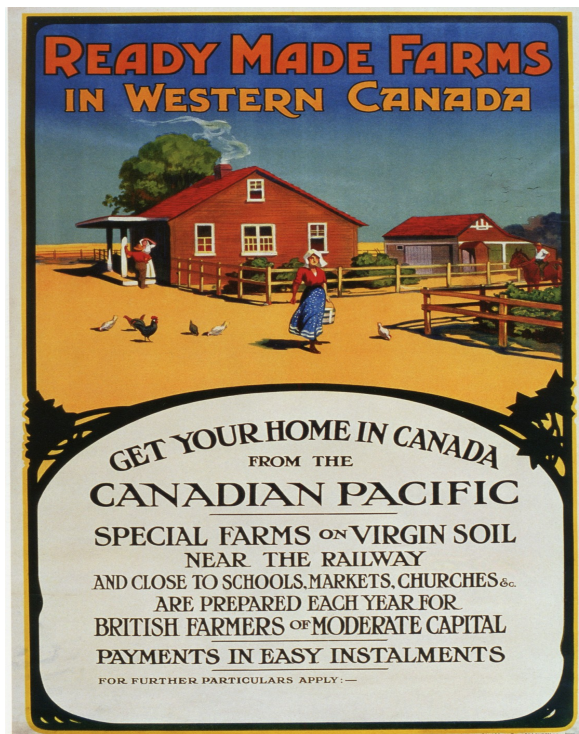




OrderBoard News Blast

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



Two CPR posters from historian David L. Jones new book "New World Dreams" who was our feature speaker at AGM.

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CMRS Annual General Meeting Updates

This issue is to update everyone some of major topics discussed at the Annual General Meeting this past weekend at the Glenmore Inn. Big item was to increase Membership dues after the review of budgets. Also an update of the new volunteers to be included in the Directors roster. We are having the Slide Night in November as well as Layout Tours in February and Supertrain at the Genesis Centre in April. On behalf of the CMRS we would like to thank all of the presenters Laurie Kitchen, Tom Price, Don Price, Dale Sproule and Wayne Toth. Our feature presenter was Historian David L. Jones presentation "Fairly Suitable For Settlement" from his new book "New World Dreams". To be released soon on Amazon. Also the South Bank Model Railroaders put on the Boomer Auction and was pretty well attended and some great deals were found. Thanks for all the suggestions from the floor on Sunday. We will be having a Directors meeting on November 10 and then a full edition of the OrderBoard will be sent out soon after approximately November 17th.



Membership Fees Increase

At today's AGM with about 73 members attending, there was significant discussion of the deteriorating CMRS financial status. Member activities are significantly supported or subsidized by SUPERTRAIN revenues, and dues pay a smaller portion.

Our cash balance provides the ability to fund standing expenses, member activities during the year, cover SUPERTRAIN expenses before show revenues are received, and protect us in the event of a bad (think snowstorm or pandemic) SUPERTRAIN year.

Our balance has been decreasing year on year so that today it is half what it was eight years ago. This long-term trend has only been accelerated by pandemic SUPERTRAIN cancellations. Should this continue, the future of SUPERTRAIN and CMRS is threatened.

A number of options to help restore a healthy balance were extensively discussed. Among these was raising membership dues from the current \$10 per year, unchanged since CMRS was formed 30 years ago, with notional options of no increase; increase to \$20; and increase to \$30. It was pointed out from the floor that \$10 thirty years ago was the equivalent of almost \$20 today. A raise from \$10 to \$20 for 300 members would ultimately result in a \$3000 per year improvement in our balance revenue.

A possible consequence of an increase was the loss of some members; however, several floor comments noted that this increase is very small in the context of the overall cost of model railroading, and provides significant member value.

A motion from the floor was proposed, seconded, and overwhelmingly passed to raise dues to \$20 per year effective immediately.

Current memberships would be honoured, although it was also noted from the floor that voluntary donations of the difference between existing and new dues could be made at any time.

Other measures to improve our financial status were also discussed with significant member input, and will be decided by the Board.

A decision by the SUPERTRAIN Committee was reported to reduce financial risk in the 2023 'restart' year by somewhat reducing the planned show size and by other measures.

Summary: Effective immediately, new, renewal, and membership extensions will be charged at a dues rate of \$20 per year.

'This is not retroactive – current memberships will continue to be honoured.'

Selwyn Morris
Treasurer and Acting President
CMRS

Jim Ironside
Secretary
CMRS



Directors

Open Position President Role assignments will be determined by incoming Board	Open Position Vice-President Role assignments will be determined by incoming Board	Bruce McGillivray Calgary Free Mo bruce.mcgillivray@outlook.com	Don Rush Rocky Mountain Garden RR Mini Meets don_rush@telus.net
Selwyn Morris CanTrak Treasurer payments@calgarymodelrailway.ca	Paul Clegg Independent Membership/Clinics membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca	CMT is proposing new representative. Layout Tours	Barry Crispin Independent Slide Night brcrispy@telus.net
Jim Ironside – Independent Secretary ironsidejim@gmail.com		John Morphy – Bow Valley OrderBoard Editor jmorphy2020@outlook.com	

Two members from the floor volunteered to fill Director vacancies. CMRS would like to thank Jon Calon and Peter Bouma for stepping up.

Slide Night

Slide Night is on Friday, November 18, 2022, at the River Park Church, doors open at 7:00 and the show starts at 7:30. The presenters are – in no particular order – *Tom Newton, John Sutherland, Selwyn Morris, Joe Shepard and myself*. If anyone wants to bring a potpourri of photos they are welcome to do so. There will be no food and beverages at this year's Slide Night. And it is not too early to think about gathering up a few photos for Slide Night 2023. I hope to see you there.

Barry Crispin
Slide Night Moderator
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Coming Events Schedule

Fall Slide Night	November 18 River Park Church
Layout Tours	February 18/19 2023 John Morphy jmorphy2020@outlook.com
SUPERTRAIN	April 15/16 2023

*Send an email to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca with submissions for coming events!
Deadline for the next issue is November 17, 2022*



Items Wanted/For Sale

Wanted: Amusement Park kits and accessories. HO Scale.

Please contact me with your treasures.

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I need help:

Hopefully, to take up (laser cut?) a window, in one of the sides, of the already scratch built/assembled (but not yet painted) CP 35-foot business car all scale wood construction.

Please contact me; BJ Ersson at bcersson@explornet.com.



Photo of Peter Bouma's Weathered Buildings from "INTER-ACTION Hobbies".



Scratch-built structure by Jon Greggs from prototype action was very interesting.