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Report from the President:

Dale N. Sproule

I would like to share the results of the executive meeting of January 5, 1995.

We have decided to accept the kind and generous gift of \$1000 from the '79 Railrodeo Committee to help the Society get off the ground. We have also decided to privately fund *Supertrain '95* by utilizing our own funds in conjunction with funds obtained from two other clubs.

If your group does not have the space requirements forwarded to Mike Harle, please do so as soon as possible. We have sent letters of invitation to about 66 potential participants, both individuals and clubs.

I hope that this will make the March 4-5 show at Mewata Armouries a success. We have received permission to use the parking lot of the Kirby Center as well.

Advertising posters should be out soon, please pick up some at the local hobby shops or from club representatives and distribute them in various ways: work and school bulletin boards or fax one to that special person who just might be interested in attending the show.

Remember that the more successful the show is, the better it is for all participants.

I would also like to mention that I am in receipt of another 20 new memberships to the Society since January 5, 1995. I am struck by how close some Society members live to others. One reason for our existence is to share the hobby with others. However, your executive feels it necessary not to release

membership addresses due to the unfortunate way society is headed today. If you have any ideas on this matter, please call or myself or a member of the executive.

In the good news category, we have become a recognized Society. Thanks to the hard work of Al Hough, Dave Stefanek, Byron Ellett, Tom Parker and Bob Hadlow. The membership of January 8, 1995 is 126 members!

Your executive is suggesting a *Breakfast* on the first Saturday morning of each month. We are currently thinking of the Blackfoot or Roadking truck stops. Tell me what you think of the idea.

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:

Supertrain '95

March 4 - 5 '95 at Mewata Armouries.
Setup is on Friday evening after 6 p.m.
The show hours are:
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday.
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Take down will be after 5 p.m. on Sunday.
Parking will be available at the Kerby Center.

Update from the Secretary:

Al Hough

Alberta Corporate Registry has asked for some minor revisions to our Bylaws to meet the requirements of the Societies Act. For your information the following articles have been amended.

Article 4.7 has been amended to include a statement that CMRS directors will not be paid.

Article 3.2 has been amended to include a statement that notice of Special Meetings will be given by mail 14 days prior to the meeting.

Article 9.5 has been amended to read financial audit instead of financial review and that 2 members will be appointed prior to June 30 each year to prepare the audited statement for the presentation to the membership at the Annual General Meeting in September.

Article 17 has been amended to be in harmony with section 1 (d) of the Societies Act. It now includes a statement that Bylaws may only be changed by a "special resolution" of the membership, and that these changes only go into effect when approved by Alberta Corporate Registry. This is an absolute requirement for the incorporation.

As of last week, our Society has been registered.

-Al.

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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To submit an article or suggestion via E-mail:

The Order Board,
At the following E-Mail Address:
Fidonet: Byron Ellett 1:134/141.0

"View from the Caboose"

or hindsight is 20-20.

Bob Hadlow

Railfanning is part of the total overall hobby of model railroading. To that end I highly *recommend* a couple of railfan magazines to you readers. "CTC Board Railroads Illustrated" is one that I really enjoy. It has had a problem with on time delivery of its twelve issues a year, but was recently purchased by Hundman Publishing Company, the company which has given us "Mainline Modeller" and "N Scale Magazine" and if the first issue under the new publisher, is any indication, we'll see the magazine on time, more color pictures and that they will pay for pictures that are published. Subscriptions are \$40.00 US. per year for Canadians and is well worth the price, particularly now that they are back on track with each issue.

The second magazine is "Pacific Rail News" which is published by Pentrex, Inc. and has had a recent make over which in mind has made it a very attractive magazine worth subscribing too. Its rates are \$36.00 US. per year for Canadians. Both magazines are available from Trains & Such as well as Hobby West if one doesn't want to subscribe. That is one way to get into the hobby shops each month, but it might be better if you would have a copy put aside for you because I feel they will sellout quickly!

My camera tip for this column is really a question. Have you ever tried Kodachrome 200? If you haven't, give it a try or atleast have a roll or two in the camera bag for those very cloudy days. It gives a person a 1 1/2 to 2 stop advantage over Kodachrome 64 and the pictures I've seen have been great. One problem, only use on cloudy days as sunlight has the tendency to turn the color red.

The big news these days is the proposed merger between the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe.

The fly in all of this is the recent UP offer to buy the SF. It has offered more money which could sway SF share holders looking for a bigger return on their investment. Yet another offer has come forward from the Allegheny Group, which owns 7% of Santa Fe Pacific, the holding company which owns the Santa Fe.

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Bob Hadlow, Continued...

It has offered the SF money to buy back SF stock so that it would remain an independent company. Analysts were puzzled by the offer. Keep tuned, and we'll keep you up to date with the on going soap opera.

With the other announced merger now canceled, that one involving the IC with the KCS. The spotlight remains on the possible Norfolk Southern merger with Conrail. How strong is this merger? Stay tuned!

The Canadian Government has turned down CP's offer to purchase CN Rail east of Winnipeg Manitoba. This opens the door to further meetings re the possible joining of the CP Rail to think of other moves south of the border, which now could not be stopped by the Canadian Government.

CP Rail has placed an order for 80 GE Dash 9-44CW AC's. These new units will come in April of 1995 and will be assigned to Calgary and the coal hauling business. CP Rail needed new power and would have gone to General Motors but with a delivery of late 1996, couldn't wait. These units will be the standard Conrail type with safety cab, as this is the production that CP Rail is getting. Conrail has delayed their order, which gave CP Rail a chance to get new units quite quickly. CP Rail has also purchased 40 SD40-2's which have been on lease from a number of different companies. They will be rebuilt as quickly as possible, but with the arrival of the new GE units, it will give them a chance to do some catching up on maintenance. CP Rail still has over 100 units on lease at this time, including SD45's, SD45-2's, SD40's, SD40-2's, GP40's, GP40-2's, GP38's and GP38-2's. *Shades of 1970 when the BN came into being.*

CN Rail has also taken delivery of some of the new GE Dash 9-44CWL units. Brian Key has the picture proof, as he was in Keith yard (Calgary) on January 8, 1995 and caught two CN Intermodel trains heading west on CP Rail lines. The second train was headed up by CN #2502, a new Dash 9-44CWL. CN Rail has 23 of these GE units on order as well as 26 SD70M's on order from General Motors in London, Ontario. Delivery of these units is scheduled for the third quarter of 1995. The GE units are assigned to Edmonton, Alberta but so far the new GM units haven't been assigned to any major servicing area.

CN Rail has also experienced a shortage of motive power and to that end had bought 24 Ex. MoPac/UP SD40-2's when their lease with UP was

up. Since then, they have been in service system wide. They will be rebuilt in the AMF shops in Montreal. The first unit rebuilt is #5364 and is in the new North American paint scheme. Units #5364 to 5377 will have Positive Traction Control added, another four units, #5378 to 5381, will have both PTC and Dynamic brakes added. The last six, #5382 to 5387, will have Dynamic brakes and Woodward CLC Microprocessor controls added.

CN Rail has leased three SD40-2's from BC Rail. They are #736, 738, and 741. They will have their numbers changed to HLCX #6204, 6206, 6209 as quickly as possible. When BC Rail receives the four additional GE units, thought to be Dash 9-44CW's, the rest of the former Kennecott Copper SD40-2's will be put up for lease. BC Rail has never really like the SD40-2's, even the units that they purchased new. *I guess the sound of the GE units reminds the crews of the old Alco/MLW units.*

It's a great time for all railfans in Canada to get their cameras out and get shots of the changing railroad colors. We may never see it like this again!

Well, enough said 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 only foot prints."**

-Bob.

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NOTE TO MEMBERS:

COPIES OF OUR BYLAWS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SHOW.

PICK UP YOUR COPY, AND KEEP OUR MAILING COSTS DOWN. THANKS.

MileStone Locomotives...

Written by Andy Harman
Edited by Byron Ellett

The Milestones are just that, the first of a new breed, representing a new trend... but of my 6 Milestones, only the last two would be even in the competition for the best 6 of today. The best 6 is yet another list for another time.

The milestones:

- 1] 1954 -Globe F7 - first plastic diesel ever, die work that is still acceptable today, 40 years later.
- 1.5] 1966 - (optional/debatable) Athearn SD45, the first six axle all wheel powered locomotive, very timely on the market, most powerful plastic diesel at the time...
- 2] 1974 - Atlas SD24 - first shot fired in the competition that continues today to build a better diesel, and the modelers are the winners. Scale width hood, daring choice of prototype, drive totally new and better than anything else available at the time. Followed by the SD35, GP38/40 twins & FP-7. Established Atlas as a major model locomotive builder. The best from Atlas was yet to come.
- 3] 1983 - Athearn & GSB SD40-2; Athearn re-engineers motor and driveline, goes to scale width shell, superb die work pushes everything up another notch. GSB is co-nominated because the shell was excellent and without it there would have been no Athearn (at least not at that level).
- 4] 1984 - Atlas builds another winner. First HO Kato locomotive, ended all arguments to "best drive". Equalled but not surpassed by the many Kato's that followed. Kato powered Atlas locomotives have established Kato as a leader in the industry making it easier for Kato to move forward in the market place.
Modelers are the winners!
- 5] 1994 - Life-Like E8/9; new level of detail flexibility, first equalized trucks on a plastic diesel (and maybe the last), ungodly pulling power... superbly researched and executed.

Andy Harman can be found on the Trains echo of Fido-net.. Andy is an NS railfan and NS modeller. Edited with his permission, this was an article that was originally posted on-line.

-Byron.

Before We Go...

One of the goals of the Society is to bring members together who may share interests with other modelers and wish to expand their circle of friends. Check out these ads and give the guys a call!

HS Photography: Specializes in close up detailed micro photography of scale models, dioramas, and model railroad layouts. Let's get together to plan a photo session and story of your model or layout for possible publication.

HVS has also done portraits, still life's, product and commercial photography. Call me at 239-0219 evenings and weekends.

-Harry Sims.

I would like to hear from those interested in modeling and photographing CPR, BCR, CNR and various shortlines. I am also interested in speaking with those who have an interest in serious operation and museum quality workmanship. I would welcome the opportunity to get together and share ideas.

I also require transportation for a Diorama to Supertrain '95. Call me at 228-1406.

-Scott McDougall.

