



THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



CP 8078 leads a manifest train around the curve to go underneath Barlow Trail by Shepard Road in southeast Calgary, on a very dry day in December of 2008. The smoke is coming from a GP38-2 trailing behind it. We all hope you enjoy your summer railfanning during your travels. Photo by Jon Calon.

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President's Message

Early in June, Jason Shron of Rapido Trains posted a thought-provoking question on the CanModelTrains Yahoo email list about the future of this hobby in another twenty years. I read it and gave his question some thought.

Jason is writing as someone currently in his mid-30s looking at the hobby now and what he perceives 20 years down the road. As a manufacturer as well as a hobbyist, he presents a broader perspective than most of us. To start, the majority of hobbyists are

now in the 55-65 range (myself included!!), the leading edge of the Boomers.

Summarizing Jason's concerns, he looks at the proliferation of people in his generation raised to look at home entertainment on screens. In his perspective, hobbies will exist but the size of the hobby industry will be a fraction of its current size.

Quoting Jason, "In 20 years, I see there being half the number of manufacturers there are today and

not enough of a critical mass of modelers to bring out all of the prototype-specific models that we are seeing today. I also see models costing much more as petroleum-based production of any kind becomes more and more taboo.

"Today is doubtless the golden age of model railroading. Who would have thought just 10 years ago that there would ever be a TurboTrain or an AeroTrain available in RTR plastic? Now we have both."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

I have a couple of comments. First, the hobby has always consisted of a majority of older modelers. I recall reading an issue of Model Railroader in which the editor was lamenting the threat to the hobby raised by the then-new hobby of slot car racing. This was written in the 1960s, probably by Linn Westcott. Yet, over the decades since the hobby has thrived.

The hobby itself is resilient enough to continue to appeal to many. It also raises the importance of bringing younger people into the hobby. How? Most will follow the pattern that many of us followed - interest as a child set aside as a teenager and rekindled later in life, typically after the kids are grown and out of the house.

The Board has discussed several times over the years various ideas on how to get young people involved. Major train shows, like CMRS's SUPERTRAIN show, can expose people, both children and adults, to the hobby. Invite friends and neighbours in to see your basement layout or visit your club. Parents (and grandparents) help build a layout with your children. Teach younger people the skills you have learned.

And be prepared - it may be years before the start you've given is translated into an active hobbyist.

If you have any thoughts or comments on this topic, please email me and I will summarize some of the comments in the next Orderboard.

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Under our revised Bylaws, the Board is required to post nominations for upcoming vacancies to be filled at the October AGM. This year the nominating process will be easy - all expiring terms are Club seats. The process says the respective clubs will present their nomination to fill the club seat on the Board, and at the AGM, you as the membership will be asked to ratify the nominations. We are not aware of any Independent vacancies.

Jeff Burk (RMGR) will have completed his two terms in October and has to step down. Gail Myers (Bow Valley) and myself (CMT) will have completed our first term and are eligible to run again, subject to approval by our clubs and the CMRS membership. Ditto for Jon Calon, except he will have completed a fill-in term as the Calgary Free-mo rep and will be starting his first term.

The AGM will be held on Sunday October 18th. Please plan to attend. More details will be provided as we get closer to the event. And yes, this year lunch will be included!!

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This is our last issue until the fall. Just a reminder about a CMRS Garden Layout Tour on July 19th. There are some excellent garden layouts open that I am sure you will find most interesting. More details can be found on page 6 in the Orderboard.

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Enjoy the summer months!! See you in the fall.

*Brookes Harrow
CMRS President.*

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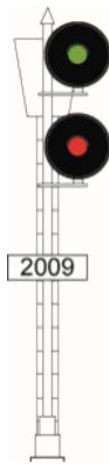
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There is still time to pre-register for the NMRA PNR Regional Convention in Edmonton which takes place September 17 to 19. You don't have to be an NMRA member to participate. There are lots of fun activities to take in including clinics, layout tours, a barbeque at Fort Edmonton Park with live steam, prototype tours, model and photo contests, hospitality suite, and a banquet with guest speaker Tom Price of the CPR. The convention takes place on Thursday thru Saturday, and the Great Edmonton Train Show is on Saturday and Sunday Sept 19 & 20, giving you two great model railroad events to attend.



If you pre-register now, you will still get several entries in the early bird draw for a chance to win an InterMountain FP9A & B painted in the classic CN Super Continental scheme of the 1950's. You can find registration forms and everything else you need to know on the website www.northernlights2009.ca. Hope you can join us. You'll have a wonderful time.

Rob Badmington

RAILWAY DAYS AT HERITAGE PARK

The 2009 Railway Days event at Heritage Park this September 26th and 27th has some new features that will interest railroaders of all stripes. In addition to the many static displays and the new additions to the park, Railway Days welcomes historian and author Mr. Joe Smuin as the featured guest speaker. Joe is the author of the Kettle Valley Railway Mileboards and Canadian Pacific's Kettle Valley Railways (BRMNA) and is willing to share a wealth of first hand information on this historic railway. Joe will be giving two different 40 minute talks each day, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The topics will be:

- The Myra Canyon - then and now
- The Coquihalla Sub - as the employees saw it


In addition to the wealth of information Joe will provide, the snow plow exhibit has been enhanced with actual videos of snow plow operation punching through the Ross Peak slide on the CPR main line west of Glacier this spring.

2009 promises to be another enjoyable year for railway enthusiasts so Heritage Park invites all CMRS members to visit us during Railway Days this September.

HERITAGE PARK RAILWAY DAYS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Heritage Park needs some volunteers to help at Railway Days in a few key areas: crossing safety, directing visitors to feature activities, and so on. This year's event takes place on Saturday and Sunday, Sept 26 and 27. A half day shift is only four hours, and jobs are rotated so there is some variety in the tasks. The rest of the day can be yours to enjoy at the Park. If you would like to help out, please contact Bonnie Pritchard at: bpritchard@heritagepark.ab.ca or by phone at (403) 268-8563.

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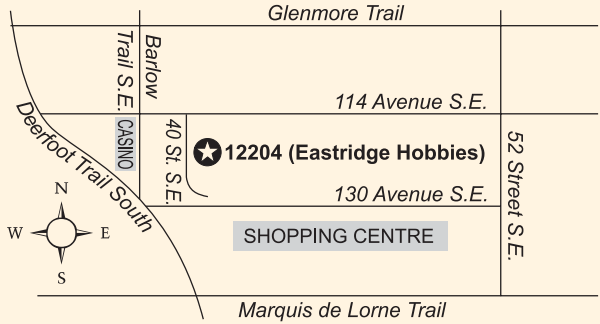
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SUPERTRAIN LOST AND FOUND

I've had a couple requests come into my inbox asking for assistance in returning stuff to their owners. If you have any information on these two bits, please contact the appropriate folks. - Jon

A dark blue fleece vest was left in the Security Room when SUPERTRAIN wrapped up. There is a logo on the front which says "RMC". If this item is yours, or you know whose it is, please contact Rob Badmington by email to badmingt@telusplanet.net or call 403-217-7575.

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Has anyone seen or might know of the whereabouts of the following items that have disappeared since SUPERTRAIN which belong to the Calgary British Railway Modellers? One is a kit built small 00 scale British Tank Locomotive (Red coloured South Eastern Finecast Box for a SECR 0-4-4T H Class) that was boxed and I'm pretty sure that it wasn't run at the show, and it was as far as I was aware in the carry bag I brought it in along with the other locos, all of which I have. It could have been left on the wall behind our layout and forgotten. The other is a white Bankers Box that was full of the buildings that were on the layout, and may well contain 00 scale cars as well. On the lid was written 'Don't not crush' property of Graham Fenton or words to that effect. This could have been left outside on the grass by the loading dock when we were packing the cars. I was wondering whether anything was handed in by the soccer centre staff after the show? They have nothing from the show in their Lost and Found but said that anything from SUPERTRAIN would have been passed on to the CMRS. [Ed. note: This came via Rob Badmington, so we would've returned these items to Martin had we received them. Since we haven't... -Jon] None of the members of the CBRM who helped have these items and I have looked at home with no effect. If you know about these items, please contact Martin Dawe by email at mpdawe@telus.net or by phone at 403-264-8200.

Wanted

I am looking for the January and February 1997 issues of Railroad Model Craftsman or permission to make copies of the articles by Dick McEvoy in the issues for my personal use.

I can be contacted by phone, cel 403-651-6165, home 403-547-7421 or email cabguy@telus.net. - Bob Hall

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Summer is well underway and I'm finding myself in the basement a little more than usual...more due to the cooler environment compared to the rest of the house. Cleaning out the basement for the home layout continues, but it's still a slow slog. I'm still hoping to take advantage of that nice tax break from the government. Stay tuned...

Coming up on the August 15th and 16th, the Calgary Free-mo group will be participating in the 5th annual Alberta Free-mo event in Big Valley, Alberta. The event aims to fill a hockey rink with one continuous operating layout.

The best part of this huge layout? You can take a train (one of yours - if it's HO and DCC equipped - or one of ours) for a run around the layout! Hope to see you in August in Big Valley's Agriplex!

The deadline for the next issue is Sept 21.

Jon Calon.

BOOMER AUCTION COMING UP!

A quick note to remind everyone of the upcoming Boomer Auction, held this year on Saturday, October 17th. This is your chance to sell "everything" railroad related you want gone from your collection that you have no need for.

I say "everything" in quotes because there are some things that may not sell for various reasons. Magazines will no longer be auctioned. Also, your brass rolling stock can have reserve prices set and if the bidding does not make the reserve price you set, you can keep your rolling stock.

More details about the Boomer Auction will be available in the next edition of the Orderboard. Until then, think about what's surplus to your needs and put it aside for the Auction!

Jon Calon.

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Deadline for the next issue is Sept. 21, 2009

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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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LAYOUT TOURS 2009

Layout Tours went well this year, and despite some organizational errors (not to be repeated again), most layout hosts reported between 40 & 50 visitors each.

I would like to thank all the hosts of this years tours. Each host this year was presented with a Certificate of Participation signed by the CMRS President & myself as a token of thanks for opening their layouts to be visited.

With a membership of close to 400 I did expect a larger turnout. If you have any suggestions on how to improve or attract more visitors I would like to hear from you. We on the Board work hard for you, the members, and try to plan events that should bring us together as Model Railroaders. If you have ideas on events that we can do or consider, please contact any Board Member. Our contact information is on page 5.

Gordon Cooper

GARDEN LAYOUT TOURS 2009


For the second time in as many years, we are hosting layout tours aimed at a somewhat larger scale. "G Scale" that is.

On Sunday, July 19th, take a trip to some of these larger layouts and see what can be done when trains are sent outside.


For those who are readers of the electronic edition of the Orderboard, we are as usual mailing you a separate sheet with the addresses of this year's exhibitors. If you receive your Orderboard on paper, you should have the information in the envelope.

Thanks very much to Robert Fraser, Andrew Wills and Ken Hutchinson for opening up their layouts this year for the tour. I would also be remiss in not thanking the Rocky Mountain Garden Railway Club and specifically Jeff Burk for his assistance with organizing this year's Garden Layout Tour. Hope to see you all out there!

Jon Calow



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COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

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

July 5-11, 2009 - 25th Annual Garden Railway Convention, Denver, CO. <http://2009ngrc.com/>

July 19, 2009 - Garden Layout Tours, Calgary, AB

August 15-16, 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. <http://www.northernlights2009.ca>

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

September 25-26, 2009 - East Coast Large Scale (Fall Show), York, PA. <http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/>

September 26-27, 2009 - Railway Days, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

October 17, 2009 - South Bank Short Lines Boomer Auction, Calgary, AB

October 18, 2009 - CMRS AGM and Fall Mini Meet, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB.

November 14-15, 2009 - Trains 2009, 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.ca with the details!**