



The Orderboard

Newsletter of **The Calgary Model Railway Society**



Early February with darkness quickly arriving in the late afternoon (balmy +7c), a snowplow special captured proceeding eastbound into Peacock Junction, roughly opposite the snowed-in station on trackage of the RBR mainline, southwest Canada.

Photo by Doug Cannon

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President's Message

For those of you that attended the NMRA event "The Chinook", the CMRS Mini Meet and the CMT Fleamarket, I hope you enjoyed your weekend. Roger again organized a successful Mini Meet.

SUPERTRAIN is fast approaching, and many of you are involved, one way or the other, in Canada's largest model train show. SUPERTRAIN posters are included with this edition of the Orderboard, please use them to advertise the Show at work, your community center, or any place you think it should be.



President's Message Continued...

If you haven't registered yet to volunteer at the Show, and would like to, contact Julia Harrison at jeharrison51@gmail.com. The Volunteer Orientation session is on Sunday, April 14th, at the Glenmore Inn at noon, and lunch will be served.

Correction: Note that the train sets for Trains for Kids, will not be given away at SUPERTRAIN, as announced previously.

*Daniel Charest
President, CMRS*

SUPERTRAIN



SUPERTRAIN REPORT

It is less than four weeks until CMRS hosts its 19th edition of SUPERTRAIN. We have come a long way since the first shows and this year we will have 42 layouts, 53 commercial vendors and manufacturers, and 7 displays. Jon Calon has done a great, albeit very difficult job, getting it all to fit and to schedule move-in. Julia Harrison has contacted CMRS members, sometimes more than once, looking to fill all the volunteer positions, and has met with success. For those that felt harassed, next time let us know you can't or don't want to volunteer, and we won't bug you again. For those that cheerfully offered some of your time – THANK YOU! Don't forget our Volunteer Orientation session at the Glenmore Inn on Sunday April 14th, starting at noon. It's not mandatory, but it gives you a chance to find out

everything you need to know about your volunteer duties, pick up your badge before the show, and get a nice free light lunch.

Enclosed in the envelope with this Orderboard are some Posters and quarter page flyers. Please put them up at your workplace, on community bulletin boards, at your church, daycare, local businesses, and anywhere else the public may see them. Remember that most of the activities that the CMRS hosts are highly subsidized by the funds generated by SUPERTRAIN, so we are counting on a big crowd. Remind your family, friends, and co-workers that the best time to visit the show is early on Sunday morning before the rest of Calgary shows up. Let's be proud of our involvement in the world's best hobby!

Now all we need is Mother Nature to cooperate and give us a cool, dry weekend, not too nice, but hopefully no spring snow storms.

*Rob Badmington
Show Chairman
SUPERTRAIN 2013*



Celebrating Fifty Years of Model Railroading Fellowship!

The Bow Valley Model Railroad Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary in May 2013, commemorating its founding in May 1963. The idea of forming a club of like-minded modelers happened even earlier than that. From October 1962 until May 1963, ten model railroaders had explored various ideas about forming a club.

What they came up with has lasted 50 years and the basic concept is still going strong! The club has no permanent space, no rent to pay, no club-owned layout, and no dues to collect. Meetings are usually held every second Tuesday in members' homes from September to May.

One of the original founding members, Ted Richardson, still attends club meetings on a regular basis.

The club, located in Calgary, Alberta, presently consists of 22 members whose interests include several popular scales but HO is the most common. Membership is usually full and club meetings are well attended. We occasionally have room for one or two new members, so contact us through our web site if you are interested.

Our members own their own modules and we can display an HO layout which is different for every show. Layouts can vary in size from about eight feet by eight feet up to 44 by 32 feet or even larger. One of the features of our modules is that they are quite low, making them more easily visible to smaller children and handicapped individuals. New modules are built from time to time.

In a typical year, we participate in three major model railway shows: SUPERTRAIN in Calgary, the Great Edmonton Train Show and the Model Train Show at the Moose Jaw Western Development Museum. We also display a layout four or five times a year at seniors' retirement residences, care centres, and other similar locations around the city. These displays are generally well received by residents, family members and guests and we always get comments about relatives who worked for the railway many years ago! We look upon these activities as part of our community service.

For more information, to see photos of our modular layout and some home layouts, or to contact us, see our web site at <http://members.shaw.ca/bowvalleyrrclub/>



*Richard H. Johnson, President
Bow Valley Model Railroad Association*

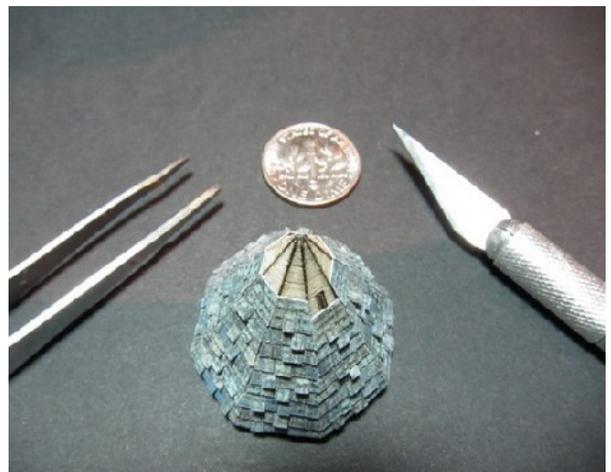
A Craftsman Quality Small Town Church

In a previous instalment, I examined the value of large premiere craftsman structure kits; but what about the intermediate sized kit? There are many manufacturers that produce high quality single building kits. One of the nicest on the market is the HO scale Ragg's to Riches "Cranberry Church". Yes, Ragg's to Riches is their name and they say that they will offer the kit in S and O scales shortly. As integral to small town modeling as the corner gas in Saskatchewan or the dépanneur in Quebec is the rural church. My more devout friends observe that this is likely an example of an Episcopalian or Baptist church and the prototype was built in 1902 in Cranberry N.C.



This is a wood kit assembled in a "tab in slot" manner. The footprint is 12x17 cm. It comes with a very complete and near flawless coil-bound instruction booklet that provides history, tips on general kit building techniques, and complete assembly instructions. As I often do, I deviated from the specific brand recommendations and opted to spray paint the white exterior parts using Tremclad™ High Performance Rust Enamel, flat white, UPC code 63213-02410 before assembly. I then assembled it using Pacer™ Formula '560' canopy glue, UPC code 87093-00464.

The roof and window detail on this kit are sensational and detailed instructions on the colouring of roof shingles can be obtained on line at <http://www.raggstoriches.biz/roofingpage.html>. Using Ken Lunders' suggestions for spraying grey primer and then streaking with different gray paint shades and randomly applying the shingle strips gave a very desirable appearance. Try it, you'll like it. But don't waste any shingles, there are just enough. The most tedious part of this kit was the shingle application because of the angles and roofline of the bell tower roof ... some late night insomnia required!!





The instructions should be carefully done in sequence, checking off the steps in the booklet as you go. If an interior or lighting is required, plan in advance because you install a solid floor at an early stage. The kit is complete but I did add a Vector Cut™ anno plate above the front door and a Northeastern Scale Lumber™ lampshade over the back door. You can also vary the appearance of windows by choosing to leave some open. The kit provides a set of optional front steps if you intend to have the church above grade.

This kit is still available but once sold out will not be repeated. It may seem expensive at \$125.00, but it was one of the most enjoyable kits I've ever built.

See you with another cranberry kit in the next issue.

The Badger

Help Wanted

I am in need of two assistants to help me move my layout from the basement of my home in Calgary, to the Soccer Dome for SUPERTRAIN 2013 beginning on Friday afternoon April 19, and returning on Sunday evening after the show. Truck will be provided. Entire move including setup and teardown should take no more than 5 hours. There are a total of 6 2x4 modules to move and all are very light. Additionally, some smaller pieces will need transporting as well. Assistants **MUST** be reliable, dependable and commit to both days. I will pay 10.00/hr. cash, payable at the conclusion of move on Sunday. For further details please call Ken at 403-601-6912.

Wanted - Bachman 2 -Truck Climax

I am looking for an HO Scale Bachman 2 - Truck Climax, working or not, preferably not for parts. If you have one of these sitting in your closet I would be interested in purchasing it. Price will depend on condition. Contact brentglen@yahoo.ca or Brent @ 403-283-0325

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Norm Haines 1939 - 2013

Most Calgary model railroaders know of Norm Haines as the auctioneer at countless South Bank Short Lines Boomer Auctions. In fact, it was Norm who initiated the auctions not long after moving to Calgary. Norm spent his early years in Eastern Canada, then moved west to pursue his careers in broadcasting, advertising, and public relations. He was a member of South Bank for almost 40 years. Norm passed away suddenly on March 23rd. He will be missed by us all.

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:

The Calgary Model Railway Society
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ADVERTISING

Do you have some Model Railroad related items for sale, or perhaps something rare you want? Consider an ad in the Orderboard. Text ads run twice free of charge for members (provided the ad is relatively small), and a \$15/year charge for business card size commercial ads.

Contact the Editor at
orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca for details.

Deadline for the next issue is May 1, 2013

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From the Editor's Desk

I hope that you are furiously working away in the basement getting your displays ready for SUPERTRAIN, I know that I am! Lets hope for the right weather, not too nice or everyone goes outside to play, but not too miserable so that it makes setting up and getting to the Soccer Centre difficult! A cool and cloudy weekend with no rain or snow would be just about perfect.

The Board is working towards a couple of more events for after SUPERTRAIN, the first is noted below, stay tuned and we will let you know about the others if and when they develop.

I am always on the lookout for articles, even short ones, and photo's for the Orderboard. Please send them in to the orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca Photo's for the cover page are always appreciated, and since we are supposed to be a "Model Railroad" Society, photos of your layout or of a diorama are always welcome. A shortage of articles will mean that you will be subject to reading some of my own meanderings and meaningless drivel, so please write something and send it to me!

There are several significant milestones being celebrated this year, as the article in this edition shows, the Bow Valley Club is turning 50, South Bank is also turning 50 this year. I hope to have an article about that club in the next edition. Also, it will be the 10th year for the Alberta Free-Mo event held in Big Valley in August.

*Brent Ciccone
Editor*

Rail Fan Events

Come tour the Oliver Bowen LRT Maintenance Facility! There are tours lined up for May 23rd and May 25th, if there is enough interest there is a possibility of a third tour on May 28th.

We are limited to 25 people per tour and is on a first come basis. You can sign up at the CMRS information booth at SUPERTRAIN.

Dave Landels



DVD Review

I purchased several boxed sets of train DVD's from, of all places, Canadian Tire! These may still be available, I found them near the checkout counters.

The first is entitled "Monster Steam" and has 4 DVD's, the first 2 of which are about CPR 2816, the other 2 have some US roads and a DVD on Steam Memories of Ontario. This was a good package of 4 worthwhile DVD's for steam fans.

The second set is titled "Canada by Rail" and includes 4 DVD's on CP through the Rockies, mostly more recent footage. This set was OK, but being a Steam fan, not as good as the first one.

The last set is simply titled "Trains", it is a 6 DVD set that appears to have been a BBC TV production from the early 90's. I really enjoyed this set because it included footage of steam operations from around the world, most of which have since stopped operating. Although some of the footage is a little dark, this was still a great set.

*Brent Ciccone
Editor*

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April 5-6, 2013	Kamloops Model Railway Days, The 7th Division PNR BC Interior Spring Meet
April 20-21, 2013	SUPERTRAIN 2013 - Subway Soccer Centre, Calgary, AB
May 25, 2013	PMRC / Heritage Railway Interpretive Centre Train Day , CPR Station, Portage la Prairie, MB, http://www.facebook.com/pages/Portage-Model-Railroad-Club/136229219798304
May 23, 25, 2013	Tour of Oliver Bowen LRT maintenance Facility
June 15-16th, 2013	Aspen Crossing Train Days , Mossleigh, AB, http://www.aspencrossing.com/#!tran-days/c1ea7
August 16-18, 2013	10th Annual Alberta Free-Mo, Big Valley, AB
October 20, 2013	CMRS Fall Mini-Meet and Annual General Meeting, Glenmore Inn, Calgary, AB
October 19-20, 2013	Manitoba Mega Train Show and Sale, Winnipeg, MB., http://www.vectorgardentrains.ca/Mega-Train.page

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