



OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



Photo by John Morphy

Photo from Richard Johnson's layout. Its summer so watch out for bears if you're rail fanning. Especially on top of grain cars

On RHJ Rail, we try to find a prototype for everything but, alas, this fails more often than it succeeds!

The above picture was taken of the layout at a location named Chinook where there are a couple of grain elevators, a couple of grain cars, and, of course a bear.

The inspiration for this scene was a photo obtained from anonymous sources of a real bear on top of a real grain car at Jasper some years ago.

A copy of that photo is included for reference.

See photo on page 2

Article by Richard Johnson



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Presidents Message

Hello model railroad friends,
Summer has arrived! Hoping you get some model railroading in this summer. Personally I do less modeling in the summer, mostly on weekday evenings as the weekends get pretty full. We might have a CMRS event in August, stay tuned for an email blast, if not, we will see you at the Fall mini meet/AGM.

As always, happy modeling!!!

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Fall Mini Meet

Fall Mini Meet Show and Tell

The 12" x 12", Or the 1 foot x 1 foot, Or the 305mm x 305mm:

Build a diorama that is no more than 12"x12", and show it off at the fall mini meet!

Participants will be entered into a random draw for a Trains and Such gift certificate.

Peter Bouma
President

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Fall Mini meet / AGM

We now have a full slate of six clinics for the fall mini meet.

"An introduction to electrics for model railways", "Scenery by Al Crance", "Using water evaporation to create smoke" (this will be a hands on clinic), "Painting back scenes", "Making buildings with a laser cutter", and "Under the Wire", (about trams and transit).

We can only put these on if people offer to put on a clinic. We all have different ideas and ways of doing things. Some of the people are surprised I ask them to put on clinics as they do not think anyone will be interested. I am always looking for different way to do things as I think most of you are. So if you have a different way you have worked out or know someone with a new idea please contact us as we are now recruiting for next May's clinics.

Ian Mears and Lucas Park
Mini Meets

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CMRS Memberships

The current membership after SUPERTRAIN and the Mini Meet/Flea Market stands at 260 with 2 renewals since the last report. There are currently 84 members whose membership expires June 30th who need to renew for 2027 (membership year runs from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027).

The next in-person renewal opportunity will be at the fall AGM/Mini Meet. However, there is always the opportunity to renew online or by mail. If you are renewing, and there is no change in your personal information, simply sending an e-transfer to;

membership@calgarymodelrailway.ca

At \$20/year with your name will do. We can do the math, and we will mail the receipt and a new membership card to the address on record.

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. Remember that family members living with an existing, fully paid member can get memberships for \$10 each per year instead of the full \$20.

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

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Coming Events

Calgary Freemo	August 13-16 2026 Alberta Free-mo 2026 Big Valley, Alberta See details at: https://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/alberta-free-mo
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 September 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.

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