



# The Order Board

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## Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society

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*Feb. 7th. 10 am. Minus 25 degrees. The grade crossing at Sunnyside. The loco approaches, with a very distinctive striped pilot. Is this a CP loco? Well, yes it is, one of two that were painted for the movie Unstoppable. When painted back to CP, the pilot retained its stripes, and I think they look great. Worth a short wait at minus 25! (Thanks to Matthew Hicks and Jon Greggs for the unstoppable information). Photo by Roger Walker.*

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## President's Report

The Layout Tour weekend has just ended and I hope everyone who went out had a good time. Personally, I managed to get out to view half the layouts and I always come away greatly impressed with all the talent and ingenuity displayed by each of the layout owners and their operating crews.

The March 5th Mini Meet and CMT Fleamarket is fast approaching. Brookes Harrow has been busy lining up clinic presenters. Remember that there is an area for show and tell items so try to bring something to show to your fellow modellers. I intend to bring a couple of locomotives along and this will be my first time displaying at the show and tell.



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The CMRS membership numbers have dropped by about 12% since last year's AGM. While we typically see a drop in September as memberships expire, this year's drop has been more than usual. If your membership has recently lapsed you can renew at the March 5th Mini Meet. I think the \$10 per year membership fee is probably the best value around considering all the events that CMRS puts on. If you know of any modellers who are not CMRS members, encourage them to join the CMRS and attend an event or two.

Brent Ciccone, our Orderboard editor, is on the lookout for more articles to help fill the Orderboard. If you have anything you think would be of interest to your fellow modellers, please send it to Brent at [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca). Each edition of The Orderboard takes a lot of time and effort and we really need your help in making it of interest to the community.

SUPERTRAIN 2017 is now officially full and all exhibit spots have been spoken for. We are planning for a great show this year but as usual we still need more volunteers to step forward. Jim McArthur has already sent out the first request for volunteers and he will be at the Spring Mini Meet looking for your help. If you are not sure where you can assist, make sure to stop by and talk to Jim. We have lots of different positions that need volunteers and I'm sure you can help out CMRS and the SUPERTRAIN show. Lets continue to make SUPERTRAIN the best model railroad show in Canada!

*Al Matchett,  
President CMRS*

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**Photo's and Articles Wanted**

Want to see your photo on the cover of the OrderBoard? Then send them in to the editor and they are likely to be published! We are always in need of photo's and short articles either about your models or the real thing. Send them to: [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca)



## SUPERTRAIN Report

SUPERTRAIN is fully booked up for this year, all the available space has been booked by layouts, vendors and displays.

The first call for volunteers has gone out. If you have missed it, there is a link to the volunteer form on the SUPERTRAIN website, <http://supertrain.ca> . Remember, one 2-hour shift gives you free admission to the show, a \$15.00 value, a \$5.00 food voucher, and a chance to win one of the prizes announced below.

VIA Rail has again supported CMRS with the donation of tickets worth \$1500 valid anywhere VIA goes. These tickets will be given to the winner of a draw from the list of members who have volunteered for a CMRS event in the past year. In addition to the trip tickets, CMRS is donating twenty \$25 gift certificates for a local hobby shop of your choice, to be drawn from the list of SUPERTRAIN volunteers.

SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala will be held at the Glenmore Inn and tickets are now available for \$35.00 each. Cocktails are served at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. If you have any dietary requirements (Celiac, Kosher, etc.), 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.

The guest speaker at the Gala will be Mark Dance, a well known N-scale modeller from the Vancouver area. His presentation is titled Relocation of the Klondike Mines Railway. A couple of committee members have seen it at the Vancouver Train Show and provided great feedback about Mark's presentation.

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 and we will call you back for a confirmation. Tickets can be picked up at the Mini Meet on March 5th or at the Volunteer Orientation meeting in April.

SUPERTRAIN admissions can now be purchased online. A special 2-day weekend admission is available, online only, for \$22.00 plus processing fee until March 31st, 2017. The wristband will be mailed out in early April. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/supertrain-2017-tickets-27664248512> to order, or use the link available on the SUPERTRAIN website and Facebook page.

*Daniel Charest  
Chairman, SUPERTRAIN 2017*



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### Wanted

If anyone has a Rapido Light weight CPR baggage car maroon in color and would like to sell it, please contact Steve Klein @ 403 945-3009 or on my e-mail [steveklein@shaw.ca](mailto:steveklein@shaw.ca) .



**MEMBERSHIPS**

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 Mar 15, 2017**

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**Layout Tours**

We had another successful weekend of layout tours on the weekend of February 11 and 12. There were a total of 8 layouts on tour over the two days. By all accounts everyone had a good time. The layout owners reported having around 30 -40 visitors each. Thanks to all the layout tour hosts for opening their layouts and homes for the tours. If you are thinking about opening your layout for the tours next year, please let me know. It is a good way to provide some motivation on getting work done on the layout!

*Bain Spielman*



*Bob Hadlow's Layout*



*Cal-O-Rail Layout*



*Station on Dave Bedard's Layout*



*Castle on Al Crance's Layout*



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## Spring Mini Meet

The Spring Mini Meet will be held at the Glenmore Inn on Sunday March 5, 2017. Start time approximately 9:30 am.

Members are invited to bring models to display at the Show and Tell so everyone can see what you are up to. Clinics will be start at 11:00 am after the Fleamarket closes. Coffee will be available in the morning. And lunch is being provided.

The schedule is still being worked out with the clinicians, but a summary is presented below.

### 2017 SPRING MINI MEET CLINICS

- 11:00 am Gail Myers- Making Leaves from Leaves
- 11:00 am Garth Praestagaard- Constructing Realistic Bridge Abutments using MDF Board
- 12:15 pm LUNCH
- 1:15 pm Geoff Southwood- Drawing Ideas and Inspiration from New England Model Railroads
- 1:15 pm Ian Mears- Using paper to Construct Effective Structures
- 2:15 pm Brent Ciccone- Sound and Lighting effects
- 2:15 pm Brian Zhung- Detailing and Improving Operation on Locomotives

See you at the Mini Meet. If you have questions, please contact me by email at [bharrow@nucleus.com](mailto:bharrow@nucleus.com) or by phone at 403-201-4937.

*Brookes Harrow*

### For Sale

On30 layout: 31" x 41" oval track with 3 industry tracks. All Peco On30 track, small radius switches. Ready for scenery! On30 Boulder Valley Models unbuilt resin kits.

Contact Peter Bouma at [freemo54@hotmail.com](mailto:freemo54@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Heritage Park on Discovery Channel

Discovery Channel had a brief episode about moving the Colonist car at Heritage Park. If you missed it you can see it here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXGzo2E\\_lgw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXGzo2E_lgw)

Thanks to Michael Marquardt for posting this on youtube.



## CMT Annual Fleamarket

Tick tock! Time flies!

The pages on the old calendar are rapidly flipping over. It's getting closer- the arrival of the Calgary Model Trainmen's Annual Fleamarket.

Buyers- there will be lots of bargains, if past Fleamarkets are any indication. Arrive early. Don't miss the opportunity to buy the one model railroad item you have been chasing for years. Nothing is more frustrating than finding that one item walking out the door into the collection of someone else! Don't be late!

Tempus Fugit!

Potential vendors- Surely you are among the legions of model railroaders who has acquired too much stuff over the years! Here's your chance to thin out the collection. Rent a table or two to reduce your surplus (or make room for more additions!).

Tables at the Fleamarket rent for \$20 for a standard 2' X 8' folding table. Don't miss out- as of this writing less than 2 tables remain unsold.

As Johnny Cash & June Carter sang "Times A Wastin'."

The Fleamarket is taking place on Sunday March 5 at the Glenmore Inn, located on the corner of Glenmore Trail and Ogden Road. Time is 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Again this year, the CMT Annual Fleamarket is being held in conjunction with the CMRS Spring Mini Meet.

To book a table or for information, please contact me at [bharrow@nucleus.com](mailto:bharrow@nucleus.com) or call 403-201-4937. In the words attributed to Groucho Marx,

"Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana".

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*Brookes Harrow*

## Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet – March 3 & 4, 2017

We in Calgary are very fortunate to have so many model railroading activities to attend. Many are hosted by the CMRS, but others are organized by other groups or individuals. Such is the case with the Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet. A group of modelers who are interested in creating models as accurately as possible is hosting a meet on the same weekend as the CMRS Spring Mini Meet. All modelers are invited to attend.

The meet begins on Friday evening from 19:00 - 21:00 with a hands-on clinic on decoder installation. Each participant will bring a decoder ready engine, a decoder ( or sound decoder with speaker ) and tools i.e. screwdriver, cutters etc. The participants will install the decoder, after a roughly 1/2 hour clinic on decoder installation. Soldering stations will be provided for that aspect. There will be a computer with both DecoderPro and LokSound programming capabilities. There is a limit of 12 participants for this presentation. Pre-registration is required and cost for this session is \$15.00.



On Saturday, the general session takes place, beginning at 09:00. In their own words, the goal is to “provide a venue to exhibit how models are built to accurately reflect their real world counterparts past or present. Emphasis is placed on sharing information, modeling techniques and most importantly, displaying one’s own models.” This is basically a “Show and Tell” meet where modelers can bring engines, rolling stock, structures, etc. to show and share techniques and to get inspired to finish their projects. There is no model judging. These items need not be in the finished state. This is a chance for interaction between builders and modelers who would like to learn from the models being shown. In other words, it is an exchange of ideas. Admission for the Saturday meet is \$10.00 , under 12 Free. **FREE RAFFLE TICKETS (LIMIT OF 10) FOR BRINGING YOUR MODELS FOR DISPLAY**

In addition, four clinics will be presented on Saturday, to learn more about prototype equipment and operations. These are:

- 09:30 "Layout Design" by Cal Sexsmith. After Cal’s clinic, we will set up 1/2 hour sessions for those wanting Cal’s assistance with personal layout plans.
- 10:45 “Mail Extra 19 South” by Mike Westren. A brief history of CPR Mail Express Car No.3622, its career in preservation and its return to active service on the Champion Park Railway.
- 13:00 "Canadian Northern Introduction of Passenger Service Edmonton to Vancouver" by Colin Hatcher.
- 14:30 “Heritage Park’s Colonist Car Restoration Project” by Doug Phillips.

There will be a Lunch Break from 12:00 - 13:00. Coffee, soft drinks and chips will available on site. Pizza will be brought in at \$5.00 per person for those who wish to sign up.

All this takes place on Friday and Saturday, March 3 & 4, 2017 at ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 703 HERITAGE DRIVE SW, CALGARY.

For further information, updates, and Friday Clinic pre-registration, please contact:  
Dave Audley, 403-275-1869 ([daudley@telusplanet.net](mailto:daudley@telusplanet.net))

## **Trains Trains Trains, at Siding 29**

**Cave and Basin National Historic Site**

**May 20 to October, 2017**

Pull into the Cave and Basin in Banff (Siding 29) for a season of celebrating trains. Journey back to the 1880s to a rough-and-tumble railway labour camp. Discover how the hot springs put Banff on the map for train passengers from across the country and around the world. Ride the rails on a hand car, test your strength and skill at spike driving, sing along with hobos around a campfire, view historic photo exhibitions, and so much more.

We are planning a full summer of events and programs, some of which we hope will be of interest to railway enthusiasts like you.

On May 27 and 28, we are planning a weekend of Model Trains at the Cave where we will showcase a half dozen or so model railway exhibitors, with a special focus on the steam era. On the Saturday, we hope to also have the ¼ scale CP train, the Puffer Belly Express join us at the site. On July 7 and 8 we will be joined by



special guests from Iron Horse Park (Airdrie) with their 1/8th scale steam locomotive on 100 feet of portable track.

Hope to see you in Banff!

For more information, please contact Heather Walter, Parks Canada: [heather.walter@pc.gc.ca](mailto:heather.walter@pc.gc.ca)

## **CMRS Member’s Railside Diorama Builders**

This is an invitation to all CMRS members to take part in our groups booth. Hopefully we can inspire a few of you to finish a diorama of some sort, including some structures and landscape details. Those may be free standing... or could be intended to be eventually, included in a home or club layout. Any size and scale is welcome, you can even bring a small switching layout or a standard module.

Should you be in the process of modelling one of those fabulous “craftsman kits” we’ll like to help you to exhibit it. Or, if you have invested the time and effort to kitbash or to build something from scratch, may it be a model of the real thing (often rolling stock) or a freelance, fictional railside diorama, don’t hesitate to ask us for a spot at our booth.

A few years of experience has given us the idea how to protect your model from sticky fingers and allow serious on-lookers to inspect the detail up close. By mounting them on risers, up to a couple of feet from the table top, also allow you to add a short story card, photographs and other information.

Remember, there is no cost to your participation. However, it helps us if you write me an email once you plan to possibly have something ready. Helps me to apply for space, early. I also welcome suggestions and comments.

Finally, see you all at the spring Mini Meet and the show and tell.

For the informal grouping “CMRS Member’s Railside Diorama Builders”

*BJ Ersson*  
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## **Coming Events Schedule**

March 3, 4, 2017	Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet, ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 703 HERITAGE DRIVE SW, CALGARY.
<b>March 5, 2017</b>	<b>CMRS Spring Mini Meet and CMT Fleamarket</b>
March 18-19, 2017	Lethbridge Alta, Southern Alberta Model Railway Club Open House, Lethbridge, Info: Bill Smienk <a href="mailto:bsmienk@telus.net">bsmienk@telus.net</a> <a href="http://www3.telus.net/samrc/">http://www3.telus.net/samrc/</a>
March 25, 26, 2017	2017 Moose Jaw Model Train Show - <a href="#">details...</a>
<b>April 22, 23, 2017</b>	<b>SUPERTRAIN, Genesis Centre</b>
May 6-7, 2017	REGINA RAILFEST - Tartan Curling Club <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Regina-Railfest-2016-465866883620383/">https://www.facebook.com/Regina-Railfest-2016-465866883620383/</a>
May 19-21, 2017	PNR Meet, Red Deer, Alta (more info to follow later)

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