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Message from the President

Welcome to a new year of the CMRS. The new board is in place and we have had our first meeting to get everyone's feet wet. Check the web site for the new board members and their positions.

My how time flies! It seems like a very short time ago that I served as your President and now it is my pleasure to return and serve again for another year. This will make my sixth consecutive year on the board, along with Gord Smith, the editor of the Orderboard. Under the bylaws, both of us must leave the board after this year, and I for one will miss that. I have a lot of fun! Along the way we have had many challenges and many successes that I believe have made the Society very strong.

I found it very encouraging that at the AGM, the CMRS was thanked from various clubs for the job we are doing. I believe this was accomplished through good communication between members, clubs and the CMRS. Remember, we are here to work together in a fun hobby and the day that breaks down is the day we should all pack it in. My goal this year is to bridge the gap of communication between the CMRS and the members. I welcome you to ask questions and I will give you the answers. You may not always like them, but you will get an answer. I have been asked by two clubs to come and talk with them at one of their meetings and I intend to go. If other clubs or members would like information or would like myself, or a board member to attend one of their meetings, please ask. Lets try to eliminate the talking that goes on in the back room and replace it with positive, well-informed comments, to continue to make this the fun hobby we all want!

This year I am also wearing two hats. I am also your Supertrain Chairman for my second year in that position. Some have mentioned that having both jobs may be a conflict so I brought it up at our board meeting. Supertrain is not a separate entity, but is a function financially backed and supported by the CMRS. The Supertrain committee must report to the CMRS board, and the direction comes from the board. Because the President does not have a vote, the board felt that this was not a conflict and I shall remain as the Chairman. Another request at the AGM was a complete breakdown and budget for Supertrain. Next year at the AGM we will breakdown the budget on the CMRS budget for you but we will never publish this info in an Orderboard or on the web. The info is available if you get in touch with a board member or me.

Remember, it's all about communication.

Okay, enough politics. It's that time of year to head to

the basement! How's your railroad coming? Ever thought about taking a few digital photos and sending them to us to put on the web? Wanna check out one of the clubs I belong to? Go to www.coppercreeknwrr.com. Did you see the show and tell displays at the AGM! GREAT! Keep a close watch for our new "show and tell display" instructions for the spring meet. Jeff Burk is coming up with a gangbuster of an idea. Entrants will be eligible for a random draw so lets see lots of entries and show off your skills, no matter what your caliber.

Until next time.

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EDITORS NOTE

The next deadline is January 6, 2006.

The next Order Board will be the pre-Supertrain issue and will include our posters for distribution.

Thanks to the people who built and brought entries to the 'creative challenge' at the recent Mini Meet. Some beautiful buildings and dioramas were shown. By staying away from a contest format, I had hoped to achieve mass participation by modelers of all skill levels. Alas, it was not to be. Was the criteria too restrictive? Was the language (challenge) too daunting? Jeff Burk has put together an all-new 'show and tell' format for the next Mini Meet, again, with random draws just for participation. I hope to see you there.

-Gord Smith

Advertising for Supertrain

While it doesn't really seem like it yet, Supertrain is not far off. In the past few years, attendance has slipped a little bit and we want to reverse the trend. We need to make sure that we get the word out about the show, so everyone who likes trains (that's everyone, right?) is aware of where and when it happens.

We pay for advertising in the newspapers, on radio, for posters, and to hang banners off overpasses. The advertising committee would like to expand our coverage at low or no cost, but we need every member to help. How, you ask? Word-of-mouth can be very effective. Be sure to mention Supertrain to your co-workers, neighbours, and friends. If you belong to an organization that has a newsletter (Service Clubs, seniors, youth, church groups, etc) let us know. We would love to put in an article or announcement. We can write something appropriate, but we need to know who to send it to.

Supertrain is the most important source of revenue to operate the CMRS. It is also very gratifying for everyone who works hard on their displays to see thousands of happy attendees admiring their efforts. Let's all make a special effort this year to bring in a big crowd.

If you have any tips or contact information for us, please contact either Dale or Rob. Thanks.

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The Empress Steam Laundry by Al Crance.

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Slide Night 2005

On Wednesday, November 9, at 7:30 PM, in the Theatre at Fort Calgary, the lights will go down and members of the CMRS will experience another fine show of railroad photography. The Brotherhood is hard at work putting together several entertaining and enlightening presentations. This year we can also look forward to segments by several other CMRS photographers. The themes will be wide-ranging, covering a diversity of geography, eras, and trains. As Ian McArthur explains in the adjacent column, in this Orderboard, we will also use our digital projector for part of the show. It will be interesting to see how this new technology compares with the tried and true slide films.

Snacks and beverages will be served at the break midway through the evening. Make sure you get to Fort Calgary early, to ensure you get a seat. Last year we came very close to the capacity of the theatre.

Our traditional finish to the evening will be the ever-popular Potpourri session, where all members are encouraged to show a few of their favourite slides. We try to limit it to about 15 so everyone gets a chance to show their best stuff. If you have any questions about Slide Night, please contact either Jim or Rob. Hope to see you there.

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Digital Photos for Slide Night

Slide night this year will include a trial run for digital photos using the new CMRS projector. This has been tested at Fort Calgary with good results.

Anyone who would like to contribute a few digital photos for the show is invited to call Ian McArthur (932-6134) or email sutul@telus.net Photos will have to be on a CD-ROM and are required by November 1 for testing (since this is a trial run).

The resolution used for the presentation will be 1024 x 768. Pictures have been tested as PowerPoint presentations and as slide shows using a program called "Thumbs." Details of setting up a slide show are available from Ian.



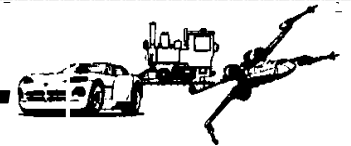
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Does this sound too good to be true? Yes, but it's true! My name is Mike Gibbons, I am with the Alberta Model Engineering Society that are building Iron Horse Park in Airdrie. <http://www.ironhorsepark.net/>

Every year we set up a portable track at the Airdrie Festival of Lights to give rides around the Christmas displays. We have also been asked to put a small track in at Marlborough mall during December.

We are recruiting volunteers to assist in running the trains. We invite members of the CMRS and their friends to join us. Drivers and conductors have to pass a simple test (takes about 10 minutes) then will be given an honorary membership for 1 year.



The locomotives are battery powered and very simple to operate. We would be using a 1/8 scale AC4400 in Airdrie and a small Thomas the Tank look alike engine in the mall.

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A significant number of membership cards have been issued at the Fall Mini-Meet and by mail. A current membership list is available at Trains and Such. Please check that all information for you is correct. There are many missing postal codes and phone numbers.

Membership cards for all renewals received by mail will be available at Slide Night. To speed things up we will have a separate location for picking up your cards and for membership renewals. Any cards remaining after Slide Night will be mailed out.

If you have received your membership card please check that it is for the correct number of years and that the receipt number is printed on the back. If you have any corrections or questions call or email Ian McArthur (membership director) at 403-932-6134 or sutul@telus.net

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You might pick a paper plant, sawmill, mine, smelter, refinery. All buildings, rolling stock etc. could bear the name of the plant on them. Industry receives boxcars, tankers, coal, logs, hoppers, gondolas, etc., etc. They require power plants and electrical stations and offices. They receive raw materials, which they process and they ship, something that is finished or refined. They need storage bin, silos, or piles. They fill warehouses and storehouses. They also produce bi-products sometimes useful, but often in the form of slag or tailings. Some are located on rivers so you could use

barges and barge slips with cranes and hoists. Some are big enough that they have their own switching locomotives and a small engine house on the premises. I think you get the idea.

I want to build something that will be era appropriate and fit on my layout after I show it off. Now all this sounds very ambitious and it is beginning to scare me! So I'm going to start small. For the next Mini Meet I hope to have one building done and a car detailed.

Start with a kit, a kitbash, a scratchbuild or something you picked-up at the auction. Use your preferred material, wood, paper, plastic, etc. Use your imagination or copy a prototype. Haven't got a name for your creation, try something with the initials CMRS.

Gone are words like: contest, challenge, critique, and brag. Concerned you might not do the right thing? If you bring something, you've done it right!

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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.

March 19, 2005 – CMRS Spring Mini Meet

May 26, 2006 – Appreciation Night

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