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NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



An eastbound CP Intermodal freight rolls downhill through Morant's Curve in early January. On account of the Trans-Canada highway being closed at Lake Louise, Roger Walker waited for five hours in the cold to get this shot.

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President's Message

With the cold weather upon us, I expect most of you are busy working on your layouts and having operating sessions. I'm sure the G scalers are using their snowplows to clear the track in the backyard.

For those of you looking for additional cars, track etc. for your layouts, CMT's Annual Fleamarket will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2011 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Glenmore Inn. There are always great finds to be had at the CMT Fleamarket. Brookes

Harrow will be giving you more information on page 2 while George Lucas shakes his head and mutters "Damn you Brookes!"

After you've been to the Fleamarket, come check out the clinics Roger Walker has lined up at the CMRS Mini Meet. There will also be a Show and Tell set up for people to check out while the Fleamarket and Mini Meet are going on.

The SUPERTRAIN Committee has been hard at work getting

ready for this year's show. Rob Badmington has more on page 3.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at SUPERTRAIN. There will be sign-up sheets posted at the Mini Meet so you can see what positions and times need to be filled, and then volunteer for the show. Act now before the choice dates and times are taken!

See you at the CMT Annual Fleamarket and CMRS Mini Meet on Sunday, February 27th.

*Linda Laroche
President, CMRS*



CMT FLEAMARKET

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away----

Troops from the Galactic Empire are searching for hidden model railroad treasures. Darth Vader says, "I feel a tremor in the Force. There are treasures nearby!!"

The spaceship Millennium Falcon is also traveling to find model railroad treasures.

Obi-Wan says "Luke, use the Force to locate the CMT Annual Fleamarket!"

Luke says to the Princess, "I'm Luke Skywalker. I'm here to rescue you and take you to the Fleamarket."

Princess Leia cries out, "Miss the Fleamarket!! I'd rather kiss a Wookiee!!"

Then Han turns to Luke and says "Leave it to me kid. I'll get us there!! And on time!!" With that he takes the controls and the Falcon makes the jump to hyperspace on course for the Fleamarket.

And that is where your course should be set too!! Yep, it's that time of year again; the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Annual Fleamarket will be here soon. Got some surplus items to sell? Get there before the Imperial troops find the items you need for your model railroad. Buyers will find celestial bargains!!

Tables are still available. (If you haven't received a confirmation email, please email me again.) Tables are \$20.00 each for a 2' X 8' table.

The CMT Annual Fleamarket is being held as a joint event with the CMRS Mini Meet. The Fleamarket opens to the public at 9:00 am and runs until noon. Again this year, we are located in the Glenmore East Ballroom at the Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE, Calgary. The event is being held on Sunday, February 27th, 2010.

Admission to the Fleamarket is \$2.00 for CMRS members and \$5.00 for non-members. Members will be asked to show their membership card.

So we hope to see y'all there. Yoda say. "Strong the Force is. Save you money it can." Certainly save you money with the bargains at the Fleamarket tables.

Brookes Harrow

CMRS SLIDE NIGHT

The fall slide night was held in November at River Park Church and had around sixty attendees. Thank-you to all who presented slides and assisted with the event. Our next slide night will occur on Thursday November 10th at River Park Church. I hope to see you there!

Peter Bouma

SUPERTRAIN GALA 2011

We will be having the CMRS Member Appreciation in conjunction with the SUPERTRAIN Saturday Gala on April 16, 2011.

Ticket price remains unchanged at \$25.00 each. The after dinner speaker is still being finalized but I'm told it will be very entertaining.

VIA is back on board with four (4) round trip tickets from Edmonton to Vancouver. Last year's winner of the VIA tickets was Gail Myers.

In addition to an amazing dinner at the Glenmore Inn, we will have door prize draws and raffles for various prizes. The prizes will have something for everyone.

Tickets will be available at the CMT Annual Fleamarket & CMRS Mini Meet on Sunday, February 27th. You can also get tickets by contacting me via email at appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca or by phone at 403-934-1372.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fleamarket and Mini Meet.

Linda Laroche

RAILFAN TRIP TO MONTANA

Want to join us on the railfan trip to Montana? We still have space available for you to join us for a fun trip from May 6th to 8th to Whitefish, Essex and Cutbank. In fact, **we need at least 28 people by February 28th** to step forward to make the trip a go!

Trip cost is \$250 per person based on double occupancy, and includes room costs, and all bus/train transfers. Incidentals and food aren't covered.

For more information about the trip, look at page 5 in the last issue of the Orderboard, or contact the organizer, Murray Larsen at bnsfoakway@shaw.ca or see him at the Mini Meet. Note: all participants need CMRS memberships, passports and appropriate medical insurance. I hope you'll join us for a fun trip!

Jon Calom



This year's show is shaping up to be the biggest one yet, with a significant increase in the amount of layout space requested and more commercial booths booked than ever before. The committee has its work cut out making sure that it all fits into the available space at the Subway Soccer Centre. We have received applications from a number of new manufacturers who have heard that SUPERTRAIN is the premier model train show in Canada. Rather than disappoint anyone by not mentioning any specific exhibitors, I will just say that we are excited by the diversity of displays and commercial entries, and it promises to be a great show for everyone who attends.

Clinics aimed at beginners will again be presented by members of the South Bank Short Lines club. As well, there will be a make-and-take table for kids to put together a simple structure they get to keep. For the smaller kids, we will have the very popular Play Area, well equipped with Thomas and Friends trains from Ultimate Trains, and lots of LEGO courtesy of SALUG. Some of our commercial exhibitors have offered to present more advanced clinics so we are trying to figure out how best to put these on. Of course, many of the people most interested in attending such clinics will be tied up during the show, looking after their layouts, or assisting as a volunteer. There are a few possibilities that will be explored so that anyone interested will get a chance to take in these clinics.

I still hear people asking if SUPERTRAIN will be held somewhere else because the Subway Soccer

SUPERTRAIN



Centre will not be re-opening the "bubble" that collapsed in December. That decision in no way affects our show because we have never used the air-supported bubble. We have always used the four indoor fields in the permanent structure which have remained in continuous use throughout the winter. Please remind anyone you speak to that SUPERTRAIN 2011 will be at the Subway Soccer Centre, like it has for the past three years.

The Saturday Night Gala will again be an event you won't want to miss. Our after dinner speaker this year will be Laurie Kitchen who many of you know from Heritage Park. Laurie is a very entertaining speaker who will keep everyone interested - railroaders and non-railroaders alike. The Gala will also serve as the event where the CMRS recognizes our many volunteers, without whom, our society wouldn't even exist. And of course there will be many prizes to be won after a delicious meal prepared by the Glenmore Inn's chefs. Tickets are only \$25 each, so get yours as soon as you can.

There are only a couple of months to go before Canada's biggest and best train show rolls into Calgary. Please make sure all your friends, relatives, and co-workers know about the show. Tell them about our website where all the up to date information is shared. They can even "like" SUPERTRAIN on Facebook, but word of mouth is still the most effective way of advertising. See you at SUPERTRAIN!

*Rob Badmington
SUPERTRAIN Chairman*



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MINI MEET ACTIVITIES

The Mini Meet will be held in conjunction with the Calgary Model Trainmen's Annual Fleamarket at the Glenmore Inn. There are four Mini Meet Clinics:

1. At 9:30, Roger Marler will lead a clinic on scratchbuilding using inexpensive materials. The clinic will run until noon, and will resume after lunch if participants have not yet completed the project. CMRS will supply the materials, and Roger Marler will circulate a list of tools and materials to bring to the clinic, but ONLY to those who pre-register. If you wish to register, send me an email before Feb. 12th at walkerrg@telus.net.

2. There will be two concurrent clinics between 10:30 and 11:30. In the first, Richard Johnson will discuss **Layout Automation** using standard and custom components to achieve realistic (hands free) operation. A more advanced version of this clinic will be offered at Richard's layout for those who wish to sign up at the Mini Meet (date TBD). In the second clinic, Elmer Holm will discuss **model roads**, tracks, grade crossings etc., on your layout, and show how they can be constructed.

3. After lunch, starting at 1:00, there will be a DCC clinic/panel discussion. This will be introduced by Barry Conn, who will discuss basic decoder programming. This will lead into an open panel discussion, where Barry, Richard Johnson and Dave Bedard will answer questions from the floor. Questions can include anything that puzzles you, from basic to advanced, and the panel discussion will continue until everyone is exhausted!

4. Between 10:00 and 1:00, one of the large rooms will be open for a show and tell session. All CMRS members are strongly encouraged to bring portable models (cars, locomotives, structures, etc., any scale) to display. I hope that the models will stimulate one-on-one discussions between the builders and visitors on ideas and methods of construction, weathering, etc. There will be no judging and no prizes - just the fun of sharing our models.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the clinics and the show and tell, but please contact me before Feb 12th. My contact information is on Page 7.

Roger Walker

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MOOSE TRACKS 2011

The membership of the Thunder Creek Model Railroad Club (TCMRC) is proud to announce that we will be hosting the 2011 spring meet of the PNR 6th Division. Moose Tracks 2011 will be held on the weekend of May 20 thru 23 at the Western Development Museum (WDM) in Moose Jaw, SK. The weekend will include prototype, industrial and layout tours as well as clinics, a model contest, a Sun evening banquet and of course the annual 6th Division meeting. Activities for spouses will be planned if numbers warrant. Additionally, a "Meet & Greet" BBQ is planned for the evening of Friday May 20.

The museum will be the focal point of all events planned for the weekend. Our club is in the very fortunate position of being able to call the museum "home." The club has space at the museum for meetings, to store our traveling layout and lots of work space. At the present time, we are in the process of building about sixteen new six foot modules for our layout. For those who are unfamiliar with the WDM, it is a museum of transportation which includes rail, auto and aircraft displays.

It will be a busy weekend at the WDM as the museum is tentatively planning a "Homecoming" for our resident steam engine - a Vulcan 0-4-0 - just a wee gal for a 3 foot narrow gauge steamer, but does weigh in at 11 tons! The engine has been in the shops for the past 2 years having a new boiler built. If all goes as planned she will be fired and running on the May long weekend - weather permitting. We look forward to riding behind her as she runs around the museum property again. In addition, other railroad related activities are tentatively being planned for this particular weekend.

We are in the initial stages of planning the meet but we can report that we have so far confirmed two prototype tours - Canadian Pacific's Moose Jaw locomotive and car shops and the GATX Canada repair facility in Moose Jaw.

As a matter of history, Moose Jaw exists due to the competition between CPR and CNR. The area where Regina is today was claimed by the predecessors to CNR as their main terminal between Winnipeg and Edmonton and thus Moose

Jaw was built up around the CPR terminal midway between Winnipeg and Calgary. Because of its' location, Moose Jaw became a large and very important terminal along the CPR mainline and also is at the junction of the SOO Line branch going south to the United States. Today, Moose Jaw is served by CP Rail, CN and the Southern Rail Cooperative - a short line connecting Avonlea to Moose Jaw.

The Moose Jaw Canadian Pacific locomotive and rail car servicing shops are very modern facilities. If we're lucky on that day, we might get to see a set of rail car trucks being swapped out. This highly mechanized process takes all of ten minutes to accomplish.

GATX Rail Canada (formerly CGTX) is a medium size rail service center which has a capacity of ninety cars on site. This company, performs many car repair tasks for CP Rail, including major repairs, modifications, upgrades, car cleaning and painting services.

Layout tours planned include O, HO and N scales - all in various stages of completion. Four and possibly more layouts will be available for viewing

For spouses we have planned a visit to the CPR station liquor store where the ladies will be treated to a tour of this large ornate station and a wine tasting session. Further information on clinics and contests will be announced on our website as they become available. Check out our website at "tcmrc.org" as we will also publish updates and further details/photos of layout and prototype tours. We also have made arrangements for accommodations, contact us for more information!

For the rail fan we here in Moose Jaw are truly blessed! With CP, CN and a shortline serving the city and the SOO Line junction nearby there are many locations and opportunities to catch a glimpse of a variety of trains and possibly a great photo.

We look forward to a busy weekend of railroading, seeing old acquaintances and making new ones among fellow PNR 6th Division members. So, make tracks for Moose Jaw and plan to meet with us at Moose Tracks 2011.

*Ted Dowdy
President TCMRC*



MODEL RAILROADING AND YOUR IPOD

For those of you who own an iPod or similar music listening device, there is wealth of Model Railroading entertainment available to you. A search of iTunes will find a number of model railroading related Podcasts, more of which seem to crop up every month. For those of you unfamiliar with what a Podcast is, Podcasting is similar to a radio show or even a TV show that is put together by someone working away at their computer, generally at home and for free. The creator of the show pulls a show together and posts it to the iTunes store where you can then download it and listen to it at no charge, much like listening to a show on the radio. Some of the shows solicit donations to help fund the show, but most are completely free.

Sometimes the shows are shot in video so it can be more like a TV show. Most of these Podcasts are put together by amateurs working from their basements but some of them are semi-professional or even fully professional productions with sponsors and advertising. Quality is highly variable, sometimes it can be very good, and sometimes it is pretty obvious that someone is doing this in his or her basement with a cheap microphone! But hey, it is free, so I am not complaining! This is part of the revolution in broadcasting brought about by the internet and cheap computing, where anyone can create a show and post it for the world to see.

What I particularly like to do with these Podcasts is to download them to my iPod and then listen to them while commuting to and from work on the bus each day. It makes the commuting time fly by! I have a whole range of Podcasts that I subscribe to, some on history, some on economics as well as the Model Railroading ones. Some people don't like the CBC, but their radio programming is excellent and most of the shows are available as Podcasts. A favourite of mine is the science show Quirks and Quarks. I also have a pair of speakers set up on my workbench and I plug in the iPod and listen to Podcasts while working on some modelling project. Note that you don't have to have an iPod to listen, you can subscribe and listen to

these Podcasts directly from your computer. The iPod just makes it more portable. For the Podcasts that have video content, the computer is actually the better way to watch them. If you have one of the new video streaming devices you can even stream the show to your TV and watch in comfort.

Here is a rundown on some of the Model Railway related shows, more seem to crop up all the time. Do a search in iTunes for Model Railroad or Model Railway or Model Trains and see what you find. Most of these Podcasts also have a corresponding website that you can visit.

The Scotty Mason Show

This show bills itself as "The Original Model Railroad Podcast" and is put on by Scotty Mason and has Dave Frary, of the Scenery book fame, Jimmy Diegnan and Doug Foscale, who are structure kit manufacturers. This show serves to promote their Craftsman Structure Show but includes discussion on many Modelling subjects, particularly on building structure kits. It can be entertaining at times as they have a lot of good back and forth ribbing going on. It's supposed to be a monthly Podcast but is pretty much always late.

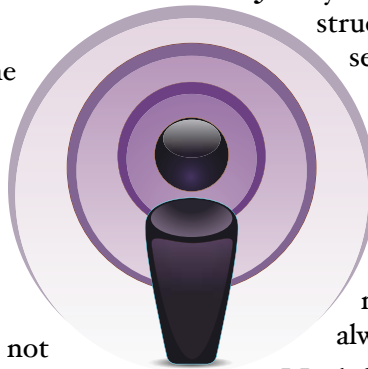
Model RailCast Show

Ryan Anderson, who is a beginning Model Railroader, puts on this show. He will interview various people, some of them well known modellers. The quality varies, sometime when he gets someone on the show like Jack Burgess it can be very interesting, other times less so. This show was coming out once per week but seems to be changing to less frequently lately.

Model Railroad Hobbyist

This show is put on by the same people that do the free Internet magazine Model Railroad Hobbyist. The host seems to change, sometimes it is the same Ryan Anderson from the Model RailCast Show. Typically they will have an interview with one person on the show, for example they did an interview with Tim Warris of Fast-Tracks recently. These are generally shorter productions.

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Deadline for the next issue is Mar. 20, 2011.

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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MODEL RAILROADING AND YOUR IPOD (CONTINUED)

Model Rail Radio

This show is becoming one of my favourites. The show is hosted by Tom Barbalet, who is an Australian living in the US, and is set-up as a live phone-in show. Anyone can phone in and be on the show if you want to comment on what is being discussed. Episode 25 had a great discussion about lighting your layout. Like the others this can be hit and miss depending on who phones in. It comes out every 2 weeks or so.

The Model Railway Show

This show is a recent spin-off from Model Rail Radio. Their intent is to interview notable people in the hobby with relatively short interviews. So far there have only been a couple of shows produced.

The KitCast Podcast

This is another spin-off show, this time from the Scotty Mason Show, that discusses the building of specific Structure Kits. Mainly of interest if you like building kits.

The Rail Channel

This is more of a rail fanning show typically showing clips from their video productions that they sell but also other odds and ends like excerpts from Movies.

Atlas Model Railroading RSS

This one is a video broadcast, generally featuring Atlas products. Comes out infrequently.

For Sale:

An immaculate N scale layout, all buildings, rolling stock, locomotives, dc to be sold as a unit. Asking \$850. For more info, phone Dale at 403-912-9696

The Rip Track

I haven't listened to this one much, it's a fairly new Podcast.

Train Talk TV

Another new show that I just found, and it is a local production! Put on by Neil Enock and Niel Speers out of Airdrie. This is a video Podcast covering a variety of subjects. Recently had a feature on the Great Edmonton Train Show. I have added this to one of my regular Podcasts to watch!

Brent Ciccone

EMRA OPERATING SESSION

The EMRA will be hosting their next operating session on Saturday, March 5, 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 1pm at Fort Edmonton Park and lasts 3-4 hours to be followed by a no-host dinner at a local restaurant.

Peter Ulvestad

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COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

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February 27, 2011 – CMRS Spring Mini Meet & CMT Fleamarket, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB

February 26-27, 2011 – All Aboard 2011 - Saskatoon, SK. <http://www.prairierailworkshop.com>

March 5, 2011 – EMRA Operating Session, Fort Edmonton Park, Edmonton, AB. Email ulvestad@telus.net for info.

March 25-26, 2011 – Spring East Coast Large Scale Train Show, York, PA. <http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/>

March 26-27, 2011 – Moose Jaw Model Train Show, Moose Jaw, SK. <http://www.tcmrc.org/>

April 16-17, 2011 – SUPERTRAIN 2011, Subway Soccer Centre, Calgary, AB

April 30, 2011 – CMT Open House, Calgary, AB. <http://www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca>

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

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

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

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

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