The Orderboard

Newsletter for The Calgary Model Railway Society

Sometimes even the smaller layouts gather lots of attention, as witnessed at Larsen Lounge at SUPERTRAIN 2010. This On30 Coffee Table Layout was built mainly by Murray Larsen and Peter Bouma (left). Photo credit to Leo de Groot.

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President's Message

SUPERTRAIN 2010 was a great success! Many thanks are due to Rob Badmington and the SUPERTRAIN Committee and the numerous volunteers who always are a part of making this show the best and biggest in the country. Although the final financial results are not known at this time, we exceeded our revenue budget target so the CMRS will continue to be well funded. For further details see the SUPERTRAIN report later in this issue.

It was interesting to hear from a couple of exhibitors from the US that they were impressed with the attention paid to our younger audience. It seems they will be taking their observations back home to their own events. SUPERTRAIN has always attempted to cater to a wide range from scale modellers, to the general public, and to the younger set. The Lego and Thomas Children's play area was expanded from last year which made it an even better attraction for families while exposing kids and parents to the varied facets of this hobby.

The Saturday Gala was by all indications enjoyed by all who attended. The Glenmore Inn did their usual excellent meal, there were numerous prizes to be won including round trip tickets from Edmonton to Vancouver on VIA's Canadian. Tom Price was the guest speaker and entertained the audience with a humorous and informative presentation on the "Mayhem" involved in operating the CPR over the last 128 years.

The next event is Layout Tours on May 15. It is much appreciated that members are willing to open their homes to display and show off their

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

creations. John will have further information on the insert included with your Orderboard, or will be arriving by mail if you receive your Orderboard electronically.

Also coming up is the Stettler Alberta Prairie Rail Tour. Linda has information on how to obtain tickets and the planned schedule in this issue.

Finally, nominations. There are a couple of Board positions to fill for the upcoming year. A nominating committee is being formed. Anyone interested in one of these positions can contact any board member for more information.

Rick Walker
CMRS President

STETTLER RAILFAN TRIP - SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

Now that SUPERTRAIN is over for another year, we can concentrate on our next event which is the railfan trip to Stettler / Big Valley on August 14th.

For those of you that missed the last Orderboard, we will be departing Calgary via Traxx Coachlines at 11:00 am and arriving in Stettler about 2:00 pm. 6060 will be departing Stettler at 2:30 pm and arriving in Big Valley about 4:30 pm. We will be enjoying a delicious Country Dinner in Big Valley and touring the sites as well as visiting the Free-mo display in the Agriplex. The Traxx coach will be picking us up in Big Valley at approximately 7:00 pm and returning to Calgary about 10:00 pm.

The cost of the trip includes the Traxx coach, train ride behind 6060 and the meal in Big Valley. An excellent value!

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

Currently 30 of the 50 available spaces have been booked. If you're interested please email me at appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca or give me a call at 403-934-1372.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Linda Laroche

ALBERTA FREE-MO 2010

By now, I'm sure most of you have seen the size of layouts the Calgary Free-mo have put together in the confines of the Subway Soccer Centre or the basement of the Big Four. Have you seen what we can put together when we really don't have a limit on the space?

If you answered no, then you haven't made the trek to Big Valley, Alberta during our Alberta Free-mo event! Here, we take over an entire hockey rink (minus the ice of course), and fill it with Free-mo modules, all interconnected into one massive layout. Back in 2007, Calgary Free-mo, Chilliwack Model Railway Club, South Bank Short Line and the Battle River Railway Modellers put together the largest North American Free-mo layout, with 57 modules totalling just under 520 feet worth of route trackage.

This year, we're aiming for even more than that, with the participation of groups from Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and of course, Alberta.

Want to know the even better part? You can run on it! Bring a DCC equipped HO Scale Train or you could even run one of our trains.

So, make plans to attend Alberta Free-mo 2010. Even better, make plans to join in on the fun happening with the railfan trip the CMRS is organizing. (See details elsewhere on this page).

For more info, check out www.calgaryfreemo.ca. See you there!

Jon Calon

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SUPERTRAIN 2010 REPORT

SUPERTRAIN

What a Weekend!

SUPERTRAIN 2010 has left the station and is rapidly fading into the distance. But what a ride we had!

The weather for the weekend was great, maybe even a bit too good. But the people came, and in the end, 10,708 guests came through the doors. Ticket sales were handled through two new portable booths constructed by Tony of Ultimate Trains, and a trailer owned by the Bow Valley Club. Each person was handed a ticket that was printed courtesy of Avenida Art Galleries. They received an 8 page Show Guide which included listings and a map of all the exhibits, layouts, commercial entries, and live demonstrations. It also included write-ups describing the CMRS and our represented clubs, and paid advertising from a couple of our local hobby shops. Many of our guests brought a food donation and in the end, the Calgary Food Bank hauled away 1,460 pounds of food. Some checked coats, rode the Iron Horse Park trains, or blew the whistle at the Rocky Mountain Garden Railway layout, and for that they donated almost $2,600 in cash to the Food Bank.

Once on the floor of the soccer centre, many people took the opportunity to learn some of the basics of the hobby at the clinics presented by members of the South Bank Short Lines. There were several sessions each day where it was standing room only. Nearby in Craftsman Corner, members of several groups including Wolverine Lynx, Copper Creek & Northwestern, and South Bank presented ongoing demonstrations of all sorts of skills such as building trees, turnouts, styrene structures, craftsman kits, bridges, cars and locomotives. It was very gratifying to see how eager the kids were to build their own trees and loading platforms, hopefully inspiring them to become serious model builders as they grow older. In fact, South Bank had prepared enough materials to build 50 loading platforms and they were all gone before noon Saturday.

The success of SUPERTRAIN is the envy of many model railroad groups, and it is entirely due to the dedication of over 150 volunteers.

At the other end of Field C, the Children's play area was like an ant farm with dozens of kids at any given time crawling on the floor to play with the Thomas trains provided by Ultimate Trains, or building models with some of the 68 pounds of Lego pieces brought by SALUG. In every field, our visitors were amazed by the skills and imagination demonstrated on every one of the 37 non-commercial exhibits and layouts.

SUPERTRAIN 2010 featured 53 commercial participants who came from all over North America. There were several from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and BC, as well as Alberta. We were pleased to welcome Athearn from Los Angeles, artist Larry Fisher from Las Vegas, and Scott Mason who drove all the way from Boston. Another first time exhibitor, artist David Oram, didn't actually get to the show because his wife went into labour on Thursday evening, three weeks early. David had to fly home to southern Ontario on the Friday morning red-eye to be there for the birth of his daughter an hour and a half after he got there. All of us on the Show Committee extend our congratulations to David and his family, and thanks to his friends in Calgary who stepped in to look after his booth over the weekend.

A few years ago, Maurice Despins suggested holding a Saturday Night get-together to celebrate the 10th anniversary of SUPERTRAIN. This event has now become a tradition, and this year almost 250 volunteers, exhibitors, friends, and family gathered at the Glenmore Inn for a fun and prize-filled evening. Layout & Display Awards were given out at the Gala, and are listed below. A raffle for about 30 prize packs worth over $3,000 was held. Due to the generosity of our vendors, another $302 was raised for the Food Bank at the Gala. A highlight of the evening was the very entertaining presentation by Tom Price entitled “128 Years of Mayhem” showing the many and varied ways the smooth

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SUPERTRAIN 2010 REPORT (CONTINUED)

operation of the CPR has been interrupted throughout the company's history. VIA Rail Canada generously donated a prize of four round trip tickets on The Canadian from Edmonton to Vancouver. A very deserving winner, Gail Myers, was selected by a draw from the names of all CMRS volunteers from the past year.

Back to the Subway Soccer Centre on Sunday morning, the public returned, albeit at a slower pace than Saturday. Ribbons were given to the Junior Layout exhibitors and the plaques were given to the award winners who weren't at the Saturday Gala. Over 100 "Ask Me" buttons were distributed to people at the layouts and exhibits to encourage even more interaction with the public. Overall, the show was very well received by the public, with many sending positive comments to us by email.

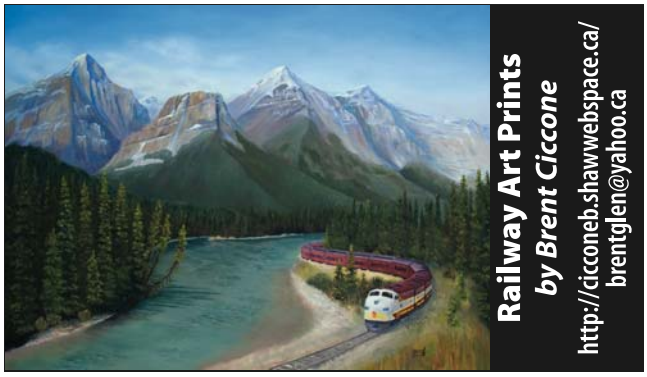
Once the show closed at 5 PM Sunday, the layouts and displays came apart quickly and rapidly disappeared from the building. Many took advantage of the side exits leaving the ramp for only the largest trucks and trailers. By 8:30 the last of the exhibitors had loaded up and were on their way, certainly the earliest in recent memory. Financially, SUPERTRAIN 2010 did very well, with expenses in line with the budget and revenues exceeding the targets. As usual, actual numbers will be reported to the CMRS membership at the AGM in October.

The success of SUPERTRAIN is the envy of many model railroad groups, and it is entirely due to the dedication of over 150 volunteers. While every contribution of time and effort is important, I would like to recognize the following members of the Committee who put in thousands of hours of personal time to make sure things run smoothly.

- Brookes Harrow - Registrar & Exhibitor Communications
- Linda Laroche - Assistant Registrar
- Rick Walker - Administration and Finance
- Mike Borkristl - Facilities and Security
- Frode Olsen - Admissions
- Jeff Burk - Saturday Night Gala & Glenmore Inn Liason
- Lori Borkristl - Saturday Night Gala
- Monty Schnieder - Advertising & Promotional Revenue
- John Wrinch - Clinics and Live Demonstrations
- Tony & Joan Scheiwiller - Children's Play Area & Ticket Booths
- Gail Myers - Multiple assignments
- Greg Cave - Volunteer Coordinator
- Leo de Groot - Assistant Volunteer Coordinator & Photography
- Jon Calon - Graphics, Show Guides, and Printing
- Steve Klein - Banners & Emergency Response Planning
- Rob Badmington - Advertising & Promotion, and Show Chairman

Thank you to everyone!

Rob Badmington
SUPERTRAIN Chairman



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CMRS FALL MINI MEET CLINICIANS WANTED

Monty Schnieder is looking for Clinicians to present a clinic or clinics at the Fall Mini Meet. The Mini Meet will be on Sunday October 17th, to be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting.

Here's an opportunity to demonstrate your skills to help other modellers. Whether it is a topic that is new to members or on a topic you have presented before, Monty would be most interested in hearing from you. A weathering clinic for Rick Walker would also be appreciated. [Ed. note: Whether he will attend remains to be seen. -Jon]

If you are interested, please get in touch with Monty. His contact information in on page 6.

Brookes Harrow

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Wow. It's about all I can say with respect to the fantastic response I received about my thoughts in the last issue of the Orderboard regarding hard-copy vs. electronic publishing of the Orderboard. Never before have I solicited comments in any newsletter I've edited and received such a response. Thank you for letting me know how much you appreciate the electronic edition of the Orderboard and that it should continue...So with that in mind, we will certainly continue with the paperless edition of the Orderboard.

The CMRS will host a Railfan event in August, but since that shouldn't need an issue of the Orderboard, our publishing schedule is going to take a break until the fall. We certainly hope you get out there to enjoy the events this summer has to offer (like Alberta Free-mo....) See you in the fall!

Jon Calon

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CMRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCIES

As per the CMRS Bylaws, the following notice is being published to advise members of vacancies coming up on the CMRS Board.

Monty Schnieder is currently serving a one-year term to fill a vacancy on the Board. This term will be completed in October. Monty is now eligible to run on his own for a three term commencing October 2010. Monty has indicated his willingness to run again on the Board.

Rick Walker and Ian McArthur will both have completed their second three-year terms as members of the Board. Under the Bylaws, both are required to step down from the Board in October.

All three of these Board members are Independents. The Board is now inviting nominations from members to fill the three positions. If you are interested in nominating a member and your candidate accepts the nominations or if you wish to place your name into consideration for a Board position, please email either Rick Walker or myself. Our contact information is on Page 6 of the Orderboard.

Note, the Board will appoint a Nominating Committee prior to June 1st. The Committee shall consist of one Board member, who will act as the chair, one member from a Participating Club who is not currently a Director and one member who is a Society member but neither a Director nor a member of a Participating Club.

It is the Board's intention to publish a list of candidates, including brief bios, with the September issue of the Orderboard. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM in October.

Last year was the first year in my recollection there were more candidates nominated than vacant positions, which required an election. We hope sufficient members will show interest in running so Society members will have the opportunity to make a selection from a slate of candidates.

The intent of the Bylaws, as passed by the members, was to ensure new people with fresh ideas would come on the Board. Now it is up to the CMRS members to step forward a take a seat on the Board.

Brookes Harrow

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Consider an ad in the Orderboard. Text 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 Sept 20, 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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SUPERTRAIN SATURDAY GALA & CMRS MEMBER APPRECIATION

The dinner was a great success this year. Tom Price presented his "128 Years of Mayhem" to a sold out crowd. Tom's presentation was very entertaining and over much too quickly.

VIA Rail kindly donated four round trip tickets from Edmonton to Vancouver for our Membership Appreciation. Congratulations to Gail Myers who won the VIA tickets. I understand that Gail left the dinner with fifteen names of people wanting to join him on the trip to Vancouver. I don't envy Gail having to make the tough choice of who to take with him.

Do you have any suggestions for next year's dinner? Comments on this year's dinner? Email me at appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca or phone me at 403-934-1372.

Linda Laroche

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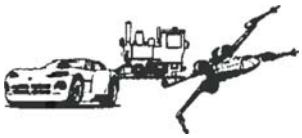

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COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Items in Bold type are Calgary Model Railway Society events.

May 8, 2010 – Open Operating Session at EMRA, Edmonton, AB. Email ulvestad@telus.net for more info.
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 18-19, 2010 – Great Edmonton Train Show, Edmonton, AB. http://www.mmrf.ab.ca
September 25-26, 2010 – 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
October 23-24, 2010 – Red Deer Model Railroad and Hobby Show. Westerner Park, Red Deer, AB.
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Do you have or know of an event which should be listed here?
Send an email to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca with the details!

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Scale Railroading

1st Place:
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Runner-up:
Prairie Rail Workshop, Saskatoon

Runner-up:
Larsen Lounge, Calgary

Fun Railroading

1st Place:
SALUG (Lego),
Calgary

Runner-up:
Edmonton Train Collectors, Edmonton

Runner-up:
South Calgary HiRail, Calgary

Junior Layouts (Not Shown)

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Tyler Family
Evan Carr

Eastman Award

Calgary Free-mo

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