



# OrderBoard

## Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



*Its that time of year again when the Garden Railroad enthusiasts get to show off their work. Here is Vorland station on the Löwenzahnbahn showing a freight and tank train. Colourful trains in a great setting on Gervais Goodman's layout in Foothills County, Alberta.*

Photo by Gervais Goodman

### *Model Railroad Photos Needed*

*If anyone would like to submit photos to have displayed in the OrderBoard please send them to me in jpeg format. Thank you.*

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### Presidents Message

Summer is finally here and I hope the G scalers are getting some track time with their outdoor creations. For myself, it's time for me to head to the basement to stay cool and do some dreaming and some work on the layout. Yes, I know I'm an oddball in this respect, but I realized some time ago that I don't do well in the heat...

I just got back from an awesome trip with a couple train friends and one that I can't say is possible to repeat because it was just that good. Once word came around that the buffer cars were gone from VIA's trains, we made plans to go ride the VIA Rail Canada "Jasper-Prince Rupert train" better known as the Skeena. A pocket vest domeliner train which runs on the former Grand Trunk Pacific from Jasper to Prince George for an overnight and then onto tidewater at Prince Rupert, this train has just as good a scenery level as the Canadian, and arguably better because of the overnight pause in Prince George to allow everyone to see everything along the route. My timing of doing it within days of the summer solstice meant we would be in daylight for all of the trip. The scenery was great, the small number of other passengers meant we got plenty of opportunity to meet others properly, and frankly, the Service Manager on this trip was absolutely awesome. Attentive, funny, and a great personality meant he would make this trip one to remember. From what he said, the Skeena is a job that every service manager in VIA aspires to, and his 12 years of seniority was just enough for him to hold the job.

Honestly folks, the drive to and from Jasper was beautiful up the Icefields Parkway, the station in Jasper is really nice, and the fact you can ride a Park Car for economy fares to see all the scenery means this is a trip worthy of doing for any railfan. If you're going to ride, feel free to drop me a line at [president@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:president@calgarymodelrailway.ca) and I'll fill you in on all the tips to make the most out of your Skeena trip.

Speaking of trips, we're very likely a go for our day at Champion Park north of Okotoks, and Paul Clegg has more in these pages on that.

We're also looking into the potential of a trip up to Edmonton to book the IMAX theatre at the Telus World of Science to watch Stephen Low's latest movie "Train Time" and perhaps other films of his like Rocky Mountain Express or The Trolley that would be of interest to the membership of the CMRS. Drop me a line and let me know if this would be of interest to you and if there's enough interest to make a trip worthwhile, we'll get things going.



	<p>Also, breaking news from the past few days includes the fact CPKC's Empress 2816 has passed the federally mandated 15 year boiler inspection without a hitch. Congrats to the Steam Crew at CPKC for getting the engine to this state and we'll be looking forward to seeing her on the point in the months to come. If you're on Facebook, the Steam Crew have a page called "The Empress: CPR 2816" which is as close to official as one can get and a great way to get correct information about the goings-on of our favourite locomotive. Feel free to check it out.</p> <p>Thanks everyone for a great year and enjoy your time trackside - be it the prototype or your model railway layouts!</p> <p>Cheers,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Jon Calon</b> President CMRS <a href="mailto:president@calgarymodelrailway.ca">president@calgarymodelrailway.ca</a></p>
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## Directors Reports Treasurers Report

I would like to report that CMRS financial picture has improved greatly thanks the outstanding success of this years Supertrain event.

As we end the fiscal year on June 30, the Calgary Model Railway Society will have completely recovered from losses incurred during the 3 years of COVID and even added to our reserves, although the final figures will not be released until the AGM I can report that the net income for the 2022-2023 fiscal year will be over \$40,000.

*Thank you to all the CMRS Members that helped make this happen!!*

*The Society is back on a more solid footing than it has been in a long time.*

Selwyn Morris  
CMRS Director & Treasurer  
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## CMRS Memberships

Renewal notices have now been sent out to all members whose membership expire on June 30. If you got a notice, you can renew remotely by following the instructions at this link:

<https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/join.html> . Alternatively, you can renew in person during one of the fall events such as the mini-meet or slide night. Please note, if your membership card indicates your membership expires this year but you did not get a notice, it is likely this is due to the free year given during COVID.

Everyone's membership was extended for a year for free due to the lack of Society activities during the height of the COVID emergency.

Paul Clegg  
Memberships  
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## Railfan Events

Thanks to an enthusiastic response to our initial announcement, we have arranged an informal open house at Champion Railway Park (adjacent to Highway 2 between Okotoks and High River) from 1:00 – 4:00 PM on Sunday September 17. Admission will be free to all CMRS members and one guest. As there is a per person cost to CMRS for this event, there will be a charge for any additional guests. We would also ask that guests be kept to a reasonably low number for each individual. Watch the OrderBoard for further announcements as details are finalized.

If you want further information on Champion Railway Park, check out this link:

<https://www.okotoks.ca/championpark>

Bruce McGillivray/Paul Clegg  
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### November Slide Night

We are looking for presenters at the **next slide night** on November 10/2023 at the River Park Church. Please contact Barry Crispin.

Barry Crispin  
Slide Night

[Slide\\_Night@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:Slide_Night@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

### CMRS Lid Challenge

Peter Bouma's completed Lid Diorama. This should inspire some modellers.

Nice work Peter .

Looking forward to seeing everyone's creation at the AGM in October.

Photo by Peter Bouma.



Build a scenic element or diorama on top of a Peanut Butter Lid!

***There will be three \$50 gift certificates from miniprints.ca that will be awarded by random draw for participants.***



**Rules:**

1. Build any thing, any scale, any height on top of a peanut butter lid.
2. Don't have a lid? Build on top of a piece of plywood, plastic, cardboard, foam etc that has been cut to a diameter of 4 3/4" or 120mm.
3. Bring your completed lid to the **October 15, 2023 mini meet** and display your creation.

**Peter Bouma**  
**Layout Tours**  
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## Coming Events

<b>The Military Museums</b>	August 1/2023 Historic Calgary Week: CPR's Role During WWII 6:30 pm open/ 7:00 pm start - The Military Museums <a href="#">details...</a>
<b>Railway Days</b>	September 9/10 2023 Heritage Park
<b>Greater Edmonton Train Show</b>	GETS September 9/10 2023
<b>Champion Park</b>	September 17 / 2023 See Railfan Events
<b>Boomer Auction</b>	Saturday October 14/2023 South Bank Short Lines (see details in this OrderBoard pages 8&9)
<b>CMRS AGM and Mini Meet</b>	Sunday October 15/2023 AGM and Mini Meet Glenmore Inn
<b>Slide Night</b>	November 10/2023 River Park Church (still to be confirmed)

*Send an email to [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca) with submissions for coming events!*

Deadline for the next issue is September 5, 2023

## Ads and 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 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 June 25,2023

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This is a photo of the Vorland (Foothills) station on the Löwenzahnbahn (Dandelion Railway!). It is based very loosely on German meter narrow gauge railways and was inspired by the wonderful HSB

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harz\\_Narrow\\_Gauge\\_Railways](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harz_Narrow_Gauge_Railways)

On inspection there is quite a bit of activity, 2 steam specials, one pulled by an LGB Saxon class IV K Meyer 0-4-4-0 loco with the much favoured Barwagen behind it and the other lead by an HSB 2-10-2, also by LGB, and including the "cabriolet" open sightseeing car.

The station building was scratch built by Roger Marler, the other buildings are Piko kits of various ages and reconfigurations. The windmill is from a friend who rebuilds real windmills. The cow and people are from the regular suppliers, the tractor is a German kit. And the brick! It holds the platform in place and has been cunningly painted to represent a shelter - well maybe not that well painted!

Track is Piko laid on a trench of about 4" depth filled with chipped Rundle rock. It has withstood a few winters and the occasional moose.

**Layout and Photo by Gervais Goodman**



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- 1. All items put on display MUST remain on the table and be included in the auction, except brass subject to presale per item 3 below.**
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- 4. All items are sold "as is"**
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7. Final decision regarding sales is at the discretion of the auctioneer.
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Prior to the auction, a test track operated by South Bank Short Lines Association, will be available to test locomotives (DC and DCC) and to provide evidence of operating condition for reference by the Auctioneer during the Auction.

**DRAWS**

1. A draw for model railroad items, kindly donated by local hobby shops, will be held.
2. Draw tickets will be available at the door.
3. Draws for item(s) will be conducted during the Auction.
4. The timing of the draws will be at the discretion of the Auctioneer.
5. Winning ticket holders MUST be present to claim the item(s).

**GENERAL**

1. South Bank Short Lines does not make any representation as to the condition of the items offered for sale with the exception of whether or not a locomotive operated when tested prior to the auction.
2. South Bank Short Lines does not accept any responsibility for the security of items placed on display.
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**ATTEND THE BOOMER AUCTION AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

**South Bank Short Lines Association**

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