



OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



Photo by John Morphy

Hudson Bay Railway GP 20 #2505 and its crew are busy switching in the MOW yard today as they get ready for the spring cleanup and hitting the road. The Switchman jumping onto the steps is hoping his Engineer will be saying its "coffee time". This scene and many others live on Dave Landels MOW Module.

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Directors Reports Layout Tours

Layout tours are on Saturday February 21st and Sunday February 22nd from 10am - 4pm. There will be 12 layouts on the tour representing N, HO and O scales. **An email will be sent to all members the week before the tours with the host's address and information on the layouts.** If you have any questions about layout tours, send me an email. Contact me at LayoutTours@calgarymodelrailway.ca

Peter Bouma
Layout Tours
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CMRS Memberships

At the end of the first week of February our membership stands at 217 members thanks to several renewals since the last Orderboard. There are still 54 former members whose membership expired in 2025. They are no longer receiving communications from CMRS. Please renew or rejoin. CMRS's strength is in its members.

The membership link is at <http://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/join.html> for anyone who wants to renew online. If 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, 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 either a message with the e-transfer or in an email to membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca. Also, 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

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RailFan Event

For the railfan event this year we are looking at a trip to the **Revelstoke Museum** on **March 21&22**. The trip will be by bus with the option of self drive. If you are taking the bus it will require an overnight stay, the self drive is optional for overnight. If this is something you would be interested in attending, please let either **Garth or Mike** know so we can book the appropriate arrangements. There will be some costs involved and some subsidy by CMRS.

We will need at least 20 attendees to make it go so let us know as soon as possible.

Mike Borkristl or Garth Praestegaard
Railfan Events

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Spring Mini Meet

*Hello everyone. My name is **Ian Mears** and I have volunteered to run the **MiniMeet clinics**. Over the last few years we have been having trouble getting presenters. The upcoming meet will be retrying something we tried a few years ago of running advanced clinics and beginner clinics. The format has not been finalized at the time of writing. However I thought we should include the membership in the loop. When questions were raised with the upcoming format I went back through the past OrderBoards to see how we got to the current format. In the process I found a questionnaire from 2019 that was responded to by 203 members. In it 46 members said they would be willing to put on clinics, so it is to those members I am appealing.*

At the **May 3rd MiniMeet** I am proposing possibly 2 beginner clinics for which I am looking for presenters.

The first could be on **basic track laying**. I think the focus should be on set track with a power pack so no power tools are required, but should also touch on flex track and soldered wires.

The second could be on basic scenery; painting the board, applying scatter and possibly adding a tunnel. For both of these material cost will be covered. The idea is to encourage more people both young and old to take up the hobby and help them to get started.

The other part of this is when moving forward what do we want in October?

In the same survey it asked what clinics people would like to see.

Digital Command Control (DCC)	45.92% (90)
Layout Construction	37.24% (73)
Structure Building	47.96% (94)
Locomotive Detailing	26.53% (52)
Weathering	44.90% (88)
Scenery	58.16% (114)
Layout operations	34.69% (68)
Non DCC electronic projects (light, sound, signals, etc.)	46.43% (91)
Other	17.86% (35)

The survey does not list what the “other” was. However this does give us a starting point. Someone has also suggested painting figures. I do not know what has been covered over the last few years but feel that all the categories are still open.

I again ask what you would like to see so we can look for someone to address the topic. If you are willing to do a presentation please contact me. Also, if there is a clinic put on a few years ago you enjoyed, perhaps it is time to put it on again. I need some feed back. Without responses we can not move forward.

Ian Mears
Mini Meets

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SUPERTRAIN 2026

It is now just over two months until move-in begins on April 24 and lots of progress is being made on planning and organization. *We now have 120 exhibitors and 75,000 square feet of layouts, exhibits, displays, and booths. Jim Ironside has been very busy figuring out a floor plan that fits everyone comfortably. A key criterion is making room for easy access so vehicles (except really tall ones) can drive right into the Oval and unload close to their set-up location. We hope that we can eliminate the long line-ups and frustration of waiting to get in.* However, it will take a lot of cooperation from all exhibitors, especially paying attention to the arrival times they are given.

Something new this year is a plan to have a food concession right on the show floor with basic food items, coffee and soft drinks. If you want more variety, the food court in Mac Hall is only a short walk away.

Sign up of volunteers has begun, but many more are needed. You can fill out a Volunteer form here: [Volunteer Form](#) and return it to our Volunteer Coordinator. *The Committee has decided to give a 10 dollar stipend to every volunteer for each calendar day you take a shift, to help pay for parking, transit, or a snack. Of course, you also get free entry to the show.*

Please continue to promote **SUPERTRAIN** to all your family, friends, neighbours, and co-workers. It really is Canada's biggest and best train show! Thank you for your support!

Rob Badmington
Chairman
SUPERTRAIN 2026



Photo by John Morphy

A small crane and flat car loaded with equipment head out on the mainline to do some emergency work. Lets hope its not too serious. Crane and flat car supplied and built by Dave Landels. My camera doesn't do justice to all the small details and tools added to flat car. These were both made with spare parts, and other equipment is scratch built with styrene.

Coming Events

CMRS Layout Tours	February 21/22 2026 A NewsBlast will be sent out closer to the weekend with addresses etc. Contact Peter Bouma LayoutTours@calgarymodelrailway.ca
Rocky Mountain Rail Society "6060"	March 14/2026 Royal Canadian Legion Centennial Branch 285 9202 Horton Rd. SW Calgary, Alberta 10:30-3:30 Please contact Don Totten at 403-617-6360 or email dontotten@shaw.ca
CMRS Railfan (tentative)	March 21&22 Revelstoke Museum(tentative) Contact Mike or Garth railfan@calgarymodelrailway.ca
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 March 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 (provided the ad is relatively small), we can run the ad a second time if requested. Commercial ads are \$15/year. Contact Editor at orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca for details.

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For Sale: HO Scale engines, rolling stock, and lots of buildings. Brass steam engines with DCC and sound. Some diesel engines as well. Was modelling mostly steam up to the 1960s. Lots of scratch built buildings, Church, Firehall, etc. some Campbell kits. Buildings are either \$10 or \$25. Most of them are wired with lights. All rolling stock \$10. Locomotives are individually priced. A great deal on people & vehicles. Located in Okotoks. Contact **Brian** at: [403-828-3239](tel:403-828-3239) or simon788057@yahoo.ca

For Sale: Nice collection of HO scale equipment. Box cars, tank, cars, grain cars, flat cars. A 13 car Walthers work train and a set of 4 old-style passenger cars. All rolling stock with metal wheels and Kadee couplers. **\$10 each**

Locomotives: Bachman Spectrum Weyerhaeuser 0-6-0 saddle tank. DCC, no sound **\$100**. Round House CP 2-8-0. DCC, no sound **\$100**. Bowser CP M-630. DCC and sound **\$200**

Walthers Structures: Commissary/Freight Transfer Background Building. Variety Printing Background Building. Clayton county lumber. Brook Hill Farm Dairy. McGraw oil company. Rooming house. Post war prefab house. Winners circle Petro station. Golden Valley Depot. Street system and expander set. Roof details. **\$15 each**. Most structures only have the 4 walls together and only a few are painted.

Other assorted structures: 6-DPM city buildings. Lifelike Hampdon fire house. Woodland scenic O'Leary dairy distribution. Scene master lumber loads. Can-car Dans doughnut shop. Scene master lumber loads. Merry go round. Ferris wheel. **\$10 each**. Most structures only have the 4 walls together and only a few are painted. All parts are packaged and identified with the picture of the structure.

Peco: Code 100 turnouts. Assorted sizes. Some are insul frog and some are electro frog. **\$10 each**

Cars and trucks, assorted brands. **Pricing negotiable**

Numerous other little things. Metal wheels, Kadee couplers, Preiser and Woodland Scenics figures. Some Just Plug lights, etc, etc.

Can send photos upon request.

Contact **Chris** at: [587-224-2783](tel:587-224-2783) or chrishawryluk@gmail.com

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HO Tractor Trailers (BCR, Other) \$10 each
Control Panel Centre Off Switches \$5 each
HO Structure; Bridge, Rooming House (Request Pictures)
Gord Rycroft at ringingrails@shaw.ca



Photo by John Morphy
Canadian Pacific 8914 awaits word from the dispatcher when he can depart. The "Full Size Trainmaster" is an Atlas and has run a few decades but like brand new. Larry Conte takes good care of her and will last many more years to come.



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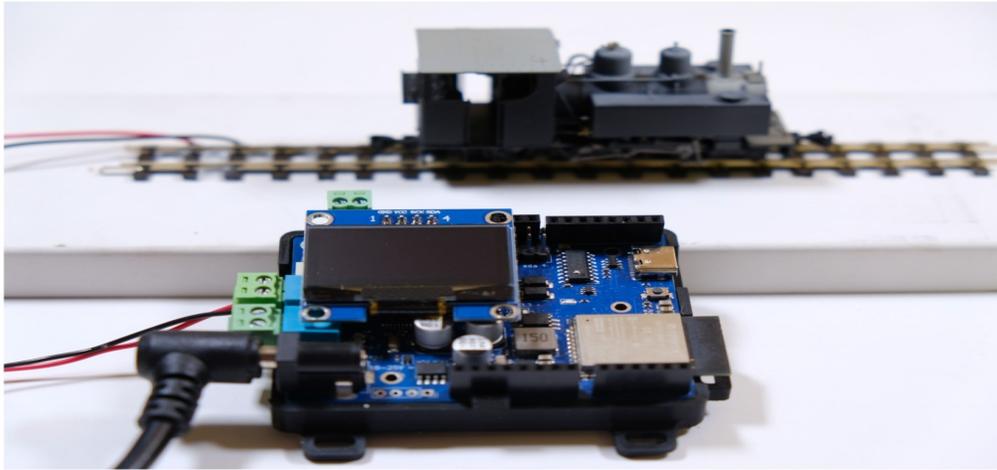
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Brent Ciccone took on the task of painting a background on Kevin Jalving's Safeway module. Not so easy as trains were running all day on double tracks. The advantage of belonging to a Club is you have lots of modellers all with different skills and can help you with all aspects of the hobby. With help from a few friends you can get a lot done. Donuts, cookies and coffee is all you have to supply. A backdrop makes a big difference weather its just painted sky blue, a foothills scene, mountains, city, agricultural or industrial. Great work Brent!!!