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Message from the President

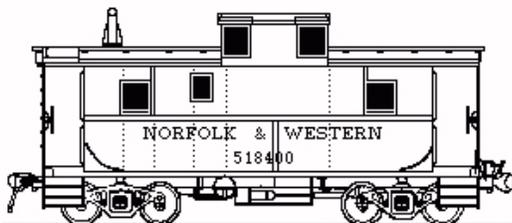
I hope you had an enjoyable summer and are ready to get back to some serious model railroading. I don't know where my summer went, but it seems like the Stampede was last week. I hardly even got any railfanning in.

As I write this on the last day of August, I am looking forward to the Fall Mini-meet on Sunday, October 2nd. The CMRS Annual General Meeting will be held at lunchtime at the mini-meet, and in case you are worried about going hungry, we will be serving lunch for all paid-up members who come to the meeting. Remember that the Mini-meet and AGM will be held at the Glenmore Inn this time, not the usual place. Jeff Burk is hard at work putting together an interesting program of clinics and displays. Don't forget the special "Creative Challenge" for this Alberta Centennial year. In case you haven't started your diorama yet, the challenge was described in the April 2005 Order Board. I'm really looking forward to seeing the creations produced by the imaginative minds of our members. This isn't a contest, but as an incentive, there will be draw for a \$50 gift certificate for one of the exhibitors.

Just around the next corner will be Slide Night, on Wednesday, November 9th, again at Fort Calgary. Some interesting and informative presentations highlighted by excellent photography are being prepared. If you would like to show off some of your slides or digital pictures, please contact me.

Again in the "where did the time go?" category, I am rapidly approaching the end of my term as President, and also my three year term on the Board. All I can say is that it has been a whole lot of fun. I have met dozens of wonderful people in our organization, and many have become very good friends. Together, we have put on all sorts of events, trips, shows, clinics, meetings, and picnics. Looking back, I think we have learned a lot, and our events keep getting better and better. As I prepare to turn the reins over to incoming-president Mike Borkristl, I want to say thank you to all our hundreds of volunteers, and especially to the nine other members of the Board. It has been always been fun!

-Rob



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EDITORS NOTE

The next deadline is October 14, 2005.

I hope all of you had a great summer. I know some of you took train trips, and some of you spent time on the layout; indoor or in the garden. If you have a highlight, we would like you to share a picture and a few words with your fellow modelers.

Please keep me informed of any events that are coming our way.

In August I sent out e-mails advertising special train trips that I thought members might enjoy. One was for CP2816 in late August, the other for travel on northern Alberta lines in early September. If you didn't receive an e-mail we don't have your correct address.

-Gord Smith

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Picnic Report

On Sunday July 24th, a small but appreciative crowd of CMRS members and families attended the Annual Society Picnic. Like last year, the weather threatened, but did not follow through with rain. The gloomy skies did not dampen the enthusiasm of the group gathered at Champion Park, south of Calgary. Mr. Knowlton, the owner of the property, was there himself to visit with members, and share some of the stories behind his amazing collection of full size trains, structures, signals, and artifacts. He also kindly arranged for his train crew to operate the locomotive to provide rides in the cab and cabooses for everyone.

On behalf of the CMRS, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Knowlton for allowing us to hold our picnic at Champion Park. Perhaps next year we can arrange a day with bright sunshine for a change.

Rob Badmington



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Clinic Possibilities for the Fall Meet

Last year at the AGM some interest was shown in holding a digital photography clinic at one of our meets. Since the CMRS now has access to a very good digital projector (used for the presentation at Appreciation Night) it might be a good time to decide if we should pursue this project. One proposal is to hold a digital photography seminar at the fall meet where members can share their knowledge and experiences in the digital world. This could be combined with a slide show of member's digital photos in the open area of the meet.

Another proposal is to hold a Tips and Tricks clinic. At this clinic several members could provide a fifteen-minute (or ten, or twenty) presentation on some neat modeling tricks or tips.

Here are a couple of examples:

I just finished building a large On3 plaster kit of the Como Roundhouse. The plaster pieces were assembled with Weldbond glue. The problem is that the glue takes a while to set and the pieces can move out of alignment. The trick is to 'tack weld' the piece in place by applying the Weldbond and then applying some cyanoacrylate (crazy glue). When the

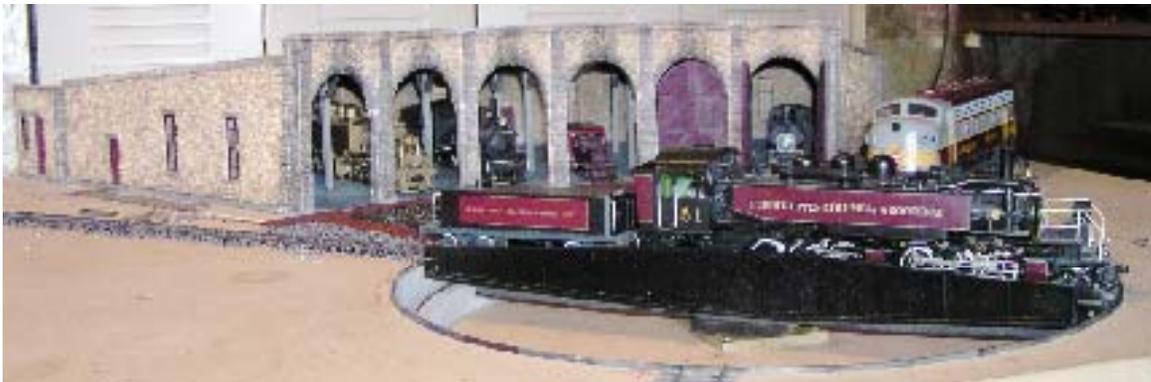
pieces are assembled the crazy glue holds them firmly in place while the Weldbond sets up.

When laying hand laid rail a neat trick is to align it and hold it in place with Pliobond glue before spiking it down. Pliobond is a really smelly contact cement made by Goodyear. When laying rail, apply a liberal coat of Pliobond to the bottom of each rail and let it set up. In a few minutes it forms a non-sticky rubbery coating. Then lay one rail with a few widely spaced spikes. The Pliobond will not stick to the ties. Line the rail up with nice flowing curves. Then use a soldering iron to heat up the rail a bit. The Pliobond gets sticky from the heat and glues fairly firmly to the ties. I use a soldering iron with a notch in the tip that fits over the railhead and a piece of steel as a heatsink to cool off the rail quickly.

The really neat thing about this is after the rail is in place it can be nudged around a bit by re-heating and easing the rail into place with the notched tip of the soldering iron.

I usually lay both rails with Pliobond, re-align any kinks, check the gauge and then spike both rails down.

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Spiral Easements

At the spring meet Rob Badmington presented a clinic on track structure. Included in this was some information on using spiral easements in laying out model railroad curves. I have used easements on all of my track since 1978 and they provide a great improvement in train operation.

After the clinic one of our members said he would send me some articles from model railroad magazines from the seventies showing how to make spiral easement templates. Shortly after they arrived. Unfortunately I lost the envelope and the member's name. Whoever it was, please contact me at 932-6134.

I have converted these articles to pdf files and will post them on my web site (sutul.org) sometime soon. Take a look.

Ian McArthur



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From Ian McArthur, membership director

CMRS membership now stands at 359. Memberships expire on June 30 each year so most of you need to renew for 2006. Members who renewed after April 1 2005 have been credited for 2006. Your expiry date is shown on the membership list, as well as after your name on the mail-out envelope.

An updated membership list is available at Trains and Such so you can verify your membership information. The list was updated September 1.

Members can renew for one, two or three years. Expiry dates will be clearly indicated on the membership cards. Membership for members who arrive at CMRS events without their current membership card will be verified from a current membership list.

Beginning immediately all membership renewals will include a membership number printed on the back of the membership card. This is your payment receipt number and is included in the membership list. All members will receive a numbered receipt and membership card, either at the time of renewing (if at a CMRS event) or by mail. Cards and receipts for all membership renewals received before the fall mini meet will be available at the meet.

The following members cannot be located. If you know where they are, please contact Ian McArthur (membership) at 932-6134 or sutul@telus.net.

- Rod Stewart
- K. B. Rairdaw
- John Liddington

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Contact Richard Murray: 403-652-5352 or rgmurray@zidim.com

Sep 10 & 11, 2005 – Hoot-N-Toot, Nanton's Garden Model Train Show

Sep 17 & 18, 2005 –Great Edmonton Model Train Show, Mayfield Trade Centre, 16615 109th Ave. (Mayfair Rd.),
Times 10 a.m. to 5p.m., Admission Fees \$6

October 2, 2005 –CMRS Fall Mini Meet & AGM. Time 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The AGM includes lunch and runs from NOON to 1:00 PM. At: The Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE. For info: Jeff Burk at 272-5546 or email: jeffb@boltsupply.com.

October 15, 2005 – Boomer Auction, South Bank Short Line, Calgary (See included poster)

October 15, 16, 2005 - Regina Model Railroad Show, Cochrane High School, 1069 14th Ave E, Regina, SK

October 29, 2005 – Great Northwest Train Festival, 106 W Broadway Ave, Ritzville, WA Info: Charles @ 509-659-0922

November 9, 2005 – CMRS Slide Night. Time: 7:30 PM. Place: Burnswest Theater in Fort Calgary, 750 – 9TH Ave. SE.

February 18 & 19, 2006 – Supertrain 2006, Big Four Building, Calgary.

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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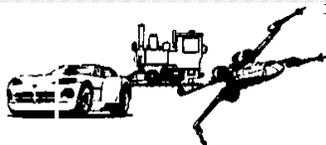
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Fall Mini Meet & AGM

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Jeff Burk

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