



The OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



A montage of some photos taken during the recent Layout Tours.

Photos by Selwyn Morris and Brent Ciccone

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President's Report

Even with the ongoing cold weather we had a good turnout for the layout tours weekend. The cold tends to keep people indoors, so I hope good progress was made on everyone's model railroad projects.

You will find the results of the recent CMRS survey in this issue of the Orderboard. I want to thank all the members that filled in the survey, the CMRS board will be using your ideas and input for some time to come.

The annual CMT FleaMarket and Spring Mini Meet will be coming up on Sunday March 3rd. I look forward to seeing several you at this anticipated event. Our hard-working clinic event coordinators have put together a good selection of clinics for your edification.



President's Report Continued...

Remember that SUPERTRAIN 2019 is coming up on the weekend of April 13th and 14th. You should have seen a second request come your way for volunteers, please ensure you sign up for those who are able to help. We always need more volunteers to make the show the success it is.

*Al Matchett,
President, CMRS*

CMRS 2019 Survey

Late in 2018, the CMRS Board of Directors approved a survey of the CMRS membership to find out what CMRS members think of the organization and obtain input as to what you would like to see for future events. As far as the current board is aware this is the first ever survey of the members.

Early in January 2019, the survey was sent out to all members who have provided email addresses. A total of 296 survey invitations were sent out with 208 responses for a participation rate of 70%. That is a very impressive response rate and I greatly appreciate all those members who took the time to complete the survey and provide your opinions.

Now on to the results...

For the first question about event attendance, it was no surprise that most members (94%) attend SUPERTRAIN. The Spring Mini Meet came in next at 60% of members attending followed by the Fall Mini Meet and AGM at 50%. I strongly suspect the difference in the two event attendance numbers can be attributed to the CMT FleaMarket held in conjunction with the Spring Mini Meet. Layout tours attracted 43% of members, Slide Night 28%, Railfan Events 13% and the kit building challenge attracted 11% of members.

Since I am on the SUPERTRAIN committee, the second question about volunteering at the yearly show was interesting. A total of 55% of the respondents volunteer, 19% attend as exhibitors, and the remaining 26% do not volunteer with health issues indicated as the main reason for not being able to volunteer. Having 74% of members involved with the SUPERTRAIN show in one way or another is good news.

The next two questions were regarding the clinics the CMRS put on at each Mini Meet. Scenery clinics came in as the most requested topic (with 58%). This was a surprise to the board members involved in setting up the clinics as we have not had many scenery related clinics recently. DCC, structures, non-DCC electronics and weathering clinics all came around the mid 40% range. There were some very interesting clinics requested in the write in 'other' category. We also asked the members if they would be interested in presenting a clinic and had a good 23% of respondents say they would. The board members in charge of clinics will use this information to help plan future clinics and have already contacted those members who said they would be interested in presenting. We feel we have enough ideas and clinicians to be good for the next year or two.

Question five was a free text write in for potential railfan events, 141 members provided their input. A common request were the various CP and CN facilities around the Calgary area. We will try again to set something up, but our experience has been that both railroads are very reluctant to provide tours for various reasons.



The entire board was pleased with the response on the value received by members for their yearly \$10 membership cost. A full 85% of respondents thought their membership was very or extremely valuable. Ninety-five percent of members read the Orderboard which really delights your hard working Orderboard editor. Remember that he is always looking for new content to add in to each edition. For potential Orderboard topics, construction articles were mentioned by 70% of respondents.

The last question was to characterize the age of the membership. As expected, we are an older crowd with 84% of members older than 55. This raises the inevitable question of attracting younger members into the CMRS. This is a problem shared with all model railroad organizations and I do not profess to have an answer. You can see the survey summary data [here](https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/news-archive.html) or from the News page <https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/news-archive.html>

The board is of the opinion this was a worthwhile exercise and plan to send out another survey in a couple of years time. Notification will be provided on the next survey, so the membership is prepared and knows it is legitimate.

*Al Matchett,
President, CMRS*

LAYOUT TOURS 2019

I would like to take this time to thank the hosts who took the opportunity to open their layouts to our membership.

Unfortunately, due to the very cold weather, the turn-out was less than expected, but to those souls who did venture out a big THANK YOU.

We did have over 200 visits after all was said and done. Again, to the hosts thank you and I look forward to better weather next year.

*Bain Spielman
Layout tours*

Wanted

I need some A-WEST blacken it, full or part bottles, Also 3 HO log cars. Ph. 403-396-5316, e-mail westcrr@gmail.com Mort Spelman

GET THEM READY!

For those of you who were thinking about displaying your layouts this year and didn't, please do consider in 2020. The dates are a little later next year and hopefully the weather will be a little more considerate. 2020 dates are Saturday, February 22nd, North and Sunday, February 23rd, South.

Remember layouts can be at any stage from under construction to finished. For those new to the hobby and just starting construction this could be a good time to get those little hints from your visitors that may have you scratching your head over. Contact Bain at 403-560-1896.

*Bain Spielman
Layout tours*



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 March 20, 2019

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CMRS Kit Challenge

A Reminder that if you haven't started your "Allie's Ice Cream" kit by now, you had better get going! To receive your refund of \$25 for the kit you need to build it and display it at the upcoming Spring Mini-meet.

Looking forward to seeing all the completed kits at the spring mini meet.

Peter Bouma

Reference Libraries Available

C&SW, a division of the CRHA, has inherited two major libraries from deceased members. One with a focus on British Railways the other one on Canadian.

Everyone is welcome to visit, read, buy, borrow or steal books and magazines. Please email BJ at bcersson@xplornet.com for information, arrangements, place and times.



CMT Annual Fleamarket 2019

This is the second and last notice of the 2019 CMT Annual Fleamarket. Tempus Fugit! Time is getting close. Make haste to be ready for the Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Annual Fleamarket. If you don't have anything to sell, come out and meet old friends. And you might find the one bargain that has eluded you until now. Again this year, this event will be held together with the CMRS Spring Mini Meet.

Your TODO checklist-

- 1/ book your table or tables
- 2/ finalize preparation of your surplus model railroad supplies for sale
- 3/ circle the date on your calendar

The facts:

- Date- Sunday March 3, 2017
- Time- 8:30 am
- Location- Glenmore Inn, corner of Glenmore Trail and Ogden Road

Tables- \$20 for standard 2' X 8' size table

(Half tables can be booked for \$10. We will match someone to share the table with you)

Tables always go quickly, so don't miss out. Tick-tock! To book a table, please contact me at bharrow@nucleus.com or call 403-201-4937.

If you have already requested a table but have not a yet received a confirmation, could you please resubmit a request.

See you on March 3rd.

*Brookes Harrow
CMT*

CMRS Diorama Builders Showcase – HELP!

The CMRS Diorama Builders Showcase is in a dire need of one, or a couple, of volunteers for the SUPERTRAIN Show coming up. Due to family reasons, I have to go overseas. I have most of the stuff needed, but the transportation and setup/take-down, as well as attending the event on site, requires a coordinator. Please email me, BJ , at bcersson@xplornet.com for more info and planning. I will be attending the CMRS Spring meet, so you can discuss it with me there.

We are hoping that everyone who builds the "Allie's Ice Cream" kit will display it at our booth at SUPERTRAIN.

BJ Ersson

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Spring Mini Meet

The following is a brief description of the Clinics to be presented at the Mini Meet on Sunday, March 3 at the Glenmore Inn.

11:00 – 12:00 Don Thomas CP Stations

My clinic will illustrate some of the many types and styles of stations used by the Canadian Pacific Railway. While CP stations often varied significantly over time and between regions, they exhibited some common features distinguishing them from those of other railways. Join me to take a tour of the system over the years.

11:00 – 12:00 Roger Walker Scratch building a signal

This clinic consists of a slide presentation of how I scratch built the intermediate signal between Sunalta and Brickburn. I measured and photographed the prototype, and used brass shapes to construct the signal. I will emphasize how the shapes were used, and address many of the problem-solving issues that arose. I also used some scrap styrene pieces and one red/green LED. Lettering on the signal was produced in photoshop using the prototype photos. Total cost was well under \$10, and the only tools were a simple drill press, many files, and a simple soldering iron from Canadian Tire. The signal will be on display at the clinic.

1:00 – 2:00 Kevin Pyle Scratch Building Structures

Do you have ambitious layout dreams but not enough time to fulfil them? That's my dilemma too. I'm Kevin Pyle and I'm modelling the Kootenay's from Cranbrook to Midway BC. The layout is large, triple deck and has many structures, some of them the historic stations we just love. Join me as I share the methods I've developed, and continue to develop of modelling structures, both simple and complex in a fraction of the time you might expect.

1:00 – 2:00 Geoff Southwood Slide Show

At the CMRS Slide Night held in November, slides were presented on railroading in New England in the 1960s. What can we learn from slides and how can we source the modelling supplies and techniques to bring an era to life on your model railroad.

2:00 – 3:00 Doug Lee Fine tuning rolling stock for better operation

Doug Lee will show how to check and adjust car weight, couplers and wheels so one's trains operate reliably; the same techniques are valid for locomotives. He will demonstrate the techniques using HO scale Intermountain and Rapido freight cars, Walthers lightweight and heavyweight passenger cars, and Kadee couplers. This is an informal 1-hour workshop, and attendees can drop in and leave at any time. Attendees are welcome to bring an owned piece of rolling stock for checking, but to avoid the risks of damage, the host will not adjust an attendee's equipment.

2:00 – 3:00 Jeffrey Burk Adhesives

We will look at the different adhesives, glues and solvents and discuss features and benefits of the various



types. We will discuss where and how to use them in various facets of our hobbies.

In addition to the Show and Tell room, there will also be a slide show running from 1:00 – 3:00. This will be a repeat of some of the slides from slide night.

*Paul Clegg
Mini Meets*

Calgary Prototype Modellers Meet

The annual Proto Modellers Meet is coming to St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive SW. The Friday evening and Saturday sessions are on March 1 & 2. Admission Covers Both Sessions: Adults: \$10, under 12: Free. This is the same weekend as the CMRS Mini Meet. For further information and updates, please contact: Dave Audley, 403-275-1869 (daudley@telusplanet.net)



SUPERTRAIN 2019

March is a very busy month for the SUPERTRAIN Committee. The advertising starts this month, and we usually see more activities on social media. The floor plan and exhibitors list are available on our website, www.supertrain.ca. The clinics and demos schedule is also updated and posted on the website. To save hundreds of dollars on postage, we are no longer mailing posters to members. Some will be available at the Mini Meet on March 3rd, or it can be found on the main page of our website and printed.

ARE YOU A SUPERTRAIN VOLUNTEER? Without volunteers, the show can’t happen. We need over 200 volunteers to make the show a success, and we count on you, CMRS members, to help. SUPERTRAIN is the main source of revenue for the Society, and to finance its activities.

Over 100 volunteers registered so far, and the Committee thanks all of you that gave your name already. If you have not yet replied to the invite, we would really appreciate it if you could promptly do so, to better plan and accommodate your desired position and schedule. To apply visit our website, <http://supertrain.ca>, and click Volunteers from the main page. There will also be a volunteer application sheet at the March Mini-Meet where you can 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 question, please contact Jim McArthur at volunteer@supertrain.ca

SAVE THE DATE! The Volunteer Orientation meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7th, 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 to pick up. Refreshments will be served.

SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala will be held at the Glenmore Inn, on Saturday, April 13th. 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 March Mini Meet or at the Volunteer Orientation meeting on April 7th. Please note that you have up to a week prior to the show to purchase your gala ticket, so don't wait and order them now.



SUPERTRAIN is celebrating its 25TH ANNIVERSARY this year. This is a big milestone, and for this special occasion, founding members have been invited, and 6 are attending the gala. Some of them will come up on the stage and talk about the beginning of the CMRS and SUPERTRAIN, and how it was 25 years ago.

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 2019*

Kootenay Express 2019

A reminder about the upcoming NMRA – Pacific Northwest Region Annual Convention to be held in Cranbrook BC. This five day event includes layout and prototype tours, clinics, a train show, model and photography contests, a banquet, and full access to the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel. The convention runs from May 29 through June 2 at the Prestige Hotel. If you are not already a member of the NMRA, for only \$20 you can join through the Rail Pass program, which gives you full access to all NMRA benefits and programs for 6 months.

Visit the website <https://www.kootenayexpress2019.ca/> to get all the latest information.

Coming Events Schedule

March 2, 2019	Prototype Modellers Meet
March 3, 2019	CMT Flea Market
March 3, 2019	CMRS Spring Mini Meet
March 23, 24, 2019	Moose Jaw Thunder Creek Model Train Show
April 13, 14, 2019	SUPERTRAIN 2019
May 29 - June 2, 2019	THE KOOTENAY EXPRESS 2019, hosted by the 6th and 7th Divisions of the PNR in Cranbrook, B.C.

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

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