



THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



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Not only does the Edmonton Model Railroad Association have their own freight station for a club building, they have a live steam locomotive passing by right outside. The club layout, along with the 1919 Baldwin 2-6-2, will be attractions for attendees of Northern Lights 2009, the PNR Regional Convention in Edmonton next year. Photo credit: Rob Badmington.

President's Message

The end of my six years of the Board of the CMRS is rapidly approaching, so naturally I feel the urge to look back and see what has transpired in that time.

I was very surprised when I checked the names on past boards and realized that I have served with 25 different people in that time. I recall that AGM in 2002 when Rolf Stengl looked into the crowd and asked if I would let my name stand. I had no idea what would be in store for me when I agreed, but I am sure glad I did. I

think when I attended my first Board meeting, Rolf was the only member I knew from before. However, it didn't take long to get to know the others, and now six years later, I can say everyone I have served with has become a friend. Often, after the Society business is taken care of, we will stay much later, chatting about trains, our layouts, and new activities we can develop for our members.

Running the CMRS is most definitely a team sport. In the last

few years our team can say we have accomplished a lot. SUPERTRAIN is bigger and better than ever, we've successfully run two railfan trips behind CP's 2816, and the website is a great place to find out what's going on. The Orderboard has more colour and content, layout tours have more layouts to visit, Slide Night has become two slide nights, and we've run bus trips to Edmonton and Cranbrook. We've had picnics, lots of mini-meets,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Appreciation Nights, SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night has become an annual event, and members don't dread to attend our AGM. I know that some new events and activities are in the works, and planning for SUPERTRAIN 2009 is well underway (more about that inside the Orderboard.) All of these things depend on a lot of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has lent a hand to make these events work!

So, how was your summer? Since the last Orderboard was published in June, I attended the PNR Regional Convention in Chilliwack, the NMRA National in Anaheim, and the 6th Division Meet in Lethbridge. I was fortunate to participate in two OpSIG sessions while in California, operating trains on Gary Siegel's indoor and outdoor layouts in Santa Barbara, and on the spectacular La Mesa Club layout in San Diego. Talk about sensory overload! As usual, I didn't get much modeling done over the summer, but I sure got a lot of inspiration! Now it's time to get back to the basement and get some projects completed.

One last thing - some very good news to report. At the Lethbridge meet, the CMRS was presented with a cheque by John Wrinch on behalf of the Railroadeo 79 Committee. You may recall that Calgary hosted the 1979 NMRA National Convention - Railroadeo 79. The profits from the convention were retained and administered by a committee for the purpose of promoting the hobby of model railroading in Calgary and the surrounding areas. After almost 30 years it was decided to wind down the committee and disperse the funds to groups within the region which actively promote the hobby. Joining the CMRS in receiving funds were the Southern Alberta Model Railway Club in Lethbridge, the Edmonton Model Railroad Association, and the PNR 6th Division. Please join me in expressing our gratitude to the Railroadeo Committee for their very generous donation to the CMRS.

As I hand the gavel over to Brookes and his new Board, I encourage all members to give him the support that I have always enjoyed. Thanks!

*Rob Badmington
CMRS President.*

LAYOUT TOURS 2008

Layout tours went well with some layouts having better attendance than others. Unfortunately, CMT had 1 visitor so they have already declined for next years tours, which is regrettable as this is a layout that gives the opportunity for visitors to see complete & incomplete sections. We are now looking at some different ideas for next years tours. One of those ideas is to do the Layout Tours on just one day, but stagger the open times based on location (ie: layouts in the north end of the city are open from 8 to noon, layouts in the centre of the city open from 10 to 2, and so on.) I welcome any other suggestions and feedback you might have to help improve attendance. I can be reached at 403 285 2282 or email gcoopercows@shaw.ca. Thank you and have a Great Model Railroad season. See you all at the AGM/Fall Mini Meet.

Gordon Cooper



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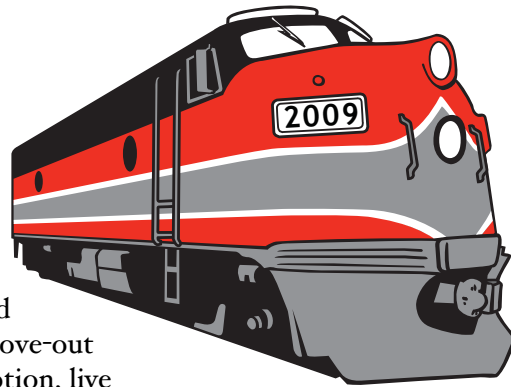


SUPERTRAIN 2009

SUPERTRAIN

We are a little over half a year away from SUPERTRAIN 2009 and planning is well underway. Everyone I've talked to including vendors, exhibitors, and the general public, has been very complimentary about how well SUPERTRAIN 2008 worked in the new facility. That's not to say that there aren't lots of opportunities to make improvements. Over the next few months we will be addressing guest admissions, food services, parking, move-in and move-out processes, advertising and promotion, live demonstrations, emergency response planning, play areas, signage, and much more. We are also doing our best to arrange for better weather in 2009.

We are undertaking the planning with a multi-tier approach. A Steering Committee consisting of Brookes Harrow, Rick Walker, Mike Borkristl, Geoff Southwood, and myself are taking responsibility for the overall planning and operation. Many other CMRS members are taking charge of specific areas such as Volunteers, Clinics and Demos, Security, etc. Rather than have the whole committee sit through



long meetings while every detail is discussed, more focused meetings will be held with only those directly involved with particular issues.

SUPERTRAIN 2009 will again take place at the Calgary Soccer Centre Saturday and Sunday April 18 & 19th, 2009. We are working closely with the CSC to resolve some operational concerns from the last show. SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night will be bigger and better than ever at the Glenmore Inn. The People's Choice Awards, Mark

Eastman Award, and Best Display Trophies will be presented at the banquet on Saturday evening, rather than on Sunday morning as in the past. Our website, www.supertrain.ca, will continue to be one of the main sources of information about the show for exhibitors, our members, and the public.

The proposed budget will be presented in detail at the upcoming AGM for ratification by the CMRS membership. I am committed to keeping CMRS members informed of developments as we get closer to the show through an update in every Orderboard. SUPERTRAIN is the biggest event on the CMRS calendar and is our opportunity to show off our great hobby to the public. It is also the most important source of funding to run all of the other things CMRS offers to its members. I look forward to everyone's support in the months leading up to the show, as well as on SUPERTRAIN weekend.

Rob Badmington
SUPERTRAIN 2009 Chairman




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THE NARROW GAUGE GROUP

Last year a few CMRS members got together to consider starting up a group for narrow gauge railway fans. It was decided to follow up on this at the Fall Meet.

As a result the fledgling Narrow Gauge Group will give a presentation on current happenings at the Colorado narrow gauge railways (the Durango and Silverton, the Cumbres & Toltec, the Georgetown Loop and the Colorado Railway Museum). My wife and I toured all of these and the Powder River Basin earlier in September.

Surprise surprise: Also included is a brief history of a relatively unknown local narrow gauge railway that was established in 1892. It was 36 inch gauge and about thirty miles long. This will include a route map and driving instructions to tour the remnants of the line.

Any CMRS members who are interested in attending the session or getting involved with the Narrow Gauge Group are invited to attend. You can also contact me at sutul@telus.net.

Ian McArthur

CMRS MEMBERSHIP DUES

All 2008 memberships expired on June 30, 2008. Members are urged to renew their membership prior to the Fall Meet and Annual General Meeting. Revised and simplified renewal forms are posted on the CMRS website (as pdf files): www.calgarymodelrailway.ca

As the membership chairman, I would request that you please renew your membership as soon as possible by downloading the renewal form and mailing the form with a cheque to the CMRS post box (Calgary Model Railway Society, Box 63033, 2604 Kensington Road NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 4S5). This will greatly reduce the line-up at the Fall Meet.

Multi-year membership renewals are available for up to three years. These really make the membership job a lot easier.

Only paid-up members are allowed to attend the Annual General Meeting.

For any membership questions contact me by email at sutul@telus.com or phone 403-637-2560. Thanks!

Ian McArthur

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK: PREPARING FOR EVENTUALITIES

"In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." - Benjamin Franklin.

I'm sure you've heard this saying or something close to it at some point in your life, but it bears some repeating. A few weeks ago, I came across a couple tidbits on the CanModelTrains yahoo group mailing list, and felt a strong urge to pass them along. First, from Ric Hamilton in Grafton, Nova Scotia wrote a note about cleaning off his workbench (selling some stuff), and then watched the comments come from that message. He posted a reply to the group which I had to include here in it's entirety:

"You know, I started this thread earlier this week to divest myself of a few unused items and chuckled as I saw how it evolved especially after last night.

"Last night I got a phone call from a friend to go for a drive with him. We ended up at the home of a recently departed model railroader. Thankfully, the recently departed model railroader had told his spouse while he was in the hospital to contact a mutual friend who in turn contacted me to assist. His widow had asked if we could help sort some of the mess out, sell off what we can and help by removing the partially completed layout. Our initial visit was to see what we were up against. All I can say is as I looked at his layout and workbench on the third floor of his house, is it very much reminded me of my situation I just cleaned up. The irony was not lost on me.

"She was not aware of what is there or the value involved as 'he only spent \$20 a week' on model RR stuff. She had numerous people who knew the layout existed if they could have a look and maybe purchase some of his stuff. Last night when we were there we found a brass tender and a brass Climax and set them aside and informed her of what they are and why she should not sell them cheaply if she did it before we

got back to start. She only knew of the Climax (but not what it was or what it looked like) because of his friends in another province had told her about it. There are other things there that are certainly valuable in their own right, albeit not like the brass stuff, but still worth more than \$10 or \$15 dollars some snipe may have offered for them. Other things that have \$10 or 15 dollar price tags from 1985 doesn't necessarily mean they are worth that or more now. You know it. Those not involved in the hobby don't.

"To my model railroading friends, when we walk out of the house each day, it may be the day that we we don't return. Don't leave the mess for your spouses to clean up on their own if they are not actively involved in your hobby. Make arrangements with a close model railroad friend to be available to the spouse to help clean up your mess and leave him or her something they cherish of yours for their effort. Your friend is probably more knowledgeable of what you have and its current day value."

One of the replies to that message came from John Longhurst in Winnipeg, Manitoba:

"Harold Weston, a well-known Winnipeg hobby shop owner and model railroader, made exactly that kind of arrangement with some model railroad friends - asking them to take down his layout and sell his model railroad items following his death.

"After his death about ten years ago, the friends dutifully went over to dismantle the layout. As they took down a tunnel, they found a bottle of well-aged scotch inside. It included a note telling that this was for them to enjoy as a thank-you. It had been placed there many years earlier, while he was building the layout, in anticipation of just that time."

While some of these topics tend to be a little depressing, they should be discussed. I have made my plans known to my wife and a couple friends. Have you?

Jon Calon.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2008 CMRS AGM will be held on Sunday, October 19th, 2007, starting at 11:00am at the Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE

Members will be asked to approve the 2008-2009 Budget and to elect three Directors. Please plan to attend. The AGM is being held with the Fall Mini-Meet. Due to budgetary constraints, lunch will not be provided this year.

For more information, contact the Secretary at mcwalk@telusplanet.net or 403-240-9271.

David Walker
Secretary - CMRS

FALL MINI MEET SCHEDULE

The Fall Mini-meet is taking place in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting, and as always, Jeff Burk is hoping to provide some interesting clinics for you to take advantage of.

Clinics scheduled thus far are as follows:

Northern Lights 2009 - Rob Badmington will give a Powerpoint presentation about the upcoming PNR meet in Edmonton.

Building Clinic - Dale Sproule will do up another building clinic, though details are a little sketchy at the moment. Check the website for more details.

Narrow Gauge Railroading - Ian McArthur will give a presentation on the subject with a meeting to follow for those interested in joining a Narrow Gauge SIG.

Changes can and will happen, so be sure to check out the schedule board down at the Glenmore Inn.

Jon Calton

CMT OPEN HOUSE

Calgary Model Trainmen's Club will be open to the public on Saturday November 22nd, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. All modelers and train buffs are cordially invited to visit Calgary's only permanent HO scale club layout. Come see the changes we have made to the layout.

The club address is 619 12 Avenue SE. Look for the long red wood building on the south side of 12

AIRBRUSH COMPRESSOR TO BE RAFFLED OFF AT AGM

This Airbrush Air Compressor can be yours at the Fall Mini-meet as well! We're grateful to Barry Conn for donating this compressor to Trains for Kids. We're raffling off this compressor with all proceeds to go towards Trains for Kids.

The compressor comes with a regulator, moisture trap, and a small air reservoir for smooth airflow. We're told it's pretty quiet too.

Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10, and will be for sale at the Mini-meet at the Glenmore Inn on the 19th of October. The draw will be held at the AGM, and ticket holders must be present to win.

Good luck!



Avenue, adjacent to the hospital ruins and just north of the Stampede Grounds. Admission is by donation.

Want to run your HO trains through the mountains at Kananaskis? Please bring your trains with you!! Locos must be DCC decoder equipped to run on Digitrax.

Hope to see you at CMT. For more info, please contact me. Contact info is on the last page of this Orderboard.

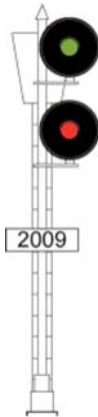
Brookes Harrow



FALL SLIDE NIGHT 2008

Fall is upon us and the leaves are turning colours. What does this mean? Fall Slide night is on it is way! There will be a slide night on Friday, November 7th at River Park Church (3818 14A Street SW). This slide night, let's make our theme "Trains and the Weather." Bring your best slides of trains in the desert, snow, rain, or fall colors. I'm looking for presenters who can show 20 minutes of slides and, as always, we will have potpourri scattered throughout (5-20 slides of your own). Digital or traditional slides will be accepted, however we will not be showing video this time. Doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 7:30. We'll show slides until we run out, or until we all fall asleep. If you have any submissions or need more information, contact me. Peter Bouma at freemo54@hotmail.com.

NORTHERN LIGHTS 2009



If you have never been to an NMRA Convention, you are really missing out. While not everyone can get to a week-long National Convention like the one in Anaheim this past July, a Regional Convention only three hours away is a must-do. Northern Lights 2009, the Pacific Northwest Region Annual Convention is being held Thursday thru Saturday, September 17 to 19, 2009 in Edmonton. To give you an idea what is in store for attendees, imagine the entire CMRS event calendar packed into three days. There are clinics, layout tours, model and photo contests, prototype tours, operating sessions, hospitality room, barbeque at Fort Edmonton Park with live steam and trolley rides, and a banquet with Tom Price as guest speaker. Finally, the Great Edmonton Train Show will be held in conjunction with Northern Lights 2009.


The convention will be held at the downtown Coast Edmonton Plaza. Special room rates have been arranged for attendees. There will be a draw for a sound-equipped locomotive from the early-bird registrations, with one draw ticket entered for you for each month you are pre-registered. So the earlier you register, the more chances you have to win.

If you have seen Tom Price speak at one of our events in Calgary, you already know that you will be treated to a very entertaining evening. His topic for the after-dinner presentation will be "127 Years of Mayhem", with pictures and stories of the efforts of the CPR to overcome accidents and Mother Nature and keep the railway running. Tom is a third generation railroader who until recently was the Roadmaster in Banff responsible for the Laggan Sub including the Spiral Tunnels. He has experienced plenty of mayhem firsthand!

Edmonton has many other attractions which will appeal to the non-railroaders too - West Edmonton Mall, Old Strathcona, Muttart Conservatory, Edmonton Queen Riverboat, and the Royal Alberta Museum, to name a few.

To register or for more information, please visit the website: www.northernlights2009.ca or send an email to Registrar Mark Johnson at registrar@northernlights2009.ca. It would be great to see a huge Calgary turnout!

Rob Badmington.




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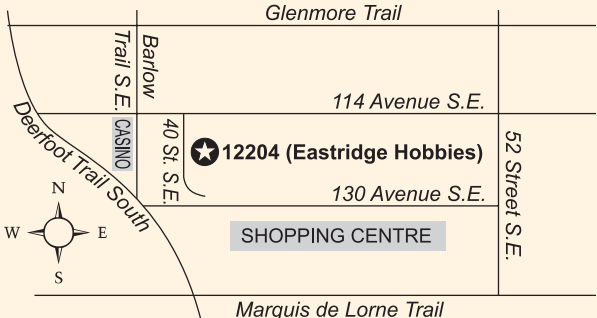
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Deadline for the next issue is October 27, 2008

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.

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

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

October 18-19, 2008 – Edmonton MR Assoc. Open House, Edmonton, AB. <http://www.emraonline.ca>

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

November 7, 2008 – Fall Slide Night, River Park Church - 3818 14A Street SW, Calgary, AB.

November 13-15, 2008 – Craftsman Structure Show, Mansfield MA. <http://www.craftsmanstructureshow.com/>

November 22, 2008 – CMT Open House, Calgary, AB. <http://www.calgarymodeltrainmen.org>

February 13, 2009 – Spring Slide Night, River Park Church - 3818 14A Street SW, Calgary, AB

March 15, 2009 – Spring Mini-Meet, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB

March 29-30, 2009 – 2009 Train Show, Western Development Museum, Moose Jaw, SK. email: jhall@wdm.ca

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

May 23, 2009 – Layout Tours. Details TBA

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