The Orderboard

Newsletter for The Calgary Model Railway Society

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The subject for this upcoming Slide Night (more on page 3) is "Trains and the Weather". Here we see a small centre cab locomotive pushing a plow clearing the snow off of the rails on Doug Cannon's G scale layout. Photo by Doug Cannon.

President's Message

I welcome the opportunity to present my first report as CMRS President. The Calgary Model Railway Society is a unique group in Canada. No other city has organized individual modelers and clubs together in one group to share modeling experiences and events. Certainly there was no equivalent organization present when I lived in Toronto. I believe the presence of this Society has benefited all Calgary modelers.

The CMRS Board, which I have had the privilege of being a member for the past two years, is dedicated to putting on events for the benefit of all members of the Society.

Let me start off by welcoming three new members to the Board, all Directors-at-Large – Peter Bouma, Linda Laroche and John Wrinch. I know the three of you will bring new ideas and direction to the Board and CMRS activities. Welcome aboard!

A thank you on behalf of the Society to the former Board members who retired from the Board as at the AGM- Dale Sproule and David Walker. While both did not run for another term, I know both will continue to be active participants in the Society's activities.

A special thank you goes to the third retired Board member, Rob Badmington, who has served as a member of the Board for six years and as President last year. The Society was in a strong position when Rob took over and stands stronger now thanks to his

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

guidance and leadership. By our Bylaws, Rob was required to retire this year from the Board. However, Rob won't be disappearing from the Society's activities. As you will read on page 5 in this Orderboard, Rob has undertaken the position of SUPERTRAIN Chairman. So thanks to Rob and our wish for nothing but success with SUPERTRAIN.

If I could sum up what this upcoming year should hold, I would use the word "involvement". The Society is made up of many people with a common love of model trains. I would ask each of you in some way to become involved with the Society and share your enjoyment of this great hobby.

Involvement can take many forms. Certainly, consider giving some time to our biggest event of the year, SUPERTRAIN, either now in the planning stage or at the time of the show. See Rob's report for some ideas as to what is needed. There are other ways too. Share your modeling by having your layout open for the Layout Tours if you have a complete model railroad. Even if your layout is not complete, participate on Layout Tours so others can see how you are constructing your layout. Showcase your models by putting them on display at one of the Mini-meets. Volunteer your time to assist with the organization of the Mini-meets, Slide Nights or other events. Demonstrate your skills by putting on a clinic at a Mini-meet or SUPERTRAIN.

There are lots of ways to be involved. I'll let you in on a secret here. Yes, you may have to give up some time and effort. But the rewards will be all out of proportion to your time spent. You will get new ideas and meet some terrific people!!

The new Board will have our first meeting on November 4th where we will divide up the responsibilities for the year. We will also be looking for ideas for reviving Member Appreciation Night in some form and holding some Railfan Events.

If you have ideas for improving our events or suggestions for other events that would be of interest to members, please let me know.

Our next activity is the Fall Slide Night on November 7th. This is always an interesting event- there are always some outstanding presentations. See you at Slide Night!

Brookes Harrow
CMRS President

CMT OPEN HOUSE

The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club will be hosting an Open House on Saturday November 22nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. All modelers and train buffs are invited to see trains running on our HO scale layout, the Chinook Western.

Our address is 619 12 Avenue SE. CMT is located in the long red wood building on the south side of 12 Avenue, next to the hospital ruins and just north of the Stampede Grounds. Admission is by donation.

Guests are invited, if you wish, to bring locos or full trains to run through the mountains of Kananaskis Country. Note the locos must have DCC decoders to run on Digitrax.

For more information, please contact me. My contact info is on page 7 in this Orderboard.

Brookes Harrow

2009 CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET

Here's an early reminder to vendors to start thinking about what surplus items you would like to put up for sale.

Again this year, The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Annual Fleamarket will be held as part of the CMRS Spring Mini-meet.

Date - Sunday March 15th.

Time - 9:00 am.

Location- Glenmore Inn, corner of Glenmore Trail and Ogden Road SE.

Tables will be $20.00. To book a table or for more information, please contact me. My contact info is on page 7 in this Orderboard.

Brookes Harrow

AND THE WINNER IS...

A quick congratulations to Mike Borkristl who won the Air Compressor at the Fall mini-meet raffle. A photographic print was also raffled off.

Over $300 was raised for Trains for Kids. Thanks!

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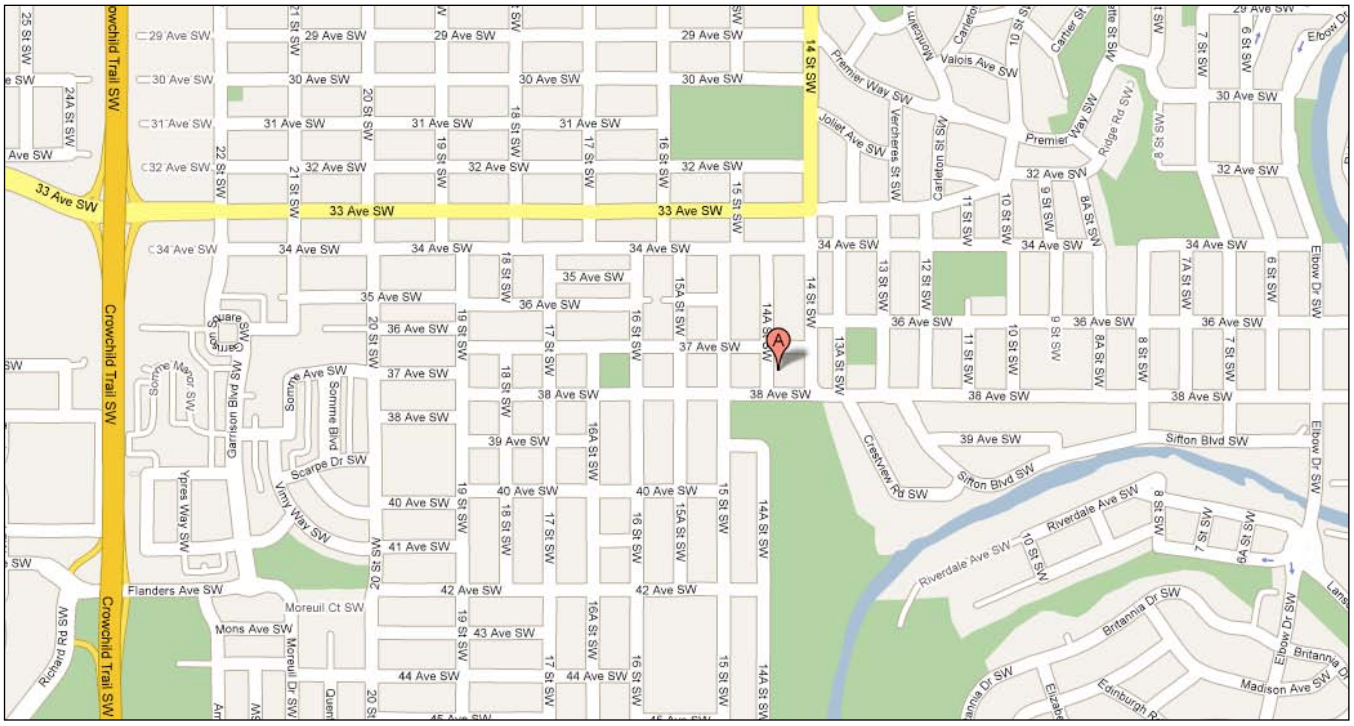
FALL SLIDE NIGHT 2008



Fall is upon us and the leaves are turning colours. What does this mean? Fall Slide night is on it is way! There will be a slide night on Friday, November 7th at River Park Church (3818 14A Street SW). A map is shown above, and parking is available across the street from the church.

This slide night, let's make our theme "Trains and the Weather." Bring your best slides of trains in the desert, snow, rain, or fall colors. I'm looking for presenters who can show 20 minutes of slides and, as always, we will have potpourri scattered throughout (5-20 slides of your own). Digital or traditional slides will be accepted, however we will not be showing video this time.

Doors open at 7 pm and the show starts at 7:30. We'll show slides until we run out, or we all fall asleep. If you have any submissions or need more information, contact me.

Thanks, and see you there!

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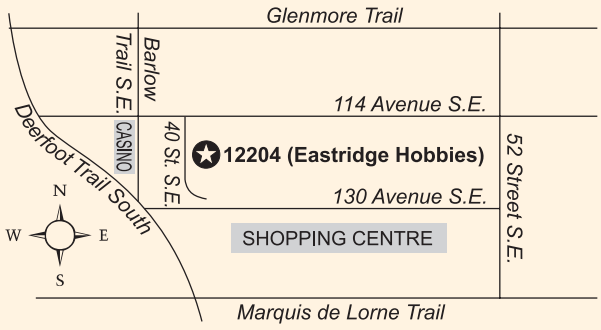

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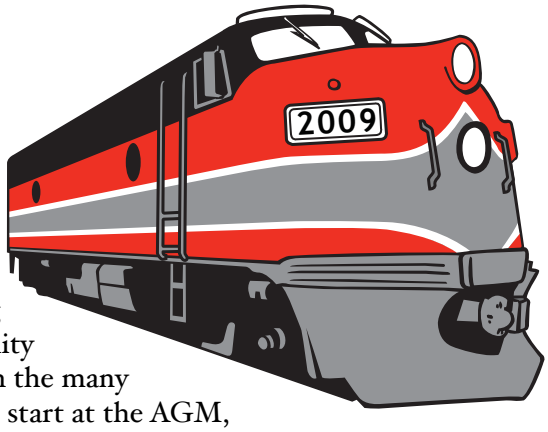

Planning and preparations for SUPERTRAIN 2009 are moving along well. The budget was approved at the AGM and a meeting of the extended committee has been held. I am very pleased to welcome a number of new faces to the committee. They are all people who have contributed in many ways to past SUPERTRAIN shows and have now stepped up to take on larger roles.

One of these people is Greg Cave, who has taken responsibility for coordinating volunteers with the many tasks to be done. We got a good start at the AGM, with a lot of CMRS members signing up for jobs. Clearly, being on the Floor Security crew is a popular assignment. Greg and I will be visiting all of Calgary's clubs over the next few months, hoping to convince club members to add their names to the sign-up sheets. In the last few years, we have found that some groups have had a disproportionate number of names on their list of layout operators. It is very likely that we will have to limit the number of free Exhibitor Passes for layouts this year. The remainder will have to be earned with a couple of volunteer hours. This is just a reflection of the fact that it takes a very large number of manhours to staff the positions such as ticket sellers and collectors, door and floor security, or to help with set-up and take-down. The alternative is to hire people for these tasks, with the cost coming out SUPERTRAIN revenue. Why not get ahead of the crowd and contact Greg to select an assignment. Greg can be reached at (403) 818-7953 (cell), (403) 247-2180 (home), or greg.cave@shaw.ca.

By the time you read this in the Orderboard, the 2009 Application Request Form will be on the SUPERTRAIN website. Again, requesting space in the show will be a two step operation. Step 1 will be to submit an Application Request Form to request the correct application form, and step 2 will be to send in the completed Application form along with payment for whatever tables, chairs, power drops, etc are needed. Brookes Harrow is the show's registrar.

We expect people will start receiving notice of their acceptance into the show by January.

This year, we want to make sure that all CMRS members are aware they are welcome to attend the SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala, to be held at the Glenmore Inn. It's not just for exhibitors! The event is always a lot of fun, with a great meal served. The highlight of the evening is the Chinese Auction where dozens of valuable prizes are drawn for. More information about getting tickets for the Gala will be coming soon.

As always, the key to a successful SUPERTRAIN is getting lots of people to come to the show. In 2008, the bad weather played a big part in reduced attendance, but we can't be that unlucky two years in a row. We really need your help in getting the word out to the public about what a great show we have. We could really use some help in the advertising department. If you have an interest, and particularly if you have some experience with the media, I would sure like to hear from you. Please call me or send me an email.

Rob Badmington
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I would first like to wish our retiring board members All the Best, it's been a pleasure working with Rob, Dale & Dave. I would also like to welcome Linda, John & Peter to the Board! I look forward to working with you.

Layout Tour planning is proceeding along, although I still need feedback or ideas for the upcoming Tours. Some ideas are splitting the tours perhaps North side of city on Saturday morning then the South side in the afternoon. Another idea is to have all one weekend North on Saturday, then South on Sunday. I am also looking at a G Scale tour for mid-summer.

If anyone has any suggestions please let me know, we are still a few months away but it does take time to plan and sign up layouts so, sooner the better for your ideas.

Thanks to all that attended last year & to the layout hosts who are kind enough to open their homes for the membership to visit.

Gordon Cooper

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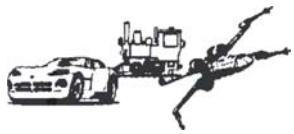

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Change. No, I'm not talking about the coins in your wallet, but of the things that become different. I've certainly experienced a few changes as of late, some major, some minor – seeing some new faces to the Board. Welcome to Peter, John and Linda. Good to have you aboard and certainly hope we make the CMRS a better organization. From the limited time I've spent with John and Linda, and the good amount of time with Peter, I don't have any doubts on that.

Some other changes that you've seen already is that we've moved to what will hopefully always be an 8 page issue of the Orderboard. I've discovered that a friend in the printing business is able to do these newsletters on 11x17 paper instead of the usual 8.5x11 that I normally print these with. The advantage of that is that we get two colour pages for the price of one. After all, if page 1 is going to be in colour, then page 8 will automatically be as well. Problem with the old layout was that it didn't take advantage of it. Frankly, the contact info for the board and the other bits that appear in every issue don't need to be in colour and can certainly be somewhere else. So, I've moved those bits onto page 7 which then leaves room for colour stuff on the back page. Don't worry, the Coming Events will not be coming off the back page as I believe it's the best place for the listings.

The new layout and second colour page also leaves room for the possibility of everyone seeing a colour ad on the back page rather than just those taking the electronic version of the newsletter. To the advertisers in these pages, feel free to contact me for information on this possibility.

Change has also come to SUPERTRAIN too. Obviously, there's the venue change to the Soccer Centre, but there's certainly a lot of other changes taking place too. Congrats to Rob for taking on the chairmanship of the show and I'm thinking some of the changes he's already implemented will bring some good stuff to the already-successful show. Ensure you're in on it by volunteering a couple hours to a task, and enact some positive changes to SUPERTRAIN yourself!

See you all at Slide Night!!

The deadline for submissions to the next Orderboard is January 19, 2009.

Jon Calon

WELCOME TO THE BOARD!

As has been the practice for the past couple of years, I've offered space within the Orderboard to the new members of the Board to introduce themselves and their interests. Following are the responses received prior to the deadline. *-Jon Calon*

Peter Bouma

I have been interested in trains for what seems like forever. I started in the hobby by receiving a used box of Triang Ho scale from some cousins of mine when I was 10 years old.

I have since built two layouts to close to completion and now have a small switching layout started in my basement. I have been a member of Free-mo since inception which is something that would've never happened without the CMRS.

I have always been interested in railway photography (granted my photos are not very good) and have thoroughly enjoyed slide nights for many years. I see this as an opportunity to give back to the CMRS after being a member for quite sometime. I look forward to serving you as a Board member.

Linda Laroche

My name is Linda Laroche and pleased to be on the Board of Directors of the Calgary Model Railway Society. My husband Randy and I have been members of CMRS for approximately six years. We have participated in numerous railfan events and volunteer at SUPERTRAIN. My favorite part of SUPERTRAIN is the kids' reactions to everything going on (ie. Thomas and Friends, Lego or watching the trains being operated). SUPERTRAIN is for kids of all ages and I've got to say we're all kids at heart.

On most weekends Randy and I take a road trip which means we could end up anywhere. In August, as we were leaving Lethbridge we saw a train heading west. We didn't think much about it until later when we stopped to take some pictures outside of Fort Macleod and saw the same train again. One thing led to another and we drove ahead of the train and stopped for pictures. We stopped a lot that day not just for trains but for the scenery. We ended up in Sparwood and had a late lunch in the same spot we visited with CMRS in 2004 for the Cranbrook railfan trip. Trains brought us back to Sparwood. Who knows where they will take us next?

I look forward to seeing some of you at Slide Night on Friday, November 7th. We'll see where trains took some of our fellow members.

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Deadline for the next issue is January 19, 2009

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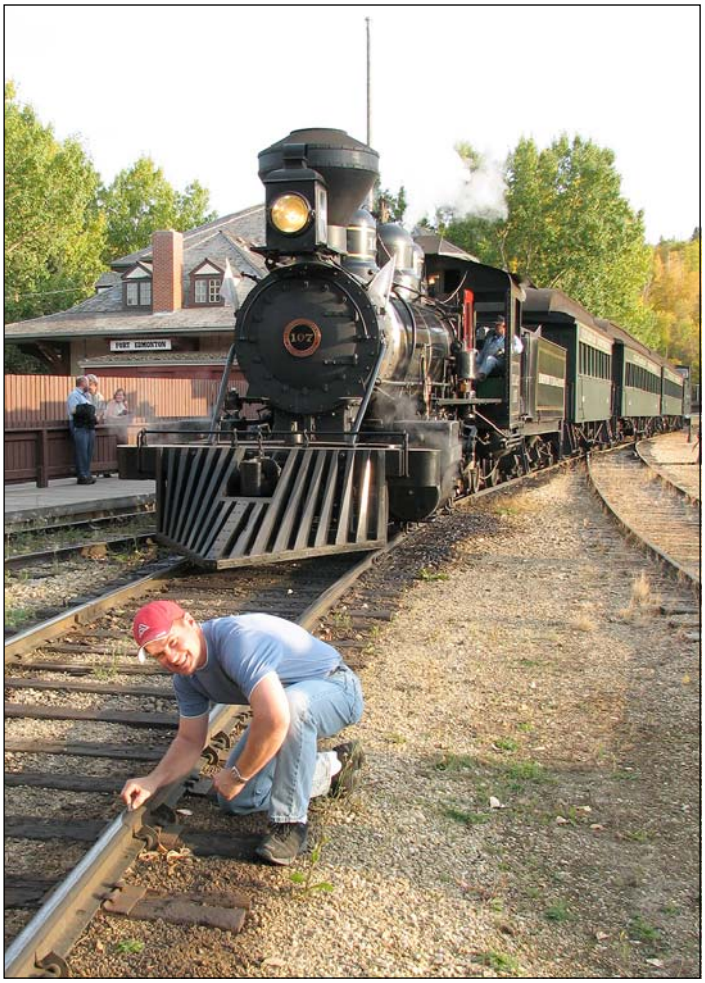
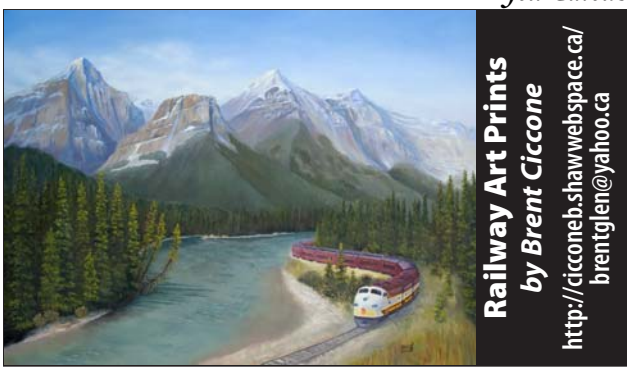


The importance of clean track can never be underestimated!

During the Saturday Night get-together at the Great Edmonton Train Show, we were treated to train rides at Fort Edmonton Park behind a Baldwin 2-6-2. Noticing some slippage of the drivers while going around the Fort's trackage, we figured it might be due to contamination of the track. After gaining permission from the hogger and head-end brakeman for safety reasons, Calgary Free-mo Member Kevin Witherspoon is seen at left attempting to polish the track with a Brite Boy.

No word whether it was successful or not...But it was an enjoyable time riding that train's caboose around the track afterwards!

Jon Calon



COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Items in Bold type are Calgary Model Railway Society events.

November 7, 2008 – Fall Slide Night, River Park Church - 3818 14A Street SW, Calgary, AB.
November 7-10, 2008 – Trains 2008 - 7th Division PNR Meet in Burnaby BC, http://www.bctrains.org/
November 13-15, 2008 – Craftsman Structure Show, Mansfield MA. http://www.craftsmanstructureshow.com/
November 22, 2008 – CMT Open House, Calgary, AB. http://www.calgarymodeltrainmen.org
February 13, 2009 – Spring Slide Night, River Park Church - 3818 14A Street SW, Calgary, AB
March 15, 2009 – Spring Mini-Meet & CMT Fleamarket, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB
March 29-30, 2009 – 2009 Train Show, Western Development Museum, Moose Jaw, SK.email: jhall@wdm.ca
April 18-19, 2009 – SUPERTRAIN 2009, Calgary, AB http://www.supertrain.ca/
July 5-11, 2009 – NMRA National, Hartford, CN. http://www.hn2009.org/
May 23, 2009 – Layout Tours. Details TBA
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