

# ORDER BOARD

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

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### President's Message

The Annual General Meeting of the CMRS will be held on Wednesday September 16, 1998, at the Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Association hall, at 7:30 P.M. There will be five open positions, on the board, to be filled at this meeting. They include club representatives from Bow Valley, C.M.T, Cal-O-Rail, and two members at large. If you would like to fill a position, please be at the A.G.M. where your club, or the membership may nominate you.

A Board member will represent their club or membership, at large, as well as fill one of the following board positions; Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter, Vice President or Events Chairman. Please consider doing your part to keep the Society the highly successful organization it has been in the past.

I would now like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and members of the Board, to thank you all for your help and support over the year. A new Board will be in place by the end of September, and I know they may count on your continued support, as this Society is based on fellowship and participation at all levels. Be active in Your Society, and have a hand in the direction we go, you will be proud.

Thank You

**Annual General Meeting - Wed. Sept. 16, 1998**

Hillhurst-Sunnyside Comm. Assoc - 7:30 PM

**Mini Meet**

**Saturday October 10, 1998**

Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Association

## Modelling Workshops a Success

It doesn't have to be Trains

Thirteen **CMRS** members participated in a series of three boat building workshops, spaced about 2-3 weeks apart, during May and June. This amount of time was needed to work at our own pace, between evenings when we met. Gord Johnson led us through scratchbuilding a water line model of a 48 foot cannery tender in HO Scale. It was constructed from styrene, metal and basswood components.

In workshop #1, we received the plans and a pre-packaged bag of parts necessary to complete the project. We began by learning some of the important nautical terms we would require, such as, "the pointy end of the boat is the ...". This was particularly useful when we tackled the job of finely shaping the basswood hull, which Gord had previously rough shaped for us. Most of us had to take the hulls home to complete this phase.

Workshops #2 and #3 covered the finer details and construction of the superstructure. The deckhouse construction began using styrene and was followed by the boom construction using brass tubing. Many other details were discussed, such as cargo hold construction, interior detailing, weathering and painting. The exterior fine detailing included life preservers and old rubber tires for 'bumpers'.

Coffee donuts and door prizes were provided each night from the **CMRS** coffers. The total cost per **CMRS** member was ten dollars, which covered only the materials. **CMRS** rented the CMT facilities, instead of a community hall, for two reasons: the lighting was great for this type of activity and this showed another way by which **CMRS** can help other groups, (in this case financially with rent payment). In addition to all this, we made new friends, met old friends and learned different modelling techniques.

**CMRS** supports this type of activity for the benefit of our members; all that is needed is your proposal. Watch your newsletter for other ideas advertised just like the boat building workshops.

**CMRS** sincerely thanks Gord for his leadership role in these series of workshops. He had completed a couple of samples of the craft for us to look at during construction, and even made a long version by inserting a 10 foot piece in the middle of a boat, making it a 58 foot vessel. He made all three vessels available as extra door prizes at the conclusion of evening #3, even autographing the bottom of each.

All present had a marvelous time, Thank You Gord.

How about some feedback from **CMRS** members to this idea of workshops, type preferred and source of instructors. You are also encouraged to bring the completed boats to the upcoming Mini Meet.

You can Fax any feedback, for publication in the Order Board, to Willie at 247-9946.



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The following information was taken from The Switchlist, a British Columbia Modelling Newsletter.

**1998 Victoria B.C. Sunday September 13**

The Annual Victoria model railroad Show at Victoria Curling Club,  
1952 Quadra St., 10AM - 4 PM. Admission; Adults \$4.00  
Seniors/Youths \$3.00, Family \$7.00, NMRA/PNR members \$3.00.

Hourly door prizes, lots of parking, operating model railroads  
popular vote contest, commercial and individual sales and displays.

**For information contact**  
Ted Alexis (250)-595-4070

**Lynden WA. October 3rd - 4th 1998**

Lynden Lions at Lynden Fairgrounds

**Tacoma WA.**

Tacoma N-Scalers Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet  
Fircrest Recreation Center, 555 Contra Costa Blvd.

Sat. 10Am - 5Pm ; Sun 10Am - 4Pm

Admission \$1.00 or canned food donation.

Info Walt Huston (253)-535-8787

E-Mail [hustonsw@plu.edu](mailto:hustonsw@plu.edu)

**Burnaby B.C. Sat/Sun November 7th - 8th**

Trains 98 at the Cameron Rec Center. (details Page 5)

This information is provided as is, for your consideration should you be taking a late summer holiday.  
Times and dates have not been confirmed by the writer.

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Photo(s) of an Iroquois Road Roller. Call Dale Sproule 274-4852.



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### SCHEDULE

Set-up starts:  
0900 hrs.

Display/Viewing:  
1100 hrs. to 1300 hrs.

Auction starts:  
1300 hrs.

**Dining Car Service open - 1100 hrs. to 1500 hrs.**

**ADMISSION:** Under 6 - - - - - Free  
6 to 16 - - - - - \$1.00  
Over 16 - - - - - \$2.00

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## **BOOMER AUCTION**

### **RULES**

1. All items put on display must remain on the table and be included in the auction.
2. Reserve bids are permitted on **BRASS LOCOMOTIVES** only.
3. **BRASS LOCOMOTIVES** may be sold/traded privately prior to the commencement of the Auction.
4. All items sold "as is".
5. All sales final and in cash.

### **TEST TRACK**

Prior to the auction, a test track and a member of **South Bank Short Lines** will be available to test locomotives and to provide documentation of operating condition for reference by the Auctioneer during the Auction.

### **RAFFLE**

1. A Raffle of Model Railroad Items will be held. Tickets will be available at the door.
2. Drawings for prize(s) will be conducted periodically during the Auction.
3. Ticket holder **MUST** be present to win.

### **DINING CAR**

Sandwiches, donuts, coffee, soft drinks, etc. will available from 1100 hrs to 1500 hrs.

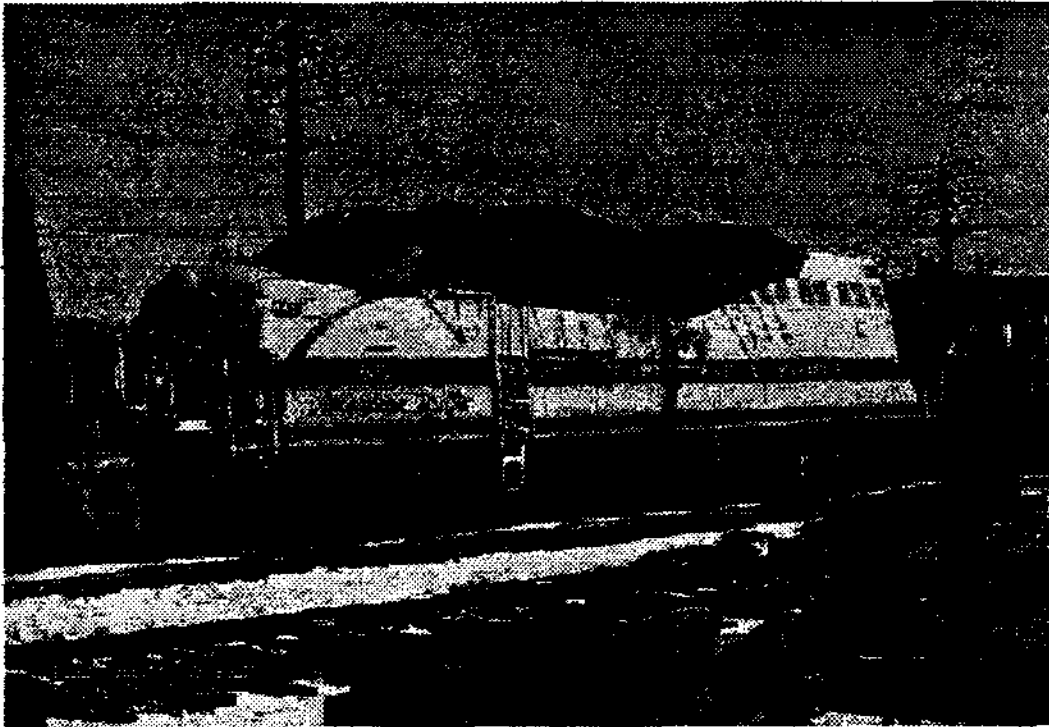
### **GENERAL**

1. **South Bank Short Lines** does not make any representation as to the condition of the items offered for sale with the exception of whether or not a locomotive operated when tested prior to the Auction.
2. **South Bank Short Lines** does not accept any responsibility for the security of items placed on display.
3. A commission of 10% of sales will be charged by **South Bank Short Lines** in lieu of a table charge.

**ATTEND THE BOOMER AUCTION AND HAVE A GREAT TIME**

**South Bank Short Lines Association**

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### **Detailing for your Back Track**

The above photo shows a Bangor & Aroostook BL-2 partially 'Cocooned'. This storage method serves to protect the engine from the elements. Normally the tarp would completely cover the engine and be tied down at the ends. Well how about this for your model railroad yard, a fully Cocooned engine. The process serves two purposes on my layout. First, it hides a Very Very bad shell of an old Baldwin Shark. The shell is so badly scared from years of bouncing around in drawers that it is unusable. Secondly it adds a unique occupant in a storage track off the Back Shop of my yard.

Cocooning a locomotive is a very simple process. You may have seen this idea before but it really is very quick and cheap. Choose a shell and an appropriate frame for the type of locomotive. Perhaps an old Train Set F-Unit, for instance. You simply wrap the entire engine with plastic food wrap, you know the kind that sticks to everything but itself. You could leave a portion exposed suggesting a strong wind or a curious "Train Nut" had taken a peek. Be sure to leave the underframe exposed, with a few of the normal details missing; i.e. fuel tank removed etc. A set of very rusty side frames and couplers would be visible, enabling you to actually move the engine around.

With the shell removed from the frame and wrapped the way you want it, you simply spray paint it in your choice of tarpaulin colors. I now suggest that you use a contrasting color of thread from the sewing machine. Simply glue pieces of thread around and crossed over the shell. Arrange these in a logical form representing tie downs and replace on the frame.

For those of you fortunate enough to not have an unusable engine shell, you can cocoon any other shell you want. Remember, you are only painting the plastic wrap and not the plastic shell. You could take it out for a revenue run and take another 15 minutes after operating to replace the 'tarp'.

Willie Smith

## RAILFAIR 99

### Sacramento California

## The Last Great Railroad Fair of the 20th Century June 18 - 27, 1999

Watch for details, upcoming, for a special tour to Sacramento California, for this railroad extravaganza celebrating the California Gold Discovery! The California State Railroad Museum will host historic locomotives from around the world in a tribute to the opening of the West and the Golden State's rich heritage. This tour will include round-trip airfare, ground transportation, admission to events, sightseeing excursions - including the Napa Valley Wine Train, and a day of sightseeing in San Francisco as well as accomodation and much much more.

Information received from Cardinal Coach Lines  
via Fax. Alida Hume.

## Previous Events

The Bar-B-Q at the park, Bowness Park June 19 turned out to be a wet affair. Thank you to those hardy souls who attended. This will be a successful event when the weather cooperates.

The Champion Park Family Fun Day, Aug 16, was a lot more successful and the weather cooperated. The 44 tonner was operating and a business car and the caboose were opened for viewing.

Pepsi supplied the refreshments and the CMRS supplied the Hamburgers from a nearby A&W.

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

### Care to have your Photos Published?

Do you have any photos of the railways of Calgary, past or present? New CMRS member Kevin Franchuk is looking for pictures to use in a series of upcoming B.R.M.N.A. books on the subject. Especially needed are photographs of Diesel subjects, in a recognizable Calgary setting (i.e. A CP Train rolling past Ogden Shops.) Modern diesels are also welcome.

Please call **Kevin at 287-0810** (please leave a message if not at home.) The books will be along the lines of the successful Canadian Pacific in the Rockies and other series.

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**Willie Smith**

**Res. 247-4620**

(Leave a message in case I am working)

**Fax 247-9946 (24 hours)**

# BOARD of DIRECTORS - Positions and Responsibilities

Phone Numbers H - Home B - Business F - Fax

These Positions will be changing  
at the September A.G.M.

Tom Parker - President  
H-547-1201

Marshall Ouellet - Vice President  
H-289-4430

Harry Sims - Sec./Treas.  
(Pending Acceptance)

Bob Ellison - Membership

George Simpson - Special Events

Rick McPhee - Special Events  
H- 289-7770

Don McLeod - Special Events

Tim Watkins - Publicity/Orderboard  
H- 236-3359

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

*With the Annual General Meeting in Sept  
this listing will change.*

For Commercial Advertisers, please contact the  
Publicity/Orderboard Director for rates and approval  
prior to submitting Ads to the Editor.

## 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.

## Upcoming Events

Modellers Day with the Pros (Clinic)

Sept. 19, 1998 Forest Lawn High School Theatre

Bob C. Bickley 10:40-11:30 Vice President, Sales & Marketing  
Inter Mountain Railway Company, Denver Colorado

Don Read 1:00 - 2:30 MMR - Kit Designer  
and Manufacturer, Denver Colorado

## 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.