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Official Newsletter of *The Calgary Model Railway Society*

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Message from the President

I am starting off my president's message on a sad note as three long time local model railroad members have passed away in the past month. They were; John Gibbs (CMT), John Saunders (CAL-O-RAIL) and Bill Walter (Bow Valley). Our condolences go to their families and friends. See Page 5 On another note Tim Watkins has had to resign his CMRS board member seat due to personal and business reasons. Tim's board seat represented one of the independent member's seats and will stay vacant until the end of the term. Rob Mills, our VP, will take over Tim's position on the by-law sub committee.

The Society, with the generous support of H&D Hobby Distributing Ltd., was able to provide 71 trains sets to needy children during Christmas. Thanks to everyone for chipping in at the various functions to help this worthwhile cause. See Tom Parker's report in this issue. See (Page 2) The society now has been around long enough and also grown to the point that we need a permanent address. The board has decided that an easily accessible mailbox address will be used for all of the society's future return correspondence. You will find the address in this issue (see Page 3) and on the last page.

Please do not forget that our website shows the current issue of the Order Board and any updates to the upcoming events. Also remember that if you would like to read your future Order Board editions in electronic format please e-mail Barry Conn at barry.conn@home.com. Our website address is at: <http://members.home.net/acocker/cmrs.html>

The second last item is a heads up to let the society members know that due to the new location of SUPERTRAIN our expenses are higher than originally budgeted at the AGM. Al Pierce the SUPERTRAIN director, gave the board members a rundown of expenses at our December meeting (12/07). The project over run will be approximately \$5000 dollars due to additional costs. The board gave approval for the additional expenses in the belief that they will be recovered by increased attendance at this year's show. With 47,500 sq. feet taken up this should be the biggest model train show in Calgary's history! Also, show flyers are inside. If possible please put them up at your work or community centres, Safeway, Co-op or where ever else you think they will get exposure.

Lastly, we need articles for the OrderBoard. If you have any thoughts or suggestions please give Barry Conn a phone call or e-mail him. Hope to see you at the show!

MARSHALL

Report on Trains For Kids

As I walked into the lobby of The Salvation Army Center, there were between 35 to 50 adults all watching me as I approached the reception desk. I wish you could have seen their faces, not many smiles, only that of hopelessness and desperation. I told the receptionist that I had 71 new train sets to deliver to be used for children at Xmas.

I must have been speaking a little loud, because as I turned to start to bring them in from my van, a woman who was sitting in the foyer asked me if I had train sets for children and if I did could she have one for her 12 year old son. She explained that like the other parents there, she had no way of buying her son anything at all for Xmas and that she was hoping that she could get something, anything here. None of these folks had any means of buying their children anything for Xmas. As I offered her a train set, I was told that I could not do that, that there was already a large number of parents who had already asked for help days before and that they had first priority.

If you ever have had any question that this project was worthwhile and why we do this, I wish you could have seen these parents faces, it would break your heart. I was told later that the 71 train sets were gone in less than half an hour and yes the lady who had asked for one did get one for her son.

This entire project would not be possible and successful as it has been without the help and support of many people. Hans and Donna and the staff at H. & D. Hobby Distributing have gone out of their way to supply us with train sets at an incredible price and on short notice, which we hope to correct in the future. The C.M.R.S. board members both past and present have thrown their full support behind this project, but most important is you, the members of this society with your generous donations made at the different functions where we have collected funds for this project. The United Way is pleased to have us as one of its contributors to its Childrens Christmas Help Program, and hope that this will be a long standing relationship.

Last year we delivered 33 sets and this year 71 were given to children who would have had nothing at all for Xmas. If we all get a little better organized and turn this into a year round project, who knows what we can do in the future. If you would like to be part of this project and have some time and energy to help kids who are less fortunate than yours and mine, give me a call and lets see what we can do for them next Christmas.

Thank you all for a job well done. **Tom Parker**



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Message from the Publicity Director

In the last issue we asked all those that had web access to send me a note saying that they would now read the Order Board on the web. We had hoped to save time and money by not sending out so many paper copies. Of the approximately 375 copies that were mailed out, I received 21 replies.

Since I had so few replies, this can mean only a few things:

1. Very few people have web access
2. Very few people read the Order Board
3. People read the Order Board but were too busy to reply regarding the web access
4. People want to receive the paper copy and are not interested in reading it on the web
5. Other

Please call, email, snail mail (Canada Post) me with your thoughts and/or suggestions to the addresses shown below. As you know (if you read the last edition) we have instituted a LETTERS TO THE EDITOR page where we would like to publish your thoughts (criticisms, witticisms, whateverisms).

Please let us know what you think of the Order Board, what you think of the WEB pages, what you think of the Calgary Model Railway Society. We think we can get a dialogue going and improve communication and the Society.

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Bobber Articles

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful offer from South Bank Short Lines club to let us use some of the articles from their in house club newsletter "The Bobber". Over the years their members have written some very good articles and we plan to publish them as our space permits. I think you will find them interesting, informative and humorous.

Member articles

If you would like to write an article, contribute information on a new model railroading web page that you have found, list your own site, contribute some latest hobby breaking news, etc. please let either Willie or me know.

Hobby breaking news -new items

Those of us that are retailers quite often get information on new product releases long before the ads make the magazines (for instance Kato's upcoming release of the SD40-2). If you would like to see this kind of information published too, please drop me a note or give me a call. If there is enough interest I will try to start a column and have all the local retailers contribute some information.

Barry Conn



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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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In Memory Of

JOHN W. SAUNDERS 1922 - 1998

On DECEMBER 17th. last, CAL-O-RAIL and the model railroad community lost a leader and a fine modeler when John Saunders passed away at the age of 76 years. John was from MONTREAL where his love of trains often took him to Turcote or St. Lambert to enjoy his favourite railroad C.N. He also built a small layout in "O" scale in the attic of his home.

John and Winifred relocated to Calgary in 1967 where they bought their house in Mapleridge while John worked as an engineer for A.G.T. As there was no "O" Gauge Club in Calgary, John joined C.M.T. and built a home layout in "O" scale in his basement. In 1974 at a meet in Lethbridge a discussion with Winifred and Bert Haynes resulted in an article being published in the Calgary Herald by the late Ken Liddell. From this article a group interested in "O" scale met and formed CAL-O-RAIL, electing John as President, a position that he held until his passing. We were fortunate that John found us a home at 421 Meredith Rd. where we were located for 21 years until our lease was terminated. Both John and Winifred were active in the early stages, and John's interest continued strong, especially after his retirement in 1980.

John's health declined due to his back problem, but this did not dampen his spirit. He was active at our new Club location until June 1998 when he suffered a heart attack. Until he passed away he took a strong interest in our continuing activities by means of video tapes which we made for him. He was a great person who will be really missed by all his fellow modelers and friends alike.

William L. (Bill) Walter 1926-1998

Bill commenced building model trains while recovering from a 1946 industrial accident that kept him in hospital and therapy for a year. Upon moving to Calgary in 1951 Bill joined the Chinook Western Railway group at the Coste House and later in the Union Tractor Building on 9th Avenue W. When the Chinook group left the 9th Ave. layout, Bill became a founding member of the Bow Valley Model Railroad Club and served as its president for five years. As an auditor for Revelstoke Company he visited small towns across western Canada and at each site he sought out the local modelers. His diary was a "Who's Who" of train enthusiasts. Bill not only modeled in HO but recently built an O scale layout below the ceiling of his train room. All the cars and locomotives are scratch built. He has been a member of the recently formed G Scale club and had constructed a layout for his home patio. Bill Walter was "Mr. Fixit" at many model train shows as well as repairing engines for his many friends across Alberta. Trainmaster Hobbies awarded Bill the "1997 Trainmaster Award" for his service to the hobby Bill is survived by his wife Gladys, two daughters, Carol Pate and Debbie Freeman, and three granddaughters.

"The Fires are Dropped, the Diesels are Silent on the South Bow Central Railway"

John Gibbs

John Gibbs passed away Monday, January 4, 1999 after challenging cancer for 2 years. John joined Calgary Model Trainmen in 1995 and was a major part of CMT in every aspect right up until the end. In every organization there is the 80/20 rule, where 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. John, was 80% of that 20% that did 80% of the work. This was the true testament to his devotion to the hobby and to CMT.

A comment was made about John lately from a close family member, "John lived for the train club. Everywhere in his house was model railway stuff. He loved his hobby and he lived for his hobby." Other quotes about John's gentle disposition and endearing quirky ways from his friends: "John had been into the hobby before his arrival in Canada in 1977. Interestingly enough some of John's collection of trains was of course purchased in England but was of North American Prototype (not English)." "I had great respect for his human qualities." "I remember John being a real god send at Supertrain where he would engage the kids while manning the Timesaver Module. He always seemed cheerful. Very pragmatic and intelligent." May our trains go silent for a moment in recognition of our friend.

Russell Pinchbeck President, Calgary Model Trainmen

For The Modeler - On a Budget

Storage Racks

This article comes to us courtesy of the South Bank Short Lines, Mike Westren and the Bobber Newsletter

Here we present you with a use for those (to be discarded) photocopier paper box lids. That's right box 'lids'. We all Collect far more rolling stock than our layouts can reasonably, or unreasonably accommodate at any one time. This design provides a quick, economical set of stacking trays for storage.

I have built a rack to go under the layout, using a 2 x 2 frame And scrap wood paneling for support under the trays.

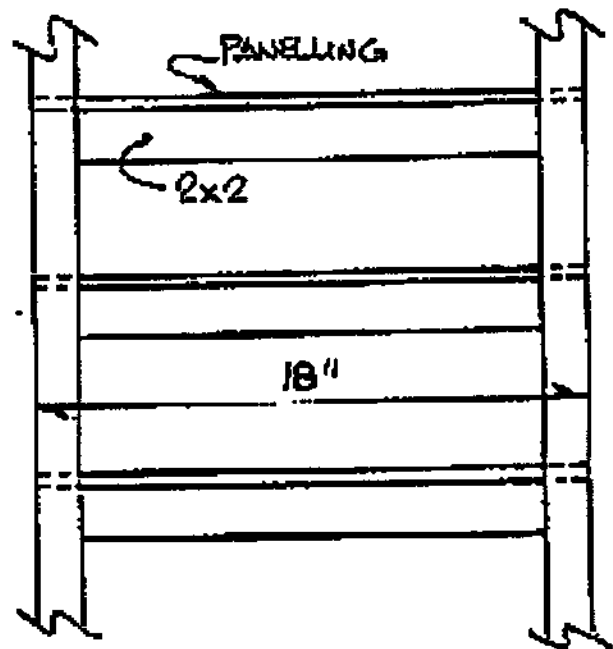
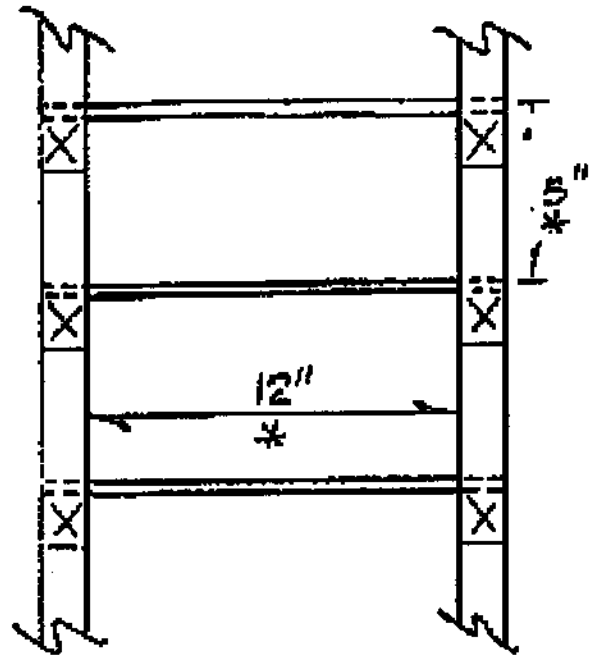
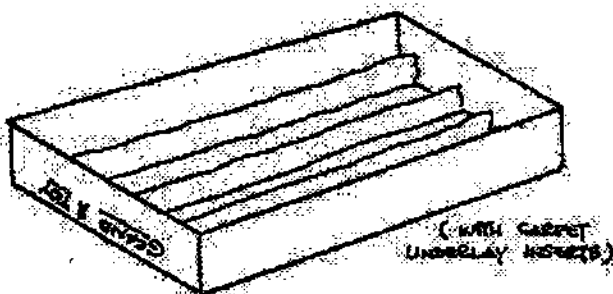
Line the bottom of the 'inverted' lid with scrap carpet underlay. Use strips 2 or 3 inches wide as barriers between rows of cars. A quick application of perhaps flat black spray paint will at least mute the lid's brand name origin.

You should find this method of storage, cheap and effective. These racks will also subtly hide your precious investment from anyone you prefer not to have taking unofficial inventory.

Mike Westren

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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

"SUPERTRAIN '99" UPDATE #3

Dated: 99.01.19

COMMITTEE: Your "SUPERTRAIN '99" committee this year is:
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 will be held in the lower level of the Big 4 Building at Stampede Park on Saturday and Sunday, February 13 & 14, which is the "family day" long weekend this year. The doors will open to the public at 0900 hrs and will close at 1700 hrs both days. Mark it on your calendar!

PROMOTION: Your committee has undertaken a more extensive Marketing and Promotion campaign this year. We have received approval from the City of Calgary to install Banners 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 should boost our attendance dramatically. As examples, in early January A CHANNEL did a live broadcast from a model railroad on their "BIG BREAKFAST" show in which SUPERTRAIN '99 was plugged extensively and The Calgary Sun has agreed to be a sponsor which will result in good advertising in the week before the show.

"HOW TO" BOOTH: Our plans to have a "HOW TO" booth at SUPERTRAIN '99 have progressed well. We will have two or three modellers in a centrally located booth demonstrating *how to* assemble simple model railroad kits, both buildings and rolling stock. This booth originated from comments in previous years that showed that many of our guests were reluctant to start in the hobby because they thought equipment assembly was too difficult for them. We hope this will be a popular, well used exhibit.

EXHIBITS: Over 50 exhibitor applications have been received and accepted. We have about 18 commercial exhibits with the rest being layouts and special displays, such as the CPR Police safety display. It looks like we will have a "full house". At the time of printing our posters we thought we would have about 30,000 sq. ft. of space but this has mushroomed to a 45,000+ sq. ft. show. Unfortunately the Salmon Arm layout and display will not be here this year because of prior commitments, scheduling and other problems.

VOLUNTEERS: Our call for volunteers went largely unanswered. I believe two CMRS members offered their services both of which were gratefully accepted. Should anyone wish to assist in SUPERTRAIN '99

Contact: - Allan Peirce Phone 278-6786 Message/FAX 278-9644

BUDGET: The larger show and the change of venue to the Big 4 Building has placed considerable strain on our ability to stay within the SUPERTRAIN '99 BUDGET approved by the membership last September. Your committee is hopeful that the larger show and more extensive promotion campaign will result in greater attendance and as a result higher revenues to offset the higher than anticipated expenditures. More on this after the "the greatest little model train show in the west" on 13 & 14 February.

Allan Peirce - Chairman "SUPERTRAIN '99"

Calgary Model Railway Society

Model Railroad Events Schedule

keep watching this space for schedule additions/changes)


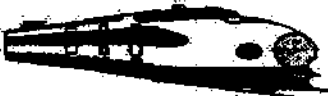
Updated January 20, 1999

- February 13, 14 CMRS SUPERTRAIN '99 (Update #3)
Big Four Bldg. Stampede Grounds 9:00 am- 5:00pm
Coordinator: Allan Peirce phone: 278-6786
- March 20 Flea Market - by Calgary Model Trainmen 1101-2 St NW
Contact Russ Pinchbeck 272-0637
- April/May CMRS Layout tours
Coordinator: Robs Mills phone 936-2093
- April TBD CMRS Member Appreciation Night
location: TBD Coordinator:: Bob Ellison 279-4563
- May 21-23 NMRA 6th Division-PNR annual Spring Meet
Registrar: Bob Hadlow phone 208-0832, E-Mail rbhadlow@acs.ucalgary.ca
- June TBD CMRS Summer Barbecue
- 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



Calgary Model Trainmen

Present Spring Fleamarket

March 20, 1999, 10:00 - 2:00
Crescent Heights Community Center
1101 2nd Street NW

\$1.00 Entrance Fee
Kids under 12 FREE
Door Prize Draw for Kato Locomotive

\$10.00 for a 6 x 2.5 foot table.

Contact Russ Pinchbeck at 272-0637



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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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 setup fee of \$10.00. A good selection of Computer Clip Art (Railroad Related) is available to spice up your Ad.

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