



OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



Photo by John Morphy

Photo from Mike Geldert's open house during the February 2026 Layout tours. Some nice scenes with water, barges and a stern wheeler.

Calgary Red Deer & Northern Pacific is a freelance HO model railway layout. Trackage is mostly code 100 (code 83 on a recent 20' X 3' extension) with a mainline run of over 300 feet. Trains are controlled using a Digitrax DCC system with JMRI software with the added capability to use smart phones as controllers. 90% of the layout scenery has been completed and work is ongoing on a scene-by-scene basis. A Dispatcher using JMRI generated manifests control the operations on the **CRD&NP**. The number of trains run in any operating session varies with the number and experience of the operators, the time available and how congested the railway becomes. ***Our emphasis is to enjoy while creating a railway learning experience.***

Written by Mike Geldert

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Directors Reports RailFan Events

A possible destination could be the **Alberta Central Railway Museum** which would be a one day trip. Another suggestion was **Kettle Valley**. We would need to plan any of these for August as well to give us time to coordinate. In an ideal situation, we need to hear from our membership if any of these trips interest you so we can make it happen. We are also open to other venues if any one has some ideas or contacts. Feel free to reach out to us.

Mike Borkristl and Garth Praestegaard
Railfan Events
railfan@calgarymodelrailway.ca

CMRS Memberships

The current membership stands at 220, an increase of one from last month. There are 117 memberships expiring this year, so please renew online or at **CMRS** events. The next in-person membership renewal opportunities will be at the **CMRS Booth at SUPERTRAIN**, and the **May 3rd Mini-Meet/Flea market**.

We have made some changes to the membership structure to attract family members. We debated a variety of options, and starting with the 2027 membership year, we are offering the following:

- *There must be at least one \$20/year membership per family with the same address.*
- *For spouses, and children under 16 years of age at the same address as the main member, membership will be \$10/year each.*
- *Membership cards for each spouse or child will have the same membership number as the main member but it will be in their name.*
- *Each spouse or child will be listed in the membership master list below the main member with their name, and the main members' membership number, address and expiry dates. A separate email can be added if appropriate.*

It is the board's hope that this will encourage family members to join and participate. The membership link is at <http://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/join.html> for anyone who wants to renew online.

If you are renewing, and there is no change in your personal information, simply sending an e-transfer at \$20/year will suffice. We can do the math, and we will send out the receipt and a new membership card by mail. If there is a change in your information or you want to add a spouse or child, please send the updated information by filling in the form on the membership renewal page and sending it to membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca

Other options are to put the new information in a message with the e-transfer or in an email to membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca

While we believe we have fixed the email issues, if you feel you are not receiving emails from CMRS, you can contact membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca and we'll make sure we have the right email on file.

Mark Wittrup
Memberships
membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca

SUPERTRAIN REPORT

We are down to the final few days before the show begins and last-minute details are being worked out. A huge amount of effort has gone into designing the floor layout so that multiple requirements are met – keeping exhibits together or apart as needed, traffic flow, access for set-up and take-down, and making sure everyone’s displays and layouts are presented to the public in the best way possible. This is not an easy task and has required many iterations of the floor plan. This year we are trying coloured quadrants to help people find the layouts and businesses they are looking for, as well as some streets and avenues on the floor plan. All this is now up on the www.supertrain.ca website.

Behind the scenes, the **SUPERTRAIN Committee** has been working for months on every aspect of making the show successful. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank them for their efforts. While each member of the committee is responsible for particular things, they all contribute to the overall function by reviewing and critiquing plans as they develop. Our monthly meetings have all been collaborative and supportive.

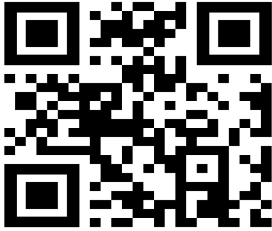
The committee members and their main roles (plus many other responsibilities) are as follows in no particular order: Bernhard Gielau – Volunteers, Alex Pinto – Finance, Rick Walker – Food Services, Jim Ironside – Registrar, Al Matchett – Admissions, John Morphy – Security, Jon Greggs – Venue Liaison, Jon Calon – Graphics & Show Guide, John Edmondson – Logistics, Jeff Burk – Hotel, Kids Area & Radios, Tom Newton – Banners, Rob Badmington – Advertising.

When you see these people at **SUPERTRAIN** on April 25 & 26, make sure you thank them for the tremendous amount of personal time and effort they have invested on your behalf to make **SUPERTRAIN the biggest and best Train Show in Canada!**

Rob Badmington
Chairman
SUPERTRAIN 2026

Spring Mini Meet Calgary Model Railway Society

Our mission is to promote the Hobby of Model Railroading. Our 200+ members range from Craft Masters to members who are just beginning in the hobby. We welcome all ages and appreciate that girls as well as boys can have an interest in the hobby.



Scan the QR code above for more information on events.

Our main event of the year is **SUPERTRAIN** which our members help to put on.

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Please check out our website for upcoming events www.calgarymodelrailway.ca

“How To” Clinics and Flea Market

Sunday May 3, 2026

Glenmore Inn (back entrance)

Free parking

Entrance fee Members and Children 12-and-under are free.

Non-Members \$5 Individual \$10 family

Memberships will be sold at door.

CMT Model Railway Flea Market 9am – 12pm

Clinics 10 am – 2pm

- **Planning a model Railway. Materials, Scales, Size, Type of layout.**
- **Basic track laying and how to wire it.**
- **New way to build an electric operated switch motor.**
- **Building a small bedroom size shelf layout with a focus on operations and realistic scenery and how to compose a scene to add depth and realism to your model railroad.**

Questions??? Contact Ian or Lucas by email with link below....

Ian Mears and Lucas Park

Mini Meets

MiniMeets@calgarymodelrailway.ca

Spring Mini Meet and CMT Flea Market (continued)

As we all get ready for **SUPERTRAIN** please do not forget the **CMRS/CMT MiniMeet/Flea Market** is May 3rd the Sunday after. We have changed the date to encourage nonmembers to come. We will be advertising it at **SUPERTRAIN**.

We are trying a few different things this year. The **Flea Market** will run from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Two clinics will run from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Another two simultaneous clinics will start at 1:00pm. *We are trying to cater for beginners as well as more experienced modellers.*

In total there will be 4 clinics with a free lunch for members from 12:00 to 1:00pm.

CLINICS

10:00am A new way to build an electric operated switch motor.

11:00am Basic track laying and how to wire it.

12:00 Lunch

1:00pm Planning a model Railway. Materials, Scales, Size, Type of layout.

1:00pm Building a small bedroom size shelf layout with a focus on operations and realistic scenery. How to compose a scene to add depth and realism to your model railroad.

When we first created the **CMRS** one aim was to provide an environment where like minded people could meet. To get back in that spirit, there will be pens and white sticky labels at the door. Please write your name and interest on it, for example in my case.

IAN "OO British Outline". Then need to stick it on yourself.

This does two things I am terrible with names and I may know your face but can't remember your name. It will also jog a memory of your interests. It will also encourage strangers with the same interests to meet. We ask you to participate but there is no pressure to do so.

We hope to see many of you May 3rd and if you have any ideas please let me know. I am still looking for 2 more clinics in October, so if you would like to put on a clinic please let me know.

Ian Mears and Lucas Park

Mini Meets

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VENDOR TABLES: \$25.00 each (8'x2')

paid in advance by e-transfer.

Half Tables \$15 and extra tables available.

Room for over 40 tables!

To book Flea Market tables or for info, contact:

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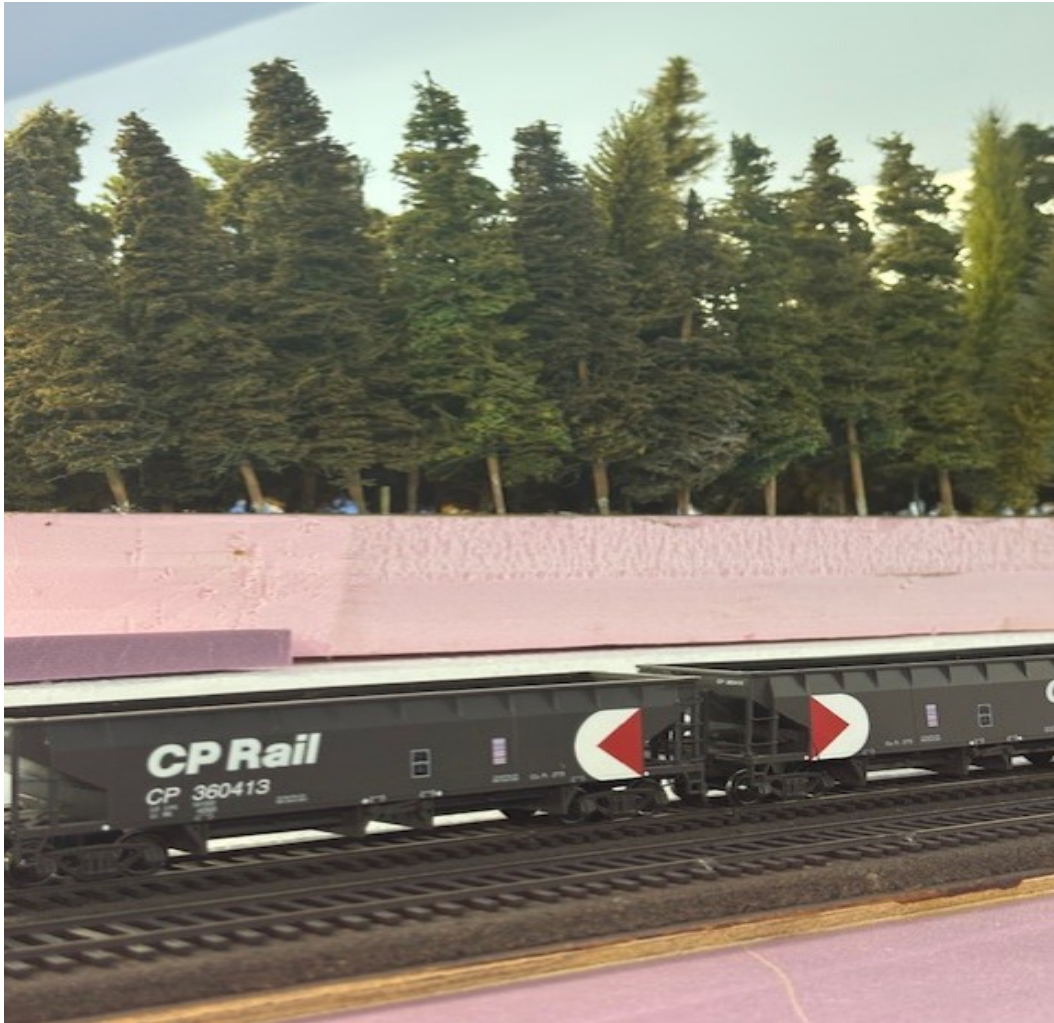


Photo by John Morphy

Photo taken on layout tours Feb 2026. A very impressive three level model railroad will need lots of trees. The trees were very impressive as well. Along with how well everything runs on this very large layout. Lots of switching opportunities to keep the engineer on his toes.

It's 1988 and GM power is king on Vancouver Island. The familiar GP9's are living out their final days while their replacements in the form of newer high horsepower GP's are arriving, all while the Dayliner still provides daily passenger service on its run north to Courtenay and back. CP Rail's island railway highlights why the **Esquimalt & Nanaimo** makes a perfect prototype to model – Short Trains, Marine Interchange, and lots of switching on a simple point-to-point trackplan that works!

Plenty of changes have been made to this HO Scale triple deck layout since it was last on the tour.

Written by Jon Calon

MODEL TRAIN FLEA MARKET!

Brought to you by the

Calgary Model Trainmen

Plus

**Calgary Model Railroad Society
Mini-Meet & Clinics!**

Sunday May 3rd, 2026

**9-Noon: Flea Market (open to all with admission)
For CMRS members: clinics at 10, 11 and after 1
Lunch at noon (CMRS memberships available at event)**

At the Glenmore Inn & Convention Ctr

Admission:

CMRS members Free

Non-members \$5.00

Children 12-and-under are free!

Free parking

Buy your CMRS membership – only \$20 per year

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Coming Events

CMRS SUPERTRAIN 2026	April 25&26/2026 Olympic Oval University of Calgary supertrain.ca
CMRS Spring Mini Meet/Calgary Model Trainmen Flea Market	May 3/2026 Glenmore Inn Calgary Contact Lucas Park/Ian Mears MiniMeets@calgarymodelrailway.ca
Heritage Park Calgary	September 19&20/2026 40th Anniversary Railway Days (more info to come)
GETS Edmonton Train Show	October 3&4/2026 (more info to come) Expo Center
Calgary Model Trainmen Flea Market	October 3/2026 Calgary Rehabilitation Center (More info to come)
CMRS Fall Mini Meet	October 18/2026 Glenmore Inn Calgary Contact Lucas Park/Ian Mears MiniMeets@calgarymodelrailway.ca
Edmonton Fall Swap Meet	October 24/2026 (more info to come)

*Red text indicates these are CMRS sponsored events.
Deadline for the next issue is May 15, 2026.*

***If your club or group would like to have their activity mentioned in Coming Events,
please let the OrderBoard know and we will post free of charge!!!***

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* and we can run the ad a second time if requested. Commercial ads are \$15/year.

Contact Editor at orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca for details.

Deadline for next issue May 15,2025.

John Morphy
OrderBoard Editor

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OrderBoard Editor

It has come to our attention that the OrderBoard is ending up in the **Junk mail** of some of our Members. As of now we do not know why this is happening, but please check that file if you are not receiving emails from orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca

Please let me know if this is happening to you, or if someone you know is having problems getting the OrderBoard, or if you are not getting it at all.

The OrderBoard is set up to be delivered around the middle of the month.

(e.g. March 15 etc.) and runs from September to June along with NewsBlast information to members about special events.

Update: Got some help on this, thank you Al Matchett. So will see what happens on this April 15 edition.

John Morphy
OrderBoard Editor

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Photo by John Morphy

The era of details has ended with our new addition to the family. Sammy (Samantha) enjoys model railroading especially destroying the tops of trees or in some cases entire trees.

Plans are underway to protect the cat and the layout!!!



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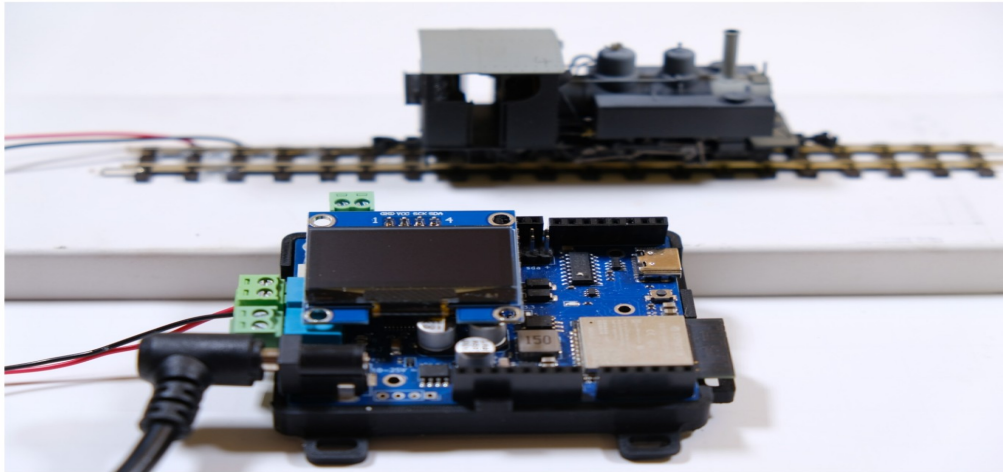
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Photo by John Morphy

Photo taken during the February layout tours. Very impressive lighting on this large around the walls layout, and no duck unders!!! Able to run some nice long trains with the long runs. Very well done guys!!!

This layout has been built by: Stuart Ross, Glen Judd, Roger Walker. It is an HO modern CP layout. The layout has full scenery with mountainous areas, an intermodal area and yards with a main line that is approximately 95 feet in length. All rolling stock is extensively weathered. and the layout is fully functional.

The scenery contains villages, lakes, parks, industrial areas, and multiple dioramas. There is extensive lighting of the layout with several computerized scenes.

Written by Stuart Ross

THE CALGARY MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY PRESENTS
CANADA'S LARGEST MODEL TRAIN SHOW



SUPERTRAIN

Saturday & Sunday
April 25-26, 2026
9am - 5pm

Olympic Oval at the
University of Calgary
288 Collegiate Blvd NW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Admission: Adults (17+) \$15 • Youth (aged 7-16) \$5 • Children under 7 - Free*
All Weekend Passes are available! Check our website for more information.

WWW.SUPERTRAIN.CA

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