

The Annual General meeting will be held September 11 at Carpenters HALL, 310-10-st NW at 7:30.

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When Microsoft enters the model-train realm

Thank you for purchasing your new Microsoft Train product! Please fill out and send in the enclosed warranty registration card. This enables you to receive 24-hour toll-free assistance with MS Train products (in other words, you'll be on hold for 24 hours waiting to speak to a specialist), and ensures that you will be notified when MS Train upgrades are announced.

When you remove the plastic lid of your MS Train product, you agree to abide by all the terms and restrictions of the MS Train User Agreement. If you do not agree to the terms of this agreement, return the MS Train to your hobby vendor, unopened.

This agreement gives you, the modeler,

a license to run your MS Train only on your own personal layout. If you own more than one layout, you must purchase one MS Train for each layout. Microsoft considers modular layouts to constitute more than one layout. Site licenses are available for those who wish to run MS Train on a modular or club layout.

If you use a standard control system, place the MS Train on the tracks. Set the directional switch for the desired direction of travel, and turn the throttle knob until the desired speed is attained. If you cannot achieve the desired speed, the fault most likely lies with your throttle. The problem is not with MS Train.

If you wish to use your MS Train product on a layout equipped with DCC, you must contact your Microsoft vendor for an MS DCC-Receiver upgrade. Note that this upgrade will work only if you have installed Microsoft DCC on your layout. It will not work with other brands of command control. Modifying the MS DCC-Receiver to work on other DCC systems will void its warranty.

If the MS Train fails to start, you probably made an error in the installation procedure. Make sure all the wheels are on the rails and that all wire connections are tight. If the train still fails to start, the problem is most likely in your power pack. Upgrading to MS Power Pack will probably solve these compatibility issues.

Because model trains are complicated devices, it is inevitable from time to time that your MS Train will stop running for no apparent reason. If this happens, turn off your power pack and reboot it. If this fails to solve the problem, remove the MS Train from the track and reinstall it. If the train still will not run, contact your power-supply vendor.

MS Train products are certified to run on the following brands of track: MS Track, Bachmann EZ-Track, AHM/IHC brass flex track on fiber ties. If you use another brand of track, the MS Train may not run, and you may void your Microsoft warranty. Microsoft cannot be held responsible for any derailments, even those that occur on MS Track.

The MS Train product line includes a range of products that will meet the needs of any model railroader. You can purchase each MS Train product separately, or you can buy one of the integrated suites:

- MS Freight Train Standard - includes MS Engine, MS Boxcar, MS Hopper and MS Caboose.
- MS Freight Train Professional - includes all the products in MS Freight Train Standard, plus MS Gondola.
- MS Freight Train Developer's Edition - includes all the products in -- MS Freight Train Standard, plus MS Stack Car, the MS Track Cleaning Block and the MS Wheel Gauge.
- MS Freight Train Small Layout Edition - includes MS Engine, MS Ore Car, MS Flatcar, and MS Caboose.
- Other freight cars may be made available at a later date.

Note that MS Stack Car may require you to upgrade your tunnel portals if they are not tall enough.

We recommend using MS Portal, a product specially designed to accommodate MS Stack Car, and which is scheduled for release in the spring of next year.

For correct Great Northern Omaha Orange right out of the bottle, try Tamiya X6 Orange.

All MS Train products are lettered only for Northern Pacific, SP&S, and other railroads that

serviced the area near Redmond, WA. Re-lettering or repainting an MS Train product is forbidden

according to the terms of the User Agreement.

It is a violation of Microsoft's copyrights to couple an MS Train product to an engine or car not

made by

Microsoft. If you presently use model train products not made by Microsoft, and wish to switch to

MS Train, competitive upgrades are available. Contact your train vendor for details.

Our research

shows that the F7 diesel can be used on a greater percentage of user layouts than any other engine. For this reason, the F7 is the only version of MS Engine we will make. There will be no steam engines, as backward compatibility is not a Microsoft goal. If you go to our Web site at Error! Bookmark not

defined., you will find a list of reasons why the F7 is good enough for you and why you don't need any other engines.

When the original MS Train was released, the MS Engine product was an Alco

C-415. This engine does not run at the same speed as the new MS Engine.

You must upgrade to the new MS Engine if you wish to run multiple engines together.

MS Engine requires a minimum radius of 27" in HO, or 14" in the N scale version. If your curves

are too tight for MS Engine, you will need to upgrade your layout.

Future releases of MS Engine

will almost certainly require larger minimum radii, in order to make room for new features that

most model railroaders will never use.

O scale, which was supported in MS Train v 3.1, is no

longer supported. HO and N are the only scales that are supported.

Microsoft makes an MS Train

Migration Kit for those who use other scales and wish to change to

MS Train. The N scale version

will no longer be supported when MS Train 2000 is released. We

encourage all users to switch to

the HO version as soon as possible.

When Microsoft releases MS Train 2000, it will be equipped

with the new MS Coupler. Your existing MS Train products will not couple to the new MS Train 2000

cars; nor will cars from any other maker. You will need to

upgrade your couplers to maintain compatibility.

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Calgary Model Railway Society
Model Railroad Events Schedule
Watch this space for schedule additions/changes
Updated August 2000

Aug 26 CMRS Summer BBQ, 2:00 PM @ Champion Park, (On the left 5-6 miles south of the Okotoks Turnoff on Highway 2, Trains running from 3:00 to 4:00, Food and Refreshments provided by the SMRS, RSVP to D. McCleod 284-1498 or your board representative.

Sep 8-17 Inland Empire Railway Historical Society Hand Car races, train rides, museum train
Spokane Interstate Fair @Broadway Ave. & Havana Street Washington USA

Sep 10 10th Annual Victoria BC Model Railway Show
Victoria Curling Rink, 1952 Quadra Street. Info 250-652-1894

Sep 11 CMRS Annual General Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ 310 10th Street N.W.

Sep 16 Depot Day Swap Dayton Washington. Info 509-382-2026

Sep 17 Missoula Model Railroad Club Show and Swap Meet
Big Sky High School, South Street. Info 406-721-2351

Sep 23 Kamloops Railway Day. Info 250-579-9834

Sep 24 3rd Annual Model Train Swap Meet, Lake City Community Center, 12531 28th Street NE Info 425-432-7900

Sep 27-Oct 1 SP Historical Society Convention, Double Tree Hotel, Portland Oregon

Oct 1 Yellowstone Valley Model Railroad Club Model Train Show and Swap Meet, Shrine Auditorium, Billings Montana. Info 406-656-1042

Oct 14 21st Annual Boomer Auction, South Bank Shortlines, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive SW, Info Allan Peirce 403-278-6786

Oct 15 Spokane Railroad Show, Spokane Community College, Lair Student Activities Building, Mission and Greene St. Info 509-535-7186

Oct 21 Annual Fall Railroadiana & Model Railroad Swap Meet, Collectors Market, 8900 N. Vancouver Ave. Portland Oregon, Info 503-288-7246, 360-694-7769

Oct 21/22 3rd Annual Maple Valley Operating Model Train Show, Grace Hansen Community Center 27132 Ravensdale Way, Ravensdale Washington, Info 425-432-7900

Oct 28/29 Great NW Model Train Show and Swap Meet. Lynn County Fair Grounds Albany Oregon, Info 541-928-5243

Nov 4 Great Falls Train Fair, Montana Expo Park, State Fair Grounds,
400 3rd St NW, Great Falls Montana,
Info 406-453-6192

Nov 6 Swap Meet, County Christian Center, 5300 W Sagemore Rd, (turn
west from 395 about 10 miles north of Pasco)
Pasco Washington, info 509-266-4384

Nov 10/13 18th Trains 2000 Model Train Meet, Cameron Recreation Center,
9523 Cameron St.
Info 604-463-7745

Memberships are available in the Calgary Model Railway Society
Annual Fees \$10:00
Contact Vince Wehnes - 236-7986
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Farewell

SUPERTRAIN 2000 COMMITTEE,
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27 April, 2000
To all exhibitors:

On behalf of The Calgary Model Railway Society in general and the SHOW
COMMITTEE in particular I would like to thank you for your participation
in SUPERTRAIN 2000.

A report on the show is included for your use and information.
SUPERTRAIN 2000 was a resounding success again this year due, in large
part, to your overwhelming support and participation.

With the close of SUPERTRAIN 2000 my tenure as Chairman of the Committee
charged with the responsibility to organise and operate the Model
Railway Show in Calgary comes to an end after having assisted in the
last three shows. I would like to thank the members of the Society for
the opportunity to serve the Society in what, I hope everybody
considers, a major way. In addition I would like to thank all members
of your SUPERTRAIN COMMITTEE for their support and the effort that they
expended to make it all happen. It was a pleasure to work with them and
the creative ideas put forth and implemented assisted greatly towards

the success of the shows.

It is my understanding that Barry Conn has agreed to take over from me and Chair the SUPERTRAIN 2001 Committee. I am confident that Barry will, with a new Committee and new ideas, continue to make SUPERTRAIN the premier Model Railroad Show in Western Canada. It is my sincere wish that you will give him and his committee the support that you gave me and my committee so SUPERTRAIN will continue to showcase the model railroad fraternity in the Calgary area.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve The Calgary Model Railway Society.

Sincerely

Allan Peirce,
Show Committee Ex-Chairman.
Notes from the Sandhouse

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Here is yet another recipe for staining strip wood for building board-by-board structures (taken mostly from the kit manuals prepared by Sierra West Scale Models):

1: Scratch up the surface of the wood strips using a small steel wire brush. The one I use is about 7" long overall with a 1.5" wire section. Brush out from the center to avoid breaking the wood. If more texture is desired a large, very stiff wire brush can be used and/or cut deep grooves and knot holes with an Exacto knife.

2: Using a tight sealing jar mix up the stain,
1 teaspoon Black India Ink (Higgins Brand from Staples)
¼ - 1 teaspoon Polly Scale Grimy Black
¼ - 1 teaspoon of Polly Scale Oily Black
¼ - 1 teaspoon of Poly Scale Dirt
20 ounces of water
Shake really well.

3: Take 3 or 4 pieces of scribed strip-wood and place them in a shallow baking pan. Cover the wood with stain and allow the wood to soak for 12-24 hours. Agitate the stain and wood once in a while to keep the stain mixed up. When 12 hours has elapsed take out a piece and check to see if the color is acceptable. The wood must be dried to do this properly and a microwave set on 50% power can be used to speed up the drying process. If the color is too light for your taste add more paint and ink to get the desired shade. If the color is too dark add water. When the color is acceptable stain the rest of the strip-wood.

4: For more variety in color stain only a portion of the strip-wood with the original mix then add a bit of water to dilute the color slightly before staining another batch. This can be done 3 or 4 times to get a real nice graduation of colors.

5: Let the wood dry completely before starting construction and always re-brush the wood with the small wire brush to remove the paint build-up in the original scribed lines. This should give you a very nice simulation of weathered wood.

6: For added detail rough up and split the ends of the boards with a knife or brush before gluing them in place.

That's it for this month,
Peter

Report on The June 2000 Spirals Conference

During the first weekend in June, fans in love with mountain railroading again gathered in Field for the Second Annual Spirals Conference. An informal slide show with many contributors got things rolling on Friday night. Saturday brought bright sunshine and lots of trains (no work blocks!!!!) and the attendees hit the road to chase the many trains and improve Kodak's profit picture. Saturday night was the feature part of the Conference that began with a couple of eastbound CN detours rolling through town. The first feature speaker was CP Archivist Jonathan Hanna who informed us of CP's plans for a heritage fleet as well as producing an HO model of 3084, the GP38-2 recently painted in the script tuscan and grey scheme. Jonathan was followed by Tom Price, CP Road Master for the Laggan Sub, who showed many historical slides and delivered significant insight into operations on the Spirals. He wages a constant war with bears hunting for loose grain. Our third special guest was Dr. David Spencer from Wichita Falls, Texas, whose outstanding photography has to be one of the best kept secrets in the hobby. The drop dead show stopper was his shots IN WINTER of Stoney Creek Trestle. One of the freights had a Red Barn leading and this was truly the highlight shot of the evening. On Sunday morning was a super surprise for everyone. Tom Price showed up with his Suburban Hyrail and gave everyone a ride through the Spirals. It just doesn't get any better than that! The Third Annual Spirals Conference will be held next year on June First and Second in Field. Don't miss it.

SUPERTRAIN 2000

REPORT

25 April, 2000

COMMITTEE: Your "SUPERTRAIN 2000" committee this year was:

Supertrain '99 Committee - Allan Peirce - Chair

Admission & Financial - Maurice Despins - Chair

Guest Relations & Security- Alan Pile - Chair, Mike Borkristl

Facilities & Operations - Glen Judd - Chair

Marketing & Promotions - Bill Kerr - Chair, Byron Ellet

CMRS Board Liaison - Barry Conn

LOCATION & DATE: SUPERTRAIN 2000 was held in the lower level of the Big 4 Building at Stampede Park on Saturday and Sunday, February 12 & 13.

We had hoped to have it on February 19 & 20, the Family Day long weekend, but unfortunately, through a misunderstanding between your committee and Stampede Park, we were unable to get the dates we had originally wanted. The doors opened to the public at 0900 hrs and closed at 1700 hrs both days.

ATTENDANCE Numbers:	Day	Adults	SUPERTRAIN 2000 - Children	Total
2,143	Saturday		3,179	
		5,322		
1,853	Sunday		3,212	
		5,065		
3,996	Totals		6,391	
		10,387		

The quality of the exhibits continued to improve this year with the majority of excellent quality. Doug and Jackie Hole's diorama of CN's Cisco Bridge is absolutely fabulous. The modelling expertise and the attention to detail was a marvel to behold. A special thanks to Doug and Jackie for bringing it all the way from Salmon Arm to display it at SUPERTRAIN 2000.

FINANCIAL: The large show and the rental cost of the Big 4 Building placed considerable strain on the budget. The larger show and extensive promotion campaign resulted in greater attendance than last year but, as was mentioned above, the mix changed with 650 more children attending this year. This greater number of children resulted in a lowering of the door receipts and a corresponding reduction in the net proceeds when compared to the previous two years.

"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.

"MR FIX IT" BOOTH: Dave Stefanek repaired several "troublesome" locomotives that our guests had brought in for repairs and outlined proper maintenance procedures.

COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY: CMRS continued its tradition of supporting local causes by gathering food at the door and providing the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society the opportunity to raise money through the operation of the coat check, the cost of which was picked up by CMRS. All told we provide the Food Bank with over \$2,860 in food and money. In addition this year the money raised, \$438.54, through the sale of Engineer's Caps at the Information Booth was contributed to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation. This means that a total amount of money and goods over \$3,400 was contributed to worthy causes by your Society this year.

Allan Peirce - Committee Chairman, "SUPERTRAIN 2000"

Grain Elevator Photos •

Just to let you know, that my collection of slides of Western Canadian grain elevators taken during the 60's and 70's has been donated to the Provincial Museum of Alberta, Edmonton. I have authorized the Museum to allow prints to be made of the photo's but no duplication of slides will be permitted.

All photos are copyrighted and any copies must be so identified and acknowledge the photographer. There are close to 75 different locations, color schemes, types etc and according to the curator at the museum, is the most extensive she has seen. Thanks.

Willis Creighton
2232 W. Lindner Ave, #35
Mesa, Arizona, USA 85202
(former Calgarian - life member of NMRA and PNR and former South Bank Short Lines and Calgary Model Trainmens member.)

From: Don Wigen - (Original E-Mail to Rob Mills CMRS)
 Heritage Park Steel Caboose
 Rob: I got your name off the Calgary model railroad club web page. I'm looking for some slides of the CPR steel caboose that sits at the entrance to Heritage Park. I'm working on a model railroad magazine article on kit bashing one of these cabooses in N-Scale but I have no unpublished photos of the prototype and living in Victoria doesn't help. If one of your members is perhaps a railfan and has any slides of the caboose before it was surrounded by chain link fence I will ensure that they will get full credit for the photo and financial benefits to its publication if used in the article. Thanks very much for any assistance you can give me.
 Don Wigen dkootdiv@coastnet.com
 Hi

I am working on a G-Scale layout, called the Nickel & Dime Railway. I am located in Qualicum Beach B.C. A fellow G-Scaler is building a number of these units and we can not find a good picture of the Alberta Heritage Cars. What is the Logo to the left of Alberta, and do they have any specific Number and info system at the end of the tank. Hope the question is clear enough.....Thanks
 Tom Rodger E-mail : trodger@bcsupernet.com

FOR SALE - G Scale Items - A few various 1:24 DieCast Vehicles, at Mexican Street Price . . . \$ 18 ea. (55 Chevy Step-Side Pickups, '64 Chev Impala Hard Top, '61 Porsche356-B Hard Tops) ~ AristoCraft #46000 series Steel-sided (EastCoastTrainShow) Box-Cars ready to run as is, or use for kitbashing into one of your own . . . \$45ea. (or \$65 with USA-Train metal wheels installed)
 Doug Cannon @ 403-274-7606
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