



# The OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



*An Intermodal train on Stony Creek Bridge on the Cal-O-RAIL Layout. Photo by Trey Stumm*

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## President's Report

The Christmas season is over and winter is really here so there are no excuses for not working on your modelling projects. Inside this issue there is information about our next event, the Layout Tours, and also information about the March Mini Meet.

The SUPERTRAIN committee is working out details for the April show and as it is every year, we need your volunteer help to make it happen. If all the members did even one shift it would go a long way to covering our needs.



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### ***President's Report Continued...***

Those who take the OrderBoard by email will receive the layout tour information attached to the email, those choosing to take the Orderboard by regular post will see the information as an insert in the Orderboard. As always, treat this information as private and confidential. The members who have opened their homes for the layout tours deserve our respect and that includes not copying this information to people who are not members of CMRS.

We can always use your articles and pictures for the OrderBoard. If you would like to see your photo on the cover of the next OrderBoard, all you have to do is send a clear picture to the editor at [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca). Short articles about your latest project are also appreciated.

I hope to see you on the Layout tours and at the Mini Meet.

*Monty Schnieder  
President CMRS*

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## **Model Railroad Layout Tours 2016 - February 27 & 28**

Welcome to the Calgary Model Railroad Society layout tours for 2016. Similar to last year, the layout tours will be held over two days. There are a total of eleven layouts open for the tour; five on Saturday in the south part of the city, and four on Sunday in the north part of the city plus one in Balzac and one in Irricana. There are several returning layouts and five new layouts to the tour, Mike Westren, Ken Gabourie, Gord Smith, Jon Calon and Les Green. Scales this year run from O to HO to N to Z.

The Free-mo modular group happens to have a fun run on the same weekend as the layout tours this year and have volunteered to open their setup to the CMRS members on both days.

Ken Gabourie has also volunteered to host his layout on both days of the tour.

I would like to thank all the hosts who have volunteered their layouts for the tour. It takes a lot of time and work to get a layout ready for showing and I appreciate their commitment.

I hope the CMRS members take the opportunity to take a trip outside the city and see Les Green's layout in Irricana.

Let's hope for good weather during the tour days.

*Al Matchett*

*CMRS Layout Tours Coordinator*

### **Help Wanted for Supertain 2016**

Two able bodied people to assist in the moving, setup and tear down of train display for the show. There will be 12 modules approximately 4 ft x 2 ft plus job box, small table, stools and tool box, to move from basement to truck and then into the Centre. Then set up which will take about 2 hours. After the show, assistance will be required for tear down and transport back to my basement. All modules are light weight except for one which is a bit heavy and awkward but can be moved with ease if done correctly. These are purely voluntary positions and assistants must be reliable, dependable and available for approximately 4 to 5 hours on both days. Truck will be supplied but assistants will require their own transport to and from Centre. Times will be announced once confirmed. Please respond no later than March 1st. to Ken at 403-601-6912.



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## ATTENTION "O" GAUGERS

If you are interested in building construction, doing scenery or just love operating trains in "O" gauge 2 rail come on down to see us at

CAL-O-RAIL

1919 - 19th Street S.W.

18th Scout Group Hall, basement

We meet Tuesdays evenings 7 to 9:30 and

Saturdays 11:30 to 3:00 at our club layout

We would love to have you join us and become a member.

Call Bain at 403-560-1896 for more information.

You do not need to have any of your own equipment, but bring it if you do.

## Show your "Bouma Challenge" craft kit at SUPERTRAIN

This is an invitation to showcase your creation to the general public at the Supertrain. It may be a free standing building or within a context, i.e. a small rail-side diorama. We estimate a potential of some two dozen finished models. Please hold off on planting them at their permanent home on your layout and bring them to SUPERTRAIN. We hope for a great many bashed or super detailed "yard offices" for display. Showing them side by side will highlight the modelling variety and our modellers' creativity in plain sight.

If your diorama has a footprint of 50 sq inches or less , we'll use our raised pedestals to elevate it about 20 inches above the table top. Great for detail viewing , and no floor-crawling for photographers!

As in previous years we offer all CMRS members to participate with any rail-side diorama or scratchbuilt rolling stock, at no cost.

Please drop me a line to "reserve " a spot, discuss your needs or just enquire.

*BJ Ersson*



## **SUPERTRAIN Volunteers Needed**

It takes a small army to put on SUPERTRAIN every year! The committees are hard at work getting everything prepared but we need everyone's help to put on a good show. Volunteering for even one shift during the SUPERTRAIN weekend would help immensely.

VIA Rail donates tickets for a trip to Vancouver, anyone who volunteers at any CMRS event throughout the year has their name put in the draw for these tickets.

Contact Todd Kennedy at [volunteer@supertrain.ca](mailto:volunteer@supertrain.ca)

*Todd Kennedy  
SUPERTRAIN 2016*

## **SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala**

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 of 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 Jeffrey Burk at [gala@supertrain.ca](mailto:gala@supertrain.ca) (preferred method), or at 403-613-0603 and leave a message with name, return phone number and number of tickets, we will call you back for a confirmation.

Tickets can be picked up at the Mini Meet on March 15th or the Volunteer Orientation in April.

*Jeffrey Burk  
Gala Coordinator*

## **Membership List**

Recently the CMRS Board has discussed the issue of access to our membership list. It was decided that in the interest of the privacy of our members, and to comply with Privacy Legislation, that this list would not be given out to anyone. To allow one member to establish contact with another member, a procedure has been put in place whereby a member may contact the membership coordinator with a request to contact another member; the membership coordinator will then confirm if that person is a member or not and will contact that person on your behalf. After that it is up to the two members to decide if they wish to get in contact or not.

It was felt that this provides a method for members to contact each other while preserving each person's privacy. At no time is the membership list sold or given out to third parties.

The current Membership Coordinator is Gord Smith who may be contacted at [gord.smith@shaw.ca](mailto:gord.smith@shaw.ca)



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| <p><b>MEMBERSHIPS</b></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><b>The Calgary Model Railway Society</b><br/> <b>PO Box 8071, Station A</b><br/> <b>Calgary, AB T2H 0H7</b></p> | <p><b>ADVERTISING</b></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 <a href="mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca">orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca</a> for details.</p> <p><b>Deadline for the next issue is Feb 21, 2016</b></p> |
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**CMRS Trains For Kids Program**

For the past fifteen years the Calgary Model Railway Society has been donating train related toys to various charities in the Calgary area. For the last six years the donations have been given to the Salvation Army's Christmas Program. The Salvation Army runs this program to provide toy hampers to disadvantaged families during the Christmas period. In previous year's the Salvation Army's need has been for toys for the younger age groups so wooden toy train sets have been purchased and donated.

This year the Salvation Army indicated they had a critical shortage of toys for the 12+ age group as their stock from last year had been completely used up. Consequently a number of electric train sets were procured from a local hobby shop and donated to the Salvation Army. Several Lego building block train sets were also purchased and donated to the cause. The Salvation Army is deeply grateful to the CMRS for the donations and it is our hope that the train related gifts may spark interest in the hobby for a new generation of modellers.

*Al Matchett*  
CMRS Trains For Kids Coordinator





# Spring MiniMeet and CMT FLEAMARKET – March 13, 2016, Glenmore Inn

**FLEA MARKET 8:30 – 10:30**

**CLINICS 10:45 – 11:45 AND 11:45 – 12:45**

**LUNCH 12:45**

**CLINICS 1:45 (approx.) – 2:45 (or later)**

## CMT Annual Fleamarket 2016

It's never too early to start thinking about The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Annual Fleamarket. Once again, this event will be held together with the CMRS Spring Mini Meet.

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| <p>Your TO DO checklist-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) book your table</li> <li>2) gather your surplus model railroad supplies for sale</li> <li>3) save your money for the many bargains</li> <li>4) attend</li> </ol> | <p>Tables- \$20 for standard 2' X 8' size table<br/>(Half tables are available for \$10. We will try to match you with someone to share the table with you)</p> <p>Tables always go quickly, so don't miss out. To book a table, please contact me at <a href="mailto:bharrow@nucleus.com">bharrow@nucleus.com</a> or call 403-201-4937.</p> |
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## Mini-Meet Clinics *(more details in the next issue)*

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| 10:45 – 11:45                         | PAUL CLEGG     | <p><b>Railroad Engineering 101</b></p> <p>Paul (long time CPR employee) will look at prototype railroad engineering as it can be applied to model railroads for improved operation and more realistic scenery.</p>   |
| 10:45 – 11:45                         | ROGER WALKER   | <p><b>Building Chain Link Fences</b></p> <p>Chain link fencing was invented in 1844, and has been used in North America since 1900. It is appropriate for model railroads of almost any era.</p>   |
| 11:45 – 12:45                         | SYLVAIN DUCLOS | <p><b>Improving the operation of Rapido Trains passenger cars</b></p> <p>This clinic will give tips and tricks for improving the operating reliability of Rapido Trains rolling stock, particularly the Smooth Side lightweight cars, the Stainless Budd (fluted) cars, and LRC (coach and club) cars.</p> |
| 11:45 – 12:45                         | MORT SPELMAN   | <p><b>Wood Kit and Scratchbuilding of Structures</b></p> <p>Many of you will have seen some of Mort's superb structures at Supertrain.</p>   |
| 1:45 – 2:45 (approx.)                 | KEVIN RUDKO    | <p><b>Electrical Basics for Model Railroaders</b></p> <p>This presentation will help model railroaders understand basic electrical principles and how those principles relate to electrical and electronic applications in model railroading.</p>  |
| 11:45 – 12:45, continuing 1:45 – 3:45 | DOUG LEE       | <p><b>Layout design and Operations Bootcamp</b></p> <p>NOTE. THIS IS A SPECIAL THREE-HOUR CLINIC. IT WILL BE PRESENTED ONE HOUR IN THE MORNING, AND TWO HOURS AFTER LUNCH. THERE IS NO</p>   |



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| (approx.) |  | REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT, BUT FOR LOGISTICAL REASONS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THIS CLINIC. REPLY TO ROGER WALKER AT walkerrg@telus.net |
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**ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING TREES**

At the clinic on making trees (Fall, 2015), technical issues prevented Ian Mears from showing his video. I most strongly recommend checking this out on YouTube – you’ll see how quick and easy tree making can be. The site is...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgFJoEmJK9A&feature=em-upload\\_owner](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgFJoEmJK9A&feature=em-upload_owner)

**FOS YARD OFFICE**

Don’t forget to finish up your yard office, along with as many kit bashed modifications as you can think of. CMRS will pay \$25 for each completed model brought along to Show and Tell. Thanks again to Peter Bouma for organizing this challenge. Check in at the desk in the show and tell room to present your model and claim your \$25, Please also bring a single sheet with your name, and an explanation of any special treatment your model received.

**SHOW AND TELL**

The show and tell room will be open from 8:30 – 12:45. Please bring models and displays, accompanied by an information sheet with your name and a description of the model (s). Work in progress is just as interesting as completed models or displays.

*Roger Walker*

**For Sale**

For sale model of CP 14 section tourist sleeper ULLSWATER as modified by CP for service on The Canadian 1955 to 1965. Model is kitbashed on a Walthers model. Send me an e-mail at [bgielau@gmail.com](mailto:bgielau@gmail.com) for photos and details.

**UPDATE ON THE CALGARY MODEL TRAINMEN’S CLUB**

The Calgary Model Trainmen’s Club moved in September from our home for 25 years on 12 Avenue S.E. The property was transferred by the City to the Stampede a few years ago and is forming part of the current expansion of the Stampede’s Youth Campus. As CMT did not enter into their expansion plans, the Stampede had advised us some time ago that we would need to vacate and in August, 2014 we received a formal one year notice to vacate. The Stampede provided assistance to us in looking for a new location and suggested that the Ramsay Community Association might be interested in a tenant for part of their basement space. CMT conducted a broader search but ultimately agreed upon a long-term rental with the Ramsay Community Association to start last September. We were aware that some building repairs were required, which we understood were before the City (the owner of the land and buildings) for approval, but they did not appear to affect our basement space.

Following our “last run” on the layout in May, 2015, members boxed up everything we wanted to take with us. The Stampede provided additional assistance for the move and agreed that what we did not take with us could go to the wrecker’s ball. Moving day was set for mid-August. With moving trucks rented, manpower setup and everything boxed up and set to go, what could go wrong?

With just 3 weeks before the move, the City ordered that part of the community association’s buildings could not be used by anyone as the roof repairs had not been completed. This was over the space we wanted to be in! And we could not have our space as expected! A quick call to the Stampede Park gained us an extension from moving out for a few weeks and, through our contact at the community association, we found storage space for our boxed items and modules.



The move out of our former premises and into storage was completed in mid-September.

We plan to participate in SUPERTRAIN 2016 by pulling our modules out of storage temporarily. And we are holding monthly meetings, including presentations and clinics. We have reduced our membership dues for the time being. We continue to welcome new members.

The City has still not approved repairs to the community building and it is unclear when this might occur or if the repairs will be made. CMT has decided it needs to recommence its premises search.

CAN YOU HELP?? CMT needs any assistance that CMRS members can offer or suggest to help CMT find a new home location. Our Stampede premises were 25' X 100' in size and the community basement space was 27' x 66' basement space. Each had bathroom facilities. Normal commercial space in Calgary is very expensive for a Club. Under-used locations that are not normally useful, such as basements, may be just what we are looking for. We can pay rent and utilities. If any CMRS member can help out directly with our search or put us in touch with Commercial Real Estate people we would very much appreciate the help.

*Please contact Dale Sproule, ([sproules@telusplanet.net](mailto:sproules@telusplanet.net))*

## **On-line Bonus Content**

For those who read the OrderBoard on-line, there is bonus content in the form of additional articles and photos that won't fit in the print version. You can see it here <http://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/news.html> If you like it, you might consider converting to reading the OrderBoard on-line and save the society the cost of printing and mailing.

*Editor*

## **Coming Events Schedule**

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| <b>Feb 6, 2016</b>                | Edmonton Model Railway Association (EMRA) quarterly operating session, 1:00 p.m., Fort Edmonton Park Freight Shed, Edmonton. Info: Peter Ulvestad <a href="mailto:ulvestad@telus.net">ulvestad@telus.net</a>   |
| <b>Feb 6-7, 2016</b>              | Olds Model Train and Hobby Show, Olds College FGH Gymnasium<br>4500-50th Street, Olds, AB. <a href="http://www.mvmrc.ca/page3.html">www.mvmrc.ca/page3.html</a>  |
| <b>Feb. 21-22, 2016</b>           | All Aboard 2016 Model Train Show, Western Development Museum, Saskatoon  |
| <b>February 27 &amp; 28, 2016</b> | <b>CMRS Layout Tours</b>   |
| <b>March 13, 2016</b>             | <b>CMT Annual FLEAMARKET - Glenmore Inn</b>  |
| <b>March 13, 2016</b>             | <b>CMRS Spring Mini Meet - Glenmore Inn</b>  |
| March 19-20, 2016                 | Moose Jaw Railroad Meet, Western Development Museum<br><a href="http://www.tcmrc.org/mgxroot/page_10768.html">http://www.tcmrc.org/mgxroot/page_10768.html</a>   |
| <b>April 16-17, 2015</b>          | <b>SUPERTRAIN 2016, Genesis Centre</b>   |
| June 15 - 19, 2016                | The Selkirk Express - Regional convention for the 7th division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the NMRA, Salmon Arm BC<br><a href="http://www.selkirkexpress2016.ca/">http://www.selkirkexpress2016.ca/</a> |
| Sept 7 - 10, 2016                 | National Narrow Gauge Convention, Augusta Maine  |
| <b>October 16, 2016</b>           | <b>CMRS Fall Mini Meet and Annual General Meeting - Glenmore Inn</b>   |

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