



OrderBoard

Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



Photo by John Morphy

Arubata Scaleworks won Best in Show and Best New Hobby Exhibitor at the 2026 SUPERTRAIN.

TSUJI is a Japanese HO scale (1/80) proto-freelanced layout. Japanese HO rolling stock is 1/80 scale to simulate the comparative size of the prototype's 3 foot 6 inch narrow gauge track. TSUJI takes inspiration from the JR Otsuka station on the Yamanote line. While some liberties were taken for the physical space and track layouts, the overall layout is meant to evoke the real location, and broadly the northern area of Tokyo.

Bench work is largely built to North American Free-Mo spec. Layout operates a mix of DC and Digitrax DCC. Sound equipped rolling stock uses ESU decoders with custom files. The moving auto mobile system is a Faller car system

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Directors Reports RailFan Events

Mike and Garth are both working on some ideas. More to come. Also if anyone has any ideas please pass them on.

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CMRS Memberships

The current membership after SUPERTRAIN and the Mini Meet/Flea Market stands at 262, an increase of 42 from last month. There were 30 renewals by current members and 42 new members, and ex-members renewing after a short hiatus. This includes 12 family members who joined under our new membership program for family members. A hearty welcome to all our new members. There are still 87 members whose membership expires June 30th that need to renew.

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 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.

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.

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SUPERTRAIN REPORT

In planning and organizing an event as large and complex as SUPERTRAIN, there are always a few things that are totally out of the control of the Committee. One of these is the weather. This year, Mother Nature wasn't as kind to us as in previous years, with a cold wind making move-in on Friday downright unpleasant. The snow on the ground over the weekend may also have influenced some potential guests to stay home. However, the 10,464 people who did venture out were not disappointed by what they came to see.

The total admissions were about 1,900 people fewer than in 2025.

The number of exhibits and floor area used were about 20% more than last year, making it the biggest SUPERTRAIN ever. We had vendors, layouts, and displays literally from coast to coast. Everyone I talked to seemed to be happy with the public's response. The food concession right on the show floor was a popular addition. Improved signage was a big help, and the return of a well-produced Show Guide was appreciated by all. The move-in procedures were streamlined this year, and almost every exhibitor commented on how much better it worked. Move-out was still a bit chaotic, but even so, the last exhibitor was out of the Oval by 8:45pm Sunday evening, close to the best time ever.

Final tallying of the financial results is still on-going but it is safe to say that SUPERTRAIN 2026 was successful money-wise. Payouts to hobby exhibits will be going out toward the end of the month. Full financial results will be reported to the CMRS membership at the Fall AGM.

Please join me in thanking the dedicated volunteers who make SUPERTRAIN such a success. CMRS members, spouses, Scouts, Guides, and students from Churchill High School all contributed countless hours before, during, and after the show. SUPERTRAIN is truly envied by shows in other locations for the volunteer spirit that we enjoy.

Now, while we catch our breath over the summer, it won't be long before planning begins for SUPERTRAIN 2027, to be held at the Olympic Oval on April 24-25, 2027.

Rob Badmington
Chairman
SUPERTRAIN 2026

Spring Mini Meet and CMT Flea Market

We tried a few new things at the mini meet. The flea market was 3 hours instead of 2 we had clinics at the same time and I tried name tags. These worked but did not stick very well. It would be nice to get feed back on these ideas. The clinic seemed to be well received. Thank you to the presenters for their time.

Also this year we had the CMT Flea Market and CMRS Mini Meet after SUPERTRAIN. If you have any comments on weather you liked this or not please pass on to Ian and Lucas.

I am planning for 6 clinics at the Fall AGM they are a work in progress but I have 5 so far. "An introduction to electrics for model railways". "Scenery by Al Crance", using water evaporation to create smoke, there could be a cost for this and you take home your own smoke generator. "Painting back scenes" and "Making building with a laser cutter". I am looking for one more clinic, so if you are interested in putting one on please contact Ian or Lucas.

Ian Mears and Lucas Park
Mini Meets
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Coming Events

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!!!

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.

For more information contact Peter Bouma.

Peter Bouma

President

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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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John Morphy

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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.

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Photo by John Morphy

Model railroad display at SUPERTRAIN 2026. Peacocks Logging Railroad shows how you can have a small layout and super detailed in a small space. Great work!!!

Model Train Estate Sale

Massive “HO Scale” Collection

**100+ Locomotives • 700+ Rolling Stock
Rare Pieces • All Must Go**

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: 36 Prestwick Manor SE, Calgary, AB

Featured Items

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Highlights

**Many items in mint or near-mint condition
Bulk discounts for multi-item purchases**

Everything priced to sell

Cash, etransfer and contactless payment/tap-to-pay available

Youth in Model Railroading



Photo and caption by Bernhard Gielau

The future of railway modeling looks promising. Eight year old Nicolas won the Youth Ribbon at SUPERTRAIN 2026. He had a small N scale display. Several other exhibitors also had youths participating at their displays.

From the CMRS Spring Mini Meet Display Room



Photo by John Morphy

Model by Rae Teal displayed at the CMRS Spring Mini Meet. Fantastic detail and great workmanship shows what you can build either with a kit or from scratch. Just takes a little practice to get your skills up.



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Hello,

The family of **Barry Crispin** has asked me if I could get a news blast out for the CMRS membership inviting those who knew him to a celebration of Life details below and on attached poster. Barry was a long-time member of the CMRS and sat on the board as well. His sudden passing in Dec of 2024 was a shock to all who knew him. At the past mini meet we realized a lot of people were not aware of his passing so we thought this might also be a way of informing membership of his passing.

“Please join us for a Celebration of Life in honour of Barry Gerald Crispin.

Saturday, May 23, 2026 4:00 P.M.

Aspen Crossing – Mossleigh, Alberta

Barry had a lifelong love of trains, music, sports, learning, and the world around him. We hope to gather together to share stories, memories, laughter, and time with family and friends in a place that reflects so much of what he loved.

This will be a relaxed and informal gathering. Guests are welcome to come as they are or wear something in remembrance of Barry, such as a sports jersey or train-themed attire.

A shared meal aboard the train will be enjoyed together as part of the celebration.

Please RSVP by May 19, 2026, using the link below:

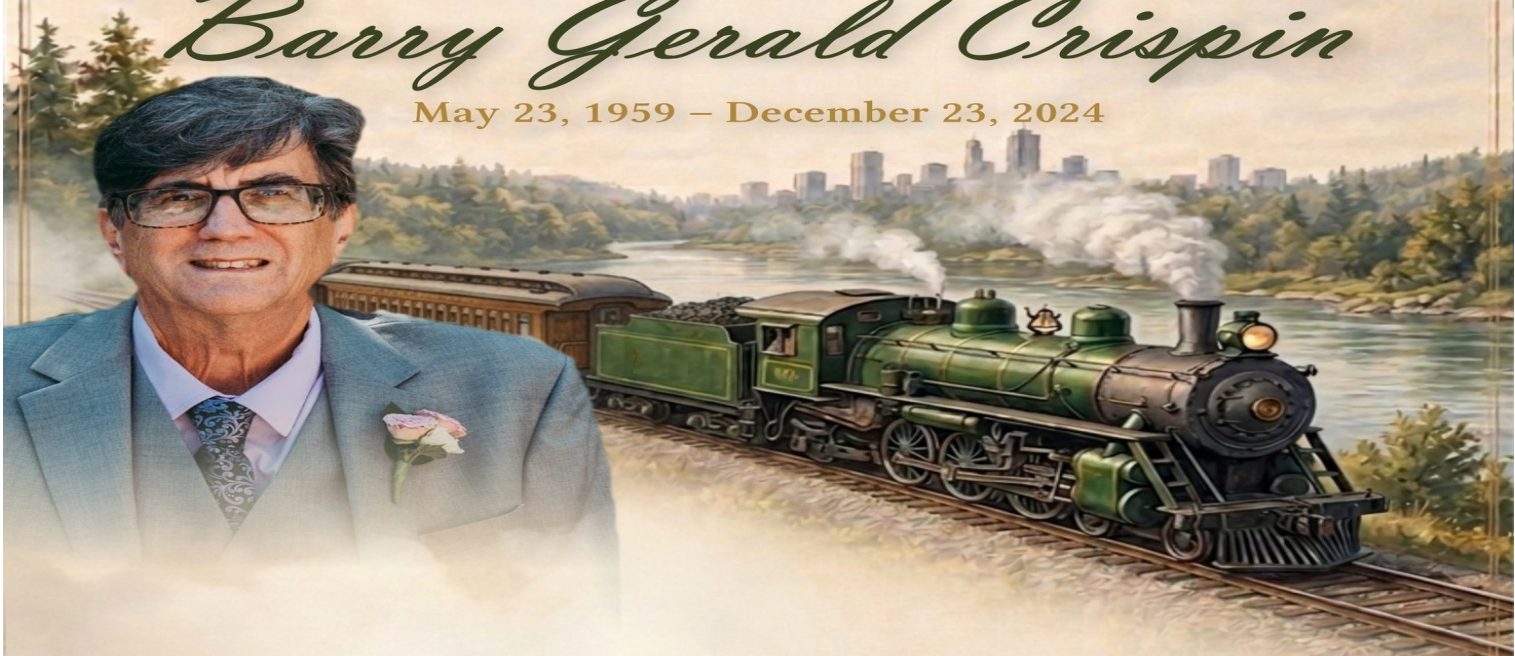
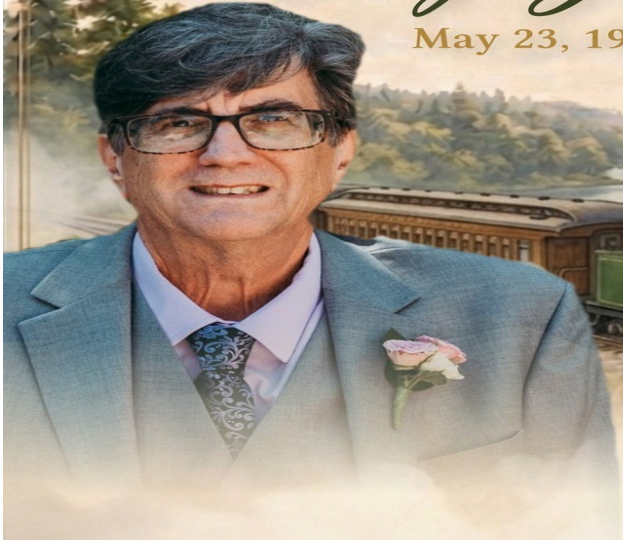
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Thankyou
Len Kipta

Please join us for a
Celebration of Life

for
Barry Gerald Crispin

May 23, 1959 – December 23, 2024



Saturday May 23, 2026
4:00 pm

Aspen Crossing
Mossleigh, AB

RSVP by May 19

Use the QR code to confirm your attendance, and share a song that reminds you of Barry. This will be a relaxed, informal event: come as you are, or feel free to wear a sports jersey or train-themed shirt.



IN HONOUR OF BARRY

We are raising funds for a memorial bench at Edworthy Park, overlooking the Bow River and the CPR train line. This will be a place to sit, to reflect, and to watch the trains go by. Donations will be gratefully accepted by:

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