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## President's Message

We have several upcoming events that everyone should enjoy. The Spring Mini Meet is only a few weeks away and the layout tour will follow in April.

Randy has informed me that he has some excellent seminars and a "Bring and Brag". Last year at the prototype modellers meet we saw some great models, so I am sure that we can share some models at the spring mini meet. Members of our society are always interested in seeing models from other local modellers. If you are a beginner and wish to get some advice on how to improve your modelling skills, bring "A friends" model and discuss "his" modelling techniques with some more experienced modellers.

I have also being informed that the layouts on this year's tours are well worth seeing. You can find more information within this newsletter.

The article submission deadline date for this Order Board is before SuperTrain 2002, but it's publication follows SuperTrain. I am sure this year's show will be fantastic, Barry Conn and his committees have being working for 10 months to prepare this show for us. Thanks for all your hard work.

I just got back from the future and once again the SuperTrain show was a great success. You don't want to miss this one. I found an N-Scale flux capacitor that I was able to install in a Plug and Play decoder for a Kato SD90. It is actually quite easy to get to 88 scale miles per hour. The only problem I had was that I went forward in time in N-Scale, so please watch where you step at the show.

-William

The deadline for contributions for the next Order Board is April 14, 2002. Please forward any articles or information to Gord Smith prior to that date. Phone 239-2514 or e-mail:

[gord.smith@shaw.ca](mailto:gord.smith@shaw.ca)

## MEMBERS APPRECIATION NIGHT

Members Appreciation Night will be held at the Hospitality Inn (South) on 11 May 2002. Tickets remain at \$5.00 each and will be on sale at Supertrain and the Spring Mini Meet. Buy early - ticket numbers are limited. Sales restricted to members and a guest. Cash Bar, entertainment and awards. Cocktails at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM



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## MODEL RAILWAY CLUBS

Many people starting in the model railroading hobby would like to join a club, or find someone more experienced to mentor them.

At a recent meeting of the Bow Valley Model Railroad Club, the issue was raised about new members.

The club has received several inquiries about membership recently, and with Supertrain 2002 occurring very soon, it was suggested that this might be a good opportunity to provide assistance to those model railroaders in Calgary who are looking to join a club.

Because of space limitations, it was decided that the Bow Valley club is full and cannot accommodate any more members at the present time. There are a number of other Calgary clubs and alliances in similar circumstance.

If the Supertrain 2002 organizing committee were to have a sign-up list at its main information booth, perhaps those individuals looking for a club to join could leave their names and someone from the CMRS would contact them. It would be useful to get a little information about such individuals, for example what their interests are, their experience level, whether they want to join an existing club or start a new one, etc.

The discussion at the Bow Valley Club meeting raised these points:

1. There is probably enough interest in Calgary to start at least one new club.
2. The Bow Valley club would be willing to help the CMRS in organizing a new club if interest warrants.
3. Any clubs with membership space available, could keep the CMRS informed of such.
4. This hobby is attracting women, couples and teens, none of whom are presently represented on the club scene.

Whether it is a club setting, or smaller alliances, most of us enjoy the comradeship of people with similar interests.

- Bow Valley Club

## Railfan Tours

The board has generated some great ideas for railfan tours this year. We got real excited, and then remembered that we didn't own the railway.

So we need your help to get some tours on the rails.

We have these tour ideas for your consideration:

CRTC room at CP head office  
PDL railshops  
CP Humpyard tower  
Heritage cars and steam loco in CP Pavilion

Please contact me or your favorite board member, to let us know which of these ideas appeals to you, and tell us about any other railfan tours you have in mind.

Most importantly, your directors believe that a large group of railfans on railway property will attract unwelcome attention. So we need your help to find a contact and arrange any proposed tour. Will you submit your name as a volunteer?

Call us soon.

Rolf Stengl



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## Library Listens

In the spring, Willie graciously printed my concern about the withdrawal of a portion of the very few model railroading magazines left in the Calgary Public Library system.

Would you please post the attached letter to congratulate the participants in the petition.

I have also attached a scan of the actual "petition" card that was used in this initiative.

Thank you for your time,  
- Doug Cannon



### Tell us... We're Listening

How can we serve you better? (Please Print)

PLEASE REINSTATE 'MODEL RAILROADER'  
Calgary Public Library's magazine to THORNHILL and the  
commitment to OTHER BRANCHES. THIS IS A HOBBY/  
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✓ Knowledgeable, well-trained staff ALSO seriously promote acquiring  
✓ Something for everyone RAILROAD MODEL CRAFTSMAN; FINESCALE  
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Do you have a suggestion for adding an item to our collection?

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Where did you find out about this item? (e.g. specific issue of magazine or newspaper or name of TV/Radio program)

Branch/Pick-up Location: REACTION ++  
Today's Date: 2001

Doug Cannon in conversation with Ken Schlotfeldt, president of BADGER AIR-BRUSH CO. wished to inform us:

Badger has not, is not, and will not give any consideration to discontinuing MODELflex paint!

Badger has put extensive time and great effort into the MODELflex paint product. Our intention was to develop and make available to modelers the best hobby paint possible. Sales of the MODELflex paint line are doing very well and continue to grow as more and more modelers try it. They like so many others find out MODELflex is indeed the finest, safest, most user friendly, professional result achieving, water based paint finish in the hobby market.

If anyone you know of questions Badger Air-Brush Co. intentions regarding MODELflex paint (or any other Badger product) please tell them to e-mail me directly at kenbadger@aol.com or call me at 1(800)AIR-BRUSH.

## For Sale Layout and More

I am a member of CMRS and have a friend with layout bench work for sale.

I built the bench work for a reasonably large layout. It is modular so that it can be taken apart and moved. It is 7 by 21 feet with a 3 by 10.5 foot opening in the center. It is made up of six 2 by 7 foot modules, one 3 by 5, and one 3 x 5.5 foot modules. These could easily be rearranged in a different shape. Each module is a ladder design screwed and glued.

Each module has a 3/8 plywood deck cut to size but not attached. The legs are all attached by screws, but not glued so they can be easily removed. I built it high but the legs can easily be shortened. I invested more than \$200 in materials. If someone wants it for their own use I would like to get this much out of it. If it were to be used for a good cause I would likely donate it. I have a pickup and can move it.

I also have 10 lengths of HO 36" flextrack, 25 36" lengths of cork roadbed, four or five "how to" books, and 9 PECO code 100 switches or points. If I remember, I bought one of each radius L & R handed so I could have the exact dimension for laying out. These are all new, never used and open to offers. I would appreciate it if you could get this into the local club bulletin. Just say Ray at 246-6010

Do you know of any worthy causes such as someone building a layout for the Children's Hospital or other such public forum?





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# CMRS 2002 LAYOUT TOURS - SOUTH

JUST SHOW-UP – NO NEED TO SIGN-UP – VISIT AS MANY AS YOU CAN  
OPEN TO ALL CMRS MEMBERS

## APRIL 6 (SATURDAY) 1:30 TO 4:00 PM

### **CAL-O-RAIL @ 2001 18 Ave. S.W. (Scout Hall)**

Formed 1974, Moved to present location 1997.  
"O" Scale layout. Mostly complete  
Depicting Western Canadian Railroading.  
Transition period from steam to diesel.  
Dispatch controlled.  
50% scenery completed (changes weekly).  
Magnifying glasses not required.  
NO WHEELCHAIR ACCESS.

## APRIL 7 (SUNDAY) 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

### **LAYOUT #1 Bill McLeod. 13219 Lake Lucerne Rd. S.E.**

Sarcee Central Railway.  
Nearly completed 27' x 17' layout with 260' of track.  
HO scale.  
Mixture of roads in both rolling stock and motive power.

### **LAYOUT #2 Jim Bernhardt. 87 Sundown Close S.E.**

Calgary Southern  
10' x 14' hollow square.  
HO scale, trackwork completed.  
Digitrax command control.  
Beautiful scenery, valance lighting.

### **LAYOUT #3 Ed Hopkin. 1104 Southglen Dr. S.W.**

CN and Burlington exchange freight from some 80 sidings in 8 towns  
through 'Function Junction' yard situated between two 10' x 26' rooms.  
HO scale layout in steam/diesel setting.  
Track is completed, scenery 75% complete.  
Digitrax control and power management.

### **LAYOUT #4 Barry Conn 213 Oakchurch Bay S.W.**

HO scale layout 33' x 13'.  
CP, UP and BN modern diesel.  
Scenery completed, using interior of B.C. as inspiration.  
Digitrax command control.  
Computerized dispatch program with up to 5 operators.  
Block detection signaling system now operational.

# CMRS 2002 LAYOUT TOURS- NORTH - APRIL 21, 1 to 4 PM

## **Tour #1 "HO" CPR/CN Modern Diesel    Host: Michael Dean    517 Schubert Place NW**

This layout is HO scale and covers 430sq ft of space representing modern diesel operations mainly on CP rail, but also some CN. The focus is on moving resources including oil & gas, coal, cement, as well as grain and general freight. Operations are with DCC Digitrax.

## **Tour #2:"HO"Wolverine Lynx RR    Host: Brian A. Keay    62 Scimitar View NW**

The Wolverine Lynx RR (WLX) is a 35'x 37' HO scale modern layout with a minimum radius of 30". The main line is 5 scale miles in length with two hidden staging yards. The WLX railroad is operated as a link railway (like Montana Rail Link) in which CP, BN, SF, BNSF, UP and SP trains move from one hidden yard to another.

## **Tour #3 "HO"CPR Calgary 1990    Host: Rolf Stengl    7219-65Ave NW**

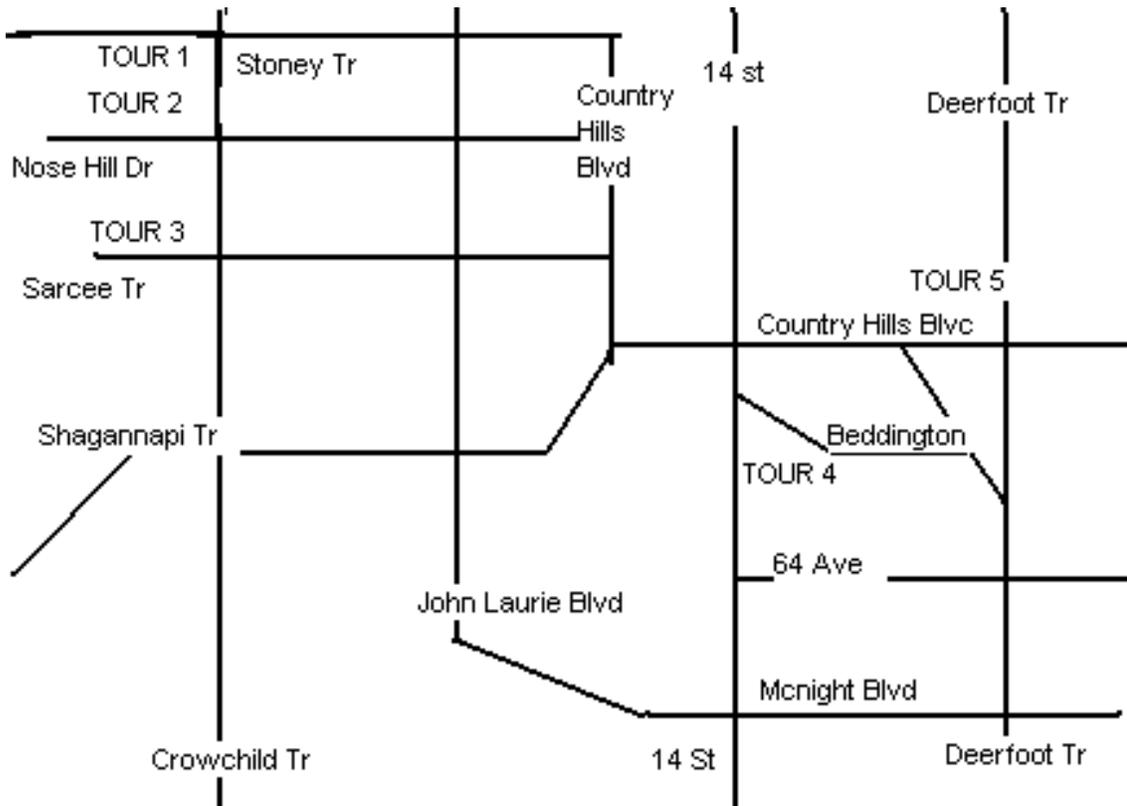
In 1990 I scouted around the Calgary area with my camera, and then picked 10 industries I liked from the photos. I designed these into an HO layout 8' x 20'. One side is the Alyth yards, and the other is rural industries around the Village of Standard. I decided to stick close to home, because this allowed me to get conveniently back to the prototype for photos and dimensions, as I scratchbuilt each industry and created the surrounding scenery.

## **Tour #4 "O"CPR Vermillion Division    Host: Herb Stroh    1159 Hunterston Rd NW**

The "O" scale Vermillion Division is modeled in the Steam/Diesel era and is based on the rugged landscape of the Rockies. All track is handlaid code 125 steel rail on individual wood ties. The most recent work has been on the landscape.. Motive power is scratch built brass steam locomotives and highly modified plastic diesel kits. The rest of the rolling stock is made up of a combination of scratch built, kit bashed and kit built cars.

## **Tour #5 Concept Chicago Railroad    Host: Carl VanVeen    243 Covington Rd NE**

The Concept Chicago Railroad is a multi track main line representing the Indiana Harbor Belt between Jun 1988 and Jun 1990. This layout models various junctions around Chicago.



# **Spring Mini Meet**

**March 17, 2002**

**Best Western Hospitality Inn (South), 135 Southland Drive, SE**

**Times: Doors open at 10 AM, Clinics start at 11 AM**

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

**DEALERS - CLINICS - REFRESHMENTS**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A BIG TURNOUT FOR THE  
BRING AND BRAG TABLES**

**(we will provide security so you can enjoy the clinics)**

**- - CLINICS - -**

**Digitrax Forum – Barry Conn**

**Frank Slide – Bill Kerr**

**Layout Clinic – Mike Borkristl**

**And more**



**Spring MiniMeet**  
Sunday, March 17  
2002

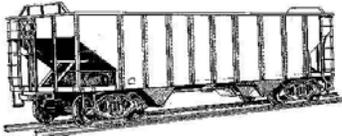
# Bring & Brag

10 am to 4 pm  
Hospitality Inn

135 Southland Drive, S.E.



## Something New Something Old

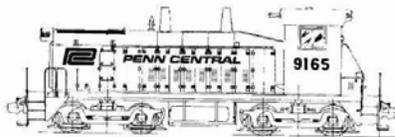


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a kit  
out of the box**



*a Module*

  
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**Photos of  
Your Layout or  
Your Equipment**

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so you can enjoy the clinics**

## **Model Railroad Events Schedule**

\*items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events

**March 17, 2002**

**Spring Mini Meet**

**Clinics, Dealers and Tables of 'BRING & BRAG'**

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**April 6/7, 2002**

**Layout Tour – South Calgary**

**Details in this issue**

**April 21, 2002**

**Layout Tour – North Calgary**

**Details in this issue**

**May 11, 2002**

**Member Appreciation Night**

Best Western Hospitality Inn (South), 135 Southland Drive, SE

Times: 5:30 PM cocktails, 6:30 PM Dinner

Admission: **Members and guests only**, tickets \$5.00 each

**Tickets available at Supertrain and the Spring Mini Meet**

May 25 & 26, 2002

Spring Hoot 'N Toot Meet – Big Sky Garden Railway

18<sup>th</sup> Street, Nanton – opposite 'the HUB' Sports Centre

Times: 10 AM to 5 PM

Admission: Child \$2, Adult \$3, Family \$10

**September 9, 2002**

**Annual General Meeting**

**October 20, 2002**

**Fall MiniMeet**

**November 13, 2002**

**Slide Night**

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