



# THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

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## President's Message

As I think about the year ahead of me as President of the CMRS, several things come to mind. First of all, it is shaping up to be an exciting year of many changes. With SuperTrain moving to a new location and new dates, a whole new set of challenges face us. We are already sure that the Calgary Soccer Centre will be a great venue that solves many of our long-standing concerns with the Big Four Building. We have a lot more space to fill up with interesting layouts, displays, and live demos. We have to make sure that the public is well aware of when and where to find SuperTrain. We have to offer everyone who participates in the show a fun and rewarding experience. I know everyone who has stood for hours on the concrete floor at the Big Four

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*2816 waits at De Winton for a meet with a southbound CP freight. Article and photos on pages 4 & 5. Cover photo by Murray Larsen.*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

will welcome the change to artificial turf under their feet.

Moving SuperTrain to April means that some of our other events have to change to new dates to spread our activities around the calendar. When things change, we always hope it will be for the better. I guess some of this remains to be seen.

One thing that I thought would be changed by now is our bylaws, but it didn't happen at the AGM as planned. Your Board of Directors presented revised bylaws which we thought addressed some issues we felt should be changed for the betterment of the CMRS.

What I learned from the experience at the AGM is that we didn't communicate the intentions behind the proposed changes very well at all. I will make it my goal to improve communication between the Board and CMRS members so that everyone has a chance to express their views, and hopefully that everyone will understand the reasons behind proposals brought to the membership. Having said that, I encourage everyone to let me know what's on your mind to improve the CMRS. I plan to be at all of our activities in the coming year, and my email address and phone number are shown on the back page of the Orderboard.

At this time I would like to welcome our new Board members - Jon Calon and Barry Conn. Jon is taking over from Greg Cave as the representative from Calgary Free-mo. As you know, Jon has already been doing a fabulous job as the editor of the Orderboard for the last year. Barry joins the Board in one of the independent positions and will serve as the Society's Secretary. Barry is no stranger to any of this, having served on the Board in many different capacities in years gone by. Brookes Harrow will assume the role of Vice President.

Finally, I would like to thank Greg Cave and Maurice Despins for their outstanding contributions to the Board and the Society. Both gentlemen have served us well, and no doubt we can count on them to help out with many of our activities in the future.

Hope to see you at Slide Night!

*Rob Badmington  
CMRS President.*

SLIDE NIGHT 2007

You won't want to miss Slide Night this year! An exciting program of pictures and presentations is lined up for your entertainment. Special guest this year is Roy Lindblad, who was a CPR Wrecking Foreman in BC for many years. He often took his camera to accidents and derailments he was called out to, and has amassed an interesting collection of pictures to show us.

Other presenters this year will include Jon Calon, Roz and Gary Miller, Tom Newton, and John Sutherland. And of course, we always encourage everyone to bring 10 to 20 of their own favourite slides or digital pictures to show at the end of the formal program.

The Slide Night Committee is working hard to ensure the weather is more favourable for the evening than what we had last year, but there are no guarantees on that. However, we will guarantee that if you come, you will enjoy an evening of great photography, some snacks, and a lot of fun.

Doors open at Fort Calgary at 7 PM and the show starts at 7:30. See you there.

*Rob Badmington.*



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It is built in 12 sections, each between 3-4 feet long and 2-3 feet wide. About one third is complete with scenery and landscaping and the rest has the track laid and wiring for switches.

If you're interested, please contact me at [banksr@telus.net](mailto:banksr@telus.net) or call Ray at 931-3964 for more info.



### CMRS BYLAWS

At the Annual General Meeting On October 14, 2007, a motion was made to refer the proposed bylaws to a committee to review them, to recommend changes and clarification where appropriate to address the concerns raised at the Annual General Meeting, including changes to make them legally correct to ensure that they are in compliance with the Alberta Societies Act.

A committee was struck with the following members of the Society:

- Doug Soeder (club member) dsoeder@shaw.ca
- Glen Judd (Independent) juddg@telus.net
- Neil McKay (club member and retired lawyer) n.r.mckay@shaw.ca
- Richard Johnson (club member) rjohnson@ucalgary.ca
- Barry Conn (independent) Chairman and CMRS Director barry.conn@shaw.ca

The committee had its first meeting on October 21 and discussed the major issues that appeared during review and comments on the proposed bylaw amendments at the AGM on October 14, 2007. We will be addressing in more detail the issues of defining what is a "club", club directorships, independent directorships, terms of office of the directors, and a number of other associated items.

It is the committee's wish that we communicate with the membership using the Orderboard to let you know ahead of time what we are recommending in the way of bylaw revisions and why we think you should approve them. This way when you attend a meeting to vote on bylaw revisions, you will be better informed. We also hope that we will be able to answer all your questions ahead of time and this will minimize the time taken to review and vote on the amendments at a meeting.

Bylaws are very important to any Society, and you should read them carefully as they define how the Society will be run for many years to come.

We encourage you to communicate with any of the committee members if you have concerns, suggestions or questions.

*Barry Conn,  
Chairman – CMRS Bylaw Committee*

### 2ND ANNUAL SCRATCHBUILDING CLINIC & DIORAMA CONTEST

In an effort to promote more model railroad construction, CMRS announces our 2nd annual scratchbuilding project, I showed off a sample at the recent fall mini-meet. This is a small HO scale structure is suitable as a small warehouse, factory, boat-repair building...it can be whatever your imagination makes it to be. Its footprint measures 3-1/2 inches square. CMRS will provide all materials: pre-cut styrene walls, roof, windows and doors and more! You can modify the basic design as you wish, paint, lettering and weathering is up to you.

Our first project was a CPR portable station of which 10 members took away pre-cut kits at the Spring 2007 mini-meet to assemble and paint on their own a full year before these are to be presented on a diorama with trackage as a minimum at the upcoming spring 2008 mini-meet. Three other members took away plans for the same project. Again, voting by popular ballot will bring the modeler with most votes a \$50 gift certificate to the local hobby shop of their choice. The only 3 rules: first: please have your diorama with at least a piece of trackage on the diorama although this could be an abandoned track, secondly: you need to e-mail me at sproules@telusplanet.net so I can contact you with further details and third: HAVE FUN. Deadline for names sent into me will be early December, 2007 giving me enough time to purchase and prepare materials for you to assemble at your own pace.

*Yours in modelling,  
Dale Sproule*

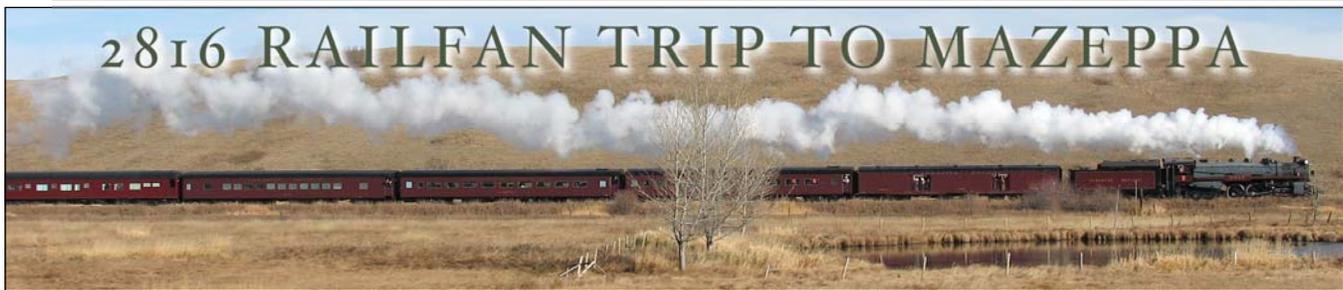
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### 2008 CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET

It's coming!! It's not too early for vendors to start setting aside surplus items and to start thinking about attending. The CMT Annual Fleamarket will be held once again this year in conjunction with the CMRS Spring Mini-meet on February 24th, 2008, at the Glenmore Inn, corner of Ogden Road and Glenmore Trail SE.

Tables will be \$20.00. To book, please contact Brookes at 201-4937 or bharrow@nucleus.com.

*Brookes Harrow*



I would like to thank all those who rode the Steam Train 2816 to Mazeppa on Oct 20th, 2007. Although it wasn't sold out we had a great time with the staff and crew of CPR. I would like to thanks Leslie Pidcock and our engineer William Stetler for a great day. I would also like to thank my wife Jean and our good friends Ron & Monelle Fraser who helped make the lunches you enjoyed.

Just a little funny story I'd like to tell... As we came back into the city, Brookes Harrow and I were asking our passengers what they liked about the trip and also what they would like to do on another Railfan event. There was a little boy (about 8 or 9 years old) who answered when we asked him the question "I'd like to ride an airplane." I don't think the CMRS can help him with that request but we'll start making plans for a spring trip someplace.

Gail Myers

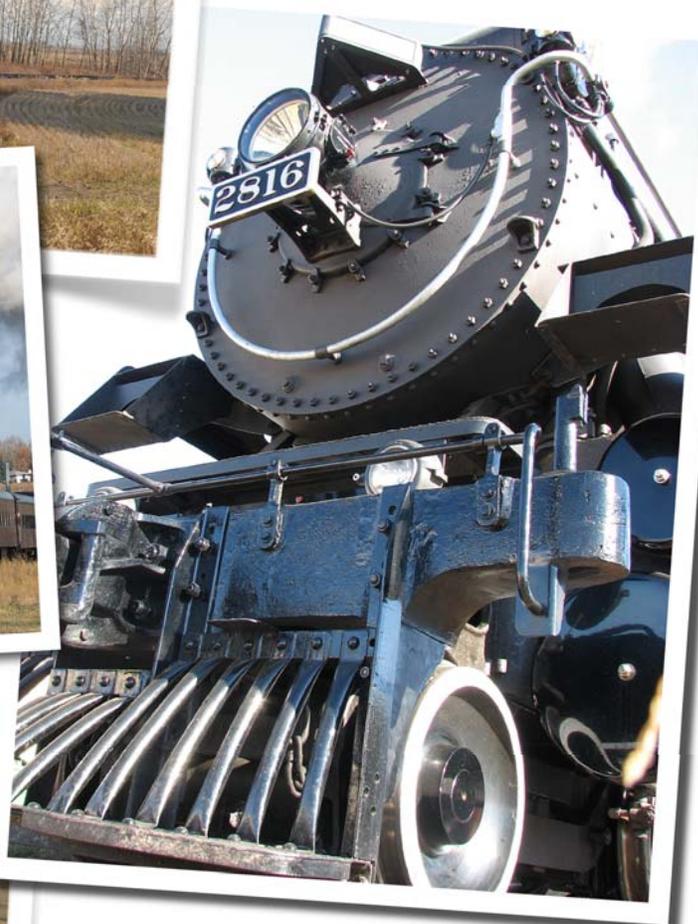


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Second from top: Murray Larsen



### 2816 TRIP TO MAZEPPA

A sunny fall day. Vintage railway coaches. And a working steam engine up front. What more could a railfan ask for?

On Saturday October 20th CMRS chartered a trip behind CPR 2816 to Mazeppa and back. The trip took CMRS members through the south end of Calgary and into rolling hills along track that can be rarely seen otherwise.

The excursion included a photo runby and a one-hour stop at Okotoks to permit riders a second lunch and photos of the locomotive. CPR kindly included two freight meets during the day for added interest.

The train consisted of a baggage car with the doors open, coaches "Dominion" and "Ernest 'Smoky' Smith, VC" which are regularly used in Empress Service plus a third coach still being readied for Empress Service. Business car "Lambert's Point" carried the markers. All cars were painted in classic CPR maroon.

The coach seats were comfortable, though a lot of us spent our time either at the open doors of the baggage car or in one of the open coach vestibules. Cool weather isn't enough to deter railfans from listening to the sounds of 2816 working!!

Did I mention a sunny fall day? Of course, this being Calgary, that couldn't hold for the whole day! There was 10 minutes of rain/snow - perfectly timed for the photo run-by. We were pleased to see the train come back for us!!

Congrats to organizer Gail Myers for providing lunches, and a big thank you to the CPR crew for doing such a great job hosting the event.

Attendees had a great time. Riders enthusiastically asked about next year's trip! If another trip can be arranged, don't miss it!!

*Brookes Harrow*

### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Wow. About all I can say when it comes to the events of the past weekend and the railfan trip of CP's 2816 to Mazeppa. Have to admit, the past railfan trips I've taken with a few friends (who in a



Murray, Cam & Chris enjoying the baggage car.

strange twist were on the train when I was taking pictures of them from the ground. Most of the time, it's the other way around!) have given my wife and I enough practice with chasing a train and

getting to good spots where one can shoot video or take still pictures. Thanks to her driving and a rather speedy car...err, camera of mine, we managed to take pictures of the train at 17 different locations! I can't thank her enough for spending most of the day in the driver's seat. It was a wonderful day with friends, and about all I can ask for.

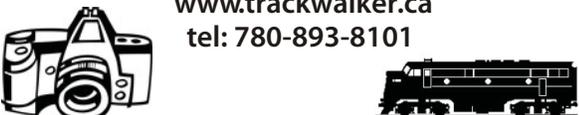
Some breaking news today (October 24th, the night before I'm to start printing). Firstly, my apologies about the e-mails you've likely received with respect to the AGM, arriving some two weeks late. The e-mail was sent on the 12th of October, but got stuck on the server, only to be delivered today. I'm looking into why it happened and how to prevent it from happening again...

Also, the "Spring" Mini-meet has just been confirmed for February 24th, 2008. It was moved up to prevent conflicts with SuperTrain and provide some buffer time between the two events. Should it now be called a Winter Mini-meet?

**The deadline for submissions, articles and advertising for the next issue is Nov. 19.**

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**SUPERTRAIN CLINICIANS WANTED**

SuperTrain 2008 will be showcasing a series of live clinics and I'm looking for CMRS members to present a live clinic. If you want to present a live clinic ranging from one-half to one hour, I'd would really appreciate hearing from you by e-mail at [sproules@telusplanet.net](mailto:sproules@telusplanet.net). Our audience will probably range from the beginner model railroader/family who has received a boxed trainset for Christmas to the more seasoned modeler.

You may choose to present your material for one day only or go all out and repeat the same material or even present new material the same day or for a second day. Suggested topics for the beginner are: Basic electrical, Basic trackwork, Basic scenery and so on and for the advanced person, Weathering, Advanced Scenery Ideas and so-on.

As a clinician you'll get FREE admission to SuperTrain. So think it over and please contact me. If you need help in preparing your material, you'll get it. If you need help transporting your clinic material to the show, I'll do my best to get you that help.

Thank you!

*Yours in Model Railroading,  
Dale Sproule*



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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



### NEW TO THE CMRS BOARD

For those new members who don't know me, I have been requested to provide some background information as I have just been elected to the Board at the recent AGM.

First a little background on my experience with CMRS. I had the pleasure of being one of the original members of the Calgary Model Railway Society when it was formed on September 24, 1994. At that meeting I was elected to the new Board and during the subsequent years I filled a number of different positions on the Board. I have been the Orderboard Editor, Slide Night Coordinator, Mini-meet Coordinator, Layout Coordinator, and eventually served as your President in 2001. I have also been involved with SuperTrain from its inception. This is the premier model railroad show in Canada, and I also had the pleasure of working with an outstanding crew when I was Show Chairman in 2001 and 2002. I feel very strongly that the Model Railway Society is the best thing that has happened in this city for model railroaders, and I would like to see it continue in this spirit for many, many years.

Having taken an early retirement package in 1994 at a very early age, I decided that I wanted to enjoy life and wanted to enjoy my hobby even more. I have always been interested in electronics and loved the concepts of Digital Command Control for operation of my layout. I had just finished construction of my layout (with the very welcome help from two buddies) and then decided to take the leap and purchased what was likely the first Digital Command Control system in the city. My HO layout is now about 33 feet long by 13 feet at its widest and is basically about 95% complete. I model somewhere in southern B.C. where it is dry and brown with few trees (that's because I hate making trees). I am not a rivet counter and strongly go along with the saying that "its my railroad and I model it like I want to". I have mostly modern diesel, but also run a steam train too. I am currently involved with four other guys helping to build a large HO double deck layout at a friends house.

My new job on the CMRS Board this year will be as Secretary. In addition, since I tended to speak up too much at the AGM (I say this with a grin), the President has asked me to Chair a new committee to come to some consensus on a few of the bylaw

revisions that were presented at the meeting. This committee has been established and will attempt to present its findings to the Board by year end, with the intention of getting the information out to the members so they can vote on them at the spring Mini-meet. [See page 3 for more on this -Ed.]

If you have any feedback or suggestions, I would really appreciate receiving your thoughts. Membership feedback is extremely important to the work that the Board carries out on your behalf. You should always feel free to phone or email me with any of your comments or concerns. As Secretary on the Board this year, it will be my responsibility to convey these comments and any correspondence to the Board members at the monthly Board meetings. If you wish your comments made anonymously, I can also do that.

*Barry Conn.*

### 2008 APPRECIATION NIGHT

Our annual CMRS APPRECIATION NIGHT is scheduled for Friday evening, May 23, 2008 at the Glenmore Inn. Tickets are available for purchase **NOW**. Cost will be the same as last year, \$30 per person. Last year we had scheduled a speaker from CPR but due to their labor problems this had to be cancelled but we hope to have this presentation available for 2008.

As with last year, cocktails begin at 6pm, dinner at 7pm followed by member recognition (the most important reason for gathering) and the still popular Fun Casino. Ticket sales need to be cutoff a week prior to the dinner so you have plenty of time to purchase tickets. Where else can you go for a wonderful dinner and entertainment for \$30? Please e-mail me with your request and I will make it as easy as possible to get these to you. Thanks!

*Dale Sproule*



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**Deadline for the next issue is Nov. 19, 2007**

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**COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

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

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

November 9-12, 2007 – Trains 2007, Burnaby, BC. <http://www.bctrains.org/>

December 15-16, 2007 – Great Train Expo, Ridgefield, WA. <http://www.greattrainexpo.com/>

**February 24, 2008 – “Spring” Mini-meet & CMT Fleamarket, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB.**

April 5-6, 2008 – Moose Jaw Model Train Show 2008, Moose Jaw, SK. <http://www.tcmrc.org/>

**April 19-20, 2008 – SuperTrain 2008, Calgary, AB. <http://www.supertrain.ca/>**

April 27, 2008 – 28th Annual Helena Railroad Fair, Helena, MT, e-mail [rrfair@mt.net](mailto:rrfair@mt.net) for info.

**May 23, 2008 – CMRS Member Appreciation Night, Glenmore Inn at 6pm.**

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?  
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