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NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



SUPERTRAIN 2009 will return to the Calgary Soccer Centre in only a few short weeks. We're all hoping the floors will be packed even more this year. More details on Pages 3 and 4, and at www.supertrain.ca. Photo by Rowan Bonser.

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President's Message

The Annual Spring Mini Meet was a great success and well attended. Held on Sunday March 15, the day started off with the CMT Fleamarket in the morning. A record number of tables and vendors attracted many people, both CMRS members and non-members, to the morning event. See my report on page 6 for more details on the Fleamarket.

In the afternoon, three excellent clinics were presented. Roger Walker did two clinics- Ponds & Water and Bricks &

Mortar and the team of Tom Byers, Geoff Southwood and Dale Sproule put on a clinic on De-Mystifying Craftsmen Kits. It was an afternoon you would have wanted to clone yourself to be able to attend all three clinics.

I was able to attend the Craftsmen kit clinic. Tom, Geoff and Dale did a great deal of preparation work to get their clinic ready and it showed in the quality of their presentation and the quality of their modeling. Even if, like me, you will probably never

put together a craftsman kit, they presented large number of valuable tips and ideas on detailing basic kits and scratchbuilt structures.

And from reports, Roger Walker did a great job with his two clinics, evidenced by the fact there were still several people talking to Roger 45 minutes after the clinic was over.

Thanks Roger, Tom, Geoff and Dale for putting on some interesting and informative clinics.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

And speaking of Mini Meets, a huge thank you to Jeff Burk for organizing the Meet again this year. Over the past few years, Jeff has done a terrific job on the Mini Meets. And sorry I had to burst your bubble, Jeff. Jeff's six-year term on the Board expires at the AGM in October. Jeff happily informed me a few months ago that the Spring Meet was the final one he had to organize - until I pointed out he had to do the Fall Mink Meet as well, so we could hold the AGM!

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Rob reports elsewhere on the planning for SUPERTRAIN 2009 for April 18th and 19th. We are excited about how the show is shaping up this year.

A big thank you to the guys at South Bank Short Lines for putting together an excellent lineup of short clinics on model railroading. Please check the SUPERTRAIN website for the schedule.

And, as Rob indicates, volunteers are most welcome. Please offer to take a shift to help make this show a success. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the Friday move-in and setup of the show.

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SUPERTRAIN Saturday Gala tickets are still available, but not for much longer! We have to advise the Glenmore Inn in advance on the number of tickets that have been sold. April 1st is the deadline for ordering tickets.

This dinner is great bargain. The event includes a buffet dinner with a wide variety of foods, including roast beef. Many vendors at SUPERTRAIN will be contributing prizes for the Auction. And Frank Angstead from InterMountain will be doing a presentation; some of the Committee members have seen him at various conventions and have come away most impressed with his presentations.

Tickets are \$24 each, and you are getting a meal valued at \$34. After that, the entertainment is free!

To order tickets, please email me at registrar@supertrain.ca. Payment can be sent in by cheque or PayPal; let us know and we will issue you a PayPal Invoice by email. You do not have to have a PayPal account; all you need is a credit card and our Invoice. As many members familiar with eBay know, PayPal is convenient, secure and easy to use.

Tickets will be available to pickup at the Information Booth

at SUPERTRAIN on Saturday April 18th.

As well, Geoff Southwood will be at Trains and Such on Saturday March 28 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to sell tickets. Please come and see Geoff to purchase tickets or pick up tickets already ordered by email. And please talk to Geoff about tickets, not the Trains and Such staff.

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Please take a look at Linda Laroche's article on page 5 on the upcoming CP Pavilion Tour she has organized for Sunday April 26th. There is no charge for this Tour. However, she must know in advance who will be attending as space is limited. So let Linda know right away to reserve your space.

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Finally, an appeal on Jon's behalf. He is always looking for photos for the Orderboard, particularly of modeling activities. Send him some photos of your layout or latest modeling project. We would all be most interested in seeing what our members have been accomplishing!

See everyone at SUPERTRAIN!

*Brookes Harrow
CMRS President.*



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SUPERTRAIN 2009

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Everything is rapidly coming together for what we hope will be the best SUPERTRAIN yet!

Perhaps the most exciting news is that several major model manufacturers will be attending SUPERTRAIN 2009, including InterMountain, TrueLine Trains, BGR Group, Sylvan Scale Models, Rapido Trains, and Rail Scale Miniatures. This is your chance to talk with the makers of some of your favourite models.

Frank Angstead of InterMountain Railway Company will be doing a presentation each day in the clinic area, talking about how his company chooses prototypes and goes about making scale models. Because we know that many modellers and dealers would like to hear him speak, but cannot get away from their layouts or booths during the show, Frank will be doing a shortened version of his presentation at the Saturday Night Gala at the Glenmore Inn. If you haven't arranged for a ticket already to the Saturday Night Gala, be sure to get your hands on one!

InterMountain has chosen SUPERTRAIN to make some exciting announcements. And Rapido Trains has also decided to make a splash with their first time at our show by sponsoring the entire Show Guide. We thank Jason and company for their fantastic support.

All of the manufacturers welcome the opportunity to meet their dealers and customers and hear your feedback. Please make sure you stop by each of their booths for a chat.

SUPERTRAIN has always been a place for beginners to learn more about our great hobby. Last year for the first time, we set up clinic areas where experts could share some of their knowledge. This year we have decided to build on this with the help of South Bank Short Lines. We are placing one, bigger clinic theatre on the arena floor along with a number of displays and live demonstrations in the same area. SBSL members will be covering topics



ranging from selecting and setting up the first train set to building scenery. Nearby, others will be showing techniques like fine-tuning rolling stock and constructing buildings.

The Committee has a major request to make of all exhibitors, volunteers, and members coming to the show. Please park your car in one of the warehouse parking lots across the street, and leave the Soccer Centre parking lot available for our guests, the paying public. We have made arrangements with those

warehouse owners to allow us to park in their lots. I'm sure you can appreciate that families with small children and pushing strollers need to park as close to the entry doors as possible. Of course, if you have your own mobility issues, you are welcome to park in the designated spots to the north of the main entrance.

If you haven't signed up for a volunteer assignment yet, it's not too late. Greg Cave still has some spots available in all areas. We can always use your help and it is very appreciated.

Finally, it is very important for every CMRS member to tell your family, friends, and co-workers about SUPERTRAIN. Word of mouth advertising is very effective. It is especially important to remind them that the show is at the Calgary Soccer Centre. Also, with the mailed issues of the Orderboard, we are including several posters and handouts. We hope that you will put them up on bulletin boards around your community, or even on your desk at work. Don't forget to mention our support of the Calgary Food Bank and the discount off admission with a donation.

If the weather is even a little bit better than last year's blizzard, we may see record attendance. I hope to 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



CMT OPEN HOUSE

The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club will be hosting an Open House on Saturday May 2nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

What's new? Well, for one thing, our already tall mountains have grown considerably! Thanks to the artistry of Mike Borkristl, we have a new mountain range under construction. Be ready to look up at the soaring peaks! And there may still be a couple of mountains in the early stages of construction so you can see how Mike did them.

Lot's of other new stuff as well- new scenes, new buildings and new areas under development.

CMT is located at 619 12th Ave SE, just north of the Stampede Grounds. Admission is \$2 Adults, \$1 Child and \$5 for Family. For a map and more details, see www.calgarymodeltrainmen.org.


Brookes Harrow

For Sale

N Scale layout still under construction on a 4x8' table, includes lots of track, cars, buildings, etc. For more info and for viewing, call Carl at 403-249-7178.

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SUPERTRAIN VOLUNTEERS

SUPERTRAIN 2009 is quickly approaching! Numerous volunteers from the CMRS have enthusiastically come forward and we thank you for that.

The SUPERTRAIN committee has worked hard to ensure that issues from last year are resolved and that this year's show will be outstanding. Volunteers make such a difference in guaranteeing that the show will be a success. They are deeply appreciated by the visitors, exhibitors, CMRS members and directors.

Leo de Groot from the Rocky Mountain Garden club has kindly offered to assist with volunteer organization and communication. Contacting everyone will be a huge job!

There are still volunteer positions open for security, banners and for monitoring of the "Children's Play Area". If you have not yet volunteered and plan to help us, please contact Greg Cave at (403) 247-2180 or greg.cave@shaw.ca.

Our goal is to have a final volunteer list and assignments completed by April 5 after which we will commence advising all of the volunteers as to their respective assignment times and locations. We have attempted to honour all of the requests for timing, roles, partnerships etc. made by volunteers when they submitted their names. Should you decide to volunteer, we request you arrive for your assignment and report to the appropriate person at least 15 minutes prior to your shift.

A volunteers' entrance is planned in the north-east portion of the main Soccer complex where volunteers will enter and be directed to their assignments and receive their pass. It is hoped that the main parking lots at the Complex will be dedicated to paying visitors. Exhibitors and volunteers are requested to park in the warehouse parking lots across from the Soccer Complex. We wish to make it as easy as possible for guests to visit us and have a pleasant experience.

We look forward to working with you all at SUPERTRAIN 2009. Thank you!

Greg Cave

For Sale

Max Jacquard 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.



CP PAVILION TOUR

Thank you to everyone that expressed their interest in a tour of the cars at the CP Pavilion.

The tour is booked for Sunday, April 26th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. The entrance for the Pavilion is the Royal Canadian Pacific office at 201 - 9 Avenue SW.

The tour will be led by staff of the Royal Canadian Pacific. We will be touring 10 cars including business and sleeper cars.

There are several parking lots nearby such as Gulf Canada Square and Palliser Square. I believe that Sunday parking costs either \$2.00 or \$4.00 at most lots. Otherwise, there is no cost for the tour.

Please confirm your attendance as space is limited. Only people that have pre-registered will be allowed on the tour. I can be reached via email at appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca or phone at 403-934-1372.

Also, did you know the cars at the CP Pavilion are also available for tour during business hours Monday to Friday? Please call 403-508-1400 to confirm the cars are at home and not riding the rails if you wish take the tour during the week.

Thank you,

Linda Larocbe



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It's amazing how exhilarating and sobering a home layout can be. I'm both excited at the plans a friend drew up for my future home layout and depressed at what needs to happen before even a stick of lumber can be purchased to start on the benchwork. Maybe I should back up a little first.

I've been searching for a prototype to model in my basement. Thanks to my loving wife who has basically said the basement (all 600+ square feet of it) can be devoted to a model train layout. First came the decision of "what to model?". The first plan, an S3 rendition of the White Pass & Yukon Route from Skagway to Fraser was thought up and then rejected. Too expensive and time-consuming for rolling stock and structures. Too many lift-out bridges as well.

Then came the idea of doing another railway with passenger operations. Vancouver Island's Esquimalt & Nanaimo. Short trains, Budd Rail Diesel Cars (my favourite rolling stock of all time), a marine interchange and a chance to be mostly prototypical were all factors in my decision to model some of the railway in HO scale. Another friend is excited at the potential and volunteered to draw up the plans for the E&N layout in my basement. Great! There's the exhilarating part. Now the depressing part.

The aforementioned basement needs to be developed first. To get the development done, I need to clean out said space and that's the stage I've been at for the past six months. I'm sure most of you can relate. The workbench has just 2 square feet of clear space to work on and the rest of it is piled three or more layers deep. Not once have I gone downstairs to get started only to look at the mess and think "where do I start?" Stay tuned...

The deadline for the next issue is April 27.

Jon Calow



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CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET

The 2009 CMT Annual Fleamarket took place on Sunday March 15th as part of the CMRS Spring Mini Meet.

This year's event was a huge success. 37 tables were booked, which is by far a record for the Fleamarket. That many vendors attracted large numbers of buyers. And buying they were - there was a constant parade of smiling buyers all morning carrying out bags of purchases before coming back for more! And it was a great chance to see old friends.

The Draw Prize part of the event was also a success. Six locomotives (4 HO and 2 N) were available to choose from. Three winners were drawn to select their locomotive prize. There were two additional draws for freight cars. This part of the event is made possible with the generous support of Trains and Such. A huge thank you from CMT! And thanks to all who bought tickets.

Thanks to all the vendors and attendees who participated and thanks to fellow CMT members who volunteered to put on this event.

While the date has not been set, keep checking the Orderboard for information on the 2010 CMT Annual Fleamarket.

Brookes Harrow

SPRING MINI MEET

This year's Spring Mini Meet & CMT Fleamarket seemed to be a great success. I would like to thank Roger Walker for putting together two great clinics, demonstrations and presentations, one on Bricks & Mortar, and a second on Ponds & Water. Both clinics well attended and kept Roger really busy with lots of

questions. A big thanks to Geoff Southwood, Dale Sproule and Tom Byers who worked hard together to put on a great clinic on De-Mystifying Craftsman kits. Lots of examples of craftsman kits with demonstrations and

presentations. All clinics were really well received and attended and ran the whole afternoon. Thank you.

On the Fleamarket side, this year CMT saw 37 tables reserved. A new record.

There were great deals to be found on all the tables.

We are preparing for

the Fall AGM/Mini Meet. We are looking for CLINICS of all sorts. If you or someone you may know is interested in putting together a clinic (or two), please drop me a line at jeffb@boltsupply.com and we'll figure out the details.

*Jeffrey Burk
CMRS Mini Meets Director*



Top: Dale Sproule shows what can be done with Atlas Grade Crossing Towers at the "De-mystifying Craftsman Kits" clinic at the Spring Mini-Meet. Bottom: The public and CMRS members enjoyed the space to socialize and find great deals from numerous vendors at the CMT Fleamarket.

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Deadline for the next issue is April 27, 2009

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LAYOUT TOURS 2009

Planning is coming along nicely for this year's layout tours.

The dates have been set to have the North layouts on Saturday the 23rd of May, and the South layouts on Sunday, the 24th of May.

As has been done in the past, we are going to be mailing out with the next edition of the Orderboard the addresses and details about the layouts on the tour. Keep your eyes on your mailbox following the first weekend in May for this.

As of this writing, I have only six members wishing to include their layout in the tour. 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. Don't be shy if your just starting and only have benchwork and some track down, as this gives everyone an opportunity to see what can be done. Your layout doesn't have to be fully scenicked and complete either. So I would appeal to everyone to consider hosting a tour this year. I can be reached at gcoopercoaws@shaw.ca or at home at 403-453-6494.

Thank you!

Gordon Cooper

4'x8' Table for sale

No layout on top, but can certainly be an excellent start for one! For sale, a 4'x8' plywood table, very sturdy, reinforced underneath and has legs that collapse almost flat. Asking \$25. Contact Sue @ 240-2268 or sumacken@cameradventures.com

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COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

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

April 26, 2009 - Tour of CP Business Cars, CP Pavilion, Calgary, AB. See Page 5 for Details.

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/

May 23 & 24, 2009 - Layout Tours, Calgary, AB. Details to come with the next Orderboard.

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

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 27-28, 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.

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

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