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NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

President's Message

Our first SUPERTRAIN at the Calgary Soccer Centre is behind us, and judging by the comments and emails I have received, it was a rousing success. Having said that, we were incredibly unlucky with the weather, which definitely affected the number of people who attended. The snow and cold weather started early Friday morning and affected the move-in operations all day. By Saturday, the roads all over Calgary were very slippery, and many people decided not to venture out. It didn't improve much on Sunday either. The final counts are still being tabulated as I write this, but it is safe to say our attendance was down quite a bit from last year.

Those that did come to the show found a wonderful variety of layouts, more vendors than ever, and a venue that addressed most of the concerns we had at the Big Four - more space, better food, a comfortable floor to stand on, free parking, and lots of seating. That's not to say there weren't problems, but they weren't apparent to the public, and the SUPERTRAIN Committee is already starting to address them.

The Supertrain Committee did an incredible amount of work in the months leading up to the

show, right though 'til well past midnight on Sunday night, getting the last displays out the door. These people put in thousands of hours to make the show a success: Rob Badmington, Mike Borkristl, Jon Calon, Gord Cooper, Bob Hadlow, Brookes Harrow, Steve Klein, Rick McPhee (Committee Chairman), Geoff Southwood, Dale Sproule, Dave Walker, and Rick Walker. Also, special mention of our Webmaster, Richard Johnson must be made. And, of course, hundreds of volunteers helped in so many ways.

Speaking of volunteers, our next event, Member Appreciation Night, is coming up on May 23, at the Glenmore Inn. This is the time when we recognize the dozens of CMRS members who volunteer to make our society so successful. If you haven't got your tickets already, please contact Dale Sproule by phone or email as soon as you can to line up yours. Dale has a great evening planned, so don't be disappointed by missing out.

Our last official event of the season will be the always popular layout tours in June. More about that on page 2.

For myself this summer, I plan to continue my quest to cycle as

much of the Kettle Valley Railway across Southern BC as I can. Last summer, my wife Bonny and I did major segments out of Castlegar, Penticton, and Summerland. This year, on the way to the PNR Regional Convention in Chilliwack, I think we will check out the new Myra Canyon bridges near Kelowna, and cycle some miles out of Princeton. If anyone is interested, our pictures could form the basis of a presentation at a Mini Meet or slide night.

See you at Appreciation Night.

*Rob Badmington
CMRS President.*

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CMRS APPRECIATION NIGHT 2008

Tickets for Appreciation Night sales will continue following a disappointing number purchased at SUPERTRAIN; there were only 15 sold in addition to the 13 already sold. I feel that many of you are waiting until the last possible minute. Where else can you go in this city on Friday, May 23 and enjoy a full banquet, guest speaker, friendship of fellow CMRS members and Fun Casino for \$30 ???

HECK - The \$30 cost doesn't even cover the full cost of the meal - the balance of the cost of the meal PLUS cost to rent the facilities at the Glenmore Inn PLUS cost of Fun Money Prize Items (both for Ladies and Men which in itself totals many hundreds of dollars) comes from CMRS.

So, how to get these tickets to you? Traditionally and again this year, I will be available for ticket sales Saturday, May 10 and Saturday, May 17 at Trains and Such from 10am to 2pm. In addition, I can be reached at my home phone number: 274-4852 or email sproules@telusplanet.net but when contacted I will probably suggest Trains and Such be used for your cash drop-off and ticket pickup. Cash only please, no cheques. The final headcount needs to be into the Glenmore Inn the following Monday morning, May 19 at 10am. NO SALES AFTER THAT DATE!

Thank you!

Dale Sproule



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LAYOUT TOURS 2008

A reminder the dates selected for the layout tours are Saturdays June 21 and June 28, 2008.

Currently we have 8 members who have volunteered to show there layouts this year, 4 for the south and 4 for the north with the Bow River as the dividing line. We could still accommodate 1 to 2 more layouts on each of the days.

If you are interested in opening your layout to the CMRS membership please contact David Walker at 403-240-9271 or by email mcwalk@telusplanet.net or Gordon Cooper at 403-285-2282 or by email at gcooper@shaw.ca.

David Walker & Gordon Cooper

SUPERTRAIN VOLUNTEERS 2008

I wish to thank all the members that stepped forward to help with SUPERTRAIN this year.

Those members who had family and friends assist us this year, a special thanks to all of you. Please pass on our appreciation for the work they did at the show this year. Without their assistance we would have been struggling to fill a number of the time slots that we had.

Thanks!

David Walker



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NARROW GAUGE SIG

For the past couple of years a few CMRS members have been discussing the formation of a narrow gauge group. It was decided to hold a short meeting at the Spring Mini Meet. At this meeting ten members expressed an interest in continuing to explore the potential of forming some kind of narrow gauge group (or special interest group).

At this time little has been decided regarding the the group or the activities to be pursued. The only decision has been to continue looking at possibilities and gain more input from interested modellers.

If you're interested in participating in the discussions, contact Ian McArthur at 403-637-2560 or by email: sutul@telus.net.

Ian McArthur

A BRIEF MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of April 22 the CMRS membership stands at 375 current (2008) members. Of these 198 have purchased multiple-year memberships.

There were approximately 80 expired members (from 2007) who didn't renew and were struck from the membership list.

A reminder that 2008 memberships expire on June 30, 2008. Membership renewal forms are available on the CMRS website.

Ian McArthur



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Do you have some Model Railroad 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 May 26, 2008

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 July 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.

May 3-4 & 10-11, 2008 – “Day out with Thomas”, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB. <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>
May 23, 2008 – CMRS Member Appreciation Night, Glenmore Inn at 6pm.

June 13-15, 2008 – Chilliwack Interchange 2008, Chilliwack BC, <http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com/>
June 21 & 28, 2008 – CMRS Layout Tours. Details to be announced later.

August 15-24, 2008 – Revelstoke Railway Days, Revelstoke, BC, <http://www.railwaydays.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

September 27-28, 2008 – Railway Days at Heritage Park, Calgary, AB. <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

October 18, 2008 – South Bank Short Line Boomer Auction, Calgary AB.

October 19, 2008 – Fall Mini Meet, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB.

November 7-10, 2008 – Trains 2008 - 7th Division PNR Meet in Burnaby BC, <http://www.bctrains.org/>

April 18-19, 2009 – SUPERTRAIN 2009, Calgary, AB <http://www.supertrain.ca/>

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