



The OrderBoard

Newsletter of the **Calgary Model Railway Society**



Via Rail at Jasper, see the article below -- Rick Labatte

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President's Message

My first President's message comes right after a very successful Mini-meet, clinics and AGM. There were several suggestions from the floor that I will bring to the attention of the new Board within the next few months.

Please join me to thank the members that are "retiring" from the Board for their invaluable time and effort serving the Society; Brookes Harrow, Gail Myers, Jon Calon, and Linda Laroche.



As well, I'd like to welcome the new board members; Dave Landels, Vlad Maritiu, Jim Ironside, and Rick Walker. I look forward to working with my new team. The Board will meet in early November, and each member will be assigned their role and responsibilities, which will then be updated on our website.

Brent Ciccone has stepped in to take over the responsibility of Editor of the Orderboard. Please help him by submitting as many articles as possible. It could be a message to the CMRS members, report on a railfan trip you've made, or anything else related to trains. I am sure he will also appreciate your pictures. You can email Brent at orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca.

Clinics were very well attended. Special thank you to Roger Walker for organizing this event. And thank you to the clinicians, Roger Marler, Kevin Rudko, and Roger Walker. Thank you also to the members that brought their models to the show-and-tell. And finally, thank you to Marvin Burk for looking after the facility and ordering the lunch.

The next CMRS event is the Slide Night on November 9th, at the River Park Community Church. Keep that date in your calendar, and I hope many of you will attend.

I attended the Supertrain meeting after the AGM, and I can tell you that the committee works hard planning the next train show. Rob Badminton has a report in this Orderboard.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns, please email me or one of the Board members.

*Daniel Charest
President, CMRS*

Slide Night 2012

Slide night is coming up on Friday, November 9, 2012 at the River Park Community Church. Its not too late to put some slides together to show them. There is always room in the Potpourri section for short 5 minute presentations.

Contact John Lund for more information.

Layout Tours

For those of you who would be interested in being on the 2013 Layout Tours, we are ready to take your names. It is a fantastic experience, and this is a great opportunity to show the other CMRS Members the hard work you've done on your layout.

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New Board Members

At the AGM on October 14, 4 new board members were elected. Here is a short introduction from each new Board member.

Jim Ironside

I am a retired Naval Officer (22 years) and System Engineering Manager (27 years) and my model railroading interest has outlasted both of those careers. I was a member of the Ottawa Valley Associated Railroaders (OVAR) while posted in Ottawa; and after a work-related move to Calgary was a member of CMT for several years until an eight year posting to the UK interrupted that association. On return from the UK, I joined Calgary Free-Mo and am in the process of building a 21' HO module including the CN Bridge over Ogden Road to a full uncompressed scale, and a Timesaver switching puzzle. I find the technical challenges of model railroading to be the most engaging aspect of the hobby, and am known to over-engineering almost everything I touch.

Dave Landels

Hello, fellow CMRS members my name is Dave Landels. I've been a member of the Bow Valley Model R.R. Club for the past 14 years. I guess one flaw that my club members tell me I have is I strictly model CN, but I'm ok with it. I'm married with two children and have been in the hobby for 40 plus years. I look forward to serving on the CMRS and hope to meet as many members as I can. Thank you and let's enjoy this great hobby!

CMT Fall Open House

This is an invitation to visit the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club for an Open House on Saturday November 17th, 2012. 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 travelling southwest from Calgary through Kananaskis to connect with US railroads at Elkford. Visitors are most welcome to bring your HO-gauge locomotives and rolling stock, 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 17th, visitors are invited the visit the Club most Wednesday evenings (unless the Flames are playing at home, which is sort of academic right now but we remain optimistic!) after 7:00 pm. New members are welcome. For more details and a map, please visit our Web site, www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca.

We look forward to seeing everyone at CMT.

Brookes Harrow



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Vlad Maritiu

As a toddler the first three words I could speak were mother, father, and TRAIN. Growing up in Romania with its mainly rail based public transportation system and getting my first Roco train set at the age of 9 thoroughly cemented my obsession for all things related to trains. Upon immigrating to Canada I was introduced to Model Railroader and the Thursday Night Group with which I tagged along for most of my teenage years. In my adult years I operate my own residential exteriors installations company and I am the proud father of a 5 year old Thomas the Train fan. After a long absence from the hobby and at the encouragement of my wife Jo-Ann, I joined the Calgary Model Trainman and have immensely enjoyed their operations nights and camaraderie. My main interest is promoting the hobby to the next generation and becoming proficient at using Fast Tracks to build some sweet looking track.

Rick Walker

I have returned to the CMRS board after a two year absence. I previously held the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and President. I have also participated on the Supertrain committee handling administration and financial assignments. My main interests are in railway photography and prototype history.



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VIA RAIL TRIP

Rick and Ann Labatte were the winners of the VIA rail trip at the appreciation banquet.

--editor

We were thrilled to win this trip. We picked June for maximum daylight, although it is typically rainier, and chose Tuesday rather than Friday for the return. We left Calgary for the Chateau Louis in Edmonton on Saturday the 9th of June, to be ready for an early start Sunday.

We arrived at the station at 6:30 AM for a 7:37 departure. The 23 car train was late and we left about 10 AM, full of cookies and coffee. We quickly went to the Vista dome car to enjoy the scenery. According to some American rail-fans, these are the last operating Vista dome cars in North America. There was a light rain, which persisted through most of the trip, but the windows, were quite clear when the train was moving. The large lakes, forests, and rivers west of Edmonton were impressive. A local rancher on the trip explained that the many large stacks of concrete ties along the track had been replaced by wood ties, which lasted longer. Apparently the ballast wears the bottom of the ties. As we approached the foothills, the scenery became more and more spectacular. It was almost 3pm when we arrived in Jasper for a shortened stop. We had just enough time for some quick sightseeing and a few pictures before re-boarding. West of Jasper is the magnificent Pyramid Falls, where the train stopped so passengers in each Vista car had a chance to take pictures. The grandeur of Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, was awe inspiring. Lunch and supper in the dining car were excellent and priced about the same as a better restaurant. Darkness fell about 10, with Kamloops at midnight, now only an hour behind schedule.

We passed Hell's Gate in the dark and dawn broke along the Fraser River, which was extremely high. We went through several short tunnels, following the Fraser. At Abbotsford, some passengers were let off. Since all the stations have been closed, the train stopped at a road crossing, the conductor put down the steps, and off they went down the street. We arrived in Vancouver on schedule at 8:42. A \$10 cab ride took us to the Executive Vintage Park Hotel, where we were able to go immediately to our room. We showered, went for lunch. The desk clerk, arranged for Big Bus passes for sightseeing and suggested that we see the Capilano Bridge and Stanley Park, while it was sunny, as showers were forecast for Tuesday. Back to the hotel for supper, and a much needed good night's sleep.

We took the Big Bus tour of Vancouver, then did it again with stops at Granville Island (by water taxi), Gastown, and Canada Place, catching the last bus back to the hotel for dinner and to pick up our luggage. Another short cab ride took us to the Via station for an 8:30 departure. It was dark by the time we cleared Vancouver. We manage to get facing coach seats, which almost made a bed, so sleep was somewhat better than on the trip out.

We passed Kamloops at dawn, and had another day of fantastic scenery, in spite of the showers. It was difficult to leave the dome car for meals, for fear of missing something.



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Between the dome car and dining car, we met and visited with Americans, Dutch, Irish, Scotch and Canadians.

Once again, we saw Mount Robson, had the photo stops at Pyramid Falls, and arrived at Jasper at 4pm, with more time for sightseeing. The sunset over the lakes on the way back to Edmonton was beautiful. We were on schedule into Edmonton at 11pm till a few blocks from the station, where we were delayed by a freight train breakdown ahead of us. A short cab ride took us back to the St Louis, where some of the crew stays, for another much needed night's sleep.

This was the trip of a lifetime, which we will remember forever.

This is a Via link which shows some of the cars and sights.
http://www.viarail.ca/sites/all/files/media/360/Stainless_steel_Skyline_car/index.html

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SUPERTRAIN 2013

Our new Registrar Jon Calon has been busy sending out Application Forms to exhibitors who have displayed in the past couple of shows. He has also been receiving numerous requests for applications from new exhibitors including some Junior layouts. Early indications are that we will have more requests for display space than we can accommodate so get your Applications in as early as possible. The Committee will have to make some hard decisions in early January. We have to respect the safety regulations that dictate how much aisle space is needed between displays. As always, our goal is to put on the best show possible, and unfortunately, this means that some entries might have to wait for another year.

Julia Harrison is taking on the role of Volunteer Coordinator and she has been busy too, collecting the names of people who are looking forward to helping out at the show. If you can help, please let Julia know, or put your name on one of the sign-up sheets that will be circulated at Slide Night. This is especially helpful if you have a particular time that is better for you.

As you may have heard at the AGM, we have had to raise the price of tickets for the Saturday Gala to \$30 each. This is still a bargain for the meal and entertainment that you get, along with the chance to relax and socialize after a hectic day at SUPERTRAIN. Of course, there will be plenty of raffle and door prizes to be won too.

There will a lot more news about SUPERTRAIN that I will share in future editions of the Orderboard. In the meantime, our website www.supertrain.ca is updated with new information regularly. And don't forget to "like" SUPERTRAIN on Facebook.

Rob Badmington
Show Chairman
SUPERTRAIN 2013

CMT Annual Fleamarket 2013 Edition

Yes, it is still months away. But you know how time flies!

It is not too early to start preparing for the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Annual Fleamarket. Now is a good time to start gathering your surplus model railroad equipment to get ready for sale. And be sure to mark the date on your calendar. Again this year, this event will be held together with the CMRS Spring Mini Meet.

Sunday March 10, 2013

9:00 am to 12:00 noon [Note the time change]

Location- Glenmore Inn, corner of Glenmore Trail and Ogden Road

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

Tables went quickly this year, so don't miss out. To book a table, please contact me at bharrow@nucleus.com or call 403-201-4937.

Brookes Harrow



From the Editors Desk

What did I get myself into? It seemed like a good idea at the time...

In one of those moments of weakness, I somehow agreed to take over editing the OrderBoard from Jon Calon. I confess to knowing nothing about how to go about producing a professional looking document, so you might see a reduction in the quality after Jon's capable handling.

To start with, I don't have access to any high end desktop publishing software, and even if I did, I wouldn't have a clue what to do with it! I am experimenting with using some open source software with the aim of being able to hand this off to some other sucker (*did I say that out loud?*) in the future. So you will see some changes in this OrderBoard and probably a few other changes down the road.

To start with, I should introduce myself just like your new Board members have already done above. I got introduced into this hobby by my grandfather and my brother. My grandfather had a layout and passed some of it along to my older brother. At some point in time I found a few of these trains lying around the house and started playing with them.

Like most people, other interests took hold until about 10 to 15 years ago when my brother gave me a small laser cut, peel and stick, building kit for Christmas one year. It sat around for a few months until I was bored one day and proceeded to put it together. I enjoyed that, and then found myself over at Trains and Such not long after, ostensibly just to have a look around. One thing led to another, and now I have a small, around the walls shelf layout in the basement and a Free-Mo module that I take to shows.

For years I thought that playing with trains was a little silly, I still think it is silly, but now that I have reached a certain mellow age, I don't care anymore! Like most people, I went through many years where I was otherwise occupied, but now that I have taken early retirement, I can spend my time playing around in the basement and I have the great advantage in that I no longer care what anyone else thinks about it!

My other hobby is that I like to do landscape paintings, primarily in Oils but I will also work in Pastels and play around with Acrylics and Water Colours. I run a small art studio that offers painting classes to adults and children.

I look at Model Railroading as just another form of Art, in this case, 3D Art that also moves, and can include animation and sounds.

I may have a few things to say in future editions about how the Art world and Model Railroading intersect.

Brent Ciccone

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Also, for the OrderBoard and the website, what would you like to see? Do you have any pictures, maybe a short article or even a paragraph about some tips that you could pass along. I will also publish letters to the editor at: orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca

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Nov 9, 2012	CMRS Slide Night - River Park Community Church, Calgary, AB
Nov. 24 - 25	Red Deer Model Train and Hobby Show Westerner Park Harvest Centre - 4847A 19th St, Red Deer reddeertrainshow@shaw.ca
March 9, 10, 11 2013	Model Railroading Weekend 6th Division NMRA PNR Spring Meet Prototype Modellers Meet CMT Annual Fleamarket, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB CMRS Spring Mini Meet , Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB
Feb 23-24, 2013	Saskatoon Train Show, Western Development Museum, Saskatoon; allboardtrainshow@gmail.com
April 21, 22, 2013	SUPERTRAIN 2013 - Subway Soccer Centre, Calgary, AB
April	Layout Tours

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