



The Order Board

Newsletter of **The Calgary Model Railway Society**



For our European modellers, here is a picture of a Swiss Snow Plow. Photo by Dave Landels

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President's Report

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Years and that Santa brought you something for your part of the hobby. The CMRS gave the Salvation Army a number of toy train sets for those in need. We can only hope that might spark a lifelong interest in our great hobby.

The Board is working on various events that we hope will entertain and educate you and we can always use suggestions for events that would be of interest.

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President's Report Continued...

The Layout Tours are scheduled for February 21 and 22 with 7 confirmed layouts. Details are included in this issue of the OrderBoard. Following that the Spring Mini Meet is scheduled for March 15 with 5 clinics confirmed.

SUPERTRAIN 2015 will be held April 18 and 19 at the Genesis Centre 7555 Falconridge Blvd. NE, the Saddletown CTrain Station is close by. We have the wonderful situation of being almost over subscribed for the show. There will be a SUPERTRAIN volunteer orientation held at the Genesis Centre April 12 that we hope you can attend. Todd and Julia are still looking for volunteers for many positions for the set up on Friday and the 2 days of the show.

Also a reminder that we have money budgeted for Promoting the hobby so if you have ideas let us know.

Our membership is growing which is a great thing for the hobby in Calgary and area.

Brent Ciccone, our Editor of the Orderboard, can always use content so if you have photos or a story please get in touch with him.

*Monty Schnieder
President*

SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala - April 18, 2015

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

Tickets cost \$35.00 each	If you have any dietary requirements (ie. Celiac, Kosher), please advise
Cocktails @ 5:00 pm	when ordering your tickets. The Glenmore Inn can provide special
Dinner @ 6:45 pm	meals if we provide them with sufficient advance notice

We can reserve tables for groups of six or more. Please let us know when you reserve your tickets if you wish to reserve a table as well.

To reserve your tickets contact Linda Laroche either by phone at 403-934-1372 or email at LBQ@shaw.ca. Tickets can be picked up at the Mini Meet on March 15th or the Volunteer Orientation in April.

Linda Laroche

From the Membership Desk – a Note About Email

Why do you want to be on our email list? You get informed of events that we learn of that didn't make the Orderboard deadline. We provide 'Advance Announcements' of our upcoming events and 'Short Term' reminders as the event approaches. We send CMRS renewal reminders. This is how we call for our Supertrain volunteers.

How do you know if you are on our email list? If you have been receiving any of our emails in the last couple of months then you are ON the list and don't need to take any action. As we understand government's anti-spam laws you must inform us of your consent to be included on our email list.

How do you get on the list? The surest way is to sign the new membership form when you renew your membership. The other way is to send me an email stating you want to be included on our list, also include your name and the email address you want us to send the notices to.



Send that to:

membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca

The CMRS guards our membership list diligently, we do not sell it nor do we share the list even with like minded groups.

Please let me know if you have made changes to your email or postal address or phone number and I will update our records. If you want to receive the Orderboard electronically rather than via post please send me an email also.

*Gord Smith
Membership Desk*

Model Railroad Layout Tours 2015

The Calgary Model Railroad Society layout tours for 2015 will be held February 21st and 22nd. Similar to last year, the layout tours will be held over two days. There are a total of seven layouts open for the tour: three on Saturday in the north and west part of the city, and one in Airdrie; and two on Sunday in the southeast part of the city, plus one in Okotoks. There are several returning layouts and two new layouts to the tour, Monty Schneider, and David Bedard. Scales this year include Z, N, HO, and O.

I would like to thank all the hosts who have volunteered their layouts for the tour. I can personally attest to the feeling of time slipping by as the tour date draws closer. It takes a lot of time and work to get a layout ready for showing.

I hope the CMRS members take the opportunity to take a trip outside the city and see Randy and Laurie's layouts. The details of the tours are included in the attachment to this newsletter. Please respect the layout owners and do not forward this information to non-members of the CMRS.

Let's hope for good weather on the tour days.

*Regards,
Al Matchett
CMRS Layout Tours Coordinator*



“Lost in the Fifties” Retro Open House

CMRS members are invited to our first “theme open house” on February 21, 2015

Operations that day will feature steam and early diesel freights and the inaugural run of the brand new Canadian Pacific Railway Passenger train “The CANADIAN” Come and join us for some great memories from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We are located at 1919 19 St. S.W. Please enter at the crossbucks sign.

*Trey Stumm
President Cal-O-Rail*



CMT Annual Flea Market 2015

A reminder that The Calgary Model Trainmen's Annual Flea Market soon will be here. Plan early for what you would like to put up for sale. This event will be held together with the CMRS Spring Mini Meet. Bob Dylan said it best, "The Times They are a-Changing". I am sure Dylan had the Flea Market in mind when he wrote that song in 1963! New times this year- the Flea Market will be held from 8:30 am to 10:30 am; vendors can set up beginning at 7:30 am. There will be no clinics scheduled to conflict with the Flea Market.

Your TO DO checklist-

- 1) book your table
- 2) gather your surplus model railroad supplies for sale
- 3) plan to attend

The facts:

Date- Sunday March 15, 2015

Time- 8:30 to 10:30 am

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

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

(You can book a half table and we will try to match someone to share the table with you)

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

Brookes Harrow

<p>FOR SALE - HO MTH MIKADO</p> <p>2-8-2 Light Mikado (NYC #6104) On board sound and steam Asking \$250 OBO Contact Mike at mgeldert@shaw.ca</p>	<p>HO Layout For Sale</p> <p>4 X 8 includes rolling stock. Photos and details at this site: http://www.telusplanet.net/public/hhoffert/train/</p>
<p>For Sale - Books, Brass and DCC</p> <p>Book: Canadian Pacific Steam Locomotives by Omer Lavallee; signed \$210 Brass Locomotive: HO Van Hobbies CPR Hudson 4-6-4 H1ab; unpainted \$550 DCC system: Digitrax Empire builder. Includes DB150 command station, DT100IR throttle, LT1 Test kit, 3A power supply. \$120</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Contact Bernie at hrod793@shaw.ca</p>	



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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

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 Feb 22, 2015

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CMT April 2015 Farewell to Victoria Park Open House

Saturday April 25th, 2015 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club is inviting everyone to join us for the celebration of CMT's years at Victoria Park. This event will be held the week following SUPERTRAIN. Celebration? Yes, CMT members have had a lot of fun over the years at this home. We hope to see a lot of friends for this Farewell Open House.

This weekend will be the last time the Club will be open for viewing. We have made some changes and improvements to the layout since the November Open House. Visitors are most welcome to bring your HO-gauge locomotives and rolling stock, if locos are DCC-equipped, to run on the layout.

We have more fun being planned for Sunday, April 26th. While not part of the Open House, we have challenged Garth to place as many of his ore cars as possible on a train and run the train over the layout, hopefully behind his pair of Yellowstone articulated steam engines if they are back from being customized.

Following this weekend, our plans are to have a last for-members operating session. And then the saws, sledge hammers, screwdrivers and packing boxes will be out. If a sale of surplus items is feasible, watch for announcements of the event early in summer.

And before the question is asked, yes we are still looking for a new home.

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. 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

Tacoma NMRA PNR Convention

For most of my life I have been a 'lone wolf' modeller never getting into the local model railroading scene. It is only within the last five years that I have broken out of that mold. Joining a club really helped in that regard, being elected by my club to become their CMRS representative was another big step. My most recent step was to join the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). For several years I had looked at the organization and wondered what was in it for me. It was only when Dale Sproule did a little bit of arm twisting and suggest I go to the Tacoma Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) meet that I took the plunge and became a probationary member.

Dale and I went to this regional convention in June of 2014. This was my first NMRA event and I was very unsure what to expect. Dale is a veteran of the NMRA convention circuit and had already picked out all the clinics he wanted to attend. I am more interested in the prototype so signed up for two tours ahead of time; one to the Mount Rainier Scenic railroad and the second to Tacoma Rail.

We flew to Seattle, picked up the rental car and promptly went to our first layout tour southwest of



Illustration 1: - Southbound Sounder commuter train with Mt. Rainier in the background



Tacoma. This proved to be an interesting layout built in a custom addition above a two car garage. The following day I attended two interesting clinics in the morning and then spent the afternoon rail fanning in the immediate area. The weather co-operated and I managed to get several good pictures of Sounder commuter trains with Mt. Rainer in the background.

In the evening, Dale and I joined several other convention attendees at the nearby Tacoma Amtrak station and saw a steady parade of BNSF, Union Pacific and Amtrak trains pass by.

Thursday was set aside for the Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad tour which was a sold out affair. Dale happily continued his clinic agenda. Again the weather cooperated and we were treated to spectacular views of Mt. Rainer but this time from a train pulled by Rayonier #2, a locomotive built by the Willamette Co. in 1949. Functionally similar to a Shay locomotive, Rayonier #2 is a 75 ton, 3 truck type and was the last one built by the Willamette Co. We enjoyed the one hour trip from Elbe, WA to the main shop complex at Mineral where a delicious lunch was served. After strolling around the shop complex for an hour and admiring all the various rod and geared engines on the grounds, it was time to head back for the return trip.



Illustration 2: Rayonier #2 pulling the PNR tour special to Mineral, WA

The following morning was taken up by a tour of the Tacoma Rail facility. This proved to very interesting as Tacoma Rail had thoughtfully put a train of four coaches together which was then pulled around the various yards that Tacoma Rail operates in the Tacoma tidal flats area. At the conclusion of the yard tour, we were allowed to visit the locomotive servicing area.

Friday afternoon, I attended three interesting clinics dealing with scale sound for model railroads and how to use LEDs in modeling projects. The evening was taken up by more rail fanning along the shared BNSF/UP mainline through Tacoma.

Saturday morning, Dale and I went to the Puget Sound Model Railroad Engineers layout in the Washington State History Museum. This depicts the Tacoma area up to Stampede Pass in the 1950's. In my opinion this is one of the best model railroads I have ever seen. The attention to detail throughout the layout is incredible. We were lucky to be able to talk to one of the layout designers for nearly two hours and took away a lot of useful information on how to design and operate such a large model railroad.



Illustration 3: - A Milwaukee Road passenger train in downtown Tacoma on the PSMRE layout.

Saturday afternoon/evening was taken up by more clinics, rail fanning and a visit to a wonderful



Monon themed S scale home layout. This was my first exposure to S scale and I came away very impressed. I was taken aback by the models heft without overpowering each scene. It seems that every scale I come across gets the creative juices flowing and makes me question my decision about sticking with tried and true HO scale.

Sunday was our final day in the Tacoma area and Dale and I spent it by visiting as many home layouts as we could before our flight back to Calgary. We were able to squeeze in four layouts before having to return to the Seattle airport. The layout that most impressed me that day was Jeff Nichol's Northern Pacific Tacoma Division. This is an HO scale depiction of operations of Stampede Pass. What I found most interesting was the layouts location since it is built in the top level of a normal two level house. Jeff has converted all three bedrooms on the upper level of his home to his layout room and actually sleeps in the basement! This is completely backwards to the way most model railroaders approach layout design. It probably helps that Jeff is single!

I came away from this trip totally impressed by the NMRA regional convention. I had a great time and found the mix of clinics, layout tours and rail fan trips to be very inspiring. I have now renewed my NMRA membership for the next two years and registered for the NMRA National Convention to be held in August 2015 at Portland, OR. I guess I have been bitten by the NMRA convention bug!



Illustration 4: - A scene from Roger Nulton's (MMR) Monon Railroad Fourth Subdivision S scale layout

*Al Matchett
Calgary Model Trainmen*

Coming Events Schedule

Feb. 7, 8, 2015	Olds Hobby and Train Show – info: http://www.mvmrc.ca/page3.html
Feb. 7, 2015	Open Operating Session at EMRA club layout at Fort Edmonton Park (1 - 5 p.m.) Info: Peter Ulvestad ulvestad@telus.net
Feb 21-22	CMRS Layout Tours
March 15, 2015	Spring Mini-meet, Glenmore Inn
March 15, 2015	CMT Annual Flea Market, Glenmore Inn, 8:30 - 10:30 AM
April 18-19, 2015	SUPERTRAIN 2015, Genesis Centre, Calgary
April 25, 2015	CMT Last Open House, 619 12 Avenue SE , 10:00 - 4:00
Aug 23-29, 2015	NMRA National Convention, Portland Oregon www.nmra2015portland.org
Oct. 18th, 2015	Fall Mini-meet, Glenmore Inn

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