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Message from the President

Another successful Supertrain is in the books! The official report will have all the details. Unofficially, the attendance was down a bit but the revenue was up. I think the parking situation at Stampede Park was working against our show, especially on Sunday, when a well-attended Junior Hockey game at the Saddledome filled up the lot and turned some people away. However, the quality of Supertrain continued its excellence, and everyone who attended got more than their money's worth. I am delighted to see commercial exhibitors come to our show from at least six provinces, and as far away as Nova Scotia. I spoke to several exhibitors who go to other shows and they all said that Supertrain is not only the biggest, but also the best train show in Canada. Congratulations to Chairman Mike Borkristl, his Supertrain Committee, and to the dozens of dedicated volunteers who make this, such a wonderful show. Thank you so much!

Membership director Ian McArthur was busy at Supertrain signing up new members. If this is your first Orderboard, please let me welcome you into our Society. I hope you will take the opportunity to participate in the many activities and events planned for the upcoming months. Next up is the Spring Mini-Meet in conjunction with CMT's Flea Market. Here's a chance to pick up or unload a few treasures, make some new friends, learn something at the clinics, and have a lot of fun.

I'm already planning how I will spend the Victoria Day Weekend in May. It's a tough choice. The folks in Winnipeg are putting together Golden Rails, which looks like it will be a terrific convention.

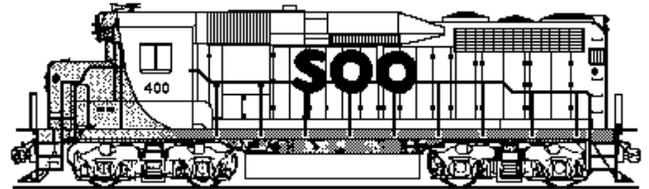
Meanwhile to the north, the Edmonton Model Railroad Association is carrying on a tradition of almost 40 years and holding the NMRA/PNR 6th Division Spring Meet on the same long weekend. I can think of lots of good reasons to go to both, but in the end, I think I will go to Edmonton. After all, I still pay dues to be an inactive member of the EMRA, and I know they will put on a meet that will be a lot of fun. One of the highlights will be an opportunity to visit their clubhouse at Fort Edmonton Park, with a real operating steam locomotive at the doorstep. Inside their building, which is a replica of a 1920's railroad freight station, you can see and operate the Monashee Pacific Railway, one of the finest model railroads in North America. The layout is a double deck mushroom design in a room 31 x 51 feet, with almost 800 feet of mainline run. There are over 10,000 trees on the layout already. Those CMRS members who were on the Edmonton tour with us

last year, already know what a great model railroad this is. More information on both events can be found on their respective websites and in this Orderboard.

In case you are wondering, I have been imposing the 5 minute rule on myself (see the last Orderboard) and this has resulted in substantial progress on my home layout. Most of the work has been below the track - wiring and switch machines - so the layout doesn't look much different. Maybe by next year I will have some scenery and can again offer to show it, on the CMRS Layout Tours. OK, Bain?

See you at the Mini-Meet.

Rob



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EDITORS NOTE

Our next issue will feature the layout tours and contain the complete Supertrain Report. **The deadline for that issue is March 21st, 2005.**

-Gord Smith



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SUPERTRAIN REPORT

Once again CMRS banded together and we had a successful Supertrain 2005 show. Our attendance was down a bit this year. About 11,000 people came through the gates according to the turnstiles, which is down about 3000 from last year. There were several factors that may have led to a smaller count. Families brought a lot of strollers that could not make it through the turnstiles so we may have lost some of the head count that way. The parking lot was closed at 3:00 on Saturday and 2:00 on Sunday because it was full! The Hitmen played both days, the Winter Festival was on all weekend and The World of Wheel was in the Roundup Centre. So, all considered, with that kind of competition, we got pretty good crowds. Ribbon winners in the Junior Divisions were Stephen Morris, Ty Martin, and Antoine Sequin. Johan Piera took top spot with the Lego layout.

Plaque winners in the Show Divisions were Kicking Horse Pass, Edmonton N Scalers and Thunder Creek. Southern Alberta Lego Users Group (SALUG) took best of show as chosen by the public.

Many, many thanks go out to all who participated. There is a lot of work required to put on a show like this and many travel some distance to get here. To all layouts and their crews, to all commercial booths and their crews, to all the many volunteers who worked the show and to the Supertrain committee members.....

THANKS!!!

Mike Borkristl
Show Chairman

PS. The Supertrain 2006 committee will be meeting within the next two months and we need to bring new blood into the group. For new people, the first year on the committee will be for learning and the next two taking over and running the position that most suits what you would like to handle. The positions are: Chairman, Advertising, Media, Banners, Security, Show Office, Applications and Administration, Posters and Flyers, and Setup and Take down. If you wish to help, please e-mail me so I can inform you of the next meeting.

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LAYOUT TOURS 2005

We have a great array of layouts to look at this year in several scales. CMRS has some excellent, what I would call MASTER Modelers. There are some repeats from last year and you will be amazed at the changes as some were just in the beginning stages of construction at that time. Others have had additions added and expansions into new rooms of their homes. I will be out taking pictures to tease you with, and they will appear on the CMRS web site very soon.

The complete list of contributors will be published in a layout tour special mailing in mid to late March. Remember to mark your calendar. The dates are SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH and SATURDAY; APRIL 23RD. See you on the tours.

Bain Spielman
- CMRS Layout Tours



Two views of Supertrain 2005 – thanks to Doug Cannon



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TRAINS for KIDS

The Trains for Kids program was once again a success this year. Thanks to your generosity, and a large contribution from the CMRS, \$2300 was raised for this worthy cause. The Trains for Kids committee, consisting of Vince Wehnes & Tom Parker, secured 75 train sets through H&D Hobby Distributing. 5 sets went to the Alberta Children's Hospital, to make things a little brighter for those children in the hospital during the holiday season. 70 sets were then distributed to less fortunate kids (in the 8-12 age group) as Christmas presents through the help of the United Way and its sub-agencies.

Louis Norman of the United Way was very much amazed at the size of our contribution, and said, "It would fill a very large void that we have for that age group". (The older kids tend to be forgotten a little bit by most people).

Each of the sets that were given out also contained a family pass to attend Supertrain 2005.



Vince Wehnes of the CMRS & Louise Norman of the United Way standing in front of the stack of boxed trainsets

Hello fellow model railroaders,
I am in the process of compiling a For Sale list of surplus HO items and books that I have accumulated over the past forty-five odd years. Items I just had to have then! But now find they are out of my era, too big for my curves, how many locos are realistic, I'll never find that "round toot" for the project, etc. etc. Someone else may as well enjoy them. They range from grain-of-wheat bulbs to a factory painted Tenshodo CPR Royal Hudson. Sixty plus books are included. Would you, care to be included in my email of the list in early March? Just send me an e-mail saying, "List please". -Edgar Hutchinson (ex NMRA Exec.)
Address is: shedhut@shaw.ca

Saturday Night Extravaganza

If you missed it this year, you will want to be first in line for next year's Supertrain Saturday Night Extravaganza. When the doors to the show closed, we only had to cross the parking lot to the Grandstand and the fun started all over again.

Happily there were hint sheets to help many of us with the word scramble. The bar was open and soon we were lined-up for our meal. There were salads, beef on a bun and beans, with tea, coffee, and tarts for dessert. There were seconds, for those of us who worked especially hard all day.

The door prize, a gift certificate to East Side Mario's, was won by Dennis Barker. Tickets were on sale for many wonderful draws. Organizers had purchased a wide selection of merchandise from the vendors. We thank the vendors for the reduced prices (CMRS has a policy of paying for all prizes). There were framed prints, locomotives, building kits, cars, train sets, fine wine & spa certificates. In all, 20 packages, each worth \$100 dollars or more were up for grabs. The anticipation and excitement culminated in the final draw for one of Max Jacquaird beautiful prints. Max was one hand to make the draw and personalize the print.

The Saturday Night Extravaganza is open to all CMRS members, Supertrain exhibitors, vendors, volunteers, and spouses. This is a wonderful way to extend our hospitality to our out-of-town participants. Thanks to the organizers, Maurice Despins, Glenn Judd, Mike Borkristl and to the volunteers who put on this enjoyable event!

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Friday May 27, 2005

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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.

Our guest speaker at this year's dinner will be Mr. **Colin K. Hatcher** from Edmonton. Many of our members know Colin from his active participation over the years with the Canadian Railway Historical Association, the Alberta Pioneer Railway Association, and the Edmonton Radial Railway Society. Colin has had a lifelong passion for trains and trolleys. As an outcome of this passion he has written books on the Northern Alberta Railways, and on the streetcar and transit systems of Regina, Edmonton, and Calgary. He has written numerous articles that have appeared in several magazines and journals. We look forward to hearing him when he joins us on May 27th.

Again this year the volunteers present will have a chance to win one of the many lovely photos, which The Brotherhood has selected and had enlarged.

Tickets will be available at the Spring Mini Meet. Members may also contact Maurice Despins 251-4976 or email, mptech@telusplanet.net for tickets. Tickets are \$12 each, members and spouses.



Golden Rails 2005

Winnipeg, Manitoba 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. Other highlights include:

A pre-convention rail tour from Winnipeg to Sioux Lookout and return. This special May 19-20 trip on VIA Rail's *The Canadian* will take participants into the Canadian Shield on CN's Reddit Subdivision.

A pre-convention railfan trip to Portage la Prairie. Located 45 minutes west of Winnipeg, this is where the CN and CPR transcontinental main lines cross at grade.

A kick-off BBQ at the Assiniboine Valley Railway

For more information about Golden Rails, 2005, including a list of clinicians, information about the tours and a registration form, visit the convention web site at www.caorm.org The site also contains WestJet travel discount form; the airline offers a 10 percent discount on flights to Winnipeg for the convention.

Founded in 1955, the Winnipeg Model Railroad Club is one of the oldest model railroad clubs in Canada. It meets the second Friday of each month from September to April at Christ Church, 1735 Corydon Ave.

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For more information, contact: John Longhurst, Chair, at goldenrails2005@yahoo.ca

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SpikeTennial 2005

Edmonton, Alberta is hosting the 2005 6th Division Spring Meet from May 20 to 23, 2005.

The activities include: a Friday Night Social, Clinics, Layout Tours, Historical Tour, APRA Tour, Ladies Program, Banquet, Featuring Keynote Speaker Colin Hatcher, silent auction, OPSIG Operating Session.

Their website at <http://www.emraonline.ca/> describes these many activities and provides a downloadable registration form.

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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

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

Place: Edmonton, AB <http://www.emraonline.ca/>

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/>

June 25 & 26, 2005 - Railway Days,

Place: Heritage Park, Calgary, AB <http://www.heritagepark.ca>

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

<http://store.21ngrc.com/cosc.html>

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

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

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