

ORDER THE BOARD

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Report from the President:

Dale N. Sproule

What started out in March as a personal concern about the few opportunities that Calgary Model Railroaders had to get together, has been resolved. On September 24, 101 new and old friends showed their support for the idea of an umbrella organization to promote the hobby. The first Society-sponsored Mini-Meet featured four excellent clinics, operating and static displays, and renewed fellowship.

Special thanks to the *Points West Rail Group* for the Peters burgers lunch and *Brad Baldwin* for operating the concession during the event. A great day for \$3.00! Special thanks to *Railrodeo '79* for their presentation of the first two *Lorne Unwin Memorial Awards*.

To the 65 new members who signed up that day and worked with the interim executive to fine tune the society by-laws, a *heartfelt thank-you!* Ratification of the by-laws and election of an official executive by the membership, will allow us to proceed towards a Societies-Act registration in the near future.

Your Society Executive for '94-'95 is as follows:

Dale N. Sproule	(Independent)	President.
Dave Stefanek	(Cantrak)	Vice-President.
Bob Hadlow	(CMT)	Treasurer.
Al Hough	(Independent)	Secretary.
Barry Gonn	(Independent)	Director.
Maurice Despins	(TNG)	Director.
Andrew Cocker	(CBRM)	Director.
Bill Marshall	(Bow Valley)	Director.
Bert Haynes	(Cal-O-Rail)	Director.

Society members who are not affiliated with any of the local clubs are encouraged to contact any of the executive to voice their ideas.

So where is the Society headed in the future?...

We have some firm plans and many ideas; but what we *really* need is input from all Society members as to what *you* want to see or do. Call an executive member or drop us a line here at *The Order Board*.

Some preliminary ideas that are being "shunted around" are:

- Show'n Tell evening of your own personal work project. (refreshments to be available)
- A pot luck supper and social evening for members.
- Gourmet supper at S.A.I.T.
- Tours of Railroad facilities of Calgary.

The society can only be as good as the contributions it receives from its members. Join me in being an active contributor in *your* Society!

-Dale.

Upcoming Events:

Railfan slide night, Friday November 18, '94.
(see insert for details)

C.M.R.S first annual Model Railway Show,
February 18 & 19 '95 at Mewata Armories.
(details in next newsletter)

C.M.R.S. photo rally
(late spring - early summer)

C.M.R.S. annual meeting and Mini-Meet.
(September '95)

Newsletter Team:

This is by far the greatest vehicle of communication within the Society. I think that it is important to convey to each member that you are welcome to contribute to *The Order Board*.

Who is the newsletter team?...

To answer that question in a broad sense, it is all of us! However, the people that are active in producing the finished product are:

Al Hough
Byron Ellett
Bob Hadlow
Tom Parker

The format and direction of the newsletter...

For those of you whom have had the pleasure of reading copies of *Model Rails On-Line* and *Rails On-Line Magazine*, both by Peter Kim, it will be easy to understand why we want *The Order Board* to follow *MRO* and *ROM's* format. Granted, this is our first attempt and we were a little pressed for time so it does fall short of the models we wish to follow.

It is the goal of *The Order Board* to serve as the communications vehicle for the Society. The newsletter will also be available as electronic media to encourage the use of *On-Line Services* in the surrounding area. As the information - hiway unfolds, I think that it is important that we cover this aspect as well.

-Byron.

So how do I contact The Order Board?...

To submit an article or suggestion via Canada Post:

The Order Board,
c/o Al Hough
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Calgary, Ab.
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To submit an article or suggestion via E-mail:

The Order Board,
At the following E-Mail Addresses:
Internet: ellett@cal.isac.ca
Fidonet: Byron Ellett 1:134/141.0

Please notify Mike Harle @ 249-1528 for your space requirements for the Spring Show.

"View from the Caboose"

or hindsight is 20-20.

Bob Hadlow

Railfanning is part of the total overall hobby of model railroading. It doesn't matter if you are modelling the Steam era or the Diesel era, it can be of great help in showing a modeller just what the Prototype looked like, whether it be old, new or leased.

With this column, I will try to give some tips for using a camera to your advantage, as well as bring you up to date with what is happening on the Prototype front.

The big news these days is the proposed merger between the Burlington Northern Railroad and the Santa Fe Railroad. From my point of view, this merger makes a lot of sense as both railroads complement each other. BN is strong in the unit train business in particular, the coal business. SF is very strong in the container business. Both have some of each type of business, but both need what the other railroad has to offer. It would open up the Los Angeles and the San Diego area for the BN and the Portland and Seattle area for the SF. It might mean the rumors of the BN's purchase of CN Rail in Western Canada might come true and it would give a shot in the arm to the Port of Vancouver.

The fly in all this is the recent UP offer to buy the SF. It has offered a lot more money which could sway share holders looking for a bigger return on their investment. The problem is the "Interstate Commerce Commission" which had turned down the original SP-SF merger, because it cut out too much competition. I feel that a UP-SF merger would be turned down for the same reason. While BN-SF merger would get the "green light" of approval.

It appears that the 90's will be the era of mergers as the IC has bought-out the KCS. Norfolk Southern has proposed a merger with Conrail and CP Rail has made a offer to buy CN Rail east of Winnipeg, Manitoba. It sure looks like a lot fewer railways in the 1990's. This makes taking pictures all the more important for those of us who could lose their favorite line in all of on-goings. As a CN Rail fan, I would be saddened by the demise of CN Rail but because of my interest in Railfan Photography I have a lot of slides of my favorite road.

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Bob Hadlow, Continued...

Due to the up swing in business, most railroads are very short of power, with lead times for new power often a year long wait. For example CP Rail is in the process of placing a bid request for 200 new units with hopefully 40 being delivered in late 1995. They haven't made a decision as to which manufacturer but from what I hear it will be the "AC" technology. For some years now, CP Rail has tried to keep buying the SD40-2 technology to try to keep its parts inventory down, but has realized that the newer technology is here to stay. I hope they can get the deal that they want.

CN Rail has also been short of power and have bought and leased power to keep things going. They have also entered the new unit market with an order for 26 SD70M's from GMDD in London Ontario and 23 Dash 9-44CW's from GE at Erie Pennsylvania. All of the new units will be assigned to early 1995. One difference we'll see is the new CN units will not have the Draper Taper long hood, only the standard safety cab. It will make it easier for us western railfans to get pictures.

QNS&L has also purchased 3 Dash 8-40CW's for their railroad in Labrador. That would make a great railfan trip sometime in the future. Maybe on November 18, 1994, we'll be able to see some of the slice that Richard Yaremko took on his two trips down east.

BC Rail has also purchased 4 more Dash 8-40CW's for their fleet which mean the demise of some older SD40-2's. BC Rail continues with their re-building program of the MLW RS-18's with CAT power. They really like the units which is different from some other railroads who have tried the CAT Prime Mover and found them wanting.

Well enough for this issue. Please remember that if you are taking railroad pictures and are on Railroad property, you should have permission to be there and to only **take pictures and leave foot prints.**

-Bob.

Interim Treasurer's Report

Byron J. Ellett

C.M.R.S. Income Statement

For: Annual General Meeting
on Sept. 24, 1994.

Gross Income from meet calculated as follows:

Total Cash Collected	\$944.13
Less: Membership Sold 65 @ \$5	325
Donations	20
Total	\$345

Gross Income from meet \$599.13

Total Expenses from meet

Expenses:	
Rent	200.00
Food	196.88
Membership Cards	40.00
Tickets	17.06
Receipt Books	5.09
Cash Box	10.64
Door Prize	40.00

Total Expenses from meet \$ 509.67

Total Net Income from meet \$89.46

Cash on hand

Calculated as follows:

Membership Revenue	\$325.00
Donations	\$ 20.00
Net Income from meet	\$ 89.46

Total Cash on hand: \$434.46

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Club Profile...

Andrew Cocker

The Calgary British Railway Modelers (CBRM) was formed in 1993 from former members of the British Railway Modelers of North America, Southern Alberta Region. The group is a loose association of models and collectors with various interests in modelling British Railway prototypes and toy collecting. We have members modelling in N, OO and O gauges representing periods ranging from turn of the century steam to the present day diesels and electrics.

We have no permanent home or group layout as such and rely on individual members to provide a display at exhibitions. This allows us the flexibility to show something a bit different at each show. Recently our layout featuring "Thomas the Tank Engine" has been doing the rounds, with invitations to exhibit coming from as far away as Seattle. We have now retired the layout and are looking forward to displaying something new at the spring show.

The group meets whenever we feel like it, usually at a members home; however there is a Pub night usually held on the third Friday of each month at the Dog & Duck Pub.

-Andrew.

Shop Shenanigans...

Bert Haynes

It seems that there was a rather loudmouthed machinist who for some reason preferred to eat his lunch seated on a bench in the Electrical department much to the annoyance of the electricians. When their patience finally wore thin they connected the metal bench top to a suitable source of current, waited until the victim was comfortably enjoying his lunch and closed the switch. *Bzzzt.*

(Bert has a series of short stories that will appear as a regular column as space permits...)

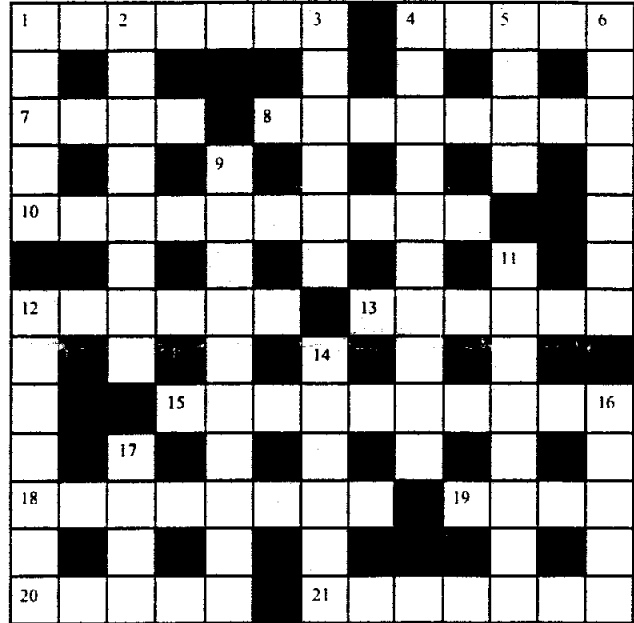
Before We Forget...

Our friends at *Cal-O-Rail* have an open house on each Sunday in November from 1-4.

Next Month...

For an interesting share of ideas, Modern NS modeler Andy Harman from Cincinnati Ohio gives us some of his thoughts.

We will also carry more information as to the upcoming model railway show as well as some articles presented to us from *you*.



CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

1. Keeps CP Rail System on the run.
4. Sung around palms, it's especially sacred. (anagram)
7. Disappeared long ago near the sea. (hidden word)
8. Picturesque scenes and on a table, auxiliary displays. (hidden word)
10. The naval officer has a deputy.
12. This red color could be a tobacco plant.
13. To imbrue could reveal a rare earth element. (anagram)
15. Popular freight handling method of CP Rail System.
18. Shows in an uninhibited manner?
19. These are around site when track is being laid. (anagram)
20. Style may develop among green artists. (anagram)
21. CP Rail System headquarters is a royal family station.

Down

1. Returned the lager. (reversed word)
2. Unpleasant remark begins with a hotel but has an end.
3. He longs to go home, but the boy earns good money. (hidden word)
4. See "down 5" for good example of this.
5. He said, "Madam, I'm _____." (hidden word)
6. Greatest little mother?
9. At a table in which things can be reached. (anagram)
11. From the dias, dins and chatter she scorns. (anagram)
12. Kind of lettuce from a glacier.
14. Give of one's best, owing to a sense of obligation. (hidden word)
16. In certain roles, one's not a winner! (anagram)
17. Keep it up and be brave.

Solution next issue