



# THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



*CP 8741 leads a westbound intermodal freight at Morant's Curve on a picturesque winter day in November of 2006. Photo by Jon Calon.*

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## President's Message

As I write this, there is still no snow on the ground, but the days are short and getting colder, so that must mean it is prime Model Railroading season. The Fall Mini-Meet, AGM, Empress Excursion, and Slide Night are already behind us. In past years, next up would be SUPERTRAIN, but as everyone knows, SUPERTRAIN won't happen until April.

Sometimes it seems that the CMRS relies on the same bunch of guys to organize the various activities, the so-called "old blood", but this just isn't true.

I am very pleased to report that a couple of new events are in our calendar this year, thanks to some people coming forward with their ideas. On December 15th, Gord Cooper will conduct an "Introduction to Model Railroading" Seminar at the Westwinds Superstore. Gord came to the last Board meeting to ask if the CMRS would support his idea. Of course the answer was YES! The seminar is **not** aimed at CMRS members, but rather to introduce the hobby to newcomers. I really hope this works out because, while we

already know this is the World's Greatest Hobby, lots of other people out there haven't discovered it yet. Please pass the information about this seminar [on page 6. -Ed.] on to any of your friends wondering what this hobby is about.

A few days after Slide Night, Peter Bouma and Murray Larsen contacted us with the idea to run a second slide night in early February. As they pointed out, our traditional slide night is held on Wednesday evenings, and some

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)**

people who go to work early can't stay til the end. They suggested a Friday evening so we can stay late if we want to, and more people can show their pictures. Peter and Murray even have a bigger and maybe better venue lined up. So, look for Slide Night II (or whatever they want to call it) on February 8th. I know Murray will want to get a call or email from you if you have some slides or digital photos you want to show.

All these things add up to a strong and vibrant Society. I may be wrong, but I think that the vast majority of our members want to build models, run trains, go to events to meet new friends and learn new things, and mainly, just have fun. I suspect that very few of you really want to go to meetings run by Robert's Rules of Order. Of course a Society the size of ours must have rules and bylaws, if for no other reason than to protect ourselves in this modern day of insurance and lawyers. But if we can keep that stuff to a minimum for the majority of members, and keep finding new people and new ways to get together to have fun, then I think we are really onto something great.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season, and I hope you find your stocking stuffed with lots of trains on Christmas Day!

*Rob Badmington  
CMRS President.*

**2008 CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET**

Once again here's a reminder for vendors to start gathering surplus model railroad items and plan on attending the 2008 CMT Fleamarket. Make a day of it – the CMT Annual Fleamarket and the CMRS Spring Mini-meet will held together. The location is at the Glenmore Inn, Glenmore Trail at Ogden Road, on Sunday February 24th, 2008. Check the CMRS Web site at [www.calgarymodelrailway.ca](http://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca) for more information.

The Fleamarket runs from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Tables are \$20.00. To book one to sell your surplus stuff, please phone Garth at 650-1391 or contact Brookes at 201-4937 or email [bharrow@nucleus.com](mailto:bharrow@nucleus.com).

See you there!!

*Brookes Harrow*

**2008 SUPERTRAIN UPDATE**

We have had a beautiful fall, but the snow is sure to fly soon. That means many of you will be heading for your basements to focus your time and talents on your model railroading. Although it is a labour of love, I know the time and commitment it takes to build a model railroad.

With that in mind, your SUPERTRAIN committee has been very busy planning the 2008 show. The committee has put in a lot of time and effort and now need your help as the change of venue to the Calgary Soccer Centre (CSC) has created a tremendous work load for the committee. We're not necessarily looking for additional committee members, although they would be welcome, what we are looking for is CMRS members that would like to help out for a couple of hours doing the many tasks that have to be done. For example, right now we need a couple of people to help send out the exhibitor application packages, both via email and regular mail. This needs to be completed before Christmas.

There are some pretty exciting things on the horizon for the 2008 show. The CSC has confirmed that 'SUBWAY' restaurant will be at the show to augment the CSC's food services. The CSC is also planning other things that will enhance the show's quality, but I won't give you details here. You'll have to come to the show and see for yourselves.

In addition to the usual group of layouts and vendors, the new venue and date has attracted a few new layouts and others are yet to be confirmed. Manufacturers have expressed an interest in coming and we are working on this. We could use a customs broker to assist manufacturers such as Walthers and Intermountain in bringing displays to the show.

So you see there are a lot of things to be done before the show in April. Your help will be appreciated even if it's for an hour or two. Please visit the SUPERTRAIN website at [www.SUPERTRAIN.ca](http://www.SUPERTRAIN.ca) and select the contact us option to leave your name and telephone number. Or, you can phone me at 585-7425 or email me at [rick.mcphée@shaw.ca](mailto:rick.mcphée@shaw.ca) to volunteer to help out.

Thank you for your continued support of SUPERTRAIN.

*Rick McPhee  
SUPERTRAIN Chairman.*



LAYOUT TOURS 2008

The dates selected for the layout tours in 2008 are June 7 and June 21, and both are Saturdays. If you are interested in opening your layout to the CMRS membership please contact me at (403) 240-9271 or by email at mcwalk@telusplanet.net. The question regarding insurance for the layout tours that was raised at the AGM in October has been partially resolved. I am reconfirming with the insurance provider that the CMRS policy covers all visitors to the layout both public and CMRS members. The insurance coverage that is in place is the reason that only CMRS members can host the layout tours under the existing insurance coverage.

On the layout tours we hope that on the second Saturday a number of Garden Layouts may be open for viewing. Thanks!

Dave Walker

SUPERTRAIN 2008 VOLUNTEERS

Even though SUPERTRAIN is still a number of months off, 5 months to April 2008, I am starting to take names of volunteers for the 2008 show. The same locations are again open in Security, Admission/Office, Information/Membership desk and Banner installation.

A number of members have volunteered to have lettered signs advertising the show and the change in date on the back windows of their vans and trucks. The cost appears to be around \$40 and CMRS would cover the cost for any member that may be interested in putting an advertisement on their vehicle for a few months. I have a picture of what one looks like and if you are interested please contact me by email: mcwalk@telusplanet.net or phone 240-9271. Thanks!

Dave Walker



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This is going to be a bit of a departure from the past columns I've written here over the past year and hopefully some good will come from it...

I decided a couple weeks ago to attend the SUPERTRAIN Committee board meeting and see what's new. Was a very informative meeting, certainly giving me a great impression of how well this move to the Calgary Soccer Centre is going to be. I'm giddy over the possibilities for the show and it's effect on the CMRS as a whole. We've got a great committee here and their decisions will prove this show is going to be awesome.

But I'm not going to write about anything new, rather, about something that's been hindering the full success of the show and the society as a whole over the past few years. I'm talking about the fact we haven't seen enough volunteers helping with organizing the show. Thankfully, this year the SUPERTRAIN committee has started organizing next year's show a lot earlier than has been done in the past (and that's even factoring in the change of date!), and that opens up a wealth of opportunities for assisting the committee members with little tasks without needing to be sucked in as it were for mountains of work because of the timelines. No, my friends, all we ask for is a couple hours. If lots of people put in just a couple hours, then that's all we would need to put in for what could become a show the entire country would envy.

I'm reminded of the saying "many hands makes light work" every time I have an Orderboard mailing session. Get a few guys around a table to chat and have fun, and a mere half hour later, the envelopes are ready to go in the mail. It usually takes us longer to get there and go home, but the job is done in a painless manner. I am grateful for the help from fellow members like Brookes, Greg, Rowan, Dale, Dave, Cam, Murray, Rob, Rick, and Maurice who came out to make that work light and fun...In fact, it doesn't even feel like work!

Be sure to contact Rick McPhee or Dave Walker to offer up your couple hours of time, and we'll all reap the benefits!

**The deadline for submissions for the next issue is Jan. 21, 2008. Happy Holidays!**

Jon Calow



SLIDE NIGHT 2007

Approximately 80 CMRS members gathered in the Burnswest Theatre at Fort Calgary on the evening of Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, not to celebrate the 122<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the driving of CPR's Last Spike, but to enjoy another great Slide Night. When the lights dimmed at 7:30, the program began with John Sutherland's presentation on the selection of historical and significant diesels for preservation at various Canadian museums. As John noted, the Canadian Railway Historical Association put together a report in 1967 suggesting numerous locomotives which would be worthy of saving. John showed photos of most of these engines both in service and in museums around the country, along with a few more which post-dated the study, but are now old enough to qualify as museum pieces.

Next up, Gary & Roz Miller highlighted railroads of the Idaho Panhandle. There are a surprising number of railroads big and small which traverse the panhandle of Northern Idaho, and their fine photography showcased both the diversity of the railroads and the challenging landscape in which they operate.

Roy Lindblad, a retired CPR Car Foreman showed us pictures of numerous train wrecks and mishaps from the late 50's and 60's he worked at in the Kootenay and BC Interior regions. Everyone was fascinated by photos of 250 ton steam powered wrecking cranes being used to lift locomotives and cars out of the lake and back up to the tracks.

After the snack break, a 50:50 draw was held, with the winner and our Trains for Kids program each benefitting from \$117. Thanks to Greg Cave for running the draw.

Jon Calon entertained us with highlights of his recent trips aboard several Budd RDC's, on Vancouver Island, out of Sudbury, and in eastern Oregon. We all gained an appreciation for these venerable machines, some now over 50 years old.

Bob Whetham traveled from Cranbrook to show us his very enlightening presentation on his trips on the railroads of South America. Across Peru, Chile, and Argentina, from Patagonia to Machu Picchu, Bob found trains, and his descriptions of his adventures were as entertaining as his terrific photography.

The evening wrapped up with a feature on the recent CMRS excursion behind CPR Empress 2816 to Mazeppa by Daniel Jones. Daniel's rapid-pace show covered the Empress in many scenic locations from Calgary through Okotoks to Aldersyde and Mazeppa, along with some artistic shots of the locomotive and train itself.

We all owe our thanks to each of the photographers for taking the time to prepare their excellent presentations. In addition, a special Thank You must go to Dale Deyo, who found out about his neighbour Roy Lindblad's photo collection, and brought Roy to Slide Night. Finally, thanks to all the others who helped with behind-the-scenes setup to make Slide Night successful.

It seems to be a tradition that we run out of time before we run out of pictures to show, and this year's Slide Night was no exception. That's the bad news. The good news is that there will be another Slide Night early in February where all the rest of the photos will be shown, along with a lot more. More about that below. I can hardly wait.

*Rob Badmington*

RETURN TO SLIDE NIGHT PART DEUX

As Rob mentioned above, we have a couple wonderful volunteers who saw an opportunity and seized it. Thanks to Murray Larsen and Peter Bouma for taking on the task of hosting a second annual slide night, to be held at 7pm on February 8, 2008, in the very comfortable auditorium of the First Christian Reformed Church/River Park Community Church. The two names for the venue is due to the

Church changing its name on January 1, 2008. The location of the Church is 3818 14A Street SW (located near 14th Street and Sifton Blvd SW). Free parking is across the street, and snacks and refreshments will be provided. Since the date is a Friday, we're hoping everyone can stay longer (we have the facility until 12am) and see all the slides and allow a

much larger potpourri of slides. Gather up your slides or digital photos and contact Murray at 271-4573 or by email at bnsfoakway@shaw.ca to advise you're wanting to present. See you there!

*Jon Calon*





**SUPERTRAIN CLINICIANS WANTED**

SUPERTRAIN 2008 will be showcasing a series of live clinics and I'm looking for CMRS members to present a live clinic. If you want to present a live clinic ranging from one-half to one hour, I would really appreciate hearing from you by email at [sproules@telusplanet.net](mailto:sproules@telusplanet.net). Our audience will probably range from the beginner model railroader/family who has received a boxed trainset for Christmas to the more seasoned modeler.

You may choose to present your material for one day only or go all out and repeat the same material or even present new material the same day or for a second day. Suggested topics for the beginner are: Basic electrical, Basic trackwork, Basic scenery and so on and for the advanced person, Weathering, Advanced Scenery Ideas and so-on.

As a clinician you'll get FREE admission to SUPERTRAIN. So think it over and please contact me. If you need help in preparing your material, you'll get it. If you need help transporting your clinic material to the show, I'll do my best to get you that help.

Thank you!

*Yours in Model Railroading,  
Dale Sproule*

**2008 APPRECIATION NIGHT**

Our annual CMRS APPRECIATION NIGHT is scheduled for Friday evening, May 23, 2008 at the Glenmore Inn. Tickets are available for purchase **NOW**. Cost will be the same as last year, \$30 per person. Last year we had scheduled a speaker from CPR but due to their labor problems this had to be cancelled. We hope to have this presentation available for 2008.

As with last year, cocktails begin at 6pm, dinner at 7pm followed by member recognition (the most important reason for gathering) and the still popular Fun Casino. Ticket sales need to be cutoff a week prior to the dinner so you have plenty of time to purchase tickets. Where else can you go for a wonderful dinner and entertainment for \$30? Please email me with your request and I will make it as easy as possible to get these to you.

Thanks!

*Dale Sproule*

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**BYLAW COMMITTEE REPORT**

Your Bylaw committee has had a number of meetings and is going to be presenting their recommendations to the Board on December 5. After that meeting, and with the Board's approval, we will provide a summary of the changes that will be presented to the membership for their approval.

Why do we have bylaws? Some members have the opinion that this is just "politics" and it is a major pain to read and review them. However, one of the reasons that the Calgary Model Railway Society has been so successful is because we have had a good set of bylaws. Good bylaws keeps the "politics" out of the Society and keeps it running smoothly. The Bylaw committee firmly believes in this concept and also firmly believes in the democratic process where the membership gets involved in the election and/or ratification of the Board of Directors.

We are not proposing major changes, but the bylaws needed some review and some changes to accommodate the ways that the Society is evolving. We also needed to review them from a legal standpoint to be sure the changes meet with the requirements of the Alberta Societies Act.

It is our intention, with the Board's concurrence, to present these changes to the Membership at the Mini-Meet in February. Please take the time to read them prior to the meeting, and if you have questions, please contact any member of the Bylaw committee. We hope that they meet with your approval and that you will vote to accept them.

*Barry Conn  
Chairman - Bylaw Committee*

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I have a large s-gauge layout (no trains) which I would like to give to a good home!! My daughter rescued it from her school last spring when they closed the school and they were going to scrap the entire layout.

It is built in 12 sections, each between 3-4 feet long and 2-3 feet wide. About one third is complete with scenery and landscaping and the rest has the track laid and wiring for switches.

If you're interested, please contact me at [banksr@telus.net](mailto:banksr@telus.net) or call Ray at 931-3964 for more info.



## 2ND ANNUAL SCRATCHBUILDING CLINIC & DIORAMA CONTEST

In an effort to promote more model railroad construction, CMRS is announcing our 2nd annual scratchbuilding project, I showed off a sample at the recent fall mini-meet. This is a small HO scale structure is suitable as a small warehouse, factory, boat-repair building...it can be whatever your imagination makes it to be. Its footprint measures 3-1/2 inches square. CMRS will provide all materials: pre-cut styrene walls, roof, windows and doors and more! You can modify the basic design as you wish, paint, lettering and weathering is up to you.

Our first project was a CPR portable station of which 10 members took away pre-cut kits at the Spring 2007 Mini-Meet to assemble and paint on their own a full year before these are to be presented on a diorama with trackage as a minimum at the upcoming "Spring" 2008 Mini-Meet. Three other members took away plans for the same project. Again, voting by popular ballot will bring the modeler with most votes a \$50 gift certificate to the local hobby shop of their choice. The only 3 rules: first: please have your diorama with at least a piece of trackage on the diorama although this could be an abandoned track, secondly: you need to send me an email at [sproules@telusplanet.net](mailto:sproules@telusplanet.net) so I can contact you with further details and third: HAVE FUN. Deadline for names sent into me will be in early December 2007, giving me enough time to purchase and prepare materials for you to assemble at your own pace.

*Yours in modelling,  
Dale Sproule*

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## BOXCAR DIORAMA WINNERS

It was a tie! For the Boxcar Diorama contest at the Fall Mini-Meet, Roger Walker (top photo) and Gord Smith (bottom photo) each won \$50 gift certificates from Trains and Such. Congratulations!

*Jon Calton*

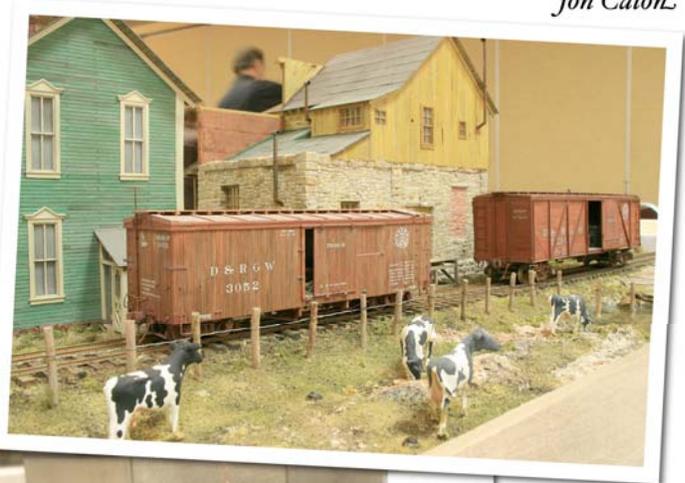


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## ON THE CHOICE OF COVER PHOTOS

Many factors take place in the choice of the cover photo for an issue of the Orderboard. For certain, the quality of the photo plays a big part, but then content plays a part too. Prototype shot or model? I usually decide on a model photo (drop me a line if you want your work professionally photographed), given that we're a Model Railway society, but with the weather being what it is, I figured a nice winter time prototype shot would be good to cap off the year. Problem was, I had two equally good winter shots in my collection from a railfanning trip last November and I couldn't decide on which one. So, I used both! One of them is on the cover of the issue you're holding. To see "the other photo", check out the Orderboard online, where both cover photos are available for viewing. Which one do you think is better? Drop me a line and let me know!

*Jon Calton*



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**Deadline for the next issue is Jan. 21, 2008**

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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:

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**COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

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

**December 15, 2007 – Introduction to Model Railroading, Westwinds Superstore, Calgary AB.**

December 15-16, 2007 – Great Train Expo, Ridgefield, WA. <http://www.greattrainexpo.com/>

**February 8, 2008 – Return to Slide Night Part Deux, River Park Community Church**

**February 24, 2008 – “Spring” Mini-meet & CMT Fleamarket, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB.**

April 5-6, 2008 – Moose Jaw Model Train Show 2008, Moose Jaw, SK. <http://www.tcmrc.org/>

**April 19-20, 2008 – SUPERTRAIN 2008, Calgary, AB. <http://www.supertrain.ca/>**

April 27, 2008 – 28th Annual Helena Railroad Fair, Helena, MT, email [rrfair@mt.net](mailto:rrfair@mt.net) for info.

**May 23, 2008 – CMRS Member Appreciation Night, Glenmore Inn at 6pm.**

June 13-15, 2008 – Chilliwack Interchange 2008, Chilliwack BC, <http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com/>

August 16-17, 2008 – Alberta Free-mo 2008, Big Valley, AB, <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/AlbertaFreemo/>

August 29-31, 2008 – Galt #8 - 6th Division PNR Meet in Lethbridge, AB

**Do you have or know of an event which should be listed here?  
Send an email to [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org) with the details!**