



The Order Board

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



Roger Walker created this diorama and won third place, kit built displays, at the NMRA Convention in Portland.

Photo by Roger Walker

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President's Report

Well it must be model railroad season, we have had snow, rain and hot sun and that was only in a couple of days!

Our AGM is coming October 18th at the Glenmore Inn, please plan to attend as it is your chance to find out what the organization's board is planning and have input in how your organization works. Roger will have information regarding what clinics will be held, and they sound very exciting.

Our membership is up but some of you need to renew as we have a large number whose membership elapsed in June.



President's Report Continued...

We are starting to think about Supertrain 2016 already.

Please do not hesitate to give us ideas to help spread the word regarding our hobby.

Enjoy this issue.

Monty Schnieder
President

Notice of Annual General Meeting

In accordance with our Bylaws, the Calgary Model Railway Society Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 18 Oct at 13:00 in the Glenmore Inn.

Agenda is:

- Approval of previous minutes
- Reports from Directors
- Other Business:
 - 2015/16 budget
 - Ratification of Club directors
 - Business from the Floor

All CMRS members are invited to attend. A lunch will be provided starting at 12:00

Jim Ironside
Secretary CMRS

Magazines to give Away Free

Model Railroader magazines, complete boxed sets from 1972 to present plus a few odd issue dating back to 1959. Moving and must get rid of these.

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MODEL RAILROAD AUCTION

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Saturday, October 17th. 2014

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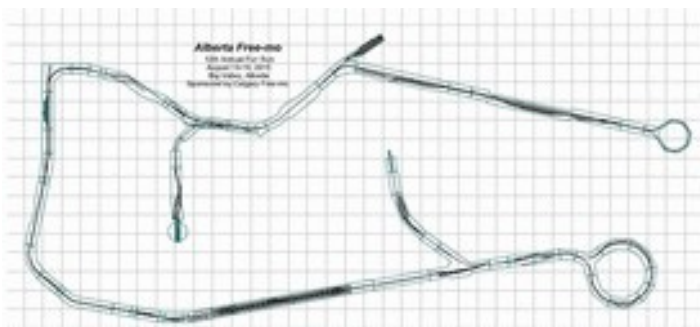
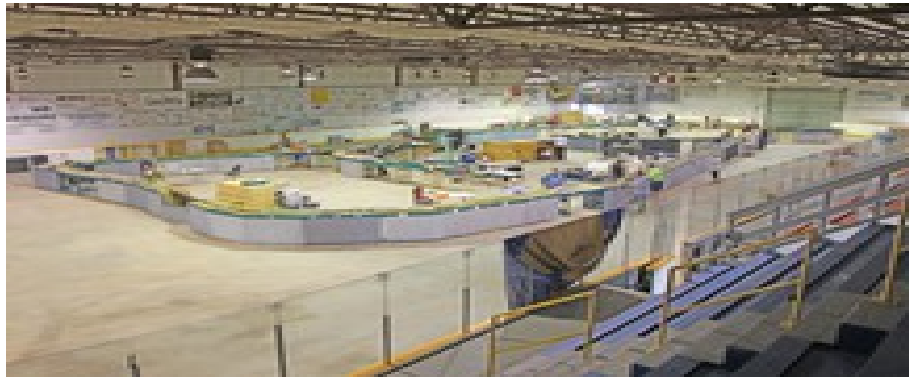
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Alberta Free-mo 2015



Setup 'As Built' - squares are 4'

Alberta Free-mo, sponsored by Calgary Free-mo, was held from 13 - 16 August for its twelfth consecutive year in Big Valley. This is a 'Fun Run' - for our own amusement, not a show, although we are happy for outsiders drop by to see what we are doing. We attracted modules and participants from all over Alberta, from BC, and from as far away as Idaho. With about 450 feet of track made up of 52 modules, it provided a platform for loooooong trains and lots of running.

An advance party went on Thursday to ensure everything was in order, and to set up the keystone modules and a few more. Friday was the big setup day, with all other modules arriving, placed, leveled, and connected. Dave Chomyn's magnificent Othello 20 foot module arrived unexpectedly, but true to the Free-mo spirit, a brief Free-mo Waltz resulted in its being fitted in.

If you have ever seen this model of the tunnels of the old Kettle Valley at Hope, you no longer have to see the real thing - this is accurate almost to the weeds.

We ran from Friday evening to Sunday, including during the night. Glitches were minor, reflecting the maturity of both the modules and the owners. Day operations emphasized lots of trains; night operations emphasized long trains. Sunday 16:00 we tied up the trains, broke down the modules, and by 19:00 were on our way home.

The social side is invigorating, with lots of renewals of friendships, kibitzing, and fun. If you cannot take a joke, then this is not the event for you. Friday and Saturday we have BBQs; Friday BBQ was forced indoors by rain (except for the cooks), and a storm that night made it 'interesting' for those who were camping in the adjacent field - but fortunately all survived.

Alberta Prairie Railway advertises our setup as an attraction for their excursions on Saturday and Sunday. They provide transportation from the train station to the hockey rink, and most of the passengers come to see us during the stopover. Many come on their excursions this weekend specifically because we are there. Many local people also come to see us every year. All are amazed by the size and quality of the setup.



Alberta Free-mo Continued ...

Free-mo is an international standard which provides a way to join modules and run trains all over North America and Europe, to run trains much longer than one's personal setup allows, and to participate with other modellers in an environment of good fellowship and intense 'training'. One's module might be only a foot long, but you can run 100 foot trains over it – where else could you do this?

Visit us at www.CalgaryFreemo.ca – or contact us at Info@CalgaryFreemo.ca – and join in. If you are into long term planning – join us for our 15th anniversary in 2018. Our target is 1000 feet of modules – make yours one of them.

*Jim Ironside
Calgary Free-mo
Alberta Free-mo 2015 Run Chief*

<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 Oct 25, 2015</p>
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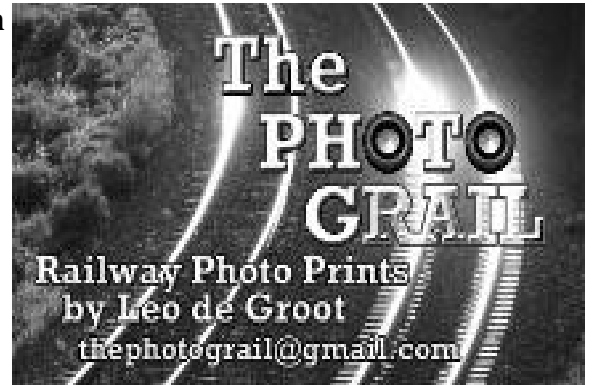
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Dramatic events in Calgaryville on Bow Valley Model Railway

Dramatic events occurred last May in the town of Calgaryville on the Bow Valley Model Railway. A Theatre group from Australia, Terrapin Theatre, used the Bow Valley Club's display layout as a stage for their HO scale puppets during the Calgary Children's Festival.



The children got to select a "puppet" (an HO Scale figure) and then had it placed on the layout in a spot of their choosing, they then made up a story for their figure and told it to the newspaper reporter who published it in the Calgaryville Inquirer, which is still available online at:

<http://ithinkicanonline.com/calgary/>

Some of the stories that were reported on included:

The pond, on the west end of town, became contaminated with an infectious disease. It was determined that the disease is "Horse Ebola". An inventor came by and is working on a cure. Unfortunately, the Olympic figure skater who was practising on the frozen end of the lake fell into the water and her dreams of going to the Olympics are over.

In the meantime the Queen was visiting but a jeweller thief attempted to steal her Tiara. The RCMP hired a Martial Arts expert to help defend the Queen.



Two Brides-to-be were left at the altar; they subsequently teamed up and went on a crime spree in the town.

The local Tim Hortens hatched a plan to take over all the food places in the town. Locals hired a computer hacker to disrupt their plans. They also hired a competitive eater to eat all the doughnuts and put Tim Horton's out of business.

The Pope was in town while visiting churches around the world, a body guard was hired to protect the Pope. A Mr. G. Myers was the guard, Mr. Myers was quoted as saying "Ain't nobody gonna mess with me, I have friends in the Mafia"

Read more on these and other stories in the local paper; the Calgaryville Inquirer:

<http://ithinkicanonline.com/calgary/>

Clicking on the character names displayed on the right side will bring up more stories on each character. Listening to each story develop was very entertaining!

Brent Ciccone



Fall MiniMeet, Oct 18th, Glenmore Inn

The Minimeet is shaping up to be a very busy one. There are four clinics in the morning, starting at 10:00 am. Times of individual clinics have not been set yet.

Jim Ironside will show how to design and print control panel graphics with a computer, and then how to bond the graphics onto the panel using simple materials. He will also show how to make a simple enclosure for the panel.

Nigel Knight, of "Selkirk Leaf", will show how to make deciduous trees using various materials.

Dave Stefanek will present a very comprehensive clinic on servicing locos and rolling stock. He will discuss tools, supplies, lubricants and adhesives. He will give sources of information, and finally, will show how to use a multimeter in model railroading.

Roger Walker will present a clinic on installing rock castings on your layout. This is a modified version of a clinic presented at the NMRA meeting in Portland It will give a blow by blow rundown on how he recently expanded his layout by building a deep rocky gorge.

After the morning clinics, lunch will be provided by CMRS, along with the AGM

We then have a very special presentation in the afternoon. **Janel Kirstein** (Director, Marketing-Merchandise at CP) will talk about loading cars, making up trains, train frequency, delivery of cars to the user, and return of empties (or loads). She has particular responsibility for Auto traffic, Scrap, Crude and Lumber, and although the talk is not yet finalized, I have suggested she emphasize scrap (use of gons bringing scrap in, with loads going out in coil cars) and lumber. In both cases, we as modellers do not need huge unit trains to move such loads. I hope she will also address what is actually inside all those various tank cars. Janel is also a trainee engineer, and has "kicked cars around Alyth". The talk will begin after the AGM, and will end when the questions run out.

Show and Tell

As always, I encourage you all to bring models (finished or unfinished) to the **SHOW AND TELL**. There will also be some models and photos from the NMRA contest in Portland on display. The show and tell room will be open from around 9:30 until noon.

Doug Lee has also volunteered to be in the show and tell room for a couple of hours, to answer any questions you may have about Operation.

Peter Bouma and Dale Sproule have come up with another great modelling idea. They propose that interested modellers all buy the same kit (see attached photo). It is an HO scale model of a yard office from FOS Scale models. Build the kit, or better still, modify it, for display at the Spring 2016 minimeet. The kit will cost \$24.95US and the CMRS Board, in the spirit of encouraging model building, has agreed to refund \$25 CDN to all those who bring a completed model to the minimeet. So you basically get a kit for free! Peter will have a built up model at the minimeet, and he will arrange to bulk-buy the kits for all those interested.



So, lots to do and friends to meet. Keep an eye on the CMRS website for updates.

Roger Walker



Portland National Train Show, Portland, OR August 28-30, 2015

This report is a compilation of a report written by Al Matchett and myself, editor of the Orderboard. Due to space constraints in this issue, I am going to only cover the train show, the convention will be covered in the next issue of the Orderboard. For those of you who are NMRA members, you can read more of Al's report on the convention on the [PNR's WebSite](#).

In conjunction with the NMRA National Convention which is held every year in a different city, there is also a train show. The National Train Show is held at the end of the NMRA convention and was held in Portland's Expo centre. This is a very nice facility, large (180,000 sq. ft.) and airy with lots of parking. It also has a stop for Portland's light rail transit, making it easy to get to. In fact their version of the LRT (they call it MAX) runs right from the airport and has several legs including the one that runs out to the Expo centre.

Attendees in the NMRA convention got special exclusive access to the Train show on Friday morning before the public was allowed in. Entering the show right at 9am and wandering about a bit showed that although there was a lot of floor space, a lot of it was unused. I would estimate that the show was only slightly larger than Calgary's annual Supertrain show. There was a pretty good Canadian representation at the show with LaBaJa from Edmonton joined by a few guys from the Bow Valley club, and the Coldslop Free-Mo group from Chilliwack was setup with a large modular layout in conjunction with some US Free-Mo groups. I noticed a fair amount of CN and CP lettered rolling stock and engines on many of the other layouts as well!

There were extensive N-scale and Z-scale modular setups that were very interesting. The Z-scale group in particular showed what could be done in a relatively small space. There was more Z-scale stuff than I thought existed! The N scale Free-mo layout was huge and had several branches, I am not sure how they kept track of where they were going and it must have taken most of the day to get a train around that layout!

There were some opportunities for shopping and more than a few dollars were left behind. Athearn, Bachman, Scenic Express had large booths and Intermountain, Bowser and others were present. Not as many of the big names as expected, Micro-Mark and Scenic Express were notable by their absence. Maybe that is a good thing, with the US dollar at such highs, it makes things pretty pricey.

Attendance was reported as being on the order of 13,000 for the 3 days, about the same as SUPERTRAIN. After seeing this show, I can say that SUPERTAIN is better and has a better variety of layouts and displays. The Portland show may have suffered a bit since the National Narrow Gauge show was being held the very next week in Houston, many of the vendors and manufacturers chose to go to Houston instead, a few went directly from the Portland show to Houston, but most vendors or manufacturers couldn't afford to do both.

Al Matchett and Brent Ciccone

Coming Events Schedule

Sept 26-27	Heritage Park Railway Days http://www.heritagepark.ca/
Oct 4, 2015	Monashee Pacific Open House, Edmonton, www.EMRA.club
Oct 17, 2015	Boomer Auction, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Calgary
Oct. 18 th , 2015	Fall Mini-meet and Annual General Meeting, Glenmore Inn
April 16-17, 2015	SUPERTRAIN 2016, Genesis Centre

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