



THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



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Layout Tours takes place at the end of the month, and Richard Johnson's layout is again on the tour. Here we see the winter section of his layout, complete with operating tramway and ski chalet. Photo credit to John Wrinch.

President's Message

WOW! Is all I can say about SUPERTRAIN 2011. We keep getting bigger and better every year. I'd say we had perfect weather for this year's show. The snow may have deterred people from being outdoors but not from driving to the Subway Soccer Centre for a great show.

Global TV was onsite Saturday morning doing live broadcasts from SUPERTRAIN. You may have seen a couple of us on TV. CBC Radio stopped by on Friday afternoon during move-in and did a couple of interviews as well.

Thanks to Rob Badmington and the SUPERTRAIN Committee for doing an excellent job. See Rob's report on page 3 for more about SUPERTRAIN 2011.

If you missed seeing CMT's display at SUPERTRAIN, you can't miss their open house on April 30th from 10 am to 4 pm. CMT has their permanent display at 619 - 12 Avenue SE.

Were you looking for something to do in May besides waiting for the snow to melt? Then we have the answer, layout tours! John Wrinch has arranged several great layouts to be on this year's tour.

The insert included with the Orderboard (or mailed out separately for those getting this online) has directions to each of the layouts. Please remember to be considerate while at these layouts.

Gail Myers is arranging a bus trip to Cranbrook in either June or August. Do you have any ideas of where we can stop at on the way? Gail would love to hear from. Also, let him know which dates work best for you so he can finalize details for the trip.

Have a great summer!

*Linda Laroche
President, CMRS*



LAYOUT TOURS

Hi all CMRS members, it is Layout tour time again for 2011.

We are back to two days, Sat. May 28 for the north side and Sun. May 29 for the south side. There are 11 great layouts in all, ranging in size from compact to full basements and from O scale all the way down to Z, missing only S (next year Bob??)

The insert with this Orderboard gives all the details for each day. [For those who opted for electronic delivery of the Orderboard, you'll receive the insert in the mail shortly. -Ed.] Note that one is in Airdrie on Saturday, all others are in Calgary.

A new feature this year is visiting hours: all are open from noon to 4:30 pm but some owners have agreed to open earlier. **Specific opening times are listed for each layout.**

Please observe the common sense rules and have an enjoyable time. I know there is lots of variety and great stuff to see so lets overload all of these with lots of visitors.

My thanks to the hosts for giving us all a chance to see these layouts.

John Wrinch

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Now that SUPERTRAIN 2011 is for the most part behind us, I'm now wondering: What next?

Hopefully the summer will show up and I'll get some progress done on the G Scale stuff in the backyard, or stay inside in the basement where it's cool and get more work done on my E&N layout.

Of course, there's lots of other events to take part in and I would certainly encourage you to do the same this summer. See you in the fall!

Jon Calon.

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SUPERTRAIN SATURDAY GALA & MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER

Thanks to everyone that made the dinner a success. We sold all the tickets for the dinner and had a waiting list in case of cancellations. The Glenmore Inn provided a magnificent buffet dinner. We had two serving lines which allowed everyone to get their food quickly. My favorite part of the meal was the chocolate cake.

Laurie Kitchen is a very entertaining speaker. We'll have to have him back again sometime and tell us more great stories.

This year's winner of the VIA tickets was Dave Woods. Dave was on the waiting list for dinner tickets so we couldn't present the VIA tickets at the dinner. However, we notified Dave by phone on Saturday night of his win. To say he was surprised is an understatement. Maybe next year Dave will ask about tickets earlier.

We had 28 raffle packages for people to win in addition to the numerous door prize draws. We had a few repeat winners from Calgary Free-mo. I want to thank Ryan, our young assistant from Free-mo for his help with the door prize draws.

The list of the SUPERTRAIN Vendors that contributed prizes for the raffle packages is in Rob's report, and we are most grateful for their contributions.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions about the dinner please send an email to appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca. Thank you.

Linda Laroche



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Any way you measure it, SUPERTRAIN 2011 was a resounding success. When the doors opened at 9 am on Saturday April 16, the crowds began to pour in to the Subway Soccer Centre. By closing time at 5 pm, a total of 7,010 adults, youth, and children had entered. On Sunday, a day that started with plenty of fresh snow on the ground, another 5,774 people passed through the doors. The weekend total is over 2,000 more than in the last two shows. The Calgary Food Bank had a very good weekend too, collecting 3,640 pounds of food and over \$4,550 in cash donations, again huge increases over previous years.

On the floor, we had a record number of layouts, displays, and commercial booths. There were 30 layouts in scales from Z through Iron Horse Park's 1/8 scale, including 3 Junior entries. We had 13 commercial and 15 non-commercial displays, and 36 vendors selling products ranging from model railroad supplies to tools, photos, and paintings. Finally there were 15 manufacturers from various parts of North America showing off their newest products including some pre-production models. Up until only a couple of days before the show we were planning to put 10 booths on the North Mezzanine, but some last minute re-arranging was done to fit everyone on the main floor. This required printing a last minute insert for the show guide to show the revised locations on Field C.

Speaking of the Show Guide, Monty Schnieder did a great job of covering the cost of printing by selling paid advertising space. Jon Calon looked after the design and layout, as well as all of the graphics for all printed items including tickets, posters, and name badges.

The Calgary Model Railway Society always takes a lot of pride in presenting SUPERTRAIN as an opportunity for attracting newcomers to our fine hobby. This can start at a very early age as the Children's Play Area always demonstrates, with the space literally crawling with youngsters playing with the Thomas trains provided by Ultimate

SUPERTRAIN



Trains, and the LEGO pieces supplied by SALUG. Over in Craftsman Corner, more than 500 kids got their first taste of building a scale model structure, by assembling the fold-up cardboard station provided by South Bank Short Lines. Right next door in South Bank Theatre, members of SBSL presented a series of beginner clinics twice each day to eager learners. In fact, almost half of Field C was dedicated to various groups and individuals demonstrating model building

techniques.

The Saturday Evening Gala was another event that was great fun for all who attended. Over 250 people were at the Glenmore Inn to enjoy a delicious buffet meal served very efficiently. A raffle for about 30 prize packs worth over \$3,000 was held. As always, our commercial exhibitors are very generous in providing the prizes at greatly reduced prices. Many offered to donate their prizes, but in keeping with the CMRS policy of not accepting donations as such, the equivalent value was given to the Food Bank instead. Prizes were provided for the raffle by the following companies and organizations: Sign Reflectionz, Heritage Art Editions, Prairie Shadows, TJ Trains, Rusty Creek, Moorefield Collectibles, On Track Hobbies, Eastridge, Cribscapes, Calgary Transit, Ultimate Trains, InterMountain, Matthew Hicks, Osborn Models, Sylvan Models, Rapido Trains, Hobbycraft/TrueLine Trains, CN Historical Society, Hobbyworx, Rocky Mountain Rail Society, Hobby Wholesale, Kelly's Kaboose, Avenida, bobtrains, Photo Grail, and Mike Borkristl.

The Gala is also the venue where the winners of the layout judging are announced. This year, in the Scale Layout category, the winner was Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders, with runners-up Prairie Rail Workshop and Larsen's Lounge. The winner in the Fun Layout category was SALUG, with runners-up TJR and Edmonton Train Collectors. The winner of the People's Choice Award was Larsen's Lounge. Finally, the Mark Eastman award was given to Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders.



SUPERTRAIN 2011 (CONTINUED)

The Gala is also where the CMRS recognizes our hundreds of volunteers who make every event happen, not just SUPERTRAIN. VIA Rail Canada provided a prize of a round trip for four on the Canadian from Edmonton to Vancouver, to be given to one of those volunteers in a random draw. This year's lucky winner is Dave Woods.

Finally, the crowd enjoyed a very entertaining presentation by Laurie Kitchen entitled "Fifty Years of Riding Trains." Illustrated by photos, Laurie described many adventures aboard trains all across Canada, but clearly he was limited in the number he could cover in the time allotted. We are all looking forward to the next opportunity for Laurie to tell us more about his train trips.

Back to the Subway Soccer Centre on Sunday, plaques were given to the award winners and ribbons were given to the Junior Layout exhibitors - Euan Robertson, Rutger de Haan, and Matthew Porter. As usual, the crowds were a little lighter on Sunday but still well over the numbers from the previous few years. Overall, the show was very well received by the public, with many sending positive comments to us by email. We had very good media exposure with radio interviews on several stations before the show, and Global TV broadcasting live reports and interviews from the show floor on Saturday morning. Our website continues to be a very important source of information for the public, and this year for the first time, SUPERTRAIN had a presence on Facebook and Twitter.

Once the show closed at 5 PM Sunday, the layouts and displays came apart quickly and rapidly disappeared from the building. By 9 PM the place was completely empty. SUPERTRAIN 2011 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.

SUPERTRAIN enjoys continuing success and growth 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
- Linda Laroche - Assistant Registrar & Exhibitor Communications
- Rick Walker - Facilities, Administration and Finance
- Jon Calon - Graphics, Printing, and Show Guides
- Steve Klein - Banners and Security
- Julia Harrison - Admissions
- Jeff Burk - Saturday Night Gala & Glenmore Inn Liason
- Mike & Lori Borkristl - Move-in / Move-out Coordination
- Monty Schnieder - Advertising & Promotional Revenue
- John Wrinch - Clinics and Live Demonstrations, Gala MC
- Tony & Joan Scheiwiller - Children's Play Area & Ticket Booths
- Steve Ramsey - Parking
- Leo deGroot - Volunteer Coordinator
- Neil Enock - Social Media Promotion
- Rob Badmington - Advertising & Promotion, and Show Chairman

Thank you to everyone!

*Rob Badmington
SUPERTRAIN Chairman*

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FOUNDING OF THE CMRS

[On the occasion of Bert Haynes 90th birthday, the following by Al Hough reminds us all of the origins of CMRS. I know that I, and likely many others, were not aware of the significant role played by Bert in the founding of our Society. Congratulations to Bert on this great occasion.

John Wrinch]

For years and years Calgary had a Fall "Train Show" sponsored by one of the local model railway clubs. In the late 1980's the "Train Show" became a "Hobby Show" and expanded too fast into venues like the Calgary Stampede Round-up Center, where financial difficulties ensued. The seed money for the next show wasn't there and we had no way to showcase our hobby to the public.

After a few years, Bow Valley ran a small successful show at Triwood Community Center, indicating that public interest in model trains was there. Discussions after that show and over the following months generated the idea of an umbrella organization to promote a variety of model train-related activities, including a Train Show, and be a source of information for all Calgary area modelers. Dale Sproule, Bert Haynes (Cal-O-Rail), Alan Hough (Independent), Bob Hadlow (Calgary Model Trainmen), Bill Marshall (Bow Valley), Dave Stefanek (CanTrak), Maurice Despins (Thursday Night Group), and Ian Mears (British Railway Modelers) held a series of meetings to get input

from local modelers as to what this new organization should look like.

We met twice in the Jack Carter Chevrolet Board Room (courtesy of Doug Potter), where Bert Haynes came up with the CMRS name. I think it would be fair to say that at the following meeting at Cal-O-Rail, the CMRS was born.

It was quite apparent at these early meetings that there was a major need for improved communication between all Calgary modelers. With so many modelers in private clubs, or on their own, interaction across the city was poor at best; and gossipy at worst. As Secretary of the Society I began publishing the CMRS Newsletter, which I named the "Order Board". Upcoming events, whether CMRS or not, modeling tips, planning for the next

"Train Show" which Dale Sproule dubbed "Supertrain" were all included in our modest publication.

Bert Haynes was a major contributor to the CMRS birthing process; his positive attitude and commitment to the idea of an "umbrella group" greatly assisted a diverse group focus on what needed to be done. His diplomacy and tact helped smooth over many differences between various clubs and individuals, uniting us in a common purpose and vision. It is my humble opinion that Bert was the "glue" that held us together in those early days. There might not have been this amazing organization, the envy of other cities in Canada, without Bert Haynes.

Al Hough



Celebrating Bert Hayne's 90th Birthday

From left to right: Bill Marshall, Bob Hadlow, Maurice Despins, Bert Haynes, Dave Stefanek, Al Hough, Dale Sproule

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RAILFAN TRIP TO CRANBROOK

It's been a few years since we did an out of town overnight railfan event and we thought we would revisit Cranbrook and Fort Steele. Those of you that went to Cranbrook in 2004 had a great time and we're hoping for another fun filled weekend. We have two possible dates in mind - June 18 & 19 or August 27 & 28. We need your feedback as to which date you would prefer.

The itinerary so far is pretty basic, leave Calgary early Saturday morning via bus, travel to Fort Steele Historic Park for a tour of the park and a train ride. The photo ops on the train are amazing. We might even see a train on the wye again. We will then travel to Cranbrook where we will overnight. Sunday morning we will tour the Canadian Museum of Railway Travel returning to Calgary via Frank Slide.

The Museum Tour would include:

- The complete 7-car set of the "Trans-Canada Limited"
- Three cars of the "Soo-Spokane Trains Deluxe" Set
- The three Interpretive Cars & B-Unit Diesel
- The Business & Royal Cars
- The Royal Alexandra Hall

The last time we went to Cranbrook we saw 2816 in Cranbrook on Saturday and then again on Sunday outside of Sparwood and again at Frank Slide. I don't know if we will be this lucky again but you never know. Rest assured, there will be lots of opportunities to do some railfanning along the way.

The approximate cost is \$200.00 per person plus meals. We are still negotiating hotel rates so the cost could change. Once we have heard from you folks as to whether you would prefer to take this trip in June or August we can firm up the details and try to arrange some more activities along the way. If there is enough interest, we might be able to do this trip both months.

Please contact me and let me know whether you prefer June or August and if you have any ideas of what we can do / see along the way. I can be reached at hgmyers@telusplanet.net or by phone at 403.295-2254 (home) or 403.561-9718 (cell).

Gail Myers

FATHER'S DAY IN MOSSLEIGH

Back again Father's Day Weekend Sat. June 18th and Sun. June 19th is Aspen Crossing's Train Days. This family event consists of a large G scale layout

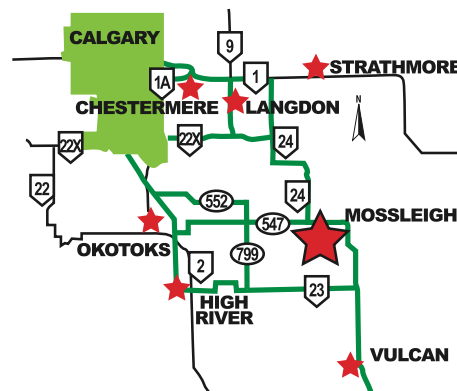
by the Rocky Mountain Garden Railway Club, an N scale layout by Randy Rodman, Hay Rides, Petting Zoo, Bounce House, also



back is Ken Sanderman with his miniature train. This year Ken is offering rides on his train in exchange for a donation to Breast Cancer. Jeff Woods will be helping to raise funds for Breast Cancer by pushing kids in his mock airplane.

Filling Dad's belly is important on Father's Day Weekend. A drop in breakfast will be served from 9:30 am to noon in the Station at a cost of only \$7. Afternoon Concession operated by Puffer Pete's Caboose. There are also a few reservations available for the buffet in the 1887 Pullman Dining Car, 1 1/2 hour settings start at 9:00am until 3:00 pm, starting at 5:00 pm -9:00 pm the regular menu will be in effect, and reservations are required.

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All Aboard!

Jason Thornhill



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Deadline for the next issue is Sept. 18, 2011.

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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 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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EMRA OPERATING SESSION

The EMRA will be hosting their next operating session on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

If you are interested in operations and would like to join us in operating the Monashee Pacific Railway, please email Peter at ulvestad@telus.net. The session will begin at 1 pm at Fort Edmonton Park and lasts 3-4 hours, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Peter Ulvestad

GOING TO MOOSE TRACKS 2011?

Looking to share traveling expenses to the 6th Division meet in Moose Jaw, long weekend in May. Please email Dale Sproule at sproules@telusplanet.net.

Dale Sproule

"CANADIAN" COMING TO CALGARY

Jason Shron, founder of Rapido Trains will be bringing the first test sample of the much-anticipated HO Scale "Canadian" trainset, FP9A and LRC locomotives to Southern Alberta, and will be at the following stores for a Meet & Greet:

- **Fun Times Hobby** - #9-67 Howarth St. Red Deer
12:30-2:00pm on Tuesday, June 21st.
- **HobbyTech Canada** - 3610-50th Ave SE, Calgary
6-8:30pm on Tuesday, June 21st.
- **Eastridge Hobbies** - #362, 8338-18th Street SE
12:30-2pm on Wednesday, June 22nd
- **Trains & Such** - 6043 Centre St. South, Calgary
4-8:00pm on Wednesday, June 22nd.

Times/Dates are subject to change, check with www.rapidotrains.com for confirmation.

BOARD POSITIONS

Yes I know it is early May and you are getting ready to be outdoors but I need for you to think about your Society's needs.

This fall at the Annual General Meeting, to be held October 16th, 3 of our Independent Board Members' terms come to an end and we need to replace them. So this is a 2 part message:

1) By our Bylaws a committee must be struck to find people who will serve on the Board. This committee is to be made up of one person from the existing Board, one person from a member club (which would be RMGR, Calgary Free-mo, CMT, and Bow Valley) and an independent member. I am the Board representative and I am looking for the other two people to be on the committee.

2) The second part is if you are interested in serving a three year term on the Board please let me know and I can give you information regarding what your Board does, time commitments etc.

I certainly hope you will help me and your Board out! My contact information is on Page 7.

Monty Schnieder

Chair of Nominating Committee

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COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

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May 20-23, 2011 – Moose Tracks 2011 - Moose Jaw, SK. <http://www.tcmrc.org/>

May 28-29, 2011 – CMRS Layout Tours, Calgary, AB.

May 28, 2011 – Portage & District Model Train Show, CP Station in Portage La Prairie, MB

July 1, 2011 – Canada Day Open House at DeWinton Station, DeWinton, AB. <http://www.dewintonstation.com/>

July 3-9, 2011 – Extra 2011 West, 2011 NMRA National - Sacramento, CA. <http://www.x2011west.org/>

August 13-14, 2011 – Alberta Free-mo 2011, Agriplex, Big Valley, AB. <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/>

September 17-18, 2011 – Great Edmonton Train Show, Edmonton, AB. <http://www.mmrfa.ab.ca/>

September 23-24, 2011 – Fall East Coast Large Scale Train Show, York, PA. <http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/>

September 24-25, 2011 – Railway Days, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB. <http://www.heritagepark.ab.ca/>

October 15, 2011 – South Bank Short Line Boomer Auction, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Calgary, AB

October 16, 2011 – CMRS Fall Mini Meet & AGM, 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!