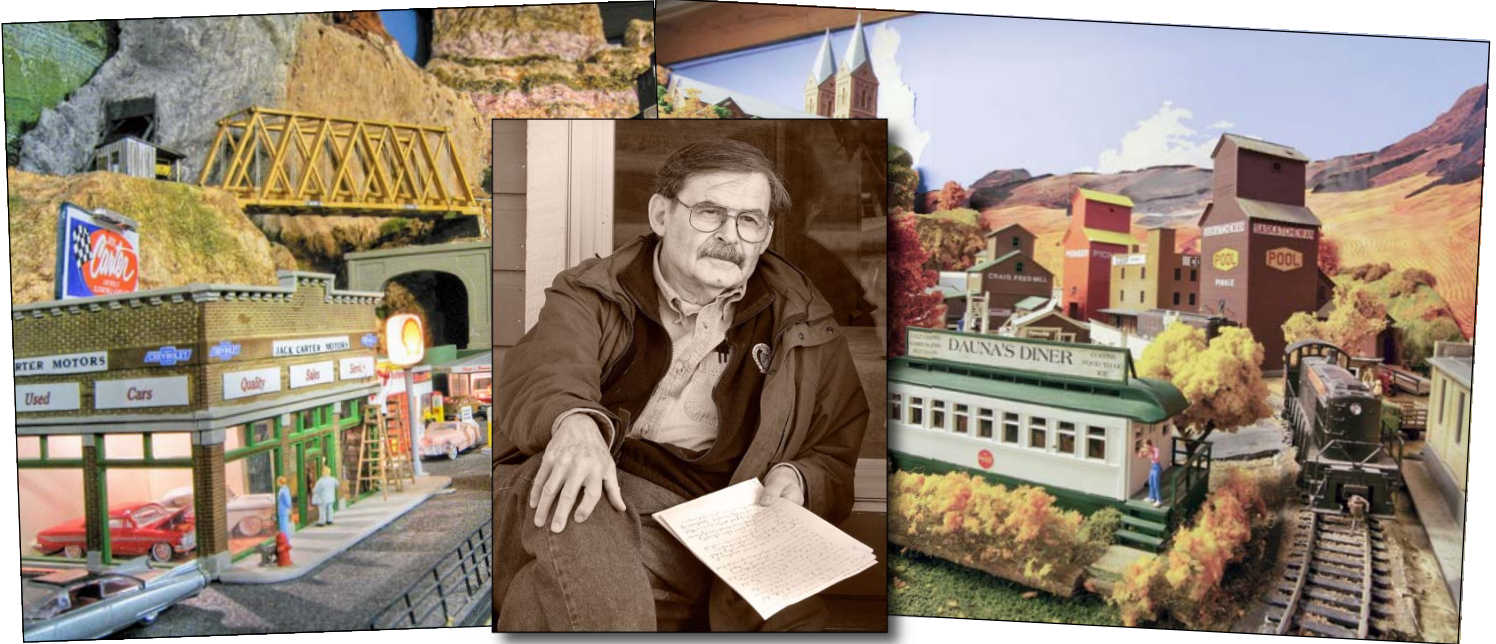




# THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



Some scenes from Neil McKay's very well scenicked layout. Neil passed away a few weeks ago, and his eclectic layout has been dismantled. Rick Walker remembers Neil on Page 2, and more about Neil will come in future issues. Photos credit to George Barr.

## President's Message

It's officially Spring and SUPERTRAIN is less than a month away. The committee has been hard at work registering displays and exhibitors, drafting the floor plan, and making arrangements with the Subway Soccer Centre and GES (show services) to ensure another great show. There has been a great response from volunteers for which we are always grateful. More detail follows in this issue.

The Spring Mini Meet went well by the feedback received. For a few years, we have held this

event in conjunction with the Calgary Model Trainmen's Flea-market which seems to benefit both groups. In past years, the Mini Meet clinics started after the CMT Flea-market which left a lot of people with time on their hands. This year we changed the format so that some clinics ran during the Flea-market. The downside to this was that some of the vendors and CMT members were not able to attend the earlier clinics even with some of the clinics repeated. Overall the response was

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)**

favourable. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.


Speaking of CMT they will be hosting their annual Open House May 1. There has been a considerable amount of activity over the last year so be sure to check it out as well as the CMRS Layout Tours to be held on May 15.

On a sad note Neil McKay passed away recently. Many of you will know Neil from his years at Trains and Such. Neil had opened his eclectic layout for many of the CMRS layout tours and was always a gracious host. He also contributed his legal expertise in the last CMRS bylaw changes to ensure they were in conformance. As a member of South Bank Short Lines, Neil also contributed to SUPERTRAIN at their popular demonstrations. All who knew Neil will miss him.

Finally, if you have some expertise to share with fellow members please consider writing an article for The Orderboard. A few photos and text might encourage others to try your ideas and gain you world wide fame.

See you at SUPERTRAIN!

*Rick Walker  
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**2010 CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET**

This year's Fleamarket was held on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> and was another great success!!

33 tables were booked, providing a large selection of good quality items for sale. Buyers were certainly taking advantage of this variety. By my estimate, 160 buyers entered the show, not including other vendors and volunteers. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Our draw prize was also a success once again, thanks to the generous support of Trains and Such. The main prize: two from the choice from 3 HO locos, 2 N-scale locos and a G-scale freight car and supplementary draws for 2 HO freight cars. As well, two vendors generously made contributions which were added to the supplementary draw.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year. Check the Orderboard for the date and time.

Okay, Mr. Scott, beam me up!! (Sorry, I couldn't resist!! I missed including that in last month's article. Although Jon informs me that line was never used in the original series!!)

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One person asked, so others may be wondering. The admission money collected does not go to CMT; the proceeds from the door are turned over to CMRS toward offsetting the cost of the facility. CMT is only acting as the collecting agent.

*Brookes Harrow*

**OPEN HOUSE AT CMT**

The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club will have our HO layout open to visitors on Saturday May 1st. Come down and see what we have been up to. Our former pink mountains are now white and some have even turned gray!!

The Club address is 619 12 Avenue SE, located just north of the Stampede Grounds. We will open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Parking is available in back, on the east side of the building and on the street. There will be a nominal admission charge.

We look forward to seeing everyone there. For more info, see our Web site, [www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca](http://www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca) or contact me. My contact info is on page 7 of this newsletter.

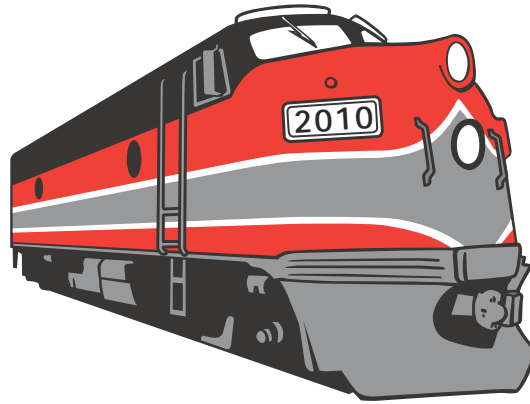
*Brookes Harrow*



SUPERTRAIN 2010 REPORT

# SUPERTRAIN

We're down to the last couple of weeks before the big show. By the time you read this, you may have seen one of the big posters at an LRT station or mall, or heard an ad or promo on the radio. Thousands of people will see the overpass banners over major roadways and the one hanging on Engine 29 in front of CPR headquarters on 9th Avenue downtown. SUPERTRAIN is listed in many publications and on websites publicizing upcoming events.



We do surveys asking people at SUPERTRAIN how they heard about the show. Many people tell us that they come every year, so the banners and LRT posters are a great reminder for them. However, we must reach the first timers who need to know more about what to expect and where to find the show. That is where each and every CMRS member can help a great deal. Tell your friends, relatives, and co-workers about SUPERTRAIN, and why they should come. Along with this issue of the Orderboard we have enclosed a few posters which you can post in your workplace, on community bulletin boards, and at local businesses. Give the small handouts to people who seem interested in a great show for the whole family. Remember that those kids who are drawn to Thomas the Tank Engine and Lego today are the future of our hobby. Please do everything you can to encourage people to come to the show. We are hoping for an even bigger crowd than the 11,000 people who attended last year.

I am pleased to announce some new participants in the show this year. Manufacturers new to SUPERTRAIN this year include Athearn Inc. and Osborn Models. North American Railcar Corp. tells us that they will be introducing a new model of great interest to Canadian modelers at the show. Heritage Art Editions is a gallery selling mainly Larry Fisher's paintings and David Oram is an artist making his first appearance at

SUPERTRAIN. New vendors this year include Kettle Valley Trains and On Track Hobbies, both from BC. Unfortunately, a couple of the companies we thought would be participating had to bow out for various reasons, but plan to be at SUPERTRAIN next year. On the non-commercial side, there will be at least seven new layouts and exhibits. Of course, most of our regulars will be there too.

At last count, Greg Cave's list of volunteers numbered over 135 individuals. We thank each one of you for the time you will put in and trust you will find the experience rewarding. I hope all volunteers will be able to attend the Volunteer Orientation Reception on Sunday April 11th at the Glenmore Inn. See the article on page 4 for more details.

Finally, we ask that all CMRS members, volunteers, and exhibitors park their vehicles in one of the warehouse parking lots across the road from the Subway Soccer Centre's parking areas. There is also plenty of space for trucks and trailers behind the soccer centre. We would like to leave the parking space close to the main entrance available for the paying public, especially our older visitors and families with strollers and small children. Of course, if you have your own mobility issues, feel free to park in the designated spots north of the main entrance. See you at the show!

*Rob Badmington,  
SUPERTRAIN Chairman.*



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### STETTLE RAILFAN TRIP - SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

As promised, I have more information regarding the trip to Stettler. We have booked Traxx Coachlines to take us from Calgary to Stettler. Estimated departure time is 11:00 - 11:30 am. We've discussed Deerfoot Mall as a departure point, though I still need to confirm this with the mall. The train departs Stettler at 2:30pm and arrives in Big Valley at approximately 4:30pm. We will have a Country Dinner at Big Valley and then visit the sites in Big Valley and the Free-mo display in the Agriplex. To allow us more time to wander and enjoy Big Valley, the bus will pick us up in Big Valley at approximately 7:00pm. Estimated arrival in Calgary is 10:00pm

Now that we have the plans finalized, I can tell you how much the trip will cost:

- Adults \$100.00
- Youths 11-17 \$80.00
- Children 4-10 \$60.00

The costs includes the bus, train and meal in Big Valley. A great deal!

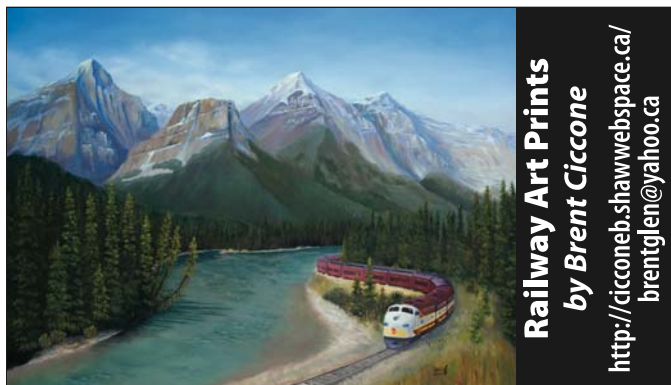
We will not be serving lunch on the bus, so we recommend either bringing a lite lunch or grabbing a bite in the Food Court at Deerfoot Mall.

To reserve your seat, please send an email to [appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca) or call me (Linda) at 403-934-1372. We are capping this trip at 50 people. As you know, we are not setup to take credit card payments but we can do Paypal, cash or cheque. When you reserve your seat we can discuss payment.

I'll be at SUPERTRAIN and the Saturday Night Gala, if you want if have any questions or need more info.

See you at SUPERTRAIN.

*Linda Larocbe*



### VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

To overcome some problems we had at last year's SUPERTRAIN, we have decided to try a new approach. In the past, many of our volunteers arrived at the front doors of the show to find their way to the location where they would be able to check in, get their name tag, and receive instructions on what their assignment was. There was always a bottleneck using the same doors as the public, and with many volunteers arriving at the same time, lineups were unavoidable, and sometimes assignment shifts were missed.

This year, we decided to borrow an idea from other events where many volunteers are used to run things. **On the Sunday before SUPERTRAIN weekend, April 11th at 11:30am, we ask that all volunteers attend the Volunteer Orientation Reception at the Glenmore Inn.** We hope that by having this session before the event, you will be able to talk to the coordinators of Security and Admissions and understand what you are assigned to do, when your shift(s) are and pick up your nametag. Even more important is that everyone volunteering at the show will receive some basic instructions on what to do in the event of an emergency or incident.

By receiving your nametag and instructions ahead of time, you will be able to enter the Subway Soccer Centre on show days through the main front entrance and go directly to the meeting point for your assignment. At the reception, we will begin the orientation sessions at 11:30, and hand out your badges afterwards. In exchange for about an hour of your time, we will be pleased to offer some snacks and beverages at the Reception.

If you can't make it to the Orientation Reception, you will be able to enter the Soccer Centre by the right hand door at the front entrance and check in with the Volunteer Coordinators at the main office.

Everyone who volunteers and has an assignment at SUPERTRAIN will be contacted by email or phone to confirm the time of your shift(s). We would appreciate knowing whether you will be attending the Orientation Reception.

Hope to see you there.

*Rob Badmington*  
*SUPERTRAIN Chairman*



SPRING MINI MEET

At the March 14th Spring Mini Meet we had 4 Hands-on Demonstrations and a Power Point presentation. This year we tried something new by having 2 hands-on demonstrations happening in the same room at the same time for a 20 minute period and then starting again for another 20 minutes. We were able to have 4 clinics in 2 hours and then a repeat of 2 of them for those who worked the CMT Fleamarket. Members were able to catch each one without the usual problem of choosing one and missing another happening at the same time. We averaged 20 at each session. The afternoon presentation was well received with about 50 attending.

Topics covered where Rust on cars and structures, Switch linkage construction, LED lights for buildings, and weathering rolling stock.

Capping off the clinics was an informative clinic/presentation by Kevin Rudko of Signalogic showing how signaling works on the prototype and how he's making it work that way on a layout.

The presenters all did very interesting sessions that had people saying I need to give that a try.

My thanks to all the presenters.

We are looking for topics and presenters for the Fall clinics.

Monty Schnieder

LCL (LESS THAN CARLOAD)

Mark your calendars, 2010 Layout Tours are coming up on Sat May 15. Several layouts are on tap this year, many of which have never been on display before, be ready for some great surprises! Details to come in the next issue of the Orderboard.

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Marvin Burk passes along his great Thank You's to everyone who helped out with the Mini Meet and Fleamarket. About the only complaint heard was that it was timed on the same night/day as the changeover to Daylight Savings Time.

Big thank you's to Glen Judd, Jeff Burk, Roger Walker and Kevin Rudko for their great clinics and demonstrations!

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If you had stuff to sell at the CMT Fleamarket, but it didn't go, feel free to hang onto it for a few months. The South Bank Short Line will almost always sell everything brought to the Boomer Auction. Details to come in future issues.

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A reminder that anyone is welcome to submit stuff for the LCL column. Doesn't need to be hugely significant, or huge either. Just be sure to send it in to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca!

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Ugh. I was warned way back when I launched the new Orderboard format that I shouldn't request too much content as I would be overwhelmed with submissions. As I sit down to write this column, I have the dilemma of not enough content. Putting an issue together requires just enough articles, pictures, ads etc. to fill an even number of pages. When I come up with seven pages worth of content, it leaves something to be desired.

So, I'm reissuing the call for more content! I'd be happy to receive articles of about your latest scratchbuilding project, what's happening on your layout, or whatever else you figure the members might find interesting. Send it into me via email to [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca).

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Reading over my comments from last issue, I said that I wanted the satisfaction of doing all the work myself in my basement. I guess I should be retracting some of it.

While I did the drywall boarding phase myself (with the invaluable help of friends), I decided to actually hire someone to do the mudding and taping. Glad I did too as I would come home some nights to find him and his partner coming out of the basement absolutely white from all the dust. What a mess, but thankfully it's done!

I'm thinking that once I'm back from the Thunder Creek Model Train Show in Moose Jaw, I'll start painting. In the meantime, I'm busy getting this issue of the Orderboard finalized and getting a start on this year's SUPERTRAIN Show Guide. This year's show is looking like a real winner again, especially with Athearn making an appearance. I'm also thinking the idea of having a volunteer reception prior to the show is a real winning idea as well. I plan to be there, and hope you will be too.

Some interesting discussions happen during the CMRS Board Meetings, and one that kinda hits close to home for me is the readership of this newsletter. I don't doubt for a second that those of you who choose to read the newsletter electronically are not ... reading it as much as those who receive it in hard copy. In fact, I'd venture a guess that except for a few of you (and you definitely know who you are), few actually click the link in the email and read (or even skim) the newsletter.

We're trying to decide whether everyone should receive a dead-tree (aka paper) version of the newsletter to encourage readership of the content placed here, despite the increase in cost. (Around \$1.47 per printed copy, mailed. Multiplied by 7 issues a year, and it's more than what we charge in dues for being a member of the CMRS). I for one would

prefer to not discontinue the option of electronic delivery of the newsletter, but I've had far too many incidents where I asked people about something in the Orderboard, only to get a sheepish reply that they didn't read it. Your thoughts on this would be greatly appreciated.

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A few of my Free-mo friends (Murray, Peter and Bill) are taking a

bit of a break from the Free-mo layout this year, but they're not taking a break from SUPERTRAIN. In fact, they're likely going to be kicking back and putting their feet up on their display this year.

They're taking the Coffee Table layout to a new scale, but instead of doing N or Z scale, they're going to On30. And from what I've seen thus far of the small layout, it's going to be definitely worth a look at the show. See you there!

**The Deadline for the next issue is April 26.**

*Jon Calon*





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## COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

*Items in Bold type are Calgary Model Railway Society events.*

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.

May 8-9 & 15-16 – Day Out with Thomas, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB. <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

**May 15, 2010 – CMRS Layout Tours, Calgary, AB.**

May 21-23, 2010 – Battle River Rails 2010, Camrose, AB. <http://www.battleriverrailway.ca/modelershome/>

May 28-30, 2010 – Steam on the Prairies, TLR Regional. Winnipeg, MB. <http://www.thousandlakesregion.org/>

July 10-18, 2010 – NMRA 75th Anniversary National Convention, Milwaukee, WI. <http://www.nmra75.org/>

August 13-22, 2010 – Railway Days 2010, Revelstoke, BC. <http://www.railwaydays.com/>

August 14-15, 2010 – Alberta Free-mo, Big Valley Agriplex, Big Valley, AB. <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/>

**August 14, 2010 – CMRS Railfan Trip aboard Alberta Prairie Steam Train, Stettler, AB.**

September 25-26 – Railway Days, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB. <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

October 16th, 2010 – SBSL Boomer Auction, St. Andrews Church, Calgary, AB

**October 17th, 2010 – CMRS AGM and Fall Mini Meet, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB**

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