



# The Order Board

## Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



*On a warm summer day a buck and doe are by the river drinking when a train  
Passes over head which causes the buck to become alert while the doe casually keeps on drinking.*

*Model and photo by Mort Spelman*

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### President's Report

I was unable to attend the recent Spring Mini Meet and CMT Fleamarket but from all accounts I have heard, it was another success. A full slate of clinics was put on and all were well attended. Thank you to all the clinicians who volunteer their time to put together and present each clinic. And thanks to all the members who came out to peruse the deals at the Fleamarket and take in a clinic.

Based on the Bouma kit building challenge photos on the CMRS website, we had a great turnout for this year's event. Just like last year, the ingenuity and creativity when it comes to kit bashing a standard kit is just incredible. I must humbly report that my kit is still in its original packaging, I had great intentions but those don't help at all to actually put it together. I hope to be able to show off



## *President's Report Continued...*

my version of Allie's Ice Cream at a later date.

SUPERTRAIN 2019 is coming up fast and we are again short of volunteers. Some normal positions have had to be eliminated in order to shift what volunteers we have into more critical positions. I realize from the recent survey results that our membership is getting on in years but if you are a member of the society and you have the fitness to be able to assist then I strongly urge you to help us out for a least one shift. You can volunteer online by going to [Supertrain.ca](http://Supertrain.ca) and clicking on the 'volunteers' link. Unfortunately, the lack of volunteer situation is becoming more common and the SUPERTRAIN committee will have to look at alternate means to keep the show a going concern for future years.

The Society has two CMRS Independent Director and one Club Director positions coming up for election at this year's AGM in October. Calgary Model Trainmen must nominate a club member for their board seat. Independent Director Rob Badmington has reached the end of his first three-year term and has indicated he will not seek re-election for another three-year term. I have reached the end of my two consecutive three-year terms and must step down from the board. 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 seats. Please contact me 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*

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## **SUPERTRAIN 2019**



SUPERTRAIN is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year.

The Calgary Model Railway Society was formed in early 1994 to promote the hobby of Model Railroading and to encourage fellowship among rail enthusiasts. One of the activities of the Society back then was a weekend Model Rail Show, where local clubs were collectively and collaboratively presenting their layouts. This show has grown to this large family event and Canadian largest train show now known as SUPERTRAIN.

The SUPERTRAIN Committee is very active, completing the final steps to make this show another successful one. Committee members have spent hundreds of hours preparing the 25th SUPERTRAIN. If you cross one of them at the show, please take a minute to thank him or her.

To save hundreds of dollars on postage, we are no longer mailing posters to members. Please visit our website, [www.supertrain.ca](http://www.supertrain.ca), print some and post them at work, groceries, community centres, etc. Don't under estimate them, they work and gives the public awareness of our train show.

Parking is the main reason the show doesn't grow as much as we would like. The additional parking at the McKnight-Westwinds C-Train station and the free shuttle buses are available again this year. We encourage all of you to use them and save time and frustration going around and around the Genesis parking lot to find that one spot available.

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), children 15 and under are free. 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.

Hope seeing you at the show!

*Daniel Charest* Chairman,  
*SUPERTRAIN 2019*

## ***Optional Reserve Pricing Comes To Boomer Auction***

The annual South Bank Short Lines (SBSL) Boomer Auction has always accepted reserve pricing on brass. Effective 2019 we open up reserve pricing to any valuable items, for a fee.

We recognize that over the last 20 years, the quality of plastic locomotives has advanced hugely, and often so too have the retail prices. This has been especially true for steam locomotives, with detail rivalling the best brass, and now we have DCC and Sound Equipped locos that are worth hundreds of dollars. Add in the cost of some of the top quality structure kits and of course G scale locos and cars, and I think you can see why the ability to name a reserve price could be very helpful on many better quality items.

We anticipate that the prime focus of the auction will remain modestly priced used equipment sold without reserve, something we've been proud to offer the modelling community for some 40 years, but now sellers have the option to bring more valuable pieces, perhaps more unique items that might have a limited market.

We know that when there is a reserve price, it takes extra time to sell the item, not to mention arranging for its sale, and that putting reserve prices on most items would change the traditional purpose of the auction. It is for these reasons that we set a reserve fee of \$20 per item carrying a reserve price. This will ensure that only more valuable items will carry a reserve.

There is an art to setting reserve pricing - too high and you discourage bidding, too low and you risk kicking yourself after the auction. Some of our members have considerable experience with prices of used model railway equipment and can help you with this but it is the seller's final decision what price to set.

The \$20 fee for each item with a reserve price is payable before the start of the auction. this fee is payable whether the item sells or not, and if it does sell, the usual 15% commission applies in addition.

The auctioneer will announce that there is a reserve on the item when it comes up. Bidding will start below the reserve price and when that price is reached it will be announced that this is so.

Sellers can notify the SBSL staff when they apply for their table number that they will have items with a reserve but we will have staff coming round during set up and up to 15 minutes before the start of the auction to collect the fee, help set a realistic reserve price if you need it, and arrange identification of items with a reserve for the auctioneer.

Sellers are advised not to leave your table until you have let a member of SBSL of your intention to sell items with a reserve price and we'll make sure that our reserves staff will visit you.

So, what does this mean for the modelling community? Well, sellers should feel more comfortable bringing



an item that cost several hundred dollars. The reserve price will reflect not only the cost of the item, but also the popularity and how strongly the seller feels the need to move the item. Buyers will start to see more interesting and valuable pieces coming to the auction which is entertaining even if we don't bid, and who knows, it could be a centre piece of our layout or collection.

The 2019 Boomer Auction is as always the Saturday after Thanksgiving, this year Saturday October 19, held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on Heritage Drive, doors open at 08:30. Dining Car opens at 09:30 and Auction starting at 10:00.

*George Barr*

## **VIA RAIL TICKET**

Again this year VIA Rail has donated a Travel Voucher to CMRS to use as a prize for recognition of a member's volunteering for a CMRS event this year. The draw will be done at the Saturday night reception. There is still time to volunteer and have a chance to win the Travel Voucher.

*Monty Schnieder*

<p><b>MEMBERSHIPS</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Completed forms and payment can be mailed to:</p> <p><b>The Calgary Model Railway Society</b>  <b>PO Box 8071, Station A</b>  <b>Calgary, AB T2H 0H7</b></p>	<p><b>ADVERTISING</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact the Editor at <a href="mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca">orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca</a> for details.</p> <p><b>Deadline for the next issue is April 30, 2019</b></p>
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## CMRS Membership Renewals

The CMRS booth at SUPERTRAIN will be selling new and also renewing Memberships, all members should check their expiry date as about half the membership needs to renew. Cost is still \$10.00 a year and can be purchased for up to 5 years.

*Selwyn Morris  
Memberships*

## Saturday Night Gala

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 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.

*Jeff Burk  
Saturday Gala Coordinator*

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*Maintenance vehicle in Banff Alberta (taken 06/09/04) Photo by Rhod Hubbard*



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## SUPERTRAIN 2019 – Call for Volunteers



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.

Many of you have registered so far, and the Committee thank 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.

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](mailto: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.

*Jim McArthur  
Volunteers Coordinator*

## CMRS Kit Challenge

The CMRS Kit building challenge was a success again this year with some 17 built kits displayed at the spring mini-meet. Photos of the displays can be seen on the CMRS website under [events](#).

## CMRS Diorama Builders Showcase Cancelled

The CMRS Diorama Builders Showcase at SUPERTRAIN will be cancelled for this year. Due to family reasons, I have to go overseas and I have been unable to find anyone else who would be able to look after our booth at SUPERTRAIN this year.

*BJ Ersson*



## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diorama Challenge

In honour of the CMRS 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are going to have a diorama challenge for the Fall mini-meet. The challenge is to build something, anything, within a square that is 25 cm by 25 cm (9 7/8 inches square). Any scale, any subject matter, the only restriction is that it has to fit into that 25 cm square, it can go up as high as you want (Calgary Tower anyone?).

There will be a popular vote and the winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate at a hobby shop of their choice.

Start thinking of what you might build, if you build in Z scale you could build a whole layout, in G scale maybe only one figure would fit!

## 5080 Arrives at Aspen Crossing



The owners of Aspen Crossing in Mossleigh, Alberta have acquired a steam locomotive from the city of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. The locomotive was on display in Prince Albert since 1966 but the city has had trouble funding maintenance on the locomotive. The locomotive was recently moved to the town of Mossleigh where it is hoped that it can be restored to operating condition.

The locomotive is a CNR J class 4-6-2 Pacific built by MLW in 1914 that ran for many years between Hudson's Bay and La Pas.

Here is a video of the cranes lifting the locomotive from the flat bed trailer onto the tracks.

<https://www.facebook.com/AspenCrossing/videos/locomotive-5080-is-on-track-mossleigh-alberta/253630925543991/>



Here is a video of it being loaded onto the flat bed truck:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLtZsmDXr3Q&feature=youtu.be>

*Photos by John Morphy*



## CMRS Bus Trip

The board is entertaining the thought of another bus trip west on the week-end of September 20th to 22nd, 2019 (hopefully we can get past Three Valley Gap this time!).

A tentative agenda would be;

Sept. 20th; Calgary to Three Valley Gap for overnight stay.

Sept. 21st; Three Valley Gap to Kelowna and a ride on the Kettle Valley Railroad at 1:30. Then on to a wine tour for the rest of the day.

Sept. 22nd, Return to Calgary with stops of interest along the way.

Cost will depend on how many are going and will include meals and lodging as required and any tours. Based on the tour of two years ago the estimated cost would be on the order of \$280 - 350 per person double occupancy, plus GST.

*Bain Spielman  
Railfan Events*

## 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

<b>April 13, 14, 2019</b>	<b>SUPERTRAIN 2019</b>
May 3 - 5, 2019	Railway Modellers Meet of BC, at Simon Fraser University
May 25, 26, 2019	Model Train Exposition, Montreal
May 29 - June 2, 2019	THE KOOTENAY EXPRESS 2019, hosted by the 6th and 7th Divisions of the PNR in Cranbrook, B.C.
<b>Sept 20-21, 2019</b>	<b>CMRS Bus Trip</b>
<b>Nov. 8, 2019</b>	<b>Slide Night, Friday Nov. 8 at River Park Church, 3818 - 14A St. SW. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the show starts at 7:30</b>

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