



The Order Board

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



Via Rail 6459 plugged in and awaiting departure at Jasper

Photo by Rhod Hubbard

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President's Report

As I write this, it is another dreary spring weekend with cool temperatures and snow flurries, so perfect weather for indoor model railroading! Of course, that is not so good for the outdoor model railroaders but I'm sure good weather will arrive soon.

SUPERTRAIN 2019 is over and this one ran very smoothly with few issues to report. Unfortunately, show attendance was down 17% from last year with a resulting loss of revenue. The organizing committee is unsure why the large drop occurred, potential suspects are the continuing soft economy in the Calgary area and the Alberta election the Tuesday after the show.



President's Report Continued...

On a positive note, the online sales program had the same amount of sales as last year even with the overall drop in attendees showing this sales outlet is a valuable tool for the show. For a more complete wrap up on the show check out Daniel Charest's report below.

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 it would be impossible to put on Canada's biggest and best model railroad show.

We are still looking for members interested in serving on the CMRS Board of Directors. I can personally attest that it is very interesting and rewarding work and I would highly encourage anyone who has an interest to stand for election. If you are interested or have questions about what it is like to serve on the board, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Rick Walker.

*Al Matchett,
President, CMRS*

SUPERTRAIN 2019

If I had to find an adjective for the 25th edition of SUPERTRAIN, I would not hesitate to select SMOOTH. The setup and take down have never been as smooth, many vendors and exhibitors mentioned it to us. The admissions went smoothly, with manageable lineups. After being at the Genesis Centre for 5 years, their staff and many of our volunteers know the place and what to do, so the general operations went smoothly as well. Same with the 8 food trucks on site, they are now used to the show, and also know what to do. But despite all that "SMOOTHNESS", we unfortunately had a drop in the attendance, to a little shy of 9,500 visitors. This is about 1,950 less than last year, and 1,400 less than two years ago. The Committee is already analyzing the situation and trying to find out the root cause for this drop. Some good ideas to attract more visitors have already been proposed and will be evaluated for the next show.

I would still qualify the show a success. Kids and their parents were very happy being at the show. The face painting ladies and Henna Tattoo artist were very popular again, and Iron Horse Park got 3835 riders, with many new ones interested in visiting them this summer. The Children's Play Area is another popular spot; have you seen our new tables and toys we had this year? Our visitors generously donated \$3,057 in cash to the Calgary Food Bank and 395 pounds of food.

The Saturday night Gala at the Glenmore Inn was again a success. For the 25th anniversary of the CMRS and SUPERTRAIN, the original founders were invited. Unfortunately, two of them, Bert Haines and Bill Marshall, are no longer with us, but six out of the seven, accepted the invitation. Andrew Cocker was unable to make the trip from England. One of them, Alan Hough, made a moving presentation named "the Birth of the CMRS", in which he explained what their motivation and vision were 25 years ago. For the occasion, SUPERTRAIN, in collaboration with the CMRS, gave the founders each a 25th anniversary plaque.



From left to right: Maurice Despins, Bob Hadlow, Alan Hough, Dale Sproule, Barry Conn, Dave Stefanek

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. Layouts and exhibits have been judged again this year, by both the public and our panel of judges/modellers, and I'd like to congratulate this year's winners:

- People's Choice Award – Calgary LEGO Train Club
- Scale Winner – Calgary Model Trainmen
- Scale Runner Up – Bow Valley Model Railroad Club
- Fun Winner – Calgary LEGO Train Club
- Fun Runner Up – Thomas Goes Nowhere
- Prototype Winner – Calgary & South Western, Div. of CRHA
- Prototype Runner Up – Railroad Watches & Clocks
- Junior Layout – Seguin's HO
- Best New Hobby Display Award – Notch Hill O Scale

I'd like to thank the exhibitors for their continuing support to 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 visitors, 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!

SUPERTRAIN 2020 will be held on April 18-19, 2020. Thank you everyone and see you next year!

*Daniel Charest
Chairman,
SUPERTRAIN 2019*



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 September 9, 2019

Board of Directors

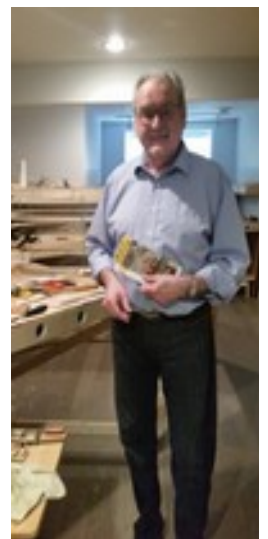
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VIA RAIL TICKET

Again this year VIA Rail donated a Travel Voucher to CMRS to use as a prize for recognition of a member's volunteering for a CMRS event this year. Bernhard Gielau is this year's winner of the Travel Voucher. Bernhard, a CMRS member volunteered his time for a CMRS event this past year so he was eligible for the draw.

Congratulations Bernhard and a big Thanks to VIA Rail for again making a donation.

Monty Schnieder





CMRS Membership Renewals

A reminder that members should check the expiry date of their membership, many of you are in need of renewing as memberships officially expire in June. Cost is still \$10.00 a year and can be purchased for up to 5 years.

Selwyn Morris
Memberships

 <p>3610 - 50.Ave SE, unit 23 Calgary, AB T2B 3N9 Canada 403-291-9398</p>	 <p>Deciduous leaves in nine colours, from fresh Spring to bright Fall, standard or fine scale, also Branch Netting to enhance your trees. Ph.403-335-2890 http://selkirkleaf.com/ Email: Selkirkleaf1@yahoo.ca</p>
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25th Anniversary Diorama Challenge

In honour of the CMRS 25th 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 but I am sure we won't notice if it is 10" 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.

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!

 <p>MONASHEE LASER ENGINEERING IF WE CAN DRAW IT ... WE CAN MAKE IT Railroad Structures and Rolling Stock Rick McPhee E-mail: vulcanrider2008@ymail.com Text/Voicemail: 403-585-7425 Website: www.monasheelaserengineering.ca</p>	 <p>THE DISPATCHER <i>Specializing in Digital Command Control</i> BRUCE SHAW</p> <p>(403) 251-9334 10736 Maplecreek Dr. SE Calgary, AB T2J 1V5</p> <p>Discount prices on: Digitrax Atlas Rapido Peco Kato ExactRail Soundtraxx Athearn QSI Intermountain</p> <p>Website - http://members.shaw.ca/dispatcher Email: dispatcher@shaw.ca</p>
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For Sale – Crossing Lights

I have a set of RR Crossing lights for sale! The reflectors, interior mirrors and bulbs are all intact and ready to run...I talked to the manufacturer and have obtained the wiring diagram and instructions. The only requirement would be a relay which could be purchased from B&E Electronics in Calgary, I suspect?) or from the manufacturer... I would like \$500.00 OBO ,Contact me at gcprail@telus.net if anyone is interested!



Garry Potter

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

You can still advance register for the upcoming NMRA – Pacific Northwest Region Annual Convention to be held in Cranbrook BC at the end of May. Along with layout tours, clinics, a train show, model and photography contests, a banquet, and full access to the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel, there are three prototype tours lined up. If you have ever wanted to see what goes on inside a modern sawmill, you can sign up for the tour of the Canfor Forest Products mill in Radium. A unique tour is the Down n' Dirty tour at the Cranbrook Museum, allowing you to crawl all over, under, and through the passenger cars on display, so you can get photos and measurements of anything you might want to model. There is also a tour of the Sullivan Mine and Powerhouse in Kimberly available.

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. This would also allow you the opportunity to attend the NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City in July.

The convention runs from May 29 through June 2 at the Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort in downtown Cranbrook. Visit the website <https://www.kootenayexpress2019.ca/> to get all the latest information.

Rob Badmington



Estate Sale



I have a lot of Marklin that is still new in boxes, models unbuilt, styrofoam, trees/people/ etc., as well as a very large train layout with buildings (HO) scale. Contact Janice Rempe at janicerempe@shaw.ca

Beneficiary Wanted

Searching for someone to whom I can bequeath my model train layout. My layout covers a space, 43x13 feet, (Z scale) and is in modular form so it can be taken apart and transported easily. Inventory consists of over 30 diesel and steam engines, well over 100 freight and passenger cars, utility cars, buildings, figures, numerous automobiles, and trees. There is also a good inventory of parts, track, electrical items, landscaping materials and so on.

Layout is wired for DC but could be converted to DCC if someone wants to incur the added expense. All turnouts are electrically controlled. A complete set of step by step assembly/dis-assembly and operating instructions is also included.

Interested parties please contact Ken at 403-601-6912. Viewing and demo can be arranged if required.

The Calgary Model Railway Society

(The following is copied from a Document Written after the first year of Operation. It provides some interesting reflections on the beginning of your Society. Note how some things haven't changed! Is that good or bad?, let us know what you think. It was unsigned but I suspect that it was written by Mr. Dale Sproule, who was president at that time)

The Calgary Model Railway Society was formed in early 1994 to promote the hobby of Model Railroading and to encourage fellowship among Rail enthusiasts. We are not another Model Railroad Club. The Society is an umbrella organization representing Calgary and area Model Rail groups and individuals. Since our inception and acceptance as a recognized Society, membership has grown beyond the Calgary area. Our members now live as far away as Grande Prairie, Lethbridge and Saskatoon. Membership is \$5 per year. As a member you receive 4 issues of our first class newsletters, "The Order Board", which includes Society news and events, local prototype news, modelling ideas and much more. In addition, admission costs to other Society events (excluding the Model Rail weekend Show) are free! To those non-members attending Society events, there is a nominal admission. The strength of the Society is its membership. The Board of Directors is comprised of elected club representatives as well as independent representatives so the membership can enjoy the benefits without the politics. Members of the BOD are listed below and you are encouraged to call anyone of these for further information.



During our initial 1994-95 year, 4 events were held: a one-day mini-meet with displays, clinics and socially getting to know each other, a Railfan slide night, a weekend Model Rail Show held in Mewata Armouries (attendance 6280), and a family Bar-B-Q at Champion Park, located between Calgary and High River on the east side of Highway #2. This privately owned park has the former Champion, Alberta station, an operating CLC 44 Tonner locomotive and rolling stock, and proved to be a wonderful setting for members and their families. While dad sat in the caboose with a hotdog, grandson was helping to run the engine or the horn. Membership after the first year was 148.

Our second year has seen a repeat of this successful formula of events, plus 2 more: a layout tour of up to 10 layouts for Society members, and a proposed afternoon session on Model Railroad photography with emphasis on depth of field and pin-hole photography. Membership to date (March '95) is 228. Attendance at the 2nd Model Rail Show was 7100.

The Society supports our local Model Railroad shops. We will advertise in “The Order Board” newsletter any Rail of Model Railway event within the area.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

In accordance with our bylaws, the Calgary Model Railway Society Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct 20, 2019 at 13:00 at the Glenmore Inn.

The agenda will be:

- Approval of 2018 minutes
- Reports from Directors
- 2019/20 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.

*Brookes Harrow
Secretary CMRS*

Coming Events Schedule

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.
Sept 20-21, 2019	CMRS Bus Trip
Sept 14 -15, 2019	Greater Edmonton Model Train Show
October 19, 2019	South Bank Short Lines Boomer Auction, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Heritage Drive SW - set-up 08:30, Dining Car 09:30, Auction 10:00
Nov. 8, 2019	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
April 18-19, 2020	SUPERTRAIN 2020

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