



# THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



*CPR's Empress, 2816 departing Field, BC on October 11, 2006. Photo by Greg Cave*

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## President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Layout Tour Hosts for their kind generosity in opening their homes to the membership. I've heard reports of very good attendance.

Let's continue this trend with a great attendance at our next event - Appreciation Night on May 25, 2007. There is still time to order your tickets. Please contact Dale Sproule at 274-4852. See Dale's article for more details.

The 2006 /2007 season is fast coming to an end. There are a few activities being planned for the summer and fall. This year is a transition year. We are trying to spice things up at our events. The largest one is Supertrain. Some very interesting ideas have come forth. I think it is safe to say you can expect some new spark/life in our upcoming events. We must keep these events interesting to draw a good attendance.

As a reminder, should you have any questions or some good ideas, please contact one of the Board members.

At this time I'd like to wish everyone a happy, fun filled summer. The garden model RR guys will be active and others like me will try to get some golfing in. Oops! I have to work on that diorama for the fall mini meet.

See you at Appreciation Night.

*Maurice Despins  
CMRS President.*



### LAYOUT TOURS

The layout tours were held on Saturday April 21 and Saturday April 28, 2007 and from all accounts were well received with a good turnout at all locations. I would like to thank those members who offered their layouts for viewing and to all the people especially the spouses that help make each location a viewing success. Already planning for next year's event with some fine-tuning to be done. I will look to put a week in between each of the viewing Saturdays and also avoid scheduling a day that conflicts with the show in Moose Jaw.

We are still investigating holding a Garden Rail tour in July. A number of layouts have shown interest in participating in the tours. Currently working with Jeff Burk to select a date to hold the tours that will be suitable to all. Weather should be better but this is Calgary and nothing is guaranteed.

*David Walker*

### SLIDE NIGHT 2007

While it is still over six months away, it is not too soon to start thinking about our next CMRS Slide Night. With the snow gone and the sun high in the sky, it is the perfect time to get out with your camera and take some interesting railroad pictures. It would be great to feature some new photographers along with our talented regulars. We are always looking for different themes - it could be a railroad adventure in another part of the world, or a new way of looking at familiar places and equipment. How about night shots, or stormy weather, or following a product from its origin to destination? They can be shots you just took or from deep in your archives. Your presentation should be between ten and twenty minutes, and of course you are welcome to team up with others to get it together.

Slide Night will be held at the Fort Calgary Auditorium at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 7th. We will be set up to show both regular slides and digital pictures. You can contact me (phone 217-7575) now or in the fall, but I do hope to hear from you.

*Rob Badmington*

#### **HO Scale Turntable For Sale**

9" Atlas Turntable in HO Scale is for sale. Comes equipped with an indexed motorized drive. Asking \$50 or best offer. Contact Philip Gormley at 780-986-3583 for more info.

### SUPERTRAIN UPDATE

Supertrain 2007 has come and gone and I have received a lot of very interesting feedback. In view of that, I asked past and current members of the CMRS board and Supertrain committees, plus past participants, to come together on April 19th for a brainstorming session. I also received numerous e-mails which I also brought forward to the meeting. The meeting was terrific, with a lot of good ideas on how to improve and update the show. These ideas ranged from how we advertise, soliciting corporate sponsorships, rotating clubs and layouts so they do not appear every year, providing clinics, presentations from suppliers, information packages and gate pricing. We also discussed the size of the show, current and new venues possibilities and the date of the show. The size and venue are subject to change at this time and a final decision we be made very soon.

In order to implement all these new ideas, we need to start much earlier and we need some more committee members, or at least people willing to help behind the scenes. We will not over burden anyone with too many tasks, but if you (and a friend perhaps?) could step forward and help us with something, that would be great. Drop me an e-mail to [mike@tricordesigns.com](mailto:mike@tricordesigns.com) if you're interested.

More details to come as decisions are made, and I will be providing you with those in the next Orderboard and with updates on the website.

*Mike B*

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Do you have some Model Railraod related items for sale, or perhaps something rare you want?

Consider an ad in the Orderboard. Ads run free of charge for members (provided they are relatively small), and a \$10/year charge for Business card size commercial ads. Assistance with ad design is also available. Contact the Editor, Jon Calon at orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org for details.

**Deadline for the next issue is ?**

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Calgary Model Railway Society memberships can be purchased or **renewed at any of our events or by mail**. Cost is \$10 per year, running from June to the following June and can be purchased in upwards of 3 years in advance. Membership forms can be printed from our website. Completed forms and payment can be mailed to:

Calgary Model Railway Society  
Box 63033, 2604 Kensington Road NW  
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**COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

*Items in Bold type are Calgary Model Railway Society events.*

May 12-13 – Day out with Thomas the Tank Engine, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB

Pre-ticketed event, for more info: <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

May 17-21, 2007 – Pacific Rails 2007 - University of Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria BC

For more info: Canadian Association of Railway Modellers, <http://www.caorm.org>.

**May 25, 2007 - Membership Appreciation Night, Glenmore Inn, Calgary AB**

June 9-10, 2007 – Model Train Show, Curling Centre, Red Deer, AB. <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/>

June 27-30, 2007 – 23rd Annual Garden Railway Convention, Las Vegas, NV. <http://2007.ngrc.com/>

August 29-Sept. 1, 2007 – National Narrow Gauge Convention, Portland, ME.

August 18-19 – 4th Annual Alberta Free-mo, Big Valley Agriplex, Big Valley, AB. <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/>

September 22-23 – Great Edmonton Train Show, Edmonton, AB <http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/>

September 29-30 – Railway Days, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

October 13, 2007 – South Bank Short Line Assoc. 28th Boomer Auction, Calgary, AB

**October 14, 2007 – Fall Mini-Meet & CMRS AGM, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB**

**November 7, 2007 – Slide Night 2007, Fort Calgary Auditorium at 7:30pm.**

**Do you have an event that should be listed here?**

**Send an e-mail to [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org) with the details!**