



The OrderBoard

Newsletter of **The Calgary Model Railway Society**



Some of the "Bouma" Squares seen at the Spring Mini-Meet, photos by Richard Johnson

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President's Message

SUPERTRAIN 2014 will be held on April 12th and 13th, and the committee is working hard to do the last arrangements, and resolve the challenges we have to go through this year. At the time this is being written, Julia Harrison is looking for more volunteers to cover 60 shifts, about half for each day. Most of them are non-cash admission roles, so you don't need to manipulate money, as well as a few security shifts on Sunday. The shifts are two hours long, and you get free admission to the show and a \$5.00 voucher for your lunch. If you are interested in filling in a shift or two, please contact Julia as soon as possible at jeharrison51@gmail.com, phone 403-467-6615. You could also bring a friend to volunteer, and even your wife or husband...



President's Message Continued...

My wife will be involved this year, and she will be doing two shifts! For the ones that already have offered your time to Julia, I thank you on behalf of the SUPERTRAIN committee. The Volunteer Orientation meet is on March 30th at the Glenmore Inn at noon hour, and lunch will be served.

On March 9th, the Spring Mini Meet and CMT Flea Market was a large success. We don't have an exact number of attendees, but we estimated over 100 members showed up in the morning alone. The 5 inch square challenge was a tremendous success, with 22 participants. The Directors are already talking about a similar challenge for next year, and more details will follow in a future edition of the Orderboard and at the Fall Mini Meet. The clinics have also been well attended with 30 to 40 participants in each. I'd like to thank the presenters for their contribution. If you too want to share your experience with the other CMRS members, please contact Roger Walker. Roger is always looking for new presenters.

Most of the Directors will be at the CMRS booth at one time or the other during SUPERTRAIN, so stop by and say hello. Please promote the show around you, at work, at your local store, grocery, etc. using the posters included with this edition of the Orderboard. I hope to see you at SUPERTRAIN.

*Daniel Charest
President, CMRS*



*Jim was not going to volunteer, but Julia twisted his arm.
DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!!!*



SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala

April 12, 2014

SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala tickets are available for purchase. The Gala will be held at the Glenmore Inn.

Tickets cost \$30.00 each.
Cocktails @ 5:00 pm
Dinner @ 6:30 pm

VIA has provided two return tickets from Edmonton to Vancouver for the Membership Appreciation draw held at the Gala. Tom Price will be our guest speaker. Tom's topic will be "Knowns and Unknowns of the CPR", which I'm sure will be very entertaining.

Don't wait until SUPERTRAIN to purchase your tickets as you may be disappointed.

Please contact me at 403-934-1372 or email LBQ@shaw.ca to reserve your ticket. Tickets can be picked up at the Volunteer Orientation on Sunday, March 30th.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Linda Laroche

SUPERTRAIN Report

In less than a month SUPERTRAIN 2014 will be history. By then we will know how the weather, construction at the Soccer Centre, and parking space will have affected attendance.

We already know that it will be the biggest show we have ever staged from the number of exhibits and layouts. We will be using the full length of the north side Mezzanine for layouts, displays, and commercial booths, as well as the lower concourse for the CMRS Info booth. Iron Horse trains will be giving rides on the south Mezzanine as usual. And of course, the four fields are as full as we can allow.

As we mentioned in the last OrderBoard, we won't have the ramp between floors available, so we must make extra efforts to encourage the public to visit the upper level displays. Access in and out of the building will be taking place at the north side N2/N3 doors as well as the main front entrance, so guiding and directing the public will be a bigger challenge than usual.

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By far the biggest problem we have to overcome is the amount of parking we have available. So far, we have not been successful in getting permission to use privately owned off-site parking lots for the public. Therefore, it is absolutely crucial that all exhibitors and volunteers park in places that we designate for them behind the Soccer Centre or at other locations. You can park at the Glenmore Inn and carpool with buddies. Remember that every parking spot on the Soccer Centre lot should turn over four times during the day, so if you are parked on one all day, that could be sixteen or more people who don't get into the show. It will definitely affect attendance, and therefore the payouts to exhibitors.

We will have updates on all these issues at the Volunteer Orientation Session at **noon** on March 30th at the Glenmore Inn. A light lunch will be served and you can pick up your name badge and assignments.

Please be sure to tell your family, friends, and co-workers about SUPERTRAIN. There are some posters included with this OrderBoard to put up on bulletin boards at work or in your neighbourhood. Let's make it a great show together!

*Rob Badmington and Daniel Charest
Co-Chairmen, SUPERTRAIN 2014*

SUPERTRAIN Volunteers (Once Again!)

With our extra challenges at SUPERTRAIN this year, we need even more Volunteers to help with security, admissions, ticket sales, and everything else that goes into the show. This year, you can sign up with your preferences for times and jobs on line. Please go to <http://bit.ly/STvolunteer> to fill in the simple form. If you have any questions about Volunteering, you can email volunteer@supertrain.ca. We will be holding the Volunteer Orientation Session on March 30 at the Glenmore Inn with a light lunch served. This is your opportunity to learn about your tasks, ask questions, and pick up your name badge ahead of time.

<p>FOR SALE -- O SCALE</p> <p>3 trains, buildings, neon signs, trees, people, 30+ street lights, track! many new items in box not used, boxes and boxes of train stuff. Everything you need to start. All excellent condition.</p> <p>Contact: jwatling615@yahoo.com. Or phone: 403-253-0261</p>	<p>Missing Engines?</p> <p>The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club has come across a box of 7 modern era HO scale Diesels such as GP-35 and AC units who are looking for their owner. these may belong to a past CMT member. Would the owner please identify these before they become club property. Please call Dale at 403-274-4852 or email at "sproules@telusplanet.net"</p>
<p>N Scale for Sale</p> <p>Downsizing N scale collection, over 100 pieces of rolling stock.</p> <p>Contact Jack at 403-289-9348.</p>	<p>N-Scale Layout For Sale</p> <p>Partially completed layout and rolling stock for sale. Contact Barrie Roberts at 403-680-7061</p>

Iron Horse Park Season opens on the May long weekend, runs every Sunday until Thanksgiving. Airdrie <http://www.ironhorsepark.net/>



REPORT ON SPRING MINI-MEET, MARCH 9, 2014

The Spring Mini-meet was a great success, with more than one hundred members attending. The clinics attracted between 25 and 40 people at each clinic, and I thank the clinicians who spent time carefully preparing their clinics, and delivering them amusingly and effectively – they were Mike Borkristl, Ian McArthur, Bill Bergman, George Barr, Dale Olsen (and me).

One of the highlights of the meet was the Peter Bouma challenge – to make a diorama on a 5 inch square base. There were twenty two entries, and I was delighted to see the variety of the dioramas and the imagination that went into each one. Many thanks to Peter for the idea, and many thanks to the participants for sharing their modules. Thanks also to Richard Johnson for photographing the modules – keep an eye on the website to see them.

Thanks also to those who brought models and photos to the show and tell – the show and tell room was always humming with conversations and examination of the exhibits.

I also want to thank the many people who helped behind the scenes, working with the Glenmore Inn (Marvin Burk), and helping me by supplying laptops, projectors, cables etc.

As always, I'll finish my report by asking for feedback (walkerrg@telus.net), and asking for ideas for future clinics, and/or volunteers to present clinics. The members of CMRS really appreciate the clinics, so if you have ideas or topics that would be of interest, please let me know.

Roger Walker

Rail Fan Events

I am still searching for contact names for people at the CN Inter-modal yard to try to arrange a tour. So far there hasn't been any response from them. It has also been suggested that a tour out to the Stoney Creek Bridge would be of interest. CP Rail has put into place strict regulations regarding access to the site, so we need a contact person at CP who could arrange this access.

If anyone has any contacts at either CN or CP who might be able to help, please let me know. (dave@keddes.com)

A couple of other possibilities for events would be a bus trip to one of the museums such as the Alberta Railway Museum at Fort Saskatchewan or the one outside of Wetaskiwin. If anything like this is of interest to you, let me know.

Dave Landels

Slide Night

It is not too early to start thinking about next year's slide night in November (exact date to be announced). Now is the time to start taking pictures so that you will have something to show! It might also be a good time to look through your slides and see what you have that might interest the other CMRS members. I am sure that there are lots of interesting photo's hiding in boxes, or maybe on your computer somewhere, that would make for a good show.

John Lund




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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 15, 2014

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Diorama Builders

Once again this year there will be a booth at SUPERTRAIN for the Diorama Builders. We hope to display all of the 5 inch square "Bouma" squares at the booth. If you have any other small structures or similar dioramas or models, please consider exhibiting these at SUPERTRAIN. There is no cost to individual members to exhibit here and no requirement to spend time at the booth, other member volunteers will "booth" sit.

However, should you like to volunteer for us and earn a free weekend pass and a hearty "thank-you for volunteering", please email me asap at bcersson@xplornet.com

Also, please, reconfirm, what diorama you are bringing and its size, also any power requirements that you might have. Please bring them to SUPERTRAIN on Saturday morning or if need be on Friday night after 7pm. Our booth is on the mezzanine level.

Remember, we are exhibiting for the benefit of the general public and in many's eye, "small is beautiful".

BJ Ersson

Looking for Info on Canadian Trains

We received a letter from a gentleman in Portugal looking for information on Canadian Trains and models. If someone has some old issues of "Branchline" or other Canadian magazines that they no longer want we could ship a few magazines to him. We don't want a whole stack, maybe a couple of examples would do. If you have some to give away contact the editor. orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca

From the Editor's Desk

It is hard to believe that it is almost time for SUPERTRAIN 2014. The organizers have been busy and have been frantically trying to resolve issues with the soccer centre, especially concerning parking. If you can car pool or at least park several blocks away from the centre it would be a big help. If the visitors can't park they aren't going to come in to the show!

This year has been a fairly productive one for me from a modelling point of view. I have managed to get a number of models built, I got a good start on building a Kettle Valley Passenger train, I finished an ore loading dock and aerial tramway and built a few other smaller projects. I didn't work on any of the buildings for the town on the layout, even though that was supposed to be the next thing I was going to work on! That seems to be the way it goes, I have some vague plans for what I am going to work on but then something else comes along and I end up doing that instead! But hey, this is a hobby, it doesn't matter if I ever get around to building that bridge, the piece of plywood that I kludged together 3 years ago (or has it been 5 years?) has been holding the track up just fine and will continue to do so for several more years. One of these days inspiration will hit and I will build that missing bridge!

I think the message here is that it is OK to just work on what strikes your fancy at the moment. The main thing is to build something. If that big project seems too much than find something smaller to do that you can get accomplished in a reasonable time frame. Sometimes you can get caught up in the big project and miss out on doing some simple modelling tasks. I think the "Bouma" squares was a good example, it was fun to try to think up something creative to do in that 5" square and it was an opportunity to use up some of the bits and pieces lying around. Look for a new challenge for next year, several different ideas have been floating around already.



SUPERTRAIN is going to be challenge for everyone this year, the move in will be more difficult, parking will be a problem and the ongoing construction will cause other problems. Hopefully, everyone will work together, remain calm, and show some understanding, so that we can all have a good show.

Brent Ciccone



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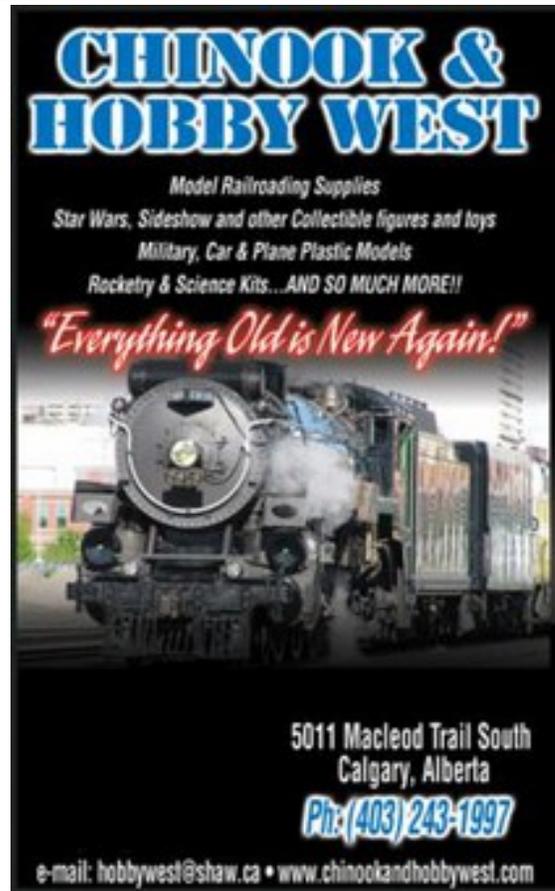
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Coming Events Schedule

March 30, 2014	SUPERTRAIN Volunteer Orientation, Glenmore Inn, 12:00 Noon
April 12-13, 2014	SUPERTRAIN, Subway Soccer Centre http://www.supertrain.ca/
May 18, 2014	Iron Horse Park, season opens, Airdrie
Aug 15-16, 2014	Annual Alberta Free-Mo Meet, Big Valley www.calgaryfreemo.ca/
Aug 19-Sept 2, 2014	Kootenai Brown Village, Pincher Creek, "Trains and the History that almost wasn't"
Oct 19, 2014	Fall Mini-Meet and AGM, Glenmore Inn
March 15, 2015	Spring Mini-meet, Glenmore Inn

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