



The Order Board

Newsletter of **The Calgary Model Railway Society**



Crossing the Kicking Horse River on Ken Gabourie's Z scale Layout. Photo by Ken Gabourie

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President's Report

The Layout tours are underway as this is being prepared, I am going to assume that they were a great success, especially given the spring time weather. I want to thank the Hosts for opening their homes and layouts to our members and also thank those that helped out for the tours.

Inside this issue there is information about the March Mini Meet. Roger has some great clinics lined up and we are hoping for 20 or more of the Yard Office kit bash models to be on display.

As mentioned in the last issue, the SUPERTRAIN committee is working out details for the April show. In order to put on this show every year, we need



President's Report Continued...

your volunteer help to make it happen. If each member did even one shift over the show weekend it would go a long way to covering our needs.

We can always use your articles and pictures for the OrderBoard. This month we have our first photo of a Z scale layout on the cover. If you would like to see your photo on the cover of the next OrderBoard, all you have to do is send a clear picture to the editor at orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca. Short articles about your latest project are also appreciated.

I hope to see you at the Mini Meet.

*Monty Schnieder
President CMRS*

Model Railroad Layout Tours 2016

The Layout Tours have concluded for another year and attendance this year was fantastic. Some layout hosts reported visitor counts in the mid to high fifties, which is a record for the last three years that I have been coordinating the tours.

There were twelve layout owners who volunteered to host their layout for the tour. This is also the most volunteer hosts I have had in the past three years as layout tour coordinator.

I would like to thank the following people for graciously volunteering to host the tours; David Bedard, Jon Calon, Cal-O-Rail club, Daniel Charest, Calgary Free-mo club, Ken Gabourie, Les Green, Richard Johnson, Brian Keay, Rudy Platz, Gord Smith, Mike Westren.

It takes a lot of time, work and commitment to get a layout ready for the tour, and I hope all CMRS members appreciate this when viewing the layouts.

It is not early to start thinking about hosting for next year's Layout Tours. It is a fun experience that I can personally recommend and it definitely makes you think about getting things done that you might just procrastinate over otherwise. If you are thinking about hosting or would like more information, contact me at al.m@shaw.ca.

Al Matchett

CMRS Layout Tours Coordinator

Help Wanted for Supertain 2016

Two able bodied people to assist in the moving, setup and tear down of train display for the show. There will be 12 modules approximately 4 ft x 2 ft plus job box, small table, stools and tool box, to move from basement to truck and then into the Centre. Then set up which will take about 2 hours. After the show, assistance will be required for tear down and transport back to my basement. All modules are light weight except for one which is a bit heavy and awkward but can be moved with ease if done correctly. These are purely voluntary positions and assistants must be reliable, dependable and available for approximately 4 to 5 hours on both days. Truck will be supplied but assistants will require their own transport to and from Centre. Times will be announced once confirmed. Please respond no later than March 1st. to Ken at 403-601-6912.



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“Bouma Challenge” Craft Kit

Quite a number of people picked up the kit for the “Bouma Challenge”. Remember that to get reimbursed for most of the cost of the kit you have to build it and bring it to show at the mini-meet. Bring your finished kit in to the Show and Tell room, register it in, we will get some photos, and then you will receive your \$25. You can then go straight into the Flea Market room and spend that \$25!! Please provide your name and a description of how you built the kit on a piece of paper with the kit.

You still have time to get this kit finished, it doesn't take long to build, of course dependant on how creative you get with it!

This is also an open invitation to showcase your creation to the general public at SUPERTRAIN. You can bring your “Bouma Challenge” kit or any other free standing building or diorama. Please hold off on planting them at their permanent home on your layout, and bring them to SUPERTRAIN. We hope for a great many bashed or super detailed “yard offices” for display. Showing them side by side will highlight the modelling variety and our modellers’ creativity in plain sight.

As in previous years we invite all CMRS members to participate with any rail-side diorama or scratchbuilt rolling stock, at no cost.

Please drop me a line to “reserve “ a spot, discuss your needs or just enquire. bcersson@xplornet.com

BJ Ersson

SUPERTRAIN Volunteers Needed

It takes a small army to put on SUPERTRAIN every year! The committees are hard at work getting everything prepared but we need everyone’s help to put on a good show. Volunteering for even one shift during the SUPERTRAIN weekend would help immensely.

VIA Rail donates tickets for a trip to Vancouver; anyone who volunteers at any CMRS event throughout the year has their name put in the draw for these tickets.

Contact Todd Kennedy at volunteer@supertrain.ca

*Todd Kennedy
SUPERTRAIN 2016*



SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala

SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala tickets are now available. The Gala will be held at the Glenmore Inn.

Tickets cost \$35.00 each Cocktails @ 5:00 pm, Dinner @ 6:45 pm

If you have any dietary requirements (ie. Celiac, Kosher), please advise when ordering your tickets. The Glenmore Inn can provide special meals if we provide them with sufficient advance notice.

We can reserve tables for groups of six or more. Please let us know when you reserve your tickets if you wish to reserve a table as well.

To reserve your tickets contact Jeffrey Burk at gala@supertrain.ca (preferred method), or at 403-613-0603 and leave a message with name, return phone number and number of tickets, we will call you back for a confirmation.

Tickets can be picked up at the Mini Meet on March 15th or the Volunteer Orientation in April.

*Jeffrey Burk
Gala Coordinator*

Selkirk Express – Salmon Arm



Here is an update for the Selkirk Express 2016 which is fast approaching in June 2016, so it is just over 3 months away. The early registration ended on January 31, 2016 but the event is still a great deal for all those who still want to attend. The registration form is still online for your convenience.

The host hotel is the Prestige Harbourfront Resort in Salmon Arm, the initial block is fully subscribed. There are suites available so contact the hotel at 250-833-5800 for rates.

A ladies tour is scheduled for Saturday June 18 which is a bus tour that is entitled No Tracks No Trains an excursion around the region. More information is on the Web site. We are working on other possible events for the first two days of the conference.

The clinic program is starting to come together and information on the clinics will be updated on the web site as it is confirmed. Self-guided layout tours in the region should be confirmed at the same time.

Check out the contest on the web site and build the Crossing Shanty from Interaction Hobbies. The intent of the contest is to Kitbash the shanty into any other type of building except the shanty. If you have any questions e-mail the contests coordinator noted on the contacts page of the web site.

The registration form is on the website. Should you want a hard copy of the form, contact the registrar through the contacts page or e-mail at registrar@selkirkexpress2016.ca.

Visit the website at www.SelkirkExpress2016.ca. Looking forward to seeing everyone in June 2016.



<p>MEMBERSHIPS</p> <p>Calgary Model Railway Society memberships can be purchased or renewed at any of our events or by mail. Cost is \$10 per year, running from July 1 to June 30. Multi-year memberships are also available. Membership forms can be printed from our website.</p> <p>Completed forms and payment can be mailed to:</p> <p>The Calgary Model Railway Society PO Box 8071, Station A Calgary, AB T2H 0H7</p>	<p>ADVERTISING</p> <p>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 twice free of charge for members (provided the ad is relatively small), and a \$15/year charge for business card size commercial ads.</p> <p>Contact the Editor at orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca for details.</p> <p>Deadline for the next issue is March 21, 2016</p>
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Spring MiniMeet and CMT FLEAMARKET – March 13, 2016, Glenmore Inn

<p>FLEA MARKET 8:30 – 10:30</p> <p>CLINICS 10:45 – 11:45 AND 11:45 – 12:45</p>	<p>LUNCH 12:45</p> <p>CLINICS 1:45 (approx.) – 2:45 (or later)</p>
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CMT Annual Fleamarket 2016

It's never too early to start thinking about The Calgary Model Trainmen's Club Annual Fleamarket. Once again, this event will be held together with the CMRS Spring Mini Meet.

<p>Your TO DO checklist-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) book your table 2) gather your surplus model railroad supplies for sale 3) save your money for the many bargains 4) attend 	<p>Tables- \$20 for standard 2' X 8' size table (Half tables are available for \$10. We will try to match you with someone to share the table with you)</p> <p>Tables always go quickly, so don't miss out. To book a table, please contact me at bharrow@nucleus.com or call 403-201-4937.</p>
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Mini-Meet Clinics

<p>10:45 – 11:45</p>	<p>PAUL CLEGG</p>	<p>Railroad Engineering 101</p> <p>Paul (long time CPR employee) will look at prototype railroad engineering as it can be applied to model railroads for improved operation and more realistic scenery. This will lead to appropriate compromises for track design. The clinic will cover little discussed issues like horizontal curves and grade compensation, and it compare typical model and prototype curves versus selection of appropriate frog angles for switches. It will also cover briefly some issues of wheel/rail interaction for modellers. Scenery topics will cover grade design such as engineering “balance,” the evolution of grade and ballast profiles and selection of the appropriate model ballast and grade profiles for common modelling eras.</p>
<p>10:45 – 11:45</p>	<p>ROGER WALKER</p>	<p>Building Chain Link Fences</p> <p>Chain link fencing was invented in 1844, and has been used in North America since 1900. It is appropriate for model railroads of almost any era. Even short sections of fencing can be visually attractive and prototypical. The clinic will show how to build chain link fencing from cheap materials (styrene rod or wire, and bridal veil), quickly and easily. Format will be a slide show and demonstration.</p>
<p>11:45 – 12:45</p>	<p>SYLVAIN DUCLOS</p>	<p>Improving the operation of Rapido Trains passenger cars</p> <p>This clinic will give tips and tricks for improving the operating reliability of Rapido Trains rolling stock, particularly the Smooth Side lightweight cars, the Stainless Budd (fluted) cars, and LRC (coach and club) cars. Emphasis will be on uncoupling and derailment issues. The solutions can also be applied to cars from other manufacturers. Finally, possible issues and solutions with respect to the Rapido Angus van will be discussed.</p>
<p>11:45 – 12:45</p>	<p>MORT SPELMAN</p>	<p>Wood Kit and Scratchbuilding of Structures</p> <p>Many of you will have seen some of Mort’s superb structures at Supertrain. In this clinic, he will discuss the tools used in structure building, making wood grain, and colouring wood with paint and chalks. The clinic will also address colouring metal and resin castings, and landscaping materials around the structures. There will be lots of time for questions and answers.</p> <p>Mort will bring 2 kit built and 2 scratch built structures to view at the clinic.</p>
<p>1:45 – 2:45 (approx.)</p>	<p>KEVIN RUDKO</p>	<p>Electrical Basics for Model Railroaders</p> <p>This presentation will help model railroaders understand basic electrical principles and how those principles relate to electrical and electronic applications in model railroading.</p> <p>Topics to be discussed include -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Electrical Circuit basics ➤ Selecting wire sizes and other electrical parts based on their application and ratings. ➤ Light bulbs and LED applications ➤ Motors ➤ DCC Topics



11:45 – 12:45, continuing 1:45 – 3:45 (approx.)

DOUG LEE

Layout design and Operations Bootcamp

NOTE. THIS IS A SPECIAL THREE-HOUR CLINIC. IT WILL BE PRESENTED ONE HOUR IN THE MORNING, AND TWO HOURS AFTER LUNCH. THERE IS NO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT, BUT FOR LOGISTICAL REASONS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THIS CLINIC. REPLY TO ROGER WALKER AT walkerrg@telus.net

A model railroad is a major commitment of time and money. One path for obtaining sustained value for these efforts and outlays is the creation of an operating layout that mimics the business of the prototype. Creating an operating layout can easily complement other hobby activities, such as researching prototype railroads and building detailed dioramas. More details about this clinic can be found in the Online Bonus section.

<http://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/news.html>

SHOW AND TELL

The show and tell room will be open from 8:30 – 12:45. Please bring models and displays, accompanied by an information sheet with your name and a description of the model (s). Work in progress is just as interesting as completed models or displays.

Roger Walker

On-line Bonus Content

For those who read the OrderBoard on-line, there is bonus content in the form of additional articles and photos that won't fit in the print version. You can see it here <http://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/news.html> If you like it, you might consider converting to reading the OrderBoard on-line and save the society the cost of printing and mailing.

Editor

New members wanted! Cal-O-Rail

Cal-O-Rail is Calgary's only "O-Scale" club with a dedicated space located at the 18th Scout Hall, 1919-19 Street SW. We have a spectacular Western Canada theme, approximate 20' x 60' layout, for Steam and Diesel. This 2-rail layout incorporates modern DCC operation, large dispatch station, block detection, and browser enabled smart phone control with Train Controller Gold software by Freiwald.

We are seeking new members that want to participate in an ever changing hobby with new technology and new techniques for building or scenery work. If you are a model train enthusiast, CMRS member looking to join a new club, modeler, or interested in exploring this great hobby, come on down and check us out, and see if this is the place for you. You do not need O-Scale equipment to join, just a love for the hobby.

Recently completed renovations have modernized our layout, and opened up large new areas to develop industries, new hand laid track work, spur lines, roundhouse, town and more!

Guests are welcome to join us on Tuesdays (6:30-9:00pm) and Saturdays (11:30-3:00pm). For the rest of 2016, we are offering new members a half price membership of \$15 per month.

Contact Bain Spielman at 403-560-1896, bainspielman@shaw.ca



Who Remembers This? A Blast from the Past!



If anyone else has an old SUPERTRAIN Poster, I would like to show in the OrderBoard.

Coming Events Schedule

March 13, 2016	CMT Annual FLEAMARKET - Glenmore Inn
March 13, 2016	CMRS Spring Mini Meet - Glenmore Inn
March 19-20, 2016	Moose Jaw Railroad Meet, Western Development Museum http://www.tcmrc.org/mgxroot/page_10768.html
April 16-17, 2016	SUPERTRAIN 2016, Genesis Centre
June 15 - 19, 2016	The Selkirk Express - Regional convention for the 7th division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the NMRA, Salmon Arm BC http://www.selkirkexpress2016.ca/
Aug 13-14, 2016	Alberta Free-mo - Annual Free-mo setup in Big Valley AB http://calgaryfreemo.ca/
Sept 7 - 10, 2016	National Narrow Gauge Convention, Augusta Maine
Sept 17-18	Great Edmonton Train Show http://www.mmrf.ab.ca/
Sept 24-25	Railway Days Heritage Park www.heritagepark.ca
October 16, 2016	CMRS Fall Mini Meet and Annual General Meeting - Glenmore Inn

Send an email to orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca with submissions for coming events!