at the Supertrain show in Feb./05. I model in HO scale. I have been modeling for many years but mostly by myself.

Currently I am working on a 7 ft. by 8ft layout. That is all the space I have. However I am having some problems in doing it, mainly in electrical area and with the curve radii. I am trying to have 22 - 24 inch radius curves but I have an AC 4400 engine which is currently derailing on some of my curves. Electrically, I set up the layout in several blocks - most of which work fine but not all of them.

I tend to get frustrated when I can't get things to work right. Therefore I am asking if there is anyone who would consider coming over to my place and help me solve my problems. My phone number is 403 - 253 - 4007. If you don't get an answer; just leave a message and I will call you back. Thanks

I joined CMRS to meet fellow model Railroaders and maybe find some help on my layout

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Appreciation Night Report

Volunteer Appreciation Night is a special evening whereby CMRS can say thanks in a formal manner to all the volunteers that help us during the year. WE encourage everyone to bring their spouses to this event. This year we said thanks to 155 volunteers and four clubs. Many of the volunteers helped with several events. Just imagine how many volunteers it would take to operate the many events that are put on if you only volunteered for one event. The number would be doubled if not more. It's unfortunate that all the volunteers are not in attendance for this special evening. Hopefully that will change next year.

Once again Glenmore Inn put on a wonderful meal, buffet style. There was no shortage of food as I recall seeing food left over.

Before dinner ended, the Board Members started handing out appreciation certificates. After dinner, our guest speaker, Colin Hatcher, did a presentation about the streetcars in the Calgary area. Many slides were in black and white. That goes to show you how long Colin's research has been going on.

During the evening, draws were made for the awesome photos (enlarged to 24" x 16") that many of us had seen at Slide Night last November. Folks, it is definitely worth attending this event just for the chance to win one of these photos.

Our President Rob Badmington presented awards to Board members who are leaving the board this year. They are Jim Guillaume, Bain Spielman and Rob Badmington. Mike Borkristl received the President's Award.

The evening ended with entertainment "Name That Tune". It was a great fun evening.

Many thanks to all who helped make this a special evening.

Maurice Despins
CMRS Board Member

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Edmonton Hosts Spiketennial - Major Success

Every year on the Victoria Day Weekend, the 6th Division of the NMRA's Pacific Northwest Region holds a spring meet somewhere in Alberta, Saskatchewan, or Montana. This year it was Edmonton's turn, and the folks of the Edmonton Model Railroad Association did a terrific job. We drove up to Edmonton on Friday evening and got there in time to attend the social at Fort Edmonton Park. After a burger and a beverage, we had a good look at the Monashee Pacific Railway. The layout is progressing well with most trackage now complete and scenery is being built on the lower level.

On Saturday, the activities shifted to the Rainbow Valley Lodge where clinics entertained and educated the attendees. Model and photo contests, raffles and displays were also on-going. In the evening, tightly packed 12 passenger vans took everyone to seven layouts all across the city. The layouts were in various stages ranging up to fully sceniced, but all were well-done and provided inspiration and ideas.

We started Sunday with an unusual tour of a real railway that isn't there anymore. This is sometimes referred to as Industrial Archeology. Allan Vanterpool was our guide as we visited many sites where the Edmonton, Yukon & Pacific Railway once ran. This railway with the ambitious name never got much beyond the city limits, but at one time was Edmonton's only rail connection to the outside world. It connected the end of the Calgary & Edmonton Railway in Strathcona on the south side, down Mill Creek ravine, across the Low Level Bridge and up the other side of the North Saskatchewan River bank. Allan showed us houses, which are skewed to rest on the street indicating the alignment of the railway, which once passed through the neighbourhood. Other tree-lined streets were once railroad right of way. Who would have guessed?

We next visited the Alberta Railway Museum north of the city. The collection there highlights the Northern Alberta and Canadian National Railways. This museum is always worth a visit.

Sunday evening saw the crowd gather back at Rainbow Valley for an excellent banquet. A delicious dinner was capped off by a brief historical talk on the NAR by Colin Hatcher. Numerous contest winners were announced, and a few lucky people went home with some valuable door and raffle prizes.

For those with an interest in prototypical operation of a model railroad, the Monashee Pacific was the place to be on Monday morning. Cal Sexsmith of the OPSIG coordinated a special operating session. My son Mike and I had a most enjoyable time operating first an express train and then a coal turn. We actually had a hard time believing that there were more than a dozen trains being operated at the same time, partly because we were so immersed into what we were doing. Also, because the layout is so large and well designed, you only encountered other trains and their operators if you had a meet with them at one of the sidings, just like a real railroad.

All too soon the weekend was over and we had to head back to Calgary. As I said earlier, the EMRA, and especially Chairman Ed Molenkamp, did an outstanding job of planning and running the meet. Next year it is Calgary's turn, with Calgary Model Trainmen hosting the event. I am sure they can use some assistance from the CMRS membership.

If you have never attended one of these meets, I highly recommend it. It is a great way to have fun, meet new friends, and learn a few things along the way. I can hardly wait till next May!

by Rob Badmington

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July 24, 2005 CMRS Picnic at Champion Park

Once again, Mr. Gerald Knowlton, owner of Champion Park, has very generously offered to allow the Calgary Model Railway Society to use Champion Park for a picnic on Sunday, July 24, 2005. **Time: 1:00PM to 5:00PM.**

Champion Park is a private facility that is not normally open to the public, and contains Mr. Knowlton's private collection of railroad buildings, equipment, and artifacts. This is an uncommon opportunity for us to view this outstanding collection, and at the same time, to spend a pleasant afternoon visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Since it is a privately owned facility, **attendance will be limited to the first 100 members and guests who register. Call 277-7226 (Trains & Such) between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday to register. Because space is limited, if you must cancel, please give us plenty of notice so that others will be able to go. There is no charge for attending.**

The park has several amenities that we may wish to use for our picnic. There is a large propane barbeque to cook on. There is a kitchen and wash up area as well. The park has good drinking water available.

There are a limited number of picnic tables.

There are swings, a sandbox, and a trampoline. There is a small lake in which you may swim, but there will be no lifeguard present. If you wish, fishing is permitted, but you may want to catch and release. There are two paddleboats available as well.

Please pack and bring your own picnic basket and drinks (non-alcoholic only), lawn chairs, and a blanket if you want to sit on the grass.

There is no plan to run any of the equipment on Sunday, but we are welcome to view the equipment and artifacts that are at the park. Please remember to treat all of it with respect.

Transportation to and from Champion Park will be the responsibility of those attending. **If you do not have your own transportation, you should make your own arrangements to go with someone who does.**

Champion Park is located on the east side of Highway 2, south of Calgary 19.1 km south of Highway 22X. Parking is immediately to the left of the entrance gate, on the grass.



Fall Mini Meet & AGM

This year the Fall Mini Meet & AGM will be held at the **Glenmore Inn**, at 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE. The date is **October 2, 2005**. Clinics and displays run from **9:30am to 11:45am and 1:00pm to 3:30pm**. Lunch and the AGM start at noon.

We are looking for people to do clinics and provide displays. If you would like to volunteer or if you have clinic ideas or request, please contact Jeff Burk at 272-5546 or email: jeffb@boltsupply.com.

Don't forget the 'Creative Challenge'. We want everyone, to build a building for your layout. Bring it on a small diorama if you wish. The suggestion was for a 'cleaners'. The idea was something we could all have fun doing, and all come away inspired by the vast number of ideas we encounter. See page 7 of the April Order Board for details. You can't go wrong as long as you bring something!

There will be a couple of board positions to fill, so you may want to give some thought to putting your name forward. We know all of you have good ideas, and this is the way to bring them to fruition.

Jeff Burk

2005 CPR Steam Train Excursion Tickets On Sale Now

Once again, CPR is offering the general public the opportunity to purchase a limited number of tickets to ride the steam train with CPR Empress 2816 at the head end.

Below is a list of excursion dates for the month of July 2005. All of these trips are in Alberta and British Columbia. More opportunities during the months of August and September are being planned for additional runs in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Details will be released shortly.

All of the excursions below depart in the morning. The exact timetables have yet to be determined.

Date	From	To	Cost
July 12, 2005	Vancouver	Kamloops	\$300.00 + GST
July 13, 2005	Kamloops	Golden	\$300.00 + GST
July 14, 2005	Golden	Cranbrook	\$300.00 + GST
July 15, 2005	Cranbrook	Lethbridge	\$300.00 + GST
July 16, 2005	Lethbridge	Calgary	\$300.00 + GST

Please note: these excursions are one way only

Passengers will be responsible for their own transportation to and from departure and arrival points, as well as any hotel accommodations that they may choose to arrange at either end of the journeys.

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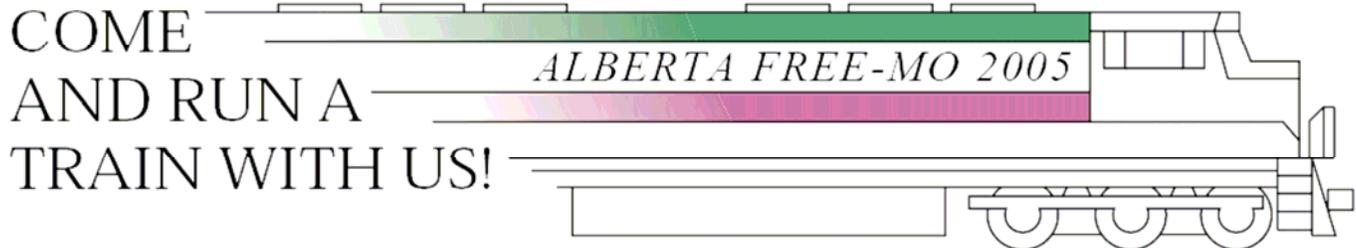
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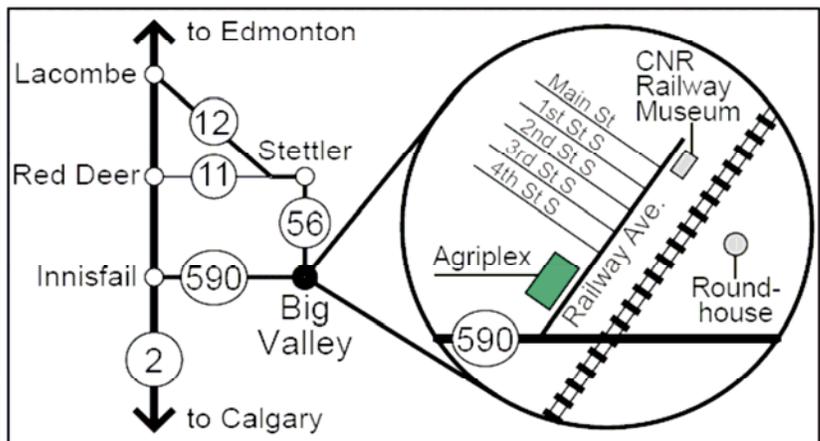
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Goats

What do most railfans or model railroaders think of when they hear the word goat? For most of us the first thought is probably of 'Rocky' the Great Northern trademark. From 1921 until 1970, five incarnations of that billy graced the sides of GN rolling stock.



Rail Serve 106 before conversion

The term yard goat has been around long enough to refer to both steam and diesels locomotives. Used in yard service, they have generally been relatively small. Often they have had lower hoods or tenders for improved visibility.

The newest breed of goat is the 'Green Goat'; a Vancouver company, RailPower Technologies Corp, designed it. This is not just a diesel-electric locomotive, it is a hybrid. This new breed is being assembled in Calgary at Alstom's Ogden shops.



Leftover bits en route to the scrapyard

The frame and trucks are reused from GP7's and 9's. A new cab is fitted close to one end. Under the low profile hood is the battery pack and a low-horsepower genset. Company literature states, conventional yard switchers spend as much as 75% of their time idling. With the hybrid the engine cuts-in when necessary to keep the battery pack at an optimal state of charge. Fuel savings are 40 – 70%. Emissions are reduced up to 90%. Noise and vibration are virtually eliminated. Trucks have microprocessor controlled wheel slip.



KCS1869 one of the most recently out shipped goats

There are over 90 units on the orderbook including 35 by CPR. The first 7 of CP's are to be built in 2005. In June, BNSF signed a lease for 5 units. As of August all of the Class 1 railroads will have tested the 2000hp Green Goat. The 1000hp Green Kid locomotive, which was being leased to Agrium in Redwater, AB., has been sold to Agrium.



BNSF GP7's recently spotted in Calgary

It is likely we will continue to see many odd coloured GP's arriving in Calgary and shiny new Goats quietly slipping out of town. If you're a believer you can find RailPower Technology (symbol P) trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

- Gord Smith



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July 26-31, 2005 - 21st National Garden Railway Convention St.Charles (Chicago), Ill., USA
<http://store.21ngrc.com/cosc.html>

Aug 3 – 7, 2005 – Historic Spokane 2005, Pacific Northwest Region Convention NMRA Spokane Valley, WA

Aug 6 & 7, 2005 –Calgary Free-mo, Battle River Railway Modelers & the Canadian Northern Society,
Big Valley Agriplex, Village of Big Valley, AB Times: Sat. 10:00AM to 6:00PM, Sun. 10:00AM to 5:00PM.
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Aug 17 – 22, 2005 National N Scale Convention / N Scale Collector Convention - in San Diego, California.
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Sep 10 & 11, 2005 – High River Model Train Show Place: Bob Snodgrass Rec Complex, 228-12 Ave SE
Time: Sat. 10AM – 5 PM, Sun. 11AM - 4PM Admission: Adults \$4.00, Children \$2.00, Family \$10.00
Contact Richard Murray: 403-652-5352 or rgmurray@zidim.com

Sep 10 & 11, 2005 – Hoot-N-Toot, Nanton's Garden Model Train Show

Sep 17 & 18, 2005 –Great Edmonton Model Train Show

October 2, 2005 –CMRS Fall Mini Meet & AGM. Time 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The AGM includes lunch and runs from NOON to 1:00 PM. At: The Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE. For info: Jeff Burk at 272-5546 or email: jeffb@boltsupply.com.

October 15, 2005 – Boomer Auction, South Bank Short Line, Calgary

October 29, 2005 – Great Northwest Train Festival, 106 W Broadway Ave, Ritzville, WA Info: Charles @ 509-659-0922

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