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President's Message

Our recent events were very successful, everyone had a good time at the Membership Appreciation Night and the tours of the shop repair facility were great. As the Society's event calendar winds down, I would like to thank all of those who volunteered this past year, your efforts enable this society to be successful and are greatly appreciated. For those of you who volunteered and have not received a certificate of appreciation, one is in mail.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Barry Conn for his ongoing contribution to the society. Barry has been volunteering for events, committees and the board since the society was formed. On behalf of the membership I would like to thank him for his extraordinary efforts. Barry is the first recipient of the Presidents Volunteer Award.

- William Cameron

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LAYOUT TOURS REPORT

The 2002 layout tours were held on 6th and 7th of April for the southern portion of the city and 21st of April for the northern portion.

All hosts reported a most satisfactory turnout with 30 to 40 visitors during the afternoon. CAL-O-RAIL, which was the only facility open on Saturday the 6th of April, reported that they had some visitors who spent the afternoon at the club.

In total there were 10 layouts available for viewing. Again we used the drop-in format, which again worked very well for both the hosts and visitors.

A most sincere thank you to all the hosts, Bill McLeod, Jim Bernhardt, Ed Hopkins, Barry Conn, Michael Dean, Brian Keay, Rolf Stengl, Herb Stroh, Carl VanVeen and to all members of Cal-O-Rail for the time and effort put into this endeavour, which is what makes this event a success.

A special thank you to Reg Clark and Dave Marecek who did the phoning to line-up this group of talented railway modelers.

-Don Wakelam

BOOMER AUCTION

**South Bank Short Lines
23rd Annual Model RR "Boomer Auction"
Saturday, 19 October, 2002
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
703 Heritage Drive, S.W.**

Set up/display/viewing 1000 hrs.

Auction starts 1300 hrs.

Admission: Under 6 yrs. - free, 6 to 16 yrs. - \$1.00,
Over 16 yrs. - \$2.00

Vendor charge: - 10% of sales

Dining car open 1100 hrs. to 1500 hrs.

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MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT REPORT

The 2002 members appreciation night was held at the Hospitality Inn on May 11th.

Cocktails were served at a cash bar from 5:30 to 6:30 as 134 members and their guests assembled for the evening festivities. While members and guests waited for our esteemed vice-president, Mike Borkristl, to assume his secondary duties as master of ceremonies at 6:30 we were entertained by the musical group HARMONICAS'-TABLEAU.

The banquet buffet was up to the usual standard of the Hospitality Inn. The fare consisted of a Fresh Vegetable Tray with Chef's special dips, assorted salads, assorted cold cuts, B.C. Salmon Fillets garnished with devilled eggs and stuffed tomatoes with tuna; a cheese board with domestic and imported cheese, roast Alberta beef with potatoes and hot, fresh vegetables. Dessert consisted of fruit salad, assortment of Chef's Baked Goods, and assorted mousses with coffee and tea.

After the superb meal our president William Cameron was introduced and he presented plaques to those Board members who have completed their term and Certificates of Appreciation to the volunteers who were in attendance.

A special Presidents Lifetime Volunteer award was made to Barry Conn. This award will be an annual event and the recipient will be chosen by the President, Vice President and the previous years recipient.

After the presentations we were again entertained by the HARMONICAS'-TABLEAU with old and new toe tapping tunes for the next hour or so.

Appreciation Night is the biggest CMRS social event of the year. The CMRS is a society of you, the model railroad/railfan member. Appreciation Night is an annual opportunity for all members and a guest to met fellow hobbyists, make new friends and honour our members who have volunteered their time and talents.

-Don Wakelam

Supertrain 2002 Distribution Report

I have been getting a number of questions about the revenue distribution to exhibitors this year. The CMRS Board of Directors determines each year how much of the revenue can be disbursed to the exhibitors. They first determine the funds required to run the society for the upcoming year (2002-2003), and then subtract this amount from the profits of the 2002 show. The remaining funds can then be distributed amongst the exhibitors. As a result of our increased attendance and revenues this year, the Board approved an increase over the previous years disbursement. However, we also had a substantial increase in the number of exhibitors over previous years, resulting in more people sharing the available funds. If you have any questions regarding the distributions please give me a call at 251-9334.

Barry Conn
Supertrain 2002 Chairman

Regina Model Railroad Show

June 28, 29, 30 & July 1, 2002

Pacific Northwest Regional Meet

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mickshea@sasktel.net

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SUPERTRAIN 2003 REPORT

First, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the volunteers and committee members who helped to make Supertrain 2002 a success. Without your participation, there is no show.

We will be celebrating our ninth consecutive year with **Supertrain 2003** on Feb 15 & 16, 2003. Just think, eight consecutive successful years; largest model train show in Canada; and as we've heard from many individuals who attend other shows, this is the best. This is attributed to the volunteers and committee members of the last eight years. WOW! Awesome stuff. THANK YOU.

Organizing Supertrain 2003 is in full swing. The goal for Supertrain 2003 is to maintain our present size and focus on quality, presentation and junior involvement. It is imperative that we continue to develop our junior participation. Hence, if you are a junior or you know a junior who has a layout or diorama and would like to participate in Supertrain 2003, please contact Glen Judd at 403-252-4367. As well, should you know of individuals or clubs that could meet our goals and would like to receive an exhibitor's invitation, please let us know early. So all you past participants, you have lots of time to keep improving those layouts/displays. It's very exciting to see what's new, etc. each year. We look forward to your participation again.

We welcome your suggestions and comments. You may send them to:

Supertrain 2003,
c/o Maurice Despins,
151 Woodfern Pl. SW,
Calgary, AB, T2W 4R7 or by email to
mpotech@telusplanet.net with subject line reading
'Supertrain 2003, comments'.

Maurice Despins
Supertrain 2003 Chairperson

TRAIN TOUR on Wednesday June 26, 2002, 6:45 pm

David Walker, Managing Director of the Royal Canadian Pacific heritage train has kindly agreed to host a tour of the train by members of CMRS at the Pavillion at the Palliser Hotel.

The ambience of the luxurious coaches and dining facilities can normally be experienced only by booking a five or six day trip for \$7,000 per person, or by private charter of the entire train. The train is almost fully booked for the season, and is not open for viewing by the general public.

Like the Orient Express, this train is world class. David Walker frequently rides with his guests, and you have the unique opportunity to tour the train with him as your personal host.

To preview the train, go to <http://www.cprtours.com> . This site includes photos and history of the cars and locomotives.

If there are any other members wishing to attend, please get in touch with me to get on the list, email your name to stengls@shaw.ca, or phone me at 288-7805. Also, if you are NOT coming, please let me know. We have 64 people at this time.

Please meet at the Pavillion entrance, on the lower floor of the Fairmont Palliser Hotel at about 6:45 PM. This will allow us time to get into 3 groups for a 7 o'clock start. The Palliser is at 133 - 9 Ave SW, and you can park in the adjacent parkade, accessible from both 9th and 10th Ave's.

We look forward to seeing you there. Rolf

CALTRAX RAILCAR SERVICES

PDS Rail Car Services Corporation, is now a management owned Calgary company known as Caltrax. You've seen them east of the CP fuel facility at Alyth. It's the place with all those damaged railcars parked outback.

Quality assurance manager Gary Tkach hosted 2 tours of his facility on Sunday May 26 and June 2. We had about 10 people each time. He took us through the steam cleaning facility for tank cars, sandblast and paint shop, overhauls, and major repair shop. Gary takes pride in the work of the shop. He knows his stuff, answers questions you never thought to ask, and made our hour together an entertaining education.

This tour was for those interested in rolling stock, it's operating mechanics, repair techniques, maintenance requirements, detail parts and weathering. For example, Gary explained the maintenance and overhaul of the truck and bolster. They were overhauling a liquid sulphur car, adding insulation to a liquefied gas car, replacing panels on a hopper, scrapping a well car, painting and sandblasting. All providing ideas for customizing and detailing a model.

Due to time limits, we notified members only via email. If you missed the tour, and are interested in another one, call me, Rolf Stengl at 288-7805. If I get enough interest, I will call Gary and see if we can do another tour in the fall.

CMRS Railfan Tours...the safe way to feed your habit.

Help to organize NEW CLUB

History, scenery building, mechanics, electronics, photography, research, structures, freight cars, railfanning, passenger trains, industry, operations, kit-building, scratch building. The model railroading hobby incorporates a wide variety of interests, and encompasses many skills.

As well as reliving stress, regenerating our creative juices and providing us with a world we can control, this hobby can be shared with our family, our friends or a like-minded group of individuals.

The Bow Valley Model RR Club has struck a committee to help get a new group or club started. At

the Fall MiniMeet we will have a time and place to meet you; but you needn't wait till then. If you are interested in the comradeship of belonging to a group or club please give one of us a call.

Jim Bernhardt	256-2330	bernarj@shaw.ca
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HO Scale UP E9B Kitbashing Project

by Vince Wehnes (ironhorse@cadvision.com)



I started the project by sawing the cab off an undecorated Proto 2000 E9A shell, and the rear (steam generator section) off a second shell. The pieces shown here are the "left overs" (hmm, double ended E9A-A??)



The joint is made on the left side of the set of rivets next to the porthole, and along the roof plating line for the steam generator. This hides most of the splice. Some putty & sanding was necessary to create a smooth joint on the lower part of the roof, which are actually the most visible part of the splicing job.

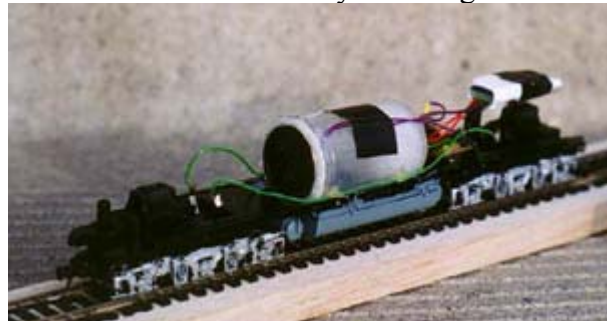


I sanded off the original sandhatches on the rear end of the original shell, and added Detail Associates square sandhatches all around. I also sanded down the steam generator vents on the second steam generator panel (which now only requires two lifting lugs), and replaced the original plastic lifting lugs with metal ones from Detail Associates.

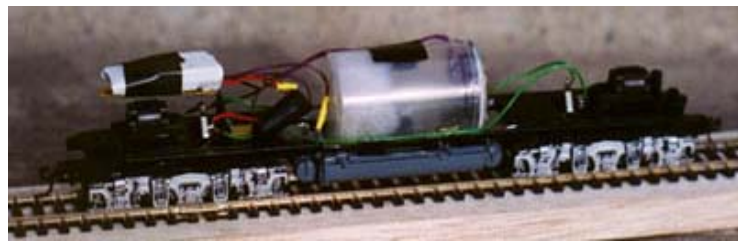


Finished model, including snowshields from Utah Pacific. I ordered an extra set of FARR grills, so that I could splice the existing grills to make up the extra

length for a B unit. #963b is currently in excursion service, along with #951 & #949, which I also have Proto 2000 models of. Only one thing left.... Sound!



I used a used film canister to mount the 1" diameter speaker. The canister is slightly larger than the speaker, so I built a circular mounting plate for it. The speaker faces outward, so I drilled a hole for the speaker wires and sealed it with silicone. The frame used was a Proto 2000 E7B dummy, which I bought as a complete model and then traded its shell to a friend for an E9A shell. (A powered E9A frame could also be used, if you don't want to mount a large speaker) I used the trusty Dremel with a metal cutter to adapt the frame to accept the shell mounting lugs on the E9A fuel tank, and ground the motor mount area to a "V" shape, creating a cradle for the speaker assembly; this was the only way I could get the speaker assembly to sit low enough to clear the roof of the shell!



The sound decoder is a Soundtraxx DSX unit (just a sound decoder, no motor controls), with sound for 1st Generation EMD Diesels. It is mounted on a piece of metal, which I formed into a "Z" shape and attached to the frame. I ordered new E9A powered trucks from Life

Like, since the dummy trucks didn't seem to pickup power properly. The DSX unit comes with 4 wire leads; one for each rail pickup, and one for each speaker lead. The speaker contains quilt batting, which enhances the speaker sound somewhat.

I hope to post some pictures of my A-B-A UP excursion trio, as soon as I finish added snow shields, ditch lights and grab irons to my Proto 2000 A units.

Comments are welcome, please send them to ironhorse@cadvision.com

Model Railroad Events Schedule

*items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events

June 26, 2002

Royal Canadian Pacific Train Tour

See page 5 for details or phone Rolf 288-7805

June 28th to July 1st 2002

The Pacific Northwest Region NMRA 2002 Convention 'THE GREAT PLAINS EXPRESS'
REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN - WASCANA REHABILITATION CENTER

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

For more information contact Wayne Wisner wwessner@accesscomm.ca

September 7 & 8, 2002

High River Model Train Show 'My First Layout'

Bob Snodgrass Recreation Complex, 228 -12 Ave. SE

Times: Saturday: 10 AM to 6 PM, Sunday: 11 AM to 4 PM

Admission: Adults \$2.00, Children \$1.00

Contact Richard Murray 652-5352 e-mail; rgmurray@zidim.com

Sept 28 & 29, 2002

Great Edmonton Model Train Show

Mayfield Inn Trade Center, 16615 -109 Ave. (Mayfield Road)

Sat. 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun. 10 AM – 4 PM

Admission: Under 18 & Seniors \$3, Adults \$5, Family \$10

www.mmrf.ab.ca

October 6, 2002

Fall MiniMeet

CMRS – Annual General Meeting

Expect the usual clinics and we will painlessly, slip-in the AGM in during the day.

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

Details in the next issue.

October 19, 2002, Saturday

23rd Annual Model RR "Boomer Auction" – South Bank Short Line

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church - 703 Heritage Drive, S.W.

Set up/display/viewing 1000 hrs. - Auction starts 1300 hrs. - Dining car open 1100 hrs. to 1500 hrs.

See our ad on page 3 for more details.

November 13, 2002

Slide Night

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

February 15, 16, 2002

Supertrain 2003

Big Four Building – lower floor

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