



# The Order Board

## Newsletter of The Calgary Model Railway Society



*CP 8803 leads a mixed freight approaching the Frank Slide on June 22, 2018. The train is struggling up the steepest grade on the Crowsnest line..*

*Photo by Rick Walker*

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### President's Report

Welcome back to another model railroad season. After a somewhat unusual summer with heat, smoke, and now cool damp weather, it will be good to get in the basement and start working on the backlog of model railroad projects.

I had the opportunity to attend the recent Greater Edmonton Model Train Show (GETS) while visiting family in the area. This was my first visit to the show and I was impressed with what their organizing committee had done with a floor space approximately half the size of SUPERTRAIN. CMRS tried to organize a bus trip to the GETS show but again had to cancel due to lack of interest from the membership.



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

Peter Bouma has graciously volunteered to put together another 'Bouma Challenge' this year and has already selected a modestly priced HO scale kit. As in previous years the CMRS will provide \$25 to all participants who bring a completed kit to the Spring 2019 Mini Meet. Use your imagination when building the kit, it is always inspiring to see what members come up with.

South Bank Short Lines will be holding the 39th annual Boomer Auction on Saturday, October 13th from 09:00 at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. The CMRS Fall Mini Meet and Annual General Meeting will be held the following day on Sunday, October 14th.

We have one Independent Director position that is up for re-election. Bain Spielman has served one term and is eligible to serve another. Even though we have asked around, no one else has offered to run for the Independent position. Often we hear "next year" as an answer. It is getting harder to find members willing to serve on the board, we really need others to step up and help run this great society. If you are interested or have questions about what is involved to serve on the board, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Rick Walker.

*Al Matchett,  
President, CMRS*

**Notice of Annual General Meeting 2018**

In accordance with our bylaws, the Calgary Model Railway Society Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct 14, 2018 at 12:30 at the Glenmore Inn. Lunch will be served starting at 12:00. You must be a member in good standing of CMRS to vote on issues arising.

The agenda will be:

- Approval of 2017 minutes
- Reports from Directors
- 2018/19 Budget
- Election/ Ratification of Directors
- Other Business
- Business from the Floor

Independent: One Independent position is open. Bain Spielman has offered to continue for a second term. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor, in which case there will be a vote to select the new Director.

Clubs: Current incumbent terms for Calgary Free-mo and Rocky Mountain Garden Railways Directors are up. Proposed new Club Directors, to be ratified at the AGM, are:

Calgary Free-mo: Greg Hancock. Greg is an enthusiastic model railroader, and has built several Free-mo modules. He actively participates in Calgary Free-mo and CMRS activities, so is very familiar with how the Society operates. He will be an enthusiastic CMRS Director.

Rocky Mountain Garden Railways: TBD, will be introduced at the AGM.

*Jim Ironside  
Secretary CMRS*



**MEMBERSHIPS**

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 Oct 25, 2018**

**Board of Directors**

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**Slide Night**

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 9th to attend Slide Night at the River Park Church, 3818 – 14A St. SW. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the show starts at 7:30. Feature presentations already lined up for this year will include the Crowsnest Pass, Trains in Kansas City, an Australian Excursion, and “A Trip to the End of the World”. Also on the program will be photos of railways from other foreign countries, as well as some great photography from closer to home.

There is room in the program for more, so if you have a presentation you would like to make, please contact Rob Badmington at [badmington@shaw.ca](mailto:badmington@shaw.ca) to discuss the details. As always, we invite members to share 10 or 15 of their favourite photos in the Potpourri session. Unless you advise us well ahead of time, only digital pictures will be shown. Please bring your photos on a memory stick (i.e. thumb drive). Snacks and beverages will be available during the intermission.

*Rob Badmington*  
*Slide Night and Railfan Events*



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## Layout Tours 2019

This is a request for people to open their layouts for next years' layout tours. The dates for 2019 are tentatively set as February 9th and 10th. Those who would like to participate can start now to get ready to open your layout to the CMRS membership. Remember your layout can be at any stage of construction, not necessarily finished. Please contact me if you are considering having your layout on the tour.

[bainspielman@shaw.ca](mailto:bainspielman@shaw.ca)

*Bain Spielman  
Layout Chair, CMRS Board*

## Lethbridge Bus Trip

A group of 34 CMRS members went to Lethbridge on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for a tour around various home and club Layouts. We bussed it to Lethbridge using the bus and driver provided by Aspen Crossing. On arrival in Lethbridge we broke into small groups with the bus driver dropping each group at a different layout to tour. I think there were a few surprised neighbours when this great big bus pulled up on their residential street and a bunch of people spilled out and went into their neighbours house! We had plenty of time to tour each layout before the bus made it around again to pick us up and take us to the next house.

As these things always seem to go, it took a little longer than anticipated for the bus driver to make it around the loop to all the different houses, residential streets aren't really made for negotiation by large buses! Our thanks to the layout hosts and the organizers of this event. I believe everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to the following people for opening their layouts and organizing the tour in Lethbridge:

- Dale Gloer - The Coyote Flats Subdivision
- Tony Lee - Lenora & Mt. Sicker Railroad
- Stu Wilcocks - Sedalia Falun and Wasel Railway
- Bill Smienk - Canadian Pacific - Strathcona Division
- Southern Alberta Model Railway Club

*Bain Spielman  
Calgary Model Railway Society*



## CMRS Kit Challenge

At the fall mini meet, there will be a sign up for the next CMRS kit challenge. This year we are building Allie's Ice Cream by KC's Workshop: <https://kcworkshop.com/products/allies-ice-cream> This kit is an HO scale wood kit. This will work as in previous years, you provide the cost of the kit, they will be ordered as a group to get a group discount, pick up your kit, build it in whatever way suits your fancy, bring it to the spring mini meet and we will give you \$25 back towards the cost of the kit, plus you get to keep the kit and maybe display it at SUPERTRAIN.



Please bring \$35 and sign up with Peter Bouma. If you are unable to attend the mini meet, you can sign up with Peter at: [freemo54@hotmail.com](mailto:freemo54@hotmail.com) . Kits will be ordered as a group and pick up will be in the southwest after the kits have arrived. Completed kits that are brought to the spring mini meet will receive \$25 back. Kits can be built as stock or modified, built on a base or free standing. This is a great opportunity to build a wood kit (only costs you \$10!), or get creative with your build! If you have any questions, you can contact Peter at [freemo54@hotmail.com](mailto:freemo54@hotmail.com)

*Peter Bouma*

## CMT Open House – Saturday, November 10

Calgary Model Trainmen’s Club is pleased to extend an invitation to all model railroaders to join us for our Open House on Saturday November 10 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

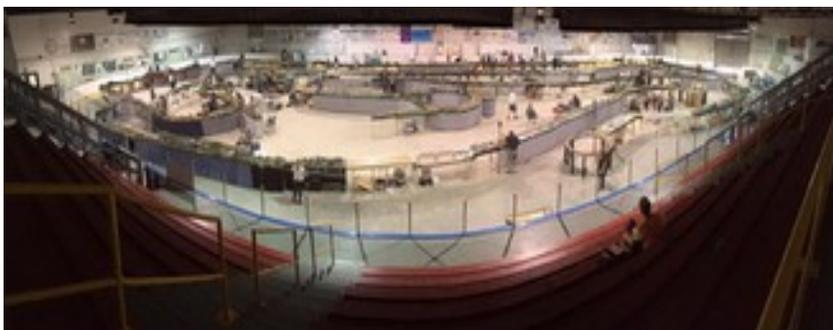
We will have our show display layout set up and running. As well, our permanent layout upper level is in the early stages of construction.

We look forward to seeing everyone. The club is located at 7 – 11 Street NE, in the Bridgeland area north of Memorial Drive. We share the building with the Rehabilitation Society of Calgary. Enter the building by the northeast entrance. Parking is available in the lot north of the building.

Got a train you’d like to run? If it is HO scale and decoder equipped, please bring it with you and take it for a spin. And if you are interested in membership, please talk to one of our members.

*Brookes Harrow*

## Alberta Free-Mo Big Valley – 15 years



From 15 - 19 Aug 2018, Calgary Free-mo hosted our annual Alberta Free-mo setup in Big Valley. This year was our fifteenth anniversary for this event, and we issued a challenge to Free-mo modellers to make up a 1000' layout. Setup would start Wed; running would be for three days instead of the normal two. In the end, we had almost 60 modellers with 1124' of modules from



Washington State, Idaho, Montana, BC, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. There was a full program of regular running, long train running, operating session, 1:1 operating on Alberta Prairie, and of course lots of food and socializing.



Much planning was required - not just the setup design, but for the publicity, applications, registration, setup, operating, catering, and a myriad of other details. The layout was designed to allow efficient setup - a core joining two junctions and thus four subdivisions. After the core was set up on the first day, four independent teams set up the subdivisions in parallel. The running and switching opportunities were immense. Three hours running were almost enough to cover all the modules.



*Coffins (and undertakers) come in all forms . . . Some of our US visitors*



*Thar be gremlins here . . .*

At night the train lengths were unlimited, and there were several 100 car trains. The evening operating session allowed running with purpose, as on the real railroad. A number of participants took advantage of the 1:1 Ops opportunity to switch real railroad cars with a real GP38. At 16:00 on Sunday it was time to break down. Most layouts were out of the building by 19:30, and participants headed back to their homes satisfied at having been part of a setup that was among the largest, if not the absolute largest, HO Free-mo setup in North America.



*Official cake, courtesy of Tanya (the good looking one)...*

Calgary Free-mo is a regular at SUPERTRAIN, and will be at GETS and Railway Days in September. We meet regularly for business and Fun Runs. Go to our website - [CalgaryFreemo.ca](http://CalgaryFreemo.ca) - and come see us anytime.

*Jim Ironside  
Run Chief  
Alberta Free-mo 2018*

**To the winner of a Modern Gas Station at SUPERTRAIN: missing part**

Some WALTHERS kits were donated at Supertrain 2018. Unfortunately, one kit, the 3537, Modern Gas Station, is missing one part. If you are the person or know the person who won this kit, please contact HobbyTech. That missing piece is available.

**PAY WHATEVER YOU CONSIDER FAIR!!**

100% of cash payment being donated to the CALGARY FOOD BANK: your choice of what you decide to take BACHMANN, LIFE LIKE, TYCO, all RTR, variety of HO rolling stock items in original boxes, all with NMRA



couplers

ROUNDHOUSE RTR; 3, 34' HO Overton old time passenger cars with NMRA couplers

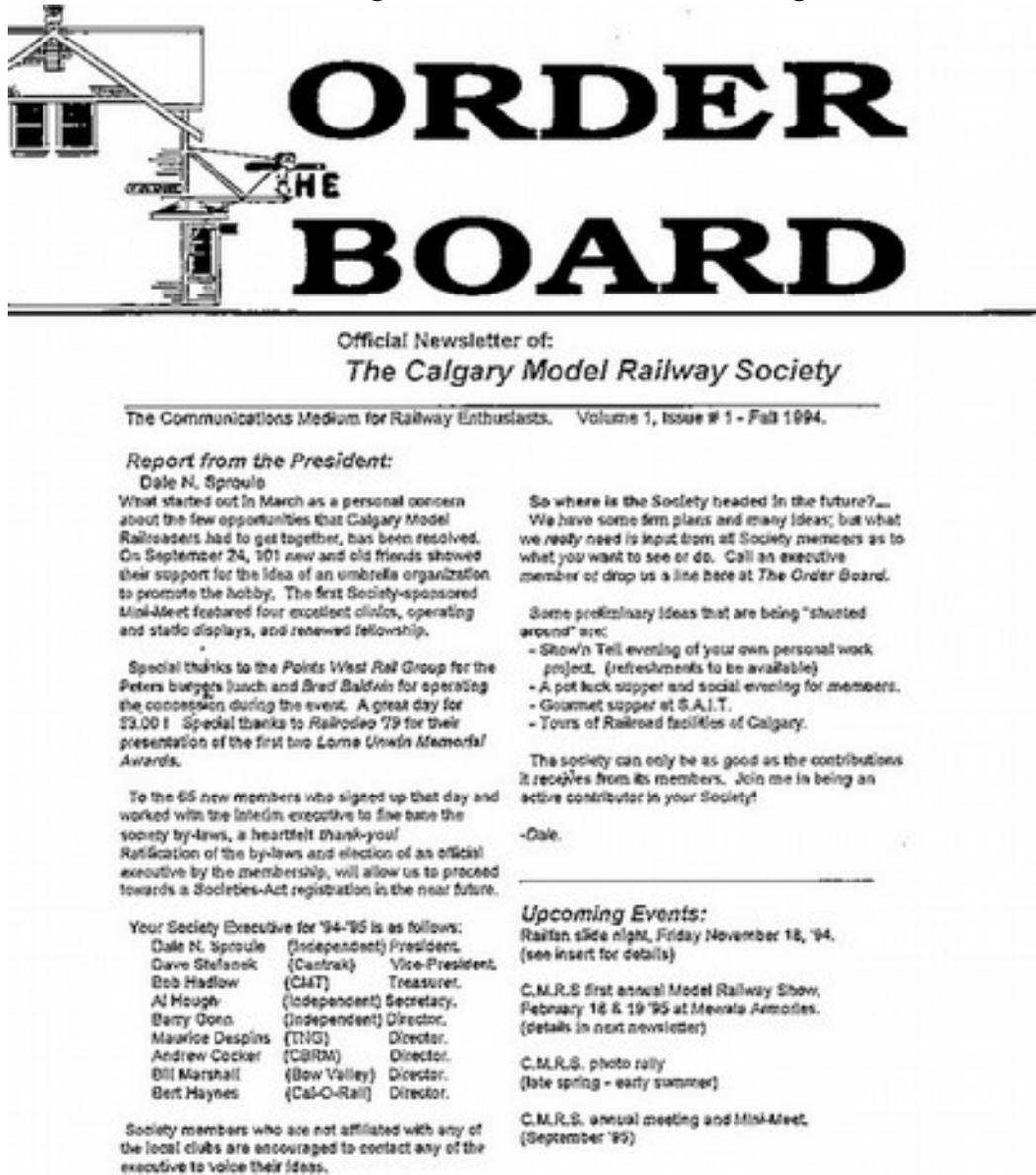
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HO HOBBY TRANSFORMER, MRC dual power throttles 2 amps

Contact Gordon at [ringingrails@shaw.ca](mailto:ringingrails@shaw.ca) or 403-281-6048

## Some History of CMRS - First OrderBoard

We recently came across some early documents from the CMRS past, including the very first OrderBoard published in the fall of 1994. The following is a copy of the first page of Volume #1, Issue #1. To read a clearer copy of the entire document along with some other older issues, go to the CMRS website:



<https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/news-archive.html>



## Food Bank Donation

The Food Bank has reported back to us that the donations from last Years SUPERTRAIN amounted to \$3,159.81 plus 655 lbs of food!

## Colonist Car at Heritage Park

The restoration of the colonist car at Heritage park is complete, the car will be open for regular viewing. The following is a clip from CTV about the car:

<https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/historic-canadian-rail-car-open-to-the-public-at-calgary-s-heritage-park-1.4102645>

## Do you have some model railroad items you want to get rid of?

We often get phone calls or emails from people wanting to sell or dispose of their own, father's, grandfathers or friends Model Railway. We have posted some suggestions on the CMRS website at:

<https://www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/dispose.html>

Here are some of the normal methods we typically suggest:

- Contact Trains and Such
- Put an article or advertizement in our newsletter, The OrderBoard
- Use the South Bank Short Lines Boomer Auction (October 13, 2018) <http://sbsltrains.ca/auction-flyer/>
- Use the CMT Flea Market (March 2019). Watch EVENTS for details.
- Place an advertizement on Kijiji Calgary
- Use Ebay to sell your items

## Coming Events Schedule

October 13, 2018	39th Annual Boomer Auction, presented by South Bank Short Lines - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive SW, Calgary. info: <a href="http://sbsltrains.ca/auction-flyer/">http://sbsltrains.ca/auction-flyer/</a>
<b>October 14, 2018</b>	<b>CMRS Mini Meet and Annual General Meeting, Glenmore Inn, 10:00 AM</b>
<b>November 9, 2018</b>	<b>CMRS Slide Night, River Park Church, 7:00 PM</b>
November 10, 2018	Calgary Model Trainmen's Open House 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, 7 - 11 Street NE
<b>February 9, 10, 2019</b>	CMRS Layout Tours (tentative)
March 2019	Prototype Modellers Meet
<b>March 2019</b>	<b>CMT FleaMarket</b>
<b>March 2019</b>	<b>CMRS Spring Mini Meet</b>
<b>April 13, 14, 2019</b>	<b>SUPERTRAIN 2019</b>

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