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Official Newsletter of *The Calgary Model Railway Society*

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Report From the President

Included in this issue of the Order Board are the results of the Long Range Planning Committee. I am sure you will find the results and comments very interesting. Some of the ideas suggested will keep the Board of Directors busy for a couple of years I am sure. I wish to thank all the members of CMRS who took the time to complete the questionnaire as this gives the Directors an insight into the membership and their wishes. A special word of thanks go out to Al Love, Gordie Johnson and Al Crance (the EXTRA GANG), for developing the questionnaire, circulating it, collecting the replies and compiling the results. THANK YOU for the great job.

Several members filled out the forms and offered their services for various tasks in the Society. However, as the first page of the Long Range Questionnaire had your name on it, and was separated from the rest of the questionnaire when tabulating the results (confidentiality purposes), would those members who volunteered their services please call me at 279-4886. We would really like to get you involved and need all the help we can get. Thank you for offering your time for the Calgary Model Railway Society.

Over the past 3 months Ian Mears (Membership Director) has received a number of membership applications from groups who want to be members of the Society. We welcome your interest and involvement in CMRS. As a general concept, we would prefer that individuals within these groups purchase their own memberships as they will then get their own copies of the Order Board, be able to vote at meetings (Full Members only), run for positions on the Board of directors, and have free admission to all our events (except Supertrain). The same concept would apply to families who want a family membership as this also become very difficult to administer. There are no provisions in our Bylaws of the Societies Act to allow us to recognize groups as members. Members were intended to be individuals and for the minimal annual fee of \$5.00 we feel you get very good value for your money. I am sure that you can understand our position on this issue.

If you have any beefs or bouquets, please feel free to call me at 279-4886 and I will be glad to talk to you.

Dave Stefanek

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.

TRAINMASTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Yearly Award
Beginning 1997
Nominations
Open**

For the first time, the Calgary Model Railway Society and Trainmaster Hobby Supplies would like to recognize a member of the Calgary Model Railway Society, who over the years, has made a significant contribution to our hobby in the Calgary area. If you would like to nominate an individual or group for this award, please forward their name and a brief list of their contributions/accomplishments to:

Tom Parker
c/o Trainmaster Hobby Supplies
Suite 634
105, 150 Crowfoot Cres. N.W.
Calgary, AB T3G 3T2
Phone 241-5409

A committee has been formed to select this years winner, who will be recognized at the upcoming Volunteers Appreciation Night. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 1997.



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ALBERTA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PROJECT

We are looking for Society members who would be willing to be involved in the planning, construction, maintenance and operation of a scale layout for the children at the Alberta Children's Hospital. If you would like to volunteer your time and effort or would like more information please contact

Tom Parker @ 547-1201

(after 6 PM or on the weekends). Also, if you have contacts or ideas for possible funding for this project please call Tom. Thanks for helping the kids enjoy what we enjoy so much!

SUPERTRAIN 97

A friendly reminder that Supertrain 97 goes February 22 and 23 at Mewata Armories (corner of 9th Avenue and 11th Street S.W.). Setup of displays will occur on Friday evening February 21. Please remember that unless you are working at the show as part of an exhibit or display, you must pay your admission at the gate. If you bring a donation to the Food Bank (non perishable food), we will take \$1.00 off the admission price.

SUPERTRAIN 97 ALL SPACE ALLOTTED

We are full again this year with 25 club/individual displays and 7 commercial exhibitors confirmed for the show. There will be a couple of out of town special exhibits this year. The Edmonton Society of Model Engineers Inc. and Doug Hole from Sorrento B.C. (weather and road conditions permitting) are confirmed for Supertrain 97. As we mentioned before, the floor space is all allotted and we would like to express our thanks to the Rocky Mountain Garden Club (G gauge) for allowing us to put them in the class room used last year as the flea market.

This years Supertrain Committee members have worked hard and long to hopefully make this show a real success. Their areas of responsibility are:

Bill Marshall
Selwyn Morris
Irv Jalving
Allan Pile / Barry Conn
Bob Hadlow
Dave Stefanek
Elmer Holm

Show Chairman and Commercial Exhibits
Non Commercial Exhibits
Publicity
Customer relations and Catering
Admissions and tickets
Door prizes
Public Help and Question Coordinator

These committee people and other Supertrain Volunteers will be in Burgandy colored shirts and will be wearing name tags. If you see these people, give them a hand shake and cheerie thank you for their effort to help produce a good show. I would also like to express a big thank you to the wives of Bow Valley and Cantrak members for their offer to help at the door selling tickets. There are a large number of other people who have helped us to get the show ready and we will be listing their names in the Order Board after the show. When you see these folks at other events, please let them know how much you appreciate them volunteering their time.

The Calgary South West Lions Club is handling the concession again for us this year. As an added bonus, the Lions Club will be cooking PANCAKE BREAKFASTS on Saturday and Sunday morning. The breakfasts (pancakes, orange juice and coffee) will be served at a nominal cost of \$2.25 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM (prior to the show opening), so come and enjoy some chit chat with other exhibitors or modelers who enjoy this great hobby of ours.

Bill Marshall Supertrain 97 Chairman

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Volunteer Appreciation

The success of last years Volunteers Appreciation Night was overwhelming. Many thanks to Al Hough and Maurice Despins for spear heading that event.

Our second annual Volunteer Appreciation Night is set for April 28, 1997. This wine and cheese event will be held at the Warrants and Sergeants Mess at Currie Barracks, CFB Calgary. If you are not sure of the building, just go to the main entrance (just off Crowchild Trail) and ask the guard for directions. Starting time is 7:30 PM. There is a dress code in the Mess, so please **NO JEANS**. Ties are not mandatory, but smart casual is appropriate. Spouses are most welcome. This year we plan on having some form of entertainment to make this a very enjoyable evening. Admission is free to members/spouses.

As we need to plan for the number of attendees, **PLEASE RSVP** to Bill McLeod (271-3915), Tom Parker (241-5409) or Maurice Despins (251-4679) if you and your spouse/guest plan to attend the event.

Notice to Model Railroad Clubs and Groups

1. The Society is having some difficulty in getting information to the correct recipients within the various clubs and groups that are involved with Supertrain, the mini-meet, etc. In order to correct this problem we request that all Clubs and Groups inform Bill McLeod (271-3915) of the correct mailing address for your club's contact person. We hope that this will eliminate communication problems in the future.

2. If your club would like to attract new members, we have an excellent opportunity for you. CMRS will be sponsoring a Membership and Question and Answer booth at Supertrain 97 at which we hope to answer the public's questions about modelling and about local clubs. If your club would like to prepare and hand out club information sheets from this booth you are most welcome. Please prepare a sufficient number of handouts and bring them to the show. If you have any questions please call Elmer Holm as he is coordinating the activities at this booth and would very much like to hear from you.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLINIC

Due to unforeseen technical problems we have had to postpone the Photography clinic. We are now trying to plan individual sessions on model photography and one on prototype photography. Watch the Order Board and/or call the Hotline for the latest information.

Private Sale New Kits and Equipment

12 Locos -(Steam, Shays, Gas, Electric)
Rivarossi & Misc. Passenger
34 Freight Cars, Plow, Logs, & Crane
N.S. Track, Turnouts, Switch Machines
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MRC 2500
Latest M.R. and M.R.C. (Prefer Lot Sale)

Contact
Malcolm McLeod
(403)-288-2046

THE BOW VALLEY RAILROAD CLUB STORY

The Bow Valley Railroad Club had its roots in the Chinook Western Club when the latter met at the Coste House in Mt. Royal and later in the 9th Ave. premises of Union Tractor. The Chinook Western Club dispersed in 1963, some members to continue the C.W. at the Planetarium while seven members formed the nucleus of the Bow Valley Railroad Club. The B.V. Club decided that there would be no club dues nor a permanent club layout, but that the members would meet every second Tuesday evening in members' homes. There are currently 19 members of which 15 have home layouts; three model in N scale, fourteen in HO with some duplication in G and O scales. Early in its history the Club decided to participate in organized hobby shows and members built table top displays. Subsequently a 12' x 22' "L" shaped portable layout was displayed for 14 years throughout southern Alberta.

Based upon experience and wishing to adapt to new ideas, the Club recently built 2' x 4' modules to form a 12' x 16' N scale and a 16' x 28' HO scale modular layout. Additional modules are now under construction to form an additional 12' x 20' HO layout. Each member is responsible for the cost of trackage and scenery on the one or more modules he stores, transports and sets up at shows.

Bow Valley club is more than just a "Tuesday night" group. The Club was a founding organizer of the annual train shows held at the Kinsman Centers and S.A.I.T. campus. After the demise of the hobby shows held at Leisure and Roundup centers, the Club in 1993 again set out to provide Calgary with an "all train" show, hosting a weekend event at the TriWood Community Center. The success of the show renewed enthusiasm for establishment of an organization which would encourage and support model railroading in this area. Hence, the Calgary Model Railway Society was established.

Bow Valley Club has had stability in its membership: Bill Walter, Bill Marshall and Dave Walling each served 10 years as "Superintendent", Irving Jalving three years and Richard Johnson is current superintendent. Bill Marshall has completed a two year directorship of C.M.R.S. and Bill McLeod currently is a Director and Secretary-Treasurer of C.M.R.S.

Bow Valley's modular layouts are regularly displayed at Hospitals, seniors' centers, churches, and community centers in the surrounding areas. B.V. has been a regular participant at the Red Deer trainshow. Several members attend NMRA district meetings in Medicine Hat, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Everett WA., Burnaby and Nanaimo. The Club also has a representative at the NMRA National Meetings. Bow Valley Club also took part in hosting the 1979 NMRA national Railrodeo held in Calgary.

An annual "Highlight" for several Bow Valley members occurs when they go "railfanning" along the B.N., U.P. and M.R.L. lines in Montana, Idaho and Washington. What could be more exciting than standing at Whitefish Montana station (in rain or snow!) watching the new B.N.S.F. GE-9s roar by in their brand new paint jobs?

Club members' wives fully participate in the Club's activities. They not only assist in building the home layouts, but sew the drapes for modules, make banners, and assist in the running of events. At least three times a year the members and their wives and friends attend a social evening. The wives also attend the NMRA meetings and participate in the planned events. It is rumoured that they also "do some shopping" when the opportunity arises!

Every Bow Valley Railroad Club member is also a member of the Calgary Model Railway Society.

Some people who take up model railroading become recluses, coming out of their "styrene, brass, hydrocal and decal" closets to furtively attend model shows. They often become disillusioned and we see their "final results" at flea market tables. The success of the Bow Valley and other clubs is due to the spirit of cooperation to share ideas and offer assistance. Those who are members of C.M.R.S. but are not now associated with any model club are encouraged to join clubs that have need of additional members, or to attend C.M.R.S. meetings and search out others who would be willing to establish a new club. Members of the Bow Valley Club would be glad to share our experiences with those modelers organizing a club.

C.M.R.S Survey Summary

A Compilation of your Responses.

Membership Information

1- How did you become aware of the Club's Existence?

Club Information	- 23	Friend	- 20
Hobby Shop	- 11	Annual Show	- 22
Other	- 11		

2- What is your age ?

Under 18	- 3	36-45	-12
18-25	- 2	46-55	-24
26-35	-12	56-65	-14
Over 65	-12		

3- How many years have you been interested in Railways?

Under 2yrs	-0	2-5 yrs	- 7
5-10 Yrs	-6	10-20 yrs	-53
Over 20 yrs	-6		

4- What aspects of Railways Interest you ?

Modelling	-73	Non Modelling	-29
Model Collecting	-17	Memorabilia	-18
Rail Fanning	-46	Other	-16

5- What Scale/Scales do you Model?

Primary	N -11	HO -55	S -2	O -7	G -2	
Secondary	N -4	HO - 6	S -2	O -4	G -3	OO -1

C.M.R.S Survey Membership Information Cont.

6- Are you involved in any of the following?

NMRA Member	- 8	Bulletin Board	- 4
NMRA Region/Division	- 4	Rail Fanning	-23
Local Club	-35	Photo Group	- 1
Historical Society	-11	Commercial/Retail	- 4
Informal Group	-24	Prototype Publications	-10

7- If you ARE NOT a member of a Model Railway Club, are you interested in joining an existing Club or being part of forming a New Club?

Yes 23 No 25

8- Do you presently have a Home Layout?

Yes 61 No 11 In Planning Stage 25

9- During your MOST Active period, how much time a week do you devote to the hobby?

Under 2 Hrs. 13 2-10 Hrs. 50 Over 10 Hrs. 23

10- Which ERA are you Most interested in?

Steam	18	Transition(Steam-Diesel)	37
Early Diesel	35	Modern Diesel	31
Lionel	2	Old Electric	1
Modern Electric	4	Narrow Gauge	6
Traction	4	Other	1

11- Do you have specific Prototype Interests?

CPR 4 CNR 21 BCR 4 NAR 2
Strictly Freelance 15 Other 30

C.M.R.S. Survey - Opinion Questionnaire

Activities of the C.M.R.S. to Date

	<u>Important to Members</u>					<u>To You Personally</u>				
	least				most	least				most
Annual Model Show	0	0	0	15	66	1	1	4	21	58
Annual General Meeting	0	6	18	22	33	7	15	30	17	14
Mini-Meets	1	2	7	38	32	2	3	14	33	33
Slide Night	2	6	27	28	12	8	10	33	20	11
Summer Barbecue	4	10	25	29	6	16	15	25	21	4
Layout Tours	0	0	10	33	37	3	4	14	20	46
Volunteer Appreciation	1	2	16	24	34	10	8	26	22	11
Newsletter- Order Board	0	0	5	26	49	0	0	10	31	43
C.M.R.S. By-Laws	0	6	9	20	36	10	9	22	12	22

Comments Summary - CMRS Long Range Questionnaire of 1996

QUESTION 1 ANNUAL MODEL SHOW

- * More products to buy and how to seminars
- * Excellent replacement for past hobby show
- * Main focus for to days members
- * Great opportunity to exchange ideas, not as clique or as catty as in past shows
- * Mewata too small
- * Give preference to variety of scale
- * Better communications to exhibitors before the show
- * Gives great exposure to the public
- * Improve the displays as much as possible
- * Most important reason for the society to exist
- * Funds support other CMRS activities
- * Set standard as to quality of displays
- * Push membership recruitment at show
- * Just as important as hobby show

QUESTION 3 MINI-MEETS

- * Auction sale
- * Excellent to get modelers out and together
- * Should be in the Fall so can use ideas throughout the winter on layouts
- * More than one mini-meet during the year
- * More at various locations outside of Calgary
- * Enjoy meeting people and new ideas
- * Great for people who want to display at a low level basis
- * Renew friendships and learn new skills
- * Flea market
- * Dealer Sales
- * Hold half day meets
- * Just as important as hobby show

QUESTION 2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- * Needs to be tied to a model railway topic speaker to get more out to the meeting
- * Sets the tone for the coming year
- * Have been always working the night of the meeting
- * Need smaller quorum numbers
- * Don't have time for meeting, have them at train show
- * Brings members up to date on society activities
- * Necessary but not my idea of a good time
- * CMRS will not run itself

QUESTION 4 SLIDE NIGHT

- * Focus has been on real railroads, how about some pictures of model R.R.'s, have enjoyed all to date
- * A fair amount of duplication, poor presentation turns people off
- * Bring your best 24 slide night
- * Too much diesel

C.M.R.S. Survey - Opinion Questionnaire

Activities of the C.M.R.S. to Date

Comments Summary - CMRS Questionnaire Continued

QUESTION 5 SUMMER BARBECUE

- * Difficult to organize during the summer months
- * Calgary weather too variable and un-predictable
- * Pick a different location each year
- * Have in June or September
- * Too many other things going on in summer

QUESTION 7 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

- * Good way to keep up volunteer interest
- * Only way to show our appreciation for jobs well done
- * Important to have volunteer recognition
- * Appreciation night a very personal "thank you"
- * Hold every year
- * Volunteers are life blood of society
- * Everybody who participates in show should not get a certificate

QUESTION 9 CMRS BY-LAWS

- * It is a must do not want to see politics enter into our organization
- * A bit out of my scope however important to have consistency in the business functions and equality for all
- * Makes our society run well
- * Keeps the politics out of the hobby
- * We need the rules but the life of the society really depends on the spirit of the volunteers & members not the rules

SUGGESTIONS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

- * Auction sale / swap meet (11)
- * Guest Speakers (7)
- * Tours to railway industrial areas or shops (2)
- * Model displays not contests (5)
- * Meets and meeting to be more centrally located in the city (3)
- * Pleased with the present variety of events
- * Modelling contests would be good for the society
- * One activity per month alternate nights
- * Swap meets 3 or 4 times per year
- * CMRS lapel pin, T-shirts
- * Prototype historical clinics
- * Membership directory with scale/gauge, interests, phone
- * Support of CMRS by CPRail financial or otherwise
- * Financial support to the womens shelters in town
- * CMRS should build a display for the members to work on and display at shows
- * CMRS should become involved in a museum to have a legacy for Calgary and possibly a permanent home for some clubs
- * CP Shop tours excellent (4)
- * Modelling contest (2)
- * Monthly clinics (2)
- * Summer railfan tours (14)
- * Evening clinics (2)
- * Photo Contest
- * Classified Ads
- * Stettler rail trip
- * Layout tours of clubs
- * Start a N-Trak club
- * CMRS discount at hobby stores
- * Do not over load the schedule
- * Are we not doing enough already
- * Get the younger group involved (14-18 years)

QUESTION 6 LAYOUT TOURS

- * Excellent initiative - more
- * Several dates for all tours
- * Variety of venues (Heritage park, zoo)
- * Group tours in and out of town
- * Expand tours
- * Best part of CMRS
- * Would like to see more

QUESTION 8 NEWSLETTER - "THE ORDER BOARD"

- * Include clips from CP & CN newsletters
- * Product announcements
- * For sale/swap column
- * Could use more membership involvement
- * Best way to communicate with members
- * Important communication tool
- * Expand to cover more topics
- * Tips and hints on various problems
- * Advertise shop tours
- * Post on web as soon as mailed

BOARD of DIRECTORS - Positions and Responsibilities

Phone Numbers H - Home B - Business F - Fax

Dave Stefanek - President

H-279-4886 B-248-4700 F-248-4855
Cantrak 215 - Lynnover Pl S.E.

Mark Eastman - Vice Pres.

H-273-5539 B-207-4666
Independent 5439 - Valentine Cr S.E.

Bill McLeod - Sec./Tres.

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

Ian Mears - Membership

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

Russ Pinchbeck - Membership

H-272-0637 B-730-1102 F-273-3324
C.M.T. 2410 - Pinewood Dr. S.E.

Barry Conn - Special Events/Order Board

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

Maurice Despins - Special Events

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Thur Nite Gp 151 - Woodfern Pl S.W. Loc 7815

Tom Parker - Publicity

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

George Simpson - Publicity

H-271-2809 B-298-4345
Cal-O-Rail 14104 - Deer Ridge Dr. S.E.

Individual Directors have separate responsibilities. Please contact the appropriate Director for information on the Area you want to know about.

The Order Board

Order Board Submissions may be mailed or dropped off to:

Willie G. Smith
4632 - 29 Ave N.W.
Calgary Alta.
T3B-0J2

If you wish to FAX an article, please contact me by Voice Phone first at 247-4620. You may also send Computer Files in Word, Word Perfect or PlainText Format. My Bulletin Board is available 24 hours a day at 247-9946. Upload the file and I will process it into the Newsletter. See Meeting Schedule for Submission Deadlines.

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). Business 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.

The Calgary Model Railway Society Presents....

SUPERTRAIN 97

Model Railway Show

February 22 & 23, 1997

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Children \$3.00 (Age 3 - 12)

Adults \$5.00 (Age 13 and over And Seniors)

Family \$10.00 (Parent(s) With Children 12 and Under)

DATES and TIMES

Saturday February 22, 1997 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday February 23, 1997 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

For Further Information Contact BARRY 251-9334

Calgary Model Railway Society Information Line 278-6394

"Bigger and Better Than Ever"

Upcoming Events in 1997

Feb. 23-24 SUPERTRAIN 97 AT MEWATA Armouries (9th AVE and 11ST. S.W.) Parking available at 7 Ave - 11 St. SW.

March 22 & 23 TORONTO MODEL RAILWAY SHOW call Jack Bell (416) 249-4563

April ?? LAYOUT TOURS COMMENCE. Various Dates and times as Layouts are Offered for Tour.

April 28 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT 7.30 pm Currie barracks

Sept 8 ANNUAL MEETING.

Oct 6 SLIDE NIGHT.

NOV 1 MINI MEET

Schedule of Meetings 1997

Mar 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting

April 7 Order Board submissions deadline
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting

May 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting

June 2 Order Board submissions deadline
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting

Aug. 4 Order Board submissions deadline
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting

Aug 25 BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting (preparation for annual meeting)

Sept 8 ANNUAL MEETING

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