



THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



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Participants gather inside the largest Free-mo layout yet in Big Valley on August 18th. Photo by Rowan Bonser

President's Message

This report will reflect some of my thoughts and observations over the years. My objective is to throw bouquets, however there may be a few bricks involved as well. If there are, it most certainly is not directed to any specific individual(s). But first, I would like to remind everyone that at the beginning of my term as CMRS President, I mentioned that this would be a year of transition/change. I can assure you that in fact this has been true. I like to think of this as progress; innovative and fresh ideas, new methods, creativity, etc. The elected board and SuperTrain committee are working towards improving the society and taking it in a new direction. Some may embrace it while others may not. It is imperative we do not impede progress.

The CMRS has grown in the number and quality of events over the years and we all benefited from that. However, there is a cost associated with this.

Over the years, costs have risen and to the due diligence of our board and committee members, we met these costs head on and still kept ourselves above water. Yes, we have some very talented and business minded people in our society. We progressed from a small society with a mediocre budget to a strong vibrant society with a major budget. Thank you to all those members who served on the board and committees over the years. Your belief, commitment, energy and strength are the backbone of what we have today. Through all this, we had a few doubters, and most likely will have more in the future.

We have a great society with a wonderful membership of diversified people. I feel that more of you have the expertise, talent and business sense that CMRS requires to move forward. Please identify

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

yourselves and share your assets with the society. Then, we are all winners. Let the present Board know you are willing to let your name stand for a Board position or a committee chairperson, etc. Let's change the rule that 20% of the people do 80% of the work. We have many committees and they all need your assistance. Some of the committees you could help on are Mini Meets, Appreciation Night, Layout tours, Rail Fan, etc. You may even have a great idea for something new. We need to hear from you. New ideas keep the society alive and vibrant. Sometimes we must think outside the box.

Here comes a brick. I observed over the years that many of us, including myself, make remarks or comments on something without knowing all the facts or details or on a hear say. In other words, we tend to jump to conclusions prematurely. Lessons learned, we need to listen more and talk less.

This is the year of change. The biggest is SuperTrain 2008 at the SE Soccer Dome in April. Our dynamic and exceptional SuperTrain Committee spent countless hours of meetings, exploring, researching, planning, etc. to ensure all aspects (both positive & negative) are covered for a successful show. And they are not finished. KUDOS.

Another change is the By-Laws which will be presented at the AGM. This has been in discussion for several years and is meant to keep the operation of CMRS smooth and simple. We also may be changing dates of events due to the timing of SuperTrain.

All of the above affects the budget. Yes, there will be a change here as well. CMRS is growing and changing for the betterment of all the members. We all enjoy the events put on by CMRS and SuperTrain is by far our biggest if not our only fund raiser to support our Society. Your Board and SuperTrain Committee again exercised due diligence in preparing a budget that will benefit the members and ensure that we maintain our present status quo.

In conclusion, my sincere thanks to the present Board and committee members, the membership at large and my darling wife Marie. You made my presidency easy and I enjoyed working with you. You are all great people and I hope before I leave this world, I get to know you all by name and get to put the name with the face. Have a wonderful model railroad year.

*Maurice Despins
CMRS President.*

GALT #8 IN 2008

The annual 6th Division Convention of the PNR of the NMRA will be hosted by the Southern Alberta Model Railway Club in Lethbridge from August 29-August 31, 2008. All CMRS members, family and friends are cordially invited to attend, have fun and enjoy Model Railroading. Lethbridge has always been the place for a wonderful convention and we want you as our guests!

The weekend starts off with a Friday operating session at the Lethbridge club which operates Digitrax on their 40' x 16' HO scale layout set in the mid 1960's using first generation diesel power with a scattering of 2nd generation thrown in.

Saturday events feature Registration and display set-up, model and photo contest entries, up to 7 layout tours, clinics, and an evening optional BBQ, but the feature event for the weekend has to be the ever-popular NMRA Achievement Program.

And if that is not enough, then Sunday will see more clinics, and a prototype tour. The weekend winds up with an awards Banquet.

Price: The full registration package is only \$45 (BBQ and banquet not included). The banquet is only \$26 and the optional BBQ is just \$17. The entire weekend costs about the same as three fully assembled, ready-to-run freight cars – WHAT A DEAL!

Registration information and more information can be gained from Harry Lubbers, Registrar: 403-345-3690 or hlubbers@lis.ab.ca. Don't dilly-dally, registration prices increase after June 2008. Come help us celebrate the un-official start to the winter model railroad season.

Dale Sproule



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LAYOUT TOURS

The Garden Railway Layout tours went quite well on July 22, 2007. The weather was great and all the layouts were up and running. The heat in the late afternoon caused a few trains to slow down and rest for a few minutes but all sprang back successfully. Again thanks to all the people for allowing CMRS members to view their gardens and trains. On average, 30 to 40 people viewed the layouts.

With the change in the SuperTrain show date to April in 2008 we will need to reschedule the layout tours to prevent any conflict. At this time the layout tours are being planned for late May or early June. It may be that both indoor and garden can be integrated together.

David Walker

2816 RAILFAN TRIP TO MAZEPPA

Ticket sales are steady but I want to remind you that the CMRS Steam Trip to Mazzeppa with CPR Empress 2816 is less than 2 months away.

On Saturday, October 20th, we will be departing from the CPR Industrial Yard Office (IYO) located at 747 - 9th Avenue S.E., Calgary (across from Fort Calgary) at **08:00** and returning to the same location at approximately **16:00**.

There are still tickets available at \$130.00 per ticket for CMRS members. This will include a box lunch along the way as well as a photo run-by to take your best shot with your camera. You will also see all the sights of DeWinton Hill and the Okotoks Valley. I am encouraging you to get your ticket early to avoid disappointment as there are only 125 tickets available.

You can purchase your tickets at Trains & Such, or reserve your tickets by sending an email to hgmyers@telusplanet.net or by calling Gail Myers at (403) 295-2254 for more information.

Thanks to all those who have purchased tickets already, your ticket will be in the mail soon.

Gail Myers

HO Scale Turntable For Sale

9" Atlas Turntable in HO Scale is for sale. Comes equipped with an indexed motorized drive. Asking \$50 or best offer. Contact Philip Gormley at 780-986-3583 for more info.

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*

SLIDE NIGHT 2007

Despite it being a month and a bit away, now is the time to start thinking about our next CMRS Slide Night. With the fall colours starting to come out and some golden light, it's the perfect time to go with your camera and take some interesting railroad pictures. It would be great to feature some new photographers along with our talented regulars. We are always looking for different themes - it could be a railroad adventure in another part of the world, or a new way of looking at familiar places and equipment. How about night shots, or stormy weather, or following a product from its origin to destination? They can be shots you just took or from deep in your archives. Your presentation should be between ten and twenty minutes, and of course you are welcome to team up with others to get it together.

Slide Night will be held at the Fort Calgary Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7th. We will be set up to show both regular slides and digital pictures. You can contact me (phone 217-7575) now or closer to the date, but I do hope to hear from you.

Rob Badmington



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Big thank you's to everyone who came out to the 4th Annual Alberta Free-mo event in Big Valley a few weeks ago. We are absolutely certain we set a record for the largest North America Free-mo layout with over 500 feet worth of modules participating. The layout was so huge we couldn't get it all in a single photo! (as could be evidenced on the cover photo) This year we had participants from Prince George and Chilliwack, BC, Edmonton, Camrose, Stettler, Red Deer and of course, Calgary. Lots of new modules, including a very nicely scenicked module from the South Bank Short Line Association. Unfortunately, trackwork concerns put it at the end of the branch but we're hoping they will fix that up and plan to attend next year. Planning is already underway for the 5th Annual Alberta Free-mo and we're hoping you can make it to the show next year!

Lastly, I guess the contests I'm putting in the Orderboard just either don't get noticed or I'm not making them easy enough. Last issue I had requested someone identify the community the station is in. Given how unique the station is along the route of the Canadian (that's the train in the background) and that it was prominently featured on "Canada's Greatest Ride", I thought at least one of you would've written me and said "it's Sioux Lookout!". I guess I thought wrong...

The deadline for submissions, articles and advertising for the next issue is Oct. 22, 2007

Jon Calton

FALL MINI-MEET - CLINICIANS WANTED!

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.

CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2007 CMRS AGM will be held on Sunday, October 14th, 2007, starting at 12:00pm at the Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE

Members will be asked to approve the 2007-2008 Budget, Bylaw changes and to elect Directors. Please plan to attend. The AGM is being held with the Fall Mini-Meet and lunch will be provided for CMRS members.

For more information, contact the Secretary at bharrow@nucleus.com or 201-4937.

*Brookes Harrow
Secretary - CMRS*



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Saturday, October 13th, 2007

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Doors open for setup/display/viewing at 10:00am
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Boomer Auction Rules:

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2. Reserve bids, private sales/trades prior to auction allowed only on **Brass Models** (locomotives & rolling stock).
3. All items sold "as is".
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Test Track

Prior to the auction, a test track operated by a member of the **South Bank Short Lines Association**, will be available to test locomotives and to provide documentation of operating condition for reference by the Auctioneer during the Auction.

Raffle

A raffle of model railroad items will be held, with tickets available at the door. Drawings for the raffle items will be conducted during the auction at the discretion of the auctioneer, and winning ticket holders **must** be present to claim the prize(s).

General

1. **South Bank Short Lines** does not make any representation as to the condition of the items offered for sale with the exception of whether or not a locomotive operated when tested prior to the auction.
2. **South Bank Short Lines** does not accept any responsibility for security of items placed on display.
3. **South Bank Short Lines** will charge a commission of 10% of sales.

**Attend the Boomer Auction
and have a great time!**

SUPERTRAIN CLINICIANS WANTED

The SuperTrain Committee is trying out a new idea for the 2008 show of presenting a series of short clinics to be presented during the 2 day show. Desired length of presentation should be about 1/2 hour, aimed at an audience of families, not us hardened model railroader types who are already members of CMRS. You can present one clinic, repeat it the same day or the second day or present more than 1 clinic as many times as you wish. I want to stay away from any clinic that involves water, paint, or plaster due to the floor surface at the soccer dome.

I'm requesting that all CMRS members who may be interested in presenting material contact me at sproules@telusplanet.net at their earliest convenience. Contact me for more details or if you need help with an idea you may have, you can certainly get help from the other 362 CMRS members reading this newsletter.

Thank you for making the show the success that it will be.

Dale Sproule



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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 for details.

Deadline for the next issue is Oct. 22, 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. Completed forms and payment can be mailed to:

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Box 63033, 2604 Kensington Road NW
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COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Items in Bold type are Calgary Model Railway Society events.

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

June 13-15, 2008 – Chilliwack Interchange 2008, Chilliwack BC, <http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com/>

August 16-17, 2008 – Alberta Free-mo 2008, Big Valley, AB, <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/AlbertaFreemo/>

August 29-31, 2008 – Galt #8 - 6th Division PNR Meet in Lethbridge, AB

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