



# OrderBoard

## Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



*This photo was taken last year at Selwyns open house. This G Scale layout based on the RhB (Rhaetian Railway of Switzerland) Locomotive is a Ge 6/6 #702 which was in service for 60 years and travelled 6 million km. The buildings are POLA and Piko.  
Selwyn Morris*

**Photo by Selwyn Morris**

### *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.*

**John Morphy – OrderBoard Editor**  
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**Presidents Message**

My my, where has the summer gone? July and August flew past and now we're staring down autumn once again. Those who are in G Scale have had their flowers bloom and greenery sprout up around their trains, and the rest of us are looking at layouts that have collected dust while we've been out enjoying the hot weather. Yes, myself included. Time to get back to the layout, and perhaps take a look at what's missing from the collection of rolling stock and perhaps what's considered non-essential or taking up too much space.

Yes, the South Bank Short Line's Boomer Auction is coming up not too long from now, and that's a great way to get that space and get some money for future acquisitions. Who knows, perhaps what you're looking for will be there and you can come home with it? More details about the auction are further on in these pages.

Planning for the next SUPERTRAIN is starting up, and already we've had some serious debates among the committee and your board of directors about the date of the show.

Normally, one would expect the date to be something figured out well in advance, but this year, our locally headquartered Class One Railway decided to toss us a curveball in the form of announcing 2816's epic trip to Mexico to start from Calgary on April 13-14th, 2024...the same weekend we normally host SUPERTRAIN! Knowing there would be an ugly choice for some of the groups and people that would normally volunteer for the show, I requested we have a discussion about changing the date of the show so we didn't have to compete against Class 1 Steam. It certainly wasn't a slam dunk decision, and we even received some very appreciated assistance from the Genesis Centre to achieve this, but we've secured the weekend of April 19-21 for SUPERTRAIN 2024.

Our AGM and Fall Mini-Meet are fast approaching, and we're looking for a couple good people to step forward to help run the society. Barry Crispin and myself have decided to not seek another term, and we would certainly appreciate if you would give consideration to stepping forward. Time commitments are usually attending a meeting about 10 months during the year and a few hours each month. Everyone has certain talents and we can make use of yours. Feel free to send Jim Ironside or myself an email if you're interested and want to know more.

Hoping to see you at Champion Park and Railway Days very soon!

**Jon Calon**  
**President CMRS**

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**Directors Reports**  
**CMRS Memberships**

**Membership**

Its coming up to that time of year when we have to renew a large number of memberships. You can very easily renew your membership in person at the South Bank Short Lines Boomer Auction on October 14th or the fall Mini-Meet and AGM on October 15<sup>th</sup>. As so many members renew at these events, line-ups for renewal can be quite long. If you want to avoid the line-ups, you can also renew at any time by following the instructions at this link: <https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/join.html>. We will not be renewing memberships at the Champion Railway Park event.

**Paul Clegg**  
**Memberships**

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**Railfan Event – Champion Railway Park Open House**

After a multi-year hiatus, we are very pleased once again to provide a railfan event. This year’s event will take place at Champion Railway Park from 1:00 – 4:00 PM on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>. The park is now owned by the Town of Okotoks and Municipal District of Foothills. Their website provides a little background on the park’s beginnings.



Photo by John Morphy

“Champion Park was gifted by the Knowlton Family. Gerald L. Knowlton built the park as an homage to the CPR and as a family tribute to his mother, Faye, and father, Frederick (Ted) Knowlton – a CPR station agent who served in the town of Standard, Alberta for 42 years. The park was replicated after the train station and surroundings that his father operated.”

The park contains a number of historical buildings, artifacts, railway cars and a locomotive. The brochure at this link: <https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/SpecialEvents/Champion%20Park%20Guide%20-%20Buildings%20and%20Rolling%20Stock.pdf> provides a description of the major exhibits and a site map, designed for the general public. The attachment at this link provides shorter descriptions designed for a more knowledgeable audience: <https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/SpecialEvents/Welcome%20Intro%20Champion%20Park%20Railway%20rev.%20Aug%202023.pdf>

The park has never been regularly open to the general public so this event provides a rare opportunity for our members to see the artifacts and exhibits in close proximity. In addition, the Friends of Champion Railway Park will be in attendance to provide interpretation of the exhibits. Many of the “Friends” are also members of CMRS so you may see some familiar faces guiding your visit.

There is a per person charge to CMRS for this event, however, admittance to the park will be free for all CMRS members and one guest each. For anyone bringing more than one guest, we will ask for a \$5.00/person contribution to partially cover our costs for access to the park.

We would also ask everyone to reasonably limit the number of guests. The \$5.00/person charge for extra guests will be collected on an honour system in a box located near the entrance to the park.

The park is located south of Calgary adjacent to Highway 2 near the Township Road 210/338 Ave E crossing.



Please note:

*There have been a number of very serious collisions on Highway 2 in the vicinity of the park recently, including at least one fatality. The Town of Okotoks have asked all concerned avoid turning left from Highway 2 to Township Road 210 in order to reduce the chance of a collision(s). The approved route from Calgary is to take the Highway 552 East exit from Highway 2 (this is the same exit used to go to Okotoks). Head east on Highway 552 East to Range Road 291/64<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right and follow Range Road 291/64<sup>th</sup> Street. to the park entrance. Once at the park, use the main entrance and turn left. Parking will be in the soccer field south of the Section House.*

*Thank you,  
Paul*

### November Slide Night

We are looking for presenters at the **next slide night** on November 10/2023 at the River Park Church. Please contact our temporary organizer for this event Selwyn Morris.

**Temporary Contact  
Selwyn Morris  
Slide Night**

[payments@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:payments@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

### CMRS Lid Challenge

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

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**

[Layout\\_Tours@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:Layout_Tours@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

## Coming Events

<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>	Sunday 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 October 2, 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.

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**For Sale:** HO Scale model trains: Have a number of train and accessories to sell, complete US army train a couple of hundred feet of track (numerous switch tracks). CN engine and number of cars some still in boxes. My contact info is [Allen Leier 403- 271-1470](mailto:leierallen@shaw.ca) or: [leierallen@shaw.ca](mailto:leierallen@shaw.ca) I can take more specific pictures if some one wants, but it would be best to come over to view. Sincerely Allen

**For Sale:** 15 rock molds including 3 commercial molds. The remaining are homemade from RTV rubber cast from coal and other selected rocks. Photos of the molds and some of the finished castings are available on request. For sale or trade for tuition at an operating session.

EnviroTexLite : pour-on , high gloss finish, approx 500 ml of two part epoxy, for creating water features, streams and lakes, free to a good model railroad. [Fred Ketter 403- 796- 2589](tel:403-796-2589)

Email: [fjketter@shaw.ca](mailto:fjketter@shaw.ca)



**For Sale:** Brand New HO/N scale locos  
Climaxes, Shays, Cabforwards DCC and non DCC  
Call [Mike 403- 258-0661](tel:403-258-0661) Between 9am and 9pm

**Business Opportunity:** Looking for someone to take over the maintenance of four small "O" Scale track/layout at four Pediatric Dentist offices in and around Calgary. This is a paid service, not volunteering. Please contact [Bruce Shaw 403-278-6088](tel:403-278-6088) or [text 587-215-9334](tel:587-215-9334) for further details if interested. Thanks!

### Alberta Free-mo 2023

Alberta Free-mo is an annual August gathering of Free-mo model railway enthusiasts from across the west of Canada and northern United States organized by Calgary Free-mo. This year's meet in Big Valley Alberta 10-13 Aug had 740 feet of modules connected together, filling a hockey rink in the Big Valley Agriplex. Forty-four participants with 94 modules came from Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, and Idaho. Setup took place on Thursday; running (including all night) on Friday through Sunday; and all was torn down late Sunday afternoon. It is a social as well as a train event – many participants come back year over year, and it is great to see old friends and make new ones with a shared obsession.

The Stettler Alberta Prairie train makes Big Valley a destination when we are there, and many train guests came to see our setup. Local residents came to see what this year brings. Because this is a 'Fun Run' and not a show, there was no entry charge for visitors. Free-mo is an international standard for modular model train layouts, allowing individual modules to be built conforming to a standard interface but otherwise with whatever size and curvature the owners wish. Module status varies from bare plywood to incredible scenery.

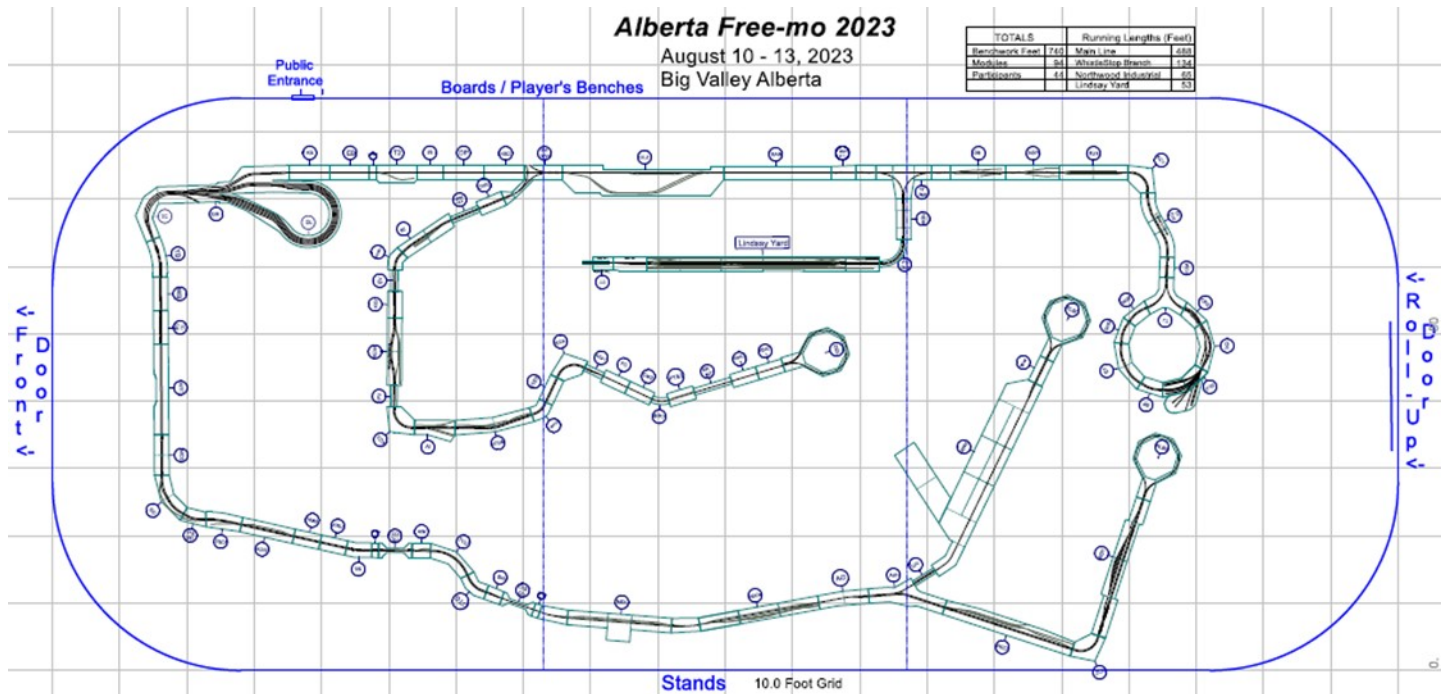
Large modules are constructed in sections for transport and reassembled on site. Modules can then be connected in any order and orientation – 'Never the same layout twice'. Participants offer their modules; the challenge for the layout designer is to fit them all into the space. The 'As Built' layout plan and an overall photo of the setup in the Agriplex are below. As always, there was a bit of a 'Free-mo Waltz' from the 'As Planned' to the 'As Built', rearranging some modules on site to adapt to unexpected changes.

Besides Alberta Free-mo, Calgary Free-mo sets up Fun Runs several times a year, and also attends formal shows like the Greater Edmonton Train Show (GETS), SUPERTRAIN, and Heritage Park Railway Days.

The minimum length for a module is 6 inches; there is no maximum. If you would like your trains to run on an 800' layout while your home layout is only a foot long, contact us at [info@calgaryfreemo.ca](mailto:info@calgaryfreemo.ca). For more information, visit [www.calgaryfreemo.ca](http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca)



Photo courtesy of Grant Reiersen





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**Presents the  
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**SCHEDULE**

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- 2. RESERVE PRICING now available to sellers for any valuable item, not just brass. Fee is \$20 per item + usual 15% commission. See [www.sbsltrains.ca](http://www.sbsltrains.ca) for details.**
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- 4. All items are sold "as is"**
- 5. All sales final and in cash, cash required at time of purchase**
- 6. Magazines and VHS tapes will NOT be auctioned.**



**7. Final decision regarding sales is at the discretion of the auctioneer.**

**8. No credit permitted.**

**TEST TRACK**

**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.**
- 3. South Bank Short Lines will charge sellers a commission of 15% of sales.**

**ATTEND THE BOOMER AUCTION AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

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