



The OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



A Collage of Images of some of the Structures on Show at the Recent Mini-Meet. See more photos in this issue

Photos by Richard Johnson

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President's Report

The Spring Mini Meet and CMT FleaMarket is over for another year, I bought a few items at the FleaMarket that I hopefully intend to get to sometime this year.

All five clinics were well attended and I wish to thank all the clinic presenters for doing such a great job. This year's Bouma kit building challenge was well represented with some truly extraordinary modelling on display. It is amazing to see how different people approach the challenge and what ideas are thought up to kit bash the stock building. A big thank you to everyone who brought in their modelling efforts for all to admire.



President's Report Continued...

SUPERTRAIN 2018 is fast approaching and the committee is finalizing the show details. As usual we need all the volunteers we can get to make the show a success. Jim McArthur has already sent out several invitations for volunteers, if you have not yet responded but can volunteer please let Jim know. Even volunteering for a single two hour shift will help out the society.

The Society has two CMRS Board Club Director and one Independent Director positions coming up for election at this year's AGM in October. Both Calgary Free-Mo and Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders must nominate a club member for their respective board seats. Independent Director Bain Spielman has reached the end of his first shortened two year term and can stand for election again, if he so chooses. The special two year term was a one time move to get the Director voting system in balance again.

If you have an interest in serving the Calgary model railroading community I highly encourage you to think about putting your name forward for the Independent seat. Please contact myself, or Rick Walker, if you have any questions regarding serving on the board or if you would like to put your name forward.

*Al Matchett,
President, CMRS*

Railway Modellers Meet of BC May 4-6, 2018 Burnaby, BC

The Railway Modellers Meet is the Lower Mainland meet of the 7th Division, Pacific Northwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association (Canada). To be held annually the meet features various activities for registrants, and grew out of the Trains and Vancouver Train Expo events. Activities will include layout tours, operating sessions, clinics and a meet luncheon.

The meet this year will be held at Simon Fraser University. Perched atop Burnaby Mountain, Simon Fraser University's original Arthur Erickson-designed campus now includes more than three dozen academic buildings and is flanked by UniverCity, a flourishing sustainable residential community. The meet timing is between school terms at SFU, making the world class classrooms and excellent accommodations available for our use. Not only does this location result in a nearly endless supply of excellent space designed for giving educating clinics, but also, remarkably convenient access and inexpensive, comfortable accommodations.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Bernard Kempinski. Bernard is an active model railroader who has worked in many scales from N through O. He is proprietor of Alkem Scale Models who has built many models on commission for museums and individuals. Bernard is a popular speaker at model railroading events and a freelance writer who has written dozens of magazine articles and several books on model railroading, many of them on layout planning. His latest book from Kalmbach Publishing is "Waterfront Terminals and Operations", released in 2017.

Bernard will be presenting a clinic on rail/marine modelling as well as a special post-luncheon talk titled "High Tech Approaches Applied to a 19th Century Railroad". In his talk he will cover the application of laser cutters, 3D printing, photo etching, battery power and casting techniques to model an unusual U.S. Civil War era steam prototype. Bernard's presentation promises to be a fascinating and interesting look at what is possible with the state of the art techniques available to all modellers. <http://railwaymodellermmeetofbc.ca/>



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
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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.

Deadline for the next issue is April 25, 2018

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SUPERTRAIN 2018

SUPERTRAIN is one month away and we are ready. The floor plan and exhibitors list are available on our website www.supertrain.ca.

There is still time to put your name in to volunteer at the largest model railroad show in Canada. To apply, visit our website, www.supertrain.ca and click on Volunteer from the main page. 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.

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 and ask them the questions you have. The name badges and food vouchers will be available for pick up. Refreshments will be served.

SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala will be held at the Glenmore Inn. Some tickets are still available, at \$35.00 each. Cash bar opens at 5:00 pm, and dinner will be 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 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. 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 www.supertrain.ca and click on Online Advance Ticket, or visit the SUPERTRAIN Facebook page.

I hope to see most of you at SUPERTRAIN!

*Daniel Charest
Chairman SUPERTRAIN 2018*

Potential CMRS Bus Trips

We are in the process of arranging a bus trip to Lethbridge to visit the Southern Alberta Model Railway Club along with a number of private layouts in the Lethbridge area. Final arrangements are pending, but the bus will probably depart from the Glenmore Inn in the morning, travelling to Lethbridge for tours of various layouts and maybe prototype locations, returning in the late afternoon. Arrangements for lunch will be made. Look for further information in the next OrderBoard.

We are also going to try to run a bus up to the Greater Edmonton Train Show in September. We tried this last year but didn't get enough interest, hopefully with more advance notice, people will consider this option.

Other potential bus trips are being looked at, if there is somewhere you would like to go and see that is railroad or model railroad related, drop Rob Badmington an email at badmington@shaw.ca

*Rob Badmington
Slide Night and Railfan Events*

Moving to a Larger Scale

Throughout my 44 give or take years of model railroading victories and disasters, I've dabbled in a number of scales. It all started when I was a kid, running my brothers HO/OO Tri-ang Hornby around a sheet of bare plywood. A few years after that I finally got my HO train set from Santa. I just about wore the wheels right off the locomotive in the years that followed. Between that train set and now, I have worked on several model railroads none of which have ever been completed. I went from HO to N, back to HO and back again to N. I moved a lot in my career and never built portable or even moveable layouts. Rip down the old railroad and start fresh after the move. Switching scales was usually dictated with available space in the new place.

With age, eyesight does not get better. How profound is that? I went from changing N scale coupler springs, to changing couplers to just plain changing the whole wheelsets. All, now, done under operating room intensity lighting and extreme magnification. I was coming to the realization that N scale was just not working for my ageing eyes. As luck would have it, a friend of mine showed me some nice On30 equipment that he had acquired. I was hooked from that moment! (Bonnie is still mad at you Brent!). I stripped the partially completed, finally portable N scale layout and started on the new On30 micro empire. Switching to O scale narrow gauge has made it possible to do 99% of my structure and vehicle modeling without a magnifying glass at all. The other 1% is painting eyeballs! Magnification still required!





I am now working on some O scale kits from Bar Mills. The first was Shady Grove Texaco and the second is Bull's Salvage.

These kits are not easy, nor difficult but, definitely a challenge. When they stress something in the directions

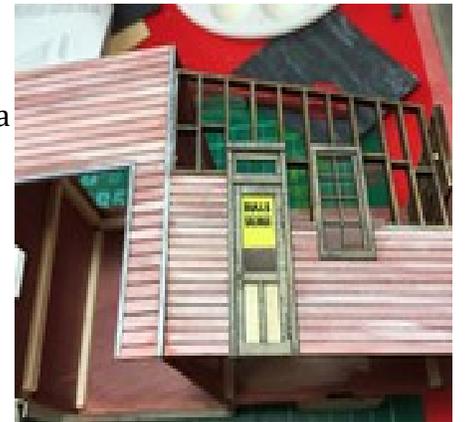


like "install interior bracing on the walls before painting, you are presented with a choice! Paint it first on both sides of the wall and weight it down assuming that will prevent warping and then really weight the warped walls down to install the bracing after. Or, install the bracing before painting. I suggest the latter.

I used Hunterline stains on all the wood components. I've used these stains for dirtying up freight cars with quick limited success but this stuff excels on wood. I used Bordeaux Red diluted by 50% for the walls and it was still a bit dark.

I dry brushed it with Vallejo off white to fade it a bit more..

I was so happy with these stains that I think I am going to use it on all the rest of the buildings on my layout. It works so much better and is easier to control than paint. A word of caution; this stuff is leather dye diluted with 70% isopropyl. Leather DYE! This stuff has dyed fingers, cloths, desk surfaces and carpet!



The construction of this kit is basically the same as most other brands of wood kits. Window and door assemblies have adhesive on one side so, no glue required. This makes them easy to assemble. The corrugated siding is worth a note. It is paper. All I did was cut it into scale pieces, prime it with grey, let it dry and then put a squirt of orange and black on my pallet, again, all Vallejo paint. This paint is nice also because it comes in a squirt bottle which can be applied onto a pallet one drop at a time. I brushed on a couple random strokes of black and then loaded the brush with orange and blended it. This siding is much nicer to paint then the old Campbell aluminium stuff. I started installing it with ACC and after gluing





the second piece to my finger, I remembered it is cardboard and switched to white glue.

The model itself is complete except for lighting, which will be the usual Just Plug system. The kit came with a load of junk details which is a bonus as the shops in Calgary do not stock any O scale details.

Chris Hawryluk



Kit Challenge from the Mini-Meet

All photos courtesy of Richard Johnson, more photos can be found on the CMRS website



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Coming Events Schedule

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| 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/ |
| Sept 22-23, 2018 | Heritage Park Railway Days |
| October 14, 2018 | CMRS Annual General Meeting |

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