



# THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

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*A long distance away from home and it's coming to SUPERTRAIN!*

## President's Message

It's only a few weeks 'til SUPERTRAIN and I'm getting excited! SUPERTRAIN 2008 is already setting records for the number of display and layout entries, as well as dealers and other commercial exhibits. There are some fabulous new layouts coming to Calgary. I hope by the time you read this, you will have seen or heard plenty of advertising, with a few surprises leading up to showtime. Barring a complete disaster with the weather, I'm expecting record attendance levels in our new venue.

As always, word of mouth is one of the best ways to promote the show, so be sure to mention it to everyone you know. This year, as an added reminder, we printed a few thousand business cards with all the details. We have enclosed some with each mailed Orderboard, just for you to give out to friends and co-workers.

I was very pleased with the turnout at the Special Meeting of the CMRS held in conjunction with the February Mini Meet. We accomplished some very

important business with the approval of the new bylaws. There were two amendments proposed to the new bylaws. One was passed and the other failed to receive the required 75% majority vote. Therefore, going forward, Directors at Large may also belong to one or more of the represented Clubs. However, the limit of two full terms remains for the Board members. The complete set of bylaws as amended has been sent to the Corporate Registry for official

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)**

filing, and a copy will be posted on the CMRS Web site for anyone interested to read once the Registry has accepted them.

With the bylaw business behind us, we can now focus our energies completely on the many ways to get together to enjoy the wonderful hobby of model railroading. I can truthfully say that the CMRS is special, and Calgary is the envy of many cities when it comes to the numerous activities we are able to sponsor. Probably the best part is that all the various clubs, informal groups, and individuals are able to work together, rather than compete to do these things. I think we really owe a debt of gratitude to the founders of our society for figuring this out, and ensuring that the cooperative spirit endures.

See you all at SUPERTRAIN!

*Rob Badmington  
CMRS President.*

**SLIDE NIGHT PART DEUX**

About forty souls braved a nasty bit of snowy and cold weather to attend the second CMRS Slide Night of the season back in February. Those that stayed home missed a great evening. Murray Larsen and Peter Bouma did a first class job in getting everything organized, from arranging the venue, to lining up an entertaining variety of photos and videos, to setting up the computers, projectors, and audio systems, and to setting up the snack and refreshment tables, covered with tasty treats. Of course they had some help, and Jon Calon, Simon Apperloo, Lori Bouma, Dan Hamilton, and Donna Spronk deserve special recognition. Many people also took a lot of their own time to prepare their presentations, all of which were very enjoyable.

The River Park Community Church was a very comfortable location for watching train pictures, and I would suggest that if available to us again, maybe it should become the new home for CMRS Slide Nights. The Friday evening concept also seemed to be popular, as most people stayed until quite late, much later than we ever stayed at Fort Calgary on a Wednesday.

Next Slide Night will be some time in November. Let us know what you think.

*Rob Badmington.*



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**CMRS APPRECIATION NIGHT 2008**

Tickets for our Member Appreciation night being held on May 23rd are still for sale, and available to purchase and take with you from Dale Sproule at SUPERTRAIN. This promises to be an entertaining night, hopefully featuring Tom Price and a fun Casino.

*Jon Calon.*



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## 2008 SUPERTRAIN UPDATE

Once again, SUPERTRAIN “Canada’s best and largest model train show” is just around the corner. The show goes April 19 - 20, 2008. Please check out the Web site at [www.supertrain.ca](http://www.supertrain.ca) for more information and details.

By the time you get this, an updated map of the exhibit floor will be posted on the website showing that the show is already full. Several fabulous new layouts will be present as well as many of your old favorites. If you need a bite to eat, the Calgary Soccer Centre will be providing a food fair type of atmosphere. Live clinics will be running all weekend long. This is something that hasn’t been done for a long time and is sure to be a hit. There will be plenty of entertainment for the kids as a play area will be available. Kids of all ages will be able to get their faces painted and train rides will be given to small children.

SUPERTRAIN admission tickets are now being pre-sold if you want to get your tickets early to avoid lineups at the door on show days or give them as gifts. They are available at the Calgary Soccer Centre. The tickets prices are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults and \$20 for family. \$1.00 will be refunded at the time of the show for any nonperishable food donation to the Food Bank brought to the show. The Saturday night banquet will be held at the Glenmore Inn. A roast beef buffet dinner (value: \$30) will be served along

# SUPERTRAIN



with the usual fun and frivolity. Mike Borkristl might even be convinced to tell one or two of his wonderful jokes! (value: Priceless!) Tickets are now on sale for \$20 per person. Email your request to [info@supertrain.ca](mailto:info@supertrain.ca) to order. These tickets are already over half sold out, so order yours very soon. Note: The Banquet tickets are not available at the Soccer Centre.

Once again I call on you, the membership, to help us out at SUPERTRAIN. Volunteers are what make this show happen. Without them the show and other CMRS events would be impossible. If you would like to help and have not yet been contacted by anyone, I encourage you to contact us through the website. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, last time I asked you to tell your friends, work-mates and family about the show. As I mentioned, this is the best form of advertising and doesn’t cost anything. Maybe drop them an email, but help us get the word out about the show. You will be seeing and hearing other advertising in the weeks ahead.

The SUPERTRAIN Committee is getting pretty excited about the upcoming show. Mark it on your calendar as you won’t want to miss it.

*Rick McPhee*  
2008 SUPERTRAIN Chairman

## PROMOTING SUPERTRAIN

The advertising committee is working hard to make sure that every possible medium is being used to promote SUPERTRAIN. With a bigger and better facility, we are hoping for a record attendance this year. Look for the large posters at C-Train stations and shopping malls, banners on overpasses, feature articles in the daily newspapers, TV and radio promotions, an ad in Canadian Railway Modeller, dozens of event postings and links on the Internet, boulevard signs, and a new idea with Calgary Transit.

A poster has been included with your mailed-out Orderboard, along with a few business cards. We hope you will put up the poster in a prominent

location - your workplace, church, a local business, or community centre. Please hand out the cards to anyone who may be interested in attending SUPERTRAIN. If you can use more posters and cards, feel free to pick some up at your local hobby shop, or contact Rob Badmington to get some more. If every CMRS member can get one more family to attend that otherwise wouldn’t know about the show, that is several thousand more dollars that can go towards exhibitor payouts or other CMRS activities.

With your help, SUPERTRAIN 2008 will be the best ever!

*Rob Badmington*



**LAYOUT TOURS 2008**

The dates selected for the layout tours are June 21 and June 28, 2008 and both are Saturdays.

Currently we have 7 members who have volunteered to show their layouts this year. With the later date a Garden Railway member is considering entering the tour schedule. If there are any N-scale layouts out there, it would be great to have them on the tour this year.

If you are interested in opening your layout to the CMRS membership please contact David Walker by email at mcwalk@telusplanet.net or call (403) 240-9271 or drop Gordon Cooper an email at gcoopercows@shaw.ca or call (403) 285 2282.

Thanks!

*David Walker & Gordon Cooper*

**SUPERTRAIN VOLUNTEERS 2008**

At this time a great many of you will have been contacted regarding assisting with SUPERTRAIN this year. If you have not heard from anyone and are interested please contact me. If you have any friends or family that may be interested we can always use their help as well

To assist with these positions please contact me at 240-9271 or e-mail: mcwalk@telusplanet.net.

Thanks!

*David Walker*

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## CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET

The 2008 Annual CMT Fleamarket took place on February 24th, along with the CMRS Spring Mini Meet.

Once again the event was a great success!! The members of the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club would like to thank all the vendors and the many buyers who attended this year. We know there were lots of bargains- we saw them leaving the room carried out by smiling buyers!! Even if you did not buy anything, it was a great opportunity to browse around and meet old friends again.

For the past few years, our draw prizes have been a popular part of the event. This year there were four draws- two locomotives from a choice of six in both HO and N-scale, and two boxcars. This part of the event is possible through the very generous support of Trains and Such. We thank them for assisting us and for their support of the hobby at many other events during the year. And thanks to all who bought tickets.

A thank you also to all who volunteered to help organize the Fleamarket. And thanks to Jeff Burk for organizing the Mini Meet and letting CMT again use the large Glenmore East Ballroom.

We plan to be back next year. While the date has not been set yet, look for the Fleamarket again near the end of February, 2009. There will be announcements in the Orderboard later in the year. And vendors, start setting aside surplus items for next year!!

If you have any suggestions on how you would like to see the event improved, please let me know.

*Brookes Harrow*

### **CATARACT CREEK RAILWAY OPEN HOUSE**

#### **ATTENTION CMRS MEMBERS**

You are invited to visit the "Cataract Creek Railway" layout one LAST time prior to it being DISMANTLED. My wife and I are retiring to the Ottawa Valley to be nearer to family.

Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 10am to 5pm

We are located at: 431-99th Ave. S.E. in Willow Park Calgary, AB. For more info, call 403-278-5860

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Less than a month away from the start of SUPERTRAIN and yet so much left to do. These days are the ones where we have to really bear down and get those vital things done. For me, it's a case of putting yet more work into the modules that will be attending, and that included a full rebuild of the wiring underneath. It's amazing how much learning one does when they have practice at it and can see good techniques and why they should be followed.

Here's a recent example: My first foray into model railroading, a short 3' double-track module with a left-hand crossover, was initially constructed several years ago and while the top side of the module got nicely developed, the underside was something I left to the adage "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" type of mentality. Sadly, it broke to the point that none of the electrical stuff worked, and at that point, I realized this module was due for a serious overhaul as it was embarrassing to look at! By this time, I've learned and had numerous things drilled into my head from friends (you know who you are!) which were all lacking on this first module of mine. No organization to the wiring, little to no insulation where it needed to be (the cause of the problems), and with no ability to really troubleshoot where things were going wrong, it left me with little choice but to flip the module over, rip out virtually all of the wiring and start over from scratch (feeders and two switches were reused, but everything else is brand new!) Many hours of work later, I'm pleased to say the overhaul was a complete success. I'm proud of the wiring on all of my modules now!

This goes to prove how beneficial it is to have a friend who is proficient in the specific aspect of the hobby where you're not as strong. Without the CMRS, SUPERTRAIN wouldn't exist and very likely would've prevented me from finding the Calgary Free-mo (which may not exist as well) which in turn would mean I'd likely still be on the outside of this great hobby looking in saying "I don't know where to begin...". To say I feel a debt of gratitude to the CMRS could certainly be considered and I can't help but volunteer a good deal of time towards the organization that has brought me into this hobby.

**The deadline for articles, submissions, and advertising for the next issue is April 28, 2008.**

*Jon Calon*



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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 April 28, 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.*

April 5, 2008 – Cataract Creek Railway Open House, Calgary, AB. Details on Page 5.

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, email rrfair@mt.net for info.

May 3-4 & 10-11, 2008 – “Day out with Thomas”, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB. <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

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

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

**June 21 & 28, 2008 – CMRS Layout Tours. Details to be determined.**

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, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB.**

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

**Do you have or know of an event which should be listed here?**

**Send an email to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.org with the details!**