



The Order Board

Newsletter of **The Calgary Model Railway Society**



This amazing timber trestle, complete down to the bolt heads, has been built by Alan Hough, well known for his 0 scale work in particular, and appears front and centre amid spectacular scenic gorge work being undertaken by George Barr on his narrow gauge layout currently under construction. Both Alan and George will be presenting on basic planning and scenery at the Introductory Clinics in the South Bank Theatre area at SuperTrain.

Photo by Mike Westren



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President's Report

It seems like summer came for a while but I am sure you kept on working on your layout or rolling stock. The Mini Meet was held on March 15, Roger has provided a report later in this issue. Photos from the displays at the meet are up on the the CMRS website; thanks to Richard Johnson for taking the photos and posting them on the website.

There will be a SUPERTRAIN volunteer orientation held at the Genesis Centre April 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. we hope that all the volunteers can attend. This will give you an opportunity to look around the Genesis centre before the show. Todd and Julia are still looking for volunteers for many positions for the set up on Friday and the two days of the show.

Of course 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 oversubscribed. Posters enclosed in this OrderBoard can be used to let people know about the show, so get it in view and talk about the show to everyone you meet. If you need more quarter page sheets contact us.

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

Our membership continues to grow, which is a great thing for the hobby in Calgary and area. We just need to get some more of the younger generations involved, and SUPERTRAIN is an ideal time and place to engage people in conversation about the hobby, so be bold.

Brent Ciccone, our Editor of the Orderboard is always on the lookout for content, 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
Cocktails @ 5:00 pm
Dinner @ 6:45 pm

If you have any dietary requirements (ie. Celiac, Kosher), please advise when ordering your tickets. The Glenmore Inn can provide special meals if we provide them with sufficient advance notice

We can reserve tables for groups or 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 Volunteer Orientation on April 12th.

FOR SALE

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Contact Geoff Southwood at (403) 541-1726



SUPERTRAIN 2015

Canada's biggest model train show will soon be in town, and it will be bigger than ever! Please pass on the word to your friends, colleagues and family. The extra space the Genesis Centre has to offer us has been filled with more exhibits and layouts than we have ever had before. The upper Mezzanine, both sides, is in use for booths and the train rides, and the space outside of the two soccer fields is also used for booths and the kid's play area. There are some posters and ¼ pagers included with this Orderboard to put up on bulletin boards at work or in your neighborhood. Please use them to also make this show bigger with attendance.

The Volunteer Orientation Session is on Sunday April 12th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Multi-Purpose Rooms A&B of the Genesis Centre, 7555 Falconridge Blvd NE. Some important information may be provided at that meeting, so I hope most of you can attend. And even if you have not yet signed up as a volunteer, you can do it at the orientation session. If you want to sign up earlier, please email Julia and Todd at:

volunteer@supertrain.ca.

Let's make this show the best one ever!

*Daniel Charest
Chairman, SUPERTRAIN 2015*

MINIMEET REPORT

CMRS members present a moving target at minimeets, but my best count gives an attendance exceeding 100 members. I believe this is a record number, and it was great to see so many people there. I particularly want to thank the clinicians, Peter Bouma, Byron Ellett, Jim Ironside, Brian Key (and me) for the work they put into their excellent presentations. There were many great models on display at the show and tell, as well as twelve wonderful and imaginative entries in the "Bouma Squares" challenge. Roger Marler was the lucky winner of the draw.

I believe the new format, with no overlap between the flea market and the clinics, went well, but I would appreciate feedback on this (walkerrg@telus.net).

Richard Johnson has posted many great photos on the website. Some are "anonymous" because no names or descriptions were associated with the models. We apologise for this, but encourage members to identify their work at the next minimeet.

Liason with the Glenmore Inn went very smoothly thanks to Marvin Burk, and Jim Ironside helped with projectors and things electronic. Thanks also to my wife Gay for helping out in the show and tell room. So – feedback please. And I am always open to clinic ideas and clinic volunteers.

Roger Walker



*Bridges and Structures built out of old timbers
by Ron Howrie*



6th Division, NMRA PNR MEET

50th Anniversary

Spring Meet

May 8 – 10 , 2015

Saskatoon

The Saskatchewan Railway Museum

Hosted by the Prairie Rail Workshop and the Saskatchewan Railroad Historical Association

Clinics • Contests • Layout Tours • Registration Social • Barbeque

For further information please contact Cal Sexsmith at calvinsexsmith@sasktel.net



FREE – Magazines

200 RMC and MR Magazines to give away, all issues of each from 2000 to current issue and a few older ones.

Contact Allan at 403-275-0038

HO Layout Contents For Sale

Due to health reasons, I'm selling everything. Photos and details at this site:

<http://www.stanleypr37.wix.com/stanleystains>

Contact Stanley Parker at 403 242-7139

stanleypr37@gmail.com

FOR SALE – HO Scale

2 RDC, PGE & BCR - \$60, 2 Intermountain Govt of Canada Hoppers, set of 4 Roundhouse Passenger Cars Morrisy Fernie & Michel - \$40/ set, 7 Rapido Passenger Cars – BC Railway Museum \$210/set, Peco used switches \$10 – 15, Peco 3 way and Slip switch \$25, \$35

Contact Gordon Rycroft 403-281-6048 or ringingrails@shaw.ca



CMRS Diorama Builders Showcase

It was exciting to see the great variety of mini dioramas, the BOUMA SQUARES, built and presented at the Minimeet. Please consider bringing along yours to Supertrain. We offer a space to properly show them off. Last year we had an enthusiastic reception from the visiting public to these little dioramas.

To show your diorama off, simply drop it off at booth L-101 (East mezzanine level) on Friday night or Saturday morning. Make sure you include a small recipe-size card with your name and a short narrative story. People like to read something about your idea.

We offer space at SUPERTRAIN for displaying other dioramas, rolling stock or structures. I would appreciate you letting me know so that I can plan for the space needed, most of you have already "registered" the sizes but this is open to anyone. As above, please include a 1/2 letter size description or narrative. If you require power, please bring an extension cord with your name on it.

As always there is no cost to you for participating in our booth, it's courtesy of CMRS. If you can look after the booth for an hour or two, then you would be entitled to a weekend exhibitor pass. Please let me know asap , my e-mail is: bcersson@xplornet.com

Anyone who can spare an hour or two during SUPERTRAIN to attend our booth, we very much appreciate your time. It is a good place to sit down for a while and to store your shopping bags!

BJ Ersson



These are some examples of Dioramas from the Mini Meet, see more on the [CMRS website](#)

Searching for a Layout - Crowsnest West

I am trying to track down the whereabouts of Mike South's narrow gauge railway layout. I have been told that it was displayed in the corner of his office in Calgary and that after his passing in 2009 it went to a model railway club in Alberta. I have come into the possession of a lot of his locos and would like to reunite them with this layout someday.

Contact Craig Parry, Belleville, ON
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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 April 26, 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

This is the last call! After August 31, 2015 the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club will have vacated our premises.

We invite everyone to join us for our final Open House in Victoria Park. The event will be on Saturday April 25th, 2015 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, on the weekend following SUPERTRAIN.

We hope to see a lot of our friends, both old and new, for this Farewell Open House. This weekend will be the last time to view trains travelling out of Calgary through Kananaskis toward Elkford and US rail connections. Visitors are most welcome to bring your HO-gauge locomotives and rolling stock, if locos are DCC-equipped, to run on the layout. We are hoping to record videos of the day.

Another event is planned for Sunday, April 26th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We are calling this event Garthapalooza! Garth has long wanted to run a LONG train of shorty ore cars on the club layout. And since he owns over 1,200 of these cars (and still adding to the total!), he has a wide selection to choose from. The idea is to add ore cars and locomotives until a maximum is reached and then run the train. Garth is anticipating a 200 to 300 car train. Hopefully this train will run behind his pair of Yellowstone articulated steam engines, if they are back from being customized, plus some diesel helpers. So drop by and see how long this train is. This event is not part of the Saturday Open House but all are welcome.

Following this weekend, our plans are to have a last for-members operating session. And then the dismantling will begin. If a sale of surplus items is feasible, watch for announcements of the event which will likely be early in summer.

Our status is unchanged- we are still looking for a new home. If know of a potential location or if you have a large basement, please let us know.

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. 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

Building with Sound

Dale Sproule, amongst others, keeps asking about how I do the sound effects in the dioramas I have been bringing to the mini meets, so I am going to take this opportunity to explain things. There is a Layout Sound group on Yahoo groups that often discusses various aspects of adding sound to your layout, worth joining this group if you are interested in sound effects.

The first thing you need are the sounds, actually the first thing you need are some ideas of what sounds to play! Once you have an idea, a search on the internet will find the [Free Sound web site](#). Here you will find all sorts of sound effects that you can download and use for free. There are other sites that also provide sound effects, some of them oriented to the movie or TV business. One site I have used is [Audio Micro](#), here there



are thousands of sounds that can be had for a small fee, \$3 – 4. These are high quality sounds.

Also available are the CDs that [Fantasonics](#) sells. These are “sound scenes” created for model railroads, there are scenes for the big city, creeks and streams, ocean front, sawmills and mines, factories and roundhouses. These are particularly good for background sounds. They are meant to be played very quietly in the background so that you hardly notice them playing, but at the same time they create the ambiance to go with your modelled scenes

If the sounds need adjusting, then you want to use an audio editor, one of the best is also free: [Audacity](#). This will allow you to cut out parts of sounds, adjust sound levels, apply all sorts of filters, and convert sounds from one format to another, and even record sounds if you have a microphone.

Now that you have the sound effects, you need a way to play back those sounds. You could use an mp3 player, a cd player, even an old tape player. These will all work, the main problem with these is how to trigger the sounds to play when you want them to. Most of these are good for background sounds that you want to play continuously, but many are equipped with a button that must be pushed to get them to start to play. That usually doesn't work too well for what we want, you don't want your audience to have to push the play button on the mp3 player, that is too obvious!

I have been using the “Dream Player” by [PRICOM designs](#). There are a number of models, I have the “Lite” version and the “MKII” version. They both play high quality (CD quality stereo) sounds from a micro SD card. The big advantage of these players is that there are trigger inputs and control outputs. On the MKII player there are 4 inputs and 4 control outputs, so I can have 4 different sound tracks that can be played randomly or by a push button or another trigger, and when each plays the control output can be active and that can be used to turn on some lights, or via a relay, something needing more power, like a motor.

One good way to trigger the sound effect is by using a proximity detector, these will detect a person walking up to your display and start the sound effects playing. Also fun is the proverbial big red button, people just love to push the big red button to see what happens!

Adding sounds can be a way to attract some interest, add ambiance or just have some fun!

*Brent Ciccone
Editor*

Coming Events Schedule

April 12, 2015	SUPERTRAIN Volunteer Orientation, 2-4 PM, Genesis Centre
April 18-19, 2015	SUPERTRAIN 2015, Genesis Centre, Calgary
April 25, 2015	CMT Last Open House, 619 12 Avenue SE , 10:00 – 4:00
May 8 – 10, 2015	NMRA 6 th Division Spring Meet, Saskatoon, Sk
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!