



OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



Photo by John Morphy

Ruphe and Tumbelle #26 crawls up to the water tower after climbing the big hill and crossing the wooden trestle.

The Ruphe and Tumbelle. Our group is made up of 5 members, Rick Reimer, Brent Ciccone, Ken Clark, Kim Brown, and Rolly Donaleshen. Our sixth member was Dale Olsen, who is deceased. The R&T is a small On30 narrow gauge railway set during the 30s. The R&T is a modest O scale railway in a small basement. Space is at a premium, so I try to not cram to many elements into any particular scene. The road is freelanced. We like to joke that it is somewhere between Skagway, Alaska and Chama, New Mexico. The track is all hand laid and 99% of the structures are scratch built. I enjoy using modern technology, laser and 3D printers, to build exactly what is needed. This keeps the costs down and ratchets the creativity up. And it's the creative element that I enjoy most. Railway fidelity is adhered to, of course, but it is the aesthetics that rule.

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Directors Reports Layout Tours

Layout tours were on February 21st and 22nd. There were 12 layouts representing N, HO, and O scales. Thank-you to our layout tour hosts (in no particular order) [Rick Reimer](#), [Keith Pedersen](#), [Jon Calon](#), [Al Love](#), [Ray Reichert](#), [Laurie Kitchen](#), [Stuart Ross](#), [Bernhard Gielau](#), [Daniel Charest](#), [Mike Geldert](#), [Dave Stefanek](#) and [Grant Eastman](#). Thanks everyone!

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CMRS Memberships

The current membership stands at 219, an increase of one from last month. That said, three members extended their memberships. 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 **SUPERTRAIN**, and the subsequent mini-meet/flea market.

We are making 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 basic \$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.
- 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.

It is our 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 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 children, 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

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
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RailFan Event

Unfortunately, the planned trip to the Revelstoke museum has been cancelled due to a lack of interest. Only 6 people expressed an interest and perhaps the time of year or being too close to SUPERTRAIN may have been an issue.

We also had a bit of trouble securing a bus at a reasonable cost for this time of year with weather being unpredictable.

The folks at the museum suggested maybe we plan something for August 14-16 as the Lego group is putting on a huge display at the museum as well.

They will also give us a special rate for a fully guided tour of the museum. This would be a two day trip with overnight in Revelstoke if you go by bus but you would be welcome to drive out in car pools.

If going in August interests you as a better time of year, let Garth or myself know so we can look at that date for a railfan tour to that location. We would have to make a decision prior to July 8 to make it happen.

Another possible destination would be the Alberta Central Railway museum which could 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.

We also reached out to CPKC for tours of any of their facilities and their customer relations people said they do not do that anymore due to safety concerns.

In an ideal situation, we need to hear from our membership if any of these trips interest you so we can make it happen.

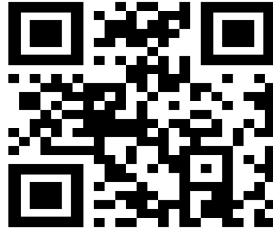
We are also open to other venues if any one has some ideas or contacts. Feel free to reach out to us.

Cheers!!!

Mike Borkristl or Garth Praestegaard
Railfan Events
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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.

CMRS Membership is \$20 per year.

For spouses, and children under 16 years of age at the same address as the main member, membership will be \$10/year.

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

SUPERTRAIN 2026

We are now down to just over five weeks until the big show begins. I am sure all of you who are bringing layouts or exhibits to **SUPERTRAIN** are working on final additions, adjustments, and tweaking to make sure everything runs and looks as good as possible.

Our Registrar has now recorded 120 exhibits and layouts, covering more than 75,000 square feet of space. This is by far the biggest show we have ever put on. A glossy printed Show Guide makes its return this year with the cost more than paid for through the sale of advertising space. Thanks go to Jon Calon for leading this project. For the first time since **SUPERTRAIN** was held at the Big Four more than 20 years ago, we will have a caterer selling food and beverages right on the show floor. And if you want more variety, the food court in Mac Hall is only a five minute indoor walk away.

We still need more volunteers to cover the over 360 shifts required to run the show. Almost 100 different people have signed up so far – have you? We need more people to help with ticket selling, wrist band checking, move-in and move-out, office duties and more. Some of these tasks are sit-down positions, well suited to those of us who may have mobility issues. If you think you can help, go to the **“Volunteering at the Show”** page on the supertrain.ca website and see what shifts are available. An email to volunteer@supertrain.ca will connect you with our Volunteer Coordinator. Every volunteer gets free access to both days of the show and a \$10 stipend to help cover parking costs, or maybe a snack. As usual, we are counting on Scouts and Girl Guides to help us with many tasks. I am already looking forward to buying a few boxes of Girl Gide cookies.

Don't forget to invite your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbours. We like to say that **SUPERTRAIN** is affordable family fun! *Parking in Lots 10 & 11 on the University campus has been reduced to \$6.00 per day on the weekend, making attending the show even more affordable.*

Our supertrain.ca website has much more information on how you can get involved in helping to make **SUPERTRAIN** the biggest and most successful train show in Canada. Please reach out if you have questions, comments, or suggestions. Thank you for your support!

Rob Badmington
Chairman
SUPERTRAIN 2026

MODEL TRAIN FLEA MARKET!

Brought to you by the

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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

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:

calgarymodeltrainmenclub@gmail.com

Coming Events

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| 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 April 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.

Deadline for next issue April 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.

Also if anyone has some IT experience with this happening please contact me.

Thank you for your help on this.

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Photo by John Morphy

Stuart Ross

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.



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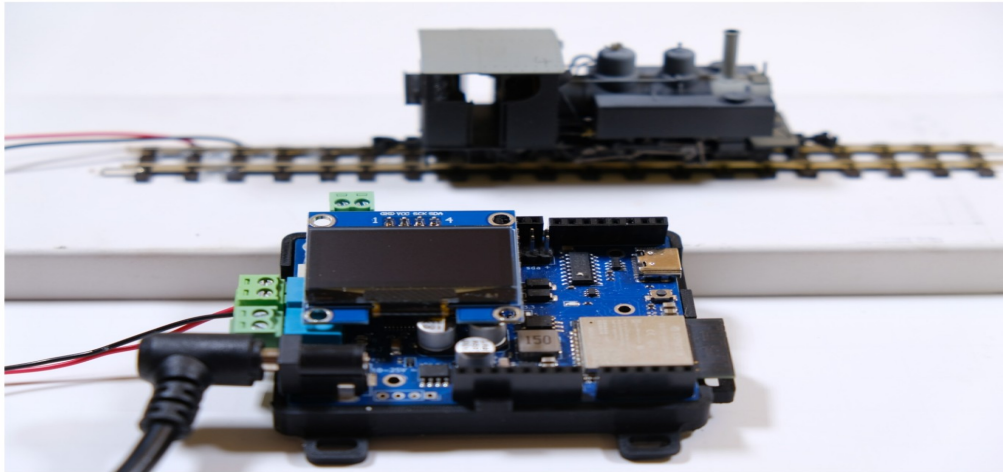
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Photo by John Morphy

Al Love

The Kettle Valley Railway has inspired my modelling first in HO and now in O scale 2 rail. Work began twelve years ago, the 13' X 26' layout is almost complete. Photographs, field sketches and railway plans have been used to recreate scenes from the KVR as it was in 1952, prior to the transition to diesel power in the following year. Most of the track work is hand laid code 148 steel rail with a small portion of Atlas flex track. All structures are scratch built with one exception and are true to the KVR locations.

Daniel Charest

The freelance N scale layout depicts the fictional modern era Somerset City, with scenery inspired by locations across Canada, and includes several industries that support a variety of operating sessions. It showcases a range of techniques, including static grass, handmade deciduous Super Trees, Woodland Scenics building lighting, Miller Engineering animated signs, and more. Measuring approximately 12' x 14', the layout features extensive sound and lighting effects and is highly detailed with numerous figures and vehicles throughout the scene. Train operations run on a Digitrax DCC system, with a smartphone used as the throttle.

On behalf of the CMRS and SUPERTRAIN committees and everyone that is a CMRS Member. We would like to give a great Big Thank You to Daniel and his wife Sylvie for all the work they have put in organizing and working the past 8 years as SUPERTRAIN Committee Chairman!



Photo by John Morphy

This photo shows a Proto 2000 SD60 “ACME” unit hauling another load of Anvils for world distribution.

Daniel’s depiction of the ACME Corporation was great and he did all the painting and decalling of the locomotives, cars and buildings.

Great work Daniel and all the best!!!

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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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