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Message from the President

As summer fast approaches and thoughts turn to gardening and golf, there are still some events coming and some to talk about. To all you garden railroaders out there; hope the season and weather treat you nicely as your layouts progress.

It has been a busy time since the last Orderboard. Of course, Supertrain has come and gone, the finances have been handled, and the board feels they have been generous and prudent with rebates. Layout tours were a success, thanks to Jim Owen and all the hosts for opening up their homes. There were a few hiccups, but in all volunteer organizations, that happens from time to time, and we hope to be that much better next year.

If you did not attend the Appreciation dinner this year, you missed a great time. And 18 people paid the \$30 to attend, did not show, and therefore did not get their \$15 rebate at the door. So they paid for the full dinner and not the CMRS because they chose not come. The events for the evening included Dale Sproule being presented with the President's award for his many years serving the society, and a special award to Gord Smith for all his hard work on the Orderboard. Retiring board members after six years were Gord Smith, and myself and we were presented with a nice memento as well. Maurice Despins wanted to try something different this year, and at first, it met with some resistance. It is difficult to come up with a theme each year that is going to try and please everyone, but Maurice persisted with his idea. There was no guest speaker this year, but a fun casino night. I think it was a smash hit. For one thing, more people stayed later than ever before, we had some great prizes to auction off, the Brotherhood came through once again and provided some outstanding photos and the group that hosted the casino really knew their stuff. The auction was a blast and on more than one occasion, the auctioneer was speechless! Great job Maurice, but as most of you know who attended, Marie (Maurice's wife) was the

real go-getter at the party and our hat is off to her as well. (The Glenmore Inn is a good venue and the food was terrific.)

The PNR division of the NMRA just finished their weekend meet, and although it was not well attended (due to various reasons not to be thrashed about here), for all those who did attend, it was a very good meet. The prototype tour to the Alyth hump yard tower was a highlight, as well as layout tours and the private train ride at Heritage Park at the wind up dinner. There were several great clinics, including one from Master Model Railroader #312 Terry Mitchell who has moved into our area out in Acme. (Terry is hoping to find modelers or layouts close to him, so drop him a line.) Tom Price also gave a great clinic on the history of the CPR. CMT would like to thank all those who volunteered, gave clinics, opened their homes for tours and attended the meet.

Wow! What's up next? Well, Railway Days at Heritage Park, perhaps a steam train to Banff, Iron Horse Park, and a layout event in Big Valley. Check the website and the rest of the Orderboard for more details!!!

Until next time
 Mike B

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Layout Tours

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who opened his or her layout to the membership.

The hosts and the number of attendees are as follows: Cal-O-Rail – 32, CMT -30, Richard Johnson – 28, Jered Hoskins – 50, Brian Keay – 50, Stan Parker – 58, Murray Larsen – 30, Neil & Dauna McKay – 57, Ed Hopkin – 47, Daniel Charest – 15, Steve Geczy – 22, Mike Borkristl – 30, and David Beck – 46.

As you can see most clubs and homes were well attended and many very positive comments have come to me about our hosts. Thank you one and all – you were great.

If you have any ideas for improvement, please feel free to email me. I would like to hear from you. Contact me at: jamesrichardowen@yahoo.com.

In closing I would like to apologize for any confusion due to the 2 separate layout tour sheets. Next year I will have all the bugs worked out.

Thanks
Jim Owen

EDITORS NOTE

After five years as editor of the Orderboard, I will be stepping down at the AGM this fall. We announced earlier that we were in search of a predecessor, and I'm pleased to tell you, he has been found. Jon Calon will take over this roll in a few short months.

Many of you will have your plans in place for the summer. In this issue I hope I've included listings for everything planned by our local clubs. The next Orderboard planned should arrive in your mailbox in early September. With the impending second section of the Empress Excursion those plans may change. In case there be an early edition, please keep me informed of anything you want advertised.

The next regular deadline is September 5, 2006.

-Gord



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HERITAGE PARK

Historical Village

ALL ABOARD !!

In 1987 Heritage Park Historical Village asked a group of volunteers who were dedicated railway enthusiasts' to assist the Park in organizing the first Railway Days. With just three weeks notice, this group and the Park successfully launched what has become an annual event eagerly attended by railway enthusiasts, model railroaders, and Thomas the Tank engine fans alike! This year marks the 20th anniversary of celebrating Railway Days and the Park is proud to have Canadian Pacific Railway onboard as the title sponsor. The event celebrates the railway connecting people with the settlement of Western Canada from 1864 to 1914. Railway Days at Heritage Park encompasses the train operation, streetcar service, and other transportation artifacts from the time.

Railway Days is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some nostalgia, prototype train operation and railway modeling. What will you experience on June 24th and 25th?



TRAIN AND TROLLEY ACTION !!

- Steam Locomotives 2023 and 2024 will both be in operation
- Double-headed trains will operate in the morning both days
- Train consist will include Morrissey, Fernie and Michel Ry. #62 & 63 and CNR observation car #15097, the Mount Resplendent
- Freight operations will feature the flat car, tool car, newly refurbished Northern Alberta Railway stock car, and the caboose
- New this year will be **caboose rides** (20 minutes) with reserve tickets for each run starting at 1:00 PM, on sale each day at Midnapore station ticket office; tickets will be either \$5.00 for main floor seating (maximum of 10 people) and \$10.00 for seating in the cupola (maximum of 4 people)
- Water tower demonstrations at 11:15 AM and 3:15 PM
- Parking for the trolley is available across from the Heritage Drive and 14 Street trolley "terminal". Ride the trolley to and from the park gate for a small charge.

DAILY PROGRAM

Activity	Location
Telegraphy	Midnapore, Shepard & Laggan Stations
Model Railroading	Roundhouse
G – Gauge "Hans on Trains for Kids"	In front of Wainwright Hotel
Children's Crafts	In front of Wainwright Hotel
"James & the Midnight Locomotive"	Canmore Opera House @ 11 AM & 3 PM daily
Roundhouse Theatre, Interpretation	Roundhouse @ Noon daily
CPR Spike Driving Contest	At Gunn's Dairy Barn @ 1:30 PM daily

AND MORE !

Enter the 3rd Annual Model Train Photo Contest with the trophy to be awarded to the winner at the Heritage Park Fall Fair. Entry forms are in the 2006 Fall Fair Prize Book available at the Heritage Park Guest Services Counter or Town Hall.

Bid on an exclusive excursion on the Canadian Pacific Railway inspection train to Field, BC, tentatively scheduled for August 8th. On-line bidding will be available at the Heritage Park website, www.HeritagePark.ca as of June 7, and also on-site at Railway Days at a kiosk on the Park.

The Calgary Public Library will bring its collection of transportation books for display at Midnapore Station waiting room. Bring your library card and you can check them out.

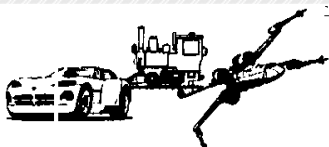


CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM CMRS MEMBERS

Once again, you can help in making this 20th anniversary event a success. Please contact Don Wilson at 275-2263 or djwilson@shaw.ca to confirm your availability for either June 24, 25 or both days. People, who volunteer for at least four hours, receive complimentary admission to the park and lunch. Also, we need volunteers to help with Children's Crafts, so consider bringing the whole family to help.

A good time will be had by all. See you there.

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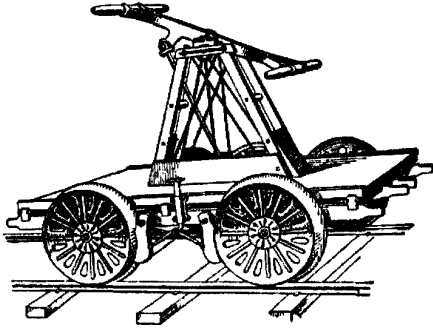
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The Society was registered under the Alberta Societies Act on September 6, 1996

In 2002 the Society signed a lease with Alberta Trail Net for eighteen (18) acres of land located at 900 First Avenue in Beiseker Alberta for the purpose of developing a railway museum site. The land had been gifted to Alberta Trail Net by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

MISSION STATEMENT

Historical preservation of railroad heritage in and around southern Alberta

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The museum, owned and operated by the Society has been established to tell the story of the railroads in and around southern Alberta from the late 1800's to the present day.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

adult \$ 15.00
 family \$ 18.00
 corporate \$ 150.00

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THE EVENT - Saturday JUNE 10,2006

Come out to **Beiseker** Alberta to check out both the **Railway Museum** and Beiseker **Sports Day**.

The museum has upwards of 1,000 feet of track to try your skills at operating a hand pump car. One (possibly two) box cars have been repainted. In addition, the Society is hopeful our diesel switcher engine will be "spotted" on a nearby siding off the CN main line that runs through Beiseker. Also, there will be a site plan on display showing the combined objectives of Alberta Trail Net, the Village of Beiseker and the Society.

Saturday is also Beiseker Sports Day for which there is a variety of activities planned.

AM	7:00-9:00	breakfast at the community center
	9:45	flag raising
	10:00	parade - the Society is entering a float
PM	1:00 - 4:00	coffee and pie at the seniors center
	2:00-4:00	4H display in the arena
	5:00	beef on a bun at the community center
	7:00	dance

HOW TO GET TO BEISEKER

The enclosed map shows a variety of routes to reach Beiseker.

For further information contact:

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Empress Excursion

CMRS Planning Empress Excursion to Banff

Planning is well underway for an exclusive excursion for CMRS members and their immediate families behind CPR's Empress 2816 steam locomotive. This exciting trip will take place on Labour Day Monday, September 4, 2006. Space is limited to two coaches for a total of 130 riders. Tickets for the Banff outing will be priced at \$120 each for the 8 hour return trip. It is expected that the trip will be very popular with CMRS members, so we will try to arrange a second trip, probably for another weekend late in the summer or early fall. The second trip will most likely have Mazeppa (about 4 miles west of Blackie on the Aldersyde Sub) as the destination.



To fairly allocate tickets, a list of members interested in acquiring tickets is being kept, and if necessary, a random selection process will have to be used. To put your name on the list, send an email to Rob Badmington at badmingt@telusplanet.net, with a contact phone number and the number of tickets desired (maximum 4 per member). A sign-up list will also be maintained at Trains and Such. If you were at Member Appreciation Night and put your name on the list at that event, it is not necessary to do so again.

Members on the list will be contacted later in the summer to arrange sale of the tickets. Those who are not able to get on the Banff trip will be given first chance at the Mazeppa trip, if we are able to arrange a second excursion.

The Board sincerely hopes that all members who wish to ride behind 2816 will get a chance on one of these trips. Keep in mind that circumstances beyond our

control, such as mechanical problems, could result in cancellation of the trip(s).



As more details become available, they will be passed on to CMRS members.

- Rob Badmington



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Model Railroad Events Schedule

*items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events

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. See page 6.

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 See page 4 .
Yes volunteers are needed!! See page 5.

July 1, 2006 – IronHorse Park, Airdrie, AB Noon to 4:00pm (the park operates every Sunday from May 21 to October 29, 11:00AM 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, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. info: www.ironhorsepark.net

August 12 & 13, 2006 – Alberta Free-mo, Big Valley Agriplex, Big Valley, AB. Info: <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/index.html>
We had enough fun at our event last year we're doing it again! Info: Murray (403) 271-4573 or (403) 863-4573
We're also sending out an open invitation for any Free-mo modules (which comply with the North American Free-mo standards) to come on in and join the setup. If you do plan on coming up, please provide us with details via e-mail to dsoeder@shaw.ca about your module no later than July 22nd, 2006.
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Admission is Free, though donations are welcome to help us offset the rental of the building.

September 16 & 17, 2006 Great Edmonton Model Train Show: info: <http://www.mmrfa.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

October 14, 2006 – Southbank Short Line's Boomer Auction, Calgary, AB

October 15, 2006 – CMRS Fall Mini Meet & AGM

Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE, Calgary, AB Doors open at 9:30AM. AGM at noon.

November 8, 2006 – CMRS Slide Show – at Fort Calgary