



# OrderBoard

## Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



*Photo credit John Morphy*

Photo of Selwyn Morris's G scale layout in his back yard in Calgary.

Layout features a large mountain, water effects along with buildings, people and vehicles. Will have a couple of photos in this edition as we try to hit all the scales throughout the year in the OrderBoard.

Selwyn is modeling a Swiss type layout, it is elevated for ease of building and track work. Power, throttle and switches are all powered with a central control board.

This layout has been on the go for 21 years and this is now about the 4th version built in the same footprint and after attending a couple of the Garden Railroad Conventions you always come home with ideas for Improvements. Selwyn has been a member of the Rocky Mountain Garden Railroad for many years. If anyone is interested in joining please contact Andrew Flaming

Rocky Mountain GRR

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

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## Directors Reports

### Looking Ahead to October Annual General Meeting October 20<sup>th</sup> Glenmore Inn

#### CMRS Board Vacancies

The academic description of CMRS Board positions in the June OrderBoard likely put you to sleep, since no one volunteered themselves (or their to-be-former) friends for the vacant positions. If you are having trouble sleeping, I recommend it – just go to the CMRS website and download the June OrderBoard to get a copy. The two Board positions for the core Clubs that will come vacant will have candidates proposed by their clubs for ratification. No worries.

The two Independent positions coming to the end of their terms have at present one person offering to stand, but another is needed, and more candidates would be great.

Election is for a three year term, so if elected you would not have to stand for election again in the next two years. Roles on the Board are decided after election to suit your inclinations and skills. Please consider offering. It is useful for the Calgary model railroading community, it is personally satisfying, and it is working with an enthusiastic bunch of great people. Contact the Secretary through the CMRS website for more info or to offer to join us on the Board.

**Jim Ironside – Secretary**  
[secretary@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:secretary@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

### **Activities On October 20 AGM At Glenmore Inn**

There will be three speakers giving presentations in the Heritage 2 Room. This starts at 10:00 AM then at 11:00 AM and once the AGM meeting is over will have the last presentation probably at 2:00 PM. There will be coffee, tea, and lunch as well as cookies, along with a display room for members to display and show off their work. We have also asked some vendors to come and show off their products so will see who responds. There will be another update on the next OrderBoard on October 15.

**John Morphy**  
[orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

### **CMRS Memberships**

As we start the fall round of activities, it is time once again to think about renewing your CMRS membership. As always, you can renew in person at the South Bank Shortline Boomer Auction on October 19 or the CMRS Mini-meet and AGM on October 20th. It is pretty common for membership lines to form at the mini-meet. In order to avoid line-ups, you can always renew by email or snail mail by following the instructions at this link: <https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/join.html>

As always, please invite any friends interested in the CMRS to the fall mini-meet. We can sign them up immediately and they get a free lunch in the bargain!

**Paul Clegg**  
**Memberships**  
[membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

### **Slide Night**

It would appear that Slide Night will be back as I have some volunteers but would like more to fill out the evening. I am looking for potential presenters for **November** and any feedback on a slide night, including, but not limited to venue, timing, content, themes, etc. ***Please fill out the quick 5 minute Survey for this event highlighted below to get a feel of what members want to see at a Slide Night.***  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GV7CN3B>

**Mark Wittrup**  
**Slide Night**  
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## Coming Events

<b>Heritage Park Railroad Days</b>	September 14/15 2024 Heritage Park Calgary <a href="http://heritagepark.ca">heritagepark.ca</a>
<b>Edmonton Train Show</b>	GETS September 14/15 <a href="mailto:trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca">trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca</a>
<b>Northern Rails 2024 Operations Weekend</b>	September 27-29 Edmonton For further information please visit our website at <a href="https://northernrails.ca">https://northernrails.ca</a> or contact us at <a href="mailto:info@northernrails.ca">info@northernrails.ca</a>
<b>Boomer Auction</b>	Southbank Shortline Saturday October 19/2024
<b>CMRS Fall Mini Meet and AGM</b>	<b>Sunday October 20/2024 Glenmore Inn</b> <b>Doors open at 9:00 AM First Speaker at 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Slide Night</b>	<b>November 2024 (TBA)</b>
<b>CMT and Calgary Free-Mo 25 Day Christmas Run</b>	December 10/2024 – January 5/2025 text Garth at 403-650-1391 or email Dale Sproule <a href="mailto:sproules@telusplanet.net">sproules@telusplanet.net</a>

*Red text indicates these are CMRS sponsored events.*

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

*Deadline for the next issue is October 15, 2024*

## 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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**John Morphy**  
**OrderBoard Editor**

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### For Sale/Donation

Hello, my name is Chris, my family has a mountain scene table HO scale unfinished, we would like to know if anyone would like this, we would like to maybe donate the table, we have no room for it anymore! Thank you! Photos available. Contact Chris at [ccbkeddy@sasktel.net](mailto:ccbkeddy@sasktel.net)

### For Sale

10 HO Caboose Industries Ground Throws, 204S Spring Stand. \$10 for lot.

7 Toggle Switches, Centre Off. \$10 for lot

3 Woodland Scenics HO Single Tunnel Portals. NEW. \$5 each

2 #1252 concrete

1 # 1253 stone

HO Throttle Pack Hobby Transformer, MRC USA. \$15

On/Off, Power Full/Pulse, Circuit Breaker Protection, Variable DC, 16

Volts AC, 12 Volts DC

Contact Gord at [ringingrails@shaw.ca](mailto:ringingrails@shaw.ca) Photos Available



### For Sale

H0 Scale Intermountain 40' Box Cars Canadian Pacific and Canadian National cars assorted road numbers. All in excellent shape. \$20.00 each.

For more information please call [Ian T. at 403-870-0473](tel:403-870-0473)

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### For Sale

If anyone is interested in buying an H0 scale train set, I would be willing sell the lot for \$25 firm.

Please let me know by return email or a phone call. I live in Redwood Meadows AB. (Bragg Creek area)

Warren McNabb phone 403- 949- 3452

email: [cwmcnabb@telusplanet.net](mailto:cwmcnabb@telusplanet.net)

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### For Sale

*Calgary N-Scale Traksters* is selling, Miscellaneous MRC Prodigy DCC equipment ALL AT GREAT Prices including:

(1) 0001414 a Complete starter system.

(1) 0001528 3.5 amp Booster.

(2) 0001415 Walkaround throttles.

(6) 0001501 Extension plates with cords.

(2) 0001530 Wi-Fi modules.

Contact Selwyn Morris at [sgmorris@telusplanet.net](mailto:sgmorris@telusplanet.net) or (403)240-0550

For more info.

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Photo showing the tunnel, mountain and large bridge on Selwyns G Scale layout. Look forward to next years open house to see how much progress is accomplished.

*Photo Credit John Morphy*



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Brian Henderson will be at the throttle this weekend September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> running 2023/2024 at Heritage Parks Railroad Days. Hope to see you there.

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## **Alberta Free-mo 2024 Big Valley Alberta – After Action Summary**

Calgary Free-mo held its annual Alberta Free-mo setup at Big Valley from 15 – 18 August. It was a relatively modest setup – [55 Free-mo modules, total 384 feet](#), coming from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Setup started 10:00 Thursday 15th and completed by early evening; trains ran [24 hours a day](#) until tear down Sunday at 16:00. The setup ran loop to loop with a branch to a yard used for setting up trains. There were three sections of double track separated by two sections of single track to keep operators interested. Besides the full participants present from start of setup to end of tear down, some operators came for a shorter time to run their trains. Some children and grandchildren of participants ran trains as well – often better than their elders!! The setup ran well with the usual gremlins corrected fairly quickly.

Social aspects of these setups are always satisfying – seeing old friends and meeting new ones. The traditional Saturday 'Bring your own meat' Pot Luck overflowed with delicious food, enough to have some left over for Sunday lunch. The Village of Big Valley was, as always, very cooperative in hosting us, including the many participants who camped on site.

As is normal for these setups, [Alberta Prairie Railway](#) scheduled trips to Big Valley to coincide with our presence there. Visitors from the train were amazed at the scale of the setup and the detail of the modules, and there was no shortage of moving trains to catch the eye.

If you would like to be part of the fun next year, go to <https://calgaryfreemo.ca/afm.php> and use the Contact Us link to get on our mailing list. Hope to see you there.

Jim Ironside

## **In Memorium**

### **TRIBUTE TO DOUG LEE**

On July 24th, CMRS member Doug Lee passed away after suffering from Huntington's Disease for the last two years. Doug was an accomplished modeller and particularly focused on layout design and prototypical operations. He modelled the Northern Pacific Railway in the early 1950s and many operated on his layout depicting the Minneapolis / St. Paul region. His layout operated flawlessly. He also contributed much to the hobby in the many clinics given at CMRS Mini-Meets. His inspiration and attention to detail was shared with many CMRS members.

He had a particular interest in operating on other layouts and was a frequent visitor to Edmonton and Vancouver. Aside from model railroading, he was most at home riding VIA's Canadian which he did many many times with his wife, Kate.

His good nature and enthusiasm will be missed.

Submitted by Geoff Southwood

## **Calgary Model Trainmen & Calgary Free-Mo Christmas Run**

**CMT** and **Calgary Free-Mo** are getting together starting  
December 10/2024 to January 5/ 2025.

Its the **25 Day Christmas Run**.

(Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day)

Contact Garth P. **text 403-650-1391** or

Dale Sproule at email [\*\*sproules@telusplanet.net\*\*](mailto:sproules@telusplanet.net)

**Time:** Open Daily from 10:00-6:00 PM

**Where:** #7 – 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE Admission \$2.00 Kids \$5.00 Adults

**What:** Bring your own trains and for \$30 run them for 4 hours on  
a large layout!

Or just come to see the large layout and the trains!!!

**More information to come**