



# The Order Board

## Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



*Scene captured on the Cal-O-Rail Layout.*

*Photo by Bain Spielman*

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### Editor's Report

We are temporarily without a President until such time as the Board of Directors can appoint (railroad?) a new President, so it falls on me to write this report. At the the Fall Annual General Meeting two members stood up and volunteered to stand for the two open positions on the Board. Thank you! Brookes Harrow of CMT was also ratified for another term on the Board, so we have a full Board of Directors and we just need to sort out responsibilities amongst the Directors.

There was some discussion at the AGM about Trains for Kids. We have taken note and further work on this topic will continue this year.

Our next event coming up is Slide Night on Friday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at the usual location at River Park Church, 3818 – 14A St. SW . Further details below.



## ***Introduction of New Directors***

Our two new Directors have provided the following introductions to the membership:

### **Tom Parker**

I have been a member for as long as CMRS has been in existence. Served 2 terms as President a long time ago, was the one who started Trains For Kids For Xmas, as well as working for many years at the Train Show. Have been retired for 4 years from The Calgary Board of Education after 40+ years as a teacher, coach, as well as a school and system administrator. My dad was a fireman and an engineer for C. P. so my passion for trains has deep roots in our family. I look forward to working with you and the other members of the board and the membership to advance and improve the hobby we all have such a passion for!

### **Barry Crispin**

I retired last year after 30 years with the City of Calgary and finished as a computer drafter with Enmax. I feel with some of the free time I now have, I would like to do more with CMRS after being a member for 20 years and volunteering at SUPERTRAIN for 17 years. I have always enjoyed the various CMRS events and feel this a great way to give back to the Society. I am also interested in Railroad History, Science and Music (classical and 50's oldies are my favourites).

I have been interested in model railroading since my father left a Tri-ang train set underneath the Christmas tree when I was 6 years old (I still have it). Since then I have switched from OO to HO and slowly added to my layout. I am currently working on having a layout that will cover half of the basement, but first have to clear out some of the junk that has accumulated over the years. My model railroad Achilles heel are the different road names, shorty tank and beer cars. I also believe in the adage "You can never have too many freight cars". My favourite CMRS event is Layout Tours - I love seeing what the hobby means to each and every member.

I look forward to working with all of you.

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## ***Mini Meet Clinics***

One of the great benefits of CMRS' membership are the clinics put on by fellow model railroaders during the fall and spring mini meets. We are always looking for clinicians to share their knowledge or special skills. In the next few months we must line up clinics for the Spring Mini Meet. If you have a particular skill set or special knowledge that you would be willing to share with other modellers in the city, please let us know. Just contact Paul Clegg at [pjclegg4@gmail.com](mailto:pjclegg4@gmail.com) with any clinic ideas you have. In addition, Paul will be contacting some modellers who indicated on last year's questionnaire that they would be willing to provide clinics.

*Paul Clegg  
Mini Meets*



## ***Special Run of H&SW 36' Wooden Box Car by ACCURAIL***



Patrick Martin, a Chicago area modeller, recently contracted with Accurail to produce 50 forty-foot box cars depicting the Halifax & Southwestern Railway. The H&SW was the line from Halifax to Yarmouth Nova Scotia that was absorbed into the Canadian Northern and ultimately into the CNR system. He produced these cars as a fond remembrance of a recent vacation to the Maritimes.

If you're interested in some prototype history of the railroad, he directs you to

<https://www.facebook.com/ahsometrains/photos/a.786433521371182/2908613862486460/?type=3&theater>.

This Facebook page is for the Arlington Heights Society of Model Engineers and Patrick writes an almost weekly post featuring some model piece of rolling stock. Last month he featured his H&SW boxcars.

After his trip to the Maritimes, he came across a couple photos of H&SW gondolas and flatcars, proving that the railroad did have its own rolling stock. He also discovered that two Canadian model companies, Canadian Railway Models and Scotia Scale Models, had offered in the past wood craftsman-type HO scale kits and dry transfer decal sets for H&SW boxcars. Assuming that those companies had done their research and were offering kits based on real cars, he decided to essentially offer the same car but on Accurail's easy to build plastic kits. The lettering is authentic to the old wood model kits, but he admits that he added the railroad herald to what was otherwise just blank space; a nice touch.

Of the 50 cars, he has 12 left. The cars are priced at \$19.98 US Dollars each, and e-mailing him at [superior1980@yahoo.com](mailto:superior1980@yahoo.com) would be the best way to make contact to inquire about making a purchase. Shipping will depend on the purchaser's address and the number of cars ordered.

If he is successful at selling the final 12 cars, he is considering a run of Dominion Atlantic Railway box cars.

*Geoff Southwood*

## ***CMRS Membership Renewals***

I would like to thank those members that came by the membership table to renew their memberships. I will be at the slide night for one last chance to renew, or drop me a line at [membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca) to make other arrangements. Please check your membership status, those with expired membership will be removed from the CMRS membership listings by Nov. 14 2019.

*Selwyn Morris  
Memberships*



**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**

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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 free of charge for members (provided the ad is relatively small), we can run the ad a second time if requested. Commercial ads are \$15/year for a business card size ad, more for a larger size.

Contact the Editor at [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca) for details.

**Deadline for the next issue is January 25, 2020**

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**2020 CMT Annual Fleamarket**

This is the first notice of the upcoming 2020 CMT Annual Fleamarket. March is still a long way away, but it is never too early to start your preparations for the Calgary Model Trainmen’s Club Annual Fleamarket. This event will be held together with the CMRS Spring Mini Meet.

Sunday March 15, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., 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 try to match someone to share the table with you)

Tables always go quickly, so don’t miss out. To reserve a table, please contact me at [bharrow@nucleus.com](mailto:bharrow@nucleus.com) or call 403-201-4937.

*Brookes Harrow*

**G-Gauge For Sale** All items MNIB/NOS; REA/AristoCraft 40ft. open top/end Gondolas 5 roadnames \$30ea.; AristoCraft GE U-25B PRR \$130 ; AristoCraft 40ft. covered Undecorated Gondola Kits \$30ea ; AristoCraft Victorian TrainStation \$40 ; AristoCraft Operation LifeSaver SE 40ft. Box car \$70 ; USATrains Undecorated GP9 \$270 contact Doug at [rockinbrr@hotmail.com](mailto:rockinbrr@hotmail.com)



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## Layout Tours 2020

It is that time again for you to think about layout tours. I would urge you to please consider allowing your favourite pastime to go public and get in on 2020 layout tours.

This year's dates are the weekend of February 22nd and 23rd. as usual we will do the north one day and south the other.

This gives your peers in this great hobby a chance to see just what is out there. Your layout can be under construction or complete that makes no difference. There are modellers in Calgary and area that need some help so if you are building they can see just what happens under all that scenery which can help them in their endeavours.

I look forward to hearing from CMRS members and their participation in this year's tours. Unlike other years unless specifically told by your host I would advise no liquids be brought into the layout area. This is to avoid any accidents and prevent any damage to someone's layout.

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**FOR SALE:** FSM and Hobbycraft kits for sale. All HO scale FSM kits have the kit box autographed by George Selios. Cost is below initial selling price, I will absorb shipping:  
FINE SCALE MINIATURES "AVRAMS BAKING COMPANY" (Jewel Series #10), \$300.00  
FINE SCALE MINIATURES "BUTCHERS WAY" (Jewel Series #11), \$300.00  
FINE SCALE MINIATURES "DEXTER DEAD END" (Jewel Series #8), \$300.00



FINE SCALE MINIATURES "OATMANS MERCANTILE" (Jewel Series #12), \$300.00

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2 of DHC-2 Beaver Floatplane, \$10 each

1 of DHC-3 Otter Floatplane, \$10 each

Dale Sproule, 403-274-4852, ([sproules@telusplanet.net](mailto:sproules@telusplanet.net))

## Slide Night – Friday, Nov 8, 2019

Slide Night is set for the River Park Church, 3818 – 14A St. SW on Friday November 8. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the show will start at 7:30. Snacks and beverages will be available during the intermission.

We have a number of presentations lined up, plus as usual, there should be time for pot puree if you would like to bring a few photos to show. We will only be showing digital images.

*Rob Badmington  
CMRS Board of Directors*

### Beneficiary Wanted

I am making my will and I am looking for someone to whom I can bequeath my model railroad layout. Since I have no siblings or children, I need to find someone who is prepared to accept this layout when the time comes. It is quite large, built in modular form, and wired for DC operation. There are certain pre-requisites that will need to be filled before the right person is chosen. For further information please contact Ken at 403-601-6912. Pictures and be provided.

## CMT Open House

CMT will host our annual OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, November 9, 10 am-4 pm. We want to show off our new "around the wall" loop that will form part of our permanent layout. As always, coffee and donuts are the Dining Car fare for our visitors. We will also be showing and answering any questions on projects built by members.

CMT is Calgary oldest Model Railroad Club and we are always looking for new members. Potential members are always welcome to visit and observe and join CMT, address is #7-11 Street, NE., part of The Rehabilitation Centre of Calgary.

*Dale Sproule*

## CPR Holiday Train

The CPR Holiday Train Schedule is out. The Calgary stop will be on Dec 8 From 17:45 to 18:45 at it's usual stop at the Anderson LRT Station.

For the full schedule of both the Canadian and US Holiday Trains visit

<https://www.cpr.ca/holiday-train/schedule>

**Wanted: Web Programming Support:** CMRS SUPERTRAIN has a web-based exhibitor invitation and application process programmed in php. Like most software, it requires support to keep it current. If you would like to be on the inside of how SUPERTRAIN manages exhibitors, and know what php is, contact Jim Ironside at [Info@SUPERTRAIN.ca](mailto:Info@SUPERTRAIN.ca).



## Christmas Memories - Eaton's Toyville Train – Part One

In the 1950's, when I was a very young boy. Christmas meant a visit to Eaton's in Toronto. Until the 1960's, most major shopping was done in the city downtown stores, like Eaton's and Simpson's on Queen Street at Yonge Street. Suburban shopping malls were still in the future.

Before Christmas, my mom would take me to Eaton's for shopping and to see Santa Clause and to ride the train. We lived in Clarkson, 15 miles to the west of Toronto. As we did not own a car, we walked over to Clarkson station to board one of the CNR trains. The ride was full of interest on its own for a budding young steam fan.

Both stores featured wonderful window displays at Christmas. However, Eaton's managed to stake out the claim as the Christmas Store for two reasons. One was the Santa Clause parade which Eaton's sponsored. While most, it not all, department stores had A Santa Clause, for a 5-year old boy, Eaton's had THE Santa Clause. Second Eaton's fifth floor became Toyland with a wonderful assortment of every toy imaginable. Better yet, beginning in 1945, Eaton's introduced a 1/5 size train for children to ride upon. The four wood cars were wide enough to hold two children in each car's three seats. The cars, painted CN olive green, were purely amusement park quality. The magic was up front- pulling the train was the realistic CNR U-4-a 4-8-4 Northern 6400, painted green and black just like it's full size big brothers.

24 children at a time boarded the train. Then they were magically transported past snow scenes, wild animals and small buildings. Eaton's had set up a loop of track. Part way around the loop the track left the store floor and circled around the storage area beside the store floor. My recollection was the train made trips two loops around. The trip could not have taken very long but to the young riders it was a trip of endless time and distance. Then all too soon the Northern came to a stop at the station and the ride was over. We would get off the train and head for our visit with Santa Clause. 1956 was a traumatic year for fans of the Eaton train. The wonderful 4-8-4 was replaced by an FP9 diesel in the then new CNR green-black-gold paint scheme. The run was the same but disappointing to a 10-year old steam fan.

To be continued in Part Two with some discussion of the Locomotives...

*Brookes Harrow*

## CMRS 25 Anniversary Diorama Challenge

There were 6 entries in the Diorama Challenge in honour of the CMRS's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



*12th Street Tower by John Greggs*



*Viterrass Aging Grain elevator, Fanning, SK by John Crowdis*



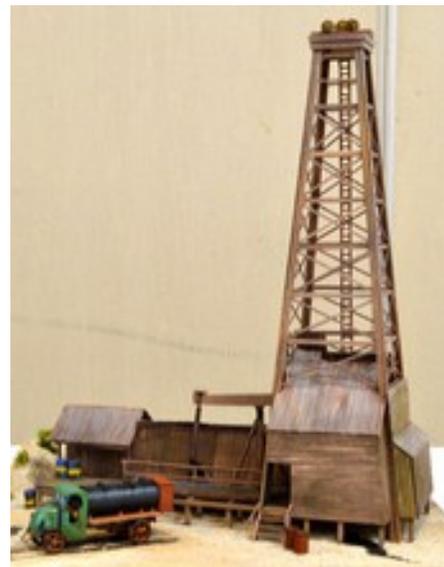
*Champion Park Section House by B J Ersson*



*Butcher Shop by Michel Marcotte*



*Church by Michel Marcotte*



*Don Mundie Memorial Oil Well by Brent Ciccone*

The Don Mundie Memorial Oil Well was voted as the most popular diorama, but all the entries exhibited quality modelling.

### **Coming Events Schedule**

<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>
Nov. 9, 2019	CMT Open House, 10 – 4, #7-11 Street, NE.
<b>Feb. 22, 23, 2020</b>	<b>CMRS Layout Tours</b>
<b>March 15, 2020</b>	<b>CMT Fleamarket and CMRS Spring Mini Meet</b>
Mar. 28, 29, 2020	Moose Jaw Model Railroad Show
<b>April 18-19, 2020</b>	<b>SUPERTRAIN 2020</b>
May 2, 3, 2020	Regina Railfest 2020 <a href="https://reginarailfest.com/railfest-2020">https://reginarailfest.com/railfest-2020</a>

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