



ORDER BOARD

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Presidents Message – Barry Conn

Welcome back to another season of model railroading. At the Annual General Meeting on September 11, a few of our Directors completed their terms and new members stepped forward to fill the available positions. I would first like to thank departing Directors Rob Mills, Dave Stefanek, Peter Moon, and Don McLeod who all provided very valuable assistance to the running of the Calgary Model Railway Society. At the meeting we were informed that the Cantrak club has decided to withdraw itself from sitting on the Board, so as per the Society's bylaws, an independent Director will fill the position for the balance of the term. I would also like to welcome and thank the newly elected Board members (Mary-Anne Whelan, Gord Smith, Mike Borkristl, and Randy Baldwin) for volunteering (actually some would say 'railroaded') to help with the running of the Society. At our first Board meeting we determined the following positions/responsibilities:

Vice President -- William Cameron

Secretary -- Mary-Ann Whalen

Co-Treasurer - Mike Borkristl)

Event Directors: Randy Baldwin, Mike Borkristl, Cal-O-Rail representative to be named

Treasurer -- Ralph Hopper

Membership Director -- Vince Wehnes

Publicity/OrderBoard -- Gordon Smith and Peter Berghs

On the last page of the Order Board you will find our phone numbers and email addresses. Please talk to us and let us know how we are doing and what you would like to see the Calgary Model Railway Society do in the way of activities.

Earlier this year, a membership questionnaire was sent out to everyone asking for input in a number of areas. I would like to thank Al Love, Al Hough, Ian Mears, Al Crance, Gord Johnson, Dale Sproule, Mike Herrfurth and Gordon Fairhead for spending a considerable amount of effort to develop the questionnaire and tabulate the replies as well as thank all those members that responded and wrote in their comments. We would have liked to see all of you respond, but the results that we have received appear to validate the course that the Society has chosen to follow over the last number of years. If I can personally summarize the results, which are attached, the survey appears to say "things are going along relatively well and nothing is in serious need of repair".

Now that doesn't mean that we did not get suggestions for change. We did get a number of excellent suggestions and I want to share the results of the survey questions and the majority of the comments we received. Space limitations prevent a listing of all of them and where the same point was made by a number of people, only a few are shown. In future issues of the Order Board we hope to answer some of your questions and address some of the suggestions that were made.

Please review the results and if you have any questions please call me.

Your Board has had three meetings already and based on our interpretation of the path you would like us to follow, we have set out a calendar of events for the next year. We have a Fall Mini Meet, a Slide Night, Supertrain, Layout tours, Spring Mini Meet, Members Appreciation Night, and Rail Fan events scheduled over the next 12 months. You will find the dates and more information on the schedules page of the Order Board, and you can also get the latest updates on activities by viewing the online version of the Order Board (<http://members.home.com/willie.smith/order.html>), and the CMRS home page at <http://www.calgarymodelrailway.org/>

The CMRS Board is composed of volunteers that want to put on events that you, the members, have asked for. Since we are all volunteers, and are donating our time, we also need your help to have a successful year. If you are called on to volunteer a little time at one of the events, please say, "sure I can help, what would you like me to do?"

I'm looking forward to a very busy and fun filled year. I hope you are too.

Barry

FALL MINI MEET 2000

John Simpson

On Saturday November 4th, 2000 "CAL-O-RAIL" and "The Independent 'O' Gaugers" will host the fall Mini Meet at the DAYS INN (the old Highlander hotel) located at 1818 16th Ave. NW. Calgary.

We invite Calgary Model Railway Society Members and others interested in all aspects of the railroad hobby to join us from 9:00AM to 4:00 PM to share a wealth of pleasant company and to exchange information, trade at the flea market, or talk with the experts. Both beginners and experienced modelers have much to gain by participating in clinics, trading, and by just joining fellow enthusiasts over a cup of coffee in a group 'bull' session.

We plan a variety of educational clinics including:

- Bert Haynes on "Canadian Pacific Steam Locomotives"
- Bob Hadlow - slide clinic on railfanning in the PNW
- Jim Scott on "Lionel Trains"

More clinics are being added and details will be available at a later date by contacting me (see phone number below), or by checking the schedules pages on the CMRS web site.

You are invited to bring your contributions to "Bring and Brag", be they pictures, dioramas, rolling stock, locomotives, buildings or whatever you have achieved that you enjoy and would like to share with your fellow enthusiasts.

"Flea Market" tables will be available at a nominal cost, so dig out all the items that you bought on impulse and are now covered in dust and forgotten in dark corners. As space is limited, all tables should be booked in advance.

Commercial Dealers are being invited to display and sell in the exhibit area throughout the day for your added enjoyment.

Mr. Fix it - Dave Stefanek will be in attendance

Your presence and participation will greatly enhance the success of this event.

Please note that meals will not be provided and you should plan to eat in the hotel coffee shop, etc.

For more information and to book tables, etc. please call John Simpson at (403) 278-0595

Admission: CMRS members (must have current 2000-2001 membership card) FREE
Non Members \$5.00
Children under 12 years FREE

Slide Night 2000 William Cameron

On Wednesday November 15th, 2000 "The Brotherhood" will host Slide Night at Forest Lawn High School located at 1304 44th Street N.E. Calgary in the Cafeteria.

We invite Calgary Model Railway Society Members and others interested in rail fanning to join us from 7:00PM to 10:00 PM to share an evening and to view some top quality slides by some of Calgary's best photographers. If you're a modeler, an historian or just like trains, you will enjoy these wonderful slides.

The Brotherhood will present three short (20 minute) programs, featuring different Railroading themes, to be followed by a "Potpourri" segment.

You are invited to bring up to 3 of your own slides for the "Potpourri". They can be of any thing related to the rails; Trains, stations, industries. They can be historic or modern or whatever you have captured on a slide that you enjoy and would like to share with your fellow enthusiasts.

Your presence and participation will greatly enhance the success of this event.

Please note that non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Food will not be allowed in the facility.

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Greetings fellow modellers.


I'm new to the board this year and hope to bring some fresh ideas and well needed enthusiasm back to the society. I have many years of boards experience, both professionally and in sports and hope to be a helpful addition. I have a modest, freelanced, mostly UP, HO layout in my basement that seems to undergo major track changes constantly. I am currently adding a 7 track, 20' long staging area. (I have to stop visiting all your great layouts or I will never get anywhere!)

It seems that I won't even get my feet wet since I've been thrown right into the fire with quite a few things to work on this year. First off, I am going to update all the good work Dave Stefanek did last year and work with Ralph Hopper to produce even more thorough financial statements, balance sheets, budget analysis and comparisons, and itemized expenditures for all activities the society is involved in. That way, for those that are interested, you will be able to see exactly where our dollar stretches to.

I am also, once again, involved in Supertrain 2001. Like last year, I will be looking for volunteers to work a shift or two on security. It will involve a 3 hr commitment on either day (both if you like), parking and admission paid for. Since you would naturally be attending the show anyway, why not make a day of it and help out at the same time? Don't worry, for those of you who helped me last year, you will be first on my list. I would encourage returnees and new recruits to contact me right away so they don't miss out.

I will also be working on layout tours for the spring. Suggestions, comments and people wishing to host a tour would all be welcome. More info to follow in upcoming order boards.

That's all for now.
Mike Borkristl
tricolor@canuck.com



Calgary Model Railway Society

Model Railroad Events Schedule

Watch this space for schedule additions/changes
Updated September 2000

*** items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events**

- 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 **Fall Mini Meet – DAYS INN 1818 – 16 Ave NW – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM - Members – “FREE” Non Members \$5.00, Under 12 Free INFO – John Simpson –278-0595 Barry Conn 251-9334**
- 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
- Nov 15 Slide Night – Forest Lawn High School – 1304 – 44 St NE – 7:00PM – 10:00 PM Members “FREE” - Non Members \$5:00 – Under 12 Free INFO William Cameron 269-9848
- Feb 17/18, 2001 SUPERTRAIN 20001 – Lower Level Big 4 Building at Stampede Park Contact—Barry Conn 251-9334
- Mar/Apr CMRS Spring Mini Meet, details to be announced. To volunteer or for info contact the Event Co-ordinators William Cameron 269-9898 or Randy Baldwin 256-1753
- Mar 10 Calgary Model Trainmen Annual Flea-market Details TBA in upcoming issues
- Mar 31 CMRS Member Appreciation Night, Details TBA in upcoming issues
- May 5 CMRS Local Railfan Event, contact P. Berghs for suggestions/comments/info 298-6598 or 234-0165
- June 2/3 CMRS Out of Town Railfan Event, contact P. Berghs for suggestions/comments/info 298-6598 or 234-0165
- Spring Layout Tours Dates to be announced. Start preparing your layouts as last year’s tours were very popular.

Memberships are available in the Calgary Model Railway Society
Annual Fees \$10:00
Contact Vince Wehnes – 236-7986
E-Mail ironhorse@cadvision.com

SUPERTRAIN 2001

(February 17 & 18, 2001)
Barry Conn

Since this is the first Supertrain report this year, let me tell you who has volunteered to be on the show committee this year:

Chairman – Barry Conn
Marketing and Promotion – Rob Mills, Bill Cameron, Mark Flebotte
Facilities and Operations – Glen Judd, Marshall Ouellet
Admissions: Maurice Despins, Marie Despins
Guest Relations: Mike Borkristl, Stan Parker

As we get closer to the show date, we will be making a call for volunteers to help with activities during the show. Please tell us that you will help.

Location and Date

Supertrain 2001 will be held on February 17 and 18, 2001 in the Big Four Building at Stampede Park. We will be in the 60,000 sq ft lower level as we have in the past two years.

Marketing and Promotion

Last years Marketing Committee Chairman, Bill Kerr, conducted a very thorough survey to determine how people heard about the show. The results of the survey show that the primary method was through CMRS members and friends. That's right! Word of mouth by our membership is the best free advertising we can get. It's certainly not too early to start mentioning it to your friends and neighbours, as I have had a number of people ask me about the show already. Another area that the survey shows is very effective is the road banner that we hang on pedestrian overpasses. Additional road banners will be made up and hung in locations around the city.

Marketing and Promotion has been very busy getting new colour posters prepared and has sent them along with information on the show to all the hobby shops and dealers in Alberta, in the surrounding provinces and in the neighbouring states as well as to the hobby magazines. If your local hobby shop does not have one of our posters on the wall, please give us a call and we will make sure they get another one.

We will also be sending you some posters in the next edition of the OrderBoard. We would like you to put up these posters in your neighbourhood grocery store, community hall bulletin board, your workplace, and any other place that people will see it. We need your help to make this a show to be remembered.

Facilities and Operations

Applications for exhibitor space will be going out shortly. If you know of someone that has something they would like to exhibit at the show (model railroading or railroading in general) please call Glen Judd at 252-4367 or email juddg@cadvision.com We are always looking for new exhibits and would really like to have some exhibits that appeal to children as well. Do you know of a young person that has a portable layout they could bring to the show? If we can get enough of them, we could create a special area where kids can see what other kids have built.

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We also plan to start a "vote for most popular" exhibit. Ballots will be handed to our paying customers and they will then enter their vote. Results will be announced on Sunday morning, and ribbons presented to the winners.

The Board of Directors has also approved a new format for revenue sharing with exhibitors. The sharing will now be based on the exhibit itself (results of the public vote, size, scale, detail, etc) and not on the number of people involved in building it, as was done in the past.

Additional Items

I attended the Great Edmonton Train Show last weekend (Sept 23,24) to promote Supertrain 2001. I would like to thank the Edmonton show organizers for the warm hospitality they extended to me, for the table area they generously provided, and for giving every attendee our Supertrain handout as they left the show. They said to everyone as they left "Thank you for attending the show and don't forget to attend the show in Calgary during February." This is a real spirit of cooperation that I would like to see continue between our groups, and I extend an invitation to Edmonton to join us at our show.

They also did an excellent job organizing the show and it was well laid out and very interesting for the attendees. They appear to have run out of room at their current location and will likely have to move to larger quarters as their exhibitor interest and attendance continues to increase. Calgary was well represented, as I counted 5 excellent displays. We congratulate the Edmonton group on their achievements and will continue mutual support.

While there, I also spoke with a few commercial dealers that have attended both Vancouver and Toronto shows, and they lead me to believe that we have higher attendance figures than either of those shows, and that would make us the **LARGEST MODEL TRAIN SHOW IN CANADA**. I can't substantiate that claim, but let's try this year to put us way out in front in the promotion of our hobby.

Barry Conn

For Sale

I have the following HO freight cars for sale : MDC Thrall Coal Cars including Intermountain 36" metal wheels and Kadee couplers , 19 cars total . Asking \$170.00 for the whole set . Also assorted MDC 50' modern boxcars also with Intermountain metal wheels and Kadee couplers .
Asking \$9.00 ea.

Thanks , Dale Yanke , ph. 274 - 4704 for more info

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Please contact the appropriate Director for
information on the Area you want to know about.*

For Commercial Advertisers, please contact the
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The Order Board

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

E-Mail willie.smith@home.com

*****RESULTS SHOW % OF TOTAL RESPONDENTS EXCEPT WHERE NOTED*****
 some people did not answer, or filled out incorrectly etc so may not add to 100%

CMRS LONG RANGE PLANNING SURVEY

Mission Statement

The objective of the Society shall be to promote the hobby of Model Railroading and encourage fellowship amongst railway enthusiasts.

Membership Information

How long have you been a member? years 1 [9] 2 [12] 3 [9] 4 [9] 5 [12] 6 [9] 7 [40]

Why did you join the Society? Please order the following from 1 to 5 with 1 being the most important.

Social Interaction	3
General Railway interest	1
Learn more about hobby	2
Society Events	3
Other _____	5

Are you a : Club Member [45] NMRA [24] Informal Group [22] Rail fan [34] Independent [42]

How are we doing

(1 is very good) (5 very poor)

How content are you with:

Social Interaction	1 [18] 2 [27] 3[43] 4[6] 5[6]
Learn more about hobby	1 [3] 2[54] 3[33] 4[6] 5[0]
Society Events	1 [24] 2[37] 3[30] 4[9] 5[0]

	<u>Important to you</u>					<u>Have you Attended</u>		<u>Important to CMRS</u>					<u>Should be continued</u>		
	1	2	3	4	5	Y	N	1	2	3	4	5	Y	N	
Present Activities															
Mini meet	34	15	18	6	0	91	9	67	12	9	0	3	97	3	(1 is very important)
Slide night	21	40	21	12	3	68	32	52	18	15	3	0	94	6	(5 is not important)
Clinics	40	32	12	21	0	65	35	60	24	9	3	0	100	0	
Supertrain Show	79	9	9	0	3	94	6	85	3	9	0	3	97	3	
Layout Tours	25	25	28	12	6	71	29	56	24	16	3	0	91	9	
Memb.App. Night	10	22	46	6	3	55	45	40	22	34	3	0	85	15	
Family BBQ	6	10	39	33	12	39	61	12	34	21	21	6	85	15	
Order Board	55	34	9	3	0			79	9	9	0	3	100	0	

Are there enough events? Enough [83] Not Enough [17] Too Many [0]

Would you like some of the past events to be repeated?. Circle those you would..

Tour of Ogden shop [68] Tour of Hump yard [62] Tour of Alyth [70] Backdrop clinic[38]

Boat building clinic [18] Day with the pros [32] Charity events[12] Other [3 CN yards]

Do you like the present Mini Meet format Y [94] / N [6]

Is the Mini Meet at the correct time of the year Y [97] / N [3]

Should the Mini Meet be expanded Y [67] / N [34]

Membership Dues

Do you think membership at \$10 is good value? Y [97] / N [3]

Should the way you receive the order board effect your membership fee? Y [20] / N [80]

Should the present practice of moneys from Supertrain subsidizing other CMRS events be continued?
Y [97] / N [3]

Which do you prefer concerning setting fee levels?

Fee covers Order Board and entry to several events (Present system)	91
Fee covers order board, Event admissions are paid at door (eg \$5 fee and \$5 per event)	9

Communication

What is the best way for CMRS to communicate with YOU?

Order Board (Mail)	79	Doesn't add to 100 as some liked a number of methods.
Order Board (Web Site)	9	
E Mail	23	
Flyers In Hobby Shop	3	
Word of mouth	6	
Other _____	6	

Suggested Future Activities

Are you interested in the Society staging any of the following events?.

	Y	N		Suggestions
Put on Out of town Mini train show <i>At places such as Strathmore / High River</i>	26	74	Where	
Put on Out or town Mini meet <i>At places such as Strathmore / High River</i>	20	80	Where	
Rail Fan Trips/Events (In town) <i>E.g. CPR Pavilion</i>	94	6	Where	
Rail Fan Trips/Events (Out of town) <i>E.g. Spiral Tunnel</i>	79	21	Where	
Chat Group	3	97	On what	
Modeling Info in Order Board	91	9		
Guest Speakers	82	18	Who	
Out of town Layout tours	45	55	Where	
How-to Clinics Beginner	79	21	What	
How-to Clinics Advanced	88	12	What	

General Questions

Should the format for the Annual General Meeting be changed Y [29] / N [81]

Should some railway related activity be combined with the Annual General Meeting Y [62] / N [38]

Do you wish to be more involved in proposed by law changes?. (All changes have to be voted on at the Annual general meeting) Please check one of the below.

Let the Board of Directors worry about it. (Present Day)	41
Be informed when such subjects are to be discussed so I can attend if I wish to.	50
Form a group from the membership / Board to look after By-laws.	9

When/how do you usually renew your membership?

Order board [21] / Mini meet [37] / Annual General Meeting [24] / Slide Night [12] / Supertrain [6]

Do you feel the present system of informing you your membership has expired is adequate?. Y [79] / N [21]

Should CMRS events be for members only or allow nonmembers in with an admission fee?

Members only [18] / General public [82]

Do you know someone who has not renewed their membership?. If you know **WHY** please circle below.

Forgot [9] / Unhappy [9] / Moved away [6] / Not their thing [9] /

Only joined to get into an event [12] / Other _____

Supertrain

Do you think the SUPERTRAIN Format should be changed in any way (if yes please use comments to expand)

Location	9	Invitees	6	Add social event	24
Size	9	Number of exhibits	9	Hours of operation	6
Timing	12	Type of exhibits	15	Trade stands	15
Advertising	9	Quality of exhibits	15	Other: _____	6

Are you in favor of expansion in the commercial exhibit area Y [59] / N [41]

Should members receive reduced admission Y [56] / N [44]

Why do we put on Supertrain? Please order the following from 1 to 3 with 1 being the most important.

As a Fund raiser	3
To entertain the public	2
To show case the hobby for the modeler.	1

With the present large size of Supertrain and the accompanying high financial risk which of the following rates as the risk level you are comfortable with.

High level of risk but worth maintaining level of commitment.	67
Moderate level of risk – some concern - reduce cost, maintain scope.	27
High level of risk – worth further analysis (Possibly downsize)	6

Spring 2000 Membership Survey - written comments

Membership-

- More promotion and publicity of Society and its activities
- I have felt that limiting membership by distance in our bylaws is unnecessary, unfriendly, etc.Are we afraid that overwhelming numbers of Edmontonians will join and out-vote us?
- Make up flyers and have them at all hobby shops in town. I talk to many people that don't know we exist and what we do to help individuals in the hobby.
- The expiry date should be shown on the membership card. Perhaps a special mailing could be sent out to all members.
- Recruit young and younger members!! Member of the Year?? Hobby Shop 10% off card to shops

How are we doing:

- Well. It isn't broken so don't fix it.
- I think we should try to better tap the resources of "non-club" members. I realize that some wish to remain private, but some have the impression that CMRS is primarily for clubs. Hence they have not joined CMRS but stay in the background.
- For a young organization CMRS is excellent
- Not bad at all. I think we tend to be too close, and beat up on ourselves.
- This Society is doing very well. I believe that Calgary and area would be worse off without it. I have benefited greatly from it.
- The board of directors is doing a very good job. A committee was set up in 1998 and concluded in 1999 with a recommendation on changing parts of the constitution, this was handled, completed and approved by the membership. The constitution is the backbone of the organization.
- Mini Meet. Could be an all day affair c/w BBQ. The Mini Meet clinics are just appetizers. Perhaps a hands on clinic should be considered. All clinicians should receive a financial token of our appreciation. Geared more for the hobbyist.
- More events (Railfan bus trip, hosted by knowledgeable members, and paid for by Society) (Spouse Nite – for the ladies) (Summer Events).
- Excellent. From my perspective it appears that the Society is being professionally managed.
- You are doing an excellent job.
- So far, so good

Membership Dues:

- Too much. Set back to \$5.00/year. Take more money from Supertrain to subsidize CMRS activities.
- A bargain
- Good value. It is getting to the point that one issue of some magazines approached our annual dues. I also believe that giving something to a society beyond dues is extremely important
- Keep them as is.
- Very reasonable, good value.

- Make it clear what dues cover/don't cover.
- The fee structure was set at a meeting of the board of directors, and an explanation was given for the increase in dues. End of story, the board of directors are in the best position as to know where when and how the dues are to be collected.
- Best deal in town!
- A great deal for the money!
- Should increase dues.
- Dues are where they should be.
- Maybe have a three tier system? \$10, \$15 and \$20 /year. \$10 = Membership and mailed OrderBoard, no Events. \$15= Membership and Events (No Order Board) access by internet. \$20 = Membership and Events and mailed Order Board.
- Dues should be reduced if member is willing to forgo Order Board being mailed and receive info by some other means.

Communication:

- Have a social gathering once per month to chat and exchange ideas
- Hard copy of Order Board is most convenient for reference.
- Modeling is a solitary activity. CMRS allows us human contact based on our own comfort level.
- Good
- News in Orderboard is nearly always out of date when received, but the OrderBoard is increasing in quality and is informative
- I have responded to requests e.g helping a senior modeller and have received no feedback.
- Has to be a little more open to those outside the core group. I myself have participated/displayed in events (mini meet) and wasn't recognized or acknowledged.
- OrderBoard works for me.
- Information in Order Board is often dated.
- The Order Board and the new website can only provide information given.
- Received April OrderBoard after all events had taken place (mailed service). Have the OrderBoard proof-read, before it is distributed, to eliminate grammatical and composition errors.
- Order Board tends to arrive late (mailing)
- Order Board is improving more columns of general interest to hobby, -- product reviews. "Whats New" column. *Should be something in Order Board about upcoming Board Meeting agendas*.
- Generally has been very good (OrderBoard and Web pages)
- I personally liked the mailed paper Order Board for archival purposes.
- The OrderBoard comes out a bit too late. For example, just a couple of days before an event, layout tours, etc. I realize it is dependent on volunteers, but getting it a week earlier would be a big improvement.
- Order Board often arrives after advertised events have expired.

Future Activities:

- Focus on teens. Ask members if they want to do something that other members could help them with.

- Don't try to do too much
- Profiling members – some members are well known because they have put on clinics, showed layouts, etc.There are people in Calgary who in their own way have advanced the hobby in so many ways without receiving (or seeking) recognition. I would like to see a few lines on members outlining interests, expertise, etc. either a few at a time in the OrderBoard and/or perhaps a separate compilation.
- Museum. Could we collectively as a Society support space for a Museum?
- Need more informal activities. Get together for 5 to 20 people advertised through the OrderBoard. Have the person that wants to put on an activity put an add in the OrderBoard describing activity, subject (slides of something, operate layout, meet for train watching, etc) time and date and # of people that can attend. Phone host to attend event.
- Installing a can motor in common locomotive models. Building a railway barge. Building a loading/offloading ramp (such as Kootenay Lakes). Clinics (small) where actual detailing is done. Adding (reasonable) detail to stock locomotives to give the flavour of CN or CP.
- Let the clubs handle flea markets and auctions and other events. Let the 6th div, PNR, Town or any club handle the out of town events.
- I would like to see CMRS use resources in Calgary to put on clinics and “pay” them. A fee could be charged to cover material, etc.
- Branch out, do some new things like the fan trips. Organize well in advance, and people can plan to go.
- CMRS should restrict itself to local events. Out of town events can be organized by others. Should concentrate on the events we do well: Supertrain, Mini Meet, Slide Night, Layout Tours, etc.
- Monthly clinics (Sept- March), fun competitions, society run NMRA style competition once a year. 3 foot rule judging or just to show work not to be judged. Member xmas party –ticket cost would be a toy for a child for United Way. Rent bus to go to Edmonton show or other shows (NMRA events, etc)
- Develop closer ties with other groups in other cities for exchange, layout tours, meets, etc.

General Questions:

- How good is the working relationship among the directors?
- Annual meetings are boring, but necessary. It would help to get more people to attend if there was some other activity as well.
- We need to do more, and more of us need to help.
- Combine some activity along with General Meeting to encourage more members to attend.

Supertrain:

- Keep it the way it is.
- Without Supertrain and its contribution to operating costs, the membership in CMRS would decline until CMRS ineffective. Supertrain is the challenge to improve, expand and innovate

- Getting too large, is a lot of work for committee and exhibitors alike.
- A few exhibits last year were sloppy and unfinished looking
- What can I say – kthe 2nd biggest train show in Canada behind Toronto which has 8 times the population base that we have. WE ROCK.
- This I believe was the main reason CMRS was formed in the first place, and should remain the prime objective.
- I think that invitations to groups and organizations from further away should be explored (i.e. Eastern Canada and the US). Supertrain has been the mainstay of the Society.
- It is great the way it is! Leave its size the way it is; if an opportunity exists to move it to a bit more open venue (same size) such as the Round Up or Convention Centre, then consider it.
- Advertising needs to be reviewed. Most people attend because they see our road banners. Get more banners. This is a top class show and should definitely be continued.
- Very good A+.
- A few more trade/dealer tables might provide better variety and items for purchase. Layout displays are generally excellent. Running clinics during the show would be great.
- I am concerned about the risk we take on Supertrain every year. It is too big, same displays every year since we went to Big 4. This should be monitored more closely by Events person on the Board. Take photos of displays so there is a file.
- Re timing. February is a good time, but should be a weekend other than Family Day.
- The show is very important to the Society and is eagerly looked forward to by the general public. Timing and size are also fine. It should not be downsized, nor should the format change. A smaller show becomes a mini meet in disguise and is not attractive to the general public, nor does it showcase our hobby. Supertrain is the best thing that we do!!
- Reduced admission. I thought members were allowed in Free. Supertrain is the only event that I've heard has no exhibitor appreciation (night/evening). Less HO, more G scale.
- Open 1 hour early for handicapped or seniors. Bar B Q for all exhibitors Saturday nite (optional). Spread advertising money out to include all media, not selected few. Not the same weekend as winter carnival.
- I thought the food court prices are way too high. \$4.00 hot dogs, \$1.50 chips, \$1.25 pops are out to lunch.
- Try to get away from Stampede. Every second year make it an "All Hobby" show, planes, cars, etc.
- I think the size and scope of "Supertrain" is about right. Maybe the Big 4 is a bit big, but Mewata was just too small and crowded.

Comments on the survey:

- Too large and complicated
- Supertrain question regarding high financial risk---what risk? This question has obviously a single-minded tone to it. This is a very successful show that is run professionally with many checks and balances.
- I am disappointed with the tone of the questions regarding Supertrain. This event is critical to the survival of CMRS. This is a major showcase to the public. I would question the value of the Society without Supertrain, since its objective has been to expose the hobby to the public. This event has been well run and organized since it

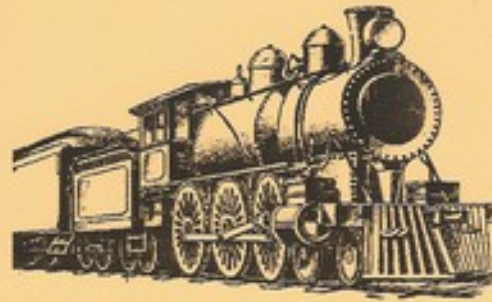
started and has experienced increasing attendance. To give the impression that the event carries substantial risk is untrue and biased, since a fund has been established to account for this possibility.

- Some parts are unfairly presented. EG. Expansion of commercial exhibits. There is a 15% floor space allotment. We are not near that % at Big 4 Bldg.
- Thanks for asking, I think this is a great idea and very timely.
- Some of the questions were unclear. Unhappy with the wording of the High Financial Risk question. I don't believe this to be a true statement and will likely have an impact on the answer.
- Very well written!
- Very comprehensive. Repeat from time to time to check pulse of the membership.

General Comments:

- Board of Directors must be more proactive not reactive
- I have liked CMRS because we have been focused on real events for real modellers, instead of administration and hierarchy. We seem to have a nice balance now [social contact, information, learning]
- Let Directors and Officers hold office for a longer term. We need more continuity in key positions.
- You do not require the responder to identify him or herself. Thus you can't follow up to ascertain the basis of answers you receive. You can't follow up a good idea unless you know the identity of the writer.
- Lets keep the internal bickering and hidden agendas out of our society. This is a hobby—lets keep it fun.
- Is there a way to identify individuals who may want to get together to build (or help build) their home layout? Or perhaps rotate for operating or construction sessions. There may be some concerns around privacy/security/ or shyness to overcome. Great work being done by CMRS
- Loudest complaining usually comes from the un-involved, and those following a personal agenda. "Steady as she goes", beware of stepping too far out from the real reasons CMRS needs to be there.
- Would like to take in more rail fanning with other members.
- I received this edition on April 27, 2000. Some of the news was outdated as marked inside. It is difficult to get to various events as I rely on the public transit.
- I don't believe we need to bring outside people to Calgary to instruct clinics. We have an excellent pool of talented people here. Pay them to instruct clinics. We raise a substantial sum of \$\$ at Supertrain. It's time we spend some of it wisely eg. Clinics for the modeller. Some clinics could be over the winter season one night/week. All clinics should be hands on, not just someone talking or lecturing.
- What about some tours of the yards and shops (CPR and CNR) I like taking photos of the motive power, railcars, and other railway equipment.
- CMRS is doing a very good job overall. We have had a bit of a Board leadership problem as of late, but you can only work with who you get. They are volunteers!
- I think the Society is doing an excellent job. There are very few organizations that put on the events and activities that CMRS does. We are lucky to have the volunteers that we do. Basically, the vast majority of things are fine and do not need changing.

- AGM [Annual general Meeting] presentations limited to 3 minutes, table by members attending.
- The purpose of this society was to promote our hobby, to established modellers and to new ones. The major focus has shifted to Supertrain. We have a bankbook of \$50,000. Spend the money on the membership and promoting our hobby. More events, more public open house, (more fun).
- I would really like to see if the Society could look into the possibility of establishing a permanent Model Railroad facility for the construction of layouts like in many US cities.
- I would like to see the society start to build up a library of books, plans, video tapes, etc. that could be accessed by members to aid in accurate modeling, railroad history, or technical advice. An archive would be a valuable asset for the future.



CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

MINI MEET

NOVEMBER 4, 2000
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

DAYS INN
(OLD HIGHLANDER HOTEL)
1818 16 AVE N.W.
CALGARY, ALBERTA

Clinics, displays, dealers, flea market
Mr. Fix-it

Admission: CMRS members free, non members \$5.00, 12 and under free

Display setup 7:30 AM
Doors open for registration 9:00 AM
Clinics start 9:30

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CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

SLIDE NIGHT

(See photographs by some of the best rail photographers in Calgary)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2000
FOREST LAWN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
1304 44th STREET SE**

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM, SHOW STARTS 7:00 PM SHARP

The presenters at this year's slide show will be The Brotherhood. They are well known photographers in the Calgary area and have excellent photos.

There will be three – 20 minute slide presentations, followed by a "Potpourri" session where members of the audience will be encouraged to show some of their slides.

This is your opportunity to show some of the photos that you have taken. Bring up to 3 of your best slides that fit the following categories:

- Nostalgia- remember when
- Scenic Railroading - trains in spectacular settings
- The New Look - the modern rail scene

[All slides should have the owners' name clearly marked. Owners can contribute needed information during the show]

ADMISSION: Free to members of Calgary Model Railway Society, Non Members \$5.00.

Memberships for 2000/01 are available at the door for an annual fee of \$10.00

Event coordinator: William Cameron - 269 9898