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Message from the President

If you read the CMRS by-laws, the first thing you will see is that our Mission is to promote the hobby of model railroading and to encourage fellowship among railway enthusiasts. I would like to take that a little further and say that it is the goal of the organization to ensure model railroaders have the opportunity to get together to have fun. Since we are about half way through the model-railroading year, maybe it is time to ask you how we are doing.

Are you having fun yet? Do you have any suggestions for improving any of the CMRS events? Is there something that you really don't like? Are there other events that we should consider staging? Are we doing enough to promote the hobby? Should the CMRS try to create the environment for beginners to get the guidance they need to get off on the right track, rather than getting frustrated and quitting the hobby? What might that be? Should we be doing things that encourage more young people to join our hobby and the CMRS?

I would really like to hear your thoughts about any of this. Please feel free to send me an e-mail or letter, call me on the phone, or have a chat next time you see me. Of course, if you have a good idea and you would like to help with organizing it, that would be terrific. But even if you don't want to get too involved, we still need your ideas.

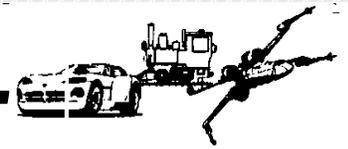
The CMRS started out about eleven years ago as an organization set up to run a train show. In the following years, the show has become SuperTrain, the biggest and most successful train show in Canada. And the CMRS has grown to become a group of over 330 modelers staging ten or more events every year for the enjoyment of all. Each year, fresh ideas bring new excitement. At the mini-meet, Al Crance brought forward a suggestion for a kind of contest that should encourage more modeling to be displayed at the next mini-meet. See the details here in the Order Board. I think it is a wonderful idea, and it should be a lot of fun.

In the meantime, we have Layout Tours coming up, Member Appreciation Night, a Railfan trip, and a picnic in the works. Hope to see you at all of them.

Rob



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The deadline for the next issue is May 21st, 2005.
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-Gord Smith

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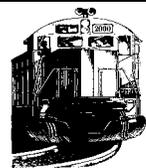
SPRING MINI MEET & FLEA MARKET REPORT

The CMRS Spring Mini Meet & Annual CMT Flea Market were held March 12th, 2005. We held both events together as we did last year. We gave CMT double the space this year to prevent the congestion we had last year. Hats off to Brookes Harrow and Garth Praestegaard for putting together a great flea market. We had more tables and more stuff, and ran longer than before. Everyone seemed quite happy at the event.

The mini meet was held in the afternoon. Thanks go out to Ray Hokea who worked the front desk for almost the whole day. Doug Cannon provided video entertainment throughout the whole day for those that just wanted to sit and relax. We had a few clinics this year. Ian McArthur put together an entertaining power point presentation on how steam locomotives work, followed by a clinic about curves on the layout presented by Rob Badmington. In the other room Gord Smith did a presentation on Styrofoam scenery. Jim Guillaume discussed resin casting and did a clinic on "N" scale telephone line running. Jeff Burk finished up with a discussion on various adhesives and glues and their pros and cons.

Thanks also go out to Calgary Free-Mo who had a great set-up in the Acadia/ Fairview rooms. Scott Beaton of the Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders brought a few Large Scale Shay locomotives to show off, through out the day. I would like to thank everyone that came out to enjoy the events, and to everyone that helped to put it together.

Jeffrey Burk
 Mini Meets Director



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LAYOUT TOURS 2005

Hello again everyone. It's time to list the locations for 2005 Layout Tours. We have a great array of layouts for your viewing pleasure. The folks who are so kind to open their homes would appreciate a good turnout. They enjoy your visits and the questions regarding their projects. We have an assortment of railroads, both finished and under construction. See how that room next door or those lost corners seems to become an addition to an existing layout. Once again the quality is superb. This is my third year as layout chair and I am amazed at just what excellent modelers there are in this city. Please make sure you look very carefully because you could miss some of the finer details in the trees or behind one of the buildings.

Again we have N, HO and O scales represented. Next year, it would be great to include Z, S and G. The "Cross Bucks" will again be used to let you know you are at the right location. I have laid out tour locations in kind of point-to-point route if you care to travel that way.

Please respect the homes and layouts you visit. It is very much appreciated that these folks allow us this opportunity. Have a great time on your visits. Preview some of the layouts on the website starting next week.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH.

Times vary; the times are posted by names.

Brian Keay, 11:00 till 5:00
Wolverine Lynx RR:
62 Scimitar View N.W.

HO. Brian is about 1/3 into an addition to his already large layout. For those of you who have seen this beautiful layout before it is worth another look. Don't be alarmed if Brian or one of his operators hands you a throttle and you are now the engineer. One of the biggest surprises you will have is "where the heck is that darn train and what tunnel will it come out next".

Very detailed and as I have said before look for things and I'm sure you will find them. Modern diesel and DCC operated with sound. Also showing on April 23rd.

Richard Johnson, 11:00AM till 4:00PM
4035 Vincent Drive N.W.

HO. Richard's layout is 42 feet long and has a double track mainline. Most of the rails are no further than three feet from the walls. The lighting and sound configurations make this very interesting. Pay special attention to the scenery and special effects. One feature is a historical theme park complete with amusement rides. Modern diesel and DCC operated. Also showing on April 23rd.

Ken Fay, 12:00 till 4:00
4408 - 49th Street N.W.

HO. Ken is putting together his layout and I am sure some ideas from visitors would be of assistance. Ken has been photographing his project from the beginning and if you care to have a look he would be more than happy to show you what he has burnt onto a DVD. This

could be future Clinic material. Also showing on April 23rd.

Hans Foltinek, 12:00 till 4:00
6411 Lombardy Crescent S.W.

HO. Hans has put together this 1990s European layout situated in Germany. This is a very active layout and the attention paid to detail is excellent. Don't overlook the track detection, which operates the signals. The station at Hauptbahnhof is the central feature of this layout. The street off the station is scratch built to exactly replicate a street you would see, if you were there. The details include all the signs on the buildings and everything else that was there when the photographs were taken. There is a museum section as well. All passenger cars are lighted and detailed. Operated by Lenz DCC.

Jered Hoskins, 11:00AM till 4:00
Kicking Horse Pass,
5340 - 1A Street S.W.

HO. Jered has set this modern diesel layout in the Field, BC region and in particular the Spiral Tunnels. This very large layout comes with actual recorded sounds from the real thing. Jered has gone to great lengths to have the scale as close to actual dimensions as one can get. Computer and DCC operated. Also showing on April 23rd.

Ross Dubber, 12:00 till 4:00
20 Woodfern Way S.W.

HO, Ross is very detail particular and this layout, though still under construction, gives the viewer many great ideas. If you have any questions with regard to detailing, please don't be afraid to ask Ross.

LAYOUT TOURS 2005

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD

Times vary; the times are posted by names.

Walter Fankhauser, 12:00 till 4:00
14 Eagleview Way, Cochrane Alberta
Just west of the Golf Course clubhouse.

HO. Walter's layout is modern diesel and is complete to the last detail. Though this layout is in Cochrane it is worth the drive and is only fifteen minutes from the city. This has been an eight year project and has been written up and photographed for the Cochrane Eagle paper. The materials on this layout have come from all over the world so make sure you ask Walter to point some unique features and details you may overlook. DCC controlled.

Harry Sims, 12:00 till 4:00
55 Silver Ridge Rise N.W.

HO. This is a transition period layout based in the late 50's to early 60's. Harry goes from steam to diesel and is based on a CP operation. The layout is operated in the "block" system and there are four separate blocks that can be run on their own. There is a sound system by QSI.

Brian Keay, 11:00 till 5:00
62 Scimitar View N.W.
See April 9th for details.

Ken Fay, 12:00 till 4:00
4408 - 49th Street N.W.
See April 9th for details.

Richard Johnson, 11:00 till 4:00
4035 Vincent Drive N.W.
See April 9th for details.

Brian and Bev Gillis, 12:00 till 4:00
2006 - 25A Street S.W.

N. Much has been done since last year to this modern equipment layout. It offers the viewers a chance to see what can be done in N gauge in a corner. We understand this layout can be bought so ask Brian if you are interested. Operated by DCC.

Cal-O-Rail, 11:00AM till 4:00
2001- 18th Avenue S.W. (Basement 18th Scout Hall)

O. This layout is based on the 1950s transition from steam to diesel. It operates on the "block system" and uses 2-way radio from the dispatch center to the operators. The installation of operating signals is now underway. As you enter this layout you will be surprised to find you are under the layout, and platforms are used for observing the operation.

Calgary Model Trainmen, 12:00 till 4:00
619 - 12th Avenue S.E.

HO. This group has come a long way from last year and results are great. As this is in a large stand-alone building it gives them opportunity to model various scenes from the prairies to the mountains. This is a very large active group and spans all ages, which is great to see. Based on modern diesel equipment. Hopefully the Stampede expansion will allow them the time to complete this wonderful layout. Operated by DCC.

Jered Hoskins, 11:00AM till 4:00
5340 - 1A Street S.W.
See April 9th for details.

Gaston Moreau, 11:00AM till 4:00
431 - 99th Avenue S.E.

HO. Gaston and his friends have been at this layout since last year and you will see many changes and additions. This is a modern CP diesel project with a lot of details added since 04 tours. There is an exposed Helix for those of you who want to see how to put one together for elevation changes. Operated by DCC.

Ed Hopkin, 12:00 till 4:00
1104 Southglen Drive S.W.

HO. This is a layout that was on the tour last year "BUT" there have been many additions, which include encroaching into one's wife's exercise room. Ed is a stickler for detail and the new addition is certainly not lacking in that. Remember to look around this busy layout and you will find all kinds of goodies. Operated by DCC.

Appreciation Night

Friday May 27, 2005
Glenmore Inn
Ogden Rd & Glenmore Trail SE
Cocktails 6 PM (cash bar)
Buffet Dinner 7 PM
Ticket Price: \$ 12.00 ea

Guest speaker: Colin K. Hatcher from Edmonton

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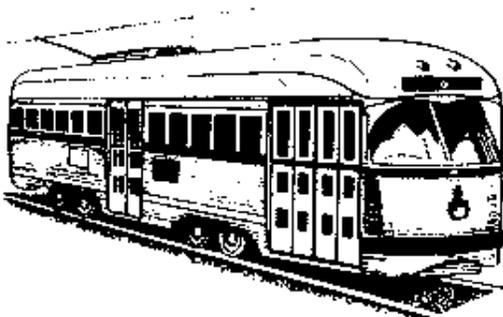
Colin has a passion for trains and trolleys and has been an active participant with the Canadian Railway Historical Association, the Pioneer Railway Association and the Edmonton Radial Railway Society. He has written books on the Northern Alberta Railways and on the streetcar and transit systems of Regina, Edmonton and Calgary. He has written numerous articles that have appeared in several magazines and journals. We look forward to his exciting presentation on May 27.

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.

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.

We look forward to seeing you at this fun and enjoyable evening.

Maurice Despins, CMRS Director



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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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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The Creative Challenge

At the Spring Mini Meet, Al Crance described the 10,000 square foot contests that have been a part of NMRA meets. The idea was to create a diorama of 10,000 square feet in the scale of your choice and bring it along to the next Meet to be judged.

For bathroom reading this last week I've had a copy of the December 2001, Model Railroader. I came across an article by Roark Shallow, entitled The Polar Bear Club. He described a challenge he had advanced to the club he belonged to. Everyone was encouraged to build a restaurant call the 'Polar Bear Cafe'. Maximum size was 8 inches square. Each establishment would display the slogan, 'The Coolest Place in Town'. The 'chain' of restaurants would tie their individual layouts together.

We have had varying degrees of success at previous Mini Meets when we featured 'Bring & Brag' displays. I thought a combination of these ideas would stimulate all of us, and be a lot of fun.

Rather than choose the elevator kit I picked up at the flea market, I thought the fairest way to choose a project would be to randomly open the phone book. The page that came open was advertising 'Cleaners'. Why not, every layout needs a town, and every town needs a cleaner.

I thought we should incorporate the fact that 2005 is our provincial centennial. So you might include the slogan 'Established in 1905' or 'Since 1905'. You also might want to include the name Rutherford on your building. Alexander C. Rutherford was our first premier and he was trained as a lawyer (yes, I had to look that up!).

So here is the challenge. The business is a 'cleaner(s)'. You decide what needs to be cleaned-up in your town. It was 'established in 1905', but may have been rebuilt many times since. The firm can be stand-alone or part of a strip mall, etc. The scale is your choice. The material is your choice, and it can be a kit, kitbashed or scratch-built. The **maximum size** of the building and surrounding property is 10,000 square feet.

When you are finished, we hope you will have a building that will fit into your layout. But, before you mount it on that foundation we want you to bring it to the Fall Mini Meet and 'Show It Off'. We are not going to judge what you bring, but we will want you to share your great ideas. Whatever you do will be right! To add a little incentive, we will draw the name of one of the exhibitors who will receive a \$50.00 hobby certificate. Have fun and see you in October.

Gord Smith

Yes, Involvement has Benefits

Another year of indoor model railroading is winding down as we approach springtime in the foothills of Alberta. I have had the privilege of working as the Secretary of the Calgary Model Railway Society over the last while and I'd like to share some insight that I've gained since joining the board.

First off, I'll tell you that I've been a model railroader for a period longer than I care to admit, but other than a short stint as the editor of the Regina Model Railroad Club newsletter, I have chosen not to be involved with the organizational structure of any club. In hindsight, I want to tell you that I made a mistake because I've really missed a lot...a lot of Fun, a lot of Friendship, and a lot of chances to actually practice my model railroading. With President Rob's 5 minute a night rule, I have actually become something more than just an armchair modeler.

So how did all this change for me? While we were returning from a great rail fan event to Cranbrook, I was asked by one of the current board members if I'd be interested in letting my name stand for election at the AGM. I didn't know what would be involved or what was expected other than a monthly meeting, but I respected my friend and for that reason agreed to run. From that point on, I can say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my experiences and I encourage you as a member to become more involved with your CMRS.

So what have I learned? To start, I've learned what is involved in setting up an event when I was asked to assist President Rob with the annual slide show evening. Believe me when I say I am in awe of what the Supertrain committee does because I was able to see a little bit of what goes into holding that nationally renowned model railroading event.

By volunteering to assist Ian at the membership desk at Supertrain, I've had the privilege of meeting a lot of new members that are as enthusiastic about the world's greatest hobby as I am, and to also renew old friendships with the members that wanted to update their CMRS memberships...and I met one of my college professors that I didn't know was in the hobby.

Then comes the real learning experience that I've had. Jeff Burk asked the board members if they would be able to do a small 6-10 minute discussion of something they'd picked up as a modeling tip or technique for one of the clinics at the upcoming mini-meet. After I indicated that I MIGHT be able to, darned if he didn't take me up on it.

I'd never done anything like this before, and so had to

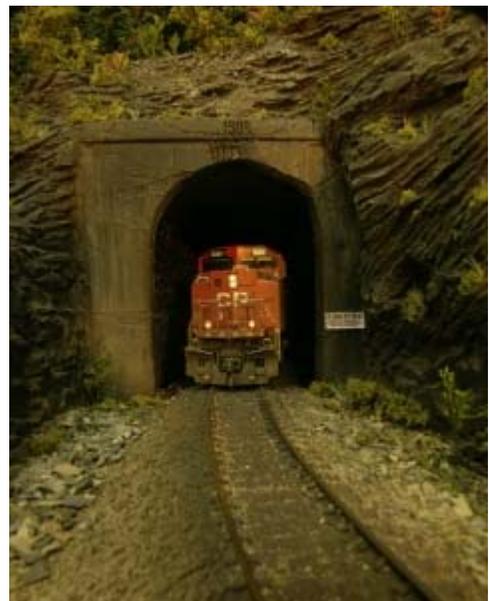
put my thinking cap on to actually come up with something. Yes I was concerned that I would look foolish, but I wanted to help Jeff and realized that 6-10 minutes wasn't all that long, so I would try.

What I shared was perhaps a little bizarre for most modelers.....stringing realistic telegraph lines in N Scale using hair from my daughter's hair brush. Maybe this is making realism a bit much but everyone seemed impressed and from my point of view that was all I was hoping for... And it turned out that by making my presentation, I discovered that it was FUN and that with some more practice, I could do it again...actually a lot more practice, but that's another story.

I've had the opportunity to now meet some really fine Calgary N Scale modelers, and I'm encouraged by the possibility that they may want to join the CMRS next year as a club.

In conclusion, I would like you to know that I have benefited far more than I could have imagined by becoming involved as a volunteer with the CMRS and I would encourage each of you to take a risk like I did and step up to volunteer too.

- Jim Guillaume



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It is on the tour both April 9th & 23rd.**

Model Railroad Events Schedule

*items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events

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

Apr 9, 2005 - Layout Tours – Calgary **Details on Pages 4 & 5**

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 **Details on Pages 4 & 5**

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

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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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