



# The Order Board

## Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



*Which paint scheme do you prefer? On the left is John Lund's N scale SD90 painted in a heritage scheme, paint work by John Crowdis. Or do you like the real thing shot by Gail Myers at Field?*

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### President's Report

Winter is here and the model railroad 'season' is in full swing!

The Slide Night held in November had a respectable turnout of around 60 CMRS members and covered some very interesting subjects, thank you to all who took the time to present. I wish to thank John Lund for looking after Slide Night for the last five years. Rob Badmington has taken over the slide night position and has some ideas on how to revamp the event, stay tuned for more details!

The CMRS Toys For Kids program donated a number of train related toys to the Salvation Army for their Christmas program. I would like to thank PM Hobbycraft and Chinook Hobbies for offering the CMRS a discount on purchases made to support the CMRS Toys For Kids program.



***President's Report Continued...***

I would also like to give a big thank you to Johnny Sorensen from Hobby Tech for donating four model train sets completely on his own initiative to the CMRS Toys For Kids program. This was an entirely unexpected but very welcome gesture. The Salvation Army is very grateful to the CMRS especially with the current tough financial conditions. And please remember to support your local hobby store when purchasing for your hobby. It is easy to take them for granted but we are lucky in this city to have such a good selection of stores.

Layout Tours are fast approaching on the weekend of February 11th and 12th. Bain Spielman has been lining up layout hosts to show off their work. Details are included in this issue of the OrderBoard. Please make the effort to come out and visit your fellow modellers' layouts.

The SUPERTRAIN planning committee continues to hold planning meetings for SUPERTRAIN 2017. Planning is well underway and we have a good selection of exhibitors and model railroads lined up. As always, we really need volunteers to make the event a success. Jim McArthur has taken over the SUPERTRAIN volunteer coordinator position and will be sending out volunteer requests soon. Make sure to answer his call and volunteer for a shift or two.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Dale Sproule on achieving his NMRA Master Model Railroader (MMR) title. Dale has been active in the hobby for a long time and was one of the founding forces that created the Calgary Model Railway Society. Well done Dale!

*Al Matchett,  
President CMRS*

***Erratum***

I goofed. The last Orderboard (Nov. 2) had one of my pictures of a westbound TOFC train, allegedly near Cathedral West. Several people at Slide Night questioned this location, and indeed it is wrong. The photo shows the train about to pass under the Trans Canada Highway a few tens of metres west of the Spiral Tunnels lookout. The train is headed for the lower spiral tunnel, then Yoho, and then Cathedral West. It used to be a great photo spot, but the trees now obscure most of the S-bend in the tracks. It is also a rather dangerous spot due to heavy traffic on the highway. My thanks to all the folks who pointed out my error.

*Roger Walker*

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## SUPERTRAIN Report

The SUPERTRAIN Committee is hard at work and the show preparation is well underway. We have received very good responses from vendors and exhibitors, and we can optimistically say that the show is about to be sold out.

The show advertising is all planned for this year. We will again have radio spots and posters at some of the C-Train stations across the city. New for this year is TV advertising on the Global Morning News for a two week period. The show is also advertised on relevant websites, and on Facebook.

By the time you receive this edition of the Orderboard, you should have received an email invite to volunteer at SUPERTRAIN. The Committee would really appreciate it if you would reply promptly to the invitation. You can either use the online form available on the website, <http://supertrain.ca> (preferred method), or email Jim McArthur at [volunteer@supertrain.ca](mailto:volunteer@supertrain.ca). Remember, one 2-hour shift gives you free admission to the show, a \$15.00 value, a \$5.00 food voucher, and a chance to win one of the prizes announced below.

VIA Rail has again supported CMRS with the donation of two round trip tickets from Edmonton to Vancouver. These tickets will be given to the winner of a draw from the list of members who have volunteered for a CMRS event in the past year. In addition to the trip tickets, CMRS is donating twenty \$25 gift certificates for a local hobby shop of your choice, to be drawn from the list of SUPERTRAIN volunteers.

SUPERTRAIN Saturday Night Gala will be held at the Glenmore Inn and tickets are now available for \$35.00 each. Cocktails are served at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. If you have any dietary requirements (Celiac, Kosher, etc.), 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.

The guest speaker at the Gala will be Mark Dance, a well known N-scale modeller from the Vancouver area. His presentation is titled Relocation of the Klondike Mines Railway. A couple of committee members have seen it at the Vancouver Train Show and provided great feedback about Mark's presentation.

To reserve your tickets, contact Jeffrey Burk at [gala@supertrain.ca](mailto:gala@supertrain.ca) (preferred method), or at 403-613-0603 and leave a message with name, return phone number and number of tickets and we will call you back for a confirmation. Tickets can be picked up at the Mini Meet on March 5th or at the Volunteer Orientation meeting in April.

SUPERTRAIN admissions can now be purchased online. A special 2-day weekend admission is available, online only, for \$22.00 plus processing fee until March 31st, 2017. The wristband will be mailed out in early April. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/supertrain-2017-tickets-27664248512> to order, or use the link available on the SUPERTRAIN website and Facebook page.

*Daniel Charest  
Chairman, SUPERTRAIN 2017*

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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.

Completed forms and payment can be mailed to:

**The Calgary Model Railway Society**  
**PO Box 8071, Station A**  
**Calgary, AB T2H 0H7**

**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 twice free of charge for members (provided the ad is relatively small), and a \$15/year charge for business card size commercial ads.

Contact the Editor at [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca) for details.

**Deadline for the next issue is Feb 15, 2017**

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**Layout Tours**

Layout tours are being held this year on the weekend of February 11 and 12. There are 4 layouts to tour on the North side of the city on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and 4 layouts on the South side on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. Details are provided in the email attachment for those who take the OrderBoard by email and in a separate enclosure for the mailed versions. As always, please respect the host's privacy and do not share these with non-CMRS members and especially do not forward the email along as we cannot control where it could end up!

*Bain Spielman*



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## Spring Mini Meet

The Spring Mini Meet will be held at the Glenmore Inn on Sunday March 5, 2017. Start time approximately 9:30 am.

Members are invited to bring models to display at the Show and Tell so everyone can see what you are up to. Clinics will be start at 11:00 am and lunch will be provided.

There is still a spot for another clinic. If you have a skill to share, please let me know. Other members are always interested in learning new skills.

See you at the Mini Meet. If you have questions, please contact me by email at [bharrow@nucleus.com](mailto:bharrow@nucleus.com) or by phone at 403-201-4937.

*Brookes Harrow*

## CMT Annual Fleamarket

Times getting closer, you don't want to miss out! Of course, I'm referring to 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/ book table</li> <li>2/ gather your surplus model railroad supplies for sale</li> <li>3/ plan to attend</li> </ul>	<p>The facts:</p> <p>Date- Sunday March 5, 2017 Time- 8:30 am to 10:30 am</p> <p>Location- Glenmore Inn, corner of Glenmore Trail and Ogden Road</p> <p>Tables- \$20 for standard 2' X 8' size table (half tables are also available for \$10, to be shared with another vendor).</p>
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Don't be disappointed when all tables are gone. To book a table, please contact me at [bharrow@nucleus.com](mailto:bharrow@nucleus.com) or call 403-201-4937.

*Brookes Harrow*

## Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet – March 3 & 4, 2017

We in Calgary are very fortunate to have so many model railroading activities to attend. Many are hosted by the CMRS, but others are organized by other groups or individuals. Such is the case with the Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet. A group of modelers who are interested in creating models as accurately as possible is hosting a meet on the same weekend as the CMRS Spring Mini-meet. All modelers are invited to attend.

The meet begins on Friday evening from 19:00 - 21:00 with a hands-on clinic on decoder installation. Each participant will bring a decoder ready engine, a decoder ( or sound decoder with speaker ) and tools i.e. screwdriver, cutters etc. The participants will install the decoder, after a roughly 1/2 hour clinic on decoder installation. Soldering stations will be provided for that aspect. There will be a computer with both DecoderPro and LokSound programming capabilities. There is a limit of 12 participants for this presentation. Pre-registration is required and cost for this session is \$15.00.



On Saturday, the general session takes place, beginning at 09:00. In their own words, the goal is to “provide a venue to exhibit how models are built to accurately reflect their real world counterparts past or present. Emphasis is placed on sharing information, modeling techniques and most importantly, displaying one’s own models.” This is basically a “Show and Tell” meet where modelers can bring engines, rolling stock, structures, etc. to show and share techniques and to get inspired to finish their projects. There is no model judging. These items need not be in the finished state. This is a chance for interaction between builders and modelers who would like to learn from the models being shown. In other words, it is an exchange of ideas. Admission for the Saturday meet is \$10.00 , under 12 Free. **FREE RAFFLE TICKETS (LIMIT OF 10) FOR BRINGING YOUR MODELS FOR DISPLAY**

In addition, four clinics will be presented on Saturday, to learn more about prototype equipment and operations. These are:

09:30 "Layout Design" by Cal Sexsmith. After Cal’s clinic, we will set up 1/2 hour sessions for those wanting Cal’s assistance with personal layout plans.

10:45 “Mail Extra 19 South” by Mike Westren. A brief history of CPR Mail Express Car No.3622, its career in preservation and its return to active service on the Champion Park Railway.

13:00 "Canadian Northern Introduction of Passenger Service Edmonton to Vancouver" by Colin Hatcher.

14:30 “Heritage Park’s Colonist Car Restoration Project” by Doug Phillips.

There will be a Lunch Break from 12:00 - 13:00. Coffee, soft drinks and chips will available on site. Pizza will be brought in at \$5.00 per person for those who wish to sign up.

All this takes place on Friday and Saturday, March 3 & 4, 2017 at ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 703 HERITAGE DRIVE SW, CALGARY.

For further information, updates, and Friday Clinic pre-registration, please contact: Dave Audley, 403-275-1869 ([daudley@telusplanet.net](mailto:daudley@telusplanet.net))

## **What's in a Name? - Slide Night**

Slide Night has been a CMRS event on our calendar almost since the beginning of the Society. Back then, any serious railfan photographer took pictures on Kodachrome or Fujichrome slide film, had it processed in a lab, and then showed the pictures on a screen with a projector. We can all probably remember carousels and stack loaders, and how every slide night featured at least one presenter who put his slides in upside down or backwards. Now everyone takes digital photos, quite often with a cell phone. Old slides are scanned and digitized. So, should we call Slide Night something else?

My intention when I became a member of the CMRS Board and volunteered to look after Slide Night was to revitalize the event and make it a must-attend evening. I am asking the members to give some thought to a few questions and give me some feedback. We have a few months to inject some ideas into making the next one a memorable event. So take a look at these questions and feel free to send your thoughts to me at [badmington@shaw.ca](mailto:badmington@shaw.ca).



1. Do you usually attend Slide Night?
2. Is there a better night than Friday for you?
3. Would a special presentation from out-of-town make you more likely to attend?
4. Do you prefer to see historical photos or the latest action from today's railroading?
5. Are photos of foreign trains and railroads of interest to you?
6. Do you like the present location at the River Park Church or can you think of a better venue?
7. Are the snacks and beverages important to your enjoyment of the evening?
8. Do you take train pictures yourself and would you be interested in making a short presentation?
9. Is there a topic you would like to see covered? We may have someone who has the pictures you would like to see.
10. Anything else you think would improve the event, including a new name for it.

I'm looking forward to receiving your feedback. I will announce developments in upcoming issues of the Orderboard.

*Rob Badmington  
Slide Night Coordinator*

## **CMT Update**

Here's what is happening at Calgary Model Trainmen's Club. At the end of October, we welcomed many of you as visitors on our Open House to see our new premises for the first time. For now, we have our modular show layout on display.

We have continued to refine the layout plans for a double deck layout centred around a helix between the two levels and a staging yard underneath the layout.

We have worked on improving our layout room. The Club decided to exercise the option now to expand our space by another 300 square feet, from the 750 square feet at the Open House. Over the Christmas break, the west wall was demolished and a new wall was built closer to the washroom wall.

Here are our plans for the next few months. First, we have a new trailer for storage of our display modules and to take them to shows. Now we need to build racks for storage. Next, we want to expand the modules with two new 4' sections. This will give us space for a staging yard on the inside. Members also want to update the displays on the modules to add new scenes and make them more cohesive with other modules. This is starting, although it will not be complete by April. Let us know what you think, the display is scheduled to be at SUPERTRAIN.

And our Web site is active again. Check out <http://www.calgarymodeltrainmen.com/>  
On the main page, two photos have been posted showing the layout room under construction. To have a look



for yourself, visitors are most welcome. We meet Wednesday evening, usually by 7:30 pm. The address is 7 – 11 Street NE, north entrance. We share the building with our landlord, the Rehabilitation Centre. And if you would like to learn new skills or enhance existing skills, new members are always most welcome.

*Brookes Harrow*

## Trains Trains Trains, at Siding 29

**Cave and Basin National Historic Site**

**May 20 to October, 2017**

Pull into the Cave and Basin in Banff (Siding 29) for a season of celebrating trains. Journey back to the 1880s to a rough-and-tumble railway labour camp. Discover how the hot springs put Banff on the map for train passengers from across the country and around the world. Ride the rails on a hand car, test your strength and skill at spike driving, sing along with hobos around a campfire, view historic photo exhibitions, and so much more.

We are planning a full summer of events and programs, some of which we hope will be of interest to railway enthusiasts like you.

On May 27 and 28, we are planning a weekend of Model Trains at the Cave where we will showcase a half dozen or so model railway exhibitors, with a special focus on the steam era. On the Saturday, we hope to also have the 1/4 scale CP train, the Puffer Belly Express join us at the site. On July 7 and 8 we will be joined by special guests from Iron Horse Park (Airdrie) with their 1/8th scale steam locomotive on 100 feet of portable track.

Hope to see you in Banff!

For more information, please contact Heather Walter, Parks Canada: [heather.walter@pc.gc.ca](mailto:heather.walter@pc.gc.ca)

### Coming Events Schedule

Feb 4, 2017	EMRA quarterly operating session (OOpS) - 1:00 p.m. at Fort Edmonton Park - contact <a href="#">Peter Ulvestad</a>
<b>Feb 11-12, 2017</b>	<b>Layout Tours, details are in the attachment</b>
February 25, 26, 2017	All Aboard, Western Development Museum, Saskatoon - info: <a href="mailto:allaboardtrainshow@gmail.com">allaboardtrainshow@gmail.com</a>
March 3, 4, 2017	Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet, ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 703 HERITAGE DRIVE SW, CALGARY.
<b>March 5, 2017</b>	<b>CMRS Spring Mini Meet and CMT Fleamarket</b>
March 18-19, 2017	Lethbridge Alta, Southern Alberta Model Railway Club Open House, Lethbridge, Info: Bill Smienk <a href="mailto:bsmienk@telus.net">bsmienk@telus.net</a> <a href="http://www3.telus.net/samrc/">http://www3.telus.net/samrc/</a>
March 25, 26, 2017	2017 Moose Jaw Model Train Show - <a href="#">details...</a>
<b>April 22, 23, 2017</b>	<b>SUPERTRAIN, Genesis Centre</b>
May 9-7, 2017	REGINA RAILFEST - Tartan Curling Club <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Regina-Railfest-2016-465866883620383/">https://www.facebook.com/Regina-Railfest-2016-465866883620383/</a>
May 19-21, 2017	PNR Meet, Red Deer, Alta (more info to follow later)

*Send an email to [orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca](mailto:orderboard@calgarymodelrailway.ca) with submissions for coming events!  
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