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Message from the President

It is the time of year when we send the kids to school and head for the basement. Well, some of you send your kids to school, but

most of us head to the basement for some Model Railroading fun.

At the AGM on Sept. 11 we elected two new board members and ratified a second term for another. I would like to welcome Rolf Stengl

and Tony Whalen to the board and to welcome Vince Wehnes back to the board. Since this is Vince's second and final term on the board, the Thursday Night Group needs to start looking for another representative. We had record attendance **at** the meeting. I wonder if the door prize had anything to do with that.

It seems that we have a recurring message in the first Orderboard of the year. **Here** is what Marshal Oulette said a few years ago in the October 1998 Orderboard. "Our society has over 300 members. Volunteers run the society. All the past and present volunteers have done a fantastic job. THANKS. This society needs volunteers to exist! In fact, it is a great way to meet people and also get to know what the society does for our modeling community I know we all lead busy lives; from family, careers and of course empire building, but I encourage all of us to help out when we can." This statement still applies today. We hold successful events every year through the work of the volunteers. However, we have had some events cancelled because of the lack of interest or volunteers to organize them. The summer BBQ is one of them.

We have several volunteer positions that we need to fill.

- Slide Night 2001 Coordinator
- Layout Tours 2002 Organizing Committee
- SuperTrain 2002
- Spring Mini Meet 2002 Organizing

- Committee
- Membership Appreciation Night 2002 Organizing Committee
- Rail Fan Trips Summer 2002 Organizing Committee
- Fall Mini Meet 2002 Organizing Committee

It is the responsibility of the entire membership to organize the CMRS events. Your board will work with these volunteers to help them organize these events and help with the scheduling and event financing. By volunteering for a Board position does not mean that we volunteer to organize events.

I would like to comment on the honorarium discussion that was held at the AGM. Personally, I didn't volunteer for a Thank-you. However, I am bothered by the fact that some members of the society do not feel it is necessary to thank the volunteers and didn't even wish to discuss ways of showing gratitude. I would like to challenge these people to volunteer to help the society. If the workload is spread out among a large number of volunteers then there is no need for an honorarium. But, there is still need for gratitude.

For the record I would have voted against the honorarium at the AGM, but I think the discussion is important and that the appreciation of the volunteers is essential. A committee has been set up to look at this issue. It is headed by Rob Mills.

- William

Model Railroad Events Schedule

*items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events

October 13,2001

South Bank Short Lines, 22nd annual Model RR "Boomer" Auction
St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive, SW

Set-Up (entries) 0900 hrs., Viewing 1100 hrs., Auction starts at 1300 hrs.
Admission: Under 6 yrs – free, 6 to 16 \$1.00, Over 16 - \$2.00, Vendor charge – 10% of sales
Dining Car open 1100 to 1500 hrs
Info: Allan Peirce, 619 Woodsworth Rd., SE, Calgary, AB. T2J 1M6 Phone(403) 278-6786
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October 21,2001

Fall Mini-Meet - details on Page 5

BEST WESTERN HOSPITALITY INN (SOUTH), 135 Southland Drive, SE

Admission: Members – free, non-members \$5.00

November 3,2001

Rail Prototype Modelers Meet

Abbeydale Christian Fellowship Church, 1352 Abbeydale Dr. SE

9 am to 5 pm

Theme for the meet is, “Researching the Prototype”

Clinics, Displays and Manufacturer Sales

For info: Russ Pinchbeck (403) 272-0637

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November 7,2001

CMRS Slide Night – details on Page 6

BEST WESTERN HOSPITALITY INN (SOUTH), 135 Southland Drive, SE

7:30 pm

Admission: Members – free, non-members \$5.00

February 16,17 2002

Supertrain 2002 is scheduled for **February 16, 17 2002** and as usual it will be held in the **Big Four Building on the Stampede Grounds.**

Admission prices are unchanged and we will continue to try to give the public the best value for their dollar in the city.

The Committee has had a number of meetings and planning is well underway. As usual we are seeking new exhibitors. If you know of someone here in Alberta, or in the neighbouring provinces/states that would like to bring their layout for Supertrain, please let me know. This year the advertising committee will need some volunteer help contacting local media, putting up and taking down our road banners, etc. If you can help with these activities please give me a call at 251-9334.

-Barry Conn

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Do you have model railraod related items to sell?

If so consider putting an add in the Order Board.

Ads (which are kept relatively small) are free to members. Commercial ads (business card size) are accepted for a setup fee of \$10.00.

e-mail Gord Smith at gorribbon@home.com

Fall Mini-Meet

CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21st.

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

BEST WESTERN HOSPITALITY INN (SOUTH) 135 Southland Drive, SE

(corner of MACLEOD TRAIL and SOUTHLAND DRIVE)

admission: Members free, others -\$5.00

COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

We will have **DISPLAYS**, HOBBY TRADE **DEALERS** and at least 4 **CLINICS**.

BERT HAYNES will deal with OGDEN SHOPS HISTORY.

GERRY PETERS clinic is on; LIONEL, YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FUTURE PLANS.

We will invite member participation with MODULAR & PORTABLE LAYOUTS.

We have just started on the arrangements with a new committee so we are light on details, but further details will be added and you will be contacted nearer the date, either by e-mail or a phone call from JOHN SIMPSON. When you renew your membership please make sure that your contact information is current.

For more information contact John Simpson at 278-0595

SLIDE NIGHT

CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

Wednesday NOVEMBER 7, 2001

7:30 pm

BEST WESTERN HOSPITALITY INN (SOUTH) 135 Southland Drive, SE

(corner of MACLEOD TRAIL and SOUTHLAND DRIVE)

admission: Members free, others -\$5.00

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This year's fall Slide Night will again be hosted by "The Brotherhood". The Brotherhood is a group of local modellers/rail fans who are known for their excellent photos and for the variety of their interests. Four or five of them will each present a brief selection of slides from their summer railfan adventures. **After this formal presentation, members of the audience will be invited to present up to 10 slides of their railfan adventures from this past summer with appropriate narration.**

If you have any questions about Slide Night,
please call Tom Newton at 243-4125

