



# ORDER BOARD

## Official Newsletter of *The Calgary Model Railway Society*

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### President's Message

Well, we have enjoyed a great summer and a fantastic fall, but the snow is about to fall, so it must be time to head to the basement. We must start work on the ever evolving empire that has taken shape in the area our wives thought would make a great 'Sewing Room'.

The first two events of the year (see Mini Meet report), and Slide Night, were both successful, in large part to the Al & Al show, (Al Love & Al Hough). These two guys, along with many others, worked very hard to ensure these successes. A big Thank You to all who were involved. You will be a tough act to follow.

The next big event is SUPERTRAIN 98, which is well under way, and shaping up to be one of the best ever. Our hobby is one of the fastest growing, in North America, and with CP's head office in town, a large turnout is being planned for at this show.

Your Board of Directors is now filled, with the appointment of the Bow Valley representative, Mr. Don MacLeod. Board meetings are the first monday of every month at Forest Lawn High School board room, and are open to any member of CMRS.

As your president, I am going to attempt to attend a meeting of all the clubs in the Society. Please contact me if you would like me to attend, and I will be only too happy to make arrangements.

The Society has taken on a new project this year, that I hope will turn into an annual event. **Trains for Kids for Christmas** is a project in association with the Calgary Firefighters Children's Christmas Foundation. (More details on Page 2).

The Ship, Building Clinic is still a go. Contact Dale Sproule at 274-4852, for more information. If you are a Wharf and Water person, this clinic will be a must. See You There.

So until next time, keep on building those mountains,  
creating those buildings and running those trains.  
Sewing Machines were never this much fun.

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## **TRAINS FOR KIDS FOR CHRISTMAS**

The CMRS and the Calgary Firefighters Children's Christmas Foundation are raising money for, and supplying new Train Sets for older needy children, for Christmas. We raised approximately \$300.00 from member donations at the slide night, to get us started. CP Rail has committed to make a donation as well as some of the local hobby shops and some member clubs. If you would like to make a donation, give me a call at 547-1201, after 5.00 P.M. or on weekends. The more train sets we can get to the kids, the more we will all enjoy Christmas.

Thank you to all clubs and individuals who have contributed to make this project a success.

Total donations, at this time, are approximately \$700.00.

This project is designed to get train sets to needy children.

One of the goals of CMRS is to introduce the hobby to children, therefore, CMRS would like to see its members donate one or more items for this project.

### **Donations can be any of the following.**

**Track  
Engines  
Rolling Stock  
Power Packs**

All equipment must be in good condition and in good working order to be accepted.

Members can drop off donations on December 13, 1997, from 12:00 - 5:00 at

**CMT Club House  
619 - 12 Ave. S.E.  
Calgary AB  
T2G-1A8**

If you have any questions, call Rick McPhee at 289-7770.

**Thanks to those who gave cash donations at 'Slide Night'.**

## SUPERTRAIN 98

### Special Notice

Exhibitors planning on attending and showing at SUPERTRAIN 98 must contact **Selwin Morris** at 240-0550 (evenings). Early registrations will ensure ample time for planning the setup. To ensure as fresh a show as possible, Exhibitors Must Not have participated in SUPERTRAIN within the last 3 years.

### Special Request - Volunteers

Volunteers are being sought to help with the organization and operation of SUPERTRAIN 98. Specifically we are seeking assistance in the Facilities Operation Sub Committee, with the responsibility of planning and organizing the show on February 14 & 15 1998, at Mewata Armouries. Anyone interested in becoming a member of this Sub Committee, or who is able to help on Friday evening, or any time Saturday or Sunday, please contact Selwyn Morris at 240-0550.

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## Mini - Meet 97 Final Report

I would like to publicly thank everyone who helped make the Mini-Meet a resounding success! The clinics were superb, (a special thanks to all the clinicians), there were lots of interesting displays on the exhibit floor, and Bring and Brag got very positive reviews. Thanks to the Thursday Night Group for an excellent job in the "Dining Car", and to Cal-O-Rail for the help with security and doing the 'little things' that needed to be done. To the CMRS Board Members, old and new, thank you for your support and encouragement for the new things that I wanted to include this year.

The Basic Clinics got Rave reviews, from new modellers, as well as those already in the hobby. The alternating format seemed to work much better, we will have to go to 90 minute time blocks to ease the pressure on the clinicians. (Thanks for your cooperation guys!). The Bring and Brag segment stirred people's interest, there was some wonderful modelling there. We can always learn from someone else's work even if it is in a different scale. I would strongly encourage the membership to get behind this segment and fill several more tables with models you are proud of next year. A number of people remarked, "I should have brought something."

Thanks also to GT Trains for the Door Prize donation, and to Trainmaster Hobbies for their contribution to the prizes.

It was a great kickoff to the modelling season, see you at  
SUPERTRAIN in February!

**Al Hough, Chairman Mini-Meet '97**

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

### **HO Engines for sale:**

**New Atlas**  
C425 N&W (# 1001 and 1006) \$120.00 ea.  
C425 New Haven (#2553 and 2557) \$120.00 ea.  
GP40 Santa Fe (#3700, and undec.) \$85.00 ea.  
**Used Atlas**  
FP-7 Union Pacific #912  
Burlington Northern #9794,  
Also undecorated  
† \$65.00 ea.  
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## Amazing what you miss, when you are out of the 'Loop'

It has been a long time since I have stopped to talk to a Real railroader. I finally took the opportunity on November 17/18 at about 0400 hrs. They can be a wealth of information for your modelling, and very friendly, even at this unearthly hour.

In all the time that the AC-4400's have been on CP Rail, I have not had an opportunity to see the inside of a Cab on these 'NEW' units. They are impressive, with dual LED screens showing everything you want to know about what is happening on your train. Some things never change however, as even with Digital Screens, the speedometer is still round with a needle to point out the speed. A number doesn't relate to speed so much as the position of a needle on a dial.

I had initially thought that CP would get their original order of 53 AC's and that would be it for a while. I was proven wrong on this visit. They are currently well up over 100 units received and working, with the 9617 having been prepared to take a train out later on the 18th. I can no longer refer to these units as the 9500's, when talking to Non Railfan persons. For your modelling notes, the 'NEW' Beaver Shield paint scheme appears to start with the 9653, and also has the name CANADIAN PACIFIC spelled out on the sides. Previous numbered units still have CP Rail System and the dual flag logo.

On a technical note, the AC-4400 is rated at 4400 horsepower. I am told that up to notch 6 they deliver 4000 HP and at notch 7 will put out 4400 HP with the turbocharger cutting in. These massive horsepower units were originally meant for the coal fields of British Columbia, but having so many now, they can be seen more frequently in and around Calgary.

The point of all this is 'Talk to a Railroader.' If they have time, they are a wealth of information about 'Their' units. I have met many a friendly face while they are waiting 'In The Hole', and intend to make more frequent stops, even just to say hello.

Willie Smith (ed. CMRS Order Board)

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### HOME LAYOUT TOURS

To book your layout tour, please phone Maurice Despins at 251-4976. You will have 30 seconds to leave the following information :

Your Name, Phone number, Tour Number, and Date and Time you wish to take the tour.

<b>Tour #7 - Host - Hans Foltinek</b>	<b>Max number of guests per session : 6</b>
Location 6411 - Lombardy Cres SW.	2 Sessions per evening
Date Mon. Dec. 01/1997	7:00 - 8:15 & 8:30 - 9:45 P.M.
Date Tue. Dec. 02/1997	7:00 - 8:15 & 8:30 - 9:45 P.M.

#### **Description - HO**

Hans' layout depicts the Deutsche Bundesbahn (German Federal Railroad) at the time just prior to privatization in 1983. The basis of this layout is a large city (Hanover) and it's surrounding areas. This layout features exceptionally smooth operation, complete catenary system, Trix Command Control, automatic route selection, operating signal system, and extensive lighting.

<b>Tour #8 - Host - Al</b>	<b>Max number of guests per session : 6</b>
Location 147 Sun valley Dr SE.	2 Sessions per evening
Date Mon. Dec. 01/1997	7:00 - 8:15 & 8:30 - 9:45 P.M.
Date Tue. Dec. 02/1997	7:00 - 8:15 & 8:30 - 9:45 P.M.

Al's layout depicts the Deutsche Bundesbahn (German Federal Railroad) at the time just prior to privatization in 1983. The basis of this layout is a Main station and rural countryside. It features river valley operation with hills, cliffs and a castle. Portrays early trackage and newly constructed high speed line. Trix Command Control.

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## 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**

## Upcoming Events

**At time of Publication, no New Event Information has been received.**

## 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.