



The OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



*An Intermodal train on Stony Creek Bridge on the Cal-O-RAIL Layout. More photos of this layout below
Photo by Trey Stumm*

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Bonus On-Line Content

Starting with this issue of the OrderBoard we are offering Bonus On-Line content that doesn't fit in the regular OrderBoard edition. Due to restrictions in printing, and especially mailing costs, the print version of the OrderBoard is limited to 8 pages. The electronic edition has no such limits and can be as long as we want and can include colour photos or even videos.

I am hoping that you enjoy this on-line content and those that take the OrderBoard by mail might consider signing up for the electronic version instead. This will save the society the, not insignificant, cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and help us to avoid future membership due increases.

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Buffalo Brewing Company in Production



A year ago the Purgatory and Pacific Railroad underwent a major makeover. Removed was the troublesome hidden yard that worked great all the while it was being tested but before it was buried under the scenery! Gone too was the head damaging duck-under which wouldn't have been needed if everything worked as designed. After constructing the re-engineered benchwork and laying the new track, my concern was to finish off the scenery at the rear; i.e. the places that would be hardest to reach. Most of that was done as the grass started to green-up this spring. When the cold weather forced me back to the dungeon this fall I had one more corner to finish.

That corner got scenery then I jumped to the other side of the tracks. There was room for a large industry so I checked my shelves. I had a Walthers Cornerstone 'Champion Packing Plant' that was still in the box. I didn't have room for a stockyard in this area so I thought I could re-purpose the building...and the Buffalo Brewing Company was conceived.

Building: I thought this was still a bit big, I modified the roof line somewhat, then set about painting it. Being brick, I sprayed the outside with grey primer then wiped most of that off before it dried, thus leaving the mortar between the bricks grey. The brickwork was then aged with chalks and spayed with dullcoat. Because I had plans to light the interior, the next step was to spray the inside of the walls black to prevent the light from bleeding through. When the black dried, I sprayed on grey primer as my finished interior colour.



Windows were installed and in hindsight I should have used a thinner clearer material to allow better viewing of the interior, I had used the clear plastic that was provided in the kit. The next step was cutting styrene for the floors that would be visible. Then cut and install pillars and roof joists.

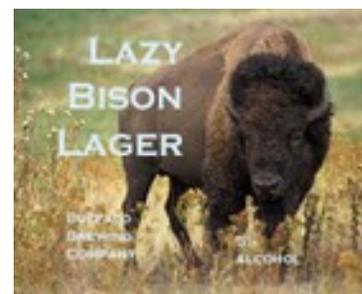
The next step was to research the interior. I found the internet helpful as well as a visit to many taprooms in Vancouver's Brewery District! Copper kettles were made from short pieces of copper pipe, a cloth button form cemented to the top to look like a dome, then piping placed in the centre to connect with the ventilation system. Pieces of sprue were strategically placed to give the appearance of hose manifolds. Warm bodies added to the appearance of activity.



The beer kegs I found in a parts box. Beer bottles were going to be a formidable challenge in HO scale but a pallet load of beer cases was a possibility. The advertising was already in place on the billboard at the top of the building. Those same label pictures were shrunk-down and copied into small cells in an spreadsheet, then printed off and wrapped around small wooden blocks to produce pallet loads 6 cases high. Adjacent to the brewery is the Ravenhurst Power and Light Company. These folks provide both the electricity and the steam needed to produce the suds.

There you have a brief history of the cornerstone of the economy of the village of Ravenhurst. The Purgatory and Pacific RR is one of the stops on the February layout tours. The brewery will also be on display at 'Show and Tell' at the Spring Minimeet.

Gord Smith





“Bouma Challenge” Craft Kit

A large number of people purchased the “Bouma Challenge” yard office kit. Remember you have to build it and show it at the next mini-meet to get your \$25 back!

For something to get you started on yours, here is what I have done with mine:



Illustration 1: I ordered lumber not logs! What am I going to do with this!!

A number of these kits were cut out with the siding upside down! Mine was one of them. To rectify, I decided to sand the edges of the clapboard off so that the siding looks like the flat “novelty” siding that the CPR used to use on its buildings. I think it worked out OK.

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Cal-O-Rail

Here are some more photos from the Cal-O-Rail layout:



"Train crew stops to chat with track workman while waiting for the mainline to clear"

"A Canadian Pacific intermodal stack train led by two ES44AC's exits a snow shed as it begins to cross Stoney Creek bridge.



"A Canadian Pacific intermodal stack train led by two ES44AC's crosses Stoney Creek bridge"