



THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



The double-track diamonds at Rochelle, Illinois are occupied by a UP freight and a Harsco Rail Change-out Train in June 2008. Carl Van Veen shared some great locations to railfan around Chicago at this past Slide Night. Photo by Carl Van Veen.

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President's Message

I wear two hats with CMRS this year- first as President of the Society and second serving on the SUPERTRAIN Committee, now in the role of Registrar.

The question recently came up regarding the sale of second hand equipment at SUPERTRAIN. So allow me to take a minute to clarify our policies. You will see some second hand items from known and respected dealers, especially items of the collectible/antique variety. New applicants wishing to sell used

items from their personal collection are directed to another type of event.

The mandate CMRS gives the SUPERTRAIN Committee is to promote the hobby of model railroading. The volunteer organizers put forth a great deal of time and effort in order to meet that objective. The goal is to showcase the best in modeling and accept vendors who will present the best products. We strive to put on a high quality professional show that is appealing to the

general public as well as model railroaders.

CMRS is involved with three shows offering sales to the model railroad and railfan community. In addition to organizing SUPERTRAIN each year, CMRS supports the Calgary Model Trainmen's Fleamarket in March and South Bank Short Lines' Boomer Auction in October. The last two events are geared to individuals selling used items. SUPERTRAIN is not the venue

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

for these types of sales nor do we wish to compete with the other two events.

And while on the topic of SUPERTRAIN, we welcome feedback from volunteers, exhibitors, vendors and the general public. Many improvements to the show have come about this way. But please do us and yourself a favour and show some respect for our time - keep your comments short, direct and to the point. We have other things going on that compete for the time given to SUPERTRAIN.

Elsewhere Rob will give an update on SUPERTRAIN and offer some comments about another aspect of the show.

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The Winter Slide Night took place on February 13th. Those in attendance were treated to an excellent selection of slides, digital images and videos. A most entertaining show!!

Thanks to everyone who brought slides or images to show. And thanks to Peter Bouma and all of his volunteers who put on another great event.

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And finally a reminder that the CMRS Spring Mini Meet will take place on Sunday March 15 at the Glenmore Inn. Together with the CMT Annual Fleamarket in the morning, this will be an all-day event you will want to attend.

Jeff Burk has lined up an outstanding program of clinicians. You don't want to miss it!!

See you at the Mini Meet!!!

*Brookes Harrow
CMRS President.*

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2009 SPRING MINI MEET

The clinic schedule thus far includes the following:

1) Geoff Southwood & Dale Sproule: De-Mystifying Craftsman Kits – 60-90min clinic – discussion on the differences between regular kits & Craftsman Kits, materials, tips, hints etc; includes a video

2) Roger Walker: Ponds & Water; 30-45min clinic – making realistic standing water

3) Roger Walker: Bricks & Mortar; 30-45min clinic – how to make realistic brick walls from standard pre-formed styrene sheets.

I'd love to have more clinics for the Mini Meet. If you want to do a presentation or clinic, please contact me. My contact info is on page 5.

*Jeff Burk
CMRS Mini Meets Director*

EDITOR'S NOTE

I guess my promise of delivering fixed 8 page newsletters kinda falls short when I'm lacking content to publish...My apologies! If you've got something to share with the membership, please do! Drop me a line for more info.

Deadline for the next issue is March 18.

Jon Calom.

For Sale

Max Jacquiard Print of "Crownsnest Mountain", #201/450. Winter scene w/CPR double-headed steam freight train. Image size 21"x31" in a beautiful frame. Comes with certificate of authenticity. For info, call John at 403-281-5745.

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2009 CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET

Howdy partners!! It's near time to slip on your boots and spurs, put on your best Stetson, saddle up your ol' bronc, mosey on over to the CMT Annual Fleamarket, and put your brand on some real bargains! Don't let some rustler come along and rope away the item you have long been ridin' the range to find for your model railroad.

Yep, it's time to get the posse together and ride. The CMT corral is where the action will be!!

And if your bunkhouse is getting crowded, gather up the trail hands to round-up your surplus items. Then drive them strays to market. Watch out for them cowpies!!!

Of course this wonderful prose can only mean CMT's Annual Fleamarket is just around the corner. Once again, the Fleamarket will be located in the large ballroom at the Glenmore Inn. There's lots of space for tables and to move around. We will again have a Draw Prize courtesy of the generous support or Trains and Such in providing a variety of locomotives and rolling stock for the winners to select from.

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 to 12:00 noon.

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

Admission - free to CMRS members; \$5.00 for non-members. Memberships can be purchased at the show.

Tables (standard 2' X 8') will be \$20.00. Two-thirds of the tables are already booked. To book your table now or for more information, please contact me. My contact info is elsewhere in this Orderboard.

Come-a-ti-yi-yippe-yippe-yo-yippe-yay!!!

[Editor's note: As with all CMT Fleamarkets, western wear is considered completely optional. Same goes for acting like a cowboy. Yehaw. -Ed.]

Brookes Harrow

For Sale Only at CMT Fleamarket on March 15

HO Scale Brass

Pacific Pike C.P.R. Consolidation #3741, Painted & Weathered - \$500
Van Hobbies Kettle Valley Passenger Car Set, Painted, not lettered - \$950
Buy Both for \$1,400. For Info and viewing, see Geoff Southwood.

LAYOUT TOURS 2009

The planning for this years Layout Tours is underway, and to date I have two Layouts interested in participating. I would really like to have 5 or 6 for each day, so members have a chance to visit a variety of themes and designs. There is certainly room for some Tour Veterans to open up again this year. Don't be shy if your just starting and only have benchwork and some track down, as this gives new members the opportunity to see what can be done. Your layout doesn't have to be fully senicked and 100% complete either. So I would appeal to everyone to consider hosting a tour this year. I can be reached at gcoopercows@shaw.ca or at home at 403-453-6494. Note this is a new number as the old number was inadvertently put in the last issue.

Thank you!

Gordon Cooper

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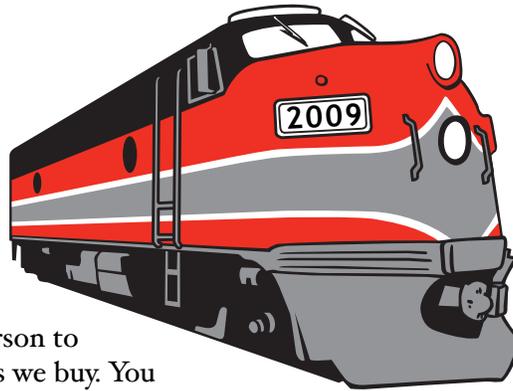
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SUPERTRAIN 2009

SUPERTRAIN

I'm sure everyone who is bringing a layout or display to SUPERTRAIN is furiously working to complete new additions and details. We will feature some new layouts this year as well as some we haven't seen for a year or two. We will also have most of our familiar dealers and hobby shops back along with some new ones. I am really excited that we will have several manufacturers participating in the show. This will be your chance to talk in person to the people who make the models we buy. You can let them know what you like about their products and maybe make some suggestions for new models not on the market yet.



display owners with the public; and some recognition of the distance a layout traveled to the show. Obviously many of these factors are subjective and depend on a fairly large group of volunteer judges viewing each layout and display and providing their ratings. The ratings are blended together to reduce subjectivity. The factors are weighted differently, and the formula makes an attempt to equalize layouts of different scales. A large layout with highly detailed scenery, smooth operations, and the public

crowded around talking to the operators will score much higher than another layout with basic scenery and little public interaction. I know people can't help but be critical when they feel they have been shortchanged, but it is very unfair to criticize the committee and the judges who give so much of their time. I would suggest that those that don't like the system should put their hands up and volunteer to be a judge or come up with a more equitable system. They may find out that it's harder than it first appears.

We occasionally get questions, comments, and criticism about the system used to distribute a share of the proceeds to the exhibitors. Last year, even though gate revenue was down due to the bad weather and lower attendance, the CMRS Board felt it was important to make a payout, even though the exhibitors had to accept a smaller dollar amount than in previous years. Apparently some even felt insulted by the amount they received. Most however, recognized that SUPERTRAIN is one of the few shows of its kind to distribute any of the proceeds to the exhibitors, and were appreciative of the remuneration they got. Believe me, I would have liked to see a bigger payout but we had large expenditures to cover and have to finance most of the CMRS activities with SUPERTRAIN revenues. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate in 2009 and we will have great gate revenues to share.

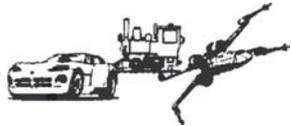
Ticket sales for the Saturday Night Gala are going well. If you are not getting a ticket through the layout and dealer application process, you can buy them at the Spring Mini Meet coming up on March 15th at the Glenmore Inn. See you there.

As always, if you have any questions about SUPERTRAIN, you can send them to info@supertrain.ca or call me at (403) 217-7575.

Rob Badmington
SUPERTRAIN 2009 Chairman

The system used to calculate the size of any payouts is far from perfect and is being adjusted again this year. Several exhibitors have put forward a very legitimate request to get valid, specific feedback on what areas they can improve on their layouts or displays to get higher ratings and a bigger slice of the pie. This year we will share the results of the blended scoresheets with all exhibitors. There are a number of factors which go into the formula including the size of the display; the complexity, detail, and quality; the public's reaction to the display; the interaction of the

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WINTER SLIDE NIGHT 2008

The winter slide night occurred on Feb 13th. Thank you to all our presenters (in no particular order): Scott Jolliffe, Ian McArthur, Doug Cannon, Josh Soles, Gail Myers, Garth Praestegaard, Carl Van Veen and Rowan Bonser. Also thank-you to all of you who helped with food preparation, 50/50 draw and technical assistance, without you this event wouldn't happen! Now, I'd like some feedback so that we can make this event even better. Is there something that you would like changed? Can we improve on something? Or would you not change anything? Should we have slide night on a different day of the week? I would love to hear your comments. Please email me at freemo54@hotmail.com. See you at the next Slide Night (in November).

Peter Bouma
freemo54@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT

Thank you to everyone that responded to the email sent out in December regarding Membership Appreciation Night. Your input is valued!

For those of you that didn't receive this email, we are soliciting feedback from the CMRS membership whether we should continue to have an Appreciation Night, at the Glenmore Inn or a different venue. If you would like to send me an email with your input, my email address is appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca.

Linda Laroche

TOUR OF CP PAVILION

We will be arranging a tour of the cars at the CP Pavillion in mid to late April. More information will be in the next Orderboard. We would like to know how many of you would be interested in the tour. Please send an email to appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca indicating if you would like to participate.

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March 15, 2009 – Spring Mini Meet & CMT Fleamarket, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB

March 29-30, 2009 – 2009 Thunder Creek Model Train Show, Moose Jaw, SK. For info, email: jhall@wdm.ca

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

May 2-3 & 9-10, 2009 – Day out with Thomas, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB. <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

May 2, 2009 – CMT Open House, 10am-4pm, 619 12 Ave SE, Calgary, AB.

<http://www.calgarymodeltrainmen.org/>

July 5-11, 2009 – NMRA National, Hartford, CN. <http://www.hn2009.org/>

May, 2009 – Layout Tours. Details TBA

August 13-16, 2009 – Alberta Free-mo 2009. Big Valley Agriplex, Big Valley, AB. <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/>

August 14-23, 2009 – Railway Days 2009. Revelstoke, BC. <http://www.railwaydays.com/>

September 17-19, 2009 – Northern Lights 2009, NMRA-PNR Regional, Edmonton. For info visit:

<http://www.northernlights2009.ca>

September 19-20, 2009 – Great Edmonton Model Train Show, Edmonton, AB. <http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/>

September 27-28, 2009 – Railway Days, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

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

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