



THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



The Southern Alberta Lego Users Group proudly displayed their award for first place in the "Fun" category at SUPERTRAIN 2012. Show Chairman Rob Badmington has more on page 3. Photo Credit: Monty Schneider

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well SUPERTRAIN has come and gone and it was another great success. I would like to thank the SUPERTRAIN committee led by Chairman Rob Badmington and also all those who volunteered their time to help in some capacity and or worked on their layouts during the show.

We have signed new five year agreements with the Subway Soccer Centre and with GES.

We found a place to store our SUPERTRAIN supplies. It is with GES who do the tables and

curtains for the show. The ease of having GES take care of our stuff as well as transporting it to and from the show is ideal for us.

We are looking ahead to the Layout Tours at the end of the month. You'll find more from Daniel on page 2, and as usual, the Layout Tours guide will be mailed out to all members.

Again thanks to all who helped with SUPERTRAIN and the Gala evening.

*Monty Schnieder
President, CMRS*



LAYOUT TOURS

The month of May brings warmer temperature, green grass and leaves in the trees. But it's also the month for the CMRS Layout Tours!

Unfortunately we did not have enough candidates from the north side of the city, so we combined the tours in one day only, which is Saturday, May 26th, 2012. Please save this date as we have great layouts on the tour again this year.

The insert included with this Orderboard gives the list of the 7 layouts on tours this year. 5 layouts are in Calgary South, one in Airdrie, and one in DeWinton. The layouts are organized such that you can start the tour from the south by visiting the layouts from top to bottom or bottom to top if you start from the north. Both Barrie, from DeWinton, and Randy, from Airdrie, offered to open their doors earlier at 10:00 AM. So whether the CMRS members starts from Barrie's layout or from Randy's, they have the opportunity to see all the layouts on the tour.

Make sure to respect the open hours indicated on the insert, for each of the layouts. Please observe the rules that are also included on the insert. Don't forget to look for the crossbuck signs, which help identifying the host's houses. Please join me to thank the hosts for giving all the CMRS members the opportunity to see their layouts.

Daniel Charest.



Grant Eastman's Southern Alberta Rail layout is featured once more this year on the layout tours. Many changes have been made to the layout since last year. Photo credit: Jon Calon.



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SUPERTRAIN 2012

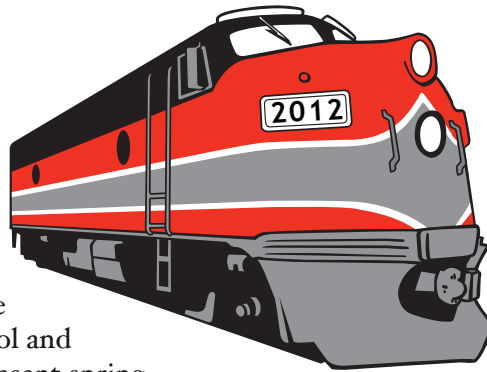
Many members of the CMRS will remember our decision to move SUPERTRAIN from the Stampede's Big Four Building back in 2008. There were several good reasons to move to the Subway Soccer Centre, among them being more space, free parking, and better food concessions. Because of the Soccer Centre's busy indoor soccer season being in full swing in mid-winter, we also had to change our traditional dates from the February Family Day Weekend to the third weekend in April. We all thought that moving to a Spring date would guarantee us good weather too. Well, in the five years at the Soccer Centre, we have had two snowstorms, one cool and blustery weekend, two days of pleasant spring weather in 2010, and this year we enjoyed a beautiful weekend of sunshine and temperatures in the 20's.

Bottom line is that no matter the weather, SUPERTRAIN attracts big crowds and this year was no exception. Our Saturday attendance was 5,930 and another 4,935 came through the doors on Sunday for a two-day total of 10,865, not counting volunteers and exhibitors. This number is down about 1,700 from last year, but still well above our budget projections.

As near as I could tell, all who came to the show enjoyed their experience. For many it began before they even entered the building when they stopped to visit Canadian Pacific's Puffer Belly Express and Police Services display near the front entrance. Once inside, many dropped off donations for the Calgary Food Bank. We collected 1,310 pounds of food and \$2,600 in cash. Almost 3,000 people rode the trains from Iron Horse Park on the mezzanine level, contributing \$1,750 towards the Food Bank totals. I'm not sure who started this off, but someone at the Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders display dropped a few coins into an open hopper car that was circling the layout on the outside track. Next time around, there were more coins in the car as members of the public started

putting money in. A couple of signs were quickly made saying the donations were for the Food Bank. Pretty soon, the engines were having trouble pulling all the additional weight of the money.

SUPERTRAIN



Over the rest of the show, several hundred dollars in coins and even paper money were contributed to the Food Bank using this unique collection system. Great idea!

Down on the floor, there were 28 layouts in scales from Z through 1/8 scale, including 3 Junior entries. We had 17 non-commercial displays and 57 commercial entries which included museums and tourist railways, vendors selling products, Calgary Transit, model railroad magazines, and manufacturers from various parts

of North America showing off their newest products. Our very professional looking Show Guide was full of information useful to our visitors, and the cost of producing it was fully covered by paid advertising.

Once again, members of South Bank Short Lines presented a series of beginner clinics twice each day to eager learners. They also provided kids with the chance to build their own model building from a cardboard fold-up kit, this time an engine house. The Children's Play Area was a constant beehive of activity with youngsters playing with the Thomas trains provided by Ultimate Trains, and the Lego pieces supplied by SALUG. For the first time we had a face painter at SUPERTRAIN, creating works of art on some of the kids. Proceeds from this activity will also be donated to charity.

The Saturday Evening Gala at the Glenmore Inn sold out again with over 250 people enjoying a delicious buffet meal followed by an entertaining and informative presentation by CPR's Tom Price. Tom used photos and artifacts to illustrate the many ways that Canadian Pacific created business for the railway in Canada after the last spike was driven in 1885, by developing industries as diverse as communications, agriculture, ocean shipping,

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and tourism. Our traditional raffles were very popular again with 30 prize packs given away to lucky ticket holders, along with a Max Jacquiard painting and two Larry Fisher prints.

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 LaBaJa from Edmonton, with runners-up Edmonton N-Scalers and Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders. The winner in the Fun Layout category was SALUG, with runners-up Edmonton Train Collectors and TJR. The winner of the People's Choice Award was LaBaJa. Finally, the Mark Eastman award was given to Peter Bouma for his dioramas displayed on the west side of Field A.

The Gala is also where the CMRS recognizes our hundreds of volunteers who make every event happen, not just SUPERTRAIN. VIA Rail Canada again 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 Rick Labatte.

Back at the show on Sunday, again the nice weather probably played a part in our slightly lower numbers, but this was also the first year I have ever seen a family enjoy a picnic outside SUPERTRAIN. Overall, it was another very successful show, but not without its challenges. Construction of new outdoor soccer fields restricted our access for move-in on the south side of the building, but removal of the bubble gave us new access on the north side. We were able to use the concrete pad where the bubble used to be for some valuable parking spaces for our exhibitors which freed up a lot of space for the public. This will probably not be available for us next year when a new structure will be constructed in this area.

The CMRS Board has negotiated and signed new five year contracts with the Subway Soccer Centre and GES Show Services to ensure stability for the continuation of SUPERTRAIN into the future.

SUPERTRAIN enjoys continuing success and growth entirely due to the contributions of over 150 volunteers. While everyone's 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.

- Geoff Southwood - Registrar
- Linda Laroche - Assistant Registrar & Saturday Night Gala coordinator
- 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 Liaison
- Steve Ramsay - Move-in / Move-out Coordination and Parking
- Monty Schnieder - Advertising & Promotional Revenue
- John Wrinch - Clinics and Live Demonstrations, Gala MC
- Tony & Joan Scheiwiller - Children's Play Area & Ticket Booths
- Leo de Groot - Volunteer Coordinator
- Neil Enock - Social Media Promotion
- Rick McPhee - Floor Layout & CAD drawings
- Richard Johnson - Webmaster
- Rob Badmington - Advertising & Promotion, and Show Chairman

Thank you to everyone!

*Rob Badmington
Show Chairman,
SUPERTRAIN 2012*

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A few interesting things with getting this issue put together. Yes, one of the weird things is the fact I'm featuring a LEGO model on the front page of this issue., but the really interesting thing is that I'm trying my hardest to get this issue prepped for production so quickly. Normally, the process takes about a week to get everything done, but this time around, I'm compressing all that into a few hours on Sunday, with proofing on Monday, and printing on Tuesday for mailing that night...Or at least, so I'm hoping.

You see, CMT has their open house this weekend, and I'd like this issue to be in your hands before that event. But I am taking off for a week in Ontario starting tomorrow night (more why later), and won't be here for the mailing session. As a result, the hoping part is that my colleagues on the Board will step up to get this issue out to the membership before the Open House.

My reason for flying to Ontario? The Ontario Government is planning to chop up the Ontario Northland Corporation and one of the few things in their sights is the Northlander passenger train which runs from Toronto's Union Station north to Washago, North Bay and eventually Cochrane, Ontario. Since I missed out on riding BC Rail's Cariboo Prospector passenger train - run with RDC's no less - I decided I wasn't going to miss this opportunity to take a train which goes to somewhere I'll likely not bother visiting by car. I'll also take advantage of the "while I'm here" opportunity to ride a mixed train called the Polar Bear Express from Cochrane to Moosonee, near the shores of James Bay.

I'll also take in the Ottawa Train Expo, a new show out east claiming to be the largest east of Calgary. It'll be interesting to see what they accomplish with their show, and bring back some knowledge to improve our show and perhaps encourage some of the people out there to make their way west for next year's show.

I'm still looking for a replacement editor for the Orderboard. Get in touch with me if you're interested in taking on the job.

Deadline for submissions for the next issue is September 9, 2012.

Jon Calon.

THANKS FROM STEVE KLEIN

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped me out with Security of SUPERTRAIN 2012!

This was my second year of being head of Security and as you know, we always have to rely on strictly volunteer help for all the positions that had to be filled. Again this year, it was a pleasure to work with all of those who stepped forward to help out, often putting in even more hours than originally signed up for. Your help made my job so much easier, and I am very grateful for your time.

I look forward to being head of security for SUPERTRAIN 2013 as I know I can rely on all of the volunteers who stepped up to help me this year. Without your help, the show would not be the success it is and will continue to be! Thanks!

*Steve Klein (aka "six an hour")
Security Coordinator, SUPERTRAIN 2012*



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It's early yet, but since this issue of the Orderboard will be the last until the fall, we wanted to pass along the word about the Calgary Free-mo's annual event taking place as usual in the Agriplex (a fancy name for the town's hockey rink) in Big Valley, Alberta.

We're hoping you're making plans to come up, see the layout we're putting together and if you bring a DCC-equipped HO Scale Train, you could even run it on our track.

We'll have the layout running on August 18th and 19th and hope you can make it up!

For more information, check out our website at <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca> closer to the date.

Jon Calon.

CMT SPRING OPEN HOUSE

SUPERTRAIN is past, so it must be time for the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Spring Open House. The event is on Sunday, May 6th, from 10 am to 4 pm.

While we have been working lately on our modular layout, changes have been made to our permanent HO layout. The Chinook Western Railway is a freelance railroad traveling southwest from Calgary through Priddis to Kananaskis and then connecting 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. In addition, Calgary EuroRail Express will join us with an operating display.

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 May 6th, visitors are invited to visit the Club most Wednesday evenings after 7:00 pm. New members are welcome. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca.

Brookes Harrow

SLIDE NIGHT 2012

It's never too early to start thinking about choosing or taking photos for the upcoming Slide Night!


We haven't confirmed the date yet, but anticipate it to be in the same vicinity of last year's event, around the middle of November. We're quite a ways out but that means you have plenty of time to get out there this summer, take some pictures and prepare your presentation for the membership to take in!

Jon Calon.

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Deadline for the next issue is Sept. 9, 2012

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HOW "THE CANADIAN" ALMOST DIDN'T MAKE IT TO CALGARY

Rapido Trains is one of those exhibitors which loves coming to Calgary and attend SUPERTRAIN. For those who didn't know, there's a bit of a story behind their attendance this year. The committee was contacted a couple weeks prior requesting information about where they should ship their pallet full of stuff to display at the show. We replied back with the requested information and they had a courier ship their stuff west from Toronto.

When I saw Dan Garcia (right) and Matt Soknacki (left) at their booth on Friday, I wandered over to say hello, and to find out where their stuff was.

I was shocked to hear their pallet was mistakenly put into a shipping container, put on a freight train and was due to be delivered on Monday. Yes, the day after the show ends.

I took a photo of Matt and Dan (shown above) and sent it to Rapido Trains owner Jason Shron, who sent the following message to the CanModelTrains Yahoo! Group:

You can see our amazing Rapido booth at Supertrain, featuring the almost visible Canadian! You will be able to marvel at the incredible underbodies, with detail so fine it is COMPLETELY INVISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE!



In all seriousness, Dan and Matt arrived at Supertrain to discover our samples and display track are on a train somewhere on the Prairies. They were supposed to be sent by truck and they were supposed to arrive this morning.

Our Canadian model is so realistic it gets delayed by a freight train, JUST LIKE THE REAL THING!

Dan got a hold of me and I sent our other Canadian sample to Calgary via FedEx, so hopefully it will arrive tomorrow morning. That being said, FedEx does not open until 0900 and it is at the other end of the city, so even if the samples do arrive we will not have a display until mid-morning. Please pass that along to your friends at the show

before they see an empty booth and the "Rapido is out of business" rumours start making their rounds.

If FedEx screws up also and we have no display, we will be putting Dan in a bikini and rotating him on a turntable. Come by and throw roses at him or something.

Thankfully, the shipment did arrive on time, saving Dan from having to wear skimpy outfits on a turntable.

The Canadian was proudly displayed at their booth, and towards the end of the show, the model made a full lap of the Calgary Free-mo layout (making a stop at Lake Louise to the delight of the dozens of photographers gathered around the layout) and then proceeded to make a couple laps on the LaBaJa layout.

Jon Calow

COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Items in Bold type are Calgary Model Railway Society events.

May 6, 2012 – Open House at CMT, 10am-4pm at 619-12th Ave SE. <http://www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca/>

May 5-6 and 12-13 – Day Out With Thomas - Heritage Park, Calgary, AB. <http://www.heritagepark.ca/>

May 26, 2012 – CMRS Layout Tours - See Layout Tours brochure for more information.

June 27-July 1, 2012 – 20th Annual National N Scale Convention, Red Lion Hotel, Medford, OR.

<http://www.nationalnscaleconvention.com>

June 28-July 1, 2012 – Living Skies Express, Joint CARM National/PNR 6th Div. Convention, Regina, SK.

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July 13-15, 2012 – P.G.E. 100 Centenary Convention - West Coast Railway Heritage Park, Squamish, B.C.

Email Brian Clogg at bcclogg@shaw.ca for more information.

July 29-Aug 4, 2012 – NMRA National Convention, Grand Rapids, MI. <http://www.gr2012.org/>

August 18-19, 2012 – Alberta Free-mo, Agriplex, Big Valley, AB. <http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/>

September 15-16, 2012 – Great Edmonton Train Show - Mayfield Inn & Convention Centre, Edmonton, AB.

September 29-30, 2012 – Railway Days, Heritage Park, Calgary, AB. http://www.heritagepark.ca

October 13, 2012 – SBSL Boomer Auction, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Calgary, AB

October 14, 2012 – CMRS AGM and Fall Mini Meet, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB

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