



THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



Some photos not seen at the recent Slide Night as Jon was ill. Many more photos were shown at the River Park Church on February 12. On page 6, Peter and Brookes report what many of us missed that night. Photos by Jon Calon.

President's Message

It's time for another Orderboard, this one to announce the upcoming Spring Mini Meet and CMT Fleamarket next month – March 14. These two events have been combined for a number of years which allows both groups to benefit from a larger crowd and larger facilities. One of my goals this year is to encourage joint events and provide support for groups or clubs who can host events of interest to our members and the public. In fact we are in the preliminary stages with another organization - the PNR's

6th Division (Pacific Northwest Region of the NMRA) regarding supporting presentations and clinics which can help beginners and veterans alike.

I would like to comment about expectations of the Board. We frequently receive ideas and suggestions for new events and activities. While many of these have merit, they also entail additional time and effort. Almost everyone is short of time these days and has to attend to other matters in their day-to-day lives -

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)**

jobs for instance. Board members and volunteers already contribute a great deal of time to the Society. The Board has done and is doing a great job over the life of CMRS taking care of the Society's operations and making arrangements for facilities and volunteers for events such as clinics, slide nights, and especially SUPERTRAIN. It is volunteers, committees, and Board members who have been responsible for the success of this Society and in making SUPERTRAIN probably the biggest and best show in Canada.

To the point, the CMRS Board can facilitate many of the interesting proposals as to what should be done. However, it is not realistic to expect the Board and volunteers on the various committees to have the available time to take on these additional tasks. This is not to discourage new ideas. Please recognize members with good ideas and who are prepared assist the Board and other volunteers with the activity have a much better chance of seeing their ideas implemented. The Society has available funds at the moment, so now is a good time to try new ideas.

The last Slide Night was successful and entertaining from received feedback. We have made changes arising from various suggestions to improve the evening. A large thanks to Peter and the volunteers who make it happen.

The SUPERTRAIN committee is working full steam with registrations from exhibitors and the Saturday Night Gala – see Rob's report later in this issue. Linda is working on an Alberta Prairie Railway trip at Stettler and so far there appears to be enough interest to go ahead.

That's about it for now – hope to see many of you at the Spring Mini Meet.

Rick Walker
CMRS President

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2010 CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET

A priority message is coming in on the Sub-space channel. Uhura reads "This is from Starfleet Command. The CMT Annual Fleamarket is taking place on Sunday March 14th. Proceed at warp speed to the Glenmore Inn."

Scotty cries out "Captain!! The engines canna take the strain. The Warp Core will melt if we leave too late. We have to start now to reach the show in time!"

"Captain" says Chekov. "I have plotted the co-ordinates into the wessel's computer."

"Engage" says Kirk. "The Prime Directive says we must attend. Let's set the Enterprise's course for the Fleamarket right away."

Yep, in case you have not guessed, it's almost time for the Calgary Model Trainmen's Annual Fleamarket. Got some surplus items to sell? Even the Klingons will be looking for your extra items for their model railroads. Buyers will find out-of-this-world bargains!!

Tables are still available but they are going quickly. (If you not received a confirmation email, please email me again as I may have missed some requests.) Table rentals are \$20.00 each. Again this year, Trains and Such is generously supporting the Fleamarket by providing draw prizes. The draw will take place at approximately noon.

The CMT Fleamarket is being held as a joint event with the CMRS Mini Meet. The Fleamarket opens to the public at 9:00 am and runs until noon. Again this year, we are located in the Glenmore East Ballroom at the Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE, Calgary. The event is being held on Sunday March 14th, 2010.

Admission to the Fleamarket is \$2.00 for CMRS members and \$5.00 for non-members. Members will be asked to show their membership card. In case you are wondering, why the \$2.00 charge this year to members? Well, costs. To use the large Glenmore East Ballroom costs considerably more than the other rooms. And the other rooms have proven to be inadequate to hold the Fleamarket.

So we hope to see y'all there. As Spock would say, "To not attend the Fleamarket would be most illogical."

Brookes Harrow



SUPERTRAIN 2010 REPORT

I'll start my report on SUPERTRAIN by telling you about another big train show I recently attended in Springfield, Massachusetts. Altogether there were 9 CMRS members that made the trek across the continent to one of the biggest train shows in North America. Three travelled by Amtrak, two flew in from Palm Springs, two others flew to eastern Canada and drove down with friends, and Rick Walker and I flew from Calgary. Besides the train show, some of us visited several private and club layouts including George Sellios' Franklin & South Manchester and Dick Elwell's Hoosac Valley RR, and we participated in an operating session at Bill Bouchelle's layout. It says a lot about the friendliness of the hobby for these people to welcome all these strangers to their layouts.

The Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show started over 30 years ago and has grown immensely over time. The show is held in four separate buildings at the Eastern States Exposition Grounds in West Springfield with total floor space of over 300,000 square feet, or five times SUPERTRAIN. Attendance this year was 21,458 who each paid \$10 admission. This does not include the children under 15 who get in free, or the approximately 3,200 people who man the exhibits and commercial tables. The show seems to be aimed more to the adult hobbyists and less to young families. There are clinics for beginners and intermediate modellers, and some of the vendors definitely fall into the "Flea Market" category. However, many of the major manufacturers also participate in the show, and there are some amazing layouts to see. Where SUPERTRAIN rents booth space to commercial vendors, the Springfield show sells table space. In many cases it was hard to tell where one vendor's table ended and the next one started. Unless they brought their

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own signs, identification of the vendors was non-existent. Our policies on draped tables, booths, and signage makes SUPERTRAIN a more professional looking show.

Rick, Mike Borkristl, and myself took the opportunity to talk to many manufacturers and dealers at Springfield about the possibilities of coming to Calgary and participating in SUPERTRAIN. We found much interest and heard several manufacturers plan to use our show as the place to make new product announcements. There are some US based manufact-

urers who have concerns with crossing the border, especially with merchandise. However, we were able to refer them to Frank Angstead and Doug Dolloff of InterMountain Railway Company who came to SUPERTRAIN 2009 with no problems and plan to be back again. New participants in SUPERTRAIN this year will include Athearn, North American Rail Car, Bowser-Stewart, and Full Steam Ahead. We are awaiting final commitment from a few others.

Comparing SUPERTRAIN with other major model railroad shows I have been to, I am very comfortable in saying we put on one of the best shows around. We present all the rail hobbies as fun and worthwhile pursuits for the whole family. We get many compliments from the commercial exhibitors who participate in other shows for the fair and friendly way we treat them. Our Saturday Night Gala has grown into a very popular event, not to be missed. Please contact Linda Laroche to make sure you get your ticket.

All of what makes SUPERTRAIN special is due to the dedication and countless hours put in by our many Volunteers and those that build the layouts and man the displays. We've got a lot to be proud of!

Rob Badmington
SUPERTRAIN Chairman



STETTLER RAILFAN TRIP - SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

Hi All. Thank you for everyone that called / emailed to verify the date of the Stettler trip. Yes, I made a mistake regarding the date. We are planning the trip for Saturday, August 14, 2010.

We're still finalizing the details so I don't have any new information to give you. I'm taking names of those people that are interested in this trip. Please email me at appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca or call me at 403-934-1372 if you would like to be contacted when we have more information.

Linda Laroche

SUPERTRAIN SATURDAY NIGHT GALA & CMRS MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION

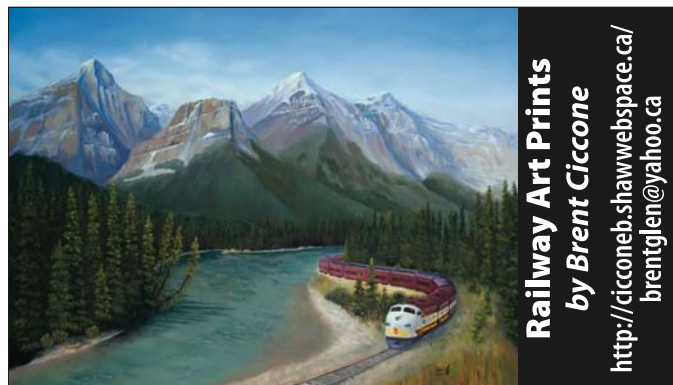
If you are interested in attending the SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala & CMRS Membership Appreciation on Saturday, April 17, 2010, please contact me at 403-934-1372 or email at appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca.

I will be selling tickets for Saturday Night at the CMT Fleamarket / CMRS Spring Mini Meet being held at the Glenmore Inn on Sunday, March 14th. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Cut off for ticket sales will be April 1st.

Our speaker this year will be Tom Price. Tom is always entertaining and this year will be presenting "127 Years of Mayhem" for our enjoyment. In addition to our speaker, we will have other goodies, prizes (including a round-trip for 4 from Edmonton to Vancouver aboard VIA Rail's Canadian!) and an awesome dinner!

See you at the Fleamarket.

Linda Laroche



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

"Damnit Brookes, I'm an Editor, not a Comedian!"

Every year, I'm always left in some form of suspense waiting to find out what sort of metaphor Brookes will come up with to advertise the annual CMT Fleamarket. Couple years ago was a pirates theme (arrrrrrr...that was bad) and this year is a Star Trek theme. Apologies to those few known Trekkies in our midst for butchering these beloved characters to suit our purposes.

The end of the Home Renovation Tax Credit came and went and of course, so did a fair amount of my savings account. I am glad that I'm finding myself with lots of materials...and lots of work still to do. Drywall is nearly complete (a few bits to put up in the stairwell), mudding, taping, sanding, mudding, sanding, mudding even more to cover up mistakes, sanding and at some point, I'll emerge from the dust ready to paint. At least I can claim that I did the work on my own and didn't cop out to professionals who would've had the job done by now, removing that sense of satisfaction from a job done. Well, actually, truth be told it's more a case of my budget didn't account for the dollars that professionals are requiring. It's just a basement, right?

Having said that, there's no escaping the fact I would be nowhere near where I am without the gracious assistance from a few great friends. Many thanks to Cam, Rob, Steve and Murray for their labour, advice, tools, etc. to get the boarding part of my basement development done. Trust me guys, you're at the top of the list for running rights on my layout when it's up and operational. Of course, it'll be on the layout tours when my layout has track and benchwork to show off.

Speaking of which...John Wrinch is organizing this year's Layout Tours, and we'd love to have a few new layouts to present to the members. If you haven't had your layout in the tours for a while, give some consideration to being a kind host. Drop John a line if you're interested. His contact details are on page 7.

Deadline for the next issue is March 21.

Jon Calom



CMRS SPRING MINI MEET CLINICS AND HANDS ON DEMOS

We are presenting a series of Hands on Demos of different areas of model railroading. The idea is that there will be 2 or 3 Hands on Demos happening in the same room and each one would be 20 minutes in length. At the end of the 20 minutes people would move to the next Demo and we would start again and then once more in the hour. These would be small groups so the presenter can easily interact and show the materials and methods of their topic.

The CMT Fleamarket is on from 9 am to noon and we have Demo and Clinic times from 10:30 to 3:30 so the plan is to schedule up to 6 demos, 2 or 3 of which would be repeated for a second time at 12:30 so those working the Swap Meet could attend. The 1:30 and 2:30 sessions will be full 45 minutes with nothing scheduled against them. These would be more like presentations. We are still looking for a couple more presenters of Hands on Demos.

Clinic Time	Clinic	Presenter
10:30am	Rust: Rolling Stock & Structures	Roger Walker
10:30am	Switch Machine Linkages	Glen Judd
11:30am	Structure Lighting with LED's	Roger Walker
11:30am	Weathering	Jeff Burk
12:30pm	Switch Machine Linkages	Glen Judd
12:30pm	Weathering	Jeff Burk
1:30pm	Signaling on your layout	Kevin Rudko, Signalogic Systems
2:30pm	DCC Sound	Dave Bedard

Following are descriptions about the clinics from their respective presenters.

RUST: ROLLING STOCK & STRUCTURES

Rust develops on cars and buildings, and comes in different forms and colours. In this mini-clinic, I will show some of the ways to model rust, using paints and pastels.

SWITCH MACHINE LINKAGES

The Switch linkages that are discussed are geared to the Tortoise switch machines

STRUCTURE LIGHTING WITH LED'S

This clinic will show how strips of LEDs can be installed in buildings, quickly and easily.

WEATHERING

The Quick and Dirty: quick, simple and inexpensive weathering techniques. [Rumour has it Rick Walker will attend this informative clinic. -Ed.]

SIGNALING ON YOUR LAYOUT

Signalogic Systems This presentation will help model railroaders understand railroad signals. The first half of the presentation will discuss how signals relate to railroad operations in the real world. The

second half will discuss implementing signals on a model railroad.

DCC SOUND

With what is available today a clinic geared towards strategy on selecting sound decoders/standard decoders for your locos.

We will advise of any changes and the exact locations of these clinics at the Mini Meet.

Also if you have a model or project you would like to display at the event please let us know so we can arrange tables and space.

Monty Schnieder



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WINTER SLIDE NIGHT

The Winter Slide Night occurred on February 12th at River Park Church. A big thank-you to all the presenters as well as the volunteers who helped to make the evening go smoothly.

The presenters provided a most entertaining collection of slides and digital images.

- Tom Newton showed images of the BNSF ex-GN High Line from Williston, North Dakota to Whitefish, Montana including the Marias Pass.
- John Sutherland brought his historic collection of excursions, behind steam, electric and diesel, around Montreal in the 1960s through 1970s.
- Roger Walker talked about places around Calgary with a series of railway images taken from locations that are accessible by the public.
- Mike Westren did a presentation on his trip by rail through Mexico's Copper Canyon.
- Rick Walker brought a series of images of former SP 4-8-4 4449 traveling east through Montana last summer. The images included some of the same areas Tom covered on the High Line. And, as you might expect, the steam engine was clean and shiny!!
- Jesse Millington did a series of interesting images around Calgary taken from places (with permission) not normally accessible by the public.


All presentations were informative and most enjoyable. And congratulations to Shawn Sproule on winning the 50/50 Draw.

The Fall Slide Night will be in November, date still to be finalized. Start saving your slides and digital images now. And plan to attend – you will see collections of excellent images from many skilled photographers.

Peter Bouma & Brookes Harrow

LCL (LESS THAN CARLOAD)

Calgary Model Trainmen will be hosting an Open House two weeks after SUPERTRAIN on Saturday May 1st. The club is located at 619 12 Avenue SE. More details will be available in the next Orderboard or at www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca.



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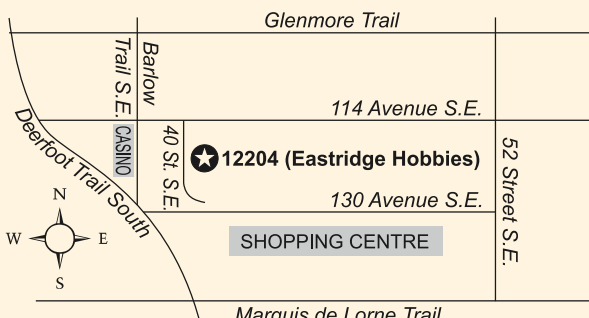
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Deadline for the next issue is Mar 21, 2010.

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**For tables or info, contact Garth Praestegaard (403) 650-1391 or
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CMRS Spring Mini Meet:

10:30 – 3:30 PM
Clinics – Displays – Vendors

Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE

Contact **Marvin Burk** for CMRS Mini Meet information at (403) 995-3319 or
 E-Mail: burkpm@telus.net
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CMRS MAILING ADDRESS

We have our new address!

After much deliberation, investigation and driving all over the city, we have decided on a new mailing address that we feel will work for the Board for quite some time. Since it's a proper Canada Post office, I doubt we'll see it close down anytime soon.

So with much fanfare, I invite you to ensure your address books, membership renewals, and any mailings you need to send to the Calgary Model Railway Society are mailed to:

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March 14, 2010 – CMT Annual Fleamarket & CMRS Spring Mini Meet, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB.

March 20-21, 2010 – 4th National Garden Railway Convention, Masterton, New Zealand,
<http://culcreuchfold.org.nz/wairarapa2010.htm>

March 26-27, 2010 – Spring East Coast Large Scale Train Show, York, PA. <http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/>

March 27-28, 2010 – Thunder Creek Model Train Show, Moose Jaw, SK. <http://www.tcmrc.org/>

April 2-4, 2010 – Shuswap Rails 2010, Salmon Arm, BC, <http://www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com>

April 17-18, 2010 – SUPERTRAIN 2010, Subway Soccer Centre, Calgary, AB.

May 1, 2010 – CMT Open House, Calgary, AB.

May 15, 2010 – CMRS Layout Tours, Calgary, AB.

May 21-23, 2010 – Battle River Rails 2010, Camrose, AB. <http://www.battleriverrailway.ca/modelershome/>

May 28-30, 2010 – Steam on the Prairies, TLR Regional. Winnipeg, MB. <http://www.thousandlakesregion.org/>

July 10-18, 2010 – NMRA 75th Anniversary National Convention, Milwaukee, WI. <http://www.nmra75.org/>

August 14-15, 2010 – Alberta Free-mo, Big Valley Agriplex, Big Valley, AB. <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/>

August 14, 2010 – CMRS Railfan Trip aboard Alberta Prairie Steam Train, Stettler, AB.

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