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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dale N. Sproule

SUPERTRAIN '95 is now history. The CMRS membership pulled together to produce a truly fine quality show. Thirty exhibitors displayed their modelling skills and interests to 6290 people. Results from a poll of the show visitors was very positive, and has given the show committee valuable feedback about what the public wants to see in such a show. This information will be of critical importance for the future. Dave Stefanek (CANTRAK) has volunteered to be show chairman for the Spring Show in 1996, and is assembling a team to coordinate the various parts of the show.

As promised during the initial formation of the Society, a financial statement about the show is available to all show participants and Society members. It is to be found later in this newsletter.

A special meeting of the CMRS will be held on May 31, 1995, to hear a Board of Directors recommendation on disbursement of the show profits, and future funding of CMRS operations and events. The Board extends a sincere "thank you" to Dave Stefanek for his many hours of work to bring this proposal together. The BoD believes this to be the fairest method of disbursement and if approved by the membership, could become policy for future CMRS model railway shows.

The fourth event for our first year will be an PHOTO-RALLY, (created by the Extra-Gang), followed by a BBQ at Champion Park, located near Aldersyde, just off Highway 2. The Photo-Rally is a railway version of an auto rally, but in this case, you are given a photo of a railway-oriented location. Pile into a car with old or new friends and see if you can find the mystery location. If you are correct, someone there will give you a new photo and off you go again. There are emergency procedures if you get lost! Following the Photo-Rally, we will assemble at Champion Park for the BBQ in the late afternoon. The Champion Park people are very enthused about our coming, and have promised a first quality display. The BBQ is a family affair, so bring your family and friends, your camera, and enjoy. Ticket sales are by advance purchase only, so as to avoid over/under estimates on the food. If the weather does not cooperate, the event will be rescheduled.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 31: Special Meeting for membership approval of BoD show money disbursement.
- June 25: PHOTO-RALLY & BBQ (Details in this Newsletter.)
- Sept 11: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
- Oct 21: FALL MINI-MEET
- Nov (TBA) RAILFAN SLIDE NIGHT

UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARY:

Al Hough

Membership in the Society has now reached 150, and in the wake of the Spring Show, I am moved to reflect upon how far the Society has come from those initial sessions one year ago. To all who have helped, a heartfelt "thanks". Together we have built an organization we can be proud to belong to, and which has a bright future.

I continue to solicit your ideas and contributions to the "Order Board" so that it reflects the desires of an expanding membership. Please keep those letters and phone calls coming, the newsletter team welcomes them!

There may be a few members who may not have received the final draft of the Society Bylaws after our incorporation in January. My apologies to anyone missed, extra copies will be available at the Special Meeting May 31. If desired, give me a call and we will get a copy out to you.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Bob Hadlow

Financial Statement of the 1995 Model Railway Show, held March 4-5.

Income:

Gate Receipts:	\$14,358.64
Concession	\$676.00

Subtotal: \$15,034.64

Expenses:

Building (Rent)	\$874.60
CANTRAK	
(Insurance, & Setup)	\$673.33
BOW VALLEY	
(Advertising)	\$834.87
DALE SPROULE	
(Door Prizes)	\$164.66
CMT	
(2% of Gate/Flea Market)	\$286.17
COMMISSIONAIRES	\$50.00

Subtotal: \$2886.63

Profit/(loss) \$12,148.01

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"VIEW FROM THE CABOOSE" or hindsight is 20 -20.

Bob Hadlow.

Railfanning is part of the overall hobby of model railroading. To that end, I was pleased to see the latest issue of Diesel Era, and the number of pictures taken by Dennis Schmidt. Dennis and I have traded slides for over 20 years. Photography is a hobby which anyone can get involved in, and it's easy to learn new skills from the people we come in contact with. Dennis takes a mean "builder's shot", a 3/4 right/left front view, usually in good light. Because I try to make a picture say something, usually by action, I have over time influenced Dennis into taking action shots, which are now better than most, including mine!

The big news in the railroad business is the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe merger. It has now been approved by both shareholder groups, and with the Union Pacific's decision to back away from purchase of the Santa Fe, it would appear the ICC will rule on their merger application within 6 months.

In the meantime, the Union Pacific has gained control of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad through an ICC ruling, and has increased their share holdings in C&NW from 29% to 98%. Soon the yellow and green of the C&NW will be wearing the yellow and grey of Uncle Fete!

CP Rail's 83 AC4400CW's have been assigned road numbers 9500 - 9582 and all will be assigned to Calgary for maintenance. 54 will be put into coal train service, and the balance to regular freight. This will release about 100 SD40-2 units for system-wide service, and will allow CP to return some of the 150 units currently leased.

Also in the news is the upcoming sale of shares by CN Rail in order to privatize the Crown Corporation. While I'm a "dyed-in-the-wool" CN fan, I will be keeping my money in my pocket, as I don't feel CN is viable in its current configuration, or with the level of debt they are saddled with by the free spending of the federal government.

To those who have been out taking a picture or two, you will have noticed a couple of strangers to the railfan scene. Due to a wreck on the CN, 20 miles north of Blue River, BC, a couple of VIA trains and an number of CN Inter-modal trains passed through Calgary. The VIA derailment caused 12 of 13 cars to leave the rails. No one was killed, thank goodness, but many were injured, two seriously. I haven't heard any cause yet, but a broken rail is suspected.

Well, enough for this issue. Please remember if you are on railroad property, taking pictures, you should have permission to be there, and "take only pictures, and leave only footprints".

PHOTO RALLY & BBQ

PHOTO RALLY

DATE: JUNE 25, 1995
STARTING TIME: 13:00hrs
LOCATION OF START: N.W. corner of Highlander Hotel Parking Lot. on corner of 16 Ave. & 19 St. N.W.
COST: \$5 per team of 4 persons
ADVANCE REGISTRATION (REQUIRED)
Call Al Love: 403 279 7847

BAR-B-QUE

DATE: JUNE 25, 1995
PLACE: Champion Park (See Map)
TIMES: Trains Run 15:00 - 18:00hrs
Food Service starts 17:00 hrs
MENU: BBQ Beef on a Bun, Beans, Coleslaw, & Soft Drinks.
COST: \$7/person
ADVANCE SALES (REQUIRED) For persons who wish to attend, but were unable to purchase tickets at May 31 meeting: Contact Dale Sproule
403 274 4852
DEADLINE FOR ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE
June 19, 1995
RAINFOUT GO/NO GO Phone: Dale Sproule

CLUB PROFILE:

CANTRAK

The CANTRAK Society of Model Railroaders was formed in 1975, and was originally located with Cal-D-Rail at their Meredith Rd. location. After a spending a couple of years in various member's homes, Palliser Square offered space, which was home for about five years. After another turn on the garage circuit, CANTRAK moved again to its present location.

CANTRAK has an active membership of 22, with the well rounded skills and knowledge levels to build and operate a model railway. Age levels are from 17 to 70 something, both male and female.

CANTRAK was involved in the 1979 Railroadeo and received the Best Module Award in the 1983 NMRA International meet in Winnipeg.

The "mountain module" is still operating, but is showing its age from the moving about and storage in unheated garages etc.

The club is active in all Model Railway Shows in the area. Other displays upon request, and does Volunteer Safety for Heritage Park Railway Days each July. The club is very busy building modules to a new set of standards and plans to build at least one new table each year.

We operate on a modified Central Dispatch System and tries to follow the prototype rules of the road. We meet every Thursday evening from 7:30 - 10:00 pm. Visitors are always welcome. Come for a look and a coffee or two. Who knows, you may get the N SCALE BUG. If interested, call Don Hannett
403 259 5506

Submitted by Alan Dates.

TO CALGARY

FISH CREEK PARK

Hwy 22X

TO LAKE
Mc KENZIE

11.9KM
(7.4MILE)

Hwy 2

← To Okotoks

19.1KM
(11.9MILE)

Champion
Park (X)

0.3KM

LOCAL GRAVEL ROAD

