



THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



2816 is drifting downgrade on June 23rd, just about to go under Hwy 1 a couple of hundred metres west of the Spiral Tunnels pulloff. I guess drifting is not quite the right term - 2816 and the four diesels in tow are holding back 21 cars! The train consists of equipment of the Royal Canadian Pacific and the Children's Wish train.

The combined train split in Golden - the RCP went down to the Crowsnest, and the Children's Wish train headed back to Calgary on June 24, a trip enjoyed by approximately 50 CMRS members.

Roger Walker

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President's Message

This is my last President's Message as my term will be over at the AGM. Many thanks to the CMRS Board and members for their support during the past year. I would like to welcome Monty Schnieder as your new President.

I hope everyone had a great Summer. Did you do some railfanning? On June 24th, I had the pleasure of riding on 2816 from Banff to Calgary with several CMRS members. I believe this was one of the last trips 2816 made before one of her drive axles was damaged. Roger Walker took a beautiful picture of 2816 after it left Banff. I believe Roger will have



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

the picture on display at the Mini Meet.

The CMRS AGM & Fall Mini Meet will be held on Sunday, October 16th at the Glenmore Inn. Roger Walker has been busy arranging clinics that I'm sure everyone will enjoy. More information is on page 4.

The SUPERTRAIN committee is hard at work planning SUPERTRAIN 2012 which will be held at the Subway Soccer Centre on April 21 & 22, 2012. We're always looking for volunteers. We will have a sign up sheet at the AGM again for those people who want to sign up for specific shifts and times.

I look forward to seeing you on October 16th. Mini Meet Clinics begin at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM with the AGM starting shortly thereafter.

*Linda Laroché
President, CMRS*

**CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET
2012-EDITION**

It's coming back once again. Yes, the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Annual Fleamarket will be here again. While it's still a few months away, it is not too early to start gathering your surplus model railroad equipment to get ready for sale.

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 SE

Tables - \$20 for standard 2' X 8' size table

We expect the tables will go quickly this year. To book a table, please contact me; my contact information can be found on page 7 of the Orderboard.

Brookes Harrow

CMT FALL OPEN HOUSE

The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club is pleased to announce an Open House for Saturday November 5th, 2011. The doors will be open from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Our permanent HO layout depicts the Chinook Western Railway traveling southwest from Calgary through Kananaskis to connect with US railroads at Elkford. You are invited to bring your HO-gauge locomotives, if equipped to run on DCC, with you to take a spin 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 you. If you can't make it on November 5th, 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. And please visit our Web site, www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca.

Brookes Harrow

CMRS MEMBERSHIP

Hi everyone. Just a reminder that our year-end is June so memberships are once again due. If your card is dated 2011 it has now expired. Dues remain at \$10 per year, and you can renew for multiple years if you wish.

I will be at the Boomer Auction and at the AGM/Fall Mini Meet to sell memberships & ensure we have your mailing information up-to-date. If those dates are not an option you may renew by mail. Thanks!

*Gord Smith
Membership*



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ELECTIONS COMING AT AGM!

Something special is going to happen at our Annual General Meeting on October 16. We are going to have an election to fill two vacancies on the Board. We have three board members whose terms are ending. Cantrak Society of Model Railroaders has agreed to join the organization as a participating club and will be appointing John Lund as their Board representative. John will bring new ideas to the Board.

The following three people have put their names forward to fill the remaining two vacancies:

Daniel Charest, Linda Laroche and John Wrinch.

This is Daniel's first time running and as you can see by his bio he has experience and youth.

Linda is finishing her three year term, the last year as President; she brings a different perspective to ideas which is a positive.

John Wrinch is finishing his three year term and this last year he handled the Layout Tours and Trains For Kids. John brings years of experience to the Board's business. Due to John being away in far-away lands, he was not able to provide us with a bio for the Orderboard.

It's great these qualified people are willing to serve to help make your organization a successful one and I hope you'll attend the AGM on October 16th at the Glenmore Inn so your vote will count.

I look forward to working with the three new Board members and only wish that they all could be on the Board.

*Monty Schnieder
Vice President.*

LINDA LAROCHE

I can't believe I've been on the CMRS Board of Directors for three years already. To refresh your memories, I model HO with a preference for Canadian Pacific and have been a member of CMRS for over 10 years. I've been involved with a number of different things during my time on the Board: membership appreciation, railfan events and SUPERTRAIN to name a few.

I look forward to serving on the Board for another three years.

DANIEL CHAREST

One day in the early 80's, when I was about 15-16 years old, I went to the local hobby shop in Quebec City, where I come from. Next to the cash register was a glass cabinet with N scale locomotives and cars. I was contemplating them and liked the size of them, but they were too expensive for the teenager I was at that time. One day in winter of 2000 I decided to register on eBay to see what this fairly new website was all about. In the first 10 popular searches of the week, CPR was listed. I clicked on the link and while browsing the items, I ended up being in the model railroad section. I bought my first N scale locomotive, a few tracks and a power supply that night.

In October 2001, I went to the annual open house of the Quebec Railroad Modellers Society, and I immediately joined the club. I was really active at the club, and participated to the expansion of the N scale layout, as well as coordinating the conversion of both layouts to DCC. Around the same period, I also started building my own N scale layout in a spare bedroom at home.

In August of 2004, I moved to Calgary with the layout as well. I decided to take advantage of the move to slightly redesign the track plan and fix errors I made as a beginner on my first layout. I kept only one module, the city, as I had spent a lot of time on the scenery and I was satisfied with it. Some of you have seen my layout as I have been on the layout tour three times over the past 6 years. This past winter I built a second level to the layout and an elevator to access it from the main level. The tracks are almost all laid down, and I hope to have it all operational this winter.

I joined the CMRS in February 2005 at SUPERTRAIN. Since then I've volunteered at the train show every year. I like to attend to other train shows too, including West Springfield Show in Massachusetts. I also have a table every year at the CMT annual FleaMini Meetmarket. My main interest is model trains, layout and scenery.

For Sale:

Canadian Pacific Steam Locomotives by Omer Lavallee. 1st edition. Signed and numbered A-1201. Very good like new condition with dust jacket. \$400.00 obo.

Contact Carl Van Veen 403-441-9537



CMRS FALL MINI MEET SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

An outline of Mini Meet activities was posted on the website on August 30th. This article provides details of the clinics and the Show and Tell. Please read the instructions for clinic registration carefully.

The schedule is...

- 10:00 Roger Marler – styrene techniques
Mike Borkristl – benchwork
- 11:00 Brian Keay – decals
Brent Ciccone – DCC programming
- 12:00 AGM
- 13:15 (approx. after the AGM)
Roger Marler – styrene techniques (repeat)
Brian Keay – decals (repeat)

You'll see that the styrene and decal clinics are being given twice. This is because both clinics are hands-on, and are limited to 15 people in the morning, and 15 in the afternoon. Both the styrene and decal clinics **require pre-registration** – those who register will be sent a list of simple tools to bring to the clinics. Registration details are at the end of this article.

CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS

Roger Marler – styrene techniques.

Roger writes “This clinic is for people who are unfamiliar with using styrene. Participants will learn how to cut styrene sheet and bars, and will use various adhesives to attach the pieces together. You will also learn ways to keep walls and floors perpendicular to each other.”

Roger Marler will let those who register know what tools to bring to the clinic – CMRS will supply the styrene and adhesives.

Mike Borkristl – benchwork

Mike writes “The clinic will be about basic bench work with props and photos and how we incorporated proven ideas with new ones to create the benchwork for the Cooper Creek and North West Rail Road.”

Brian Keay - decals

Brian writes “While rail fanning, have you ever seen a railroad car or engine that is not available

commercially and wish you had one on your layout? Have you seen decal sheets in your local hobby store or on the web of those engines and cars you observed on the prototype and wished you knew how to apply them? Well if you answered yes to either or both of these questions, then this clinic is for you!

This hands-on clinic will focus on the basics of decaling railroad cars, which can then be applied to decaling engines, containers, trucks, buildings, roads, bridges, fences, retaining walls, etc. You will be shown how to:

- 1) cut decals,
- 2) release them from the paper backing,
- 3) apply them to the model surface including some personal tricks for applying very tiny decals,
- 4) move the decal into place on the car without tearing it,
- 5) move decals easily that seem to be stuck on the surface,
- 6) unfold decals that have misbehaved,
- 7) get decals to conform to ribbed or uneven surfaces,
- 8) apply Solvaset, and
- 9) remove bubbles from under the decal.

CMRS will supply cars (or styrene sheets), decals and solvaset. Brian will send registrants a list of the necessary tools.

Brent Ciccone – DCC Programming

Brent writes “An overview of sound decoders in general will be presented, followed by an in-depth look at the low cost Digitrax Sound decoders and the Pros and Cons of the Digitrax Decoder versus other brands. There will be a brief discussion of installing the decoders, but the focus is on downloading sounds and changing how the decoders operates rather than on installing the decoder in a locomotive.

This will be followed by a more in depth look at how to load different sound projects into a Digitrax sound decoder. Then we will review how to go about changing the sounds in the sound project and for any keener's in the crowd, how to go about changing the actual programming code of the decoder so that you can make it do what you want it to do.”

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REGISTRATION FOR THE HANDS-ON CLINICS

Please Note: Registrations open on October 5th. This is the first day for registrations – anything that comes before then will be rejected by my computer as I am out of town.

To register, simply let me know via email at walkerrg@telus.net which clinic you want, and whether you prefer the morning or afternoon session. Please be flexible – if everyone wants the morning, I will take the first fifteen replies, and suggest that others take the afternoon session.

Only those who register will be eligible for the hands-on clinics, and only those who register will be sent the list of simple tools you will need to bring to the clinic.

The benchwork and DCC clinics are open to everyone without registration.

SHOW AND TELL

We had great feedback from the last Show and Tell – everybody wanted another one - and I hope we'll have even more models this time. I also hope the N-scalers will show us what you are doing. A couple of new things...

First, Brent Ciccone is donating a framed print of one his original oil paintings, of 2816 arriving at Banff. When you bring your model(s) into the display room, please register with the volunteer at the front. He'll put your name into a hat, and we'll do a draw for the framed print at the AGM. Brent and I hope this will be a great incentive to bring along lots of models...and many thanks to Brent for this very generous incentive.

Second, despite rumours to the contrary, I do learn from experience! So at the show and tell, please post your name prominently by your model(s) – we are all interested to see who is doing what. Even better, type up one sheet of paper describing the model, and any special construction techniques, etc. etc.

I hope you will enjoy the clinics and show and tell. To save me scratching my head for future clinics and clinic presenters, I would really appreciate hearing what you would like at your Mini Meet. You'll reach me at walkerrg@telus.net.

See you on October 16th!

Roger Walker.

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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. The session will begin at 1 pm at Fort Edmonton Park and lasts 3-4 hours, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

For more information on the EMRA, visit our website at www.emraonline.ca.

Peter Ulvestad



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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. This means that I am looking for a couple more presenters to fill out the evening. If you have slides and can present for 20ish minutes 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 if you require more information.

On a side note, my three year term on the Board has been completed, and I will not be seeking re-election. My time on the Board has been enjoyable and I have volunteered with some great people. Thank you to all of you for volunteering for slide nights and making things a little bit easier.

Peter Bouma

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Deadline for the next issue is Oct 17, 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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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

What a summer! From the fun trip out to Banff and return on what would become 2816's last trip for the summer, to the whirlwind tour of Calgary's hobby shops with Jason Shron's promotion of his HO Scale rendition of The Canadian (Check out his blog if you haven't already), to a lot of work on the basement layout, to a wonderful weekend of trains (both model and prototype!) at Alberta Free-mo in Big Valley, to some great railfanning of both CN - catching a rather rare movement on the Drumheller Subdivision in the golden hour (see right) and CP - caught the Royal Canadian Pacific on it's way south (see below), to finally with a weekend of model trains at the Great Edmonton Train Show! Of course, this upcoming weekend will be Railway Days, but as I write this, it hasn't happened yet...

Our AGM is coming up in a few short weeks with some great stuff happening at the clinics and the second consecutive election taking place for your CMRS directors. I certainly hope you will come out to enjoy the fun.

Deadline for the next issue is Oct 17, 2011.

Jon Calon



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COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Items in Bold type are Calgary Model Railway Society events.

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.

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. <http://www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca>

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 for info.

March 4, 2012 - CMRS Spring Mini Meet & CMT Fleamarket, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB

April 21-22, 2012 - SUPERTRAIN 2012, Subway Soccer Centre, Calgary, AB. <http://www.supertrain.ca/>

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

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