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Message from the President

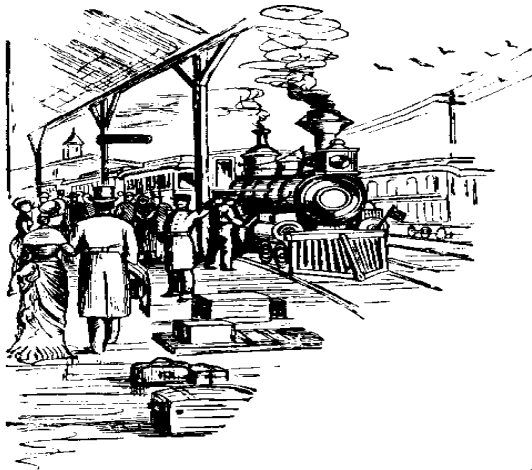
Hello,

I saw a gopher sitting on a pile of dirt the other day, so spring can't be that far off. We'll soon be poking our heads out of our basements too. We still have a couple of good modeling months left however before our yards beckon to us to work outside again. Your CMRS still has a few events for you to enjoy this year before summer arrives.

In my last message, I neglected to mention the layout tours coming up in April. Bain has done a great job of lining up lots of tours this year encompassing several scales. Details of the tours are listed in the following pages of this newsletter. If you are looking for ideas for your layout or enjoy seeing the work that fellow modellers are doing, I encourage you to see as many of the layouts as you possible can. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this year and you'll be able to see them all.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the annual Member Appreciation Night banquet will be held on May 28th. Tickets are still available at \$10.00 each and can be purchased by contacting Rolf Stengl. An excellent meal and great entertainment as well as recognizing the many volunteers that make this society work are planned for the banquet.

- Rick McPhee



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From the Editor

Oops, some of you may have noticed that the last two Order Boards were both labeled January 2004. In fact the one you received most recently should have been labeled March 2004.

The **deadline for the next issue is May 14, 2004**. If you are hosting an event, or know of one that would be of interest to other modellers, please keep me informed. Between reports and notices there is often room for small articles or pictures, why not show-off your talents.

- Gord Smith



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From the Membership Desk

Please remember that your 2005 membership is due at the Annual General Meeting on October 3rd, 2004.

- Ross Dubber

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TRAINS FOR KIDS

Trains for Kids was once again a success. This year, a total of \$2600 was raised for the cause, coming from raffles as well as a donation from the CMRS.

With the help of H&D Distributing, Vince Wehnes & Tom Parker were able to secure a total of 76 train sets. Three sets were donated to the Alberta Children's Hospital, and 73 sets were distributed through the United Way to families who are less fortunate than most of us at Christmas time. We were told that the train sets are especially appreciated, since the older age groups of children (8 and up) are sometimes left out of the spotlight. Families that qualify are able to choose the toy that they feel is most appropriate and appreciated by their child, and the stock of train sets never lasts long. Each train set was also packaged with a complimentary family pass to Supertrain 2004.

We look forward to continuing this successful event again next year, and we hope to be raising money for it throughout the year in the form of raffles and 50/50 draws at CMRS events.



Vince Wehnes of the CMRS and Corene Rutledge of the United Way with some of the train sets.

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Sunday April 4th and Saturday April 24th.

To all those visiting layouts please respect your hosts hospitality and enjoy the layouts. Without their generosity and love of the hobby we would not have this event. And again ENJOY.

Check the website for some digital photo previews.

Thank you to those who are showing your layouts

- Bain Spielman,



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21 March 2004 - Sunday 1-4 PM

14 Edgebrook Way NW 547-3269

Host: Dave Marecek

N Scale

The **CPR Kootenay Division** is modeled in 1965 in N scale and covers 4 subdivisions of the CPR Kootenay Division. The Nelson Subdivision is modeled from Lipsett to Nelson, BC. The Boundary SD is modeled from Nelson to Shields BC. The Slocan SD is modeled from South Slocan to Slocan City and the Rossland SD is modeled from Castlegar to Tadanac. Modelling of the division is based on 'Milestones of Southern BC' and includes the 15 major bridges and 4 main Rivers of the region. Focus is paid to key industries and structures including the Castlegar Pulp Mill, Creston AWP Elevator, Slocan Lake Barge service, and the Nelson engine facilities.

The highlight is the scratch built Cominco Lead/Zinc smelter and Fertilizer plant at Trail BC, which includes approx. 40 buildings and connected piping. Layout scenery is in place and a custom painted backdrop provides a panorama of the Kootenays.

This is the last showing of this layout as owner is moving and layout will be disassembled.

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Great Moments of CPR Ingenuity” with Jonathan Hanna

Friday May 28, 2004

Glenmore Inn, Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7:00

Jonathan Hanna will be speaking about some of the colourful characters in CPR's past that are behind a sprinkling of "Great Moments of CPR Ingenuity!" Jonathan is presently creating this series for CPR's in-house publication. Highlights will include CPR's founding, its Scottish heritage, the discovery of Rogers Pass, the birth of Canada's national park system, and more! All punctuated with photos, and Jonathan's own audience friendly style.



This event is your chance to enjoy a fine dinner with your spouse and friends, in a railway ambience, while recognizing all the volunteers that make our Society a vibrant organization.

Jonathan B. Hanna, born June 10, 1954, in Montreal, received a French classical education at Collège Stanislas in Outremont before graduating from Concordia University, in 1979, with a B.A. in History. Hanna worked in Canadian Pacific Railway's corporate archives in the 1970s, photographic services and advertising in the 1980s, marketing communications and administration in the 1990s, before being appointed CPR corporate historian in 2000.

Tickets are \$10 each, members and spouses

Tickets are available from:

NW- Rolf Stengl 288-7805; **SE-** Jeffrey Burk 272-5546;

SW- Ross Dubber 281-7325

Wanted to Share Expenses

The NMRA convention is set for Seattle, July 4-11, 2004. Registration costs are minor compared to accommodation, so it's ideal to put 2,3, or 4 guys into a room to reduce costs and make it affordable to attend the meet. Let's make a list of those that want to share.

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Modelling Needs

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G-scale:

Listed in the Events Schedule are a number of G--scale shows. Doug Cannon has attended many of these and is willing to share his suggestions and recommendations.

Contact Doug at: rockinbrr@hotmail.com

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Model Railroad Events Schedule

*items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events

March 21, 2004 - Early Layout Tour Time:1-4 PM @14 Edgebrook Way NW (details on page 4)

April 3, 2004 – Edmonton Swap Meet, Whitemud Creek Community Hall, 9:00AM to 1:00PM
Info: Ron Boyer 780-466-2670 or www.mmrf.ab.ca

April 2-4th, 2004 - 7th Annual East Coast Large Scale Train Show, at York, Pennsylvania, USA. <http://www.eclsts.com/>

April 4, 2004 – Layout Tours – South side – details pages 8, 9 & 10

April 24, 2004 – Layout Tours – North side - details pages 11 & 12

April 10, 2004 - Last Spike Ceremony – Mason’s Train Emporium – Chilliwack, BC – details on page 3

April 24 & 25, 2004 Thunder Creek Model Railroad Show, Western Development Museum, Moose Jaw, SK
Model train lovers congregate each year in Moose Jaw to enjoy the work of hobbyists from across the province, on hand to share their model railroad creations.
More info: <http://www.wdm.ca>

May 21-23, 2004 - Inaugural Mid-West Large Scale Train Show, at Springfield, Illinois, USA.
<http://aristocraft.com/>

May 28, 2004 – Member Appreciation Night – Glenmore Inn – details on Page 6

May 29, 2004 Saturday – Red Deer layout tour & BBQ- Saturday, May 29
Convene at 10 AM. Off Hwy 2, from 67 St. overpass in Red Deer proceeds 18km west on Hwy 11, turn north on Range Road #15.
Proceed 2km to Garson residence(follow the signs).
Coffee from 10AM to 11AM. Tour area layouts from 11-4, you will be given directions & a guide vehicle. BBQ at 4:30 PM

June 3-6th, 2004 - Big Train Show, Queen Mary, Long Beach, California, USA <http://www.bigtrainshow.com/>

June 12 & 13 – Railway Days at Heritage Park, Calgary, AB Time: 9AM to 5 PM

July 4-11, 2004 - NMRA convention ‘Puget Sound eXpress’ is set for Seattle, WA.
More info : <http://www.nmra2004.org/>

August 12-15th, 2004 National Garden Railway Convention, Denver, CO, USA. <http://www.denvergrs.org/convention.html>

Sept 18 & 19, 2004 - Great Edmonton Model Train Show, Mayfair Inn Trade Center, Time 10AM to 5PM
Info Jim Baker 780-430-7595 or www.mmrf.ab.ca

Oct 3, 2004 – CRMS Fall Mini Meet & AGM

Oct 16, 2004 – South Bank Short Lines – BOOMER AUCTION

Nov 10, 2004 – Slide Night

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SOUTH LAYOUT TOURS - SUNDAY APRIL 4TH, 2004

**Look for the white and red railway CROSSBUCKS
in front of each layout location
this will indicate that you are on the right track.**

ALL VISITATIONS ARE FROM 12:30 PM TO 4:00 PM

Jot down the ideas you want to take home

Neil and Dauna McKay

5331 LaSalle Crescent S.W.

HO / This is a husband and wife project. Very active, remember to look twice because I bet you missed something. Well scened and lots of action, it is still used under the block system of operation

Jered Hoskins

5340A - 1A Street S.W.

HO / Very large layout depicting the Kicking Horse Pass and the Spir al Tunnels. Computer run with sound that will knock your socks off. This is the only layout I've seen with a real running river . *NOTE: this layout will also be shown on Saturday the 24th of April.*

Steve Kline

83 Harcourt Road S.W.

HO / Modern era. For those of you who visited Steve last year on the tour, he has done a lot of work, it is worth another look to see Steve's progress.

Ed Hopkin

1104 Southglen Drive S.W.

HO / Very large with lots to see. This is an engineer's layout, built to run and shunt trains from location to location.

Dennis Cooke

#12, 287 Southhampton Drive S.W.

HO / This layout will ultimately be three levels. Dennis is hoping to have two of the three complete by show time. There is lots done and it will be operating.

Gaston Moreau

431 – 99th Avenue **S.E. (PLEASE NOTE QUADRANT CHANGE)**

HO / Modern diesel. Still under construction but most of the track is in, and trains will operate. This will be nice to see on future tours to watch the progress.

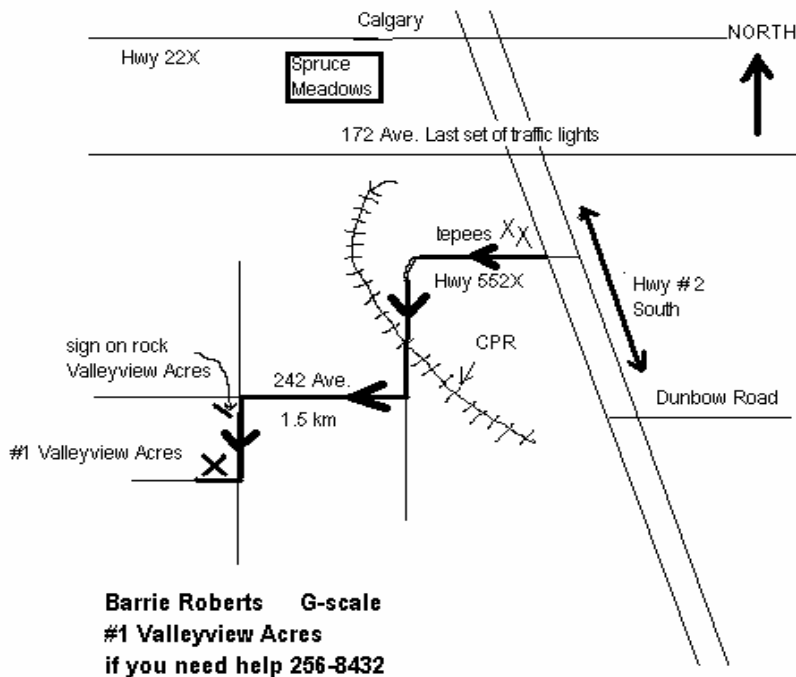
Alan Crance

147 Sun Valley Drive S.W.

HO / European based on the Reine Valley in Germany. This layout represents the German Federal railway as it appeared in the late 80's. Excellent detail and again make sure you look twice.

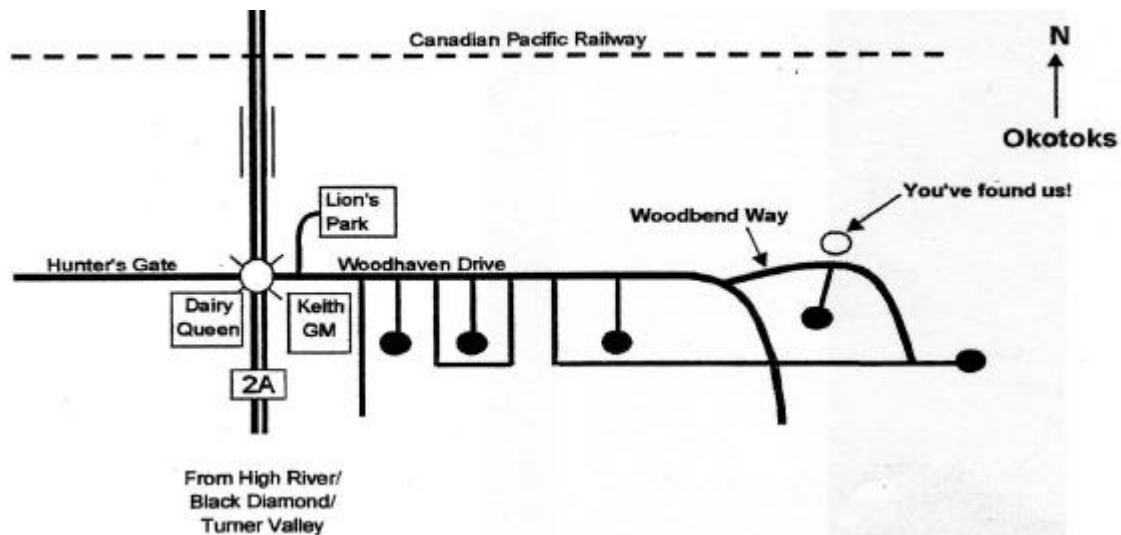
Barrie Roberts **Handicap Accessible**

#1 Valleyview Acres (This location is just a little out of town on #2 south.) **See the map.**
G / This is an indoor and outdoor layout and is worth the drive. You will want to continue on to see the Kitchen's O scale layout in Okotoks while you are out here.



Laurie and Laura Kitchen
 176 Woodbend Way, Okotoks, Alberta **See the map.**

O / CPR transition era. 1400 sq. Still in the building stage, so for those O scalers out there it might be interesting to see what you can do in your basement. If you are going to make the trip to see Barry's G scale this layout would be worth the rest of the journey.



NORTH LAYOUT TOUR – SATURDAY APRIL 24TH, 2004

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Make a note of your favourite ideas

Alberta Pacific Railroad

2456 Capital Hill Crescent N.W. (In the garage behind the house, please enter from the street in front.)

HO / This is a club project, and should be well on it's way for the tour. This layout will represent the prairies to the west coast when finished.

Brian Keay

62 Scimitar View N.W.

HO / Brian is no stranger to the layout tour visits. This is a very active and interactive layout, so be prepared to run a train. Very well constructed and built to show the transition from city to plains to mountains.

Rob Badmington

73 Valley Ponds Crescent N.W.

HO / Excellent layout to view framing and start of track work. This layout is modeled to the area around New Westminster B.C. it has hidden track and will be very active when completed.

Steve Geczy

1504 Patterson View S.W.

HO / Swiss-German with a variety of European rolling stock. This layout is a great example of what can be done in the lower floor of a condo. Fully signaled and DCC run by Marklin.

NORTH TOURS CONTINUED

SATURDAY APRIL 24th, 2004

Bill MacKenzie Jr.

4 Strasbourg Green S.W.

HO / A young modeler looking for advice and suggestions to help with his expansion into the future.

Brian and Bev Gillis

2006 – 25A Street S.W.

N / The Northshore railway is a family, freelance project set in the 1970's. This is a nice layout for one to see how to fit a layout into a corner.

Cal-O-Rail

2001 – 18th Avenue S.W.

O / Depicts 1940's and 50's steam and diesel transition era. Dispatched via radio from a dispatch center. The centrepiece of this layout is a scale model of the Stoney Creek Bridge.

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619 – 12th Avenue S.E.

HO / Very large project with lots to see at many stages of construction.

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