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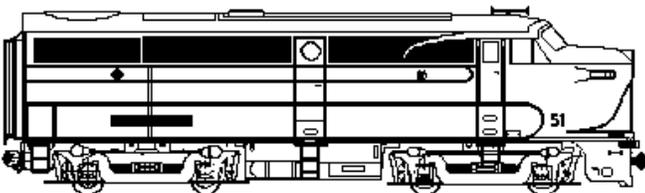
## Message from the President

Now that winter is really here, model railroading is kicking into high gear. Just around the corner is Supertrain. The show keeps getting better and better every year due to the dedication and efforts of the organizing committee. I have attended the last couple of committee meetings and I am amazed at the details that these guys look after to make sure everything goes off without a hitch. I'm sure everyone with a display has been busy over the holidays getting things ready. I can hardly wait to see the new entries and the improvements to returning displays.

I'm almost embarrassed to admit how long it has been since I last did some work on my home layout. Finally over the Christmas break I got back to work, installing switch machines, doing some wiring, and laying more track. Once I get started I enjoy it so much that I wonder why I let other things divert me from the railroad. I should take my own advice and impose the "Five Minute Rule". The rule is that no matter what else is going on, you should take five minutes every day and do some model railroading. It can be anything - run a train, build a tree, clean some track, work on a model. Usually, the five minutes expands into more time, and those other things, like watching TV, become a lot less important. I'll let you know how it works for me.

Hope to see you all at Supertrain!

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## EDITORS NOTE

This issue contains two Supertrain posters for you to display in your part of the community. Thanks for spreading the word.

We have added a new number on the address label on your Order Board envelope. On the first line, right behind your name you will find an 04 or 05. This shows you when your membership expires, either June 30 of 2004 or 2005. If yours is an 04 the grace period is over and this is the last issue you will receive until renewal. If you believe our information is incorrect please contact Ian McArthur our Membership chairman 932 - 6134 or [sutul@telus.net](mailto:sutul@telus.net).

Current membership lists are available at Trains and Such and PM Hobbies. Please check the list to ensure the information for you is correct. Corrections can be made on the list or e-mailed to lan.

Our next issue will have more information on the upcoming CMRS Spring Mini Meet and CMT Flea market. The deadline for that issue is February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Also of note to our commercial advertisers, we have set the rate for business card ads at \$10.00 per year.

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## SUPERTRAIN REPORT

Supertrain 2005 has been completely sold out! As a matter of fact, commercial space was filled almost a month after the invitation letters went out. Layout space was full about 2 weeks before the final deadline.

Supertrain is a large show with lots of prep work and organizing to do. But as chairman, I must confess, that your Supertrain committee is so good, my responsibilities seem like a piece of cake. What follows is a brief description of what goes on behind the scenes.

Without the tremendous efforts of Glenn Judd, preparing and sending out the invitations, receiving and categorizing all the applications, selecting the successful applicants, creating a floor plan to house the show that not only satisfies us, but the fire marshal as well, this show would not be the success it is. Glenn has been doing this for many, many years! Next time you see Glenn, give him a huge pat on the back. To all those in the show this year, have a great show. (To those of you who did not make it in, my suggestion to you would be to get your applications and fees in much earlier next year!)

The next important aspect of a successful show of this size is advertising. Dale Sproule has looked after model railroad magazines ads and will follow up with C-Train posters and newspaper ads. Ross Dubber and Fred Huntley look after the banners you see hanging around town about two weeks before the show. They have also successfully found two new spots for us this year. Hans Foltinek prepares and distributes the posters and flyers you see at hobby shops around town and also out of town. Tony Whalen also helps with advertising, providing ad copy assistance with C-Train posters and mini posters. (He is a wiz with Photo shop!) Tony will also provide us with press releases and any television and radio spots he can get his hands on. So next time you see these gentlemen, express your appreciation for their efforts.

Next comes the show preparation itself. Each booth is numbered and a show package has to be produced. These packages include things like nametags, rules and regulations, contact people during the show, set up and take down times. Bob Hadlow and Brookes Harrow look after this area. Over the past few years there has been a lot of grumbling about nametags. FYI. Supertrain gives out over 450 FREE nametags for admission into the show for participants who are supposed to be working the booths and layouts. Do you have any idea how long it takes to do that many name tags, how much they cost, and why we try to limit the amount per booth? And most of this work takes place a week before the show. At the show, Brookes requires people to handle the doors and show office

and Mike Morisset handles all the security. Both will be hunting for people to help during the show. Maurice Despina is organizing the Saturday Night Function sponsored by the CMRS. At the show, thank these gentlemen for their time.

Some of the other tasks that happen behind the scenes are laying out the show floor, so every one knows where to set up. Glenn Judd, Stan Parker, Marshall Ouellet and Bob Hadlow handle this committee. The information booth and its function requires setup. Ballots for favorite layouts and displays have to be produced. The Food Bank is contacted and the coat check needs to be set up. We endeavor every year to work out a smooth transition for vehicles to get in and out of the Big 4 building with a minimum of conflicts. There are many other tasks that I am sure I forgot, but as you can see, a lot goes in to running this show.

And when you are at the show and things are going great, smile, give thanks and have a good time. When things are not going as smoothly as you would like, take a second to take a deep breath, and remember that we are all volunteers taking personal time out of our lives to do the best job we can.

See you at the show, Feb 19 & 20, 2005.

Mike Borkristl  
Show Chairman

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## Supertrain Saturday Night Extravaganza

CMRS is pleased to inform the membership, Supertrain 2005 exhibitors, vendors and volunteers that the Saturday Night Extravaganza will again take place in conjunction with Supertrain 2005. The format will be much the same as last year. Draw tickets for many prizes will be available at this function.

**Saturday Night Extravaganza is open to all CMRS members, Supertrain 2005 exhibitors, vendors, volunteers, and spouses.** Tickets sold out fast last year and there were some disappointed people. You are reminded that tickets are limited, therefore please avoid disappointment and act now to purchase your tickets to this exciting event. This is a catered function; therefore we must know the head count by Feb 6, 2005.

**INCLUDED:** Hot meal, salads, dessert, coffee & tea and lots of fun.  
**CASH BAR:** Open at 5:30 PM  
**TICKET PRICE:** \$ 7.00 per person prior to Feb 6, 2005  
Thereafter, should there be any tickets available - \$ 10.00 per person.  
**LOCATION:** Grandstand 4<sup>th</sup> level, Stampede Grounds  
**DATE:** Feb. 19, 2005, 5:30 PM

Please note following:

- 1 To order your tickets, please contact Glen Judd at 707 Sherman Ave. SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2W 0N3.**
- 2 Ph. 403-252-4367 or e-mail [juddg@telus.net](mailto:juddg@telus.net)**
- Tickets must be paid for in advance. Any ordered ticket(s) not paid for by Jan 30, 2005 will be replaced back into the pool of tickets for sale.
- All tickets will be available for pick up at the Supertrain Show. Should you be an exhibitor or vendor, the tickets will be in your envelope package that you receive at the show. For all others, please obtain your ticket(s) at the information desk. Should you only be at the show on Sunday, and want to attend the Extravaganza, let us know and we will arrange to have your tickets available for pick up upon your appearance at the Grandstand.

**All tickets must be purchased prior to Saturday night, Feb 19, 2005. No tickets sold at the door (Grandstand).**

### ORDER FORM

#### Supertrain 2005 Saturday Night Extravaganza, Feb 19, 2005

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## FALL MINI MEET – AGM REPORT

Our Fall Mini Meet and AGM were extremely well attended this year. The event kicked off at 10 am and finished off at 3:30pm. Special thanks goes out to our clinicians: Brooks Harrow, Stanley Riegel, Ken Clark, Roy Krause, Jon Calon and Murray Larsen for putting together and presenting some great clinics. All clinics were very well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Scott Beaton from the Rocky Mountain Garden Railway for putting together a great running display of "G" gauge trains.

The AGM itself was also very well attended. It could have been the free lunch. The Best Western did a fabulous job putting together a great spread for lunch. Sandwiches, munchies and dessert, as well as keeping the beverages stocked throughout the whole event. A welcome goes out to our new board members: Jim Guillaume, Ian McArthur and Maurice Despins.

- Jeff Burk, Mini Meets



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On Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the **Brotherhood** hosted what turned out to be the best-attended annual slide night in the history of CMRS. Starting at 7:30, one hundred and twenty-five guests and members of CMRS were treated to two hours of the most entertaining and beautiful railroad photography with the themes of "Prairie Railroading" and "Then and Now." The attendees had a special treat of watching Doug Philips' presentation of "The Empress in the West", followed by Bob Hadlow's "Then and Now in Jasper". Shortly thereafter, Gord Smith presented his "Then and Now". Tom Newton completed the pre-intermission show with "Directional Running in B.C."; a contemporary look at the current operating practices of both C.N. and C.P. in the Fraser Canyon.

During the registration and intermission, 50/50 raffle tickets were sold in support of the Trains for Kids program. Also Jim Scott of Calgary's own **Trains and Such** kindly donated a copy of the new J.F. Garden book "The Crow and the Kettle", which added to the excitement and enthusiasm of the evening and resulted in a contribution of \$170 net to the Kids program. Well done folks.

Maurice Despins shared some of the plans for the Supertrain Saturday Night Extravaganza and Ian McArthur talked about the plans to have a clinic at the spring show about digital photography and the possibility of being able to display your craft at that time. Then everyone adjourned to the foyer to savor some delicious pizza and soft drinks.

After the intermission, we regathered in the theatre where Gary and Roz Miller gave us their presentation of "Railroading on the Prairies", followed with a most enjoyable shared presentation by Cam Tough and Murray Larson about general railfanning, Then and Now and with the piece de resistance "The SP 4449" excursion train of recent months. The Brotherhood's Rob Badmington then concluded the evening with a fine presentation of his recent trip to New Mexico to railfan along the former Santa Fe Mainline.

The evening concluded on time and overall the response was very positive for a fun filled evening. Thanks go out to the Brotherhood, and Rob Badmington in particular, for another successful slide night. Tentatively, the next slide night is booked for the Second week of November 2005. If you want a great evening out, that's the place to be next year.

-Jim Guillaume, Slide Night

## LAYOUT TOURS FOR 2005

If you are interested in showing your layout (**again, as last year at any stage of construction**) in 2005, please fill out the form below. I will be in contact with you to arrange the visitation.

The dates for 2005 will be April 9<sup>th</sup> for one visit and April 23<sup>rd</sup> for the other.

Layout tours are an important event of the CMRS.

It gives both the novice and experienced modeler a chance to see what others are doing and allows them to gain a valuable insight into this wonderful hobby.

Name: .....

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## HEY all you modellers out there!!! LAYOUT TOURS 2005

I am still looking for entries for the Layout Tours for April. Don't be bashful, the more we get the better. I would like to remind you, your layout can be at any stage of construction. Remember, there are modellers out there who are just starting in the hobby and would love to see your project. From those in the early framing stages to some of the beautiful finished layouts we all know are out there.

There is an entry form on your left and they will be available at the CMRS information desk at Supertrain 2005. You can fill them out and leave them there and I will be in contact with you shortly thereafter. Don't forget to check out the web site for information as well. Look for the April Order Board for all the locations and times of tour locations.

Beginning in January I will be pre-visiting tour hosts and we will be posting photos on the website to tempt you to come for a look at the real thing in April. Again the dates are Saturday April the 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## **Feb 19 & 20, 2005 – Supertrain**

**Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM both Saturday & Sunday**

**Place: Big Four Building, Stampede Grounds, Calgary**

**Admission: Single \$7.00, Child (under 12) \$4.00, Family \$15.00.**

**\$1.00 off for donations to the food bank**

March 5 & 6 – Prairie Rail Workshop

Place: Western Development Museum, Saskatoon, SK <http://www.wdm.ca/sch-evn.html#st>

## **Mar 12, 2005 – Spring Mini-Meet and CMT Flea Market**

**Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Place: Best Western Hospitality Inn, 135 Southland Drive, SE. Calgary**

April 1,2,3 East Coast Large Scale Train Show , York Fairgrounds, PA, <http://www.eclsts.com/>

## **Apr 9, 2005 - Layout Tours - Calgary**

April 9 & 10 - Thunder Creek Model Train Show

Place: Western Development Museum, Moose Jaw, SK

Info: Cliff Parkinson, Show Chairperson [parki343@sasktel.net](mailto:parki343@sasktel.net)

## **Apr 23, 2005 - Layout Tours – Calgary**

May 20 - 22, 2005 - Golden Rails, 2005

Place: Winnipeg, MN <http://www.caorm.org/Pages/convention/conv-home.html>

May 20 - 23, 2005 - 2005 6th Division Spring Meet

Edmonton, AB [Spiketennial](#)

## **May 27, 2005 – Member Appreciation Night**

**Time: Cocktails 6:00PM, Dinner 7:00PM**

**Place: Glenmore Inn**

**Tickets will be on sale to members at Supertrain**

June 9 - 12, 2005 - The Big Train Show Queen Mary Long Beach, CA, USA <http://www.bigtrainshow.com/>

July 3 – 9, 2005 - NMRA National Convention, ‘The Cincinnati Limited’ Cincinnati, OH <http://www.nmra.org/2005>

July 26-31, 2005 - 21st National Garden Railway Convention St.Charles (Chicago), Ill., USA

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Aug 3 – 7, 2005 – Historic Spokane 2005, Pacific Northwest Region Convention NMRA Spokane Valley, WA

Sep 17 & 18, 2005 –Great Edmonton Model Train Show

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

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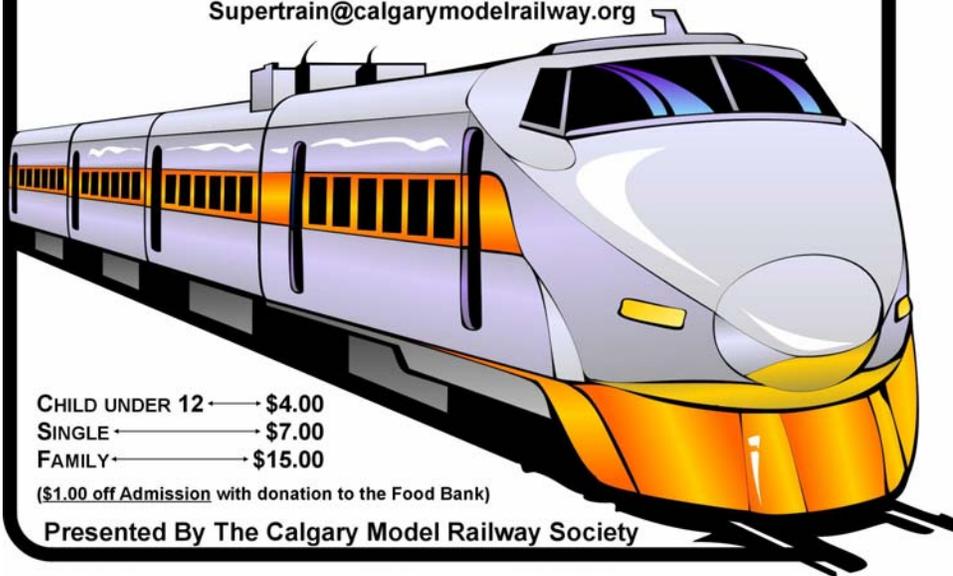
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the 50th anniversary of the Winnipeg Model Railroad Club*

WINNIPEG, Man. - Winnipeg is the place to be next May 20-22, 2005! That's when members of the Canadian Association of Railway Modellers (CARM); the CN & CP SIGs; the Canadian Railroad Historical Association (CRHA) and the Midwestern Rail Association/Winnipeg Railway Museum will help the Winnipeg Model Railroad Club celebrate its 50th anniversary at Golden Rails, 2005. The convention, which will also host the second annual gathering for CARM, will feature over 30 clinics; layout tours; a tour of the CPR's Winnipeg diesel shop; a visit to the Winnipeg Railway Museum; and a chance to ride the Prairie Dog Central, a popular southern Manitoba vintage railway attraction.

## Spring Mini Meet / Flea Market

The next Mini Meet is to be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western. It will be a joint event with the annual CMT Flea Market. The flea market will start at 9:30 and run until 1pm. Clinics for the mini meet will start at 1:30 and run until around 3:30 or 4pm. Last years combined program had a great turnout and we're planning an even bigger event for the flea market side. If you wish to have a table at the flea market, or you would like to do a clinic, please contact myself at jeffb@boltsupply.com or give me a call at home at 272-5546.

Jeff Burk, Mini Meets

## Appreciation Night

Friday May 27, 2005  
Glenmore Inn  
Cocktails 6 PM  
Buffet Dinner 7 PM

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

Tickets will be available at the CMRS Information Booth, Supertrain 2005 and the Spring Mini Meet. Members may also contact Maurice Despins 251-4976 or email, [mpotech@telusplanet.net](mailto:mpotech@telusplanet.net) for tickets.

Tickets are \$12 each, members and spouses

## Member Appreciation Night Survey

CMRS Board of Directors would like your input and comments in regards to Member Appreciation Night. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey and contact any Board member with your response or comments. A list of board members and contact information is included on the page 8 of the Order Board. Your input will be instrumental in providing the Board with direction that you wish this event to follow.

In the past, when the concept of a Member Appreciation Night was originated, the Board decided that this would be an event that spouses would be invited to attend, and non railroad oriented entertainment would be provided to encourage their participation. As well as acknowledge the volunteers who give so much to the society, it was intended to be a function where we are also expressing our thanks to our spouses for “allowing” us to spend so much time on our hobby, and we would take them out for dinner and a show. We started out with a live theatre presentation, and in subsequent years we had musicians, a magician, a murder mystery night, and for the last couple of years railroad oriented speakers were obtained.

Now that we have tried both types of entertainment, the Board would like your feedback:

1. Which type of entertainment do you prefer?      Railroad.      Non-railroad      Indifferent
2. Which type of entertainment would your guest prefer?      Railroad.      Non-railroad      Indifferent
3. If Railroad oriented what would you like to see in the line of entertainment?
  - a. Guest speaker (railroad topic)
  - b. Slide presentation (railroad oriented)
  - c. Other suggestions
4. If non railroad oriented what would you like to see in the line of entertainment,
  - a. Fun night e.g. Fun casino, dance
  - b. Live theatre
  - c. Entertainer(s), e.g. comedian, musician, singer
  - d. Other suggestions
5. Would a change in format make it more or less likely for you and/or your spouse to attend?    Yes    No

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