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NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



*Doug Baker 1956-2007*

*A farmer opens the gate to a field on Baker Creek Meadows as the Chinook Western's streamliner "Chinook" passes by overhead. The module and train were built by Doug Baker, who passed away in May. Brookes Harrow remembers Doug on Page 6. Photo Credit: Jon Calon.*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank Dale Sproule and his committee for their time and commitment in organizing our Member Appreciation Night. I think everyone had a great and fun time. The highlight of the evening for me is the presentation of Appreciation Certificates to our many volunteers and most of all, the Presidents' Award.

This year's recipient of the President's Award is Bob Hadlow. Bob has been active in the Society since its inception. I think (if my memory serves me well) he was one of the founders of the society. He also served as a Director on the first Board and many committees since then. I first met Bob at the first organizing event to get CMRS started. What a pleasure to know him for these many years. We became friends very fast and worked on same committees and events together. For those of you who know Bob, you know what I mean. He is a pleasure to be around and is always there to help. We don't even have to ask him. He consistently volunteers. He has given so much to this Society and is very deserving of this prestigious award. Welcome Bob to an elite group of dedicated members. In fact, it's now your turn to buy lunch for the group of past President Award recipients. JUST KIDDING!

It's supposed to be spring and by the time you read this article, we're into summer. So far it hasn't been all that great for the garden Model RR folks. However, I do not think this will dampen their spirits to show off their layouts this summer. So keep an eye out for those garden RRs. Take advantage of any invites you receive to view one. They are fascinating. For those of you who are not modeling that scale, you may change your mind, especially as you grow older.

I mentioned before that this year is a transition year. Changes are inevitable. Any changes being generated this year and in future years are for the betterment of the Society. CMRS is growing and so are our events. Times are changing and so must we. Since the inception of CMRS, some great people have put lots of energy into the organization. Those people, and more to follow, are providing the nutrients required to grow CMRS. Over the years I've seen many good things happen, and yes we did have some growing pains along the way. Most likely we'll have more as the years go on. We can only speculate that this trend of growth continues, and it will with your kind help. Hence, please come forth and volunteer to help at events that interest you. Your volunteer help is priceless.

In closing, I wish you a happy, healthy and safe summer. See you at one of our upcoming events.

*Maurice Despins*  
CMRS President.

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# CHANGES FOR SUPERTRAIN 2008

The SuperTrain Committee has been very busy over the past few weeks, which has resulted in some exciting news to report. Feedback from the 2007 show resulted in the committee taking a hard look at the current state of the show and what direction to take it in the future.

Three major concerns were raised by exhibitors and the public: food, parking and the quality of the show. I think that everyone would agree that the quality of the food on the exhibit floor is on the low side to say the least and improvements are necessary. To date, we have been unable to solve this problem by remaining at the Big Four building as the Stampede controls food services. The second concern is the cost and availability of parking. Parking is \$10.00 now and is rumoured it will be going up again. The committee received comments saying potential patrons paid for parking and then couldn't find a spot or had to walk for long distances to get to the building; so they just left without entering the show. Finally, many comments were made saying the show looks tired as they were seeing the same old stuff year after year and felt it needed to be freshened up. The committee concluded it's not possible to resolve these concerns by remaining at the current venue.

**I am pleased to announce the 2008 SuperTrain show will be held at the Calgary Soccer Centre on April 19/20, 2008.**

Your SuperTrain Committee and the CMRS board realizes that we are losing our traditional February date, but this new venue addresses all of the concerns expressed above and many more not mentioned. The food at the Soccer Centre is very good and there is potential to bring in outside vendors such as Subway. There is ample parking and it is FREE! The building is huge; with 170,000 square feet available to help us plan bigger and better things and also help freshen up the show.

For those not familiar with the site, it has many benefits. The floor is divided into four fields, each covered with artificial turf which will be beneficial for everyone standing on the floor all weekend. An upper concourse level overlooks the entire exhibit area with bleachers for patrons to sit and relax. The management group at the Soccer Centre will team up with us in our advertising and promotional efforts as well as with sponsorships. Due to its size, it also allows for potential future expansion. No longer will exhibits or vendors need to be turned away due to a lack of space. We could go on and on about the benefits of this facility, but the committee feels this is the next appropriate step to take for the show.



*The Calgary Soccer Centre is hosting Supertrain 2008.*

You should expect to see several other changes at the 2008 show. The committee is looking at possibly including a feature layout. Talks are ongoing with a few clubs; including the modular group from Victoria and the Free-

mo group from Chilliwack, BC. Besides adding new exhibits, manufacturers have expressed an interest in coming. Model Railroader Magazine along with the "World's Greatest Hobby" have tentatively committed to coming already and manufacturers such as Intermountain and Athearn could have displays at the show. A clinic area is planned to teach basic skills and techniques to patrons about the hobby. Remember, the primary goal of the show is to promote the hobby of model railroading to the general public.

Stay tuned as the committee is working hard to bring you the best SuperTrain we have ever had. If you would like to volunteer to serve on the SuperTrain Committee or to assist one of the committee members, please contact Rick McPhee by phone 585-7425 or email rick.mcphee@shaw.ca. Or Mike Borkristl (phone 203-1970 - daytime at work, or email mike@tricordesigns.com).

*Rick McPhee  
SuperTrain Chairman*





# INDUSTRIAL GRADE CHAIN LINK FENCING

### Parts required:

- Nylon window screen
- 0.032 piano wire
- 0.025 piano wire

### Tools Required:

- Side cutters
- Bottle ACC glue (flash)
- 4 or more spring model clamps
- HO scale rule
- Exacto knife
- Pair of small, sharp finger nail scissors
- Pin vise
- 0.034 drill bit (for 0.032 posts)
- Small flat head screw driver or small applicator brush for applying glue
- Dremel tool with cutting wheel (optional)
- Metal file
- Safety glasses
- Small hammer



Insert posts into holes drilled, check height of posts and hammer the posts down if they are too high. Apply a small amount of glue at base of posts once all posts are at the correct height.

Let posts dry for a few minutes, then check for alignment, bend posts into position.

Install ground scenery around

posts and where the fence will be. It is very hard to do it evenly later. Continue when dry.

Apply glue to bottom 2/3 of post. Place mesh against post and use small spring clamp to hold secure. **Be sure to leave a small amount of mesh beyond the post which will be cut off later.**

Stretch fence as far as mesh will allow and glue to post as per previous step.

Allow these two posts to dry, then apply glue to all remaining posts the same way. Remember to glue only the bottom 2/3 of post. **Caution: Do not leave clamps on too long as they will glue to post and mesh and cause damage.**

Once all posts have been glued, then use small scissors and cut off excess mesh as close to the posts as possible.

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### Instructions:

Measure length of fence to be installed, cut enough mesh to cover the length of the fence lines to be installed. Cut mesh to height required (we used width of the HO scale ruler) using an Exacto knife. Remember to cut diagonally across the mesh so that the chain link has the proper angle look.

Measure and mark location for the fence line.

Using the Dremel tool (preferred) or side cutters, cut posts from 0.032 piano wire to length. (We made a small jig that made each post 9 scale feet long). Be sure to use safety glasses!

File the flares and sharp edges of the wire posts.

Paint the fence posts and fence if a different color is desired.

Set drill bit in pin vise to depth wanted to make the posts the required height (approximately 6 - 7 scale feet). Posts should be set at the same height as the fence material that was cut.

Drill all holes for the fence posts.



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If more fence is required, square up one end of mesh, apply more glue to last post and attach mesh over other mesh. Overlap as little as possible.

To bring fence around a corner, **Do not cut the mesh!** Crease mesh with your fingers at corner and glue. Continue fence around corner and proceed.

Once all mesh has been installed the top rail will be applied. Using the 0.025 piano wire (don't cut to length yet) place wire between mesh and post at one end and line up with top of post and end of post. Clamp second to last post (this allows you to glue end post). Apply a small amount of glue to top of end post and clamp till almost dry. \*\* Remember clamps left on too long will damage mesh).

Leave the first clamp you put on in place (there is no glue under this clamp). Line up the wire with the posts and using the clamps, attach in place. Then remove clamps one at a time, apply glue then replace clamp until glue has set.

When you get to the last post, cut the wire to the right length. Be sure to clamp the posts next to this post as vibration when you cut might break the glue from the post. If this happens, re-glue after you have cut this wire.

If more top rail is required, join the top rail carefully lining up the two rails to the same height and glue them into place.

After all top rail is installed, corner braces are cut to required length and glued in place. Use clamps to hold while drying.

Remember if your fence is very long, there should be bracing somewhere along a long section of fence for a realistic look.

After the fence is completed touch up the tops of the fence posts with a little paint to hide the glue that was used.

Good luck and have fun!!

*Tracy Rouleau – Calgary Free-mo*

## DOUG BAKER

It was with great sadness that CMT members learned of the passing of Doug Baker on May 14th, 2007 at age 50 after a battle with cancer.

Doug grew up and went to university in Kingston, Ontario. On graduation as a chemist, he moved to Calgary to work as a food tester for the federal government. He was a member of Calgary Model Trainmen's Club for close to 25 years. He was also a member of the Thursday Night Group and was well known and respected in the Calgary modeling community.

Doug's passion was model railroading. Friday afternoons and Saturdays would regularly find him at CMT working on his many projects. Much of the electrical work at CMT, including the club's implementation of Digitrax, was Doug's doing. He also built much of the club's more intricate trackwork, including several double-slip switches in our yards.

Most of you have seen examples of Doug's passenger trains on the CMT and TNG modular layouts at SuperTrain. Doug built several accurately modeled full-length passenger trains - a CB&Q powered California Zephyr, a GN Empire Builder, a pair of CPR Canadians and more. He also built the streamlined "Chinook" for CMT's Chinook Western.

Doug's modeling skills were well rounded. At the next SuperTrain show, take a look at the "Baker Creek Meadows" module with the CMT display. This was Doug's concept and he built all the structures, the rail bridge, scenery, trackwork, and detailing. Much of this work was done after his illness was diagnosed as he wanted to see the results of his work. The cover photo shows the "Chinook" rolling across his module.

A service was held in Kingston on May 24th and Doug's remains were placed with those of his parents. In Calgary, CMT hosted a celebration of Doug's life on June 20th, with many fellow model railroaders, co-workers and friends attending. Our sympathies go to Doug's sister Terry and her family.

Doug left us much too soon. He will be greatly missed by the community of Calgary modelers.

*Brookes Harrow*



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The CMRS' annual Railfan event is happening on October 20th 2007. Ride behind CPR's Empress, steam engine 2816 to Mazeppa and return with two photo run-by's and lunch in Okotoks. Sights you will see include the Okotoks Valley, De Winton Hill and much more.

Members cost will be \$130.00 per seat, and each member can purchase up to 4 tickets. Get your tickets early as there are only 125 seats available. To order, please mail payment (cheques payable to Calgary Model Railway Society) to 119 Bernard Close NW, Calgary AB, T3K 2H3. Tickets can be picked up at the AGM or we will mail it to you.

For more information, call Gail Myers at (403) 295-2252 or (403) 561-9718. You can also email Gail at hgmyers@telusplanet.net.

*Gail Myers*

**LETTER FROM BOB HADLOW**

The President and Board of CMRS

I am still in a state of shock after being named the 2007 President's award winner on May 25, 2007. The hobby of model railroading has been so good to me over the past 50 years, what with all the many friends that I have gained during that time. I have always tried to promote the hobby and to have fun while doing so. One never thinks about awards when having fun.

I appreciate the recognition and thank you very much for this honor.

Yours sincerely,  
Bob Hadlow

**BOXCAR DIORAMA CONTEST**

Please remember the upcoming Boxcar Diorama Contest as part of the Fall mini-meet/AGM set for October 14. You need to start with a boxcar and a piece of track then develop a diorama around these 2 elements. All scales are welcome, no limit to the number of entries per person or group can enter, no limit to size of each diorama, the only limit is your imagination. Votes will be cast by those CMRS members attending the mini-meet and the winner takes home a \$50 gift certificate to the train hobby shop of his/her choice. Truly hope to see your ideas.

*Yours in Model Railroading,  
Dale Sproule*

**FALL MINI-MEET & AGM**

We are planning our Fall Mini-Meet & AGM for October 14, 2007. We are looking for anyone interested in putting together a clinic of any kind. We're also needing set-up and/or tear down volunteers as well.

Ian would appreciate some help with manning the membership desk. Also, anyone with club and/or individual displays are encouraged to take advantage of the space available.

If you're a vendor and wish to display and/or sell at this upcoming event, please contact Jeff to reserve your table or space.

Contact Jeff at 403-272-5546 or e-mail him at jeffb@boltsupply.com.

**MEMBERSHIP EXPIRY CHANGES**

We know a fair number of you renew your memberships for the CMRS at SuperTrain. With the date change of the event, we're adjusting the membership expiry date accordingly. Please note, if your membership is expired as of June 30, 2007, you need to renew no later than the AGM in October to ensure uninterrupted delivery of the Orderboard.

*Jon Calow*

**BOOMER AUCTION**

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COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

*Items in Bold type are Calgary Model Railway Society events.*

August 18-19 – 4th Annual Alberta Free-mo, Big Valley Agriplex, Big Valley, AB. <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/>

August 29-Sept. 1, 2007 – National Narrow Gauge Convention, Portland, ME.

September 22-23 – Great Edmonton Train Show, Edmonton, AB <http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/>

September 29-30 – Railway Days, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

October 13, 2007 – South Bank Short Line Assoc. 28th Boomer Auction, Calgary, AB

**October 14, 2007 – Fall Mini-Meet & CMRS AGM, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB**

**October 20, 2007 – 2816 Steam Train Trip to Mazeppa and Return.**

**November 7, 2007 – Slide Night 2007, Fort Calgary Auditorium at 7:30pm.**

**April 19-20, 2008 – Supertrain 2008, Calgary Soccer Centre, Calgary, AB**

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

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