



THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



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What could potentially be a scene in Southern Alberta is rather in Southern California, as UP 5278 leads a train through Cabazon's wind farms in January of 2008. Photo credit to Mike Borkristl

President's Message

The grass is green and needs cutting after all the rain in late May. For many of us, that's the signal to emerge from the basement and leave our model trains for awhile. For others, the garden takes on a whole new appeal with our G scale trains winding around the flower beds and ponds in the back yard. Many of us enjoy the long, sunny days to take our cameras trackside and shoot photos of our favourite subject - railroading in 1:1 scale. Probably quite a few of us will get onto

some of those trains, whether it is round and round at Heritage Park, or a longer journey on VIA, Amtrak, or a tourist line. Lots of us will be attending one of the Regional or National Conventions. What this all says to me is that there are many ways to enjoy our hobby of model railroading.

This issue of the Orderboard includes the details of our two weekends of layout tours. I hope you can get out and visit many of these home layouts. I have always found plenty of inspiration and

new ideas whenever I go on layout tours. The individuals who open up their homes to us are no doubt hoping to hear some complimentary and encouraging words from their visitors.

Inside this issue of the Orderboard is a report from SUPERTRAIN 2008 Chairman Rick McPhee. Rick provides some more details on the success of this year's show, which despite the horrible weather, was very well received by the public. Unfortunately, financially,



PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

SUPERTRAIN basically broke even, meaning that the CMRS will have to dip into the reserve fund for operations next year. Luckily, the wisdom of the past Boards which established the reserve fund for just such rainy (or more accurately, snowy) days ensures that the CMRS can continue operating and can run SUPERTRAIN again next year. However, it also means that we have to be more frugal than we have been in the past few years, and every event must be run on a tighter budget. As disappointing as it was, we could not afford to hold Appreciation Night for the less than 10% of our members who bought tickets.

As this is the last Orderboard before summer, I would like to wish everyone safe and happy holidays. If you do happen to catch some good train shots with your camera, maybe you can share them with us at the Slide Night in the fall.

Rob Badmington
CMRS President.

For CMRS Members:

I am retired and have a reasonably sized HO layout that operates on Digitrax. The running period is the mid-fifties and includes both steam and early diesel engines. The trackwork and much of the scenery is in place. If you would like to help operate or work on this layout, please call Doug at 207-1782 or e-mail me at radbeck@shaw.ca

LAYOUT TOURS 2008

Here is the list of the layouts that will be on tour this year:

Table with 2 columns: North Saturday June 21 and South Saturday June 28. Lists names of layout hosts such as Rusty, Roger Walker, Brian Keay, CMT, Monty Schnieder, Stan Parker, Kicking Horse, Daniel Charest, Murray Larsen, Larry Wener, and Ed Hopkin.

Here is additional information for the members to be aware of during the tours.

General Rules:

- 1. Please respect the privacy of the layout tour host. Stay within the bounds of the layout being shown.
2. If requested please show your CMRS membership Card.
3. Should there be inclement weather make arrangements to bring alternate footwear to be worn at the location should access to the layout be through a main part of the host's house.
4. Be polite and do not interfere with the operation of the layout unless you have permission.
5. Respect the times for viewing layouts. Do not request entry before the scheduled time or after closing. (I am sure you may be able to contact the host and request a viewing at a later date convenient to both people.)

If you have any questions, please contact David Walker or Gordon Cooper. Thanks, and enjoy the layouts!

David Walker & Gordon Cooper

Advertisement for Eastridge Hobbies Ltd. featuring the ER logo, contact information for Store #1 in MacKenzie Town, and a map showing the location at 12204 East Street S.E. near Glenmore Trail and Marquis de Lorne Trail.

Advertisement for Chinook & Hobby West, featuring a logo with a train and a person, and listing products like Model Railroad Supplies, Die Cast & Plastic Models, and Collectible Toys & Action Figures. Includes contact information for 5011 Macloed Trail South.



SUPERTRAIN 2008 REPORT

SUPERTRAIN 2008 has come and gone and the general consensus is that it was another successful show. We have received very good reviews from both exhibitors and the public regarding this years show. Although there are some wrinkles to iron out, the Calgary Soccer Centre appears to be an excellent fit for our needs and we should be well served by this new site for years to come.

The weather had a tremendous impact on the show this year. Attendance was down to 8700 this year due to the snow and cold conditions. The lower attendance numbers resulted in lower revenues than expected. A full accounting of the revenues and expenses will be available to CMRS members at the Annual General Meeting in October.

We had a record number of layouts, vendors and exhibitors as more floor space was available this year. Even so, layouts and commercial vendors were turned away again this year. We had 41 layouts with several new ones that have never been exhibited at our show before; Victoria O-scalers and Ray Brown's N-scale layout from Naniamo to name a couple. General exhibitors numbered 8 and commercial vendors at 39.

The Calgary Food Bank also had a successful show with increases in both donations and food collected. Donations this year were over \$1700 and 1140 lbs. of food compared to \$857 and 940 lbs. of food in 2007. We were pleased to have the Alberta Model Engineers giving train rides to the kids this year. It has been awhile since they were able to run their trains. Part of the Food Bank's donation

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revenue was collected by the Engineers. The SUPERTRAIN committee thanks the Engineers for their efforts this year.

We launched a new website for SUPERTRAIN this year, which was very helpful for advertising and information purposes. Development of the site will continue as we go forward. If you have not seen the site yet, it is at www.supertrain.ca. The SUPERTRAIN Committee wants to thank all of the exhibitors and volunteers for helping out at this years show. The bigger the show

gets, the more of you we need and your efforts are greatly appreciated. We look forward to your assistance once again next year.

In summary, the 2008 show was an artistic success and arguably one of the best ever presented. Hopefully weather conditions will be better next year and result in higher attendance. Planning is already underway for the 2009 show and a new committee is being formed.

Rick McPhee
SUPERTRAIN 2008 Chairman



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CMRS APPRECIATION NIGHT 2008 NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

The Annual CMRS Appreciation Night was regretfully cancelled for May 23, 2008 upon my financial recommendation to your Board of Directors.

Advance sales of tickets (through the preceding months including being available before, after, and at SUPERTRAIN) stood at 37 just 3 weeks before the dinner and entertainment. The Glenmore Inn will not provide a buffet under 50 people.

With a potential MINIMUM outlay from your treasury for Casino prizes, Casino rental of dealers for 3 hours minimum, dinner GST and gratuities, and more would total more than \$3000, I could not see a last minute avalanche in ticket sales either at Trains and Such or through me personally again advertised in the Orderboard for 2 weeks before the event that would make my recommendation different.

My last Orderboard report included my opinion that you cannot go anywhere else in the city and enjoy an evening with everything included for \$30 each. My opinion still stands.

A list of names and phone numbers was collected at time of ticket sales just in case refunds were to be made. This list has been forwarded to Rick Walker, our CMRS treasurer who will be mailing full refund cheques out by mail. Please give him a couple of weeks and if you do not see anything in your mailbox, please contact me, not Rick. My contact info is on page 6. Thank you!

Dale Sproule

The terms of office of the following three independent Directors expire at the October 2008 AGM – Rob Badmington, Dave Walker and Dale Sproule. There will be three vacancies to fill, as Rob is not eligible to run; Dave and Dale decided not to run.

A Nominating Committee is being formed to identify candidates for the Board with myself as the chairperson for the committee.

If you are interested in putting your name forward or if you'd like to nominate another CMRS member who is willing to serve on the Board, please contact me on behalf of the Committee. My contact information can be found on page 6.

*Brookes Harrow
CMRS Vice President.*



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2008 CRAFTSMAN STRUCTURE SHOW NOVEMBER 13-15, 2008

Amazing what happens when you go hunting around the Internet. I first came across information about the 1st Craftsman Structure Show last year too late to attend but promised myself I would attend the next CSS show if it were offered. I now am registered and have a room booked at the Convention Hotel but I need a roommate. I feel that few Orderboard readers know about this show and it's a good one too. The show is heavily clinic orientated so for you hard-core high-end kit modelers - this show is for you.

There may have been some hesitation from organizers to even host their first show, but it ended up a huge success. One result from the 2007 show is a little 20 page photo book being advertised on the web for \$10 bucks, and let me tell you, its well worth it. It covers events and models from the 2007 show including a show summary. "We expected 150 paid attendees but had 250. The contest room was filled, so were the clinics. Almost 200 people attended the Awards Dinner. The Dealer/Manufacturer Show was a huge success. By our estimation, \$125,000 was spent in that room with the average vendor taking home \$5,000".

"The Craftsman Structure Show was conceived as a way to bring manufacturers of craftsman structures together with builders and collectors. This show focused on the art of craftsman structure building with a focus on teaching the techniques required to create this form of three-dimensional art. Because we believe that the best teachers are the manufacturers themselves, we've asked them to present a series of clinics that discuss in detail the materials and methods that make up their products".

"We have also enlisted the talents of the best craftsman structure artists in the hobby to conduct hands-on clinics. These clinics will allow the participants to roll up their sleeves and learn by doing. Our clinic schedule is designed so that participants can attend all the clinics, thereby getting the most out of their show experience". Some notable names include Dave Revelia, Doug Foscale (owner of FOS scale models), Dick Elwell, Lou Sassi, Scott Mason, Bob Van Gelder, and Brian Nolan, just to mention a very few.

The 2008 Craftsman Structure Show is one day longer and will feature a three-day manufacturer/dealer show. Attendees may purchase kits, supplies, scratchbuilding materials, detail parts, etc. at the show. All items for sale will relate to craftsman structure building. There will be no locomotives, rolling stock or white elephant tables at the show. All the manufacturers and dealers in attendance are there by invitation only.

"On the opening evening of the show, the manufacturers will conduct a panel discussion, giving the show attendees an opportunity to ask questions, get feedback, and get a feel for the state of craftsman structure manufacturing".

"The manufacturers will also present a retrospective of their art. Attendees will have an opportunity to view original pilot models of previous structures from many of the manufacturers. We will sponsor several structure contests open to all attendees. Contests will be voted on by CSS08 attendees. We will sponsor several structure contests open to all attendees. Contests will be voted on by the CSS08 attendees. There are presently 27 manufacturers set for the 2008 show, the list is still growing".

"Last year the event went over 2 days, this year, the event has been extended to a full 3 days". This show is orientated toward the hard core modeler with 3 days of marathon clinics, the first starting at 8am, the last ending at 10pm. There is one more notable addition: the layout of George Selios (owner of Fine Scale Minatures) will be open to registrants for a full day. This is the world famous Franklin and Manchester Layout. While there is no cutoff for registrants, there will be a cutoff for dinner tickets, so register early!

So I invite you to have a look at their website at <http://www.craftsmanstructureshow.com>.

Finally, I have a room with 2 beds and I am looking for someone to share the room costs. Contact me by email if you are interested, at sproules@telusplanet.net

Thanks,

Dale Sproule



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Deadline for the next issue is Sept 22, 2008

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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 July 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.

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

June 21 & 28, 2008 – CMRS Layout Tours. Details on Leaflet and Page 2.

August 15-24, 2008 – Revelstoke Railway Days, Revelstoke, BC, <http://www.railwaydays.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

September 27-28, 2008 – Railway Days at Heritage Park, Calgary, AB. <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

October 18, 2008 – South Bank Short Line Boomer Auction, Calgary AB.

October 19, 2008 – Fall Mini Meet & CMRS AGM, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB.

November 7-10, 2008 – Trains 2008 - 7th Division PNR Meet in Burnaby BC, <http://www.bctrains.org/>

November 14, 2008 – Fall Slide Night, Calgary, AB.

November 13-15, 2008 – Craftsman Structure Show, Mansfield MA. <http://www.craftsmanstructureshow.com/>

April 18-19, 2009 – SUPERTRAIN 2009, Calgary, AB <http://www.supertrain.ca/>

**Do you have or know of an event which should be listed here?
Send an email to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org with the details!**