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NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



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*Find me at SuperTrain 2007! Photo Credit: A Family Affair*

## SuperTrain Report

SuperTrain 2007 is approaching fast and the committee has been hard at work to bring Calgary another great show. As usual, the commercial space filled very early, and as a result, several retailers may be left out due to incomplete or late submissions. We also have some wonderful layouts and exhibits coming from out of town this year. By the time you read this, confirmations should be in your hands or will be coming very soon to let you know if you are in or out. We try to accommodate as many as we can, but because this show is so popular, we have to work on a first come,

first served basis. And above all, everyone must remember that we are all volunteers, trying to do the best we can and still have fun at the same time. Putting on a show like this is a very big job, a great many hours go into it, and our committee sincerely hopes that you all understand and appreciate this.

The advertising committee has some new wrinkles this year too. For those of you that take the C-Train or transit, look up and read the cards. They will start going out around the middle to end of January. Other forms of advertising will be at the large posters at LRT

stations, a few select malls, and of course the road banners. There will be some radio and TV spots, on community type venues, and we are working on having the week before the show declared Model Railway Week from the mayor's office. If that happens, we should get some press from that as well. That goes to council on January 8th, so keep your fingers crossed! Do not look in the newspapers for any ads. There won't be any. Just too expensive for what we get, and based on the surveys we take, very few of the "public" see the newspaper ads.

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SUPERTRAIN REPORT (CONTINUED)

Another huge form of advertising comes from you, the members. We hope that you will take the two posters you will find in this Orderboard and put them up around town. Where could you post them you ask? Here are some ideas: local grocery store bulletin boards, restaurants, community halls, pubs (above urinals where you have to read!), lounges, your work, your spouse's workplace, daycares, well, you get the idea. And remember to get permission before putting them up. You could also ask us for a electronic version of the poster and e-mail it to everyone you know. The power of the internet is huge!

Volunteers for the show! Are you getting ready? Volunteers are going to be handled by a committee so that 6 different people don't phone you this year. Dave Walker is handling the committee, and if you want to help out, make sure you are on his list. Drop him a line at mcwalk@telusplanet.net. If you can't reach Dave, make sure you get to any one of the board members or the SuperTrain committee and we will pass info to Dave for you. I believe Dave is trying to compile a master list of volunteers, but he will give you more info.

As to show admittance, you will not be allowed in without a badge, unless of course you pay at the door. No exceptions to this rule. Badges will be available at the show office and we will have more people to hand out badges and be much better organized than last year. And remember, any grumbling in line, one of two things will happen. You will be immediately

recruited to help hand out badges for the rest of the show or you may find yourself going to the back of the classroom!

The security committee is working on a better system to move everything out on Sunday. Perhaps some kind of a numbering system, but it is still in the works as I write this article. Essentially, we will be trying to move the smaller exhibits out first. Exhibits with only one or two vehicles. This will clear the floor much faster and leave more room for the larger exhibits to maneuver. So, if you are a larger exhibit, be prepared to cool your jets (or locomotives) for awhile. Last year, one large exhibit took it upon themselves to move out early and blocked the ramp for over 1/2 hour. This cannot happen again. It has been our experience in the past that if we get the smaller groups out first, the larger groups actually get out quicker, and nobody gets upset with you. Kind of a win-win situation.

The SuperTrain Committee truly hopes you enjoy the show, have lots of fun, and maybe even have time to help us out for a couple of hours during the show. Your committee this year consists of the following people: Rob Badmington, Glen Judd, Brookes Harrow, Rick Walker, Gord Cooper, Bob Hadlow, Tom Parker, Geoff Southwood, Fred Huntley, Steve Klein, Dale Sproule, Jim Owen, Tony Whalen and Dave Walker. If you happen to bump into them, or talk to them, take five minutes to thank them for the time they put in to bring Calgary "Canada's Largest Train Show"!!!!

Mike Borkristl

VOLUNTEER REQUEST FOR SUPERTRAIN 2007

Let's make SuperTrain 2007 a rousing success. With a little help from all members of the CMRS organization we can spread the work load and everyone can enjoy the show. All that is needed is a two hour commitment on Saturday or Sunday and we can make this an excellent show. Volunteers are needed for Security, Admission, Information Booth, Saturday Night Dinner and Registration.

If you are interested please send your name, telephone number and preferred time frame to David Walker by e-mail to mcwalk@telusplanet.net or calling 240-9271. We will try to accommodate each person's request as best we can but can not guarantee a specific spot. Better to volunteer and do something you like than to get drafted.

As the show gets closer we will be contacting members who have indicated on their information forms that they are interested in volunteering at SuperTrain. As an incentive to volunteer there will be assistance to cover the cost of packing at the show. To reduce the demand and provide room for additional paying public to attend on what is traditionally a busy weekend at Stampede Park we encourage people to car pool and take public transit.

David Walker





THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITORS DESK

It gives me no end of pleasure to hear such positive comments from the community regarding the new look and format of The Orderboard. To those who took the time to submit your photos and positive feedback, Thank You! I've now got a schwack (is that a word?) of photos to choose from for upcoming issues. The one chosen for the front page for this issue is of a project produced by the entire family. Yes, that also includes the pre-teen children too! Certainly good to hear the younger set coming into the hobby as many look at model railroads as something for older men and since the scientists and governments around the world have done nothing to reduce the mortality rate (It's still at 100%), we need younger people to join what will hopefully remain as a vibrant hobby!

Not often does The Orderboard get to carry a press release, but you'll find one sitting beside this column. Trains and Such is a wonderful resource to the hobby and I for one am glad Jim did the hobby proud with the store for all those years. Many thanks for the service from all of us Jim!

While Jeff Burk hasn't specifically requested this, I'm sure he's always looking for people to share their skills and knowledge at the upcoming spring mini-meet. I for one would love to publish a schedule of the clinics taking place at the mini-meet in the next issue which might encourage more attendance by the members to that event. I'm planning on a couple, both related to using a computer to program and control a DCC layout using free software. Drop Jeff a line if you want to put a clinic on. I'm sure he'd love to hear from you!

If you have a submission for the next issue, the **deadline for the next issue is Feb. 21, 2007.**

*Jon Calon.*

TRAINS AND SUCH SOLD TO NEW OWNERS

After 35 years in the business, Jim and Shirley Scott have sold Trains and Such to four local model railroaders. Jim and Shirley left Saskatchewan in 1972, coming to Calgary to continue their teaching careers, and to relocate their business, which started in Saskatoon in 1971. The Calgary store opened on Sept. 15, 1972 in a small bay at a strip mall 15 blocks north of the store's present location. As the business grew, space and staff were added, always exclusively to all aspects of the model railroad and railfan hobbies. After finally outgrowing the old location the store moved to its present location in 1996, where it continued to grow into one of Canada's finest model railroad hobby shops, with a knowledgeable staff of ten dedicated model railroaders.

Having retired from teaching a few years ago, Jim and Shirley are going to spend time traveling and indulging in their pastimes, which for Jim will include working with the crew of CPR's steam locomotive, Empress 2816. As well, Jim will continue to help out at Trains and Such. Both Jim and Shirley thank all of the people who helped make the business work so well over the years, and for the many friendships they have made in this wonderful hobby.

Rob Badmington, Don Chehowy, Jason Landy, and Rick Walker, the new owners, plan to carry on the Scotts' tradition of providing their customers with the best in helpful service and friendly advice. As well they will be making improvements to the business with the help of their staff, led by Jim Reynolds who has been at Trains and Such for over 25 years. Some of the new improvements are already evident, and more will come over time. They look forward to welcoming all of their many customers and friends at the store. As Jim Scott likes to say, "Any day that you're surrounded by trains is a great day!"



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**LAYOUT TOURS 2007**

Well it is that time of year again as we plan the layout tours for April 2007. I'm David Walker the new Layout tour guy (Official title is Coordinator, but that is stuffy). I am now requesting layouts for the April tour month. The rules are similar to last year as follows:

- ALL layouts displayed must be by CMRS members only. This requirement is to comply with CMRS insurance coverage.
- All guests to the layouts are requested to politely show their CMRS Membership card to the host/hostess upon arrival at each layout location.
- Be polite, ask questions and refrain from touching layouts unless permission has been granted by the host/hostess.

I hope to follow last year's model and try to run the tours over two weekends in mid to late April. Hopefully the weather may cooperate and some Garden Railway layouts may be out.

Those members interested in opening up their layouts to our members please e-mail me at mcwalk@telusplanet.net.

*Dave Walker*

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**NEW TO THE CMRS BOARD**

**David Walker**

My name is David Walker and I have been a member of CMRS since 2003. My wife and I moved to Calgary in 2001 from New Westminster, BC. I have always had an interest in model trains but never to the level that I am now involved in the hobby. It helps to have Mike Borkristl as a neighbour who has helped increase my interest and involvement in the hobby. I originally am from the Kimberley BC area. I have seen the changes to Calgary and to the railroading heritage for southern Alberta and Southeastern BC. I look forward to working on the CMRS board for the next few years and will be in charge of coordinating the layout tours in the spring of 2007. If you have any questions or comments, contact me at 240-9271 or by e-mail: mcwalk@telusplanet.net.

**SLIDE NIGHT 2006**

Calgary saw it's first taste of winter on November 8th, coinciding with our annual Slide Night at Fort Calgary. The usual traffic snarls convinced many to stay home instead of venturing out for the evening. Unfortunately for them, they missed some of the best slide presentations we've had in recent years.

We started the evening with "Vignettes of the CPR", presented by Tom Price. Tom covered the CPR's history and operations from the Last Spike to modern times. Tom is a third generation railroader, and he called upon his father's extensive collection of historical items to bolster his own pictures and fascinating descriptions of the people and places we thought we were familiar with. Tom even had a picture of his own grandfather on an inspection trip at the original Cisco bridge, taken in the early 1900's.

After the refreshment break, Maurice Despins took us on a tour of the Alishan Forest Railway in Taiwan. This is an interesting little narrow gauge line that was built by the Japanese in 1912 as a logging railway, but now serves mainly as a tourist route.

John Sutherland showed a fine selection of photos of CPR's Empress 2816 as she pulled various passenger trains in a variety of locations in BC and Alberta. Murray Larsen presented some of his recent slides of operations on Montana Rail Link around Mullan Pass and Helena. Gord Smith showed his pictures of the White Pass & Yukon Route from his summer trip to Alaska. Finally, Rob Badmington had a few shots taken on CPR's Mountain and Shuswap Subs while attending Revelstoke Railway Days this past August.



WP&YR in Skagway. Photo by Gord Smith

In all, about 60 CMRS members braved the weather to enjoy some fine photography, entertaining presentations, and good food too! Let's hope we get better weather for the 2007 Slide Night, to be held on Wednesday November 7, at Fort Calgary.

*-Rob Badmington-*

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## CMRS MODELING

CMRS has introduced a new modeling initiative that I am excited about being involved with. CMRS is a Model Railroad organization (after all our name is *THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY*) so let's get some modeling back into the organization. I want to get you, each member of CMRS involved in a model building / diorama / scratchbuilding (call it what you want) idea that is being introduced in this newsletter.

Presently, CMRS hosts 2 mini-meets each year but little modeling work makes it for display like the former "bring-and-brag" or "The Creative Challenge" idea. This initiative hopes to change this so we can see more of your modeling work.

At this upcoming March 2007 spring mini-meet, members are encouraged to bring their "FAVORITE TRAIN" and are also encouraged to start thinking about participating in a theme idea (boxcar) diorama for the following fall 2007 fall mini-meet. Then at the fall 2007 mini-meet, all members are encouraged to start thinking about participating in another theme diorama idea (trackside structure) for the spring 2008 mini-meet. These ideas are explained below.

Ultimately I want to make each mini-meet a showcase for your modeling. Besides your individual participation in showing us your projects, please join CMRS members in being part of a less complicated theme diorama (boxcar) and the spring theme entry towards a more complicated (trackside structure) entry. I'm looking for ideas for the future from you, perhaps a donut shop diorama, a taxi stand diorama, a biffy diorama idea, something FUN for all! Please contact me - I want to promote all members ideas!

This is not a contest, rather entries will be looked upon by those attending each meet and a favorite vote system will be used. Each modeler will also take something home with him/her.

MARCH 15, 2007 SPRING 2007 MINI-MEET: "FAVORITE TRAIN" Here is a chance to bring your **Favourite Train** of any type and scale; freight, passenger, LRT, Kettle Valley passenger train, coal-drag, mining train, circus train, silk train, you get the idea. Bring a train for display purposes (we'll have the table space for those really long trains).

Ultimately, I want to make each Mini-Meet a showcase for your modeling.

MARCH 15, 2007 "STYRENE TRACKSIDE BUILDING HANDS-ON MODEL BUILDING PROJECT FOR SPRING 2008 MINI-MEET": At the March 15, 2007 CMT flea market / CMRS mini-meet, the first 15 CMRS members on a list can take part in a model building participation clinic in the morning after you've had a chance to view items at the flea market. The morning participation clinic starts at 10am and may last about 3 hours and will act as a lead in to the afternoon mini-meet.

The purpose of the morning model building participation clinic will be to introduce CMRS members who have wanted to build a simple HO scale structure from styrene, which can be part of the theme diorama seen during the spring, 2008 mini-meet. I will have materials and plans on hand for you, and the coffee will be on too! If you just want to drop in and pick up a set of plans, that's OK too, so stop and share a coffee with us. Modelers involved need to

bring some basic tools with you (except paint, glue and styrene) but if you have a favorite styrene glue, then bring it along and share your ideas on its use. There needs to be a cut-off date so I can order materials for this March session only.

That cutoff date needs to be the end of January 2007 or up to about 15 folks, whichever comes first? E-mail me at [sroules@telusplanet.net](mailto:sroules@telusplanet.net) and I will e-mail you a list of tools you need to bring. Plans will be available starting at the March mini-meet and every issue of The Orderboard until the Spring 2008 mini-meet.

A couple of safety notes: (1): **Liquid Styrene Cement will be used.** Inhaling these fumes can be harmful to some folks in an enclosed classroom setting, (2): Myself or CMRS are not responsible for you cutting your fingers, hands, etc. Hopefully you can complete the structure then paint and possibly weather it over the 2007-2008 winter and join others in bringing a completed diorama to the Spring 2008 mini-meet. A final note: you don't have to strictly adhere to the plans; this is just an idea for a basic structure. If you want to modify / add / delete parts then go for it, that's another nifty way of participating too. Weathering, animation, signage - is also up to you.

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## CMRS MODELING (CONTINUED)

FALL 2007 MINI-MEET: *Diorama featuring a boxcar theme.* The boxcar, the lowly boxcar, we all have them on the layout. I'm proposing that you take that boxcar and work up a diorama theme around it. The diorama can be any size, any scale. A boxcar on a piece of track would be your starting point, I'll leave the rest up to your imagination. Perhaps your boxcar got stranded on an abandoned stretch of track, it could be next to a loading dock, it could be one of many boxcars in a scene. Stuck for an idea? Look through a magazine or go look at the prototype for inspiration. Perhaps your diorama entry will fit into your layout? The boxcar dioramas will be featured at the Fall 2007 mini-meet, with votes cast by those attending and one CMRS member will take home a \$50 gift certificate to their choice of model train store. The rest will not go away empty handed.

SPRING 2008 MINI-MEET: *Entry of a Styrene Trackside Building into a Diorama.* Whether you attended the previous March, 2007 mini-meet where 15 folks were introduced to styrene building, or took a set of plans for the building, or saw the same plans in *The Orderboard*, here is your chance to show off your work. CMRS members are encouraged to include this trackside structure as part of a diorama – scale and size are up to you. If you want to modify the existing plan go ahead, adding extra parts or making your own unique structure addition is what I'm also looking for. Weathering, animation, signage is also up to you, there are no limits once you start with the basic plan. The trackside structure diorama will be featured at the Spring 2008 mini-meet, popular votes cast by those attending and one CMRS member will take home a \$50 gift certificate to the model train store of his/her choice. The rest of you will not go away empty handed.

What's next: My hope is to announce at each mini-meet what the next theme idea may be a full year in advance giving you lots of time to get started, In other words the 2009 Fall diorama theme will be announced at the 2008 Fall mini-meet and so-on.

**What's important is your ideas for different theme ideas, but what is really more important is your participation.** Call me (274-4852) or e-mail me at [sproules@telusplanet.net](mailto:sproules@telusplanet.net).

Yours in modeling,  
*Dale Sproule*

## UPDATE ON CMT PREMISES

Members of the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club are asked frequently about the status of our premises. All too often, the questions are accompanied with information that is not correct.

On behalf of the directors and members of CMT, permit me to put the rumour mill to rest and present an update of the status on our premises.

The CMT club premises are located close to the Stampede grounds. Much too close, in this case! Here is the situation:

As I am sure most are aware, the Stampede is expanding all along 12th Avenue SE between the Elbow River and Macleod Trail. This includes the block containing our building. Early in 2006, the City of Calgary, who had been our landlord for nearly 20 years, transferred property title to the Stampede Board.

In meetings with the Stampede Property Manager, we have been advised the expansion will be progressing east from MacLeod Trail. Our block is slated to become part of an educational centre, including a college. Our building will be demolished. The old hospital ruins just east of us will remain. There is no specific timetable for this expansion. We have been advised to expect to remain where we are until the summer of 2008; we may be there for a longer time than that, perhaps until 2010 or 2011.

In summary, yes we will have to vacate our premises. When is yet to be determined. For our part, we are in no hurry to leave before it becomes necessary. We will advise when we have more info.

Our layout is the only permanent HO club layout in Calgary in its own premises. Our members are continuing to work on the layout. In fact, a lot of progress was made in 2006 with scenery and new structures added, as well as a complete makeover of the front lounge.

Visitors are welcome to visit CMT any Wednesday evening. (After SuperTrain, please, as we may be working on show modules off-site prior to that date.) The club is located at 619 12th Avenue SE, just east of 5th Street.

Come on down for a visit, we'd love to see you and show you what we have been doing! And new members are most welcome too!!

*Brookes Harrow*



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CLASSIFIED ADS

Do you have some Model Railroad related items for sale, or perhaps something rare you want?

Consider an ad in the Orderboard. Ads run free of charge for members (provided they are relatively small), and a \$10/year charge for Business card size commercial ads. Assistance with ad design is also available. Contact the Editor, Jon Calon at [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org) for details.

**The Deadline for the next issue is Feb. 21, 2007**

MEMBERSHIPS

Calgary Model Railway Society memberships can be **purchased** or **renewed 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](http://www.calgarymodelrailway.org). 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.*

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/>

April 21-22, 2007 – Thunder Creek Model Train Show in Moose Jaw, SK

May 17-21, 2007 – Pacific Rails 2007 - University of Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, BC

For more info: Canadian Association of Railway Modelers, [www.caorm.org](http://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/>

August 17-18 – 4th Annual Alberta Free-mo, Big Valley Agriplex, Big Valley, AB

**Do you have an event that should be listed here?**

Send an e-mail to [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org) with the details!