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Editor: Gord Smith*

Message from the President

Hello once again, fellow members and modelers. It has been a busy time for all of us lately, and now that Supertrain and the mini-meet are over it becomes time to wind down a little and reflect. We still have events coming up, and I am sure a few of you are in a mad panic trying to prepare your layout for the upcoming tours. Stop sweating, we will enjoy your layouts for what you have accomplished to date! Who really has a finished layout anyway?

Reflecting back, to date, events have been well attended. Reviews and comments have been well received and a lot of new faces (as well as the old) have stepped forward to help where needed. Well done and thank you once again.

Reflecting even further, I can't help noticing that we live in a world that has a very fast pace, so it is very enjoyable to have a common hobby to share with so many nice people. And the personalities you encounter along the way are as varied as the types of trains you see in the world today. At the recent mini-meet, Gord Smith had a wonderful presentation of just how different trains are in China. They still run extremely bulky and colorful steam locomotives with fairly short consists, side by side with ultra sleek modern commuter trains. He also showed examples of cantenary electric along side unique diesel locomotives. What a mix!

Personally, I just returned from a trip to Thailand and encountered various forms of train transportation there as well. Steam was not used that I could find, early diesel was used a little and I did find a huge dilapidated yard where trains went to eternal rest. Modern light rail rapid transit on the different concrete levels well above the street was prominent in downtown Bangkok.

Today, we can look out the window and see bright red SD-40's, AC 4400's and 90 Mac's on a fairly regular basis with consists of 100 cars or more. And if we were to drive about 6 hours south you would enter the world of green & white and yellow & grey where trains run on even a busier schedule.

Can you imagine a world **not** having all those variations in trains to look at and to model? And could you imagine **not** having all those personalities that make our society great?

What a dull world that would be.

- Mike



LAYOUT TOURS DATES

IMPORTANT NOTICE for the Layout Tours

Please note; as previously stated in the Order Board the layout tour dates were inadvertently entered in reverse.

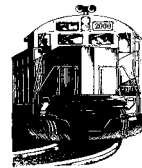
The dates SHOULD have read:

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th is SOUTH TOURS

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH is NORTH TOURS

I apologize for any inconvenience this mix up might have caused to any of the hosts or tour visitors.

Bain Spielman, CMRS Layout Tours



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From the Editor

You may have just a few lines of time saving tips to share with us. Or is it time to describe how you kitbashed something into a model of your favourite prototype. Maybe it's the locale of your prized railfanning spot.

We always need your input and contributions so we can pass that information along to our fellow hobbyists. An email or phone call can get your event advertised, want ad placed, or an article published.

The **deadline for the next issue is April 30, 2003**, but I do welcome submissions at any time.

- Gord Smith

1953 - 50 YEARS AGO

Fairbanks-Morse introduced the H-24-66 Trainmaster. 2400Hp. 127 built between 1953 & 1956.

N&W builds the last domestic US steamer, an 0-8-0.

K-brakes were outlawed in interchange service.

T-section & L-section Bettendorf trucks were banned from interchange.

Railway Days - Heritage Park - June 7 & 8, 2003



"Steamin' Ahead"

See how steam is created as the locomotive "takes on" water. Visit the Roundhouse theatre for a program of fun and learning centered on an operating turntable, see the fading art of hand signals. Canadian Pacific Railway is there in force with safety and equipment displays, not to mention the always-thrilling spike driving contest. Come to Heritage Park Railway Days for a glimpse of the railway in the "Old West".

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STEAM at FORT STEELE



A Special Steam event is scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 14th and 15th, at Fort Steele, BC. The plan is to have both Dunrobin and 1077 in steam. The Shay will be pulled out for viewing. Actual operation times have not been finalized but would likely be from around 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM both days.

Subject to the level of interest we also propose a night photography session. Anyone interested in this should contact Bob Whetham in advance, preferably by e-mail (whetham@cyberlink.bc.ca). There might be a modest fee to cover costs for additional crew time.

Dunrobin was built in 1895 by the Sharp-Stewart Co. in Britain. She was imported to Canada in 1967. #1077 is a 1923 product of Montreal Locomotive Works. She spent her working life on various logging lines on Vancouver Island. The #115 is a Lima Pacific Coast 3-truck Shay built in 1930 for logging service.

This would be a good opportunity to visit the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel in nearby Cranbrook. Housed there is an ever-expanding collection of our passenger rail heritage. Spring and summer hours are Daily from 10 AM to 6 PM.

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RAILFAN PHOTOGRAPHY

In response to many requests, the Slide Night Committee has booked the Burnswest Theatre at Fort Calgary for the evening of November 12, 2003. This facility has comfortable theatre style seating, a large screen, and an audio system. As usual, snacks and beverages will be provided during the evening. The details of the themed portion of the program are being worked out, but we will guarantee you an entertaining and enlightening presentation of railroad photography. It may seem a little early to be thinking about it, but the committee encourages all members to bring up to 10 of your favourite slides to present to the audience.

If you missed the Spring Mini-meet, you missed a good one. On display around the meeting rooms were 20 large railroad photos, enlarged from slides from the Brotherhood's presentations at the last Slide Night. At the Membership Appreciation Night upcoming in May, these prints will be given away as prizes to randomly selected CMRS Volunteers who are in attendance. I think anyone who wins one will enjoy putting the picture up on their railroad room wall.

With summer fast approaching, perhaps your mind is turning to railfanning. We usually think of railroad photography as a harmless pursuit, with little risk to others and ourselves. However, with recent world events changing the way many things are looked at, there are many activities, which are no longer as innocent as they once seemed. Railfanning is one of them. Authorities are now looking at people taking pictures of trains as highly suspicious. Even when on public property such as roadsides and overpasses, railfans are being challenged to prove they are not working for terrorists. I highly recommend reading the April issue of Trains magazine for an in-depth look at the situation. In the meantime, keep to public places to shoot your pictures, and if questioned by police or security, remain polite and cooperative. Stay off railroad property, as the railroad police can charge you with trespassing, and that carries a hefty fine. As the next-of-kin of a Bowness dog-walker found out this past week, a fine could be the least of your concerns. So, we are all looking forward to seeing the results of your summer photography at Slide Night, but please, be safe out there.

Rob.

RAILFAN EVENTS

SAIT Rail Training and Technology Centre – May 15, 2003 – 7:00PM

Where? At the **N R 'Buck' Crump Building at 1940 Centre Avenue, N.E.** This is on the north side of the street, about a block west of the more familiar Bob Edwards Building.

Why? This is a great opportunity to learn about all aspects of railroad operations. Get to see close up a supercharged GM 'big block', how railcar brakes work, or learn about railway signal systems. Of special interest, are the two locomotive simulators at this facility.

If you are thinking of a career in railroading, don't miss this tour.

Canada Day July 1 at Alstom's Ogden Shops

This special event will feature train rides using an SW1200 pulling a cut of cars. Mayor Dave Bronconnier will be present as will the RCMP. Also putting in an appearance will be ALCO S3. The Rocky Mountain Rail Society (6060) is putting this event on. Starts between 12 Noon and 1 PM.

Report on the LRT Control Centre Visit

March 12, 2003 about a dozen CMRS members gathered to tour the Calgary Transit dispatch centre. The dispatch center has a long desk equipped with computer monitors, which can pull up any section of track. Along the back wall the track schematic is projected on a thirty-foot screen. Trains with their designated numbers, show-up as red strips as they move through the blocks of the system. Computers normally control any necessary switching and signals, with drivers maintaining safe spacing along 7th Avenue. The dispatcher is left with little to do until problems arise. In some areas interlocking switches can reroute trains past problem areas with just a few keystrokes from the control centre. The Northeast line was built with only manual switches, creating its own headache in the midst of trouble.

Sharing office space is security, with banks of monitors and VCR's keeping a close watch of activity at all the C-train stations and platforms. Staff here can reset escalators, control door entries or make platform announcements at any of the stations.

The bus dispatcher(s) sit at the other end of the office where they keep in contact with the 100's of vehicles providing daily service.

- Thank you, to Calgary Transit and Paul Douglas.

The RIGHT SIDE of the TRACKS

On the north-east side of Calgary, just past the railroad tracks, is a place like no other in Canada.

There's a place where aspiring railroaders can get started on meaningful careers as Rail Traffic Controllers or Railway Conductors.

The N.R. "Buck Crump" Building is the home to the Centre for Railway Training and Technology – the only training facility of its kind in Canada. This \$11 million facility is the result of a partnership between CP Rail and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. It boasts the only full locomotive engine simulator in the country, as well as mechanical, engineering services and signals and communications labs.

The commitment of the rail industry to train candidates for new careers doesn't end with the facilities. Industry representatives from the major rail operators, regional railways, light rail operators, manufacturers, the Railway Association of Canada and the Institute of Railway Technology sit on Advisory Committees, ensuring that the training provided matches the needs of today's employer. And obviously it does.

Last year, the CRTT graduated its first class of Rail Traffic Controllers, and their first class of Rail Conductors. All 17 graduates had jobs waiting for them as they walked out of the school.

"It's an exciting time to be entering the industry," says Joe Bracken, the Director of the CRTT. "There are a lot of employment opportunities as the older generation of workers retire, and there is more and more advanced technology being brought in. And now we can offer training opportunities like never before."

The railways offer solid career opportunities with excellent salaries to match. With experience, Rail Traffic Controllers average \$60,000/year, and Locomotive Engineers can earn up to \$85,000.

The CRTT offers two programs for the aspiring railroader. Rail Traffic Control is a two-year program that focuses on the safe and timely movement of traffic across the rail system, much like an air traffic controller does in aviation. Railway Conductor is a one-year program, training students to make up and split trains, switching cars and moving trains between yards, siding or tracks.

To get on track, contact the CRTT at (403)210-4150 or visit their website at www.sait.ab.ca/crtt for more information on these exciting career opportunities.

-By Candace Heath

There's a Light At the End of the Tunnel

At SAIT's Centre for Rail Training and Technology in Calgary, the future's never been brighter.

All of last year's graduates had jobs waiting for them after they had completed their studies.

Apply today for these exciting programs:

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It's Air Traffic Control for trains. Rail Traffic Controllers work in operations control centres to manage the safe and timely movement of traffic across the rail system.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Volunteers needed for the Supertrain 10th anniversary celebration committee. We would like to provide a fun event Saturday evening of Supertrain. Please contact a CMRS board member with your ideas, or to help out.

Member Appreciation Night Friday May 23, 2003



with
Special Guest
TOM ARMSTRONG
& 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) thru your committee chairman, and in the south from Ross Dubber 281-7325 tinyteddie1@shaw.ca, or in the north from Rolf Stengl 288-7805 stengls@shaw.ca

- Rolf Stengl, Director for Membership Appreciation Night

Notes from the Membership Desk

The Spring Mini Meet was well attended with a total of 127 joining us for an interesting and informative day. As a result of registrations received through the mail, at Supertrain and the Mini Meet, we are pleased to advise that our Orderboard mailing list now totals 307.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the Junior Members of the Calgary Model Rail Society. The CMRS web site is an excellent means of obtaining either e-mail addresses or phone numbers of experienced modellers who can advise or support you in your hobby.

- Ross & Ardell Dubber

PHOTOS WANTED CN 2504

GE CW4400dash9

Want to accurately model this unit. Looking for photos showing details: front, back, sides, & top of CN 2504.

Philip Gormley phone: 226-8090

Model Railway Weekend – Calgary Saturday, October 4, 2003

The Calgary Rail Prototype Modellers Group in conjunction with the CN Special Interest Group and the Canadian Pacific Special Interest Group will host the 2003 Calgary Rail Prototype Modellers Meet from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

There will be an excellent series of clinics by some of Canada's leading model rail authors, historians and rail experts.

Bring your work-in-progress and completed modelling projects for an RPM-style non-judged model display.

Manufactures will be on-hand with sales of prototype kits and unique Canadian rail model supplies. Photographic collections will also be available.

Location: Abbeydale Christian Fellowship Church
1352 Abbeydale Drive SE, Calgary, AB

Contact: Russ Pinchbeck 403-272-0637
rpinchbeck@novatelwireless.com

Sunday, October 5, 2003

Join the Calgary Model Railway Society for their annual "Fall Mini Meet"

There will be clinics, displays and retail sales. The CMRS annual meeting will follow at Noon.

Doors Open: 8:30 a.m. Clinics Begin: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hospitality Inn Best Western
135 Southland Drive SE, Calgary, AB
(Corner of Southland Drive and MacLeod Trail)

Contact: Barry Conn 403-251-9334
barry.conn@shaw.ca

LAYOUT TOURS SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2003 SOUTH SIDE

TIMES: Calgary Model Trainmen Only 10 AM to 4 PM, ALL OTHERS 1 PM to 4 PM

Calgary Model Trainmen's Club: 619 - 12th Avenue S.E.

This club has based their HO/Hon3 scale layout on the freelance Chinook Western RR. Set in the mid 70's this layout is depicting running from Calgary, west and south to the US border. Lots of construction techniques exposed here to show what and how they have done to date. As this is an official open house for this Club they are asking for donations as admission.

ALL VISITATIONS BETWEEN 1PM and 4 PM PLEASE

Brian Keay: 62 Scimitar View N.W.

This is a well-seasoned layout and there have been additions.

The "Wolverine Lynx RR" has been Brian's HO project for many years and is an example of many aspects of railroading. This 35' x 37' layout covers everything from an intermodal yard with a dock, to mountain passes which require "pushers" to get over the "hump". The layout is controlled by Digitrax. If you would like to see Brian's layout please take a look at his web site at www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~keay/wlxhist.html. Note; visitors are allowed to operate the layout.

Al Crance: 147 Sunvalley Drive S.E.

This is a well-finished HO layout based on the Reine Valley in Germany. For those of you who would like to see European modeling and equipment, this layout is complete and will be a good example to follow. This layout is all lit and controlled by DCC equipment.

Doug Coats: 59 Woodstock Way S.W.

If you have a crawl space your spouse has been on to you to do something with, this layout is for you. Based on C.P. Rail's Spiral Tunnel region in B.C. it has three helices. This layout is in the early building stage, for those of you would like to see how to construct these. The scale is N and will allow for lots of expansion. This site does require an effort to get into, but is worth the look.

Ross Dubber: 20 Woodfern Way S.W.

Freelance Great Northern Railway - This HO layout is a work in progress and is comprised of a small service yard with GN equipment and some CP. Based on a theme of an iron ore plant converted into a stone crushing plant.

Ian Tucker: 711 Canterbury Drive S.W.

This layout is a freelance HO Canadian Pacific. The layout has been under construction for 29 years and has undergone several major upgrades in that period of time.

Steve Klein: 83 Harcourt Road S.W.

This HO layout is a good example of what to do with a small space. The layout is in the very early stages and gives the viewer plenty of ideas.

Ed Hopkin: 1104 Southglen Drive S.W.

CN and Burlington exchange freight with many sidings and 8 towns through "Function Junction" yard. This HO layout is situated between two rooms each being 10' x 26'. The layout is now complete and is under DCC control and power management.

LAYOUT TOURS SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2003 NORTH SIDE

ALL VISITATIONS BETWEEN 1 PM and 4 PM PLEASE

*Cal-O-Rail: 2001-18th Avenue S.W.

(Basement of the 18th Scout troop hall)

Based on the transition period from steam to diesel this O scale layout is now 70% completed. This club has based this layout on Western Canadian Railroading and has some very unique modeling scenes i.e. the Stoney Creek Bridge in scale. The layout will be operating and is radio controlled from a central dispatch room.

* Cal-O-Rail was moved to the north to allow visitors to get to all those Hosted layouts in the South on Saturday April 12th.

Gord Smith: 227 Arbour Wood Close, NW

The benchwork is up, the trackwork is down. The Purgatory and Pacific RR in HO scale is just started. The room dimensions dictated small radius curves that will suit this transition era layout.

Bill Mackenzie: 4 Strasbourg Green S.W.

Bill is 11 years old and would love to host visitors who would help him with ideas he can use to improve his 4 x 8 HO layout.

It is great to see this young man's enthusiasm in this great hobby. It would be wonderful to see if we can get more youngsters showing their layout next year. Bill has done almost all of the scenery and details by himself (of course he did say he had a little help from his Dad).

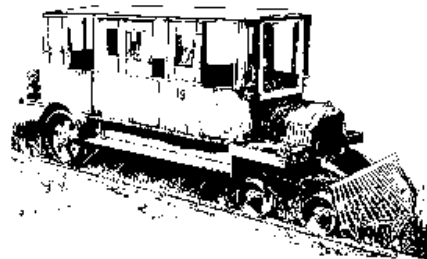
SPRING MINIMEET REPORT

The Spring MiniMeet was very well attended, 127 people showed up. The clinics were very well attended also. Big thanks to Kerry Air - custom painting using different techniques and tips. Al Love with basic scenery, lots of interest with this clinic. CMRS provided a great lunch. Then Rob Badminton with railfanning techniques and tips and photo shooting spots around the Calgary area. Then off to China with slides by Gord Smith. Thanks to George and John Simpson for manning the door checking everyone in, and to Ross Dubber for sales of Memberships and

Appreciation Supper tickets. We also had a few Bring and Brag and The free-Mo modules and commercial exhibits.

Just a Great Day

-Kevin Jalving



Model Railroad Events Schedule

*items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events

April 12, 2003 (Saturday)

Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Open House

619 – 12th Avenue, S.E., Calgary

Time: 10:00 to 16:00

For info Garth Praestegaard (403) 235-1731 or Brookes Harrow (403) 201-4937

Admission by donation

April 12, 2003 (Saturday)

South-side Layout Tours

Details on page 7 or watch the website

April 12, 13, 2003 - Moose Jaw Thunder Creek Model Train Show @ Western Development Museum, Moose Jaw, SK

For information call (306) 693-5989

April 18 & 19, 2003 - High Country Rails @ Best Western Towne Lodge, 1250 Rogers Way, Kamloops, BC

For info: Bob Grace, 1885 Whister Ct., Kamloops, BC V2E-1Y6, EMAIL: rgrace@direct.ca

April 27, 2003 (Sunday)

North-side Layout Tours

Details on page 8 or watch the website

May 15, 2003

SAIT Railway Training Centre, N R 'Buck' Crump Building, 1940 Centre Avenue, N.E., Calgary, AB

Time: 7:00 PM

For info see pages 4 and 5 this issue

May 16 – 19, 2003 –

NMRA - Border Rail 2003 – 6th Division Pacific Northwest Region @ Lloydminster – Wainwright, SK/AB

Lakeland College, Lloydminster, SK/AB

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May 23, 2003 (Friday) - Cocktails: 6:00 PM - Dinner: 7:00 PM

Appreciation Night Dinner & Program

Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Tr. S.E., Calgary

Tickets available, contact: Rolf Stengl at 288-7805 stengls@shaw.ca or Ross Dubber 281-7325 tinyteddie1@shaw.ca

May 24 & 25, 2003

Model and Hobby Show

Pioneer Acres, Irricana, AB

Time: Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM, Pancake Breakfast 8 AM to 9:30 AM

Admission: Adults \$7.00, Under 12 – Free

For info: 403 – 935 – 4357

June 7 & 8, 2003 - "Steamin' Ahead" - Railway Days – Heritage Park, Calgary, AB (more info on page 3)

June 14 & 15, 2003 - Steam Weekend at Fort Steele, BC (more info on page 3)

September 20 & 21, 2003 - Great Edmonton Model Train Show - Mayfield Inn Trade Center, Edmonton, AB

October 4, 2003 - Calgary Rail Prototype Modelers Meet - Abbeydale Christian Fellowship Church, Calgary, AB

October 5, 2003 - CMRS AGM & Fall Mini Meet - Best Western Hospitality Inn, Calgary, AB

October 18, 2003 - Boomer Auction - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Calgary, AB

November 12, 2003 – Slide Night - Burnswest Theatre at Fort Calgary, Calgary, AB

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