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Message from the President

Hello,

I want to wish everyone a happy New Year and hope all had a great Christmas. I'm sure most of us, got plenty of new stuff to work on in the upcoming months, I know I did. Some of you may not have worked on your railroad for awhile. Now is as good a time as any to get started again. Why not make it your New Years resolution?

The culmination of the Trains for Kids program occurs every Christmas and this year we were able to provide 75 train sets to disadvantaged children. Thanks go out to Tom Parker and Vince Wehnes for their continued work on the program.

Supertrain is fast approaching and this year's show is shaping up to be one of the best ones yet. The show is on Family Day weekend of February 14th and 15th. A small army of volunteers is always needed to put on a show of the size that CMRS does. If you can help out, why not volunteer this year? Contact the Supertrain committee to see how you can help.

A special 10th Anniversary social event is being planned on the Saturday night of the Supertrain weekend to celebrate the success of the CMRS. Yes, your Society is 10 years old already and all of us have enjoyed many benefits from the creation of the organization. Since it is Valentines Day, please bring your sweetheart with you to share in the celebration. Details of the event and how to get tickets are listed on pages 3 and 4 of the Orderboard. Don't miss this event, as there are lots of neat things planned.

That's it for now. See you at the show.

Rick McPhee



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From the Editor

Supertrain is almost here and enclosed with this issue there are 2 posters for each of us to hang. Maurice has lots of placement ideas on page 4.

After the Supertrain show everyone will want a breather, however the **deadline for the next Orderboard is February 25th**. That issue will be promoting the Spring Mini Meet, which this year is combined with CMT's Swap Meet.

If you or your group have something to promote, please give me a call at 239-2514 or drop me an email: gord.smith@shaw.ca Submissions are always welcome. Tell us about a modelling project or a railfan trip. Yes, we can scan any non-digital photos and include them.

I'll see you at Supertrain.

- Gord Smith



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Again this year we will have a Membership booth set up near the main entrance at Supertrain. We plan to have at least one of the CMRS directors on duty here all through the show. Drop by and say hello.

Membership cards will be available at the Membership booth at Supertrain. Members can also buy their tickets for the Appreciation Night dinner at the booth.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about your membership at 281-7325 or e-mail dormerconst@shaw.ca

For those who have not yet renewed or want to buy a new membership, please drop by the booth at Supertrain or forward your registration and cheque to: **Calgary Model Railway Society, P.O. Box 63033, 2640 Kensington Road NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 4S5.**

- Ross Dubber

Supertrain 2004 Report

Happy New Year to all Order Board Readers. This is going to be an exciting year. There are a number of firsts taking place this year at Supertrain 2004.

Plans are well underway for our 10th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday Feb. 14th, 2004 from 6:30 PM to 12:00 midnight in the Heritage Room located in the Grandstand, Stampede Park. This, adult only, event is open to CMRS members, volunteers, exhibitors and spouses. As this is Valentine's Day, there will be a romantic flare in the air. Cost to this event is only \$5.00 per person. It includes a lot of fun, excitement, food and coffee or tea. A cash bar is available. We will have some great raffle prizes, including some for the women attending. As a special feature, we have a Max Jacquaird painting for a prize. Plans are still in progress. Attendance is limited and tickets must be pre-sold, as it is a catered event. To order your tickets for this special event, just complete the order form on the back of this page and send it to the indicated address. Your ticket(s) will be available for pick up at the Supertrain information booth or the show office on Fri. Feb 13 and Sat. Feb 14, 2004. You may also call **Maurice Despins 403-251-4976** or **Glen Judd 403-252-4367** for more info. Hurry, as tickets are selling fast. **75% of the tickets sold.**

This year, the Grain Academy, located in the Roundup Centre, Stampede Park, will open their doors to us from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, Sat. Feb. 14, 2004 to view their fantastic display. Here you can view a fully automated railroad layout depicting grain travel through the prairies and mountains and onto coastal shipping ports. There is also a scale model replica of an operating grain elevator. Our good friend Doug Hole has an award winning diorama on display as well. There are many more things to view and you may even meet some of the folks who built the displays. So why not make this a must see before heading over to the Grandstand.

The admissions procedure will change for the first time, lessening our security issue and streamlining the admission process. Admission prices are slightly higher this year, reflecting the higher costs of the show.

Another first is the junior category for favorite display. Ok you juniors; show us your stuff.

Look for a fresh new look of the floor layout. Your Supertrain committee is always trying to find ways to

improve the floor plan to accommodate the increased applications received. Even with the new look, we regretfully have to turn away applicants. Each year we are overwhelmed by the increase in number of applicants and request for info.

We may even get some international coverage, as I'm told MR's editor, Terry Thompson, and Managing Editor Dick Christianson may be in town doing an article on one of the layouts. Which layout could it be?

This is our major event of the year. A lot of you will be contacted to volunteer your time. We truly appreciate your participation. Should you not receive a phone call and you are willing to help. Call Maurice or Glen at the above numbers. We'll pass on your name to one of the committee members.

In this issue are copies of the Supertrain 2004 posters. Please help us by posting them in public locations; e.g. place of work, play schools, notice boards, doctor's office, dental office, etc.

Please join us at the 10th Anniversary Celebration.

-Maurice Despins

-Supertrain 2004 Show Chairman

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CMRS Fall Mini Meet 2003

- Barry Conn

A very successful Mini Meet was held at the Hospitality Inn South on Sunday October 5, 2003. This year we worked in conjunction with the Calgary Rail Prototype Modelers who had their meet on Saturday October 4. We advertised both meets together and called it a "Model Railway Weekend" in Calgary. Advertising posters were sent to all hobby shops in the region (Alberta, BC, Sask), as well as all the major modeling magazines.

Our Mini Meet was the first major event to kick off the start of the new CMRS season. Members were lining up early at the door waiting to renew their memberships, and get prime seats for the clinics that started at 9:00AM. All four clinic rooms were busy all day, and attendees had to make some difficult decisions on the clinics to attend, as there were 12 different clinics. We had clinics ranging from "hands on" sessions where you learned how to make Styrofoam scenery, to benchwork design, ideas on detailing, molding parts and all the way to discussions on "collectibles" and Railroad Property safety. We were also very pleased to have clinicians and well-known modelers John Morris and Stafford Swain from Winnipeg.

Commercial sales were available and there were a number of displays by local modelers as well as one long display by the Calgary Free-Mo modular group. At the lunch break the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Calgary Model Railway Society was held and the room was packed.

On behalf of the Mini Meet committee I would like to thank all the folks who put in a lot of time preparing and presenting their clinics, those of you that brought displays, those that helped out at the meet doing all the "various things that need doing", as well as Gord Smith for all his help with advertising. Without all that volunteer help, we couldn't put on these fun events.

If you would like to be involved and can lend a hand at future functions, please be sure you call the event organizers. Check the last page of the Order Board for the coordinator responsible and give them a call.

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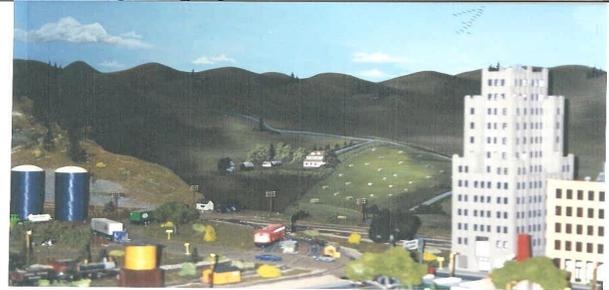
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Slide Night Report

Slide Night 2003 was hosted by the CMRS at an exciting new venue this year. The theatre at Fort Calgary proved to be a terrific location for the presentations by the Brotherhood and other skilled photographers. The program was enjoyed by 85 members and guests.

We started off with in-depth coverage of the Royal Canadian Pacific luxury train by Doug Phillips. Doug's presentation included many photos of the equipment before, during, and after restoration, with his narration providing a complete history of each of the cars. He also showed the train in many scenic locations in southern Alberta and BC.

John Sutherland's presentation highlighted that forgotten workhorse in the locomotive stable, the lowly switcher. John showed switchers in all their glory from coast to coast, and in all sizes. At one time switchers were found in most cities of any importance, switching cars in yards as well as delivering them to industries located on back-alley spurs. Now, most of that activity is gone, having been replaced by intermodal containers and truck deliveries. Its a good thing people like John were out there taking pictures.

During the summer of 2003, a devastating loss of historical railroad structures occurred when forest fires near Kelowna destroyed 12 wooden trestles and damaged two steel bridges along the Myra Canyon section of the Kettle Valley Railway. Rick Walker's slides took us back to the summer of 1979 for an up close look at all the bridges when the rail was still in place and before the line was converted into a hiking trail. More than a few in the crowd were overheard to say they wish they had made the trip before it was too late.

After a break for refreshments and delicious pizza provided by Fort Calgary, the show resumed with Gary and Roz Miller's excellent pictures of trains "Farthest From the Guardrail". Gary's colourful descriptions of reaching some of the most remote and obscure locations were highly entertaining. Gord Smith showed some of his collection of Logging Railroad slides taken mostly in BC and the Pacific Northwest. Much of the equipment and trackage has now been retired, but would certainly be worthy of modeling.

The evening was brought to a close with a selection of slides from a number of photographers. Cam Tough showed some pictures his Dad had taken in Calgary many years ago, as well as some of his own more recent shots. Ian McArthur's slides included a head-on

collision between two steam powered trains near Tofield in the 50's, the White Pass & Yukon in the 70's, and the Alpine Tunnel in the 80's. Tom Newton showed recent pictures of CN and CPR action at Newtonville, Ontario. Gale Myers had some shots taken around Moose Jaw and Exshaw. Rob Badmington presented some slides from a recent trip to Chicago's many junctions and crossings.

During the evening, the audience was asked to provide feedback on Slide Night. It is safe to say that the theatre at Fort Calgary was a popular venue. Most liked the food and refreshments. Suggestions for future topics were plentiful and will be considered in the planning for next year's show.

On behalf of the Brotherhood and the organizing committee, I would like to thank everyone for attending, and hope to see you at Slide Night 2004.

-Rob Badmington

Vice President and Slide Night Coordinator

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For those of you who are showing your layouts thank you and for those of you who wish to get yours in the tours please don't hesitate to get hold of myself so I can get you on the list.

I will be going to all the layouts to preview, get brief descriptions and take digital photos so we can post them on the CMRS web site. Hopefully this year Mother Nature will be a little gentler on us and we won't have any snow storms.

There will be applications available at the Membership desk at the Supertrain show, or contact me via e-mail at bainspielman@shaw.ca.

Lets make this a very successful event this year.

- Bain Spielman,
CMRS Director Layout tours.

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G-scale:

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THE HISTORY CALL BOARD

Calgary has a rich model railroad history extending back at least to the 1920's, no doubt due in part to the city's wonderful railroad heritage. Having been involved in the model railroad and toy train business here for over 30 years, I have met many people who have been involved in the hobby. Some have been kind enough to share remembrances and memorabilia about the old days.

If you have such material and would be willing to share it, or know/knew some of the old-timers, I would like to hear from you. If we can get enough material together I would like to write a series of articles on the history of model railroading in Calgary, and perhaps, if the response is sufficient, consider a small book.

You can reach me at 277-7226, or at trainsandsuch@telus.net, or if you want, drop by Trains and Such for a chat. I look forward to hearing from you.

- Jim Scott

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Member Appreciation Dinner

Great Moments of CPR Ingenuity” with Jonathan Hanna

Friday May 28, 2004

Glenmore Inn, Cocktails 6:00 Dinner 7:00

Jonathan Hanna will be speaking about some of the colourful characters in CPR's past that are behind a sprinkling of "Great Moments of CPR Ingenuity!" Jonathan is presently creating this series for CPR's in-house publication. Highlights will include CPR's founding, its Scottish heritage, the discovery of Rogers Pass, the birth of Canada's national park system, and more! All punctuated with photos, and Jonathan's own audience friendly style.



This event is your chance to enjoy a fine dinner with your spouse and friends, in a railway ambience, while recognizing all the volunteers that make our Society a vibrant organization.

Jonathan B. Hanna, born June 10, 1954, in Montreal, received a French classical education at Collège Stanislas in Outremont before graduating from Concordia University, in 1979, with a B.A. in History. Hanna worked in Canadian Pacific Railway's corporate archives in the 1970s, photographic services and advertising in the 1980s, marketing communications and administration in the 1990s, before being appointed CPR corporate historian in 2000.

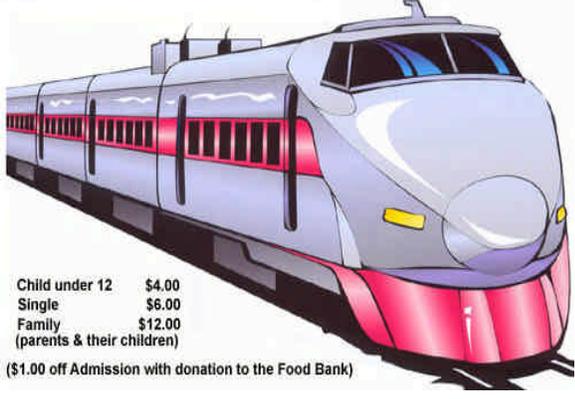
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Spring Mini Meet & Swap

Plans are well underway for the Spring Mini Meet. This year the action takes place on **Saturday**, March 13th at the Hospitality Inn South, 135 Southland Drive, SE.

In conjunction with the CMRS Mini Meet, **the Calgary Model Trainmen will be conducting their annual swap meet from 8:30 AM till NOON.**

Vendors have been invited to show off their wares.

Local clubs will be bringing displays and explaining there modelling techniques and philosophies.

Clinics run from 12:30 till 3:30 PM. They range from an introduction to the basics of model railroading to hands-on learning. How to make trees, painting, weathering, etc.

We want to create a warm, friendly environment where you can make new friends and visit with old ones.

- Jeff Burk
 Director Mini Meets

Model Railroad Events Schedule

*items in bold are Calgary Model Railway Society events

Feb 14 & 15, 2004 – Supertrain 2004 – Canada's Largest Model Railroad Show

Saturday & Sunday – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days

Big Four Building, Stampede Grounds, Calgary, AB

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(\$1.00 off admission with a donation to the food bank)

Info contact: Maurice Despins at (403) 251 – 4976 or email: supertrain@calgarymodelrailway.org

March 6 & 7, 2004 - Trains, Models and Miniatures Show

Wheatland "B" Building, Prairieland Exhibition Grounds, Saskatoon, SK

More info: <http://www.prairierailworkshop.com/>

March 13, 2004 – Spring Mini Meet - Calgary Model Trainmen Swap Meet

Best Western Hospitality Inn South, 135 Southland Drive, SE

Saturday - Time 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Swap Meet, Vendors, Local Clubs, Clinics

April 2-4th, 2004 - 7th Annual East Coast Large Scale Train Show, at York, Pennsylvania, USA.

<http://www.eclsts.com/>

April 4, 2004 – Layout Tours – South side – details in the next Orderboard

Sunday

April 24, 2004 – Layout Tours – North side - details in the next Orderboard

Saturday

April 24 & 25, 2004 Thunder Creek Model Railroad Show, Western Development Museum, Moose Jaw, SK
Model train lovers congregate each year in Moose Jaw to enjoy the work of hobbyists from across the province, on hand to share their model railroad creations.

More info: <http://www.wdm.ca>

May 21-23, 2004 - Inaugural Mid-West Large Scale Train Show, at Springfield, Illinois, USA.
<http://aristocraft.com/> >Aristo Forums

May 28, 2004 – Member Appreciation Night – Glenmore Inn – details on Page 8
Friday: Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Tickets at Supertrain

June 3-6th , 2004 - Big Train Show , Queen Mary, Long Beach, California, USA
<http://www.bigtrainshow.com/>

July 4-11, 2004 - NMRA convention 'Puget Sound eXpress' is set for Seattle,WA.
More info : <http://www.nmra2004.org/>

August 12-15th , 2004 National Garden Railway Convention, Denver, Colorado, USA.
<http://www.denvergrs.org/convention.html>

Calgary Model Railway Society **memberships can be purchased or renewed at any of our events** or by mail. Cost is \$10 per year (September to September).

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