



ORDER BOARD

Official Newsletter of *The Calgary Model Railway Society*

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President's Report

It is with mixed emotion that I address you for the last time after 3 years on the Board of Directors of the Calgary Model Railroad Society. A lot of changes have happened since that inaugural meeting when we started the society with approximately 60 members at the first mini-meet. Well, today we have over 300 members, have had 3 mini-meets, 3 Supertrain shows, 3 slide nights, 2 volunteer appreciation nights, home layout tours, tours of the CP Shops, a picnic, and most likely a couple of events I have forgotten to mention. All of this put on with volunteer help by the Board of Directors and many of our members. I would not even try to calculate the total number of hours that are involved to date. The point is that the Society's heart and soul is the time spent by its members for the betterment of the Society. I thank all of you for your time and effort put into the operation and events of the Society.

I wish to express my sincere thank you to all of you as it is the membership which will make this Society strong and continue for years to come. We have created a very unique organisation here which brings all types of railroad enthusiasts together under one umbrella for the betterment of the hobby.

There are a couple of challenges which I would like to put forward to the new Board of Directors and membership at this time.

1. Every effort must be made to bring in the younger modellers into the Society to ensure it's growth and existence.
2. A very strong effort has to be made to connect with the community and to gain the public's attention to our efforts. There is one idea which has been discussed at the board level and I am sure you will hear about this project shortly.
3. The society is here for all members of the hobby and no group or individual should receive any special attention or gain what is not available to the rest of the membership.

Hopefully I will be able to do a little modelling, and even get started on my new layout this winter. With that, I wish the new Board of Directors the best for the next year. I am sure they will follow the path the past Boards have developed for the Society.

Dave Stefanek

CMRS President 1996/97

Supertrain Policy Committee Report - Barry Conn

At the April 7, 1997 Board of Directors meeting, I was asked to develop and chair a committee that would prepare a set of policies and guidelines for the annual Supertrain show. Committee members were selected so that a broad range of opinions and ideas would be considered. We had representatives from clubs, independent members, local hobby business owners, members of past Supertrain show committees, Board members and the Chairman of the upcoming 1998 show. A number of meetings were held and after lively debate and lengthy discussion, a number of objectives, policies and guidelines were established for presentation to the Board. The Board chose, after some minor adjustments, to approve the document and to recommend its acceptance by the CMRS membership. I encourage you to read the policies and if you have questions, please call me (Barry Conn) at 251-9334.

Supertrain Objectives and Policies

SHOW OBJECTIVES: to promote the hobby of model railroading to the general public and model railroading enthusiasts, and to generate funds for the annual operation of the Calgary Model Railway Society. As admission is charged to attend the show, we should attempt at all times to *give people good value and entertainment* for their money so that they will want to return, and will promote the show to others.

POLICIES

- 1.0 CMRS Board of Directors (the Board) shall appoint a Supertrain Committee Chairman more than one year in advance of the applicable show to be chaired, so that he/she will be able to observe and learn from the current years show.
- 2.0 The annual Supertrain show shall be held in February or March and shall take into account other activities in the City of Calgary when determining the dates.
- 3.0 The Supertrain Chairman and appropriate subcommittee chairmen shall prepare a budget and submit it to the CMRS board of Directors at the July meeting in advance of the show. The budget shall contain at a minimum the following information:
 - Forecast revenue (number of attendees, ticket prices, commercial booths and rates, concession fee, etc.)
 - Forecast expenditures (hall rental, parking, equipment and display rentals, advertising, exhibitor fees, ticket costs, etc.)
 - Any advance funds required from the Society funds.
- 4.0 There will be three (3) categories of exhibitors as follows:
 - Category 1. Model Railroad and Railfan Exhibitors (private or club, non commercial in nature)
 - Category 2. Commercial Exhibitors (products or services for sale or display, that are intended to generate revenue at the sale or in the future. Dealers, manufacturers, commercial advertising, hobby shops, museums, rail travel operators, Heritage Park, etc. are included in this category)
 - Category 3. Other Exhibitors (feature displays, safety, public awareness, educational, CMRS displays, or other as approved by the Board that do not fit the above categories)

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5.0 Space allotments and rotation of Category 1 Exhibitors.

1. As multiple customer surveys have shown that commercial displays and sales are a requested and popular aspect of the show, approximately 15% of total exhibitor space will be assigned to commercial exhibitors under an Alberta first priority basis. The remaining space will be divided between Model Railroad Exhibitors and Special Exhibitors.
2. As a guideline for the rotation of Model Railroad Exhibitors, space may be allotted on the following priority basis:
 - 1st year exhibitors
 - 2nd consecutive year for exhibitor
 - 3rd consecutive year for exhibitor. This category of exhibitor will be allotted any remaining space if there has been a significant demonstrable change to the exhibit from previous years. Exhibits for 4 or more consecutive years must make changes to the exhibit and will only be allotted space after all other appropriate applicants have been allotted space.

When utilizing the rotation guideline, the show committee must ensure that the show objectives are met so that a viable show with variety and quality, appealing to all segments of show visitor, is provided.

6.0 Show revenue shall be distributed on the following basis:

1. Pay all show bills first
2. Subtract forecast CMRS annual requirements for upcoming year
3. Distribute remaining funds to Category 1 and applicable Category 3 exhibitors

7.0 Distribution of funds to Category 1 exhibitors shall be done on the following point distribution system:

Recognized Clubs	3 points
Group of 3 or more	2 points
Individuals	1 point
Travel from out of town (help to defray travel costs)	1 point

If one of the clubs who have a permanent seat on the Board of Directors chooses to not participate or is asked to not participate in one of the shows due to space limitations, and the club then is a major active participant in the operation of the show, they will be awarded points as if they had a display in the show.

The Supertrain Committee shall determine which classification an exhibit is in (i.e. club, group, individual, etc.) and shall inform them prior to the show. A maximum of 4 points will be allotted for any display.

Category 3 (Other exhibitors) may be offered compensation to attend the show at the Show Committees discretion. This would be done for a special featured type of exhibit that will be a show "attraction". They are not considered as part of Category 1 for revenue distribution.

Distribution of funds is to be approved by the Board and the total funds distributed are to be reported at the annual general meeting of the Society.

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HO Engines for sale:

New Atlas
 C425 N&W (# 1001 and 1006) \$120.00 ea.
 C425 New Haven (#2553 and 2557) \$120.00 ea.
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8.0 The Supertrain Chairman shall attend Board meetings at the request of the Board.

9.0 In order to bring new ideas into the groups and to try to continually improve the running of the show, the Supertrain Chairman and the Committee chairmen should not remain in their positions for more than two (2) consecutive years. The changing of the positions should be staggered so that each Supertrain Committee has a mix of experienced and new members.

10.0 Exhibitor applications:

1. All application forms shall be mailed out to potential exhibitors by November 1.
2. Commercial applications deadline for receipt by the committee is December 1.
3. Commercial applicants will be accepted on a first received basis until the allotted space is filled. Alberta applicants will receive first priority.
4. Commercial applicants will be informed of their acceptance/rejection by December 15.
5. All other exhibitors (Category 1 and 3) must submit their applications to the committee by January 1 and will receive notice of their acceptance/rejection a minimum of 5 weeks before the show.
6. All exhibitors should state how many passes are required for exhibit staff on their application.

11.0 No flea market will be held, as a flea market at Supertrain would interfere with local clubs annual flea market fundraisers, and the present location at Mewata does not have sufficient room for this activity.

12.0 Advertising for the show:

1. Advertising should use the words "Model Railroad Show", not Supertrain or Model RR show as the public may not understand these names.
2. Posters and handouts should be distributed to all hobby shops in the neighboring regions (Provinces and States).
3. The Show committee develops and approves all advertising.

13.0 ALL Show Committees must prepare a written report at the conclusion of the show. The intention of the reports is to detail what was planned, what actually occurred, and a list of recommended suggestions for improving the show next year.

Recommended to the Board by the following committee members:

Maurice Despins
Selwyn Morris
Barry Conn (chairman)

Byron Ellett
Tom Parker

Bill Marshall
Al Peirce

Bill McLeod
Jim Scott

May 1997

Reviewed, revised and approved by the Board of Directors June 2, 1997

AUDITED TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1996-97 Bill McLEOD

Calgary Model Railway Society

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES - Year end June 30, 1997

REVENUE	ACTUAL \$	BUDGET \$
Supertrain 1997	18,185	17,000
Memberships 96-97	1,685	1,250
Mini-Meet	129	0
Interest Income	53	0
Slide Night	52	0
Orderboard Advertising	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	20,134	18,250
EXPENDITURES		
Supertrain 97 Expenditures	5,569	3,500
Supertrain 97 - Additional		750
Supertrain 97 Exhibitors	6,554	5,000
Orderboard	2,068	1,200
Volunteer Appreciation	1,279	800
Mini-meet	641	750
Insurance	450	600
Operating Expense	348	500
Slide Night	194	200
Long Range Planning	161	500
Misc. Expenses	128	500
Membership Services	94	300
Champion Park	0	300
Layout tours	0	300
Special tours	0	200
Special Mailings	0	700
Unplanned Events	0	500
Publicity committee	0	300
Additional "Rainy Day"	0	2000
Museum of Regiments	<u>65</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,551	18,900
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) of REVENUE	2,583	-650

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For the latest update on events call the CMRS HOTLINE 278-6394

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at June 30, 1997

<u>ASSETS</u>		(\$)
Cash on hand		107
Cash in Bank		13,717
Investment (GIC) due September 1997		<u>3,000</u>
Total Current Assets		16,824
Prize Inventory (for annual meeting)		160
Prepaid rent (Nov. 97 mini meet)		350
Investment (GIC) due September 1998		<u>2,000</u>
Total Assets		19,334

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Prepaid Membership		5
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MEMBER'S EQUITY

Opening balance, July 1, 1996	16,746	
Excess Revenues 1996-97	<u>2,583</u>	
sub total	19,329	<u>19,329</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>		<u>19,334</u>

CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash on hand & in Bank (June 30, 1996)		22,076
Operating activities:		
Excess of revenues 1996-97	2,583	
Receipt of prepaid membership	5	
Decrease in receivables	65	
Payment of prepaid rent	- 350	
Purchase of inventory	- 160	
Payments to 1996 Exhibitors	<u>-5,395</u>	
sub total	-3,252	-3,252
Purchase of Investments		<u>-5,000</u>
Cash on hand & in Bank, June 30, 1997		\$13,824

Calgary Model Railway Society
Proposed Operating Budget
1997/1998

<u>Item</u>	<u>Income</u>
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$1,250.00
SUPERTRAIN 98	\$17,000.00
MINI-MEET	\$300.00
ORDER BOARD ADVERTISING	\$50.00

TOTAL \$18,600.00

EXPENSE

MISC. OPERATING EXPENSES AND HALL RENTALS	\$500.00
SUPERTRAIN 98	\$6,000.00
SUPERTRAIN 98 DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,000.00
VOLUNTEER NIGHT	\$1,200.00
SLIDE NIGHT	\$200.00
ORDER BOARD	\$2,000.00
LAY OUT TOURS	\$300.00
INSURANCE	\$600.00
MINI-MEET	\$1,000.00
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE	\$300.00
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	\$300.00
MISC.	\$2,000.00

TOTAL \$19,400.00

NET BALANCE -\$800.00

Current Memberships expire September 30. Renew now!

CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$5 PAYABLE TO CMRS

(If you are a current member and you don't wish to change any information just print your name and tick "keep same information")

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(If address or telephone not filled in they will be published in the CMRS directory.)

Please fill in the following if you wish the information to appear in the CMRS directory. Either circle or add your own interests. This will allow you to meet members with a common interest.

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BOARD of DIRECTORS - Positions and Responsibilities

Phone Numbers H - Home B - Business F - Fax

Dave Stefanek - President

H-279-4886
Cantrak 215 - Lynnaver Pl S.E.

Barry Conn -

H-281-6913 Independent
Special Events
B-251-9334 F-251-9334
213 - Oakchurch Bay S.W.

Tom Parker - Vice President

H-547-1201 Independent
B-241-5409 F-241-5409
119 - Range Way N.W.

Maurice Despins - Special Events

H-281-5916 Independent
B-240-7011 F-251-4976
Thur Nite Gp 151 - Woodfern Pl S.W. Loc 7815

Bill McLeod - Sec./Treas.

H-271-3915 Bow Valley
13219 - Lake Lucerne Rd. S.E.

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H-271-2809 B-298-4345

Ian Mears - Membership

H-278-5266 C.B.M.R.
B-233-5261 F-262-6538
107 - Deerfield Cr. S.E.

The Board of Directors Regretfully accepted the Resignation of Mark Eastman from the position of Vice President. Tom Parker will assume the duties of this office now.

Russ Pinchbeck - Membership

H-272-0637 C.M.T.
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2410 - Pinewood Dr. S.E.

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*Individual Directors have separate responsibilities.
Please contact the appropriate Director for*

CMRS HOTLINE (278-6394)

Have you forgotten what the latest CMRS events are, their location or time?? Then call the **CMRS HOTLINE**. We have established a phone line where the members can call in and get a recorded message with the latest breaking information on CMRS activities and events. You can also leave messages on the answering machine if you would like a call back.

The Order Board

Meeting Schedule

Sept 8 ANNUAL MEETING.

Oct. 6 SLIDE NIGHT.

No further information available at time of printing.

Upcoming Event

NOV. 1 MINI MEET
Hillhurst Sunnyside
Community Hall
1320 - 5 Ave N.W.

Classified Advertising

Do you have some model railroad related items you would like to sell. If so, consider putting an ad in the Order Board. Ads will be free for members (assuming they are small and don't take more than a few inches of space). Commercial ads (business card size) are also accepted for a fee of \$10.00. A good selection of Computer Clip Art (Railroad Related) is available to spice up your Ad.