



THE ORDERBOARD

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY



A rather odd looking consist, spotted on one of the back tracks at Belton / West Glacier, Montana earlier this summer. The well cars do not hold containers, rather ballast is stored and scooped out by a backhoe which runs on the side rails all the way down the train. A modified GP40 pulls or pushes the train to where it's needed. Photo Credit: Jon Calon.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For all of us indoor modellers it's time to start getting ready to head to the layout again and for the G Scale folks, you will soon be packing up the yard for another year.

It has been an interesting year for me. In March, Swerve Magazine approached me regarding a story about the hobby and then in June the Breakfast Show had me on to discuss the hobby. I hope from these we will get some people interested in our hobby and

also we will get more guests at SUPERTRAIN.

I know that our Web Page works because I have been contacted by local people with layouts to dispose of and modelers from other countries wanting to exchange info. Not being a big Facebook user and knowing nothing about Twitter I am not sure how much action they are getting.

Upcoming events are Railway Days at Heritage Park September



PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

29 and 30, the Boomer Auction October 13 and most importantly our AGM on Sunday, October 14th at the Glenmore Inn. You will see more information regarding the various Workshops Roger has lined up for the day.

SUPERTRAIN Committee meetings are starting the end of the month for next year's event. Rob Badmington is chairing the committee again this year. Thanks Rob.

I still think we need to find ways to get and retain younger people in the hobby so there is a next generation of modellers.

We have 4 Board members leaving at the AGM. Gail Myers and Brookes Harrow have completed 2 terms in a row on the Board and must now step down. Jon Calon and Linda Laroche have both decided to step down at this point. I want to thank them all for their service to the Board and CMRS.

We had originally 4 Club Board positions to be filled which has been done but with Linda leaving we will need to have someone step forward to fill her remaining term of 2 years. There will be more information in this issue regarding this. Also the list of the 4 members from the Clubs will be listed.

This will be Jon's last issue of OrderBoard as editor and publisher and I want to thank him for a job very well done. Brent Ciccone has accepted the task of keeping the issues coming.

I also want to thank Richard Johnson for keeping our Web page up and running.

This is your organization so your input and support is needed to keep it active and vibrant so please make sure you attend the AGM and clinics on October 14th.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for this past year.

*Monty Schnieder
President, CMRS*

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NOTICE OF THE 2012 CMRS AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 2012 CMRS Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 14th, 2012, starting at 12:00 pm at the Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE in conjunction with the Fall Mini Meet. Lunch will be provided to eligible CMRS members.

Members will be asked to approve the 2012-2013 Budget and review the Society's past and upcoming activities. Members will also be asked to ratify four Club Member Directors and elect one Independent Director to the Board.

Please plan to attend. For more information, contact the Secretary at bharrow@nucleus.com or 403-201-4937.

*Brookes Harrow
Secretary, CMRS*

BOARD VACANCIES AT THE AGM

At the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the CMRS to be held on October 14, 2012, members will be asked to ratify 4 Club Directors and elect one Independent Director.

The 3-year terms of 4 Club Directors are expiring this year. A summary is as follows:

- Bow Valley Model Railroad Assn. - as at the AGM, Gail Myers will have completed two 3-year terms. In accordance with the CMRS Bylaws, he is required to step down. Bow Valley has nominated Dave Landels to be their representative.
- Calgary Free-mo - as at the AGM, Jon Calon will have completed one partial 2-year term and one full 3-year term. Jon is not seeking a second full term. Calgary Free-mo has nominated Jim Ironside to be their representative.
- Calgary Model Trainmen's Club- as at the AGM, Brookes Harrow will have completed two 3-year terms. In accordance with the CMRS Bylaws, he is required to step down. CMT has nominated Vlad Maritiu to be their representative.
- Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders- as at the AGM, Marvin Burk will have completed one 3-year term. Marvin has announced his willingness to serve a second full term. RMGR has nominated Marvin Burk to be their representative.

All club representatives are subject to CMRS member ratification.



BOARD VACANCIES (CONTINUED)

There is one vacant Independent Director position. Having served one year of a 3-year term, Linda Laroche recently announced she is resigning from her seat on the Board at the AGM. We will be asking the membership to elect an Independent Director to a partial 2-year term to replace her.

Nominations for this position are now being solicited from the members. If you are a member in good-standing in the Society and wish to place your name in nomination to serve as a Director, or if you wish to nominate another member of the Society, please advise the Secretary. Note, if you are nominating another member, please include their agreement to take the position. We will continue to accept nominations until the time of the election, including nominations from the floor at the AGM.

To date, there is one nomination received for the vacancy. Rick Walker has agreed to put his name forward as a nominee.

With five positions open, this is an important year for Society members to define who they would like to represent them. For more information, contact the Secretary at bharrow@nucleus.com or 403-201-4937.

Brookes Harrow
Secretary, CMRS

SUPERTRAIN 2013

Wow! Is it that time already?

Well, yes and no. SUPERTRAIN 2013 will be held again at the Subway Soccer Centre, on April 20 & 21. That's over seven months from now, but planning starts early for Canada's biggest and best model train show. For the exhibitors, it's time to think about changes and improvements to the layouts, or maybe new displays altogether.

SUPERTRAIN



For the Committee, the first job is to assign tasks, and especially to fill the vacancies left by Linda Laroche, Geoff Southwood, and Leo de Groot. Each of these fine people has decided to step back from the Committee this year to concentrate on other important aspects of their lives. They have all done an excellent job serving the CMRS and each deserves a debt of gratitude from all members. Now my job as Chairman is to find others who are interested in joining a wonderful group of people to help plan and organize a great event. If you are interested, please contact me by email at badmingt@telusplanet.net and we can talk about how you can help out. I should mention that the rest of the crew will be returning so newcomers don't have to worry about jumping into anything too daunting all by themselves.

I will have a complete report on SUPERTRAIN 2012 to present to the AGM.

Rob Badmington
Show Chairman, SUPERTRAIN 2013



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LAYOUT TOURS

I would like to thank very much the CMRS Members that were on the 2012 Layout Tour in May: Barrie Roberts, Judy Watling, Elmer Holm, Grant Eastman, Randy Rodman, and the Cal-O-Rail club. The event was a success again this year, and many of the hosts said they got good attendance. My layout was also on the tour, and I got 35 visitors! I heard very good comments from visitors about the layouts on the tour. One visitor even said he has learned something new about railroad modelling at each layout he has visited, isn't that great!

For those of you who would be interested in being on the 2013 Layout Tours, I am 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. You can find my contact information on page 7 of the Orderboard. I will also be at the October Mini Meet and the AGM, so feel free to come and chat with me.

Daniel Charest.

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FALL MINI MEET CLINICS

The mini-meet and show and tell will be held on October 14th, at the Glenmore Inn. There will be five clinics to choose from, and here are the details.

• **Distressing and Staining Stripwood**

Presented by Roger Marler - 10:00am

This demonstration clinic will present simple ways of distressing stripwood (adding wood grain, split boards etc). The distressed wood will then be stained and painted, with a demonstration of making peeling paint. These techniques will be applied to making a simple fence – the same techniques can be used in building much more complicated structures also.

• **Using Artist's Oils for Weathering**

Presented by Roger Walker - 11:00am

This clinic will begin by showing several prototype pictures of cars in various stages of weathering, with differing styles of weathering. There will then be a discussion of the benefits of using oils versus acrylics and pastels. I will use the second half of the clinic to demonstrate how to apply and manipulate the oils to achieve realistic weathering.

• **Part I - Signal Basics for Model Railroaders**

Presented by Kevin Rudko - 10:00am

This clinic will introduce model railroaders to signals and how they relate to railroad operations. Different types of train control systems with and without signals will be explored. The modeller will be introduced to planning strategies to decide what type of signalling system to model, based on the railroad they are modelling or personal preference. Placing the signals will also be discussed. Emphasis will be placed on building different components of a signal system in stages. There will also be a prepared workshop of placing signals on numerous example model railroad layouts.

• **Part II - Understanding Signals for Model Railroaders**

Presented by Kevin Rudko - 11:00am

This clinic will present model railroaders with details of what signal aspects mean and how this information is used by trains. The clinic will then

demonstrate how signal aspects relate to other signals to protect trains under different types of train control systems. Finally, the clinic will then revisit how to model signaling on a model railroad as a full system.

• **Basics (and Intermediates!) of Photographing Trains**

Presented by Roger Walker - 1:15pm (after AGM)

This clinic summarizes many years of experience in photographing prototype trains. It will focus (no pun intended) on light and composition, as well as how to use the camera to achieve the desired effects. My failures will be used to illustrate how the pictures could have been improved. The clinic will not be overly technical with respect to using a camera, and should appeal to point and shoot photographers as well as SLR users.

SHOW AND TELL

The show-and-tell room will be open from about 9:00 am onward, and will close just before the AGM. Sharing our modeling is an important part of CMRS, so instead of driving all over town to Open House layouts, let's bring the models to the Glenmore Inn! Work in progress is just as welcome as finished material, and displays could range from whole trains to individual cars or buildings. If you can prepare a brief write-up to accompany the models, that would be great.

See you all in October (barring more avalanches).

Roger Walker

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It's the end of the line. My last missives from the Editor's desk for the publication, and while I look forward to future responsibilities within the society (primarily on the SUPERTRAIN Committee), I have some time to look back.

So far back, in fact that I recall when I "submitted my credentials" to the then-editor of the Orderboard answering his call for a new editor. I still find myself somewhat amazed that I was the only one to apply for the position, and I'm still happy I did. I'm also happy to announce that Brent Ciccone will be taking over the reins for the Orderboard starting with the next issue. Not surprisingly, he was the only one to apply. I'm looking forward to seeing what direction he takes with the publication. Please note that the email address 'orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca' will be transferring over to Brent following the AGM. If you wish to contact me, feel free to do so at jon@calon.ca. I certainly hope you will provide Brent with lots of interesting photos, interesting stories, modelling tips, upcoming events and more. An Editor's job is made that much easier when you submit lots of stuff and make us work to fit it in instead of forcing us to put lots of fluff and filler in.

I'll be around. I'm certain to see you at the AGM, and likely at the layout tours in the not-too-distant future. Thanks again for all your submissions in the past and the conversations shared. Cheers!

Deadline for submissions for the next issue is October 15, 2012.

Jon Calon.

SLIDE NIGHT 2012

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

We have confirmed the date of November 9th at the River Park Community Church, the same location as the past few years. Organizer John Lund would greatly appreciate hearing from you if you have pictures to show, either as a full presentation or in the potpourri segment.

Owing to concerns expressed from last year's show, we are inviting those who have pictures to identify themselves early on so we can plan accordingly.

Jon Calon.

NMRA PNR 6TH DIVISION
SPRING MEET 2013

Every year, the National Model Railroad Association along with it's Regions and Divisions put on hundreds of conventions and meets across North America. Since 1965 Calgary has been the host of 11 weekend Divisional meets plus a Pacific Northwest Regional convention and Railroadeo '79, the week long National Convention. These meets and conventions incorporate a lot of activities similar to what the CMRS organizes throughout the year such as layout tours, clinics, slide shows, prototype tours, and banquets.

In recent years, different model railroad groups in Calgary have seen the value in holding their various events on the same weekend as other events, such as the CMRS Fall Mini Meet and AGM being held the day after the South Bank Short Lines Annual Boomer Auction. In March 2012, a Prototype Modelers Meet was held the day before the CMT Fleamarket and CMRS Spring Mini Meet. The intent is for the events to complement rather than compete with each other.

The Calgary NMRA members will host the 6th Division PNR Spring Meet in March 2013, on the same weekend as the Prototype Modelers Meet, the CMT Fleamarket, and CMRS Spring Mini Meet, giving modelers from Calgary and all across BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan many reasons to attend. Detailed plans are still being developed but will include some clinics, layout tours, model and photo contests, Achievement Program judging, and perhaps a prototype tour.

Make sure you mark your calendar for March 9, 10 & 11, 2013 for a great weekend of model railroad fun.

Rob Badmington.

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Deadline for the next issue is Oct. 15, 2012

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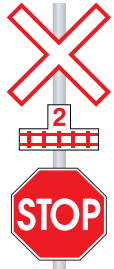
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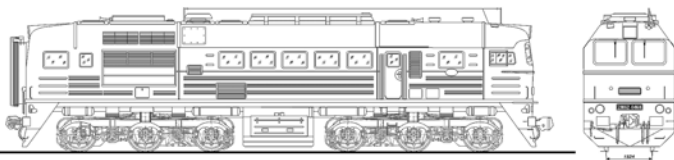
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Doug Caldwell - 403-240-0760

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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

November 9, 2012 – CMRS Slide Night - River Park Community Church, Calgary, AB

November 24-25, 2012 – Red Deer Model Railroad Show - Westerner Park Harvest Centre - 4847A 19th St, Red Deer

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March 10, 2013 – CMT Annual Fleamarket and CMRS Spring Mini Meet, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB

April 20-21, 2013 – SUPERTRAIN 2013 - Subway Soccer Centre, Calgary, AB

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