



# The OrderBoard

Newsletter of **The Calgary Model Railway Society**



*CP 8784 and CEFX 1028 power an eastbound intermodal past the spring flowers that dot the right-of-way between Spences Bridge and Lytton on CP's Thompson Subdivision. April 24, 2015*

*Photo by Gord Smith*



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## President's Report

Oh what a feeling, what a rush!

SUPERTRAIN 2015 has come and gone. A big thank you and congratulations go to the SUPERTRAIN Committee and all who volunteered or worked the show. Thanks to the staff of the Genesis Centre for their help and support.

Dave has info regarding a June event, Roger is working on clinics for the fall and Daniel has a SUPERTRAIN report, all in this issue of the OrderBoard.

The Garden Railway folks are getting ready for their season to start.

Since this is the last issue before September have a great summer train watching, layout building or train running.

Enjoy the hobby.

*Monty Schnieder*  
*President*

## SUPERTRAIN 2015

SUPERTRAIN 2015 was a huge success!

SUPERTRAIN this year had 70,000 square feet of displays, 110 exhibitors, 180 volunteers, and an amazing number of visitors. It was one of the best attended with 13,000 visitors, some coming from as far away as Toronto. These visitors generously donated \$4,237 in cash to the Calgary Food Bank and 1,360 pounds of food. Seven food trucks were parked outside serving a variety of meals and sweets, for the pleasure of our visitors and exhibitors. The train rides, face painters, and the children's play area were again very popular with the kids. Iron Horse Park reported over 4,800 riders on their trains.

The show was in a new venue this year, and the comments we received from the exhibitors and visitors were that they liked the Genesis Centre for the wide open space and the light it provides. For a change from the prior years at the Soccer Centre, and for the pleasure of our Admission Volunteers, the ticket booths were inside the premises, and no area heaters were needed. The lineup at the main entrance was extremely long up to 11:00 on Saturday morning, with a waiting time of up to 18 minutes. The entrance pace was better on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. The Committee already has a couple of ideas on how to improve the entrance speed for next year. Parking was a challenge to our visitors, and I know as a fact that some decided to go back home because they couldn't find a place to park. Even though the Genesis Centre plans to add few more hundreds stalls by next year, parking will still be a challenge. It is important to promote car pool, use of the C-Train, and more importantly make sure our exhibitors and volunteers use the designated alternative nearby parking area we assign to them rather than the Genesis Centre parking. One of our volunteers mentioned to me that his solution to save a parking stall was to have his wife dropping him at the Genesis Centre, and I thank him for this initiative.



***SUPERTRAIN Continued...***

Mayor Nenshi came to SUPERTRAIN on Sunday with his brother in-law and two nieces. Realizing last year that 5-10 minutes isn't enough, he planned 30 minutes for his visit this year. We started in the Craftsman Gym in which the Mayor and his family were amazed of the realism of the models displayed. He then asked to see the LEGO layout in Field 2 as he really enjoyed it last year. Once in the Feature Gym, he was impressed by how many displays we have this year. We then walked through to Field 1 and stopped at our Peoples Choice Winner, the Mexicali Grande layout. I asked the two Mayor's nieces what they think about SUPERTRAIN and the displays, and one of them replied "This is very cool!" That's what we like to hear!

The Saturday night Gala for our exhibitors and volunteers was again a great success. The Glenmore Inn once more served a fantastic meal. We got a very entertaining presentation by Laurie Kitchen on his 50 years riding trains.

The layouts at the show were amazing. We can't award them all, but I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the quality of the layouts and the number of hours the exhibitors have spent on them for the pleasure of our visitors. I also want to thank all of you who take the time to entertain and answer our visitor's questions. Congratulations to this year's winners:

- People's Choice Award – Mexicali Grande
- Scale Winner – Edmonton N-Scaler's ESMRE
- Scale Runner Up #1 – Ridge Springs Railway
- Scale Runner Up #2 – Calgary N Scale Tracksters Society (Cantrak)
- Fun Winner – Calgary LEGO Train Club
- Fun Runner Up #1 – Edmonton Train Collectors
- Fun Runner Up #2 – Thomas Goes Nowhere

I'd like to thank the exhibitors for their continuous support of SUPERTRAIN. Some are new, and I sure hope you will come back next year. I also want to thank our volunteers, as without you the show wouldn't be possible. And more importantly, I want to thank my Team on the SUPERTRAIN Committee for the thousands of hours they put in to prepare and run the largest and best model train show in Canada.

The Genesis Centre is already booked for next year's show, which will be on April 16-17, 2016. Thank you everyone and see you next year!

*Daniel Charest  
Chairman, SUPERTRAIN 2015*

**HO PASSENGER CARS FOR SALE**

7 British Columbia Railway Museum Quality Passenger Cars c/w interior lighting wands made by Rapido.

For further details Contact Gordon Rycroft 403-281-6048 or [ringingrails@shaw.ca](mailto:ringingrails@shaw.ca)





## RAILFAN EVENT 2015

WHAT; Picnic at the Park!!!  
WHEN; Saturday, June 20th/15., 11:00 - 15:00  
WHERE; IRONHORSE PARK, Airdrie, AB.  
WHY; Why not!  
WEB; [www.ironhorsepark.net](http://www.ironhorsepark.net)  
WE; Only have room for 50 people so e-mail me ASAP to get on the list.  
[dave@keddes.com](mailto:dave@keddes.com) or call and leave a message; 403-861-2202.

Come join us for a picnic in the park! Enjoy 1/8th Scale Diesel & Steam Locomotive Train Rides. Admission is covered by CMRS and FREE TRAIN RIDES for the first 50 people to sign up, Spouses are welcome to join in on the day. Additional rides can be purchased for \$3 each.

DOOR PRIZES!!! Sandwiches / Cookies / Juice & Water will be served at 12:00.

IMPORTANT; This event is dependent on the weather of the day, RAINY = NO TRAIN RIDES!!!! Please check before you leave home (not that far a drive) or call IRONHORSE after 9:00am to confirm the morning of the event.

*Dave Landels*  
CMRS RailFan Event Coordinator

## FINE SCALE MODEL RAILROADER EXPO – 2015

In a recent survey by Bar Mills Scale Model Works, it asked respondents which were their favourite shows as attendees; 42% said that the Craftsman Show was their first choice. Second place went to the “big east” in Springfield MA, held in late January each year; third place went to the Narrow Gauge Convention, and only 10% voted for the NMRA National in fourth place. Of course this survey was directed at craftsman structure builders by one of the foremost craftsman kit manufacturers, so just maybe the results are somewhat skewed!!

Still, this year’s Fine Scale Model Railroader Expo in Scranton PA lived up to its billing as a ‘must attend’ for those modellers interested in building kits, scratch building, or kit-bashing. Attended by over 250 serious modellers from all over the U.S., across Canada, as well as New Zealand and many European countries, it was once again a big success thanks to the organizing abilities of Brian Bollinger (BEST Trains), Jimmy Deignan (Railroad Kits), Doug Foscale (FOS Scale), Hal Reynolds (Atlantic Scale Models) and Rob Seckler (an independent modeller). This year, CMRS members Geoff Southwood and Tom Byers attended. It is always amazing to see how many of the attendees you meet who have had their layouts in the various ‘great model railroad’ publications and the contest room supported the proposition that this convention attracts some of the best in this aspect of the hobby.

The premium and regular clinics were once again presented by the likes of Dave Frary, Brett Gallant, Roger Malinowski, Lance Mindheim, Randy Pepprock, Dave Revelia, Bill Sartore, Rob Tylick, and many, many more. This was my seventh attendance at the craftsman structure show, which has morphed into the Fine Scale Model Railroader Expo. Once again, I came away with many innovative techniques that I would never have



dreamt of prior to attending. The show always puts into question the commandments of structure building that I have been honouring and brings innovative, fresh and different approaches to come back and try out. The show was held from Thursday, March 26th through Saturday evening March 28th and being in Scranton PA afforded attendees the opportunity to self-tour Steamtown USA and the Electric City Trolley Museum, both of which are world class. Saturday evening saw Bob Mitchell and Bill Obenauf regale the audience with tales of structure building and honour the winners of what surely was a world class contest room.

Next year's event returns to New England, the epicentre of craftsman structure building, and anyone with an interest in this corner of model railroading should plan to attend. It will be held in the Boston area the last weekend of March 2016. But ... next year will be a challenge for our pocket books as our bi-annual railroad tour to Springfield MA is slated for January and the National Narrow Gauge goes to Augusta ME in September. Can we do all three?? Wow a challenge but the payback is handsome in the skills and merchandise you return with to Calgary.

*Geoff Southwood*

**MODEL RAILROAD AUCTION**

**SOUTH BANK SHORT LINES ASSOCIATION**

**Is pleased to present the**

**36th Annual BOOMER AUCTION**

**Saturday, October 17th. 2014**

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
703 Heritage Drive, S.W., Calgary.

BRING YOUR Locomotives, Rolling Stock, Buildings, Kits, Tools, Parts, Photographs, Slides, Books and Railroadiana that you want to sell. Magazines and VHS tapes will NOT be sold.

**SCHEDULE**

Doors open for Set-up/Display/Viewing ----- 0930 hrs.  
NEW TIME Auction starts (Note earlier Time!)-----1100 hrs.

Dining Car Service: open 1000 hrs.  
Great Food-----Great Prices

ADMISSION: Under 6 - - - - - Free  
6 to 16 - - - - - \$2.00  
Over 16 - - - - - \$5.00 (incl. 1 draw ticket)

**For Sale engine and cars**

BLI GE AC6000 (CP #9805) \$200.00  
3 Athearn UTLX UTC 33K LPG Tank Car Flat Panel  
\$25.00 ea. (#910305, 910212, 910406) Contact  
Ralph at [psmotel@eidnet.org](mailto:psmotel@eidnet.org)

**For Sale**

Brass girder bridge (not painted)- \$75.00 OBO  
Spectrum Mountain locomotive with D.C.C. plus  
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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**  
**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](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca) for details.

**Deadline for the next issue is Sept 21, 2015**

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**Caution**

Bowser Manufacturing was broken into and they stole hundreds of Lionel, MTH, Atlas and American Flyer locomotives, sets and other products from the store. Locos and cars were on display tracks so 90% of the items have no boxes.

If you see any ads for 'cheap' or 'used' model train equipment, be aware it may be stolen!

**Wanted**

Slides, photographs and reference material for Canadian Pacific MOW/OCS equipment 1960's to present.

Currently researching CP409xxx series circa 1979 to present especially shots of interiors and equipment in service.

Contact Mark Wittrup, [mbw01@shaw.ca](mailto:mbw01@shaw.ca), 587-352-7190

**SUPERTRAIN Prize Winners**

**Peoples Choice Award - Mexicali Grande:**



**"Scale" Winner - Edmonton N-Scaler's ESMRE:**



**"Scale" Runner Up #1 - Ridge Springs Rail Way:**



**"Scale" Runner Up #2 - Calgary N Scale Tracksters Society (Cantrak):**





**“Fun” Winner - Calgary LEGO Train Club:**



**“Fun” Runner Up #1 - Edmonton Train Collectors:**



**“Fun” Runner Up # 2 - Thomas Goes Nowhere:**



**For Sale – Rapido HO GMD-1**

CN Green and Gold colour scheme. New, only ran a few times DCC\Sound, bargain priced at \$250, Contact Brent at [ciccone@shaw.ca](mailto:ciccone@shaw.ca) or 403-282-0325

**Coming Events Schedule**

May 8 – 10, 2015	NMRA 6 <sup>th</sup> Division Spring Meet, Saskatoon, Sk
<b>June 20, 2015</b>	<b>CMRS Picnic at Iron Horse Park, Airdrie</b>
June 20 – 21, 2015	Train Days at Aspen Crossing, Mossleigh, Alberta
Aug 13 – 16, 2015	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Alberta FreeMo, Big Valley Alberta, <a href="http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/">http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/</a>
Aug 23-29, 2015	NMRA National Convention, Portland Oregon <a href="http://www.nmra2015portland.org">www.nmra2015portland.org</a>
Sept 19 – 20, 2015	Great Edmonton Model Train Show, Sherwood Park, <a href="mailto:trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca">trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca</a>
Oct 17, 2015	Boomer Auction, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Calgary
<b>Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>	<b>Fall Mini-meet and Annual General Meeting, Glenmore Inn</b>
<b>April 16-17, 2015</b>	<b>SUPERTRAIN 2016, Genesis Centre</b>

*Send an email to [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca) with submissions for coming events!*