The Orderboard

Newsletter for The Calgary Model Railway Society

A train is on it's way into Big Valley's train station. CMRS Members can ride the train to visit Alberta Free-mo in August. More on Page 4. Photo credit: Randy Laroche

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President's Message

Welcome to the tens (or is it teens?). Another decade (depending how one counts) has arrived. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your Board and the SUPERTRAIN Committee have been busy during this period planning events, activities, and of course another successful SUPERTRAIN. It is amazing the amount of administrative work that is put in by these volunteers to run the Society and host events. The workload runs the gamut of city permits, societies act registration, accounting and financial reports, insurance riders, advertising, bookings of facilities, applications and processing payments for commercial, hobby and public service displays, and more.

Publicity has to be arranged months ahead. The Orderboard and SUPERTRAIN 2010 brochures need to be designed and printed. Electronic and print media must be contacted to place advertising and to solicit promotion. The floor plan and placement of the various exhibitors must be drafted and cleared with the city fire department. In fact every event the CMRS puts on requires a fair amount of advance planning and work.

The contributions of time and effort by volunteers from the general membership are gratefully acknowledged. Later in this issue there are contact details for volunteering for SUPERTRAIN 2010. Please consider making some time available to handle some of the many jobs. Most of

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WINTER SLIDE NIGHT

A reminder that the Winter Slide Night will occur on Friday February 12th, 2010 and will start at 7:30pm. Slide Night will again be hosted by the River Park Church, located at 3818-14A Street SW.

We've lined up a few presentations, including Tom Newton with a presentation on the BNSF High Line between Williston, ND to Whitefish, Montana. Mike Westren will have a presentation on the Copper Canyon Piggyback Experience, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Chihuaha al Pacifico Railway through the Barranca del Cobre. John Sutherland will have a presentation titled: Excursion Charters 1969-1979 "10 years of ramblings behind steam and diesel out of Montreal and Toronto".

As always, we will have a potpourri component around 9:30 so bring around 10-15 slides of your own to show.

I am looking for a couple more presenters and volunteers to help with the evening, so if you can lend a hand please drop me a line.

Also, in interest of respecting people's time we will be keeping presentations on schedule.

If you have any questions please contact me at: freem054@hotmail.com

Peter Bouma

2010 CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET

Here's a second reminder for vendors to get your surplus equipment ready for sale at the Fleamarket. Once again, the event will be held as part of the CMRS Spring Mini Meet in the Glenmore East room (same as in the past). Admission will be charged for everyone (except vendors), with prices of $2.00 for CMRS members and $5 for non-members.

Date – Sunday, March 14th, 2010

Time – 9:00 am

Location – Glenmore Inn, corner of Glenmore Trail and Ogden Road SE

Table rental will be $20.00 this year. To book a table, please drop me a line. My contact info is on page 7 in the Orderboard.

Brookes Harrow

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

the positions require only an hour or two during the weekend.

The next event is Slide Night on Friday, February 12. Peter has arranged for the River Park Church as the venue again. Complimentary refreshments will be served at the intermission.

There are some very interesting presentations this time so check his report at left. Peter is always looking for new presenters. If you have a collection of slides or digital pictures, please let Peter know. Generally, themed presentations should be around 15-20 minutes. There will be a spot allocated for short collections, so if you have a few gems please bring them along and make yourself known to Peter.

The Board is interested in promoting the hobby in Calgary and can be approached for promotional and financial support for events. These events could range from beginner to advanced – it is not necessary that they appeal to all members all the time and can be proposed by clubs or individuals.

On March 14, the joint Spring Mini Meet and CMT Fleamarket will be held at the Glenmore Inn. Monty Schnieder, one of the new Board Members, has already lined up some clinics but probably would be interested in additional contributors. Marvin Burk, another new Board Member, has arranged the facilities with the Glenmore Inn. In response to some suggestions made about the timings of the clinics, we will be starting clinics earlier (during the Fleamarket) and repeating some for those working the tables.

I will leave the details of the individual functions to the other directors or chairpersons in this issue.

Finally, if anyone has some expertise in one of the many facets of model railroading they would like to share, the Orderboard is always receptive to articles.

Some Calgarians, including Rob Badmington (SUPERTRAIN Chairman) and myself, are heading off to the Springfield Train Show at the end of this month. We will be taking the opportunity to promote SUPERTRAIN to various exhibitors and looking for best practices (sorry, a phrase from a previous corporate life).

Looking forward to a great year, that's about it for now.

Rick Walker
CMRS President

SUPERTRAIN 2010 REPORT

When I think about how SUPERTRAIN comes together every year, it occurs to me that it's like watching a passenger train speeding across the Prairies. You can see it a long way off, but at first it doesn't seem to have much movement. As it gets closer, the excitement builds and suddenly it's upon you with a flurry of commotion. And then it's gone, the markers fading into the distance.

SUPERTRAIN

SUPERTRAIN 2010 is at the stage where the excitement is rapidly building. The application forms have been sent out and as I write this, many have been completed and returned to Registrar Brookes Harrow already. Linda Laroche and Brookes are busy compiling the applications and very soon we will begin the challenging process of figuring out how to fit it all into the floor space at the Subway Soccer Centre (new name, same place). Our reputation as Canada's Biggest and Best Model Train Show is attracting more first time exhibitors including some major manufacturers. Of course, most of our past participants will be back with improved layouts and exhibits. At the South Bank Theatre we will again feature a number of clinics and demos aimed at the beginners in the crowd. Nearby, at Craftsman Corner, there will be several exhibits where modelers will be demonstrating their model building skills, close to the booths of some of the manufacturers of craftsman kits. With the kind support of Ultimate Trains and SALUG, we will again feature a Children's Play Area with plenty of Lego and Thomas to amuse the little visitors.

Some very important changes are coming this year. As everyone knows, SUPERTRAIN's success depends entirely on the contributions of many, many volunteers. Greg Cave and Leo deGroot have taken on the job of lining up willing volunteers with tasks to be done. They will be contacting all members of the CMRS by email or phone asking for your commitment to take something on, whether at the show, or in preparation. If you would prefer to contact them, you can email Greg at greg.cave@shaw.ca or Leo at leo.degroot@telusplanet.net. Leo's phone number is (403) 274-0415.

Using an idea we borrowed from some major sporting events, we are holding a Volunteer Orientation Reception at the Glenmore Inn a week before the show, on **Sunday April 11, from 11am to 2pm**. To entice a good attendance, the SUPERTRAIN Committee will be pleased to offer **free snacks and refreshments** at the reception. At the Orientation, every volunteer will be able to meet with their coordinators and get complete instructions including what the assignment is, where and when to be there, and what to do in the event of an emergency at the show. Volunteers will be able to pick up their badges, saving much time at the entrance to SUPERTRAIN. We will have a separate Volunteer & Exhibitor door at the front entrance of the Soccer Centre to make it easier to get through the crowds to check in.

As mentioned in the last Orderboard, the CMRS Board has decided to go ahead with the idea of combining aspects of Volunteer Appreciation Night with the SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala. Tickets will go fast, so if you are interested in attending, please contact Linda Laroche or see her at the Slide Night or Mini Meet. In addition to some really great raffle prizes, there will be special door prizes for CMRS volunteers. Our after dinner presentation will be by Tom Price of the CPR. Tom's "127 Years of Mayhem" was very popular at the NMRA convention in Edmonton last September, and has been improved since then. Even the spouses who don't like railroad topics will enjoy this one.

I am pleased to report that Monty Schnieder has taken on the challenge of soliciting sponsorship support and advertising sales for SUPERTRAIN. As you may know, we were able to cover some of our printing costs with advertising last year, and Monty will be looking for more support like this, including selling additional advertising spots in an expanded Show Guide.

As always, if any member has a question or suggestion regarding SUPERTRAIN, or would like to get more involved, please feel free to contact me through info@supertrain.ca or by phone at (403) 217-7575.

Rob Badmington
SUPERTRAIN Chairman

STETTLER RAILFAN TRIP - SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010

The planning has begun for a trip to Stettler on August 16th to take a ride aboard the Alberta Prairie Railway. We will take a bus to Stettler and then board the train to Big Valley where we will have lunch and tour some of the sights. Central Alberta's countryside is beautiful at any time of year so make sure you have plenty of film (or its electronic equivalent) and batteries on hand. Of note, the Alberta Prairie Railway schedule indicates the weekend's trips will be pulled by Mountain Class 4-8-2 6060, the pride and joy of the Rocky Mountain Rail Society.

One of the must see sights will be the Big Valley Agriplex (the hockey arena) where the Alberta Free-Mo display will be setup for the weekend. This layout will feature modules attending from Calgary, Camrose, Quesnel, Chilliwack, and Swift Current if past years are any indication. There is also the Roundhouse Interpretive Centre to wander through in addition to the Canadian Railway Hall of Fame.

We are still deciding whether to return to Stettler with the train or have the bus pick us up in Big Valley and return to Calgary from there. By returning to Calgary from Big Valley, we would be able to tour the town, enjoy the provided meal and the Free-mo display without time constraints.

Give us your input as to whether we should take the train back to Stettler and then the bus back to Calgary or depart directly from Big Valley to Calgary. Your feedback will allow us to plan a more memorable trip.

Please email Linda Laroche at appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca or Jon Calon at orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca with your thoughts about returning from Stettler or Big Valley. At the same time, let us know whether you would like to join us on the trip. About 20 people expressed their interest for this trip when we brought it up at the AGM.

At this point in time, we don't have firm numbers for the cost of the trip. We'll have more info for the next Orderboard. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jon or Linda.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Jon Calon & Linda Laroche

UPDATE ON CMT PREMISES

Back in January 2007 I submitted an article to the Orderboard summarizing the status of Calgary Model Trainmen's Club premises. At that time, I said that we expect to remain until summer of 2008, but we may be there longer. Well, 2009 has come and gone and we are still at the same location with no signs yet of an impending move.

The Calgary Stampede, who is now our landlord, has been steadily expanding east from MacLeod Trail on 12 Avenue SE. The next planned phase will be on Olympic Way, which is one and a half blocks from us. The development of that area includes retail stores and restaurants leading up to the Stampede grounds.

So, not much has changed since the last article. We know the Stampede expansion will happen. We know we will have to vacate our premises. We just don't know when yet. Best guess, we still have a couple of years at this location.

The club continues its policy of building our layout because doing projects is of interest to our members. A large and very impressive range of mountains is being rebuilt; this is a major project that has been ongoing for some time and will continue, as we want to ensure it is built with quality. A new city passenger station and surrounding area is being constructed. We are planning to redo and improve the backdrops. Our members have introduced a new card-forwarding system for operating nights. And a new cable tramway is being built to provide some animation to the layout.

Our club is the only permanent HO scale layout in its own premises in Calgary. Visitors are welcome to visit CMT any Wednesday evening. (Note, we do not meet on nights the Flames are at home; and the second night of the month is when we usually hold our monthly business meetings.) The club is located at 619 12th Avenue SE, just east of 5th Street. Parking is along the east side and in back; the City does not permit street parking in evenings.

Come on down for a visit, we'd be happy to show you what we have been doing!! New members are most welcome too!!

Brookes Harrow

CMRS SPRING MINI MEET CLINICS AND HANDS ON DEMOS

We are presenting a series of Hands on Demos of different areas of model railroading. The idea is that there will be 2 or 3 Hands on Demos happening in the same room and each one would be 20 minutes in length. At the end of the 20 minutes people would move to the next Demo and we would start again and then once more in the hour. These would be small groups so the presenter can easily interact and show the materials and methods of their topic.

The CMT Fleamarket is on from 9 am to noon and we have Demo and Clinic times from 10:30 to 3:30 so the plan is to schedule up to 6 demos, 2 or 3 of which would be repeated for a second time at 12:30 so those working the Swap Meet could attend. The 1:30 and 2:30 sessions will be full 45 minutes with nothing scheduled against them. These would be more like presentations. We are still looking for a couple more presenters of Hands on Demos.

Clinic Time	Clinic	Presenter
10:30am	Rust: Rolling Stock & Structures	Roger Walker
10:30am	Switch Machine Linkages	Glen Judd
11:30am	Structure Lighting with LED's	Roger Walker
11:30am	Weathering	Jeff Burk
12:30pm	Switch Machine Linkages	Glen Judd
12:30pm	Weathering	Jeff Burk
1:30pm	Signaling on your layout	Kevin Rudko, Signalogic Systems
2:30pm	DCC Sound	Dave Bedard

Following are descriptions about the clinics from their respective presenters.

RUST: ROLLING STOCK & STRUCTURES

Rust develops on cars and buildings, and comes in different forms and colours. In this mini-clinic, I will show some of the ways to model rust, using paints and pastels.

SWITCH MACHINE LINKAGES

The Switch linkages that are discussed are geared to the Tortoise switch machines

STRUCTURE LIGHTING WITH LED'S

This clinic will show how strips of LEDs can be installed in buildings, quickly and easily.

WEATHERING

The Quick and Dirty: quick, simple and inexpensive weathering techniques. [We're hoping Rick Walker can attend this informative clinic. -Ed.]

SIGNALING ON YOUR LAYOUT

Signalogic Systems This presentation will help model railroaders understand railroad signals. The first half of the presentation will discuss how signals relate to railroad operations in the real world. The second half will discuss implementing signals on a model railroad.

DCC SOUND

With what is available today a clinic geared towards strategy on selecting sound decoders/ standard decoders for your locos.

We will advise of any changes and the exact locations of these clinics at the mini-meet.

Also if you have a model or project you would like to display at the event please let us know so we can arrange tables and space.

Monty Schnieder

LCL (LESS THAN CARLOAD)

[Brookes provided an excellent suggestion for this "column" for anyone wishing to pass along *short* notes to the membership. If you've got anything to go into what I'm hoping will be a regular thing, please pass it along to me via e-mail. -Ed.]

The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club has a new Web presence. The new website is located at www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca. Webmeister Teagon Murray has done a lot already, including a progress report of our new mountain range and has more to add. Please give it a look.

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Congratulation to CMRS member Roger Walker. Roger's article on weathering Canadian grain hoppers appears in the January 2010 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman. The 9-page article covers weathering techniques for these grain hoppers with photos of both the prototype and Roger's modelling. Excellent job, Roger!! (Note the author is Roger Walker, not to be confused with CMRS President Rick Walker.)

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Also in the January 2010 RMC is a product review of a HO wood hotel kit from Full Steam Ahead. This Ontario firm has expressed interest in attending SUPERTRAIN 2010, so hopefully we will see this fine hotel kit and other kits. See their Web site at www.fullsteamahead.ca for more of their work.

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The 2nd Annual Olds Model Train and Hobby Show is being held at the Olds Legion on February 20th from 10-5 and from 10-4 on the 21st. Admission is $5 for everyone except children 5 and under get in free. Phone Gord at 403-986-3866 or email funtimeshobby@shaw.ca for more info or to exhibit.

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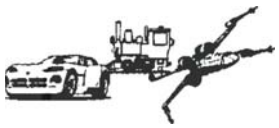

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Do you have some Model Railroad related items for sale, or perhaps something rare you want?

Consider an ad in the Orderboard. Ads run twice free of charge for members (provided they are relatively small), and a $15/year charge for business card size commercial ads. Contact the Editor, Jon Calon at orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca for details.

Deadline for the next issue is Feb. 15, 2010.

MEMBERSHIPS

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 1 to June 30. Multi-year memberships are also available. Membership forms can be printed from our website. Completed forms and payment can be mailed to:
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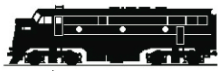

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CMRS Spring Mini Meet:

10:30 – 3:30 PM
Clinics – Displays – Vendors

Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE

Contact Marvin Burk for CMRS Mini Meet information at (403) 995-3319 or E-Mail: burkpm@telus.net
Contact Monty Schnieder for Clinic information at (403) 242-6859 or E-mail: mschnieder@telus.net

CMRS MAILING ADDRESS

From the last issue of these pages I said "We will have the new address in the next Orderboard." Whoops. We're still in the midst of deciding on where we would like to be in the snail mail world, so please stay tuned. In the meantime, we still have the forwarding in place, so keep those letters coming!

Jon Calon

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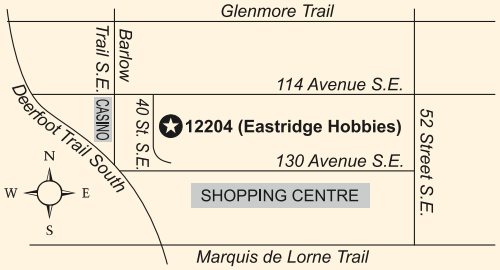

COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Items in Bold type are Calgary Model Railway Society events.

February 12, 2010 – Winter Slide Night, River Park Community Church, Calgary, AB.

February 15, 2010 – Family Day "Come Ride the Train" at Ironhorse Park, Airdrie, AB. http://www.ironhorsepark.net/

February 20-21, 2010 – 2nd Annual Olds Model Train and Hobby Show, Olds, AB. For more info, see LCL on Page 6.

February 20-21, 2010 – All Aboard 2010, Western Development Museum, Saskatoon, SK. Email allaboard2010@sasktel.net for more info.

March 14, 2010 – CMT Annual Fleamarket & CMRS Spring Mini Meet, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB.

March 20-21, 2010 – 4th National Garden Railway Convention, Masterton, New Zealand, http://culcreuchfold.org.nz/wairarapa2010.htm

March 26-27, 2010 – Spring East Coast Large Scale Train Show, York, PA. http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/

March 27-28, 2010 – Thunder Creek Model Train Show, Moose Jaw, SK. http://www.tcmrc.org/

April 2-4, 2010 - Shuswap Rails 2010, Salmon Arm, BC, http://www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com

April 17-18, 2010 – SUPERTRAIN 2010, Subway Soccer Centre, Calgary, AB.

May 1, 2010 – CMT Open House, Calgary, AB. Details will be coming in the next issue.

Do you have or know of an event which should be listed here?
Send an email to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca with the details!