



The Order Board

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society

Special COVID 19 Edition

The Board of Directors of the Calgary Model Railway Society have met to discuss the impacts of the current COVID 19 situation on our activities for the coming year. It is proving to be a very difficult situation to predict what will happen in the months to come with this virus. At this point in time, in mid June, some restrictions are being lifted, but there is a real possibility that there could be a "second wave" of infections and restrictions could be re-imposed. Given this situation the Board has decided to suspend all activities of the CMRS for the rest of 2020. Because of this, we are also extending all memberships by 1 year, if you are one of the many people whose membership expires at the end of June it will now expire at the end of June 2021. Similarly for those who have purchased multi-year memberships, you will have one year added to the term of your membership. We are still accepting payments for new and renewing memberships, please contact the membership director at membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca.

The Annual General Meeting and Fall Mini Meet scheduled for October have been cancelled. Similarly, South Bank Shortlines has cancelled the Boomer auction for this fall. The elections of directors, reports on the last year, plus voting on a new budget and any other new business will be suspended. The terms of the current directors have been extended until such time as we can hold an Annual General Meeting. The Province has recommended to all Alberta Societies to suspend in-person Annual General Meetings, so we will be OK with the Provincial Societies regulations by doing this.

Layout Tours that would normally be held in February are also being cancelled. Even if things return to some sort of normalcy, it is unlikely that anyone would want to open their homes for layout tours until this virus is well behind us. At this time Slide night in November is cancelled, there is a chance that Slide night could be held virtually, but we would need some help from someone who knows how to do this and we would need some presenters. Please contact Barry Crispin at brcrispy@telus.net if you are able to help. Our next scheduled event would be the Spring Mini Meet, set for March 14. We will evaluate the feasibility of proceeding with this in the new year.

At this time SUPERTRAIN is scheduled for April 10 - 11, 2021, we will continue to monitor the situation to see if this can take place. Invitations to exhibitors and vendors for SUPERTRAIN 2021 will be going out in the fall but will contain a caveat that SUPERTRAIN 2021 might still be cancelled. The invitations need to go out in advance to allow proper planning for the event. At this time it appears that out of province attendees will be limited and we may need to look at a scaled back SUPERTRAIN.

Budgeting for next year is proving to be very difficult since we really have no idea what is going to happen. SUPERTRAIN is the Society's main source of revenue for paying for all our other activities. The cancellation



of SUPERTAIN 2020 did result in a loss on the order of \$10,000 for this year(subject to audit). Thanks to the efforts of our SUPERTRAIN committee and our facilities manager, the loss for 2020 was much less than it could have been, we were able to move our deposits forward into 2021.

The concern for 2021 is that attendance may be much less than in previous years, but how much less is anybody's guess at this time. Should we go ahead with SUPERTRAIN 2021 and attendance is poor, we could be looking at a significant loss that would significantly impair the reserve funds of the society. We will continue to evaluate the situation and will have to make a decision on SUPERTRAIN by the end of December or early in January.

While regular publication of the Order Board will be intermittent for a period, we will prepare new issues as more information becomes available and events are firmed up.

We hope everyone is staying safe and taking this time to do some model railroading. Dig into that stash of kits in the closet and work on those projects that you have been putting off. Hopefully, we will see some of these "Covid 19" projects displayed the next time we are able to get together.

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For Sale

ON30 Craftsman Kits

I have brand new kits from Stoney Creek, Raggs To Riches, Bar Mills, Downtown Deco and On30 rolling stock mod kits from Backwoods Miniatures for sale. In addition, I have On30 rolling stock, and a variety of locomotives, including two Ixion Teapots, one of them with sound.

Stoney Creek - Old Derrick, Village Dry Goods, Scrap Yard, Station Scene

Raggs To Riches- Durango Sanding Tower, Durango Coaling Tower, Aladdin General Store

Bar Mills- Gravely Building, Saulenas Tavern, Wicked Wanda's (prebuilt)

Downtown Decco - Two stall engine house (plaster kit).

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For Sale

LIONEL - 2 black coal tenders, 1 red Lehigh Valley hopper, 1 blue NYC gondola, 1 black Lionel gondola, 1 red Frisco box car, 1 green NYC boxcar, 1 grey pipe flat car, 1 yellow Lionel stock car, 1 red TOFL car, 1 red Lionel caboose, 1 brown Lionel caboose; MARX - 1 black Canadian Pacific gondola, 1 red Canadian Pacific box car, 1 red WECX flood light car; 027 TRACK - 4 - 2 ft straight, 28 straight, 28 curved, 6 turnouts powered, 1 manual turnout, 1 90 degree crossover, 3 uncouplers, 4 electrical connectors, 1 turnout control panel; PLASTICVILLE BUILDINGS ETC - Radio station, Motel, Switch tower, Water tower, Station, Crossing signal, Telephone/telegraph poles, 2 Crossing barriers, 9 sections of fence, 1 4x8 1/4 inch plywood sheet with track road painted brown on green. Price \$250.

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