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NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



Claresholm Siding sees some activity on Ed Hopkin's "Elbonia Central" layout, participating in this year's Layout Tours. Ed's HO scale double-deck layout features 21 towns and has plenty of new features for 2009. Photo by Geoff Southwood.

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President's Message

Wow!! Another SUPER-TRAIN has come and gone!! Our premier event of the year was a great success!! Attendance was up, the public for the most part enjoyed the show, vendors were happy and the manufacturers had a ready audience to see what they had to offer.

A show like this does not magically happen. Lots of work by lots of people goes into making this show a success.

Rob offers a detailed report elsewhere in the newsletter. I will

try not to repeat what is in his report. Allow me to add some highlights and give some thanks on behalf of the Calgary Model Railway Society membership-

- Each and everyone who stepped up to the plate and volunteered. Whether at the show on Security, Admissions, Office, Parking or Info Booth, move-in or move-out, being on or assisting the Committee and taking on some of the multitude of jobs to be done, many people stepped forward. Thank you to each and

every one. Volunteers are always in short supply; we appreciate you giving some of your time to help make the show a success.

- Special thanks to Rob Badmington for his excellent job as Show Chairman and also for handling the advertising and promotion portfolio.

- Thanks to the Calgary clubs (Calgary Free-mo, CMT, Bow Valley, RMGR, South Bank Short Lines) members for volunteering time at the show.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

- Over the years, our most effective means of advertising is the overhead banners. Thanks to Steve Klein and his team for looking after the banners.

- Thanks to Jon Calon for the striking artwork on posters, tickets, and the Show Guides. Our thanks to Rapido Trains for picking up the cost of the Guides this year.

- For ticket printing, Avenida Art Gallery stepped up and picked up the cost the tickets.

- The opportunity was presented to appear on CITY's Breakfast TV on April 17th. Scotty Beaton and Jeff Burk from RMGR and Gail Myers and Gord Smith from Bow Valley answered the call. They set up their displays on Thursday and were in the studio throughout the show on Friday. Thanks for a great job!!

- Behind the scenes, when the need was identified to build loading dollies to aid exhibitors with move-in and move-out, the members of the Bow Valley Club stepped forward to build 8 of them. They were invaluable for loading.

- For the first time, we had a Children's Play Area at the show. Frankly, I never expected to see more than 5 to 6 kids at any time. Boy, was I wrong!! The area was always full of happy kids. Thanks to the members of SALUG for the Lego donation and Tony from Ultimate Trains for the Thomas items. And thanks to his wife Joan for organizing the area.

- When we wanted to hold a series of beginner clinics, the members of South Bank Short Lines stepped forward with a full program of clinics. Thanks guys!!

- Thanks to Mike Borkristl for looking after the facilities and dealing with the Soccer Centre.

- Thanks to Geoff Southwood for most capably organizing the admissions area. This year, we have an accurate count of attendance.

- Rick McPhee for producing the floor plans you see on the Web site and in the Show Guides.

- Rick Walker for capably keeping the SUPERTRAIN finances current throughout the past several months. Thank you. Also thanks for cleaning up some of our emails!!

These were some of the things I noted. We are waiting on some bills so Rick Walker can complete the financials. It is safe to say, however, the show was a financial success as well as an overall success.

As pleased as we were with this year's show, our attention is already turning towards SUPERTRAIN 2010. We improved a lot from last year and we will strive to improve again next year.

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While on the topic of appreciation, a big tip of the hat to Linda Laroche for arranging the tour of the Royal Canadian Pacific train at the CP Pavilion on Sunday April 26th. Thanks for organizing a most interesting afternoon.

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Next up, our Layout Tours take place on Saturday May 23 and Sunday May 24. Gord Cooper, with help from Rick McPhee, has put together a series of great layouts. Thanks to the layout owners who have invited CMRS members to see their modeling skills and share their fun. See Gord's report in this issue on page 8.

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That's all for this issue.

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SUPERTRAIN 2009

SUPERTRAIN

The sun shone and the crowds came! By the time the doors closed on Sunday afternoon, over 11,000 people visited SUPERTRAIN 2009. Judging by the positive comments received from near and far, we put on a very successful show. Rick Walker is still counting the beans, but financially we exceeded our targets.

First and foremost, without our dedicated volunteers, we couldn't put the show on. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the entire SUPERTRAIN committee, and particularly to Mike Borkristl, Geoff Southwood, Rick Walker, and Brookes Harrow. These gentlemen joined me in forming an "executive" committee to do much of the background planning and coordinating. We each took on major aspects of the show, and then delegated responsibility to many others to ensure things were carried out. We were thus able to reduce the number of large committee meetings which take up a lot of people's time. The following people served on the committee and did an outstanding job of making the show come together.

- Dave Becker - Admissions
- Lori Borkristl - Saturday Evening Gala
- Jeff Burk - Glenmore Inn
- Jon Calon - Graphics & Printing
- Greg Cave - Volunteers
- Gord Cooper - Clinics
- Steve Klein - Banners and Emergency Planning
- Linda Laroche - Registrations
- Bill Mitchell - Security and Move-in/Move-out
- Gail Myers - Multiple areas
- Tony Scheiwiller - Children's Play Area

There are many others who contributed a lot of hours before, during, and after the show. To try to name them all would guarantee that I would miss some. However, I would like to make a special mention of two - Richard Johnson and Rowan Bonser. Our website, www.supertrain.ca has become the one of the most important places for information exchange between SUPERTRAIN and the public. Richard has been the CMRS and SUPERTRAIN webmaster for a number of years. He has been incredibly responsive when asked to make updates as



new information became available, often posting the changes within minutes of being asked. When we decided to make the announcements and present the layout and exhibit awards at the Saturday Night Gala, Rowan professionally photographed every exhibit and display, and put together a photo presentation for the Gala. When each award winner was announced, not only did their name go up on the screen, but so did pictures of their layout. This was

an incredible amount of work, most of which had to be done late Saturday afternoon.

This was the first time that we had several major manufacturers participate in the show. After talking to each of them, I feel confident that they will all be back. Several commented on how easy we made it for them, unlike some other shows. I suspect several more companies will want to come next year.

Last year was our first year in the Calgary Soccer Centre, and we all had a lot of learning and adapting to do. In 2009 we were able to improve upon many of the previous shortcomings. Move-in and move-out went much more quickly and smoothly, in part because of the eight dollies which Bow Valley built for us. We named the clinic area the South Bank Short Lines Theatre because of the great effort that SBSL made to put on interesting and informative presentations aimed at the beginning modelers in our audience. There were permanent electrical outlets installed in the central area between the fields, and emergency exit doors were installed at the rear of the building to ensure our show complied with fire codes. More parking was available for the public, partly because of the better weather, but also because our exhibitors and volunteers complied with our request to park in other areas. Once again the folks from Iron Horse Park provided train rides for the kids on the upper level, generating cash donations for the food bank. The Children's Play area was extremely popular with the under 5 crowd. SALUG arranged for 30 pounds of Lego bricks, and Ultimate Trains built tables for the Lego and put a huge Thomas the Tank Engine set-up on the floor.

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SUPERTRAIN 2009 (CONTINUED)

I can see the need to expand the space next year. We put lots of Scouts and Girl Guides to work as volunteers, helping in many ways. The flow of the crowd at the front entrance was improved, and ticket sales were handled by our own members in a very professional manner.

Despite all our planning, there were glitches which had to be overcome. However, I don't think any major problems were encountered, and the public didn't seem to perceive them. As people bought tickets they were asked how they heard about the show. A significant majority said they come every year, so they must like what we do. That's not to say we can't still make improvements, and we will. I have agreed to be the show chairman again next year, so I will be looking for your input, suggestions, and constructive criticism. I will also be looking to strengthen the committee with more people willing to make a commitment and take responsibility for some aspect of the show.

The Calgary Model Railway Society is proud to give back to the community through SUPERTRAIN. When train sets are given away at Christmas through our Trains for Kids program, we include a free family pass with each set. Several of these passes were used this year, hopefully meaning that an interest in our great hobby was sparked in some needy kids. We also gave some passes to the Colonel Belcher Veterans Care facility, and several of these wheelchair bound seniors enjoyed the show on Saturday afternoon. The Scout and Girl Guide groups that helped us out will each get a financial contribution toward their fundraising efforts. And finally, the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, a longtime partner, took in food donations totaling 1570 pounds along with cash donations from the train ride and coat check added \$1830 to their cause.

When all of the bills have been paid, SUPERTRAIN 2009 will have replenished the reserve fund which was tapped into last year. I think it's safe to say we met our goals of promoting our hobby, providing a fun and successful show for our exhibitors, vendors, and the public, and ensuring The Calgary Model Railway Society can continue to serve its members into the future.

Thanks to everyone who made it a great success!

Rob Badmington

SUPERTRAIN 2009 Chairman

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Well, this year's "Big Show" is now mostly behind us. Certainly a great turnout for the show, very decent weather compared to virtually every year I've been a member of the CMRS, and again, many thanks for that floor! In the Big Four, my legs would be sore for days upon days after a couple days standing on the hard concrete. This year, only a half day of soreness which is greatly appreciated.

As SUPERTRAIN was one of the bigger reasons for organizing the CMRS in the first place, I'm thinking a fair number of you participated in the show as exhibitors. Certainly, the committee and the CMRS board appreciate all the effort those of you take in showing off your work to the public and the membership. (Now that I think about it, this applies to those opening their layouts for Layout Tours taking place in a few weeks too!)

I happen to be curious about a few things on an ongoing basis and want to put a few questions out there for you to answer:

1) During SUPERTRAIN, what really captivates someone in the public to stop and take notice of your layout? Is it a fast train? Sound? Switching an industry? Big scenery? Something else?

2) Is it more important from the public's point of view to show a layout full of tiny details or a layout which looks realistic and plausible?

3) Which do you appreciate more: A child being totally enthralled with your work or an adult passing along compliments on your modelling?

I'd love to hear your answers to these questions. Send me your thoughts and comments via e-mail to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca.

On a separate thought: Be sure to come up to Big Valley, Alberta in the middle of August and run a train with us at Alberta Free-mo 2009. Be sure to enjoy your summer outdoors on the G scale layout or railfanning!

The deadline for the next issue is June 22.

Jon Calom

Spring Flea Market

I made a mistake, I sold a Locomotive to a gentleman for \$80.00 without sound and DCC, but I later realized I sold him one

With sound and DCC. The Locomotive is an RS-10 in CP Rail Tuscan And Grey No. 8081. I would like to get this back and I will give him the right one.

Please contact Chris at 403-256-0462 or Cell 403-830-0462



CP PAVILION TOUR

The tour was attended by approximately 50 people. We toured four cars: Mount Stephen, Craigellachie, Royal Wentworth and Banffshire. Unfortunately, the other cars in the Pavilion were undergoing maintenance and not available for tours.

The Mount Stephen was built in 1926. Since the Mount Stephen does not have any bedrooms it's considered a "day car". The Mount Stephen was named after Sir George Stephen, CPR's first president. The car is beautifully finished with Russian Circassian walnut paneling and veneer with maple inlay. The cars have been updated with modern amenities while keeping true to the original art deco interior. The observation platform was home to many famous people: Winston Churchill, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and Princess Elizabeth (who would become Queen Elizabeth II) and the Duke of Edinburgh. Imagine having a sumptuous dinner and then relaxing on the observation platform.

The Craigellachie started life as #6243 in 1931 as 56 passenger-14 section tourist sleeping car complete with washrooms, men's smoking room, ladies' lounge and kitchen. The car was retrofitted in 1951, renamed to Greely and assigned to work train service. The Greely was stripped to the shell a few years ago and transformed into a luxury dining car and renamed Craigellachie. The wood paneling in the Craigellachie came from one tree. That must have been one big tree. The Craigellachie has a full kitchen and seats 32 people and is available for special functions.



The Royal Wentworth is a business car built in 1926. The Wentworth was named after CPR's chairman and president at the time, Edward Wentworth Beatty. It was renamed Royal Wentworth after its service as part of the 1939 Royal Train. The dining room of the Royal Wentworth is finished in black walnut with bird's eye maple inlay. In 1949 the Royal Wentworth was fitted with ice-activated air conditioning which means that fans blow over ice and the cool air came thru the ceiling vents and cooled the car. The car's bar is fully stocked and has an espresso/cappuccino machine as well. You can have a night cap and retire to your luxurious room without ever leaving the car. Also of interest is the fact the seats around the small dining table in the Royal Wentworth have the Royal Seal embroidered into the seatbacks. The Royal Wentworth, Van Horne and Strathcona cars are all similar in layout, containing two or three bedrooms per car.

The Banffshire and N.R. Crump car are sleeper cars with six staterooms featuring double, single and "I" configuration (two twin beds) rooms. These rooms have everything you can think of including a private ensuite bathroom and shower, hairdryer, bathrobes, in-room safe and on-train internal telephone. I can see why the Royal Canadian Pacific is called a 5 star hotel on rails, only this hotel accommodates just 32 people.

Many thanks to the staff of the Royal Canadian Pacific for taking time out of their weekend to show us the cars, answer our questions and provide lots of tidbits of information about the train.

Linda Laroche

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WINNIPEG, Man. – Suzanne Lemon can't remember not ever liking trains—one of her earliest memories as a child is of seeing the vintage steam locomotive that pulled the Prairie Dog Central tourist train near Winnipeg.

"I learned to appreciate trains at a very early age," she says, noting that family trips often involved trips to places like the famed spiral tunnels in B.C. or rides on the Agawa Canyon tourist train in northern Ontario.

Later, as a photographer, she shot thousands of pictures of trains in all kinds of conditions and locations.

"Whether it's spending several hours in -30 Celsius temperatures or hiking through the bush to some inaccessible spot, I'm always in pursuit of that perfect shot of a train," she says.

Now Lemon has combined her interest in trains and photography as editor of Railfan Canada, Canada's newest magazine devoted to photographs and articles about railways.

"I know I'm not the only one who has a passion for Canadian railways, and taking photos of trains," she says. "That's why I created Railfan Canada – I want to give people who enjoy trains a place to share their stories and pictures, help them find good spots to watch trains and provide tips on taking pictures of trains."

The 50-page first issue, produced by Winnipeg-based North Kildonan Publications, was released last month. It contains a special feature on CPR # 2816, the Empress; tips on winter railway photography; a visit to train-watching hotspots in western Manitoba; articles about riding the White Pass & Yukon Railway and VIA Rail's Skeena in northern B.C.; a look at the Dolly Varden Mine in B.C. in the early part of the 20th century; and photos of trains from across Canada.

For publisher Morgan Turney, Railfan Canada is a dream come true.

"I've wanted to create a magazine like this for a long time," he says. "There are a lot of people in this country who like trains, and who also like to take pictures of trains. Railfan Canada has been created for them."

A subscription to Railfan Canada, which comes out four times a year, is \$30 (Cdn). Those who subscribe by August 31 can get a chance to win a five-day trip for two on Rail Travel Tours Superior Colours of Northern Ontario.

Other items published by North Kildonan Publications include Canadian Railway Modeller, Canada's only model railway magazine, and other railway-related books, such as the Canadian Railway Heritage Guide.

To subscribe to Railfan Canada, go to www.railfancanada.ca or send a cheque for the proper amount to Box 99, Stn. F, 355 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg, Man. R2L 2A5.

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Deadline for the next issue is June 22, 2009

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LAYOUT TOURS 2009

Planning is well underway for this year's layout tours, and the following people have graciously agreed to open their layouts to CMRS members:

Rick McPhee, Brian A. Keay, Duncan Kent, Garry Potter, Daniel Charest, Andrew Wills, Richard Johnson, and Ed Hopkin.

The dates have been set to have the North layouts on Saturday the 23rd of May, and the South layouts on Sunday, the 24th of May.

As has been done in the past, we are mailing out the details such as addresses, layout details, and dates for when these layouts will be open. Those who receive their Orderboard electronically will receive in the mail this information sheet, and those who receive the Orderboard on paper should have the sheet included in the same envelope. We encourage you to go and visit these layouts for inspiration for your own modelling and layouts!

Jon Calon & Gordon Cooper

SUPERTRAIN CLINICS


SUPERTRAIN 2009 is now behind us and as the Clinic Director, I would like to thank the South Bank Short Lines for stepping up and hosting the Clinic area, which was renamed the South Bank Theatre in their honour.

Most of the Clinics were well attended and appreciated by everyone. One clinic that I found really interesting was Building a trestle with coffee stir sticks & BBQ skewers. I would like to see this done again at the Fall Mini-Meet. How about it Jeff?

I would also like to thank Frank Angstead from InterMountain and Richard Murray from the World's Greatest Hobby. Both of these Gentlemen had informative presentations that were well attended.

Thanks to everyone for the great effort. See you all at SUPERTRAIN 2010!

Gordon Cooper



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May 9-10, 2009 – Day out with Thomas, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB. <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

May 23 & 24, 2009 – Layout Tours, Calgary, AB.

July 5-11, 2009 – NMRA National, Hartford, CT. <http://www.hn2009.org/>

July 5-11, 2009 – 25th Annual Garden Railway Convention, Denver, CO. <http://2009ngrc.com/>

August 15-16, 2009 – Alberta Free-mo 2009. Big Valley Agriplex, Big Valley, AB. <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/>

August 14-23, 2009 – Railway Days 2009. Revelstoke, BC. <http://www.railwaydays.com/>

September 17-19, 2009 – Northern Lights 2009, NMRA-PNR Regional, Edmonton. <http://www.northernlights2009.ca>

September 19-20, 2009 – Great Edmonton Model Train Show, Edmonton, AB. <http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/>

September 25-26, 2009 – East Coast Large Scale (Fall Show), York, PA. <http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/>

September 27-28, 2009 – Railway Days, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

October 17, 2009 – South Bank Short Lines Boomer Auction, Calgary, AB

October 18, 2009 – CMRS AGM and Fall Mini Meet, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB.

November 14-15, 2009 – Trains 2009, Burnaby, BC. <http://www.bctrains.org/>

Do you have or know of an event which should be listed here?

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