



# OrderBoard

## Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



*Photo credit Richard Johnson*

### ***Kitbashing to Replicate the Real World***

**RHJ Rail** built replica Heritage Park cars as they were at the Park some 20+ years ago. This collection included five passenger cars (the two Morrissey Fernie and Michel, the ex-CN open observation car, the colonist car and one other), and four freight cars. Two locomotives were painted and numbered to match the two at the Park but these were somewhat smaller versions as models of the USRA design used at the park were not available.

*The prototype open observation car was originally built as a sleeper but was rebuilt as an open observation car for use in the Canadian Rockies. Experience had shown that with steam power, passengers needed a place to escape the smoke and exhaust, particularly from coal-fired locomotives in tunnels, and so an interior compartment was left intact but the two ends were open and passengers could enjoy an unobstructed view of the scenery.*

*The car above, formerly the Mount Resplendent and now 15097, was among the first replica cars built. It was based on a Rivarossi coach. Window openings were carefully cut in the car sides being careful to leave the centre posts in place where needed. Spacing was adjusted to have larger openings at each end where the windows used to be to match the prototype.. Brass wire railings were cut to size and installed as shown above. A complete interior was built and passengers and one crew member were painted and added.*

*The ends of the car were cut out to provide more open space and a platform at each end. Railings from Athearn observation cars were added. A certain park employee was usually standing at the*

rear of the car and he is represented in the model, white shirt and all.

The roof presented a special challenge as the original was nowhere what the car was rebuilt to. For the model, the existing roof was removed and a new low, rounded profile one was fashioned out of wood. It started out as a piece of two-by-four and was carefully cut to width and length. The rounded effect was achieved by judicious filing and sanding. Grooves were cut in the sides and ends to fit the car accurately so the roof matched the car dimensions exactly. Finishing sanding was done to achieve the desired profile.

The entire car was painted before assembly and coated with several coats of clear coat spray and lettered to match the prototype, with the car body in CN green and the roof in black. The prototype car had six-wheel trucks when it went into service but when it was acquired by Heritage Park, four-wheel trucks were installed to accommodate smaller radius curves. The model has four-wheel Central Valley trucks.

This car is often run at the end of replica trains on the Arrow Park subdivision of **RHJ Rail**.

Article Written by Richard Johnson  
See more on page 6.

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### Presidents Message

Hello model railroad friends.

The winter modelling season is well upon us!

We had about 70 members show up to the Glenmore Inn for our mini-meet and AGM. Thank-you to two of our local manufacturers for showing off their products. Thank you to everyone who displayed models at the show and tell, and our three speakers who presented clinics. I would like to thank our speakers **Rob Badmington, Don Thomas** and **Mike Marquardt**. Thanks clinicians! If you would like to put on a clinic, contact [minimeets@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:minimeets@calgarymodelrailway.ca), we are always looking for more!

Also had two vendors showing some of their projects and models, thanks to **Monashee Laser Engineering Rick McPhee** and **Milepost 93 Models Michael Marquardt**.

On behalf of the entire CMRS BoD I would like to thank **Paul Clegg** for his contribution of serving on the Board as our Membership Director.

Our new Director who has volunteered is **Glenn Hawley**, welcome aboard! We still have a vacant seat on the board, we would love to have a volunteer, drop me a line if you are interested.

Also **Andrew Flaming** has stepped down from the MiniMeets/Clinics Directors Position. Thank you Andrew for your time and helping on the Board.  
 Slide night will have a new date in January.  
 Layout tours are coming up at the beginning of February, and SUPERTRAIN is booked for April 5&6.  
 SUPERTRAIN is moving to a new venue, the Olympic Oval at the University of Calgary.  
**Daniel Charest** is our SUPERTRAIN Chairman and thanks to him and his team and all involved a very successful 2024.  
 Without our volunteers, there would be no show!  
 And as always, happy modelling!

**Peter Bouma**  
[president@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:president@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

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\*Lucas Park will be covering the Mini Meets/Clinics as well as the Vice-President until we get members to fill that position.

\*\* Selwyn Morris has agreed to stay on as Treasurer until the Spring Mini Meet.

**We are in desperate need of filling the Treasurer position if anyone as a CMRS member or even a non member is interested please contact any of the Directors for more information.**

## **Directors Reports**

### **Fall Mini Meet Activities**

Fall Mini Meet had a good turnout with three speakers and some nice dioramas. Big thanks to **Don Thomas, Rob Badmington,** and **Michael Marquardt**. Also had two vendors showing some of their projects and models, thanks to **Monashee Laser Engineering Rick McPhee** and **Milepost 93 Models Michael Marquardt**.

Look forward to seeing you at the Spring MiniMeet and CMT Flea Market on March 2/2025.

**John Morphy**  
**OrderBoard Editor**

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### **CMRS Memberships**

Thank you to all the members who renewed or extended their memberships at the Boomer auction and the CMRS AGM and Mini Meet. Welcome to four new members who also joined last weekend. There are 35 members whose membership has expired, and I will be sending reminders to them shortly. If you are one of these people, please renew and continue to support the CMRS. For all our members, please encourage anyone interested in model railroading in Calgary to join CMRS. For any new or renewing members, the membership link is <https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/join.html>

**Mark Wittrup**  
**Memberships**

[membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

### **Layout Tours**

Mark your calendars! Layout tours will occur on **Saturday February 8th** and **Sunday February 9th 2025**. If you would like to host your layout for the membership, please contact us. Layouts can be any size and at any stage of completion, from the Plywood Pacific to a beautifully completed (if that's a thing) masterpiece and everything in between. Please contact us at link listed below.

**Peter Bouma and Ron Sauer**  
**Layout Tours**

[Layout\\_Tours@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:Layout_Tours@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

### **Slide Night**

It would appear that Slide Night will be back as I have some volunteers but would like more to fill out the evening. I am looking for potential presenters for **Friday January 17 2025** and any feedback on a slide night, including, but not limited to venue, timing, content, themes, etc.

**Glenn Hawley**  
**Slide Night**

[Slide\\_Night@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:Slide_Night@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

## Coming Events

<b>CMT and CFM 16 Day Christmas Run</b>	<b>December 21, 2024 to January 5, 2025</b> (closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Years Day). text Garth at 403-650-1391 or email Dale Sproule <a href="mailto:sproules@telusplanet.net">sproules@telusplanet.net</a>
<b>Slide Night</b>	<b>January 17/2025</b> <b>River Park Church.</b> <b>3818-14A Street SW</b> <b>7:00pm -10:00pm</b> <b>Doors Open at 6:30pm and close at 10:30pm</b>
<b>CMRS Layout Tours</b>	<b>February 8&amp;9</b>
<b>Calgary Model Trainmen Swap Meet and CMRS Spring Minimeet</b>	<b>March 2/2025</b> <b>Glenmore Inn</b> <b>9:00am-3:00pm</b>
<b>SUPERTRAIN 2025</b>	<b>April 5&amp;6/2025</b> <b>Olympic Oval</b> <b>University of Calgary</b>

*Red text indicates these are CMRS sponsored events.*

*Send an email to [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca) with submissions for coming events!*

*Deadline for the next issue is December 15, 2024*

## Ads and Advertising

Do you have some Model Railroad related items for sale, or perhaps something rare you want? Consider an ad in the OrderBoard. Text ads run free of charge for members (provided the ad is relatively small), we can run the ad a second time if requested. Commercial ads are \$15/year for a business card size ad, more for a larger size. Contact the Editor at [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca) for details.

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**John Morphy**  
**OrderBoard Editor**

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**For Sale** HO Scale Intermountain 40' Box Cars Canadian Pacific and Canadian National cars assorted road numbers. All in excellent shape. \$20.00 each.

For more information please call [Ian T. at 403-870-0473](tel:403-870-0473)

**For Sale** Lionel O Scale model train layout, fully landscaped 4' x 8' layout (no legs). Can be set on a table or sawhorses. Two loops of Lionel Fastrack with remote controlled switches allows two trains to run simultaneously. Two like new Lionel locomotives with Lion Chief Plus remote control for speed, direction, engine sounds, horn, bell and front/rear engine couplers. Rolling stock includes freight, passenger and two operating cars with remote log and coal dump. Crossing lights with bell operates when train passes. Working street and building lights for

night operation. Switches for control of street/building lighting, crossing bell, decoupler and control tower. Buildings are removable for transport and storage. All buildings, people and vehicles included. Photos available. \$500.00

For more information please email Wayne at [wdstaro@telusplanet.net](mailto:wdstaro@telusplanet.net)

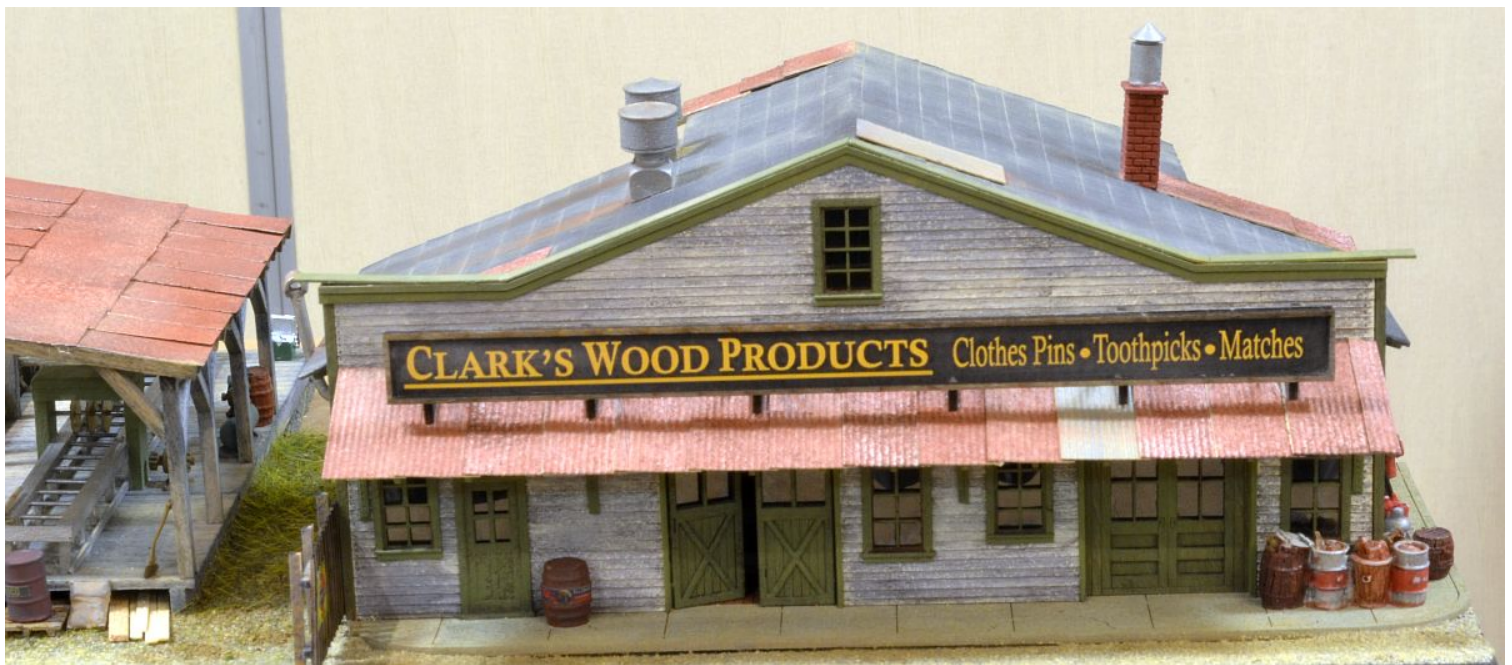
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*Photo Credit Richard Johnson*

***Kitbashing to Replicate the Real World continued from page 2.***

Richard kitbashed a production model and built #62 Morrissey Fernie and Michel Railway coach. Nice work Richard. He also built #63 coach for Morrissey Fernie and Michel. Both of which make the rounds at Heritage Park and at Arrow Park on **RHJ Rail**.



*Photo by Richard Johnson*

Above is a photo of "Clark's Wood Products" built by Lucas Park displayed at Fall MiniMeet.

## **Calgary Model Trainmen & Calgary Free-Mo Christmas Run**

**CMT** and **CFM** are getting together starting

December 21/2024 to January 5/ 2025.

*It's the 16 Day Christmas Run.*

*(closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Years Day)*

Contact Garth P. **text 403-650-1391**

or

Dale Sproule at email [sproules@telusplanet.net](mailto:sproules@telusplanet.net)

**Time:** Open Daily from 10:00-6:00 PM

**Where:** #7 – 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE Admission

**What:** Bring your own trains and for \$20 run them for 4 hours on a large layout!

Or just come to see the large layout and the trains!!!

**Admission:** Kids Under 6-\$2.00

Adults-\$5.00

***More information to come***