



# THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



### A DIFFERENT WAY TO TRAVEL...

*A couple of the pictures likely to be shown at the upcoming Slide Night on Thursday November 10th at the River Park Community Church. The shots were taken by Allan Wiens and family during their railway speeder trip north from The Pas to Churchill, Manitoba, a trip which lasted over a week!*

Photos Credit to Allan Wiens

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## President's Message

This is my first President's Message and it comes right after a very successful AGM and day of clinics. We had over sixty attend the AGM and there were some good questions from the floor.

I would like to welcome John Lund and Daniel Charest and Linda Laroche to the Board. I also want to thank Peter Bouma and John Wrinch for their time and energy while they served on the Board. I would also like to thank Rick Walker for his ongoing guidance and support.

N Scale is now represented on the Board by John Lund and

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)**

Daniel Charest so we now are just missing O and Lego.

One of my goals this year is to find ways to increase the number of younger people coming into the hobby and to this organization so we can continue to grow and be a vibrant organization. So I and the Board need your help and ideas on ways to achieve this goal.

The new Board will be meeting in early November and at that time we will determine the responsibilities for each Board member and update the CMRS website accordingly.

The SUPERTRAIN committee is hard at work planning for the 2012 event. Rob Badmington has a report on page 4 with more information.

A reminder that Slide Night is November 10<sup>th</sup> at the River Park Church (3818 14A Street SW) at 7:30 and we have a special presenter from the USA doing a presentation on Narrow Gauge railroads in Colorado.

A big thanks to all who have helped out to make the clinics and AGM happen.

*Monty Schnieder  
President, CMRS*

**CMT FALL OPEN HOUSE**

A reminder that the Calgary Model Trainmen’s Club will hold an Open House on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Times will be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Come and see the changes to our permanent HO layout The Chinook Western Railway which depicts a freelance railroad traveling southwest from Calgary through Kananaskis to connect with US railroads at Elkford. Visitors are most welcome to bring your HO-gauge locomotives, if equipped to run on DCC, to run on the layout.

The club is located at 619 12 Avenue SE, just north of the Stampede grounds. Parking is available on the east side of the building or on the street near the building. Admission is by donation.

We look forward to seeing everyone. If you can’t make it on November 5<sup>th</sup>, visitors are invited the visit the Club most Wednesday evenings (unless the Flames are playing at home) after 7:00 pm. New members are welcome. For more details and a map, please visit [www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca](http://www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca).

*Brookes Harrow*

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## FROM THE CALGARY MODEL TRAINMEN

On behalf of the Calgary Model Trainmen we would like to say hello.

My name is Randy Rodman, I am in my second year as president of this club and third as a member.

Our club has a permanent HO layout, as well as a modular layout to take to shows such as SUPERTRAIN and Heritage Park's Railway Days.

Our members model all scales, G, HO, N and even T! Some members have no layout at home, but bring their cars to the club to enjoy running.

New members are always welcome. Our club has a relaxed atmosphere. The members are ready to help with your dilemma or sit while you are working on a project just to visit. As well our members are always wanting to learn more about new ideas to make their project better.

Something our club is looking at is creating a facility with multiple scales and layouts. A common shared work area and a meeting room.

We would like to speak with you if you are also looking for an area to share or if you know of somewhere that is available for such a facility. A place that will allow for the public to attend, see our layouts and get more involved in our hobby.

The goal of the Calgary Model Trainmen is to promote the hobby with lasting members.

Please visit us at [calgarymodeltrainmen.org](http://calgarymodeltrainmen.org), send us an email with your questions or comments.

We are having an Open House on Saturday, November 5 from 10 until 4:00 PM.

Our club would love to show what a permanent home for a layout provides.

We look forward to seeing you on November 5, 2011.

Thank you.

*Randy Rodman  
Calgary Model Trainmen.*

**For Sale:**

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## CMRS SLIDE NIGHT

The Fall Slide Night will occur on Thursday November 10th at 7:30pm at River Park Church (3818 14A Street SW). Our feature presentation of the evening will be from a gentleman from Denver, Colorado. He will be presenting on Narrow Gauge Railways. His presentation will last approximately 1 hour.

The other feature presentation will be provided by Allan Wiens and his family's trip via a Railway Speeder north from The Pas to Churchill, Manitoba on the Hudson Bay Railway back in 2007.

Despite these two great acts, I'm still looking to fill out the evening. If you have a 20-ish minute presentation, please contact me. As always, we will have a potpourri section for the end of the evening. You can e-mail me at [freemo54@hotmail.com](mailto:freemo54@hotmail.com) if you require more information.

*Peter Bouma*

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**WELCOME TO THE CMRS BOARD**

[As is usual practice, I'm offering space in the Orderboard to our new board members to introduce themselves to the membership. Daniel Charest's bio/welcome appeared in the September 2011 issue preceding the election at the AGM. Following is John Lund's welcome message to the membership. -Jon]

A member of Cantrak in the Spiral Tunnel days, learning to hand-lay code 55 track and build turnouts, build scenery, and completely rewire the layout in time to go to Winnipeg for the NMRA convention in 1983.

Then like so many others a hiatus for watching children grow and work to be busy.

Rejoined in 2007, happily building modules, wiring modules to the club's standards, promoting DCC, and to a lesser extent having Analog (DC) and DCC running at the same time. Assisting others in making dead decoders work again, programming for those who just can't get it to work properly, and doing whatever it takes to help things work.

Oh yes, I try to model Canadian Pacific in N scale before 1964, sometimes I get accused of thinking of 1864 but that's friends for you.

What do I want as a director of CMRS, I want to have fun, I want to see others have fun, I hope to have more people enjoying this hobby we share, and I don't particularly want to hear "my scale's better than yours." I will accept certain scales allow you to do things that are much harder in other scales, but that ease or challenge is why we enjoy this hobby we share.

*John Lund*

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**SUPERTRAIN 2012**

In less than six months, another SUPERTRAIN show will be in the books. This one will be our fifth in the Subway Soccer Centre, and now that the general public is used to the location and the April date, I expect another great turnout. As the old saying goes, don't fix what ain't broke. So in keeping with that thought, I expect we will keep building on past success, and fine-tune the few things which need some tweaking.

Application forms have been sent out to exhibitors from past shows, and some have already been returned, including a couple of major manufacturers who recognize SUPERTRAIN as a great way to connect to their model railroad customers. We have also received requests for applications from some new exhibitors - both layouts and commercial. I'm sure we can expect another full show floor. In that light, and with respect to some of the congested aisles in 2011, some of the larger layouts and displays may be asked to shrink their floor space a bit. I think this is preferable to having to tell other applicants we don't have room for them.

Some of the other ideas that we will continue to try to improve are the use of parking lot space, more heat in the outdoor ticket booths, and better signage around the show. Things that seem to be working well include volunteer contact and coordination, SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night and it's combination with the CMRS Membership Appreciation event, the Show Guide, banners and advertising, the Orientation Session, floor security, ticket sales, and the website. We have a great group of people who are your SUPERTRAIN Committee, and they are already working hard on many aspects of planning and organization. If you would like to get involved with this, please contact me.

SUPERTRAIN 2011 was a huge success because of the hundreds of volunteers and exhibitors who make it so. We will have volunteer sign-up sheets at all CMRS events in the coming months, so if you haven't been involved before, please consider adding your name to the lists. See you at the next event.

*Rob Badmington  
Show Chairman,  
SUPERTRAIN 2012*



### LCL (LESS THAN CARLOAD)

#### EMRA OPERATING SESSION

The EMRA will be hosting their next operating session on Saturday, November 26, 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](mailto:ulvestad@telus.net). The session will begin at 1 pm at Fort Edmonton Park and lasts 3-4 hours, followed by no-host dinner at a local restaurant.

For more information on the EMRA, visit our website at [www.emraonline.ca](http://www.emraonline.ca).

*Peter Ulvestad*

### BOOMER AUCTION

South Bank Short Lines 32nd annual Auction was held on Sat Oct 15. We had tons of "stuff" to sell and 93 attendees to purchase it. One of the purchasers was a young lad with his grandfather (as his banker), great to see some young folk getting into the hobby. We even had the Calgary Herald in attendance and a photo in the paper on Sunday! All around good day, a chance to see old friends and find some good deals. Thanks to all who attended and our club members who made it happen.

*John Wrinch, Pres, SBSL*

### CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET

It's not too early to plan to attend the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Annual Fleamarket. Yes the event is still a few months away but now is the time for vendors to start gathering all surplus model railroad equipment to get ready for sale. Buyers, make sure to circle this date on your calendar now with lots of vendors, there will be lots to choose from.

Note the time change, the Fleamarket is open from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. This change was made to permit vendors and CMT volunteers to enjoy the Meet as well, as this event will be held together with the CMRS Spring Mini Meet.

The facts:

- Date - Sunday March 4, 2012
- Time - 9:00 am to 11:00 am
- Location - Glenmore Inn, corner of Glenmore Trail and Ogden Road
- Tables - \$20 for standard 2' X 8' size table

We have already rented ¼ of the tables, which is an unprecedented level. Don't delay and miss the chance to get a table. To book, please contact me; my contact information can be found on page 7 of the Orderboard.

*Brookes Harrow*

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Abbreviations: CMT – Calgary Model Trainmen's Club      IND – Independent, not representing a club  
RMG – Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders Society



## THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER TRIP

On Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> 6 of us flew from Calgary to Vancouver to take the Rocky Mountaineer back.

On our first day after checking into the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver we went on a guided tour of some of the sites of the city.

The next morning at 5:45 we had our bags sitting outside our rooms and at 6:30 we were on the buses to the train station to get ready to board our train. There where 700 guests that day from all over the world waiting to start the adventure. The train had 4 engines and 26 cars on it, all in the newer blue and gold colours. The GoldLeaf cars have glass to almost the top and offer excellent views. These cars also have dining areas on the lower level with kitchens for each car.

We all boarded our assigned car and found our seats, some in the RedLeaf cars and some in the GoldLeaf cars and by about 8 am we were on our way. Breakfast was soon served as we made our way out of downtown Vancouver following the Fraser River thru the Fraser valley to Fraser canyon with its steep sides. The salmon where finishing their journey up the river, as we cruised by Hell's Gate gorge. Then we saw the Cisco Bridge. Photo ops abound. Amazing to see the Thompson and Fraser combining and the different water colours. The change to Thompson River brought new terrain of steep cliffs but not many trees as it is the start of desert area. We went through Black Canyon (volcanic rock) tunnel to Kamloops Lake. As we came into Kamloops we were welcomed by the cowboys at the train stop.

There were a lot of tired tourists who found a place for supper and then to bed as we were up and going by 6:30 on Saturday morning.



Kamloops is where the train splits for Jasper and Calgary. On to CP tracks for the trip to Calgary we went with 16 cars and 2 engines. Unfortunately it was cloudy and there was a light rain which hindered the view a bit but it was still spectacular. Rogers Pass, the Spiral Tunnels and Continental Divide plus the mountains. These are hard to get a good look at when you're driving your car but sitting in a comfortable seat with a drink in your hand, it is easy.

The open air area at the end of the car was great for trying to get that perfect shot of the scenery or of the train as it curved around the rivers. Being high enough to see inside the coal, sulfur and the cabs of the freight engines was a nice railfan extra.

Did I mention the great breakfasts and lunches served, one could get used to it but the waist line might expand a bit.

All in all a very pleasant way to see some beautiful scenery and ride a comfortable train.

*Monty Schnieder*



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*You might be wondering who's doing what with this listing of our Board of Directors. As this issue was being put together, we haven't decided anything yet. This will be updated in the next issue, or check the website after November 2nd. -Jon*

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

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**Deadline for the next issue is Feb. 5, 2012**

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MINI MEET CLINICS & SHOW AND TELL

The Mini Meet on October 16th comprised the AGM, four clinics and a show-and-tell. The clinics were presented by Mike Borkristl (benchwork), Brent Ciccone (DCC Programming), Roger Marler (Styrene Techniques) and Brian Keay (Decals). All were very well presented, and the participants in the two hands-on clinics worked hard! Many thanks to all of the presenters for the work both in preparing the clinics, and in delivering the material at the Mini Meet.

I am always open to suggestions for clinics, and unless I get feedback from you, the members of CMRS, I can only guess as to what you would like to see in the clinics. Please email me your suggestions walkerrg@telus.net, as soon as possible so that I can begin planning the Spring Mini Meet clinics.

The show-and-tell attracted fewer models than at the Mini Meet last Spring. Surely seeing each others models is one of the best way of communicating ideas and techniques. It is also a focus for discussion among friends, and I would love to see many more models at the next show-and-tell in the Spring. Many thanks to those who brought models and shared their ideas.

The format next Spring will be slightly different. The Fleamarket will end at 11:00 am, and the clinics will be scheduled at 10:15 and 11:15 (lunch at 12:15). This is to enable some of the Fleamarket vendors and volunteers to attend the 11:15 morning clinics.

Roger Walker

OGDEN SHOPS TOUR

As this issue was being finalized, we have booked a tour of the Ogden Shops per requests at the AGM, on Friday, October 28th, at 1pm. Enter at the Ogden Shops gate, go to the bottom of the hill and the 1st

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Jon Calom

COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Items in Bold type are Calgary Model Railway Society events.

- October 28, 2011, 1pm – Ogden Shops Tour, Calgary, AB. Contact Gail Myers for more information.**
- October 29-30, 2011 – Red Deer Model Railroad Show, Westerner Park, Red Deer, AB. <http://www.reddeertrainshow.ca>
- November 5, 2011 – CMT Fall Open House, 619 12th Ave SE, Calgary, AB. See Page 2 for more info.
- November 10, 2011 – CMRS Slide Night, River Park Community Church, Calgary, AB**
- November 11-14, 2011 – TRAINS 2011, Cameron Recreation Centre, Burnaby, BC. <http://www.bctrains.org/>
- November 16, 2011 – EMRA Ops Session, Fort Edmonton Park, Edmonton, AB. Email [ulvestad@telus.net](mailto:ulvestad@telus.net)
- November 19-20, 2011 – Great Train Expo, Puyallup, WA. [www.greattrainexpo.com](http://www.greattrainexpo.com)
- March 4, 2012 – CMRS Spring Mini Meet & CMT Fleamarket, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB**
- March 23-24, 2012 – East Coast Large Scale Train Show, York, PA. <http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/>
- April 6-8, 2012 – Goldpan Express 2012 - PNR 7th Division Spring Meet, Quesnel, BC. <http://www.goldpanexpress.info>
- April 21-22, 2012 – SUPERTRAIN 2012, Subway Soccer Centre, Calgary, AB. <http://www.supertrain.ca/>**

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