



OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



Photo by John Morphy

Calgary Model Trainmen and Calgary Free-mo got together over the Christmas and New Year's Holidays for this Open House Run and built a very large layout combining modules (CFM) and a permanent set up (CMT). A particular highlight was the very large CMT helix that was completed. The photo taken does not do it justice as it stands about 7 feet high. The third level of the layout will be finished next year to give more mainline length.

CFM had 15 modules set up in the adjacent room. All the legs had to be lengthened by 8" from 42"-50". CFM did this by adding a notched extension to their existing legs, about 60 in total. The CMT layout that the club takes to shows etc. ties into the helix. At the mid point of the helix it takes off and runs along the wall to the CFM set up. CMT (at 58") built a ramp about 15 feet long so that the two clubs could join up at the 50" elevation.

The day we visited they had 4 trains running through the whole setup with lots of detailed modules. I hope you had a chance to visit the Open House. They are booked for around the same time next December 2025, so stay tuned.

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URGENT REQUEST from CMRS

We are in desperate need of a volunteer Treasurer to take over immediately.

The CMRS cannot function and SUPERTRAIN will not continue unless we have this position filled ASAP.

If you have, or anyone you know has the skills to fill this position, please contact any one of the Directors for more information.

The person does not have to be a member or even interested in model railroading.

Basically we are at the point that we may have to pay someone to fill this position!!!

This is an expense and complication that we do not need.

CMRS Board of Directors

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*Lucas Park will be covering the Mini Meets/Clinics as well as the Vice-President until we get members to fill that position.

** Selwyn Morris has agreed to stay on as Treasurer until the Spring Mini Meet.

***Peter Bouma is stepping up to cover the Layout tours in February.

CMRS is looking for anyone to step up as Independent Director. If anyone is interested please contact anyone on the Board of Directors know and they can answer your questions.

Directors Reports

Mini Meets

Look forward to seeing you at the **Spring MiniMeet** and **CMT Flea Market on March 2/2025**. We are looking for 2 more presenters please let Lucas know if you are interested.

Lucas Park*
minimeets@calgarymodelrailway.ca

CMRS Memberships

As of December 1st, there are 26 members who have not renewed bringing our membership total down to 238. For those that have not renewed follow the membership link and please renew. Our strength is in our members. For all our members, please encourage anyone interested in model railroading in Calgary to join CMRS. For any new or renewing members, the membership link is: <https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/join.html>

Mark Wittrup
Memberships
membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca

Layout Tours

Layout tours will be on Saturday February 8th and Sunday February 9th from 10am – 4pm. The south end of the city will be on Saturday and the north end on Sunday.

There are currently 10 layouts signed up for the tour with layouts that are N, HO and O scales. There will be an email blast that will come out the week before layout tours that will have addresses and a brief description of each layout. Looking forward to seeing all the great work people have done on their layouts! If you have any questions, send me an email!

**Peter Bouma
Layout Tours**

[Layout Tours@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:LayoutTours@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

Slide Night

The 2024 Slide Night (a bit delayed) was held on January 17th 2025.

We had 45 people show up despite the cold and snow, with three main presenters and two more volunteering additional images.

The River Park Church has a sophisticated audiovisual suite, and their AV technician was able to adapt our several formats to their equipment.

This year we hope to return to our usual November schedule.

The Pizza and water were well received of course.

If you think you have a presentation and would like to show it please reach out.

A big thanks to **Dennis Fitzsimonds, Gord Smith, Bill Hitchman, BJ Ersson, Andy Hockin**

**Glenn Hawley
Slide Night**

[Slide Night@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:SlideNight@calgarymodelrailway.ca)

SUPERTRAIN 2025 – Update

We have almost 100 applications for **SUPERTRAIN**, of which over 50 are for layouts – a model railroader's dream. Floor layout planning is in progress. Although applications have theoretically closed on Jan 12, late applications will be dealt with as best we can. We (finally) have space

Other arrangements are also progressing – for food, for on-line tickets, for move-in and move-out, for advertising, and most importantly for volunteers. The new venue at the Oval means lots of small changes in how we do it.

See you all at a super **SUPERTRAIN**.

**Jim Ironside
Registrar
SUPERTRAIN 2025**

Coming Events

CMRS Layout Tours	February 8&9
Calgary Model Trainmen Swap Meet and CMRS Spring Minimeet	March 2/2025 Glenmore Inn 9:00am-3:00pm
SUPERTRAIN 2025	April 5&6/2025 Olympic Oval University of Calgary

Red text indicates these are CMRS sponsored events.

Send an email to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca with submissions for coming events!

Deadline for the next issue is February 15, 2025

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 for details.

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John Morphy
OrderBoard Editor
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Photo by John Morphy

Very impressive modelling depicting Grassy Mountain found in the Crowsnest Pass. Will definitely be on the look out for this rock formation this next time we are chasing trains down in that area. The small mine is no longer at this site but did exist in the past.



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Photo of the CMT layout showing a Beaver Lodge, with Canada's national rodent nicely done!