



The Order Board

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



Eastbound CP was climbing the hill between Lundbreck Falls and the village of Lundbreck on November 13th, 2017

Photo by Gord Smith

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President's Report

There was a good turnout for the Layout Tours again this year despite some difficult driving and parking conditions on the residential streets. Our thanks to the Layout hosts, **Calgary Free-Mo, Bob Hadlow, Brian Keay, Richard Johnson, Cal-O-Rail, Monty Schneider, Edmund Hopkin, Mike Westren and The Kitchen's**. I believe that everyone enjoyed the visits and came away with a few ideas to incorporate into their own layouts.

The CMT annual Fleamarket and our Spring Mini-meet are coming up on March 4th. Also on this weekend is the Prototype Modelers meet on March 2-3rd.



President's Report Continued...

Planning is well underway for SUPERTRAIN 2018 on the weekend of April 14th and 15th. As always we need volunteers to help make the show the success it is. Jim MacArthur is again handling the volunteer coordinator position so make sure to answer his call for volunteers when it comes. You can also sign up for volunteer positions at the upcoming Mini Meet.

*Al Matchett,
President, CMRS*

Layout Tours

This year we had in excess of 330 visits total to the open houses. That speaks volumes for the interest in our great hobby. I hope you all had a great time on your visits and broadened your knowledge and gained some insight of just what to do on your own layouts. Again, THANK YOU ALL and I look forward to next years tours.

Let's make it YOUR layout on the tours for 2019.

Bain Spielman

CMT Annual Fleamarket 2018

It's here!! The train is arriving!! It's time for the CMT Annual Fleamarket. You don't want to miss out!! There are still tables available, at least at the time of writing. Don't miss out, book your table now. Last year we sold out of tables. Some potential vendors were disappointed they could not get a table; so were the buyers who wanted to buy what they would have had for sale!

Don't miss out. Call or email now to book a table.
The facts:

- Date- Sunday March 4, 2018
- Time- 8:30 am to 11:00 am [Note the time.]
- Location- Glenmore Inn, corner of Glenmore Trail and Ogden Road
- Tables- \$20 for standard 2' X 8' size table (half tables are also available for \$10, to be shared)

Don't be disappointed when all tables are gone. To book a table, please contact me at brookes.harrow@shaw.ca or call 403-201-4937.

Brookes Harrow

RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 2 - 3, 2018
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
703 HERITAGE DRIVE S.W.
CALGARY, ALBERTA
ADMISSION: \$10, under 12: FREE
Covers Both Friday and Saturday Sessions
see page 5 for more details

Item Wanted: 1:20.3 Lenora and Mt Sicker ore gondola (Hartland kit?)

For sale: large collection of Canadian Triang CN locos, CP locos (both colours), freight cars, passenger cars, Super 4 track. Contact Bob McMechan 403-554-5905 bmcmecha@gmail.com



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
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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 for details.

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CMRS Spring Mini Meet

The Spring mini meet is coming up on Sunday, March 4th. The presentation room will be open for displaying your models. There should be a good collection of buildings on display from the “Bouma” building challenge, remember to bring your completed building to receive \$25 back from the purchase price.

The Clinic schedule will follow the CMT Fleamarket starting with the first clinic at 11:15



CMRS Spring Mini Meet

11:15-12:15	<p>Grant Morgan – CN Lines Sig</p> <p>The CN Lines Special Interest Group was formed within the National Model Railroad Association's mandate to facilitate the exchange and collection of railroad prototype and/or model railroad information with regard to specific topics. In the case of CN Lines SIG, that specific topic, from inception, continues to include a forum/forums for the exchange of information of common interest regarding the Canadian National family of railroads.</p> <p>Originally conceived prior to its first publication in 1989, the SIG continues to serve that role as the Canadian National Railways Historical Association (CNRHA). This clinic seeks to present the historical highlights of CN SIG / CNRHA as it enters into nearly 30 years of publication.</p>
11:15-12:15	<p>Doug Lee - Tools and Operating Scheme</p> <p>What tools and help are available to model railroaders to design and develop a suitable layout to meet their objectives and wants.</p>
12:15 – 1:00	<p>Lunch Break</p>
1:00 – 2:00	<p>Steve Ryan – Service Design at CP</p> <p>The Service Design department is a little known group inside a Class I railway. It's core responsibility is to provide for the proper flow of each individual railcar, load or empty, from origin to destination. Establishing the most cost effective route for traffic with what the Commercial department can sell to the market is a balancing act. Many factors are taken into consideration when setting the design. We'll explore how Service Design uses the traffic file to aggregate traffic into blocks of cars, how and why blocks are added to trains, the origin, route, destination and work each train is assigned, the factors in determining a train's route, as well as traffic connectivity between trains.</p>
2:00 – 3:00	<p>David Bedard - The Rise and Fall of Doris Yorke and the Trailer Princess.</p> <p>A look into the genesis, construction, and implementation of vertical staging (with a twist) on my Esquimalt & Nanaimo layout.</p>
2:00 – 3:00	<p>Brent Ciccone - Build Your Own DCC System for \$30</p> <p>You can build a fully functional DCC system using a few off the shelf components. I will demonstrate how to build a DCC system using an Arduino microcomputer, an Arduino motor shield and some free software. This Clinic will not be for those who are afraid of electrons or some simple computer programming.</p>



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RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET

FRIDAY MARCH 2

19:00 – 21:00

Photo Night

Participants are invited to bring 10 to 20 digital images or slides around the theme of modelable subjects. This can include locomotives, cars, structures, bridges, scenery or almost anything else. The idea is to inspire someone to build a model.

SATURDAY MARCH 3

09:00 – 16:00

Our goal: 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.

CLINICS AND PROTOTYPE PRESENTATIONS RUNNING ALL DAY

10:00 "Prairie Town" - by Bill Bergman and Norm Petherbridge. The concept, building and installation of three modules together with the flexible control panels that are being configured for the module and Bill's entire layout.

11:15 "CPR's Bowen Cars" – by Doug Phillips and Dave Audley. Often mistakenly referred to as Grove cars, this clinic will illuminate the history and design of these unique passenger cars.

12:15 - 13:00 Lunch Break, Coffee, Soft Drinks and Chips available on site. Pizza will be brought in at \$5.00 per person for those who wish to sign up.

13:15 "Scratchbuilding Structures" – by Doug Wingfield. Tools, materials, techniques to use and some mistakes to avoid.

14:30 "Dead Rail Society" by Gary Graham. Learn about the end to all model railroad electrical problems from wiring, shorts, intermittent contact, dirty wheels, and more.

FREE DRAW TICKETS (LIMIT OF 10) FOR BRINGING YOUR MODELS FOR DISPLAY

For further information and updates, please contact:
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SUPERTRAIN 2018

March is a very busy month for the SUPERTRAIN Committee, with multiple tasks to complete and get ready for the show. The advertising starts this month, and we usually find more activities on social media. If you are going to Red Deer or Edmonton between March 18th and April 14th, look at the Innisfail Digital Billboard for the SUPERTRAIN ad. The floor plan and exhibitors list are available on our website, www.supertrain.ca. Food trucks are selected, and the list has been posted on the website. The clinics and demonstration schedule has also been updated.



SUPERTRAIN NEEDS YOU! Another important aspect of the show is volunteers. Without volunteers, the show can't happen. We need over 200 volunteers to make the show a success, and we count on you, the CMRS members, to help. SUPERTRAIN is the main source of revenue for the Society, and that revenue is used to finance its other activities.

Over 100 volunteers have registered so far and the Committee thanks all of you that have volunteered your time. If you have not yet replied to the request for volunteers invite, we would really



appreciate it if you could promptly do so. To apply visit our website, <http://supertrain.ca>, and click Volunteer from the main page. There will be a volunteer application sheet at the March Mini-Meet where you can also give your name and contact information. Remember, volunteering gives you free admission to the show, a food voucher, and a chance to win one of the gift certificates drawn after the show. If you have any questions, please contact Jim McArthur at volunteer@supertrain.ca.

SAVE THE DATE! The Volunteer Orientation meeting will be held on Sunday, April 8th, from 1pm to 3pm, at the Genesis Centre. Come and meet with the Coordinators, learn about new changes for the 2018 show and ask them any questions you have. The name badges and food vouchers will be available to pick up. Refreshments will be served.

SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala will be held at the Glenmore Inn. At \$35.00 each, tickets are selling fast. Drinks are available from 5:00 pm, and dinner is served 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. To reserve your Gala tickets, contact Jeffrey Burk at 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 4th, or at the Volunteer Orientation meeting on April 8th.



The guest speaker at the Gala will be JASON SHRON, founder and president of Rapido Trains Inc., Canada's largest model train and bus manufacturer. He is also "The Guy With the Train in his Basement" on YouTube, as he built a full-size VIA coach in his house. He was instrumental in saving VIA Rail LRC locomotive #6917 for the Toronto Railway Historical Association, and through Rapido has preserved a VIA E Sleeper and an RDC. Rapido has expanded from a one-man-show to a core team of 10 people, all devoted to Canada's model train industry. Rapido has produced more accurate ready-to-run Canadian model trains than all other manufacturers combined. Jason will discuss the challenges facing the model railroad hobby today and the pitfalls of railroad preservation, and then he will open the floor for a question and answer session.

SUPERTRAIN admissions can be pre-purchased online. As of March 1st, the general one-day pre-purchased admission is \$14, and \$22 for the weekend (Ticket booth price is \$15 each day). Visitors who have pre-purchased their admission will have their on-line ticket scanned and will be given their wristband at a fast lane booth. To order, go to <http://supertrain.ca> and click on Online Advance Ticket, or visit the SUPERTRAIN Facebook page.

*Daniel Charest
Chairman SUPERTRAIN 2018*

SUPERTRAIN Registrar – the Scoop

Before I became Registrar for SUPERTRAIN, I had colour in my hair. Now it is all grey!!

The Registrar task for SUPERTRAIN is pretty straightforward:

- Send out invitations to everyone who has participated in the past few years, plus anyone else who expressed a desire to come, plus those you think should want to come.
- Wait for applications, and get some.
- Send out a reminder, and get some more.
- Send out another reminder, and get some some more.
- Send personal e-mails to those you know want to come, but have not sent in applications. Get some some some more.



- Find a way to fit in everyone on the fields considering how big they are, what shape they are, where they want to be, who they want to be next to, who they do not want to be next to, when they will arrive, how long it takes them to set up, how the Fire Department will approve the aisle widths, keeping Emergency Exits clear, ensuring traffic flows through all areas, and a few other constraints.
- Tell the exhibitors that they are accepted if they paid, and beat up on those who have not paid.
- Deal with last minute applications and withdrawals.
- Prepare drawings (all a bit different) for the show guide, the floor marking crew, the booth setup crew, the electrical crew, the security crew, the signs crew, and the Fire Department .
- Prepare the forms for the judges to judge.
- At the show, sort out screw-ups.
- After the show, have a beer - or three.

Volunteer for SUPERTRAIN – it is actually a blast.

*Jim Ironside
Registrar, SUPERTRAIN*

2017 Fine Scale Model Railroad Expo

The year’s premier craftsman structure convention was held November 2-3-4 in Altoona, Pennsylvania. From its genesis as the Craftsman Structure Show, the EXPO has maintained its focus on that portion of our hobby that helps us create realistic scenes with eye-popping detail. This year, CMRS members Brian Keay, Joe Sheppard and I attended.



Along with upwards of 300 attendees from all over North America, we spent time in clinics, at the vendor showcase, viewing contest entries and attending the closing gala. Before describing the EXPO in detail, I should share with you our itinerary in travelling there. Brian and I began by flying to San Diego and taking Amtrak’s Pacific Surfliner to Los Angeles, a trip that quite spectacularly follows the coastline at sunset. Meeting Joe at Los Angeles Union, we boarded train #422, The Texas Eagle for the 2728 mile ride to Chicago that follows the Mexican border for much of its route before turning north. Then it was on to Pittsburgh on the Capitol Limited for an early morning connection on the Pennsylvanian to Altoona.



Arriving Altoona after four overnights by rail, we rented a car to do a little railfanning. First stop was the local hobby shop, a well-stocked, model railroad focused one. To our delight, a regular visitor to the shop, on learning that we were from Western Canada, ushered us out to his car on the proviso that we not get out of the car on the tour he was about to guide. He was a sojourning Norfolk Southern engineer who with his status was able drive us through the heart of the railway yards and to show us the expansive locomotive servicing facilities. We saw line upon line of NS Thoroughbreds awaiting service and major repairs. What a treat! The next day or so was spent viewing trains on the three-track mainline that climbs the Horseshoe Curve up to the Galitzen Tunnels. We were also able to take in museums at Galitzen and Tyrone.

The EXPO’s platinum clinics got underway on the Thursday and we selected four each from a menu of ten 2 1/2 hour clinics. I spent one clinic on signage and billboards given by Doug Foscale (of FOS Scale Models), then clinics on swamp and wetlands modelling and on pastel paper building construction by Jon Addison, and on advanced scenery techniques by Jim Elster, owner of Scenic Express. Other clinics offered were on building illumination, water modelling, bridges, and many other aspects of structure building. On Friday morning, 25 regular one-hour clinics got underway that ran steadily through 5:00 PM Saturday, with two offered every hour and twenty minutes. You could soak up as much information and technique as your thirst, and stamina allowed. At noon on Friday, the Vendor Showcase opened with thirty premier craftsman structure vendors in attendance. This is a great opportunity to meet



with the owners and kit designers personally, photograph completed kits, get tips on construction, and of course drop a few hundred greenbacks. Two Canadian vendors were in attendance, Hunterline (who often comes to Supertrain) and ITLA who have fabulous backdrop buildings. I purchased



ITLA's Allstate Machine Service and D.V. Ross buildings pictured below and arranged to have these shipped after my return home. Joe had arranged to obtain the fabulous Cundy Hotel kit from Bar Mills and was able to spend time with Jack Ellis and Art Fahie discussing its construction and taking photos of the prototype on display. The Vendor Showcase was open through Saturday afternoon so there was plenty of time to examine things leisurely and be tempted in the process!!

On Friday and Saturday morning the contest room was open where fabulous entries were there to be examined up close and photographed. Of particular interest was Ron Poidomani's scratch built Waterbury Pen Co. featured recently in the December 2017 edition of RMC. There were many version's of Sierra West's stunning O'Neills Fabrication on display. You may recall that Mort Spelman presented this at Supertrain 2017. The winning contest entry was by Terry Stapleton and all the winning entries can be seen on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeLB9TAhhPk>.

Saturday evening was the Gala hosted by the ever ebullient Bob Mitchell (a Connecticut educator and 'zee' scaler); and, we were regaled by more hilarious model railroading stories from Bill Obenauf (an Iowa radio show host). Of course the real joy in attending this show is the opportunity to network with like-minded modellers from all over Canada and the United States. For those who have come with me on the bi-annual trek to the Springfield Massachusetts shows, it is this networking that has gained us entrance to see so many world class layouts over the years.

So, in conclusion, hats off to Jimmy Deignan, Doug Foscale, Hal Reynolds, and Bob Seckler for another great EXPO. Mark your calendars for November 1-3, 2018 in Albany NY and keep a watch on their website, <http://modelrailroadexpo.com>.

As a postscript to this, I returned home following VIA's Canadian route, completing 6,440 rail miles (not kilometres!). Many have asked me to compare Amtrak and VIA. My experience is that accommodation is more comfortable on Amtrak but that food is much, much better on VIA. Mind you, for both railroads the timetable is merely a suggestion, so go for the ride not the punctuality!! For the most part the on board staff on both Amtrak and VIA were terrific. Ride these trains while you can. The deficits are trying taxpayers' patience.

Geoff Southwood

Coming Events Schedule

March 2-3, 2018	Railway Prototype Modellers meet, ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 4, 2018	CMRS Spring Mini Meet - Glenmore Inn
March 4, 2018	CMT Flea Market - Glenmore Inn
March 24, 25, 2018	Moose Jaw Thunder Creek Model Train Show
April 14, 15, 2018	SUPERTRAIN
May 4-6, 2018	Railway Modellers Meet of BC, http://railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca/
October 14, 2018	CMRS Annual General Meeting

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

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