



# ORDER BOARD

*The Official newsletter of the*

## Calgary

# Model Railway Society

The Communications Medium for Railway Enthusiasts

**April 2002**  
**In This Issue**

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| President's Message       | Page 2   |
| Appreciation Night Notice | Page 2   |
| Railway Days              | Page 3   |
| Supertrain Report         | Page 4,5 |
| Spring Mini-Meet Report   | Page 6   |
| Upcoming Events           | Page 7   |
| Board of Directors        | Page 8   |

### *Internet Addresses*

*CMRS Homepage Address* - <http://www.calgarymodelrailway.org>  
*Order Board Newsletter Address* - <http://calgarymodelrailway.org/orderboard.html>  
*Editor Gord Smith*

## President's Message

Hopefully, we all had a good time at SuperTrain. It was a fantastic show. We had record attendance and fantastic quality of exhibits. The SuperTrain Committee sure did a great job. The layout tours were also great. Thanks to all of you who opened your homes to fellow modellers.

One of the most commonly asked questions at the show was "Are there any clubs that I can join?" The first and most obvious answer to this question is to join the CMRS. We hold several events throughout the year that are of interest to model railroaders. However, we are not a club or a group. There are other people within the city who are interested in joining or starting a club or a group.

We have been asked if there is a HO Scale club in the north part of the city, or if there are any N or HO module clubs in the city. The short answer to this question is that we do not know. The Bow Valley Club has informed the board that they will assist anyone interested in starting a new club or group. I spoke with a member of the Calgary Model Trainmen and their club is expanding their participation and their layout. In the last year they have accepted several new members and are looking for more. I am told that there is a great deal of excitement and activity at CMT headquarters every Wednesday night.

At the fall mini meet the CMRS will have some sign up sheets, where we will collect names, phone numbers and areas of interest for new clubs or groups. If this seems to far away or you have to get started now, try CMT or some of the other local clubs. You can also send me an email to:

president@calgarymodelrailway.org  
I will keep a copy of these emails and forward any similar requests for you.

It would be great if a HO and N scale module club formed in the city. The NMRA has developed the standards so clubs from different cities can connect modules together, to form a super layout at shows like SuperTrain. This form of model

railroading has gained a lot of interest and membership in recent years.

The CMRS does not promote clubs over groups or one club over another or over individual modellers, because that isn't in the interests of our community. The CMRS does not have the manpower to provide a lot of help setting up a club or a group, but the Bow Valley Club will provide this assistance. We will help members of the CMRS or any model railroaders in Calgary find the right environment by introducing like-minded people.

William Cameron

## MEMBERS APPRECIATION NIGHT

**Very few tickets left!**

**Call Don Wakelam today 271-8137**

Members Appreciation Night will be held at the Hospitality Inn (South) on 11 May 2002.

Tickets remain at \$5.00 each.

Cash Bar, entertainment and awards.

Cocktails at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM

# TIMBERLINE

SCALE MODEL TREES

**"Handcrafted"**

**"Museum Quality"**

*Made in Canada*

*We Grow With You*

Visit our store Tuesday to Sunday **Bus:(403) 225-4119**

Bay A, 7220 Fairmount Drive, S.E.

Fax:(403) 225-4118

Calgary, Alberta T2H 0X7

e-mail: [sales@timberlinescalemodeltrees.com](mailto:sales@timberlinescalemodeltrees.com)

RAILWAY DAYS  
JUNE 8 & 9, 2002

'A model show with full sized operating displays attached.'



"Steel Memories; Everything Old is New Again." Our support is needed for this early summer venue for the modeller, including the co-opting of volunteers to help make the event a safe reality and showcase the hobbies. Full range of scales should be represented, from HO and N, through traditional Lionel to G out on the grass.

Added for good measure of course will be the matched pair of 1940's 0-6-0's (Alco & Lima), providing continuous live steam passenger and freight operation, plus the spectacle of doubleheading. ROUNDHOUSE THEATRE, turntable demonstrations, live telegraph, railway clocks & watches, major Canadian Pacific displays, and the always thrilling spike driving contest.

RAILWAY DAYS 2002, June 8 & 9, Heritage Park, Calgary, Alberta

Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Drive SW, Calgary, T2V 2X3. Phone (403) 268-8500  
<http://www.heritagepark.ab.ca>

- Thanks very much, Mike Westren



E-mail [dispatcher@shaw.ca](mailto:dispatcher@shaw.ca)

**The DISPATCHER**

Specializing in Digital Command Control

**BARRY CONN**

discount prices on:

(403) 251-9334

213 Oakchurch Bay SW

Calgary, AB T2V 4B6

Digitrax

Roco

Soundtraxx

Atlas

Kato

Proto 2000

Web page: <http://members.shaw.ca/dispatcher>

**Max Jacquiard**

**For Railway Days** coming up in early June, **Avenida Art Gallery** is considering bringing in Railway artist, **Max Jacquiard** for one, or both days. For those interested, best check with the gallery as last minute changes may result, but this is a good time to bring your artwork to get autographed by the artist.

**Ultrasonic Cleaner**

I am looking for help from someone who owns an ultrasonic cleaner, mine went up in smoke. It is an L&R ultrasonic cleaner, model T-9.

Would like to look at the same model, or get technical help. -Dale Sproule 274-4852

[fsm@shaw.ca](mailto:fsm@shaw.ca)

**NEED A RIDE**

I am going to the upcoming PNR meet in Regina, June 28-July 1 and am wanting to share hotel and traveling expenses. My home phone is 274-4852, and e-mail address is [fsm@shaw.ca](mailto:fsm@shaw.ca) -Dale Sproule



THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION NMRA

2002 CONVENTION

THE GREAT PLAINS EXPRESS

JUNE 28TH TO JULY 1ST 2002

REGINA SASKATCHEWAN

WASCANA REHABILITATION CENTER

---

# **SUPERTRAIN 2002 FINAL REPORT**

## **Committee:**

Supertrain 2001 Committee: Barry Conn - Chairman  
Admissions & Financial: Maurice Despins – Chairman, Gordon Rycroft  
Facilities & Operations: Glen Judd – Chairman, Marshall Ouellet  
Marketing and Promotions: Gord Cooper, Ross Dubber, Rolf Stengl, Tony Whalen  
Guest Relations & Security – Mike Borkristl – Chairman

## **Location and Date:**

Supertrain 2002 was held in the lower level of the Big Four Building at Stampede Park on Saturday and Sunday, February 16 & 17 (the Family Day long weekend in Alberta). A team of about 10 volunteers began floor layout at 9:00 AM on Friday and erection of the commercial booths by Stampede Display started shortly thereafter. Exhibitors began to arrive with their displays beginning at 12:00 Noon and the vast majority of set-up work was completed about 10:00 PM Friday evening. The doors were opened to the public at 9:00 AM and closed at 5:00 PM on both Saturday and Sunday.

Approximately 50,000 sq. ft. of the 60,000 sq. ft. available was utilized for the show. Stampede Park catering operations utilizes the remaining 10,000 sq. ft. to provide food services to our exhibitors and attending public.

The committee has tentatively booked the show for the same dates (Family Day long weekend) for the next 5 years, as this appears to be a very favourable date for us.

## **Marketing and Promotion:**

Advertising exposure was increased substantially this year with only minor changes in expenditures. This year we continued the practice of mailing posters during the summer months to all Hobby Shops in the neighbouring Provinces and States, and information was sent to all the major Model Railroad magazines for inclusion in their “upcoming events” sections. Newspaper ads were placed in the Calgary Herald, the Calgary Sun, and this year we decided to place large ads in the C-Train stations as well. The advertising that seems to reach the most people is still our large road banners that we try to place in all 4 quadrants of the city. ‘A’ Channel did one of their Big Breakfast Shows on Friday morning from Trains and Such, the Herald wrote an article about model railroading and the show in mid January. We also had interviews with Global TV, CBC, A Channel, and various radio stations mentioned the show as well. Canadian Railway Modeller magazine published our ad in two editions, Chinook and Hobby West announced the dates for the show on their outdoor sign, and all the local hobby shops displayed the Supertrain Poster and handed out Supertrain flyers to their customers. All this increased exposure resulted in an increase in attendance to an all time record high of 14,244 paid attendees. When you include all the booth volunteers, exhibitors, security staff, etc. (we handed out about 700+ exhibitor badges), we came very close (if not over) the 15,000 mark. This confirms again that we are Canada’s largest model railway show.

## **Exhibits:**

This year the Junior layout area was expanded. Junior exhibitors increased approximately 50% over last year. We want to continue expansion of this area as it provides strong encouragement for youth to continue with our hobby and to develop their confidence and modelling abilities. Overall, we increased our exhibitor count by about 10-15%, and 1/3 of this year’s entries had not participated in last years show, providing new faces and variety.

A Peoples Choice vote was conducted on Saturday for the favourite display and on Sunday morning an overall winner was announced as well as three runners up positions:

**SUPERTRAIN 2002 FINAL REPORT – cont’**

Salmon Arm Model Railway Club

Edmonton LaBaJa, Ryan Nolan and Shane Wilkie, Calgary British Railway Modellers

**Attendance:**

On Saturday, the total paid attendance was 7018 and was approximately 71% adults and 29% children. Sunday the total was 7226 with adults being 59% and children 41%. As in past years, the ratio of attendance from Saturday to Sunday was split roughly 49%-51% indicating that neither day is favoured over the other.

We believe that we are at our limit on attendance at this location due to space constraints at the busiest times. A number of questions have been raised about moving to a larger venue, but the options and days available are quite restrictive. We much prefer to continue our efforts to improve and upgrade the show, rather than on trying to increase the attendance figures.

**Financial:**

Supertrain 2002 came in slightly over budget in some expenditure areas and substantially over budget on revenues. Financial details will be available at the Annual General Meeting in September.

**Community Responsibility:**

This year we continued our support of the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank by providing a discount of \$1.00 off the admission price if the person brought a food donation. We were extremely pleased to see that food donations almost doubled from last year. In addition, the Food Bank is given the opportunity to raise money by operating the coat check. Operation of the coat check is a function that is of benefit to CMRS as it allows us to concentrate on running the show as well as not having to provide volunteers that are needed in other areas.

We were also able to sell off all our Engineers hats left over from previous shows.

It is strongly recommended that we continue our charitable activities with the Food Bank and with the Children's Hospital. Not only are these activities worthwhile, but also the public and the media look on these activities very favourably. Not for profit organizations that demonstrate a community spirit, are more likely to receive a number of breaks and favourable attention from the press.

**Volunteer Help:**

A special thank you to all the people that volunteer to help with the Supertrain show. Your committee members begin planning and start their activities about 10 months before the show dates. As the show gets closer, more volunteers join us to help place posters around town, erect roadway banners, etc. During the show dates, we are then joined by a large number of volunteers that help with show set up and take down, security duties, finance and admissions, answer questions in the Information and Membership Booth, sell Engineer hats, and generally look after the exhibitors and the show attendees. I think everyone has a lot of fun even though it is hard work at times.

As this is my last year as Show Chairman, I want to thank all the committee members and volunteers who made my job so easy, and I look forward to Supertrain 2003.

-Barry Conn – Supertrain 2002 Chairman

**SPRING MINI-MEET 2002**

The Spring Mini-Meet was held at the Hospitality Inn at MacLoed Trail and Southland Drive on March 17, 2002, and was attended by approximately 100 members.

The doors opened at 10:00 AM with the first clinics starting at 11:00 AM. There were 4 clinics presented throughout the day, and they were as follows:

- Digitrax Forum – Barry Conn
- Basic Scenery – Kerry Air
- Frank Slide – Bill Kerr
- Layout Planning – Mike Borkristl

All clinics were well attended and I believe there was a lot of knowledge passed on to the members who attended.

Bring and Brag- It was a great relief to see members of the various groups throughout the city participate and make this very successful as well. Again thanks to those who presented, as the interest created was a benefit to all.

Due to numerous events that were going on in the city, and with us moving the mini-meet a month earlier it was very difficult to maintain a good number of commercial exhibitors for this event, so we decided that we would have younger members of the community bring their layouts to present. These were Jordan Coronne, Nicole Mears, Nicholas Dricoll, and Antoine, Marcel and Andre Sequin.

The enthusiasm of the young group was great and reminded many of the older members of their youthful spirit when they first got into the hobby. Also, a special thanks to Roger Bartholomew for the 'Thomas in a Trunk'.

Refreshments, which included coffee, tea, pop, and cookies were supplied throughout the day. We now have the distinction of running the hotel out of cookies.

I am open to suggestions for clinics, and welcome volunteers to assist in both the fall and spring mini-meets.

Thanks again for all of the co-operation and assistance that the members have provided in the past, and I'm sure that with the new input they will be successful.

- Randy Baldwin



# **Model Railroad Events Schedule**

\*items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events

**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 from Don Wakelam, 271-8137 – a limited number left!**

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

June 8 & 9, 2002

RAILWAY DAYS 2002, Heritage Park, Calgary, Alberta,

"Steel Memories; Everything Old is New Again."

Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Drive SW, Calgary, T2V 2X3

Phone (403) 268-8500

<http://www.heritagepark.ab.ca>

JUNE 28TH TO JULY 1ST 2002

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION NMRA 2002 CONVENTION 'THE GREAT PLAINS EXPRESS'

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN - WASCANA REHABILITATION CENTER

DISPLAYS, LAYOUT TOURS, CONTESTS PROTOTYPE TOURS, CLINICS

<http://www.accesscomm.ca/nonprofits/echovalley/EV20.html>

For more information contact Wayne Wisner

[wwessner@accesscomm.ca](mailto:wwessner@accesscomm.ca)

Sept 28 & 29, 2002

Great Edmonton Model Train Show

Mayfield Inn Trade Center

Sat. 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun. 10 AM – 4 PM

[www.mmrf.ab.ca](http://www.mmrf.ab.ca)

**Revised Date of:**

**October 6, 2002**

**Fall MiniMeet**

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

**November 13, 2002**

**Slide Night**

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

Calgary Model Railway Society **memberships can be purchased or renewed at any of our events** or by mail. Cost is \$10 per year (September to September).

Calgary Model Railway Society  
Box 63033, 2604 Kensington Road, N.W.  
Calgary, Alberta, T2N 4S5

# BOARD of DIRECTORS- Positions and Responsibilities

Phone Numbers H- Home B - Business F - Fax

President - William Cameron  
Independent 269-9898 / 538-3541  
E-Mail: [william.cameron@shaw.ca](mailto:william.cameron@shaw.ca)

Vice President/Treasurer – Mike Borkristl  
Independent – 203-1970 / 720-4195  
E-Mail: [tricolor@canuck.com](mailto:tricolor@canuck.com)

Secretary – Mary-Ann Whalen  
Independent 274-4063  
E-Mail: [mawhalen@shaw.ca](mailto:mawhalen@shaw.ca)

Supertrain Chairman – Barry Conn  
Independent – 251-9334  
Email: [barry.conn@shaw.ca](mailto:barry.conn@shaw.ca)

Appreciation Night/Layout Tours - Don Wakelam  
Cal-O-Rail - 271-8137  
Email: [wakelamd@cadvision.com](mailto:wakelamd@cadvision.com)

OrderBoard/Publicity- Gordon Smith  
Bow Valley Club – 239-2514  
E-Mail [gord.smith@shaw.ca](mailto:gord.smith@shaw.ca)

Railfan Tours - Rolf Stengl  
Independent- 288-7805  
E-Mail [stengls@shaw.ca](mailto:stengls@shaw.ca)

Membership Vince Wehnes  
Thursday Night Group 2367986/250-2950  
E-Mail [ironhorse@cadvision.com](mailto:ironhorse@cadvision.com)

Special Events - Randy Baldwin  
RMGR – 256-1753/201-3801

Tony Whalen  
Independent – 274-4063  
E-Mail: [twhalen@shaw.ca](mailto:twhalen@shaw.ca)

*Individual directors have separate responsibilities. Please contact appropriate director for information on the Area you want to know about.*

For Commercial Advertisers, please contact the  
Publicity/OrderBoard Director for rates and approval prior to submitting Ads to the Editor.

## Mailing Address

Calgary Model Railway Society  
Box 63033, 2604 Kensington Road N.W.  
Calgary, AB T2N 4S5

## Web Pages

Order Board Newsletter Address: <http://www.calgarymodelrailway.org/orderboard.html>  
CMRS Homepage Address: <http://www.calgarymodelrailway.org/>

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