



The Order Board

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



The Lethbridge Viaduct, One of many sites to be seen on the upcoming Lethbridge bus trip, tickets are still available.

Photo by John Sutherland

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President's Report

It appears the long winter is finally over and spring is here. For those who are into the garden railroad scene, then now is the time to start sprucing up the layouts for operation. For the rest of us with indoor layouts it probably means less time spent in the basement and more time working in the garden.



President's Report Continued...

SUPERTRAIN 2018 is over and we had a great show this year. Attendance was up almost 5% from last year, our online sales program went very well with 5.6% of attendees purchasing tickets online, 7.6% of attendees purchased their tickets on the shuttle buses with the remaining 86.8% purchasing tickets at the walk up ticket booths. For a more complete wrap up on the show check out Daniel Charest's report in this edition of the Orderboard.

I would like to thank the organizing committee members for putting in so much time and energy to make the show a success, all the exhibitors and vendors who sometimes come from long distances to attend the show, and especially to all the volunteers who came out to support the show. Without all your hard work there is no way we could put on Canada's biggest and best model railroad show.

The CMRS is putting together a subsidized day trip down to Lethbridge on Saturday, June 2nd for a layout tour of the Southern Alberta Model Railway Club plus approximately half a dozen private layouts. More details on the trip and how to reserve your spot are located in this Orderboard.

I hope everyone has a great spring and summer full of rail related activities.

*Al Matchett,
President, CMRS*

Bus Trip to Lethbridge – Sat., June 2

The date is set for Saturday June 2 and tickets are still available for our bus trip to Lethbridge. The bus departs at 8:00 am from the Glenmore Inn and will return about 6:00 pm. The tour will visit six home layouts as well as the N and HO scale layouts of the Southern Alberta Model Railway Club. If time permits, we will also visit the Galt Museum to see the magnificent HO scale model of the Lethbridge Viaduct under construction, as built by Master Model Railroader Bob Gardner. Of course, a visit to the actual bridge, hopefully with a train on it, is also planned.

The cost of a ticket for CMRS members is \$35.00 which includes a box lunch and snacks. For insurance purposes, all participants must be CMRS members, so non-members must also purchase a membership for an additional \$10.00. About half the available tickets were sold at SUPERTRAIN, so if you would like to go, please contact Bain Spielman at bainspielman@shaw.ca or (403)560-1896 as soon as possible to reserve your ticket. Please note that we cannot allow people to visit the layouts with private transportation – you must ride the bus to participate.

Bain Spielman & Rob Badmington

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
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 for details.

Deadline for the next issue is Sept 20, 2018

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SUPERTRAIN 2018

SUPERTRAIN 2018 is already behind us, and the 25th edition of the show has been another success. Over 200 volunteers and 400 exhibitors welcomed 11,430 visitors at the show, 524 more than last year. 586 admissions have been purchased online, not bad for the first year. Our visitors generously donated \$2,508 in cash to the Calgary Food Bank and 625 pounds of food. Eight food trucks were parked outside serving a variety of meals and sweets, for the pleasure of our visitors and exhibitors. And even Tim Horton's was there serving free coffee to our volunteers, exhibitors and visitors. The Iron Horse Park gave a total of 4,794 train rides. The children's play area, face painting, Henna Tattoo Artist, and story reading, were again very popular with the kids. Mayor Nenshi visited the show again this year.

The Genesis Centre is still a great venue, and a good partner to SUPERTRAIN. The parking is a real challenge, with many stalls filled in long before the visitors are in. After two years not using the City land on the South for parking, we can estimate we are losing about 1,000 visitors, that just don't want to use the bus shuttle. On the other hand, the shuttle helps us keep many other visitors, with an estimated 1,200 riders over the weekend. Unfortunately, there are no venues in Calgary that have sufficient parking for all of our guests, we just have to make do with what is available and maximize our use of those parking spots by ensuring that exhibitors in the show park elsewhere. There were parking spots that were unused behind the school for exhibitors again this year, it was a bit muddy getting across the field, but you could always go the long way around using the pavement and avoid having to walk in the mud.

The Saturday night Gala for our exhibitors and volunteers was again a great success. The Glenmore Inn once more served a fantastic meal. Jason Shron of Rapido Trains Inc. was an informative and entertaining speaker; and the draw for the many great prizes provided by our exhibitors was exciting and rewarding.

The layouts at the show were amazing. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the quality of the layouts and the number of hours the exhibitors have spent on them for the pleasure of our visitors. I also want to thank all of you who took the time to entertain and answer our visitor's questions.

For the layout judging, a new category has been introduced this year, Prototype. The unique junior layout was also awarded, Seguin HO. Congratulations to this year's winners:

- People's Choice Award – Calgary LEGO Train Club
- Scale Winner – LaBaja
- Scale Runner Up – Golden City Railway Modellers
- Fun Winner – Calgary LEGO Train Club
- Fun Runner Up – Thomas Goes Nowhere
- Prototype Winner – Railroad Watches & Clocks



- Prototype Runner Up – Calgary & South Western, Div. of CRHA

I'd like to thank the exhibitors for their continuing support of SUPERTRAIN. Some are new, and I sure hope you will come back next year. I also want to thank our volunteers and tell them how much they are appreciated. Some of us on the Committee have been pulled aside by many, to tell us about the volunteer's attitudes of being helpful, being polite, and being friendly. And last but not least, I want to thank my Team on the SUPERTRAIN Committee for the thousands of hours they put in to prepare and run the largest and best model train show in Canada!

Jon Calon is retiring from the SUPERTRAIN Committee. Throughout his 11 years with the team, Jon brought up innovations, and has been a key player to the SUPERTRAIN successes. One of Jon's roles, Graphic Designer, will need an immediate replacement. If you know how to use Adobe Illustrator and Indesign, or equivalent software, and would like to join the team, please contact me at daniel@dan-nscaler.com.

Save the date! The Genesis Centre is already reserved for next year's show, which will be on April 13-14, 2019. Thank you everyone and see you next year!

*Daniel Charest
Chairman SUPERTRAIN 2018*

Winner of VIA Trip Tickets

A draw was held from the names of those who volunteer at SUPERTRAIN and throughout the year at various CMRS events. This year's winner of VIA train tickets is Craig Tailbot. Have a great train trip Craig, and if you are looking for someone to go with you I am sure that we can find someone...

CMRS Bus Trip to GETS

In addition to the bus trip to Lethbridge, we would like to try to run a bus up to the Edmonton Train Show in September, Sept 15 to be exact. Last year a number of people failed to sign up in time, so we had to cancel the trip. The plan would be to spend a couple of hours or so at the train show, remember that the Edmonton show is much smaller than SUPERTRAIN so 2 – 2 1/2 hours would be plenty of time at the show. We would then plan a stop somewhere on the way back for supper and maybe stop at some rail fanning spots on the way back. We would probably use the Glenmore Inn for parking and meeting spot in the morning.

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*

Slide Night

Now that spring and summer weather has finally arrived in Calgary, it is time to get outdoors and take some photos of real trains. Slide Night is being planned for November, and we are always interested in seeing some of your best photography. Take note of Al's article later in his issue about being prepared!



If you have a subject you would like to present, please contact Rob Badmington at badmington@shaw.ca to arrange for some time in the program.

*Rob Badmington
Slide Night and Railfan Events*

Latest Project

Some of you might remember the Brass CPR H-1 a-b 2800-series Hudson that was up for sale at the flea market. Well, I snagged it, and here it is after an overhaul, DCC and paint. A lovely engine by all estimates. It debuted at Supertrain on the CMT layout, along with couple of G-2 Pacifics.



Dr. Mike Bromley

String Lanyard Deposits

We requested a deposit of 2 dollars for the string lanyards from vendors and exhibitors at SUPERTRAIN. They could get the 2 dollars back when they returned the string lanyard at the end of the show. If they did not come back to get their deposit (2 dollars) the amount was to be donated to the food bank. This venture made the food bank an extra 155 dollars and we also got many of our string lanyards back.

*Jim McArthur
Volunteer Coordinator*

Our Home & Miniature Land Inc.

Like many of you, I've had a passion for building model railways for many years. And perhaps like some of you, I have dreamed of building bigger, more detailed layouts, with more trains, and more animation. That dream is becoming a reality for me, and for our team at Our Home & Miniature Land.

Inspired by the incredible Miniatur Wunderland in Hamburg, Germany, Our Home & Miniature Land is creating a vast animated indoor miniature world attraction in the heart of downtown Toronto. We've built three destinations – Toronto, The Golden Horseshoe and Ottawa-Gatineau, which fill 7,500 square feet in



our pilot warehouse, and we're planning our next three destinations, to get to launch in early 2019.



*Dave MacLean
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Notice of Annual General Meeting

In accordance with our bylaws, the Calgary Model Railway Society Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct 14, 2018 at 13:00 at the Glenmore Inn.

The agenda will be:

- Approval of 2017 minutes
- Reports from Directors
- 2018/19 Budget
- Election/ Ratification of Directors
- Other Business
- Business from the Floor

All CMRS Members are invited to attend. A lunch will be provided starting at 12:00.

*Jim Ironside
Secretary CMRS*

Layout Tours 2019

This seems a bit early but it is never too early to give you modellers a heads up to start considering having your layouts open for next years' layout tours. The dates for 2019 are tentatively set as February 9th and 10th. Those who would like to participate can start now to get ready to open your layout to the CMRS membership. Remember your layout can be at any stage of construction, not necessarily finished. Please contact me if you are considering having your layout on the tour. bainspielman@shaw.ca

*Bain Spielman
Layout Chair, CMRS Board*

The One That Got Away

I was in Field, BC to do some railfanning and took what I think are some pretty good pictures. However there is one picture that I had framed in my mind that just was not to be.

After arriving in Field and waiting about half an hour, I heard the approach of an eastbound on the scanner and a little later by ear as it worked hard up the grade. I took a few pictures of 8706 East as it pulled into the



west end of Field yard.



After the crew change at Field, 8706 East continued on up the Big Hill. Over the scanner I heard the RTC advise a foreman clearing snow on the divided track at the continental divide that he was to expect two trains so I assumed another eastbound would be arriving shortly. Wanting different scenery, I moved over to the east end of Field right at the base of the Big Hill grade. And there I waited and waited and waited. Another snow clearing machine came out from Field and started to clear the east end switch. I got a few pictures of this as at least it was something moving!

After an hour or so the scanner came to life with a defect detector announcing a movement and a bit later 8112 West calling out signal indications. This was looking better as the sun had finally come out from behind Mt. Dennis and I had a good shot with Mt. Stephen in the background. I switched to my wide angle 12-24mm lens and took a few test pictures. Finally 8112 West came around the bend and down the last grade. On the point was a shiny red GE AC44CWM (rebuilt from an AC44CW) that looked brand new. As it came closer I fired off a sequence of shots. Just as it got into position for the shot I had in my mind, my camera refused to take any more pictures. Annoyed, I gave up, put my camera aside and admired the 8112 as it passed by. I don't think it had a speck of dirt on it! After the train stopped for the crew change, I went back to my camera and tried to take another picture. Again, no luck, so I finally looked at the screen to see the dreaded words "Memory Card Full". In all my setup for what I thought was going to be 'the' shot of the day I never once looked at the picture counter to see how many estimated shots were left. I had other memory cards in my camera bag so I was prepared, but just missed that one little pre-check. Oh well.



After I looked at the last picture that I was able to get of 8112 West, it is not bad but I just wanted the locomotive to be a bit closer to me so it stood out more. The morale of the story is to check everything with your camera beforehand.

When I talked to my wife about this little episode she asked in jest why I simply did not ask the train crew to back up the train so I could try again! If only it worked that way.

*Al Matchett
President, Calgary Model Railway Society*

Coming Events Schedule

May 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 2018	Heritage Park - Day Out With Thomas
June 2, 2018	CMRS Bus Trip to Lethbridge
Aug. 16 - 19, 2018	Alberta Free-mo 15th anniversary 1000' Challenge meet, Big Valley Alberta
September 15, 16, 2018	Greater Edmonton Model Train Show http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/great_edmonton_model_train_show
Sept 22-23, 2018	Heritage Park Railway Days
October 14, 2018	CMRS Minimeet and Annual General Meeting
April 13, 14, 2019	SUPERTRAIN 2019

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