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Report from the President:

Dale N. Sproule

At this point I welcome the many new members who have joined the Society recently. Bylaws are always available to all members as requested from the Secretary. Independent members have their own contact (see board of directors list) as well as club members having their own representatives on the Board of Directors. It's not too early to start thinking about Society elections to be held at the Annual Society General Meeting on September 9th. Half of the Board will be replaced by new blood, an idea that any group needs to keep the ideas fresh and interesting. We need your ideas in order to create an interesting programme for the membership.

Supertrain 96 was the finest show of its kind in terms of planning, downtown events, what the show had to offer, and attendance in Western Canada. Sincere thanks must go out to all society members who either planned the meet or exhibited their hobby. 31 exhibits, 6 commercial spots, concessions, flea market, CP Rail simulator, and special exhibits from Edmonton and Salmon Arm. Attendance was 7100 exceeding the 6240 from last year. Vote of thanks goes to the 1996 show committee headed by Dave Stefanek. Continued commercial sales will be voted on by the membership at the Annual

General Meeting.

Three members of the Board of Directors met with the 6060 Society, the CRHA-Calgary and Southwestern Branch, and the Model Engineering Society to consider looking into ways and means to get a facility to house 6060 and be the home of other railroad related events.

The Society layout tours have concluded and I hope that all of you had a chance to view at least one home layout. I've counted a minimum of 33 layout stops that were made available to members.

Appreciation night on Monday April 29th saw an estimated 90 people, including many members with spouses enjoy a wine and cheese evening. There were a minimum of announcements, presentation of certificates to so many members who have made the society the success that it has become, then more wine and cheese! I think we cleaned out the wine cellar! Best of all we had the chance to help celebrate Bert Haynes' 75th birthday. Why not drop a line of congratulations if you have not had the chance to do so. Bert is one the pioneers in the area, presently with Cal-O-Rail, who have certainly spurred me and other fine modelers on with their hobby efforts. Congratulations Bert!

The 2nd annual Bar-B-Que is

scheduled at Champion Park for Sunday August 18. Champion Park is a privately owned residence with a real railroad outside; the CPR Champion, AB station, CPR caboose, rolling stock, a C-L-C 44 tonner locomotive, and much more. We had our first Bar-B-Que there last year, and members have requested that this be repeated, so we will! The park is located on the east side of highway 2 south, between Calgary and High River. Watch for Details and plan to bring your family and friends.

Joe Dodd has asked me to pass on his invitation for members to come out to view his LGB outdoor layout in Bragg Creek. Watch for a suggested date and time in the next newsletter.

Update from the Secretary

Al Hough

By now you will have received your 95/96 CMRS directory. Apologies if we missed anyone, or got your name wrong. Please let me know so we can correct it in the fall. Sorry about the delay, we were ready to go to press, and then we picked up 23 new members at Supertrain 96. It was felt that they should be included, as many are new to the hobby. Speaking of the fall, I would ask the membership to consider a proposal to add information about your scale, era modeled, and special interests in

Update from the Secretary *continued*

the next directory. It seems to me that the Directory should address a need among Calgary modellers, ie: to bring people together who share a common interest. SIG's (Special Interest Groups) exist in most other hobbies, and to some extent within some of the local clubs. What of the individual modeller, perhaps new to the hobby? Please consider the idea, I would welcome feedback.

At the BoD meeting on April 1, it was decided that one of the Directors on the new board be responsible for membership. They would publish the new Directory, and attend to address changes, new memberships, etc. Please consider this position if you are thinking of running for office. You can perform a valuable service to the society, and your fellow modellers. I would draw your attention to the upcoming events listed elsewhere in this issue. We need a mini-meet coordinator for October 26, and a Railfan Slide Night coordinator for November 25. Contact Barry Conn, our Publicity Director.

Volunteer night was well received and very well attended. A special "thank you" to Maurice Despina for his assistance in organising the event. I think we managed to remember everyone who has volunteered their time and talent to help CMRS since September 1995. If there are any omissions, please give me a call, and we will get the certificate to you, thanks.

Note to members: I have just received the first edition of the "G-Gauge Gnu", the newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Garden Railway Society. If you have an interest in "G-Gauge" and would like to join their group, call Rick Lee at 276-3185. Contributions to their newsletter to Ross Crain at Calgary Phone/fax (403) 262-8469.

I have received a letter from Mike Westren advising that Southbank Short Lines group has just returned from their second weekend trip to the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel in Cranbrook. Mike wishes to make CMRS members aware of the HO layout under construction in Baggage Car #4481, based on a compressed portion of the Crowsnest and Kettle Valley route through Southern B.C. Facilities exist to make this a weekend for other clubs and groups: Limited accommodation on board can be arranged, and excellent dining aboard the "Argyle" is available. Fort Steele and the Kimberley mining railway are as close by as well. Please contact the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel directly to make arrangements. Thanks for the info, Mike!

Greetings from the Rocky Mountain Rail Society.

Don Totten

As a new member of the Calgary Model Railway Society we are pleased to have been asked to write a short message for your newsletter.

The Rocky Mountain Rail Society is a non-profit group of volunteers who are working to preserve, maintain, restore, and operate historical railway equipment from Canada's age of steam. We are currently preparing to restore a combination coach #1602 here in Calgary. It was built by Pullman of Chicago. The car was purchased by the Northern Alberta Railway in 1935. Following the demise of the N.A.R. the car saw service with the Canadian National Railway as well as Via Rail. Following this period of service the society became the owner of #1602. This type of car was common to the prairies and the Alberta region during the age of steam. We plan to return it to the colours of the old C.N.R., olive green and black with gold trim to match our steam locomotive ex-C.N.R. #6060. For those interested in participating in the restoration of this car, please contact the Rocky

Mountain Rail Society at 254-2194. Don Totten, Vice President.

Long Range Planning

Dave Stefanek

At the May 6 / 96 Board of Directors meeting, a long range planning committee was established to look at the direction and what type of services the Calgary Model Railway Society should be providing it's membership three to five years from now. The committee will be comprised of the extra gang. This committee has a wide ranging mandate to look at all aspects of the society, with their report to be presented to the board of directors by the December 1996 board meeting. The committee will be soliciting your support in completing their report and I trust all members of the society will assist the committee in completing their task over the next six to seven months.

Calgary & Southwestern Railway Museum Society.

Randy Hellier

We are a group of Railway enthusiasts working towards the goal of building a world class railway museum in the Calgary area. The museum would be for the enjoyment of the citizens of Calgary and area.

The reason for this type of project is five fold.

One, the preservation of the rail heritage of the city and area. (eg; signals, cars, engines, and equipment used by the railroads)

The second is to build an area where clubs will be able to have their set ups and not having to worry about short term leases.

The third is to build a library and archives so people can do research into different rail related projects. We could have articles on rolling stock that the railways have that someone

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Railway Museum Society
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might want to model in scale.

The fourth is that the clubs and members could more easily pass information back and forth.

The fifth is that the museum and land area could be set up so it would have family orientated picnic areas. A play area, indoor and outdoor events like a rail fair, or Supertrain show.

This museum would be located in the city of Calgary near a rail line for both train watching and movement of equipment. This project would be done in stages with hopefully a grand opening in the year 2005.

We would like to get your views on this project, if you think it will work or would like to help. Also if you would like more information on the project, you can call Randy Heiler at 281-5989.

Notice to members:

Errata in CMRS Directory:

Wordperfect gremlins continue to plague us! Please make the following corrections to your Directory.

Doug Baker:	282-6789
Harvey Davidson:	Whiteridge
Byron Ellett	
Maurice Despins:	281-5916
John MacDonald:	242-8230
Dave Stefanek:	279-4886
Donald Thompson:	Midvalley

Our apologies to all, the hurrier I go,
the behinder I get!! Thanks

Al Hough

Networking

New to G scale, just starting out, am interested in all factions of this scale, from scratch-building cars to Buildings. Would like to speak to others in the same boat or to those experienced in this field. Have been in HO for 20 years, now trying new scale. Phone 271-5508. Mr. Sandy Alexander.

Layout tours Report

Barry Conn

The last layout tour was completed on Wednesday, May 8, 1996. A large number of Society members took advantage of the opportunity to see, ask questions, and learn from their fellow hobbyists. Ten layouts were available for viewing and as so many of them were "sold out" within the first few days, a number of the hosts decided to put on additional days. On behalf of the Society I would like to thank all members who opened their layouts for view. I know that a lot of work goes into preparation for these tours and it showed as they were all excellent.

Comments received to date have been very favorable, with most people asking for a repeat next year. The "hosts" also enjoyed having CMRS members visit their layouts and indicated that they would consider hosting a tour again sometime in the future. This is an open invitation to call me if you would like to host a tour sometime in the coming year. If you have comments or suggestions for future layout tours please contact me at 251-9334.

Backdrops

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The dispatcher has contacted the Alberta College of Art and has arranged with a number of student artists to paint backdrops for model railroaders. The artists have a variety of styles and techniques to suit all applications.

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