



OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



Photo by John Morphy

Semaphores at the Shepard station at Heritage Park showing all Green. The way the sun is hitting the lights makes them look lighted. This was taken Saturday morning of Railway Days at the Park. Also had many model railroad clubs attending showing off their layouts and promoting the hobby.

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Presidents Message Hello Model Railroad Friends

Fall is coming, which means for some of us the beginning of the modeling season! I'm getting ready to start my next mega kit, it looks like it will be a fun build. Our AGM and mini meet are just around the corner on Sunday October 5th, take in a clinic, check out the show and tell room, catch up with some friends and hear a recap of what happened in our society this last year. There are a couple seats on the board that will come up for election this year, the time commitment is minimal, and you'll help our society by organizing some of our events. Consider volunteering by running for one of the seats. Will see you at the mini meet...

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Directors Reports

CMRS Memberships

Over the summer, there were only 2 membership transactions with one renewal and one new member. This brings the membership numbers to 265, which is very close to the 263 this time last year. Unfortunately, there are 94 members whose memberships expired on June 30th. This is almost double the amount of expired memberships from last year. Remember, you will need to have a valid 2026 membership to attend the AGM, lunch and the guest speaker.

A membership desk will set up at the mini-meet/AGM but will close with the start of the AGM cash or cheque only. But to avoid the rush and possibly long lineups, we encourage everyone with an expired membership to renew online so as to be able to take in all of the mini-meet, AGM, lunch and guest speaker.

The membership link is <https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/join.html> for anyone that wants to renew online.

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Coming Events

CIFF and CPKC Film "The Pulse of the Continent" As well as an after party. See details in link	September 20/2025 Calgary Alberta Calgary International Film Festival 6:00-7:00pm film After party see details Click on link below https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ciffcalgary.ca%2Ffilms%2F2025%2Fpulse-of-the-continent%2F&data=05%7C02%7C%7C145c4b346a264b8d288608ddeb4412ec%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638925399793069289%7CUnknown%7CT
Fall Mini Meet & AGM	October 5/2025 Glenmore Inn CMRS AGM 9:00-3:00
Slide Night	November 21 River Park Church 7:00pm-9:00pm
Calgary FreMo and Calgary Model Trainmen Christmas Run	December 20/2025 to Jan 4/2026 #7 – 11th Street NE 10:00-6:00 Closed December 24/25/26 Bring your own trains and for \$20 run them for 4 hours on a large layout! Text Garth at 403-650-1391 or email Dale Sproule sproules@telusplanet.net
Layout Tours	February 2026 more info to come!
SUPERTRAIN 2026	April 25-26/2026 Olympic Oval University of Calgary supertrain.ca

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 October 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 Editor at orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca for details.

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October 5 CMRS MiniMeet

Presented with the support of the Doug Lee Memorial Fund

Special Guest Speaker clinician Trevor Marshall will be joining us to present a clinic.

Trevor Marshall is a lifelong model railway enthusiast who has worked in multiple scales and gauges. Some of those journeys have been more successful than others, but he's always learned from the process and often shared what he's learned through Railroad Model Craftsman magazine and other hobby publications. He created, produced, and co-hosted The Model Railway Show a podcast about the hobby. And was a host on Train Masters TV. He currently writes a blog on his modelling at themodelrailwayshow.com

In addition to railway modelling, Trevor spent eight years learning to work a border collie on sheep, enjoys playing role playing games, and paints miniatures for and plays a number of tabletop skirmish games.

Trevor lives in Saskatoon, Canada, with his wife and an unemployed border collie.

Trevor will be presenting a clinic on layout design decisions in his pursuit of his dream layout – based on the Niagara St. Catharines & Toronto Railway, an electric interurban that once ran through the city where he lived in his impressionable teenage years.

Peter Bouma

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CMRS Reminders

**Annual General Meeting on Sunday October 5/2025
Glenmore Inn 1000 Glenmore Ct SE, Calgary, AB T2C 2E6**

Mark your calendars

Start time is 9:00 AM

The CMRS Membership desk will be open to take renewals and new memberships.

Show and Tell room for members to bring in their projects and show off their talents. Doors Open at 9:00am.

Speaker at 10:00-11:00 Paul Clegg

"Crisis Averted Crow Rate Resolution and Building Western Capacity".

The AGM of the Calgary Model Railroad Society will take place at 11:00

To be considered:

- Reports on previous year activities**
- Financial report for the 2024/25 financial year**
- Plans for the 2025/26 year**
- Budget for the 2025/26 year**
- Election or ratification of Board members whose terms expire at this AGM.**
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12:00-There will be a free lunch provided to members.

**1:00-3:00 PM we are having a special presentation from Trevor Marshall.
He is a published author from Model Railroad Craftsman Magazine.**

Minutes from 2024 AGM to be reviewed and passed by CMRS members at October 5/2025 AGM.

Calgary Model Railroad Society

Annual General Meeting

20 October 2024

Draft 26 Oct 24

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Peter Bouma at 12:40.

Attendance BoD: Peter Bouma; Lucas Park; Selwyn Morris; Jim Ironside; Paul Clegg; John Morphy; Bruce McGillivray; Mark Wittrup; Regrets Ron Sauer; Andrew Flaming

Attendance other/ total: In attendance 8 Board members, 76?? other members; quorum (25) was met.

In Memoriam Peter Bouma: There was recognition of those model railroaders we have lost this year.

AGM 2023 Minutes: Draft Minutes of the 2023 AGM had been distributed in a CMRS News Blast the week before the AGM. Approval was proposed by Jim Ironside, seconded by Selwyn Morris, and approved by show of hands.

Reports

- President (Peter Bouma): Welcomed the attendees. We are back to post COVID normal. We held a Railfan Event, first in 4 years; plus layout tours, a Mini-meet, and a successful SUPERTRAIN.

- Treasurer (Selwyn Morris): Accounts were audited and confirmed by our auditors Maurice Despins and Mike Borkristal. The SUPERTRAIN net income of \$28,460 and total CMRS (including SUPERTRAIN after CMRS expenses) net income of \$19,760 gave CMRS a net asset after liabilities of \$135,385. This is designed to cover 'bad years' when CMRS expenses exceed SUPERTRAIN income, such as in COVID. Specific items: SUPERTRAIN had unexpected expenses for Calgary Police to guide traffic at the entrance to the Genesis Centre parking lot, which did not seem to be particularly useful; and the Calgary Fire Department billed us for their inspection visit to the show. Neither of these has previously been an issue. Shortly before the SUPERTRAIN show, our insurance company made a significant change in their interpretation of our liability coverage which resulted in a change of insurance companies and an increased cost.

- Question from the floor: Is there a guideline for the balance we should maintain, eg should balance cover some number of shows (eg 1 ½ or something) in case of attendance disasters like snowstorms? (Selwyn) We will discuss this in the budget discussion. (Daniel) We need to cover potential bad years, eg Covid caused cancellation three weeks before the show, after significant amounts had been committed, but we were fortunate that some were carried over or returned.

- Question from the floor: How are we on booth revenue? (Selwyn/ Daniel) Our planning on the booth fees is that booth revenue should cover all GES provided items including paid booths, some free items, ticket booths, other infrastructure, and draping over some walls. Unfortunately

paid booth revenue is decreasing due to smaller booths and slightly fewer of them.

- Membership (Paul Clegg): As of end Jun, we had 263 members, of whom 29 were new. Last year membership was 277 of whom 10 were new. With these new members the downwards membership trend may be turning back up. The multi-year membership chart was explained; there is always a dip after the AGM as non-renewing members carried from official year-end in June are dropped from the roll. To assure continued viability of the Society, we need to ensure that it remains relevant to Calgary model railroaders.

(Selwyn Morris) Renewals and new memberships at the weekend Boomer Auction and at this MiniMeet raised approximately \$700.

- Slide Night (Mark Wittrup): This year's Slide Night has not yet been scheduled because the spring poll showed very low interest. There were enough main session presenters but few survey responses and potpourri offers. Of 12 responses, only one offered to present, but the total response of those planning to attend is still too small. A Zoom approach was clearly not favoured. Presently no Slide Night is planned.

- Discussion on Slide Night poll: Initially there were only 8 responses. Several members said they did not get it, although the link was in the OrderBoard twice. Comment was that the link should be sent out as a Blast, not as a link in the OrderBoard which members might miss.

- Sixty members were there at the 2023 Slide Night. An informal poll of members at this AGM was held and about two thirds of the members present indicated they would likely attend. This may be more representative of the actual interest. The Board will take it under advisement.

- Question was raised if a nominal fee ie \$5 would be OK, or should we request a donation? Other opinions were to keep it free given our strong financial position.

- Question was raised if the venue could be in a Calgary library which would be free. Unfortunately, the library facilities close too early, by 20:30 or 21:00.

- Layout Tours (R Sauer, not present, Peter Bouma): Hosts from this year were thanked. Attendance varied from about 20 to 50 at each location. Crossbucks were refurbished. Next year's tour will be tentatively on the first weekend of Feb. If you could host a tour, please contact the convenor through the website link.

- Railfan Events (Bruce McGillivray): We are planning to hold an event January with two films to be shown: The Last Stop: Canada's Lost Locomotive; and Pulse of the Continent: Final Spike Steam Tour. We are in discussion with CPKC to hold event at Royal Canadian Pacific Pavilion. Details are TBD

- MiniMeets (A Flaming, not present, John Morphy): Clinicians from the 2024 spring and fall MiniMeets were thanked. We are looking for clinicians for the coming year.

- SUPERTRAIN 2024 (Daniel Charest): It was a successful show in the full Genesis space with a

hundred exhibitors and 10,600 visitors. We also were financially successful with a net profit of \$18K. Already noted are the unexpected Calgary Police and Fire Department changes.

- SUPERTRAIN 2025 Apr 5/6 (Daniel Charest): SUPERTRAIN is moving to Olympic Oval at the U of C for 2025. All exhibitors on our mailing list have been informed of the change. Refund of our deposit to the Genesis Centre for the 2025 show is in process, and a deposit for the 2025 Olympic Oval show is in process. Increased parking is the main reason for the change, although it will cost \$9 for visitors. Parking for volunteers will be free. The Oval space is much larger than the Genesis Centre and all in one room, not spread over several areas. To avoid looking empty, the unused space will be blocked off with bleachers. Load in/out will be better. Access to the CTrain is similar to that at the Genesis Centre. There is a Food Court, but we may have food trucks on site depending on which concessions are open. The visitor entrance fee will change to add a charge for youth, plus other minor adjustments in line with other shows. Getting enough volunteers is a continuing challenge, and supporting organizations (Scouts etc) may need more money to encourage them to come. There is a trend to increasing numbers of free exhibitors (historical societies etc) and fewer paid vendors. Advertising costs will be up to ensure understanding of the change of venue and date. We will have a better social media presence thanks to a volunteer (Brittney Scobie). Our previous contractor, GES, has moved to Edmonton and we are selecting another supplier.

- Question from the floor: Which jobs are specifically needed? (Daniel) All of them. Admissions and cash are some that allow sitting.

- Question from the floor: (J Calon): How do costs compare? (Daniel) About the same as at the Genesis Centre. There is always a negotiation but are pretty sure that Genesis is trying to increase their existing fees plus add new costs.

- Question from the floor: Where will the admitting level be? (Daniel) On the main exhibit floor.

- Question from the floor: (T Cherkas): What is the plan for truck/ trailers storage? (Daniel) Not yet addressed.

- Question from the floor: (T Cherkas): Will the cost of parking lower visitors? (Daniel) Calgarians are used to parking fees, eg Heritage Park. (Other comments) Parking fees are not a deterrent for Calgarians.

- Question from the floor: (M Despina) Is the electrical arrangement? (Daniel) Two of our electricians examined the electrical arrangements and are OK with them.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Budget 2024-2025 (Selwyn Morris): The SUPERTRAIN and CMRS budgets were reviewed. Total of typical standing and non-standing expenses for CMRS is \$20K per year; our CMRS revenue is

about \$7K and SUPERTRAIN pays the \$13K difference. Budgets are based on visitor attendance of 10,000 at the new venue and the understood costs at the Olympic Oval. Net SUPERTRAIN profit is estimated at \$20K and CMRS net revenue over costs at \$8K. Approval of the 2024/25 budget was proposed by S Morris, seconded by Rick Walker, and approved by show of hands.

- Question from the floor: Notable changes? (Selwyn) Online selling of tickets will cost a percentage of the ticket fee; advertising costs will be up.
- Question from the floor: (M Despins) Will there be a floor guide as in previous years? (Daniel) Our objective previously was to make them cost neutral to us through advertising. Current experience with the floor guide booklets is that most are immediately thrown in the garbage. We are considering re-introducing them, or perhaps options such as a leaflet rather than a book, and QR codes.
- Appointment of Auditors (S Morris): proposed by S Morris that we reappoint Maurice Despins and Mike Borkristal as our auditors, seconded by M Wittrup, and approved by show of hands.
- Election/ Ratification of Directors (J Ironside): John Morphy (Bow Valley) and Glenn Hawley (CANTRAK) were ratified as representatives of their respective clubs. Peter Bouma stood for election as Independent. Solicitation of other Independent candidates three times failed to elicit any nominations. Peter was ratified by show of hands. The Board will continue to search for a suitable candidate to support CMRS functions.

- Bequest (P Bouma): The Doug Lee bequest of \$60,000 to CMRS was briefed. Probate has now happened, and funds will be dispersed when the lawyer is finished reconciling the accounts. The Board would prefer to use these funds to establish a permanent award of some sort in Doug's name

- Question from the floor: (M Despins): Will this be in a separate account? (Selwyn) Yes; we would use the interest as the award. (G Hawley) We do not want to spend the capital; we would set up an account separate from our current account and award the income.
- Comment from the floor: (M Despins): Do not tie up the fund too much in case circumstances require a changed approach; we should be able to revise the plan as needed.

New business from the floor: (P Bouma):

- (Garth Praestegaard): Briefed on the joint CMT/ CFM setup over Xmas. Four hour running rights for visitors will be \$20.00

Closing Remarks: (Peter Bouma): Thanks to everyone for attending and hope to see you all again next year.

Adjournment: Moved by Monty Schnieder, seconded by Daniel Charest and approved by show of hands. Meeting adjourned at 13:40.