



The Order Board

Newsletter of **The Calgary Model Railway Society**



Michel Marcotte's Layout seen on the Layout Tours

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President's Message

The Layout Tours weekend in February was a success again this year. The average attendance was about 30. There were a few new layouts on tour, and some returning ones. This event is appreciated not only by the visitors, but also the hosts. If you would like to have your layout on tour next year, please contact Al Matchett to be added to the list.

The Spring Mini Meet will be held on March 9th, along with the annual CMT Flea Market. Roger Walker has found some very good clinicians, and I hope you can attend. Peter Bouma has introduced a challenge to the members at the last Mini Meet, to build a diorama on a 5 inch square of plywood. Many blank squares were given away at the last mini meet.

President's Message Continued...



If you didn't pick up a square and would like to participate, you can cut your own piece of plywood, 5" per side. There will be a \$100 gift card to be drawn between all the participants. Get down into your workshop, and be creative!

SUPERTRAIN will be held on the weekend of April 12th and 13th. Julia Harrison has sent the members an invite to volunteer at SUPERTRAIN. The volunteer shifts are usually 2 hours long, and you get free admission. The show would not be possible without our volunteers. So please don't hesitate to sign up for a shift, or even two.

Some members have not yet renewed their membership. If you are one of them, please renew as soon as you can, to avoid missing any CMRS event, like the Mini Meet. There will be a CMRS desk at the Mini Meet, where you will be able to renew your membership. If you are not a member, and would like to be one, please come and see us at the Mini Meet, and we will be pleased to enrol you.

*Daniel Charest
President, CMRS*

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

To reserve your tickets contact me either by phone at 403-934-1372 or email at LBQ@shaw.ca.

Linda Laroche

SUPERTRAIN Volunteers

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.

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CMT 2014 ANNUAL FLEAMARKET Sunday, March 9th, 2014

*"Hey, look a-yonder comin'
Comin' down that railroad track
It's the Orange Blossom Special"*

March is coming and with it comes The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Annual Fleamarket!! So be ready to sing your way to the Glenmore Inn on March 9th!!

*"I have rode those highball trains from coast to coast that's all
But I have found no equal to the Wabash Cannonball."*

Sellers, start cleaning out your storage cupboards now in preparation to bringing your bargains to the Fleamarket!!

*"Far from Folsom prison, that's where I want to stay
And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues away...."*

So unless you are stuck in Folsom Prison, make arrangements to ride the Orange Blossom Special or the Wabash Cannonball or whatever means of transportation you prefer to get to the Fleamarket.

Buyers, bargains will be available, perhaps some for a song!! Even if you have nothing to sell this year, come for a fun morning! You'll be singing the praises of the vendors when you find that elusive item you have been trying to locate for years.

Don't be derailed!! Tables are still available, but very few remain. Table rentals are \$20.00 each for a standard 2' X 8' table. To reserve a table, call me at 403-201-4937 or email bharrow@nucleus.com. Book your table now to avoid being disappointed.

The CMT Annual Fleamarket is being held as a joint event with the CMRS Mini Meet. The event opens to the public at 9:00 am and runs until 12:00 noon on Sunday March 9^h, 2014. (*Editor's note: This is also the day that Daylight savings times starts, so make sure you adjust your clocks the night before!*) The Fleamarket is located in the Glenmore East Ballroom at the Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE, Calgary.

Admission to the Fleamarket is \$2.00 for CMRS members and \$5.00 for non-members. Members will be asked to show their CMRS membership card.

*"All I do is sit and cry
When the ev'nin' train goes by
I heard that lonesome whistle blow."*

So don't be sitting at home Sunday morning hearing that lonesome whistle blow because you missed the Fleamarket. We want to see y'all there.

Brookes Harrow



CMRS MINI MEET CLINICS AND SHOW-AND-TELL SUNDAY, MARCH 9th, 2014

We are all set with five clinics for the March Mini Meet. The schedule is...

- 10:00 am. MIKE BORKKRISTL – painting clouds on backdrops
BILL BERGMAN – dimensional loads (wide, high, long and heavy), Prototype and modeling information
- 11:00 am. IAN McARTHUR – history of steam locomotives, how they work and why they disappeared
ROGER WALKER – all the dirt on diesels...how it accumulates, and how to reproduce it on a model
- 1:00 pm (or immediately after lunch)
GEORGE BARR – how to photograph your model railroad.

SHOW-AND-TELL. I hope there will be lots of models to see and discuss at the show-and-tell, which will be open from about 9:00 am until lunch (noon).

BOUMA SQUARES. I also hope there will be lots of entries in the challenge that Peter Bouma suggested, namely, to make a module on a 5 inch square base. Please type up a short description of your module and how you made it, and include your name. Register your entries at the desk in the show-and-tell room, in order to get your name in the hat for a draw – a \$100 gift certificate at Trains and Such. The draw will be during the lunch period. There is still lots of time to create a tiny module, so check out your scrapbox, and see what you can create ! Enter TWO squares and get your name in the hat twice! Plus you can display your square at the diorama builders table at SUPERTRAIN.

See you at the Mini Meet

Roger Walker

<p>HO LOCOMOTIVES FOR SALE</p> <p>DCC - Sound</p> <p>PROTO 1000 BC Rail BUDD Car BC30 \$100.00</p> <p>PROTO 2000 NAR GP9 II #205. \$100.00</p> <p>DC</p> <p>ATLAS Master Locomotive series</p> <p>BC RAIL Dash 8-39B Blue and Silver \$100.00</p> <p>All sales cash only</p> <p>CONTACT: Gordon at 403 281 6048 or ringingrails@shaw.ca</p>	<p>HELP WANTED</p> <p>Help wanted for building a small On3 layout in "deep" south Calgary. There is access to the layout room via a walk-out basement door. You should have your own tools as mine are quite old.</p> <p>Required that you can work during the day for 2 days per week. Renumeration negotiable.</p> <p>Call Jack at 403 281 7993.</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>	<p>N Scale for Sale</p> <p>Downsizing N scale collection, over 100 pieces of rolling stock. Contact Jack at 403-289-9348.</p>



My Story

In August of 2012, a decision was made to move to Calgary to be reunited with my high school sweetheart after an absence of some 40 years. There was, however, one condition, - I had to be allowed to bring my collection of trucks and Lionel trains, one set having been received in the late 50's as a youngster (a present from Santa Claus).

There was something of an astonished surprise to learn that I had some 35 large plastic bins full of assorted items. Further dismay occurred when these bins were unloaded into the double garage which had, up until my arrival, served only for the car. Nothing more was done at the time as winter came upon us rather quickly and I had to learn my way around and how to function in English Canada, since I had spent my 60 some odd years living and working in French Canada.

I did, however, profit from being able to watch the construction of the many new infills that were springing up every day in the neighbourhood. Given my Scottish name, (well perhaps more of my scrooge like upbringing), along with my curiosity, I began looking at all the construction material that was being jettisoned by the contractors. I found complete shelving units, almost brand new, being tossed in the dumpsters, along with two by fours and numerous pieces of plywood. Slowly but surely, I began dragging these back to my new home, trusting that my mate would not be too upset, for I had plans, lots of plans!



At first, I managed to set the shelving up in the garage, then I began to empty the first of the bins, setting wagons, trucks and cars in order, and thereby exposing the beginning of my collection. By early May 2013, I had convinced my better half to allow me to build a set up for my train along side the house, in a space she was no longer using for her garden. With the salvaged material, I was able to complete two separate tables on which I could lay my tracks. Having several bridges in my stock, I decided to space the tables to lengthen the operating surface. I could then at least use more of the extensive tubular track I had brought with me.

Most of my buildings are the low cost type, Wrebitt-3D houses, modified Buffalo 3D puzzles and cardstock. I have only a few plastic K-Line or Lionel buildings which were perhaps the first buildings I purchased way back in the beginning. In order to diversify things, I decided to print out several more cardstock items and I then cajoled my companion into an intensified course of arts and crafts. While I occupied myself with re-sizing and printing, I introduced her to cutting and gluing, almost like a production line. As we advanced, it was decided to create a simple river to place between the two tables,





directly under the bridges.

This task I left to my companion, leaving it to her own imagination and newly acquired artistic talents. I was delighted with the finished product, especially since she added a fishing shack, complete with row boats (all cardstock) to her water scene.

The summer was spent adding detail, and a backdrop that was once more the much appreciated work of my companion, who had also found it fun to run the trains on her own, (all throttle controlled, I am not into Command Control). Our biggest problem was the weather as there were times we just got things running to our liking and rain clouds would appear, obligating us to cover over the tables, bringing our play time to an end.

Not having found the job I was hoping to obtain upon my arrival in Calgary, I was able to enjoy running my operation right up until the nasty fall weather arrived. However, I still had plans, so sweet talking my companion into allowing me more space in her garage; I began to build a smaller, less detailed operation to tide me over in bad weather.

Finding that Christmas was almost upon us, I explained my usual habit of having a train and a village set up under the Christmas tree and really wanted to continue this custom. I was offered space in the sun porch, so once again I began to build a rail road. The Christmas village proved to be an exceptional situation as we reached out to Mr. Gil Tucker of the Global network and they came to film it. I do not know if any of you might remember, but on Dec 24th 2013, there was a two minute segment at the end of the 6 o'clock news showing my Polar Express running around our Christmas village. (I believe the Global link is still up and running at <http://globalnews.ca/video/1049467/christmas-train>).

Needless to say, I am patiently awaiting the summer of 2014, hoping for good weather. I am looking forward to attending my second meeting, especially the flea market (there were two of these every year in Montreal, which I never missed) and to meeting with more members.

Douglas Macfie

PS : I have this short video on my face book page -

<https://www.facebook.com/robert.d.macfie?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Global TV link:

<http://globalnews.ca/video/1049467/christmas-train>

Rail Fan Events

As mentioned at the AGM I have been trying to contact 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)

Also, if you have any other suggestions for Rail Fan events, feel free to contact me.

Dave Keddes




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Completed forms and payment can be mailed to:

The Calgary Model Railway Society
PO Box 8071, Station A
Calgary, AB T2H 0H7

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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.

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From the Editor

I am looking forward to the Mini Meet and the other events coming up for the weekend of March 7-9. I have almost finished my "Bouma" square and hope to see lots others at the meet. It is sort of a fun project to see what you can build in 5 inches. I also plan to bring along a few other items for the show and tell tables, don't be afraid to bring unfinished items, sometimes they are even more interesting to see than the finished ones.

Just reminder that the CMRS board put in a budget amount for promotions, if you, a group of friends or your club have an idea for a model railroad promotional event, you can request funding from the CMRS.

Brent Ciccone, Editor

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Coming Events Schedule

March 7-8, 2014	The Chinook Second Section, http://pnr.nmra.org/6div/thechinook/
March 9, 2014	Spring Mini Meet and CMT Annual Flea Market, Glenmore Inn
March 7-22	The Real McCoy, a play at Heritage Park about an engineer from the 1800's
March 22-23, 2014	Moose Jaw Model Train Show, Moose Jaw http://www.tcmrc.org
March 30, 2014	SUPERTRAIN Volunteer Orientation, Glenmore Inn
April 12-13, 2014	SUPERTRAIN, Subway Soccer Centre http://www.supertrain.ca/

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