The Orderboard

Newsletter for the Calgary Model Railway Society

Northbound CP Freight on Red Deer Sub near 32nd Avenue in Calgary. Photo by Jon Calon

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President's Message

Another summer gone by and now it's time to resume that fascinating hobby of TRAINS. Well, for most of us. Some of you have been doing the Garden RR and/or railfanning thing.

Welcome to another year of CMRS. I think this is our 13th year. Awesome!. At the time of writing this report, your new board has yet to meet. Our first meeting is on November 1. So keep looking at the CMRS website to get the latest news. We will have some new faces heading up the committees.

Over the years, CMRS has gone through some great and not so great times. For the most part, it has been great. To keep it that way, we encourage your participation. For without you, there is no CMRS.

This is my second term on the board. Some of you will remember that I was on the board when we first got started. I am very grateful to be your President this year. I would like to welcome back last year's board members and our new board members. One of those new board members is Dale Sproule. Guess what? He's not new. He served as your board member way back when we started CMRS, and served as President. We have very good people on the board and in our society. I look forward working with all of you. Furthermore, it is a time commitment with a lot of fun and the opportunity to meet so many of you.

Your board has been working on new ideas and events last year. This year, we will try to continue with those ideas and perhaps come up with a few more.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

At the AGM, we asked you to complete the boxed area on the registration form of what you would like to see or do. Well, there were very few who completed that area. That tells us that the membership must be satisfied with the events already in place. We try to have something each month except July and August. That doesn't mean we would never do anything in those 2 months. Your board members are approachable. Talk to us and let us know your thoughts. Our past President Mike Borkristl mentioned many times it's all about communication. That is very true. We want the lines of communication to be open both ways. I know many of us are very busy in our private lives, but today we have internet and telephone.

Jon Calon is our new Order Board Editor. He is looking for articles to include in the newsletter. Hence, please help him out. Some of you have great ideas on how to do something, or have a photo of something unusual, etc. Send him a note to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org.

Richard Johnson is doing a great job with our Website. Have you gone to it lately? Should you have anything of interest, please let him know.

As President, my focus is not on the politics of CMRS but rather on having a lot of fun. This is a fun hobby and that's the way it should be. All our volunteers donate their precious time and we should thank them for that and their efforts.

I wish each and every one of you a successful and fun filled season of railway modeling and /or rail fanning. Come and participate in our events. It's MR time!

Until next time,

Maurice

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FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Welcome!

It's a dawn of a new time for the Calgary Model Railway Society. For the first time in many years, we have a new president, a new "club" representing themselves at the board (Welcome to Calgary Free-mo!), a new editor, and a new format for the Orderboard. Like the comments made by past president Mike Borkristl in the last edition, one cannot stand around and complain about the work other volunteers do without being willing to step up to do the work if you feel you can a positive change.

For me, I felt the Orderboard was looking tired and heeded Gord Smith's call to step forward and take on the task of producing the Orderboard when he stepped down from the task after six years as editor. The publication you currently hold in your hands or reading on your computer screen are the results of that decision. I hope you like what you see. If you don't, let me know (politely please!) what you don't like about it. Your feedback helps make this newsletter even better. Conversely, if you do like something (or everything!), please feel free to tell me that too!

For those of you who entrust the CMRS and the Orderboard to carry a commercial message, I hope you like what you see and some of the longtime advertisers have received refreshed ads. I figured the least I could do for you with the new format is to refresh or overhaul your ads to give you a better image. It might even provide the incentive to more people to take advantage of the venue we can provide to your business.

By now, I trust you've seen the new front page of the newsletter. Unlike the previous editions, the picture on the front page will not repeat, and I am asking those budding photographers and modellers out there to use this publication to your advantage. I want to publish your work and provide a means to show off your modelling and railfan efforts. Send me your best shots and depending on the number of submissions, your friends will get to see what you've been up to. E-mail your submissions to me at orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org.

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NEW TO THE CMRS BOARD

[Editors Note: Since we've got a few new faces, I put out a call to the new board members to introduce themselves. Here are the responses I received prior to deadline. -Jon]

Greg Cave

Greg has been a model railroad fan since he received his first Lionel trainset as a young child. Greg's family has been involved in railroading since 1854 when his great grandfather worked on the construction of the Victoria Bridge in Montreal. Greg spent 5 summers and numerous holidays and weekends as a brakeman on the CPR in Moose Jaw and Saskatoon while attending university.

After moving to Calgary he followed the activities of the model railroad community for many years, attending many events such as the display at the Planetarium and shows at the Armouries through to the many Supertrain shows; and has volunteered for several years with Supertrain.

Greg is a member of the Calgary Free-mo group and enjoys the camaraderie and accomplishments of this rapidly growing group. Due to its growing membership Calgary Free-mo members felt that it should be better represented at the CMRS. Greg volunteered and was nominated by the Calgary Free-mo group to represent them as a Club Director with the CMRS.

Greg is proud to belong to CMRS and has been impressed with the strong leadership provided by past executive and the strong volunteer spirit demonstrated by its members.

Gail Myers

My name is Gail Myers from the Bow Valley Model Railway Club. I've been a member of both Bow Valley Club and CMRS for the past six years. I enjoy building modules for the Bow Valley Club. Other interests I have are photography of which goes good with railroading. I feel that I'm a strong team member and a look forward to working with the rest of the guys with the Society as well as being a liaison between the Bow Valley Club and the Society. I'm looking forward to serving in a different capacity of this hobby.

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It's coming. No, I'm not talking Winter, that's already here. I'm talking about the chance to show off your work in your home on your layout. We're looking forward to putting your layout on our tour, but we want to put the bug in your ear to make some progress towards your layout so we can go ooh and ahh when we come to visit in the spring.

While you've got a fair bit of time, don't feel like you have to have everything done and scenicked by the time the tour date arrives. As was witnessed by Murray Larsen's Ravenna Sub layout and the Copper Creek & Northwestern this past year, those layouts are still very much under construction. This gives visitors a chance to see a "behind the scenes" look at how the finished layout came to be at future visits. Besides, a fair number of layouts operate as "Plywood Pacifics" before the scenery comes around!

Jon Calon

The Calgary Model Railway Society Board of Directors

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Abbreviations: TNG – Thursday Night Group
CMT – Calgary Model Trainmen
IND – Independent, not representing a club
RMG – Rocky Mountain Garden Ry Club

For the above chart, please note this is tentative. The CMRS recognizes the fact the elections have become consolidated in terms of clubs vs. independents, and will review this as part of the Bylaw review now taking place. Of note, the Cal-O-Rail position has been replaced by an independent and Calgary Free-mo is now on the Board for a full three year term.. Welcome to the board Brookes, Dave, Dale, Gail, and Greg!

-Jon Calon

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The Deadline for the next issue is Jan. 6, 2007

MEMBERSHIPS

Calgary Model Railway Society memberships can be **purchased** or r**enewed at any of our events or by mail**. Cost is $10 per year, running from June to the following June and can be purchased in upwards of 3 years in advance. Membership forms can be printed from our website. Completed forms and payment can be mailed to:

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COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Items in Bold type are Calgary Model Railway Society events.

November 8, 2006, 7:30pm – CMRS Slide Show at Fort Calgary.
November 18-19, 2006 – CMT Open House. See their ad on Page 2 for more information.
January 12-14, 2007 – The International Small Scale Steamup, Diamondhead, MS. http://diamondhead.org/
February 16-17, 2007 – 2nd Annual Southeast Large Scale Train Show, Perry, GA.
For more info: http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/
February 17-18, 2007 – SuperTrain 2007 - Big Four Building, Stampede Grounds, Calgary, AB.
March 18, 2007 – Spring Mini-Meet & CMT Flea Market, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB
March 30-31, 2007 – 10th Annual East Coast Large Scale Train Show, York, PA.
For more info: http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/
May 17-21, 2007 – Pacific Rails 2007 - University of Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria BC
For more info: Canadian Association of Railway Modellers, www.caorm.org.
May 25, 2007 - Membership Appreciation Night, Glenmore Inn, Calgary AB
June 2-3, 2007 – Big Train Show, Ontario, CA, USA. http://www.bigtrainshow.com/
June 27-30, 2007 – 23rd Annual Garden Railway Convention, Las Vegas, NV. http://2007.ngrc.com/

Do you have an event that should be listed here?
Send an e-mail to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org with the details!