



The OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society

Slide Night Special Presentations



**Bob
Whetham**



Robert Turner

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Slide Night 2015 – Fri, Nov. 13th

Don't miss this one! Friday November 13th. Mark your calendar! For openers we join Bob Whetham for a trip on the business car 'Paquita' of the Central of Peru Railway and we will hear the story how he came to enjoy this unusual and unique experience. Starting high in the Andes at Oroya we will travel up and over the 15,692 foot summit then down through tunnels and switchbacks. Having grown up in Peru, then writing "Railways of Peru Volumes 1 and 2", Bob is one of the people most knowledgeable about Peruvian Railways.



Slide Night 2015 Continued...

Our feature presentation will be by Robert Turner as he tells the story and shows photos of Vancouver Island's Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway. Bob has authored and collaborated on numerous books on both railways and boats. His latest book, number 18, "Klondike Gold Rush Steamers", has just been released. Bob's accomplishments are many, including Curator Emeritus at the Royal British Columbia Museum, where he was Chief of Historical Collections for many years.

How about some steam? Yes! Robert Turner has been documenting "The Last of Working Steam from Around the World". These are the engines that never retired, found in far away places like Bosnia, Java, China, and even Europe.

Next, The Brotherhood will be called on to bring us up-to-date on contemporary North American railroads with a segment on unit trains. The finale will be a potpourri of member's photos. Suggested limit is not more than 10 digital photos.

Note: Many of [Robert Turner's](#) books are available. Three of the most recent are: , [Canadian Pacific's Esquimalt & Nanaimo, the CPR Steam Years, 1905-1949, 1949-2013](#), and just released [Klondike Gold Rush Steamers](#). Order your copy of any of these (or others) early through Trains & Such and get it autographed at slide night, or pick up an autographed copy at the store on Saturday. Call Don at 403-277-7226 or email him at trainsandsuch@telus.net

Bring a friend, there is lots of seating, Start Time 7:15

Location: River Park Church, 3818 14A Street SW, Calgary, AB

Admission: Members are Free

Non-members \$5 - includes the show & pizza or \$10 - includes the show, pizza and a membership

Gord Smith

President's Report

The South Bank Boomer Auction, CMRS Mini Meet, and our Annual General Meeting have just finished. I was at all three and was impressed by the number of people who turned out.

The Annual General Meeting went well, there was good attendance, over 100 members. The Board members gave their reports. The budget for next year, which is very similar to last year's budget, was approved by the membership.

Two members of the Board whose first terms were expiring have agreed to continue on - Jim Ironside for Calgary Freemo, and Al Matchett for CMT. Leaving the Board were Dave Landels, Bow Valley and Marvin Burke. Rocky Mountain. In their place Jason Thornhill, Rocky Mountain and Brent Ciccone, Bow Valley were ratified to the Board. Some of the other Board member's terms will be expiring next year.

The new Board will meet in mid November to sort out who will fill which positions for the year.

There was a question from the floor regarding the current structure of the Board; 5 Independent and 5 Club members and whether this is a proper democratic representation of the Society. There was some history given as to why it is the way it is. The Board will discuss this further and would like any input from the members whether or not there is a desire to change this arrangement.



President's Report Continued...

Our membership is continuing to grow which is important for the future of the Society.

A reminder and reiteration that it is never too early to sign up to volunteer for SUPERTRAIN 2016, because without you the show will not happen.

Look for the report about the 20 lucky people who got to spend some time on the CP locomotive simulators.

Another Model Railroad season has kicked off so enjoy it.

Monty Schnieder

President CMRS

Layout Tours - February

We are looking for model railroaders who would be interested in hosting their layout for the 2016 tour. Your layout can be at any stage, from early construction all the way to a finished model railroad and any size or scale. Tour dates have not been finalized yet but will be sometime in February. If you are interested in hosting a tour on either day (or even both), please let me know. I can be reached by e-mail at al.m@shaw.ca or by cell at (403) 617-5640.

Al Matchett

CMRS Layout Tour Coordinator



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Contact: Syl at mlwqc@hotmail.com



SUPERTRAIN 2016

As announced at the AGM, a new Leadership Team comprised of 8 people has been formed, and each person has been given a specific area of responsibility. Besides the Leadership Team, there is a Supporting Committee to help with specific tasks within these 8 main areas. I have made this decision to improve communication within the group and the volunteers, and be more efficient in meetings and decision taking.

The members of the Leadership Team and Supporting Committee are:

- ◆ Daniel Charest – Chairman
- ◆ Rick Walker – Finance
 - Back Office Supervisor – Vacant
 - Business Licence: Steve Klein
- ◆ Jon Calon – Exhibitors and Layouts (Registrar)
 - Assistant Registrar: Jim Ironside
- ◆ Monty Schneider – Show Logistics
 - Security: Dale Deyo
 - Electrical: Marvin Burk
- ◆ Todd Kennedy – Volunteers
 - Assistant: Vacant
- ◆ Al Matchett – Admission
 - Ticket Booths set-up: Tony Scheiwiller
- ◆ Rob Badmington – Promotion and Publicity
 - Banners: John Lund
 - Social Media: Lauren Jans
 - Website: Richard Johnson
- ◆ Jeff Burk – Saturday Gala
 - Door prizes and ticket sales: Vacant

There are 3 vacant positions in the Committee for which we are in need of someone to volunteer for.

Back Office Supervisor: The responsibility of the back office supervisor is to look after a small group of volunteers who will count the incoming money and tickets or wrist bands sold, and reconcile them. She or he is also responsible that money is picked up from the ticket booths on a regular basis, and that the volunteers have enough tickets or wrist bands in the booths. If you are interested to take on this position, please contact either myself or Rick Walker.

Assistant to Volunteers: The responsibility of the Assistant is to help Todd with recruiting volunteers and assign them to the different positions and schedules available throughout the show weekend. If you are interested to take on this position, please contact either myself or Todd Kennedy.

Saturday Gala: The responsibility for this position is to handle the gala ticket sales, help with buying and raffling the door prizes at the gala, and build up a list of volunteers for the slide show and the VIA ticket raffle. If you are interested to take on this position, please contact either myself or Jeff Burk.

If you are willing to help with any other aspect of the show and its preparation, even though it is not specifically a vacant position, it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me or anyone in the Leadership Team to discuss about this.

One important aspect of the show is to fill all the volunteer positions, like ticket sales, security, office staff, move-in/out, etc. Within the next several months until the show, you will see a list for volunteers at different model train events, and emails sent by Todd and his team. It is important that you sign up, as we need you.

Daniel Charest
Chairman, SUPERTRAIN 2016



<p>MEMBERSHIPS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Completed forms and payment can be mailed to:</p> <p>The Calgary Model Railway Society PO Box 8071, Station A Calgary, AB T2H 0H7</p>	<p>ADVERTISING</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact the Editor at orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca for details.</p> <p>Deadline for the next issue is Jan 17, 2016</p>
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Fall MiniMeet Report

The Fall minimeet was one of our most successful, with a record attendance of more than 130 members. Morning clinics were presented by Greg Cave and Dave Stefanek (loco maintenance), Roger Walker (rock castings), Jim Ironside (control panels) and Nigel Knight (deciduous trees). After the AGM, we were delighted to welcome Janel Kirstein (Manager, Marketing Merchandise) from CPR. Her presentation highlighted car usage and the economics thereof, the movement of cars from shippers to receivers, and the makeup of trains. Judging from the large number of questions, there was clearly a great interest in how the real railroad operates. CMRS particularly wants to thank Janel for sharing her expertise, and I hope we can interact with CP at future minimeets.

The show and tell room was crowded with people (except while clinics were in progress – I then counted only 3 people in the show and tell room), so thanks to all who brought along models for display.



Fall MiniMeet Report Continued ...

Peter Bouma brought along a built-up kit of a small yard office, and took orders for this model (from FOS scale models). The Board wishes to encourage model building, so everyone who brings a completed kit to the next minimeet will be reimbursed \$25 CDN. If you did not order a kit from Peter, he will be happy to give you details so that you can order one yourself. I know that more than 20 people have ordered kits, so it will be very interesting to see how they are built up, modified, kit bashed or included in small dioramas – they will be at the Spring minimeet.

I also want to thank Doug Lee for being in the show and tell room to discuss aspects of operation with members.

Several people asked if the Greg Cave – Dave Stefanek presentation could be made available on our website. Thanks to Greg and Richard Johnson, it is now up and running on the website.

Finally, I thank those behind the scenes who help make the minimeet work, particularly Marvin Burk (negotiations with the Glenmore Inn), and Jim Ironside, Daniel Charest and Rick Walker whose electronic expertise keep the laptops, cameras and projectors talking to each other.

The clinics work because there are dedicated volunteers who suggest ideas and prepare clinics. I still have one or two slots open in the Spring. If anyone else has ideas and would like to volunteer, please let me know.

Roger Walker

CPR TRAINING CENTRE TOUR

On Thursday and Friday afternoons, 20 CMRS members (10 each day) were treated to a tour of the CPR Training Centre at Ogden. The tour began in the signals area, and then members were able to climb onto an SD 40-2, sit in the cab, and examine the innards of the loco (conveniently labelled) from the walkways. A nice SW9 was also there to look at.

We then went to an air brake demonstration, with close up inspections of the reservoirs, brake cylinders and control (triple) valves. There were pressure gauges on each “car” (there were no cars – the hoses were connected to each other), so that we could see the effects of controlled and emergency braking. There was a chance to ask many questions, and we came away with a much better understanding of the braking system.



John Wrinch taking a train down the Big Hill

I am sure the highlights of the tour for all participants were the simulators. Several small rooms were devoted to simulators with a control stand on the left, computer screens on the table in front, and a TV screen showing the tracks from Divide down the Big Hill to Field. We all had a chance to take a train down the hill, desperately trying to keep the speed to the maximum 15 mph. I managed to get my train to 28 mph, but recovered before any of the instructors noticed!

The final highlight was a complete mock-up of an AC4400 cab. All the windows were TV screens, showing in detail the tracks and scenery on the way from Divide to Field. Participants had a chance to run the train down the hill, calling out the signal aspects, meeting eastbound trains in passing sidings, and of course,



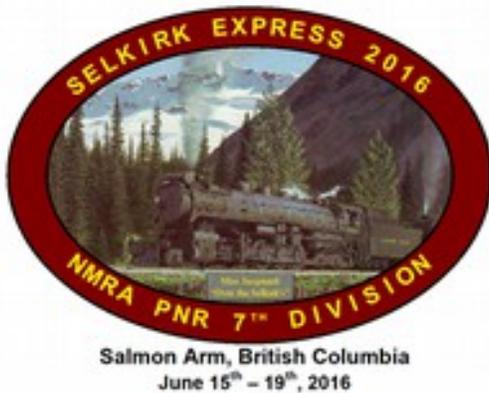
keeping the speed to 15 mph.

On behalf of all the participants, and CMRS, we thank Janel Kirstein for arranging the tours, and we thank Nathan and Chad for being such good instructors, and for answering all of our questions.

*Roger Walker
Monty Schnieder*

Give Away to Club or Youth Group

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I am forced to dispose of my n scale unfinished Kato layout. This includes an analog bullet train, transformers, tons of track, (level, and aqueduct), wiring etc, some structures. There are enough items, to build a 10x12 or larger layout. FREE! This is not junk or a scam. If you know of any Youth or Teen group, or Club willing to work with youth members, Please have them contact me by e mail. Contact bzerebecki@shaw.ca



The Selkirk Express 2016 is less than 8 months away, so book your calendar for June 15th to 19th. The event is the Regional convention for the 7th division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the NMRA with a public train show on 18 & 19th.

There will be 2 rail fan tours scheduled, one tour on the 16th to the Kettle Valley Steam Railway (former CPR 3716) in Summerland BC and the other tour to Revelstoke and Three Valley Gap on the 17th with a stop at Craigallechie, the last spike (CPR).

The clinic program is being developed and should be posted on the web site by January 2016. Check out the contest on the web site and build the Crossing Shanty from Interaction Hobbies. If you have any questions e-mail the contests coordinator noted on the contacts page of the web site.

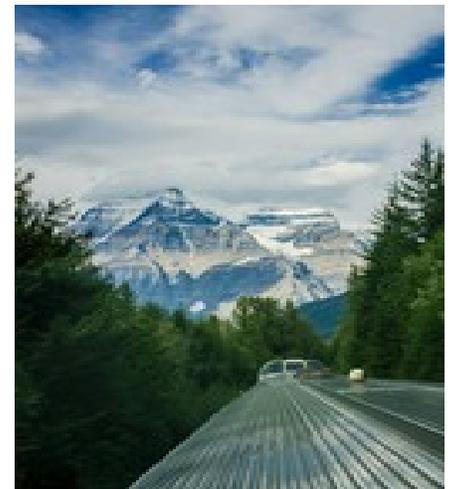
Visit the website at www.SelkirkExpress2016.ca for more information and to register. Hope to see many of you in 2016 in Salmon Arm and the beautiful Shuswap area.

VIA Rail Trip Report

This is my report on the VIA Rail trip that I won at SUPERTRAIN.

The Canadian departed from Edmonton on time, which was a pleasant surprise. We found a pair of seats to claim as our own for the next twenty-six hours. The car was already loaded with sleeping travellers from the east, many of which were families with young children.

Heading over to the adjacent Skyline car proved to be the preferred experience for us. It was not long before the scenery took a turn for the best with deep valleys and heavily wooded terrain, rolling through small





towns from a unique perspective, and checking out all of the old cars which seem to litter the edges of the right-of-way. The occasional meet with a CN train is also a nice touch. Now when you can see all of that from atop a dome car, that is an unrivalled view.

Surprising to me the economy Skyline was not much busier than the sleeper class Skylines. We rarely had to leave the dome since there were usually a few open seats left. The largest difference was the presence of children, rowdy ones which spent all of the waking hours running around the cars. If you needed some peace and quiet though, there was the dining area to the rear of the Skyline which never had more than a single soul in it.

On the way into Jasper we were lucky enough to spot an old patchy bear walking along side our train and endless numbers of deer. For the railfans there was an extra treat; we took on a third unit along with another economy coach and park car. The two new cars were placed directly behind the three unit set and were not accessible, but interesting to see none the less. As we got deeper into the mountains those three F40s looked mighty fine through the endless bends.

Once in Vancouver our west coast adventure began. We put close to 24kms onto our feet, at one point tracing the perimeter of the downtown core. We enjoyed a harbour tour, the UBC botanical gardens, and seeing a large part of the city before heading back to the VIA station thirty-four hours after arriving.



On the way back, I thought it would be interesting to see the Fraser River Valley at night (the only way to see it with VIAs scheduling). We kept awake with card games up in the dome and sure enough it was a spectacular view, worth the wait and the snoring (some people feel they should sleep up there).

Tyler Fedoroshyn

Coming Events Schedule

Nov 7, 2015	Edmonton Model Railway Association (EMRA) quarterly operating session, Fort Edmonton Park Freight Shed, Edmonton. Info: Peter Ulvestad ulvestad@telus.net
Nov. 13, 2015	SLIDE NIGHT. Special Presentations, River Park Church 3818 14A Street SW, Calgary, AB 7:15 PM
February, 2016	CMRS Layout Tours, exact date TBD
Feb. 21-22, 2016	All Aboard 2016 Model Train Show, Western Development Museum, Saskatoon
March 13, 2016	CMRS Spring Mini Meet - Glenmore Inn
March 2016	Moose Jaw Railroad Meet, Western Development Museum
April 16-17, 2015	SUPERTRAIN 2016, Genesis Centre
June 15 - 19, 2016	The Selkirk Express - Regional convention for the 7th division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the NMRA, Salmon Arm BC http://www.selkirkexpress2016.ca/
October 16, 2016	CMRS Fall Mini Meet and Annual General Meeting - Glenmore Inn
Sept 7 - 10, 2016	National Narrow Gauge Convention, Augusta Maine

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