

# MIDLAND & DISTRICT RAILROAD CLUB

## 18<sup>th</sup> Model Train Show

### May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006

#### Central Ontario Garden Railway Association (COGRA)

Frederick Aldred

The Central Ontario Garden Railway Association was formed in 1990. Members range in skill from novice to expert. Run all types of locomotives, be they live steam, electric, battery or clockwork. Garden Railway Ten Foot Rule – "If it looks good from ten feet, its fine by me". Railway has full scenery and is displayed at several venues each year. Plans are on the way to revamp the current one which will allow us to continually change the track plan to keep the module looking fresh. New members are always welcome, anyone interested in joining COGRA only need to speak with someone around the display.

#### Erin Mills Model Railroad Assoc. N Scale

The new modules that we are presenting are currently under construction and represent the mountain line. These new modules represent the era from 1930-1950. Some of the modules are established and represent steam era up to the present day diesel.

#### John Ferguson Display

John Ferguson

This model railway displays the most popular of the scales and gauges. There is Large Scale in 120.5, 125 and what is common let referred to as G. There is British outline in N,HO and OO. There is European outline in HO and N30. (HO scale on N scale track age). There is an assortment of standard North American HO equipment. There is also the newer and very popular On30 which is O scale running on HO track. Some track donated by Hemlock Junction. British outline N scale donated by the N scale Midland.

#### Lego Train Set

The Lego build train set is made out of about 4000 Lego blocks and the size of it is about 4 feet by 12 feet. The era of the train set is modern day. Lego trains run on electricity and they are durable. How a person gets involved in this hobby is when you buy Lego trains out of Lego books and stores. I've been doing this hobby for about 7 years.

#### Lindsay & District Model Railroaders

The modules are "N" track standard. All the tables have the three "N" track standard lines that are red, yellow and blue lines. Some of the tables have the optional 10 inch line. The tables that are owned by members represent a time during the steam era up to present day railroading. The tables are fully scenic with buildings, roadways, lighting, and vehicles and in some cases, people. The club modules are the four corners that are scenic as hilled open country side and have the three standard lines on them. The club yard has the three main lines with two sidings on each line. These sidings allow us to set-up trains while the mains are running. The yard is three tables or 12 feet long. Four of the modules are new and are in the process of development. These new tables have the three standard lines and a mountain line. Three of the mountain line tables are 2 feet wide and 4 feet long which is an "N" track standard. The fourth new module is a corner that has the incline to the 4 inch mountain line. This table has been made with an additional line that will connect to a "ONE TRACK" layout.

#### Midland & District Railroad Club HO scale

The Midland and District Railroad Club had its start in 1986 when Bob Finch gathered a group of potential hobbyists at Bayview Public School in Midland. Of that group approximately six continue as members. Club members have built many model modular railroads which can be taken apart in sections and transported to railroad shows in many parts of Ontario. Currently, the club has two railroads, one in HO and one in N. Both are modular railroads which can be transported easily to other locations. The HO scale railroad is at a mature state of development, with full scenery and an advanced control system. This control system utilizes digital technology which permits numerous trains to run simultaneously.

#### Midland & District Railroad Club N scale

**PREMISE:** The Midland District Railroad Club 'N' scale layout is set in a locale where there was once a thriving small railroad headquartered in Mt. Vernon. It had major track age between several carriers which is why you will see many different road names along the line. As local business declined they found that selling running rights to several railroads produced more revenue than running their own equipment. They retained, however, a highly profitable branch line in to serve the town of Smallville and the mines and industries of the region. **STATUS:** The layout is currently under construction with only one section in the advanced scenery stage. There is a town and industries to add as well as swamps, and mines, etc. The layout is approximately 6 feet by 18 feet and designed to travel in a van to the many shows we attend each year.

#### Midland Railway Exhibit

Jamies Hunter

Huron Museum has been collecting artifacts from the area since 1935. Only recently have we acquired some wonderful new artifacts and photographs relating to the Midland Railway Co. that founded Midland and gave it its name- from 1871 to its sale to the Grand Trunk in 1883. This exhibit shows these items to the public for the very first time and volunteers from the museum have agreed to provide interpretation and explanations for these wonderful new additions to the museum collections.

#### Miner Junction

Andre Miner

Formed in 2003. HO and N scales plus ON 30 multi scale group. 1950's – present that I operate. He has a general interest in the hobby and likes our Canadian engines and freight cars. "I've been doing model railroading since 1972 – 7 years old."

#### Model Train Display – Ken Wiggins

This display consists of HO gauge steam engines, cars and caboose. All these items are scratch built of wood (not made from kits) using photographs and data sheets. These models are mainly of Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railway steam trains. One of the models is the Canadian Pacific Hudson steam train that took King George VI and Queen Elizabeth across Canada in 1939. Also included are a model of the original Hog Bay Trestle at Port McNicoll and a model of a United Grain Growers which is a grain elevator from Western Canada. These are also made of wood and build with the help of photographs.

#### Muskoka Model Railway Club

The Muskoka Model Railway Club was started in 1985 to promote the hobby of model railroading in Muskoka. The Club meets to build and operate its layouts, build structures and models, and enjoy fellowship. The Club is building a permanent HO scale layout at its premises in Bracebridge. This 40' x 12' layout will generally represent Canadian National Railways in Muskoka and will be modeled in the transition era up to 1960. The layout will feature a single track loop, large staging yard, and several dozen industries for switching interest. It will simulate prototype operations using DCC control. The portable N scale layout featured at train shows is made up of eight modules and can be transported in a pickup or large van. It can be assembled in about 1½ hours. It features four loops providing continuous running. The idea is to demonstrate a variety of trains, equipment, eras and scenes, including members' ability to model highly detailed scenes in a very small scale.

Prepared by Cathy Hope, Port McNicholl ON

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#### N.M.R.A. National Model Railroad Association

Neville Meads

Is an association that has members right around the world. There are approximately twenty thousand members. We welcome new members. The world has been divided into seventeen Regions. The Region for this area is The Niagara Frontier Region. The Region is divided into Divisions. The N.M.R.A. was formed in 1935 to standardize the hobby of Model Railroading and also to be an educator in the hobby. By setting standards for the manufacturers to meet, we now enjoy a hobby that is compatible, no matter what manufacturer we buy from. These standards are being followed even into the new DCC systems for controlling your engines. As an educator in the hobby we give "How to Clinics". At the Region level there is a convention held once a year with the location taking place in various cities around the Region. At the International level there is a Convention yearly that runs a whole week. We also offer a newsletter for the Region that comes out four times a year and a magazine that comes out monthly. There is a program that will help you build your layout, (track work, scenery, wiring) structures, railway cars, engines etc. For those residing in Canada, we are called N.M.R.A. Canada and all dues for Canadians are in Canadian funds.

#### Nottawasaga Model Railroad Club

Nottawasaga Model Engineers

These are the features of the layout at this time -- modular construction -- 6' x 26' dog bone shape -- it all fits on two carts for trailer loading -- up to five operating positions -- loads in -- empties out ore train -- public invited to operate -- training provided for all ages.

#### Orangeville Shortlines Model Railroad Club

The Orangeville Shortlines Model Railroad Club (O.S.L.R.R.) was started February 1985. Founded in Orangeville by 9 eager railroaders, the word "Shortlines" was chosen because it signified many small home layouts. Currently we have 10 members. The club regularly attends several shows a year. Early on, members decided to build a portable modular railroad which has been modified several times; it is currently 16' x 32'. There are over 5 scale miles of mainline track and an operating rail yard, as well as numerous buildings and industries. In 2005, opened one end and modified the end modules. A mountain was added on one side and on the other side there is a golf course and farm. The golf course has been sold and development of new town will commence in the fall of 2006 once all approvals have been received from the local council. The layout has also been converted from 3 continuous main lines to 2 continuous main lines with several spur lines. The layout is now completely DCC controlled.

#### Raybelle Amusements

Ray & Isabelle Bottoms

Raybelle Amusements has 30 carnival rides in HO Scale (1:87). Most of these operate with transformer powered motors. Most of the rides are made from plastic kits. The first one built was the Merry-Go-Round with 30 horses. Other rides consist of four Ferris Wheels, ThunderBolt, Octopus, Spider, Haunted House and many others. The Strates Carnival Train sits on the railway siding at the back of the carnival.

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## Vendors

### The Rosseau and Central Ontario Railway

The Railway started from thoughts of the most junior member of the Simcoe County Organization for Railway Enthusiast (SCORE) to build a layout to learn the tricks and techniques of model railroading. The layout is constructed around the area in between Huntsville and MacTier, with the division center focused around a fiction railway that ran from east and west out of Port Carling and served local grain industries. The layout runs 4-axel 1st and 2nd Generation power, with the main units being High-nosed CP Rail Geep 9's and 7's. The occasional CN or ONR power may be seen on the layout because of a connection in Huntsville. The layout is focused around switching operations of a grain mill, with light rural freight trains from 1990 to 1995, using Zephyr Digitrax Command Control system to allow multi-unit operations while giving operators a full feel of railway operations. Land masses are being built in strategic places and the track profile is being looked at corrected. During the show, we hope to start putting scenery down while having people operate.

### Soper Valley Model Railroad Association

Portable Layout: 20' x 28'. Transition Era 1940 thru 1960. Possible Northern Ontario Location with mountains & wood trestle over swampy lake waters. Industrial switching area. Passenger stations with town areas & sticky creek runs past Soper Creek Station.

**Sudbury Modular Railroad Club** N Scale Modular Layout. Modules are constructed on NTRAK, oNeTRAK, and open standards. The layout contains a scale 8 miles of mainline track for running trains. Layout features include a yard, intermodal facility, engine servicing, tank car loading facility, and various other smaller industries a mine complex and several smaller rail customers. The layout is controlled using Digitrax Digital Command Control (DCC). DCC system includes wireless walk around hottles. We encourage you to ask lots of questions and to try your hand at the hrottle.

### Sunny Side Rail Link (SSRL) HO Scale

Ron & Bryan Edwards

The Sunny Side Rail Link (SSRL) in its 6th year of existence, is a father and son free lance branch line railroad set in the 1990's to present day. CN & CP trains can regularly be seen running on the two outside main lines delivering cars to be switched by the SSRL to various industries around the layout. The layout measures 3' x 23' and made up of 7 various size modules, These modules are constructed with 1 X 4 wood framing covered with 1/4" plywood and 1" foam board. The scenery consists of a variety of woodland scenic products, buildings are from various manufacturers modified to fit their locations and the Locomotives are powered by Digitrax Command Control.

### Turn of the Century Circus Model

Paul Pattison

This turn of the century model consists of a town and a circus set up. It features a circus parade on the main street of the town on its way to the circus grounds drawing people along the way. The prototype model is of the era of the great circuses. Included in the layout is a cut-away of a tent for viewing inside. Also a 1/4 scale train under construction, 1/2 scale wagons and HO scale circus train. Feel free to ask questions.

### Upton Whent

Fawle B W K

1:24 scale Gn15 layout. 24 x 36 inches. Upton Whent is situated somewhere in the South-West of England and, like so many little villages, there is a large estate attached to it. The original Lord of this Manor was a Victorian industrialist and the estate was almost self-sufficient. He was a disciple of a certain Sir Arthur Heywood who was a pioneer in the early 1900s of the commercial use of 15 inch gauge railways. Accordingly a line was constructed to serve the manor and, among other things, hauled up coke from the local station for his coal gas plant. A small peat bog was put to good use and peat for the large gardens was collected. Horses and cattle need feed and the results of this have to be removed. There were lots to keep his little line busy. Then one day the Lady of Upton Whent did just that and the little line had to really pay its way. There is a variety of stock in use as his Lordship experiments. I find the design and building of small layouts is a very satisfying thing to do. The spatial requirements are minimal and the job can be finished in a reasonable time frame. Upton Whent is my third small layout. It was started at the beginning of this year so is still "a work in progress". Enjoy.

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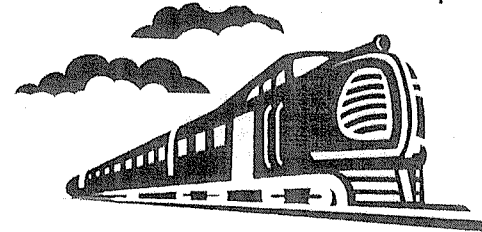
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