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Message from the President

Happy New Year to one and all! It's hard to believe that another year has past, and by the time you read this, most of us will have already broken all of our resolutions!

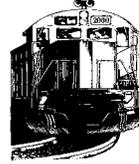
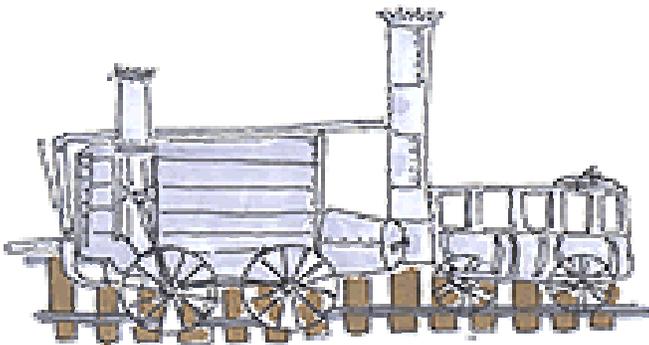
As the year was winding down I was wondering what the new year holds for each of us. Are you a beginner? Are you still building your layout? Or are you one of the many tearing down a layout you have had for many years and starting fresh?

Supertrain is just around the corner and perhaps new ideas and new products introduced at this year's show will help you on your way. Whatever the new year brings, I hope that all goes well. For those of us on the board, we are also gearing up for a new year. Supertrain is the next big event, followed by recurring and new events for beginners and veterans alike. Continue to check our website and the Orderboard for times and schedules of upcoming events.

Have you signed up to volunteer or participate for Supertrain or any other future events yet? If not, simply e-mail one of us and we will make sure you get put to work!

We would also encourage you to give us feedback on how and what we are doing. Your personal response or ideas you have heard around the water cooler from other members are the only way we can gauge how we are doing. Most of us will be spending a fair amount of time at Supertrain, so stop by and say hello.

- Mike



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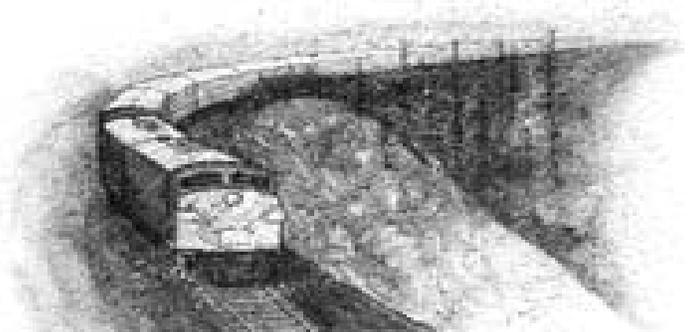
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can sit in it while visiting my layout.**

Contact: Maurice Despins 251-4976

Next Orderboard Deadline

My apologies to all of you for the late delivery of the November issue of the Orderboard.

The deadline for the March issue is February 20, 2003, but I do welcome submissions at any time.

- Gord Smith

1903 - 100 YEARS AGO

The vapour system of steam heating passenger cars was perfected.

Bettendorf Axle Company originated the cast one-piece truck sideframe.

ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR LAYOUT?

WANT TO SHOW IT OFF?

Once again the CMRS is hosting layout tours for 2003. If you have a layout you would like to display to the public please let us know. The layout can be at ANY STAGE. Remember there are modelers out there who are just entering this entertaining hobby and would love to see what you have done. This means from the basic bench work to the finished project.

We as CMRS members want to serve as role models and give inspiration to both the seasoned modeler and the newcomers alike. Come join us in allowing guests to be welcomed into your home or club layout for a look at whatever stage you are at in your building project. Again AT ANY STAGE of building.

There will be two viewings again this year Saturday April 12th for those displaying north of the river, and Sunday April 27th for those south of the river. You are more than welcome to attend both tour dates.

The tour locations will be posted on your web site hopefully by February of 2003.

If you wish to participate in showing your layout please contact Bain Spielman at bainspielman@shaw.ca or by phone at 282-7819.

Remember helping others makes our CMRS that much stronger.

Bain Spielman
Director CMRS

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SLIDE NIGHT REPORT

The annual Slide Night held on November 13th at the Best Western Hospitality Inn was a success, judging by attendance and audience participation. Over 80 CMRS members attended and were entertained by the program presented by The Brotherhood. After the refreshment break, seven CMRS members showed slides, which literally spanned the world.

Brotherhood members Tom Newton, Bob Hadlow, Doug Phillips, John Sutherland, Grant Watson, Gary and Roz Miller, Rick Walker and Rob Badmington showed slides around the theme "From the Guard Rail". Essentially this meant the shots were taken from the side of the road, no more than a few steps from the car. A few pictures strayed a bit from this, such as John's picture of CPR Empress 2816 at Morant's Curve, which is normally a classic "guardrail" location. However, since the guardrail was already occupied by dozens of other railfans, John had to hike up the mountainside to get a great shot. Some of the other pictures presented included shortlines in New Jersey, Alcos in Quebec, the California Zephyr in Colorado, BNSF in Montana, VIA everywhere, and some spectacular shots of CN very close to home.

From the audience, Roland Dechesne stepped forward to show slides of 2816 at CPR's Pavillion in Calgary. Al Gibson presented pictures he took in Arizona and New Mexico. Doug Baker had some shots taken around the VIA station in Kingston, Ontario. Victor Basok rode the train through the Copper Canyon in Mexico and showed us some great photos from the trip. Gord Smith journeyed to China to witness and record the terrific steam powered action. His slides probably encouraged a few more members to consider a trip. Carl Van Veen seems to like Chicago, and his photos of trains in many parts of that great railroad city show why. John Wrinch was the last up, and his slides covered everything from the AutoTrain in Florida to MacKenzie Northern action in High Level, Alberta.

Thanks also to Dale Sproule for arranging for the use of the projector. Looking toward future Slide Nights, it seems our shows have outgrown the hotel meeting rooms. Our committee is planning to hold the next Slide Night in a theatre style auditorium where everyone will get a good view of the screen. Watch for the announcements in upcoming issues of the Order Board.

- Rob Badmington

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CMRS WEBSITE

Various members have asked the Board if the CMRS website could be enhanced to attract readers on a more regular basis. It was suggested that this could be done by updating it more regularly and adding other features every month. If anyone has looked lately, we have started this process with the Christmas Raffle and a new photo of the month on the home page. What we are looking for are people to submit photos, modeling projects and information on local activities (modeling and prototype).

We hope to publish a different series of photos once per month. This is your chance to show off some photos that you have taken of your layout or anything else railroad related. If we have several people involved, each person only needs to do this once or twice per year. The photos would be submitted in groups of 5 to 10.

This is also your chance to show the members your latest modeling project. The submission should contain a small description of the project, the techniques used and a few photos of it if possible. The project could be anything from scratch-building, kit-bashing or super-detailing locomotives, rolling stock or structures, to building bench work, track and scenery. Any project model railroad related other members would like to see.

Finally, there are members that are privy to information regarding modeling or prototype events, open houses, rail fan opportunities, etc. that are going on in or around Calgary that may go unannounced. We would like to know about these events so that our members can take advantage of them.

Of course, none of this will happen without the support and input of you the membership. If you do not have access to a digital camera, we will make arrangements to take the photos for you. We hope that so many of you will respond that it will take months to post it all on the website and that more will continue to come in as time passes. If you can help us with any of the things listed above, please call 289-7770 or send an email to rick.mcphee@shawbiz.ca.

Thanks for helping us make a good thing better.

- Rick McPhee

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SUPERTRAIN 2003 REPORT # 3

WOW! Your Supertrain committee is excited. Applications for this year's show have exceeded previous years by 25%. And that was prior to our deadline date of Dec. 13, 2002. We are still receiving requests from exhibitors and vendors. Yes, CMRS can be proud of their accomplishments.

The show is growing in popularity and we as a committee are striving to upgrade the quality. This year, sadly, is the first time that we must decline entry to some of the applicants, mainly vendors, but some displays as well.

It appears that to keep the show exciting and vibrant in the years to come, it will be necessary to exercise procedures and policies similar to when we operated out of Mewata Armories. There is no need to expand, but we should strive for a high quality show. We should expect that local displays (clubs & individual entries) and perhaps vendors will participate on a rotational basis. CMRS has a policy in place to support this if required.

The task of rejecting entries is not pleasant but necessary. We only have so much room. This year we may be trying to expand the show floor area by 10 feet, which will reduce the food court. We all know how crowded it gets in there as well. To try and accommodate everyone, it may be necessary for this committee to ask some exhibitors/vendors to reduce the size of their layouts/space.

Your committee is working hard to accommodate everyone, but we must conform to Stamped Board and Fire Marshall requirements.

We have received a number of new entries, which is very good and beneficial. This helps to keep the show vibrant, interesting and exciting. Visitors to the show have the opportunity to see different things. I encourage those with layouts to make changes for future shows. This may take a year or two, but is instrumental to the survival of the

show. It will also help and make things easier should we have to invoke rotating exhibits.

Enclosed with this issue are several posters to distribute. Below is a memory jogger to help you to help us advertise the show. Please take the time to distribute.

Subcommittee chairmen will be calling upon the membership for assistance at the show. Please lend us your support and volunteer.

Poster Location Memory Jogger

Your valuable assistance to distribute the enclosed letter size posters is much appreciated. The following are some memory joggers as to where these posters may be displayed. Should you be in a position to help with posting additional posters, kindly contact Hans Foltinek at 246-0596. Note: You should seek authorization prior to displaying the poster. Some places will put up the poster for you. Having some thumbtacks, stapler or tape can be useful. For those of you who own a business with walk in clientele, you may wish to have some handouts to give to your clients. Hans has 5½" x 8½" handouts available.

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SAFEWAY / CO-OP NOTICE BDS.	

Thank you for your support.

Submitted by Maurice Despins,

Supertrain 2003 Show Chairperson

Member Appreciation Night Friday May 23, 2003



with special Guest TOM ARMSTRONG and his presentation Crossing Safely

A Locomotive Engineer since 1977 Tom Armstrong has had enough of crashing into vehicles at level railway crossings. After going through a ten year period of hitting everything from a parked car to a road grader he has put "his" story together, and is willing to share it with you.

Tom has made a personal commitment to stopping this needless cause of pain and suffering. He has witnessed families torn apart as locomotives smash their way through people's automobiles as well as their lives. He's even watched a mother drag her family in front of his train, because she didn't want to wait.

Tom has brought his slide presentation to mixed audiences throughout North America. Visit Tom's web page www.crossingsafely.com to read and see more. Then mark your calendar.

At Member Appreciation Night we dine together and recognize the volunteers that turn ideas into the CMRS programs we all enjoy. If you're volunteering this year, we'd especially like to see you come out to enjoy the delicious food, talk with your fellow members, and meet a new friend. Bring your spouse and let them see why you enjoy being a part of the Calgary Model Railway Society.

TICKETS AVAILABLE to Calgary Model Railway Society members (and a guest) at the Supertrain Information Desk, thru your committee chairman, and directly from Marshal Ouellet 289-4430 bakouel@shaw.ca, or from Rolf Stengl 288-7805 stengls@shaw.ca .

- Rolf Stengl, Director for Membership Appreciation Night

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 231 paid members at the moment. For members who have yet to renew there will be a CMRS membership booth at Supertrain. We ask all members to drop by the booth to pick up their 2002-2003 membership cards.

-Ross Dubber - Membership Director

Model Railroad Events Schedule

*items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events

January 25th, 2003 (Saturday)

Clinic- "Making Deciduous Trees for Your Layout"

Guest Presenter- Don Watkins, Timberline Scale Model Trees Inc.

Calgary Model Trainmen's Club, 619 12th Avenue SE

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Admission: \$10.00 (Space is limited)

Contact: Brookes Harrow, phone 201-4937, email bharrow@shaw.ca
or Garth Praestegaard, phone 235-1731

February 15,16, 2003 (Saturday & Sunday)

Supertrain 2003

Big Four Building – lower floor

Times: 9:00AM to 5:00 PM

Admission: Under12 \$3, Single \$5, Family \$10 (\$1 off for donation to food bank)

Contact: Maurice Despins 403 – 251 - 4976

March 16, 2003 (Sunday)

Spring MiniMeet

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

Admission: Members free, non-members \$5

April 12, 2003 (Saturday)

North-side Layout Tours

Details in a future Orderboard or watch the website

April 27, 2003 (Sunday)

South-side Layout Tours

Details in a future Orderboard or watch the website

May 23, 2003 (Friday)

Appreciation Night

Glenmore Inn

Program: Tom Anderson's "Crossing Safely" presentation www.crossingsafely.com

Contact: Rolf Stengl at 288-7805 stengls@shaw.ca or Marshal Ouellet 289-4430 bakouel@shaw.ca

October 5, 2003

AGM / Fall MiniMeet

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

Admission: Members free, non-members \$5

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).

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