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NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



THE END OF AN ERA...

On October 28th, 2011, the CMRS was granted a tour of the Ogden Shops, finished repairing locomotives at the end of 2011. Alex Reed gives his report on Page 6. Above, AC4400 8625 is being set onto Shop Trucks and a couple older units are parked outside the shop waiting for their turn inside. Photos Credit to Alex Reed

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well some of the Ground Hogs tell us there will be an early spring but this is Calgary so just keep modeling.

The SUPERTRAIN committee is hard at work planning for the 2012 event. Rob Badmington has a report on page 3 with more info.

At Slide Night held on November 10th we had a special presenter from the USA, Nathan Zackman doing a presentation on Narrow Gauge railroads in Colorado.

There were about 60 people in attendance and most seemed to enjoy the evening as we finished at 11pm.

We were able to purchase 70 train kits to give to needy children this Christmas so maybe there will be future CMRS members come from this.

A big thanks to all who have volunteered to help to make the clinics on March 4th happen. Check the Web site for information on presenters and clinic times.

We are looking ahead to the Layout Tours in May and if you are interested in opening your layout to tour please contact Daniel Charest.

*Monty Schmieder
President, CMRS*



TRAINS FOR KIDS

At the AGM on October, the CMRS Members have voted an extra \$2,000 to be added to the actual budget of \$2,000 for the Trains for Kids project. 70 train sets were purchased and delivered to the Salvation Army facility in December. We also included a family pass for SUPERTRAIN with every train set. One of the Volunteers that helped me empty my minivan filled with train sets, remembered them from last year, told me the kids that received them were really happy, and appreciated them a lot.

Daniel Charest.

SUPERTRAIN SATURDAY NIGHT GALA

Tickets are now on sale for the Saturday Night Gala. Tickets cost \$25.00 each (same as last year).

Cocktails @ 5:30 pm
Dinner @ 6:30 pm

This year's after dinner speaker is Tom Price. A few years ago, Tom presented 126 Years of Mayhem which was extremely entertaining. I'm sure this year's presentation will be great as well.

VIA has generously donated four return tickets from Edmonton to Vancouver for our Volunteer Appreciation.

In addition to our ever popular raffle, we will draw for door prizes throughout the evening.

Tickets can be reserved by contacting me either by phone at 403-934-1372 or email at appreciation@calgarymodelrailway.ca.

Tickets can be purchased from myself at the Mini Meet on March 4th or the Volunteer Orientation on April 1st.

Linda Larocbe

LAYOUT TOURS

The Layout Tours event is coming back, with the south side of the city on Saturday, May 26th, and the north side on Sunday, May 27th.

The Layout Tours event is popular and greatly appreciated by our CMRS Members. The layouts don't have to be completed to be part of the tour, and we would like to have most of the scales represented. If you are interested hosting a visit of your layout, please email me at daniel@dan-nscaler.com with a short description of your layout, like the scale, size, era, etc.

You are more than welcome to email me your questions and suggestions about the event.

Daniel Charest.

CMT ANNUAL FLEAMARKET

"Great Scott!" says Doc Brown. "If my calculations are correct, it's time for the CMT Annual Fleamarket."

"That's heavy, Doc!!" Marty McFly replied.

Load your plutonium into the DeLorean and set the time circuits to March 4, 2012 at 9:00am. Then bring the DeLorean up to 88 mph and travel in time to the Fleamarket!

It's that time of year again; the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Annual Fleamarket will be here soon. Get "Back" some cash by selling your surplus items "to the Future" generation.

Tables are still available, but not many are left. (If you did not receive a confirmation email, please email me again.) Table rentals are \$20.00 each for a standard 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 11:00 am. Again this year, we are located in the Glenmore East Ballroom at the Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE, Calgary.

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

So we hope to see y'all there. Mr. Strickland says, "Don't be a Slacker and miss the bargains!"

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SUPERTRAIN 2012

I have been fortunate to be able to attend model train shows in many other cities over the years. I always try to pick up ideas and good practices that we can use to improve our own show here in Calgary.

I was one of at least nine Calgarians who just returned from one of the biggest train shows in North America, the Amherst Railway Society's Railroad Hobby Show in Springfield, MA. This two day show is spread over four separate buildings at the State Fair Grounds, and occupies more than 300,000 square feet. Attendance was over 26,000 including exhibitors and volunteers, but they don't charge or count children under 16. Clearly this is a very successful show, but there are some important differences from SUPERTRAIN. The Springfield show draws from a population of maybe 30 million who can drive to the show in 3 hours or less. The show mainly appeals to adult modelers rather than families and beginners. Many of the vendors are more like flea market sellers with tables of second hand models and collectables. It is hard to tell where one vendor's table ends and another begins. There are also lots of hobby shops selling the latest products, and especially craftsman kits which are very popular in the northeast.

In contrast, SUPERTRAIN is intended to promote the hobby of model railroading to everyone who likes trains, especially children and young families. I personally take great delight in seeing the excitement kids have for LEGO trains, the Thomas play area, the G scale trains at their own eye level, and the enthusiasm for assembling their very own model building at the SBSL tables. I think our club and individual layouts and displays are a wonderful showcase of the skills needed to create some very fine model railroads. Right from the very first SUPERTRAIN shows, the Committees insisted on maintaining a very professional look to all displays and commercial entries, and it continues today. I am also very proud to report that several of the major manufacturers we talked to at

Springfield said that SUPERTRAIN is one of their favourite shows to attend each year because of the friendly and helpful way we treat all of our participants from near and far.

I am very pleased to report that as of the beginning of February, all available space for layouts, displays, and commercial booths has been allocated, and exhibitors have been notified. Not only that, but the floor plan has been drawn and posted on our website. Monty Schnieder has been successful in soliciting a number of advertisements for the Show Guide, with the revenue covering the cost of production. Very shortly, volunteers will be contacted to confirm the shifts they would like to take in Admissions, Security, or any of the other important roles needed

SUPERTRAIN



to run a successful show. As in the last couple of years, we will be holding a Volunteer Orientation session at the Glenmore Inn on Sunday April 1, 2012. The session will start at 12:30 pm and we will serve sandwiches and snacks. Our coordinators will review important information that Volunteers need to know, and we will have Volunteer name badges ready to hand out. Sign-up sheets will be available for anyone who hasn't committed to a time slot by then.

By late March you will begin to see or hear our advertising around the city, along with our prominent banners over major roadways. We are expecting great attendance from the public again, so please let all of your friends, families, and co-workers know about SUPERTRAIN 2012.

We can always use more help, so if you would like to get involved, please contact me by email at info@supertrain.ca.

*Rob Badmington
Show Chairman,
SUPERTRAIN 2012*

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CMRS MINI MEET - SUNDAY, MARCH 4

The CMRS Mini Meet will take place on Sunday, March 4th, at the Glenmore Inn. Please note that the Fleamarket will end at 11:00 am (not noon, as in the past), so CMT volunteers and vendors will be able to attend one of the morning clinics. Clinic times will be 10:15 and 11:15, with lunch provided by CMRS at 12:15.

CLINICS

There will be four morning clinics, and the various themes of the clinics will continue after lunch in a **Grand Hands-on Workshop**.

Roger Marler (10:15 am) will present another hands-on clinic on working with styrene. He will follow up the basic clinic presented last Fall with a clinic on laminating styrene sheet (brick, clapboard, cement blocks, etc) to the walls of a building, and then showing how to cut out holes for doors and windows. He will then show how to build the corners of the buildings, making sure that the various brick or cement block courses line up properly. In the afternoon Workshop, he will show how to make braces for adding a roof to the building. CMRS will supply the necessary styrene and cements.

Roger Walker (also at 10:15 am) will give a clinic on weathering cars, emphasizing the use of artist's oils. In the morning, the presentation will consist of prototype photos of car weathering, along with a demonstration of how to use the oils. In the afternoon Workshop, you should bring along your own car or scraps of styrene sheet, and Roger will help participants do their own weathering.

Joe Sheppard (11:15 am) will present a clinic on wooden trestles. Many of you will have seen Joe's beautiful bridges at SUPERTRAIN, and here's the chance to learn a little of the history of

wooden trestles. Joe will give references for information, and comment on methods of construction for straight and curved trestles. Joe will also show a series of construction steps taken from one of his bridge projects, and will discuss appropriate sizes of timbers for various trestles. In the afternoon Workshop, participants will have the opportunity to build a typical bent for a wooden trestle.

Brian Keay (also at 11:15 am) will present a clinic on reproducing mechanical damage in various types of cars. Brian will start by showing how to bend styrene rods and tubes using a hair dryer. He'll then use the hair dryer to produce a gentle sag in a well-used gondola car, along with bulging walls where various loads have deformed the walls. He will also show how to use the hair dryer to soften plastic and make puncture damage in the walls of cars. Finally, he'll show how you can actually make mechanical tearing in softened plastic. This is a great opportunity to get out some of your old and damaged cars, bring them to the afternoon Workshop, and let Brian help you damage them even more, so they'll go in the foreground of your layout as wrecks, and not collect dust on a shelf.

Lunch (12:15 - 1:15) will be provided by CMRS.

Grand Hands-on Workshop (starting after lunch, about 1:15). All of the morning clinicians will be on hand to help you practice what you learned in the morning clinics. The format will be totally hands-on, building in styrene, weathering in oils, building bents, and damaging your own cars. Participants should feel free to go from one hands-on session to another, so if you missed a presentation in the morning, you should be able to catch up in the afternoon. The workshop will continue until the last weathered, damaged car has passed over the last bent in the trestle !

TOOLS YOU NEED FOR THE GRAND HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Styrene Techniques - Roger Marler

If you did Roger's clinic at the last Mini Meet, bring along the basic building you made. You'll need a self-healing pad to work on, a steel straight

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edge (model rule), a small set square, and a small sanding block or jeweller's files. You must have an Exacto knife with a sharp #11 blade (CMRS will have some band-aids, but don't make us use them !)

Weathering with Oils - Roger Walker

I will supply the oils and the solvent. You should bring a car that you want to weather – I particularly suggest a silver-roof box car, or a gray-sided cylindrical hopper. If you don't have either, bring along a scrap sheet of styrene. You must also bring two brushes – one about 1/8 inch diameter with fairly stiff hairs, and another flat brush about 1/4 to 3/8 inch wide, also with fairly stiff hairs. You can get these at Michaels, or any art supply shop. You'll also need half a dozen sheets of paper towel. If you have an aluminum pie dish (eat the pie first), bring it along to use as a palette.

Wooden Trestles - Joe Sheppard

CMRS will supply the necessary stripwood and jigs to make a bent for a typical trestle. You should bring a sharp exacto knife with a #11 blade, and some white or yellow glue, with some toothpicks for applying the glue. A sanding block would also be useful. If you have a self-healing pad to work on, bring it as well.

Deforming Gondolas and Making Wrecks - Brian Keay

Ideally, bring an old gondola car that you would like to deform. CMRS will supply a hair dryer as a source of heat for doing the deformation. If you don't have a car, bring a few scrap pieces of styrene rod and tube (the tube should be 1/4 inch diameter or greater) to deform. Also, bring an old pair of fairly thick gloves for holding the work in front of the hair dryer.

If you don't have a gondola, bring along any old car that's sitting on your shelf. You can bend and deform, puncture, and make rips in the steel. Who knows, your old rejected car might end up as a wreck in a foreground scene.

IN GENERAL...

Feel free to move from one clinician to another during the afternoon, but please don't expect that said clinician will have the time to go back to square one every time a new participant shows up. If you plan to go to a couple of sessions, be sure to have all the necessary tools.

SHOW AND TELL

There will be a Show and Tell (9:00 – 12:15), as in the last two Mini Meets. Please bring your models to display and explain. To encourage you to enter a model in the Show and Tell, Brent Ciccone has generously agreed to donate another framed print of one of his original oil paintings. Register at the desk in the Show and Tell room to be eligible for the draw for the print.

BJ Ersson has organized a CMRS module exhibit for SUPERTRAIN, and several of these modules will also be present at the Mini Meet. Here's a chance to ask the builders how they put their modules together, and thanks to BJ for organizing this.

As always, I value your input for clinics, etc. Many thanks to the clinic presenters above for the time and effort they have already and will put into their clinics. If you have any comments or questions, please email me at walkerrg@telus.net.

See you on March 4th!

Roger Walker.

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CMRS TOUR OF OGDEN SHOPS

On October 28, 2011 the Calgary Model Railway Society organized a tour of Canadian Pacific's Ogden Shops in Calgary. For most of this decade the Ogden Shops have been operated by Alstom, and were bought back by CP in spring of this year. At its peak in the 1980's there were over 1200 employees working in Ogden doing overhauls and heavy repairs on all types of locomotives and cars. This facility is now near the end of its working life, and by October there were only about 35 people employed in the shops.

Steam engine CP 2816 "Empress" was moved to a new home, in the summer, in the former Paint Shop. It is now stored there between excursions, and maintenance is also performed there.

The CMRS tour was of the Locomotive Shop which is winding down its operations. This building is approximately 800 ft by 400 ft in size and is substantially larger than all the other buildings on site. Heavy repairs and overhauls of locomotives are performed here. All major components including trucks, motors, prime movers, generators, etc. were rebuilt in the facility. There were an uncountable number of EMD 645 engine housings and other components in various stages of disassembly throughout the shop. There were several acid vats to clean components of dirt and grime among other specialized equipment.

The high point of the tour was the lift of CP 8625, a GE AC4400, off of its trucks. A forklift pushed them out of the way, followed by the placement of shop trucks. This process took about 15 minutes in total. The tour guide, a CP shop employee, said there are only eight or nine more engines to be given heavy maintenance in this way in Ogden prior to shutting down for good in December 2011. It may not be apparent in the photos, but the big AC4400 barely fit into the bay in which it was lifted. CP 1623, a GMD GP9u, was also prepared for a lift off of its shop trucks, but

the end of the day-shift arrived too soon for this to actually occur.

The Ogden Shops are a victim of the centralization of locomotive and car repairs, and of changing economics. It is expected that many locomotive rebuilds in future will occur in places as far away as Kentucky, where hourly wages are much less than half those of the Calgary shopmen. Due to the years of attrition since the 1980s, none of the employees currently at Ogden are younger than 45 years old. Over the years large parts of the Ogden complex have been turned over to other uses including an automobile unloading area, a steel pipe rolling mill, a fats and oils processing facility, and other industrial uses. It is expected that the property arm of CP will clean up the site and then sell it off for development in the next few years.

In all, about 3 hours was spent by the thirty or so CMRS members in the Locomotive Shop. Thanks are due to Gail Myers and Paul Douglas of CMRS for organizing this tour and Richard Taubert of CP for leading it. We are grateful that CP gave us this window of opportunity to see a way of life that is about to disappear from Calgary after 90 years.

Alex Reed

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Deadline for the next issue is Mar. 25, 2012

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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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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It's been a nice break, but back to work on the Orderboard! Over the past few months, I've managed to complete, with the help of a few good friends, more work on my layout. I'm now a turn and a bit away from completing all the helicies of the E&N layout and work on trackage towards the community of Port Alberni. I'm enjoying the work towards small goals such as this! While I'm not going to vie for a position on the Layout Tours this year, I suspect at the rate I'm going, next year the layout will be open to the CMRS for a tour. If your layout is somewhere closer to completion than mine is, touch base with Daniel Charest for info on how to include your layout on the popular tours.

On a completely separate topic, I've spent a good deal of time over the past few months thinking about what I am going to focus on for the near future, and have made the decision to step away from the CMRS Board and the editorship of The Orderboard when my term comes up at the next AGM. While I am able to run for another three year term on the Board, I want to focus on other priorities (like my layout for one example) and feel a need to allow someone else to take the ball and run with it. This call is for any member who wishes to take on the Editorship and assembly of the Orderboard to contact me for more information. I certainly appreciate all the great comments received over the past 5 and a half years since I took on the publication from our esteemed Gord Smith, and will certainly hope the same to continue for my successor.

Deadline for submissions for the next issue is March 25, 2012.

Jon Calow

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- March 3, 2012 - Railroad Prototype Modellers Meet, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Calgary, AB
- March 4, 2012 - CMRS Spring Mini Meet & CMT Fleamarket, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB**
- March 10-11, 2012 - All Aboard 2012, Western Development Museum, Saskatoon, SK. <http://www.prairierailworkshop.com>
- March 18, 2012 - Western Rails 2012, Burnaby BC. For more info, email westernrails@wcra.org.
- March 23-24, 2012 - East Coast Large Scale Train Show, York, PA. <http://www.largescaletrainshows.com/>
- March 24-25 - Model Train Show, Western Development Museum, Moose Jaw, SK. <http://www.tcmrc.org/>
- 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/>**
- May 26-27, 2012 - CMRS Layout Tours, North side of Calgary on the 26th, South on the 27th.**

Send an email to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca with submissions for coming events!

RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET

SATURDAY MARCH 3, 2012

9 am – 4 pm.

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This is basically a "Show and Tell" meet where modelers can bring engines, rolling stock, structures, etc. to show. These items need not be in the finished state. This is a chance for interaction between builders and modelers who would like to learn from the models being shown. In other words, an exchange of ideas.

Freight Cars Locomotives Structures Dioramas Passengers Cars

It's all about bringing your models and your friends to see lots of superb railroad models, to share techniques and get inspired to finish your projects. There is no model judging, just an opportunity to meet fellow modelers, share tips and learn new techniques. We will provide an opportunity to meet with fellow modelers, see lots of great models, share tips and learn. For those NMRA members working towards the MMR program, sanctioned judging will be available.

CLINICS AND PROTOTYPE PRESENTATIONS PRESENTED ALL DAY

Clinic #1:	Assembly of Athabasca Scale Models Passenger Car Kits – by Dave Audley in both HO and N Scales. Also includes general information on assembly of Walthers Steel Side kits and the Eastern Car Works kits. Examples of each will be presented.
Clinic #2:	Early CPR Passenger Cars – by Doug Phillips. This will cover the earliest cars owned by the CPR, both from predecessor roads and those ordered by the CPR.
Clinic #3:	Digital Photography – by Dr. George Barr: Highly acclaimed local photographer Dr. Barr has now published 3 books (available through Amazon) that covers digital photography in depth! Dr. Barr is also a model railroader and railfan and will be discussing how to use photography as a tool to build detailed models.
Clinic #4:	Northern Alberta Railway Equipment – by Jeff Simpson. Jeff will conduct a clinic on what models can be used to represent NAR equipment.

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