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Official Newsletter of *The Calgary Model Railway Society*

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Due to an absolutely Full Order Board
This month, I will hold off printing the
Letters to the Editor for now.

Thank you for your responses
(Ed)

The
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For Railway Enthusiasts

April 1999

Editor Willie G. Smith
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Message from the President

The Calgary Model Railway Society and the Supertrain show committee put on another very successful Supertrain show this year. We had a record attendance of over 10,000 people making this one of the largest shows of its kind in North America. Of course putting on this large a show in a new venue stretched our budget beyond the original estimates. However, the increased revenues balanced the increased expenditures, and the overall profits were similar to the previous year. Even though we made significant profits, our expenditures were over the approved budget, and in accordance with the bylaws of the Society we must call a Special General Meeting (see the attached announcement on orange paper) to get your approval to amend the current years operating budget.

Below, I have listed the various reasons to call this Special General Meeting and why it is very important that you attend the meeting. According to the bylaws, the Board cannot spend more than the budget that the membership approved at the September 1998 Annual General Meeting. We do not believe that we have significantly compromised the overall budget to date, nor have we expended items not in the interest of the Society, but some individual items and non anticipated items will certainly force us to exceed the approved amount.

There are three areas in which the budget needs to be amended.

First is the Supertrain 99 budget. Moving to the Big 4 building and the need to spend more on advertising resulted in several areas exceeding the initial September budget. The committee in charge of the event did a fine job of letting the Board know of the increased costs as they happened and the very positive end results show they were justified. We need you to approve the expenditures and since the event was so successful at the Big 4 building, we also need your approval to put down a deposit to book it for next year.

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Second item is the annual Members Appreciation night. The Board has decided that a buffet dinner along with professional live theatre entertainment would be an appropriate way to show appreciation to all the Society members this year. It was felt that something new should be tried to increase attendance at this event. Hopefully you agree with us and will approve the expenditures required. Remember this is a MEMBER APPRECIATION night so all can attend, not just those that volunteered at Society events.

Third item that must be approved is an increase to the budget of the Order Board. This is our method of communication to all the members. We have a large membership and we have been trying to get more information about Society events, etc. out in a timely manner. This year we have had more duplicating costs and mailing costs than forecast (forecast was based on previous years costs) and we will need more funds if you want to see any more editions this year.

In summary, we need you to attend this Special General Meeting so that you can cast your vote on the items I have mentioned. If we do not have sufficient people attend the meeting, we will have no choice but to shut it down due to a lack of authority to proceed with events. We do not have a lack of funds, (actually we are doing very well), however, we have a lack of authority to proceed. Please attend and cast your vote.

A final note. Included in your mailed out package is a full membership list. Please remember this list is not for commercial use. The membership list is for your personal use only.

Marshall

Special General Meeting

April 19, 1999

Forest Lawn High School

1304 44 Street S.E.

Calgary

7:30 PM

This is an important meeting.

All members are strongly urged to attend.

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Message from the Publicity Director

I would like to thank all of you that let me know you think the Order Board on the Web is a great way to get the Society newsletter. I am passing on the good wishes to Willie Smith who spends a good deal of effort designing and hosting the pages as well as publishing the Order Board too.

In this issue you will find a short report on Supertrain 99 prepared by Allan Peirce. He also prepared an excellent 16 page (plus attachments) final report for presentation to the Board of Directors at the April 5 meeting. Due to the size of the report we cannot afford to distribute copies to everyone, however several copies will be available at the Special General Meeting for you to peruse.

I get a number of questions from members regarding the costs of publishing the Order Board. Basically I try to keep costs down as much as possible by limiting the size of the publication to no more than five 8.5 x 11 pages. Each page (two sides) costs 10 cents to copy for a total of \$0.50. On top of this is the cost of envelopes, labels, and postage. This adds another \$0.60 for a total cost of approximately \$1.10. If we exceed the five page limit the cost of mailing doubles and the total costs can get up around \$1.75 to \$2.00 for each mailed out copy. I think you can see that your \$5.00 annual membership fee does not come anywhere near paying for the newsletter. Make sure you attend the Special General Meeting and approve additional funds for the Order Board (or this will be the last edition this year).

Even though you may have signed up to receive your Order Board via the web, you are getting a mailed out copy this time. As the Board of Directors has called for a Special General Meeting, we must mail a written copy of the notice to every member in accordance with the by laws of the Society. We are also going to send you a copy of the membership roster for your own personal use. Use this to find other members with similar interests and give them a call. You may find someone willing to share ideas and you may strike up a lasting friendship. Please note that it is expressly forbidden to use this list for any mailing list or other commercial purpose. The Calgary Model Railway Society does not make this list available to anyone that is not a member of the Society.

As always, please phone, e-mail, snail mail, or just talk to me whenever you see me. Let me know what you think the Society should be doing, not doing, etc. Don't forget that I am one of your Independent Representatives on the Board of Directors and need to get feedback from the members.

Barry

Calgary Model Railway Society Member Appreciation Night

Friday, April 30 1999
The GLENMORE INN

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6th Division PNR Spring Meet

The 6th Division-PNR annual Spring Meet will be held in Calgary, May 21-23, 1999

Registration: Up to Dec. 31/98: \$40, Jan 1/99-Apr.15/99 : \$45, After Apr 16: \$50

Payable to: 6th Division, PNR Spring Meet

c/o Bob Hadlow

59 Tuscany Hills Park N.W.

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Model Railroading Clinics

Awards

Achievement Program

Public Show

Model Contest

Layout Tours

Friday Evening Wine & Cheese Reception

Sunday Awards Banquet

Photo Contests

Prototype Tour

- Options:** - Saturday day Pass for the Saturday daytime events (\$15)
- Saturday Evening Steak BAR-B-Q, extra fare for all (\$10)
- Sunday Evening Awards Banquet, Highlander Motor Hotel

Model Contests: the traditional 8-6th Division model contest categories are: Steam Locomotives, Diesel Locomotives, Passenger Cars, Freight Cars, MOW equipment, Cabooses, Dioramas, Structures.

Photo Contests: B&W Model Print, Color Model Print, B&W Prototype Print, Color Prototype Print.

An open slide competition will also be available. All prints need to measure a maximum of 8" x 11" on a backing: 11" x 14", color of your choice.

A New Contest: plan to enter your 5 minute home-made VHS regular tape (no C type VHS entries) on the prototype of your choice.

Prototype Tour will be the CP Rail Ogden Shops on Sunday morning, **9:00 A.M. Sharp!**

Followed by the **Layout Tours**. A Friday evening Wine & Cheese reception will kick off the weekend.

Yours truly, Dale Sproule

Locations

Clinics/Displays/Bar-BQ

Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association

1320 - 5th Ave. N.W.

Calgary Alberta

Convention Hotel and Banquet

Highlander Hotel

1818 - 16th Ave. N.W.

Calgary Alberta

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25 March, 1999

SUPERTRAIN '99 REPORT

COMMITTEE: Your "SUPERTRAIN '99" committee this year was:

Supertrain '99 Committee - Allan Peirce - Chair
Admission & Financial - Maurice Despins - Chair
Concession & Guest Relations - Alan Pile - Chair
Facilities & Operations - Glen Judd - Chair, Barry Conn
Marketing & Promotions - Byron Ellett - Chair, Russ Pinchbeck

LOCATION & DATE: SUPERTRAIN '99 was held in the lower level of the Big 4 Building at Stampede Park on Saturday and Sunday, February 13 & 14. The doors opened to the public at 0900 hrs and closed at 1700 hrs both days.

Numbers:	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>			
	<u>Day</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Saturday	3,440	1,648	5,088
	Sunday	3,285	1,698	4,983
	Totals	6,725	3,346	10,071

Percentages:	<u>Day</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Overall</u>
		Saturday	67.61	32.39	100.00
	Sunday	65.92	34.09	100.00	49.48
	Totals	66.78	33.22	100.00	

MARKETING & PROMOTION: A very extensive Marketing and Promotion campaign was undertaken this year. Banners were installed on overpasses at 4 locations in the city (one in each quadrant) for the two weeks prior to SUPERTRAIN '99. This together with increased radio, TV and newspaper coverage had a positive effect on attendance as can be seen from the figures shown above.

EXHIBITS: There were 19 Commercial, 6 Display, 24 Layouts and 1 Administration (Information Booth) for a total of 50 exhibits. Exhibits occupied 4,413 sq.m. (47,500 sq.ft.) of space plus there was 1,161 sq.m. (12,500 sq.ft.) of concession space for a total of 5,574 sq.m. (60,000 sq.ft.).

FINANCIAL: The larger show and the change of venue to the Big 4 Building placed considerable strain on the budget. The larger show and more extensive promotion campaign resulted in greater attendance with corresponding higher revenues that offset the higher expenditures, resulting in net proceeds approximately equal to last year.

"HOW TO" BOOTH: Under the direction of South Bank Short Lines, three to four modellers in the booth demonstrated *how to* assemble both buildings and rolling stock kits and *how to* do fundamental scenery while at the same time handing out approximately 800 copies of a brochure titled "Your introduction to MODEL RAILROADING". The brochure was generously provided by the Kalmbach Publishing Co. for distribution at the show. Based on the number of people around the booth almost all the time and the requests for the brochure, The "How to" Booth was a popular exhibit.

Allan Peirce - Committee Chairman, "SUPERTRAIN '99"

Wanted

Kato N scale U 30 C locomotives, any paint scheme contact Rob Mills 936-2093

For Sale

For Sale- VH models CNR 6060 class 4-8-2, 1976 run Custom paint.
Maple leaf herald, lettered 6060. \$800 obo call Barry Lidstone 251-3028.

For The Modeler - On a Budget

The last issue of the Order Board included an article by Mike Westren, and involved recycling the tops from cases of paper, as drawers. (January 99 Order Board – Storage racks – See Previous Issues for the text version of the article – Ed.)

This has spawned the idea that perhaps there are a number of ways to recycle pieces and parts that would normally be thrown away and also, popular with model railroaders, the idea of saving money.

A number of years ago, I began (finally could afford) putting Kadee (tm) brand couplers on my freight cars and engines. Now in those days I was on a very restricted budget and my purchases were not always of the highest quality brands of equipment. I soon discovered that not every manufacturer built their models exactly the same height. I was finding that a number of my couplers would not couple properly as they were mismatched in height from the track. This could be one of two problems: bolsters were too low, or the body mount coupler pocket was too high. A friend suggested that I save the plastic tabs from all my bread bags. These are an excellent source of thin, small pieces of plastic for use as spacers. I could now build down from the body, to lower the coupler pocket, or build up the bolster on the trucks to heighten the body. I no longer had to cut an extremely small piece from a full sheet of plastic, and didn't have to buy so many full sheets.

Some years later, I was finally getting down to starting a layout and required a great number of trees way in the background. I did not feel like making detailed, individual tree trunks as these trees would only be visible from a distance. I found a local Butcher Supply house, in S.E. Calgary. I was able to purchase a box of approximately 1000 hot dog skewers. The kind you get with a Corn Dog at Stampede. I took an OLD modeling saw blade and scored the sticks first. Then a bunch were placed in an old coffee can and stained with a mixture of brown (liquid) shoe polish and isopropyl alcohol. Once dry, the variations in color were tremendous for tree trunks, and the pointed ends made it easy to plug into the plaster scenery.

These skewers were also very useful in building short retaining walls, small (dry wash) bents for trestles, and for use as finished fence posts as loads on a flat car. Oh and by the way, that box of 1000 cost around two dollars back then, but I am sure they are still not very expensive.

In keeping with the idea of realistic loads, try the following. The next time you are near a specialty candy store, ask if they have any licorice root. This is literally the root of the licorice plant before it gets processed. They are very tasty to chew on as well. These roots come in various sizes and shapes. They have a miniature texture very similar to actual trees, and do not require any weathering. I have a number of old style, open, log buggies loaded with roots, that are a very close scale size to real trees, after cutting. They can even be partially cut through then broken to simulate a tree falling and splitting. Again, depending on the candy store you go to, a bunch (10 or more) of roots, should be relatively inexpensive considering you will get a good number of trees. In the Calgary area, stop at the Candy Store in Banff next time you go for a drive.

Willie



FOR SALE

HO – Kato locomotive C44-9W CN 2502 W/Digitrax decoder \$200.00
HO – Atlas locomotive F-7 CP tuscan and gray \$120.00
HO – Atlas locomotive S-4 in CP tuscan and gray \$95.00
HO – Intermountain Grain Hoppers with sprung trucks some in boxes, some assembled. Offers
Contact Bill Cameron phone 269-9898

WANTED

4 Intermountain cylindrical hoppers, in the paint scheme Brown with yellow Government of Canada to the left, followed by a yellow rectangle with 2 wheat sheaves to the right. CP reporting marks, and preferably unbuilt, or carefully built, with no weathering.
Rolf Stengl 288-7805 email stengl@cadvision.com

Layout Tours 1999

Attention CMRS members

Here is the catalogue of layouts available for tours this year. We have a good selection of layouts in both N and HO scale. Please read through the descriptions, fill out the attached selection sheet and mail it to the address shown.. I will be picking up these sheets on April 10,13, and 17, **ONLY THOSE MAILED TO THE CMRS MAILBOX WILL BE LOOKED AT.** This is to make it fair to all. You will be notified of which of your choices that you drew to. Please contact the host of the tour if for some reason you cannot attend.

It is important to remember that you are a guest in another members house and to follow all instructions given. Some tours will include you operating while others will be set so you watch the action. Feel free to ask questions but please keep your comments positive. Have fun and enjoy.

Rob Mills
Coordinator Layout Tours
936-2093

TOUR 1, 2, 3, and 4

Elmer Holm's HO club sized layout covers the region from Saskatoon to Vancouver. He runs CP diesels with some steam using the CTC 80 command control system. A computer dispatch system is used to develop waybills for even more realistic operating sessions. Most of the scenery is now complete both in the mountain areas and the large urban areas. Track work is primarily single track broken into 5 divisions.

Tour 1	Monday	April 19	10:00 - 12:00	6 people
Tour 2	Monday	April 19	13:00 - 15:00	6 people
Tour 3	Monday	April 26	10:00 - 12:00	6 people
Tour 4	Monday	April 26	13:00 - 15:00	6 people

TOUR 5 and 6

Brian Keay's HO layout is called the Wolverine Lynx Railroad (WLX). It is a 25' by 37' modern layout with a minimum radius of 30". Approximately 3.5 scale miles of track (code 100 flex) is currently in place (1/2 of the original plan). This is a link railway (like the Montana Railway Link) in which BNSF and UP trains move from one hidden yard to another (6 tracks each). The main yard has 5 receiving tracks and can hold 110 50' cars. Scenery is started in Lynx city. Viewers can see a 1013' viaduct, a 1130' intermodal yard among other things. Digitrax DCC system is used as train control. The CPR mainline runs by the back yard so come and see the models and the real thing!

Tour 5	Sunday	April 25	13:30 - 14:30	20 people
Tour 6	Sunday	April 25	14:30 - 15:30	20 people

TOUR 7 and 8

Rolf Stengl models modern CPR in HO scale based on the Calgary area. All structures and scenery are based on local photographs. The layout is 8' by 20' with the scenery 70 % complete. Bring your camera and railfan inside.

Tour 7	Sunday	April 25	13:30 - 14:30	10 people
Tour 8	Sunday	April 25	14:30 - 15:30	10 people

More Layout Tours

TOUR 9, 10 and 11

Barry Conn's HO scale layout depicts the modern diesel era (primarily CP Rail, UP with some BN as well) located in a fictional era similar to the interior of British Columbia. His 33 foot by 13 foot layout is designed for mainline running as well as local switching. The railroad uses the Digitrax digital command control system as well as utilizing a computerized dispatch program to generate switch lists for operating sessions. The layout was designed to be operated by up to 5 engineers at one time. The painted backdrop is completed and scenery (both plaster and Styrofoam techniques have been used) depicting the dry rolling hills of Southern B.C. is about 95% done at this time. A block detection and signaling system has been installed and is now operating.

Tour 9	Thursday April 22	19:00 - 20:00	10 people
Tour 10	Thursday April 22	20:00 - 21:00	10 people
Tour 11	Thursday April 22	21:00 - 22:00	10 people

TOUR 12 and 13

Grant Eastman operates a large (1000 sq. feet) N scale layout depicting southern Alberta. It uses Digitrax DCC as train control over the mountains, foothills, and small town settings. Scenery is well advanced with several thousand trees now planted. Grant operates his own railway name over this area but " foreign " power is also found. Highlights include seeing vast curves (up to 40 " radius) and 50 cars freights.

Tour 12 Monday April 26 19:00 - 20:30 12 people	Tour 13 Monday May 3 19:00 - 20:30 12 people
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TOURS 14 and 15

Ed Hopkins models the transition period with a CN flair. His 26' by 10' HO layout is about 60 % finished with a number of small diorama type settings. There are over 120 structures set up around the layout.

Tour 14 Tuesday April 20 19:00 - 20:30 6 people	Tour 15 Tuesday April 27 19:00 - 20:30 6 people
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CMRS LAYOUT TOURS 99 REQUEST FORM

Please fill out this request form and mail it back as quickly as possible to:

**CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY
LAYOUT TOURS DEPT.
PO BOX 63033,
2604 KENSINGTON ROAD N.W.
CALGARY, AB T2N 4S5**

I will process these forms giving each person 2 or 3 of their choices if I can. Some people might only get one choice if they get their forms back late. I will contact you with the date and time of your tours as soon as possible. One last request is for more people to come forward next year and open up your house to the rest of the members to show off your work. Partial layouts are good as they show off your bench work etc to the rest of us so don't be afraid to contact next years chairperson, please.

This form will only list your preferences and hopefully I will be able to give you a few of them but please list your favorite as your first choice and then lesser choices in a descending order. After the choice put the tour number in the space, i.e. tour 13 is my first choice so I would put TOUR 13 in that space. Good luck and see you at these fine layouts that your fellow members have agreed to show!

←-----→	Tear here	←-----→
	Tour Number	
CHOICE ONE	_____	NAME : _____
CHOICE TWO	_____	ADDRESS: _____
CHOICE THREE	_____	_____
CHOICE FOUR	_____	EMAIL If Applicable: _____
CHOICE FIVE	_____	PHONE NUMBER: _____

Calgary Model Railway Society

Model Railroad Events Schedule

keep watching this space for schedule additions/changes)

Updated April 4, 1999

- April 30 CMRS Member Appreciation Night
The Glenmore Inn 6:00 PM
Coordinator: Bob Ellison 279-4563
- April/May CMRS Layout tours
Coordinator: Robs Mills phone 936-2093
- May 21-23 NMRA 6th Division-PNR annual Spring Meet
Registrar: Bob Hadlow phone 208-0832, E-Mail rbhadlow@acs.ucalgary.ca
- June 5 Champion Park This is a Railway Historical Park about 20 miles south of Calgary
They are having a workday and are seeking volunteer help
Bkfst served 9:00 AM BBQ at 4:00 PM
- Summer Summer Barbecue
No plans have been finalized yet
- September 11-12 Rocky Mountain Garden Railway - Hoot and Toot
Contact: Sandy Alexander phone 271-7876
- September 13 CMRS Annual Meeting
- October 2 Mini Meet
- October 16 South Bank Short Line - 20th Boomer Auction
St Andrews Presbyterian Church - Heritage Dr SW
- November 10 Slide Night

Memberships are available in Calgary Model Railway Society (annual fee is \$5.00)

Call Rick McPhee (Membership Director) 289-7770

General questions?? Call Barry Conn (Publicity Director) 251-9334

Wanted: Railfans

Wanted: one or two people to go railfanning to the US in early May.
Planning to visit Livingston, Bill , and North Platte, but I am flexible on this.
Contact Rob Mills at 936 2093

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The Order Board