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Message from the President**PRIDE:**

As defined in Webster's dictionary: delight or elation arising from some act, possession, or relationship.

CMRS recently hosted Supertrain 2006, our yearly display of the hobby, which has captured so much of our imagination. And as one walked around the displays you could not help but see the pride on the exhibitors faces. The act of thousands of hours of enjoyment coming together to show off what they have accomplished and what they possess. Everyone there should be proud of what they have done!

Many awards were also handed out, both to adults and children, (who are the future of our hobby). Smiles and pride were abundant. The junior layouts took several awards, which leads me to believe that our hobby may be in good hands in the years to come.

A new award was also presented this year in honor of a fellow modeler. The Eastman family presented the first annual Mark Eastman award, to the Rocky Mountain Garden Railway. One look at Scotty Beatons face and there was no doubt about the pride he displayed for his great club. For the CMRS and the Supertrain committee, each member should also be very proud of what they accomplished. Many hard hours go into running the society and the show itself. You are all to be commended. Job well done.

One of the goals of the CMRS this year was to communicate more with the clubs and members about what we are all about and build better relationships. I am personally very proud of the clubs that I have talked with and how positive the feedback has been. Your efforts and comments have not gone unnoticed. To Rocky Mountain GR especially, that was the best G-scale display I have ever seen at Supertrain! Well done.

Upcoming events are the spring meet and layout tours. Be proud of what you have built, no matter what your

skill level is and come show it off at the mini meet! The same goes for those of you who have layouts that have not been open to the public. Don't be afraid to show off what you have. We all started somewhere and who knows, you just might meet a fellow modeler who shares your vision!

PRIDE: it does bring delight!

Mike B



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EDITORS NOTE

The next deadline is March 20, 2006.

The next Order Board will have the names and addresses of the layout tour hosts. This year that information will only appear in the printed Orderboard, and not in the website copy.

We hope we caught your eye with this month's front cover. The photo was shot November 17, 1991, it does say 'Calagry', but things have changed! Grain trains were comprised of only government hoppers. The 'Red Barn' in the lead was among the newest locomotives in CP's fleet, now the SD40-2's are unwelcome west of the city. Bankers Hall West had yet to be built. Gulf Canada Square was not yet home to CPR's offices.

Thank you to all of this month's contributors. The events list is filling out, so please let me know of any other interesting dates to add to our calendars!

-Gord



Winning the Mark Eastman award is Scotty Beaton of the Rocky Mountain Garden Railway. Presented by Grant and Ronnie Eastman. Rowan Bonser photo.

Spring Mini Meet Clinics

As you can see on the enclosed poster March 19 is the date for our next Mini Meet.

These are the confirmed Clinics:

- 1) Rail Fan Videos (about 1 hr)
- 2) Garden Railroads - Ponds & Water Features
- 3) Modules - styles - features - how's etc.
- 4) Trees - a how-to for filling in your layouts
- 5) Dioramas – how-to and ideas for creating your miniature environments.

Times to be determined shortly.....

I would like to get a few more clinics, any volunteers or thoughts?

-Jeff B



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Appreciation Night

I am pleased to inform CMRS members about some great news for this year's event. Once again, your Board of Directors found a way to make this event more exciting. Remember those large photos we planned to auction off at the end of the casino night? Well, it has been agreed that we will continue to draw names from the volunteer list for all the photos that evening. That means we will have additional prizes available for the auction, and folks, you will want to attend, as these prizes will knock you off the rails. For those of you who attended Saturday Night Extravaganza at Supertrain, you know what I mean.

Event date: May 12, 2006

Place: Glenmore Inn

Cocktails: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Tickets went on sale for this event at Supertrain. We sold more tickets this year at Supertrain than ever before. To avoid disappointment, as tickets are limited, I encourage you to get yours ASAP. Contact Maurice Despins at PH. / FX. 251-4976 or by email: mpotech@telusplanet.net. Tickets will also be available at the spring Mini Meet on March 19. This event is for CMRS Members and their spouse.

Cost per person/ticket:

1. CMRS Members and spouse - \$30.00 with a \$15.00 rebate at the door when you show up to the event. So, in effect, you are actually paying \$15.00 per ticket.
2. Non-Members – \$ 30.00. This is intended for members who may have visitors that weekend and would like to bring them to this event. Sorry, there is no rebate at the door.

Submitted by Maurice Despins
Appreciation Night Chairperson



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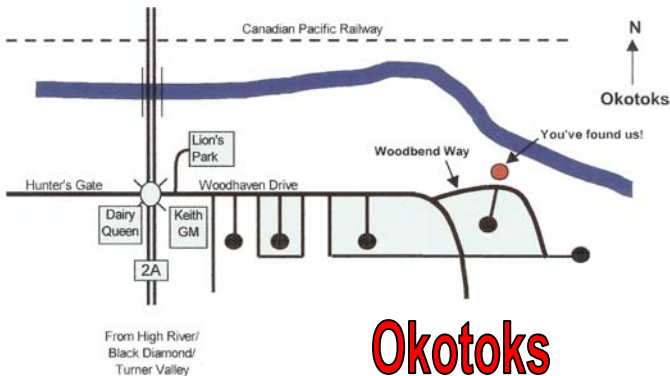
Laurie & Laura Kitchen cordially invite you to their home
176 Woodbend Way, Okotoks, Alberta

This inspiring 1400 Sqft state-of-the-art O scale layout features the CPR in the steam to diesel transition era of 1957. Whilst the layout is still under construction, you will nevertheless be impressed by the detailed and accurate model locomotives and cars, the authentic scratchbuilt bridges, and the sophisticated control and sound system.

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Try your hand at a throttle. \$10 for 15 minutes. Instructors available.
Videos – Coffee & cold drinks available – Interpreters
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Sunday, March 26 1:00 to 5:00pm



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Layout Tours 2006

Hope all that attended Supertrain 2006 enjoyed the show and those spectacular layouts.

At this time I have been in contact with quite a few people and they have graciously agreed to show their home layouts. I am still hoping to have some of you Garden Gauge people come forward (of course Mother Nature is going to cooperate).

The tours will run over 3 weekends:

Saturday, April 15th

Saturday, April 22nd

Saturday, April 29th- Garden Railway Day.

Garden Railroaders any others, who would like to show their layouts, please leave a message at my home phone 226-1903 or call me at work 277-6770.

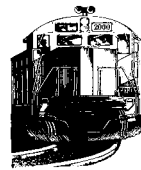
You may also email me at

jamesrichardowen@yahoo.com Keep in mind ALL layouts displayed must be by CMRS members only! This is to comply with CMRS insurance coverage.

The next Orderboard will have all the details!!!

Thanks

Jim



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Supertrain Report

What a show! And almost record crowds. 12574 through the turnstiles! That is up about 1700 from last year. Terrific displays. Lots of smiling faces, a few hiccups with a smoke issue, but all in all a successful show. We are a bit under budget in expenses and a little over in expected revenue. Someone told me that was how it was supposed to work. Not bad hey! As chairman, I'd like to take all the credit, but alas, I can take none. But the committee can sure stand up and take a bow! Advertising was unbelievable. Full color posters, lots of radio and newspaper press, banners hung in strategic places all over the city, small posters hung by members all over the city. Exceptional! And all the other tasks that needed to be completed behind the scenes went very smoothly.

To the volunteers, where would we be without you? Thanks! There were over 120 people who helped out in some capacity this year! The Saturday Night function and supper was well attended with over 240 people attending. The food was good, prizes were fabulous, the MC is nuts and I am sure he was going to have a UDI when he got home! (You had to be there)

The prizes for best of show, chosen by the public, were split into two categories this year. We called it prototype modeling and fun modeling. This seemed to meet with the approval of all who attended the awards presentation. On the prototype side, Salmon Arm took top honors with LaBaJa from Edmonton and Kicking Horse from Calgary taking runner up awards. On the Fun side, top honors to SALUG (Southern Alberta Lego Users Group) with runner



photos by Rowan Bonser
CMRS President Mike, presenting the Fun Awards.
SALUG (southern Alberta Lego Users Group)
The Piera Town display and Quinton Lee

up honors going to two junior layouts, Piera Town and Quinton Lee. (The Junior awards were unavailable when compiling this report.)

Special thanks go to the following individuals, who without them this show would not be possible. Next time you see them, shake their hands and thank them for a job well done.

Glenn Judd – Facilities
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Geoff Southwood - Security
Mike Morisset - Security
Fred Huntley - Banners
Rick McPhee - Saturday night function
Marie Despins - Saturday night function
Mary -Ann Whalen - Saturday night function

Supertrain 2006 is in the books and now we start preparing for 2007. The Supertrain chairman position is traditionally held for two years, and this was my second year. The last two years have been a lot of fun and I would do it again in a heartbeat. The CMRS and the Supertrain committee are now looking for the next chairman, so if anyone is interested, please contact the board or myself. This is an appointed position from the CMRS board. I have informed the board that if no one else steps forward, I would be happy to take on the task for another two years.

Mike B

The PNR 6th Division Presents...

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ANNUAL CMT FLEA MARKET

Are your storage shelves overflowing with extra model railroad equipment and supplies? Are the yards on your layout clogged with excess cars? Need cash for your next trip to the local hobby shop? If so, help is at hand!! Put your extra items up for sale at the Annual CMT Flea Market.

And for modelers looking for bargains or needing cars to fill out your roster or trying to locate hard-to-find items, here's your chance to see what is available for sale this year.

Presented by The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club, the Annual CMT Flea Market has been an ongoing success for nearly 20 years. For the third year in a row, the Flea Market is being held jointly with the CMRS Spring Mini Meet. Details-

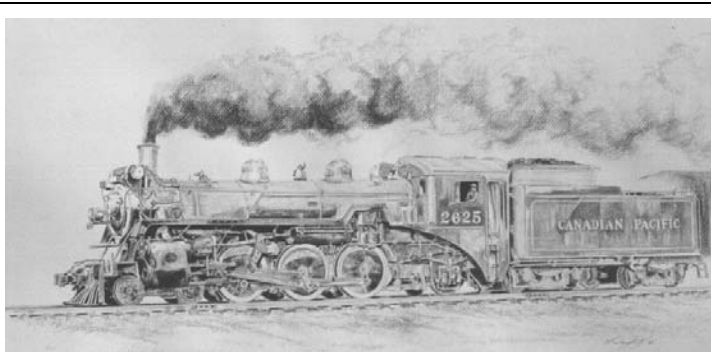
- When: Sunday March 19th.
- Where: Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE, Calgary.
- Time: doors to the Flea Market room will open to the public at 9:00 am.

Vendors will have access to the room after 8:00 am for table setup. Tables are available for \$15.00 each. To reserve a table, please phone Brookes Harrow at 201-4937 or email bharrow@nucleus.com.

Don't wait, tables are going fast!!

CMT and CMRS members invite you to enjoy a fun day at the Spring Mini Meet. Join CMT at the Flea Market in the morning, and then attend informative clinics in the afternoon presented by CMRS. And take a look at fine displays and enjoy great fellowship all day.

Don't miss out!! See you all at the Glenmore Inn on March 19th!!



Nancy Dougherty worked for the CPR as a yard foreman and conductor, she is also an artist. She drew CP steamer 2625, which won honourable mention at the Calgary Stampede art show. Prints (18" X 27") are for sale at \$50.00 each.

You can contact Nancy at

(403) 938- 3770 or nancy.dougherty@shaw.ca



shown receiving a cheque from Mike.

The Food Bank was another winner at this year's Supertarin. As well as the groceries donated at the door, they received the proceeds of the Greyhound Canada donated, travel package which was raffled-off at the Saturday Night Extravaganza. Monica Brink is

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Help Wanted !!

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The Armstrong Explorer

Last years sellout crowds have prompted Kamloops Heritage Railway to add two more Armstrong trips to its summer season. Steam locomotive 2141 made six (182-kilometre) round trips between Kamloops and Armstrong last year. The season sold out before the second journey. As well as starting the season earlier and adding more departures between May and October, KHR is also adding a third passenger car that will increase capacity to 76 for each run. Saturday departures begin May 6, and run May 20, June 3 and 17, Sept. 2, 16 and 30, with the last one Oct. 7. There are plans to add even more trips by 2007. (from the Kamloops Daily News)

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Model Railroad Events Schedule

*items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events

March 4 & 5, 2006 All Aboard 2006 - Prairie Rail Workshop, Saskatoon, Sask. 21st Annual Train Show.
At the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon

March 18, Saturday, Open House, @ Laurie & Laura Kitchen home, 176 Woodbend Way, Okotoks, Alberta. Time: 1:00 to 5:00pm Details on Page 4. More info: <http://www3.telus.net/trains/>

March 19, 2006 – CMRS Spring Mini Meet & CMT Flea Market .
Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE, Calgary, AB Doors open at 9:00AM
Admission to Flea Market \$2.00, to Mini Meet \$5.00 non-members (free for members)

March 25 & 26, 2006 – Thunder Creek Model Train Show, Moose Jaw, SK. At the Western Development Museum in Moose Jaw

March 26, Sunday, Open House, @ Laurie & Laura Kitchen home, 176 Woodbend Way, Okotoks, Alberta. Time: 1:00 to 5:00pm
Details on Page 4. More info: <http://www3.telus.net/trains/>

March 31, April 1 & 2 - EAST COAST Large Scale Train Show; York Fairgrounds, Memorial Hall East, York, PA;
http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/article_2.html

April 15,2006 – Layout Tours – sign-up now to display your empire
April 22,2006 – Layout Tours – sign-up now to display your empire
April 29,2006 – Layout Tours – sign-up now to display your Garden Railway

May 12, 2006 – Appreciation Night, Details on Page 3, Get your Tickets at the Mini Meet!

May 19, 20, 21, 2006 – PNR 6th Division, ‘The Rockyview Express’ Spring Meet, Calgary, AB
Info: www.RockyViewExpress.com

June 8-11, 2006 - BIG TRAIN SHOW; Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA; <http://www.bigtrainshow.com/>

June 10, 2006 - Village of Beiseker is holding their annual "Fair Day" that will include Open House at the museum being developed by the Alberta 2005 Centennial Railway Society, in the Village of Beiseker AB on the abandoned CP line.

June 23-25 - South East Large Scale Train Show, Georgia National Fair Grounds, Perry, GA;
http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/article_9.html

June 24 & 25, 2006 – 20th Anniversary of Railway Days, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB info: www.heritagepark.ca

July 1, 2006 – IronHorse Park, Airdrie, AB Noon to 4:00pm (the park operates every Sunday from May 21 to October 29, 10:00AM to 4:00PM) info: www.ironhorsepark.net

July 2 - 8, 2006 – NMRA National Convention, *Independence Junction*, host: Mid-Eastern Region at: Philadelphia, PA
<http://www.nmra.org/2006/>

July 3-9 - National Garden Railway Convention; Santa Clara Hyatt-Hilton and Convention Center, CA;
<http://bagrs.org/convention/pages/schedule.html>

July 12, 2006 – Steam Extravaganza, IronHorse Park, Airdrie, AB info: www.ironhorsepark.net

August 12 & 13, 2006 – Alberta Free-mo, Big Valley Agriplex, Big Valley, AB. Info: <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/index.html>

September 16 & 17, 2006 Great Edmonton Model Train Show: info: <http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/>

September 17, 2006 – Show & Swap Meet, Missoula, MT. 10:00AM to 4:00PM info: www.missoulamodelrail.org

October 14 & 15, 2006 – Model Railway & Hobby Show, Chilliwack, BC