

## TRAX

### NEWSLETTER OF THE SUDBURY NORTHERN RAILROAD

October - 2006

#### September, 2006 Meeting

Richard Lefebvre hosted the September, 2006 meeting of the Sudbury Northern Railroad (SNRC) on **Tuesday**, September 12, 2006, at 7:30 PM. The SNRC members in attendance thank Richard for the ample treats.

#### October, 2006 Meeting

The October meeting of the Sudbury Northern Railroad Club will be held at Al Melanson's on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 2006 at 7:30 PM. Al's address is 332 Wellington Heights, and can be reached by driving south on Regent Street, turning left onto Myland and then right on Wellington Mts. Al's phone is unlisted so anyone not sure of the location should contact one of the "seniors" in the SNRC.

#### Meeting Schedule - 2006

Nov. .... Train Show  
Dec. .... Dick Schell - 2nd Tuesday

#### Upcoming Events

Train Show - Sudbury - Nov. 4th & 5th

#### SNRC Club News

##### Don't be a Dick

October is none too soon to remind SNRC members that membership fees will soon be due. Members need to have their dues paid on time so as to get their TRAX and be advised of the meeting locations. Apologies to Dick Schell who, for some reason, fell through the cracks and off the membership list for 2006. As the Editor said at the September meeting, "No tickee, no laundee!".

#### Modular Club News

##### Road Trip to Celebrate a Birthday

Richard Lefebvre sends the following:

The Sudbury Modular Railroad Club was invited to participate in Webbwood's 100th anniversary, July 29, 2006.

Mike Svos, Dave Karen and Richard Lefebvre attended with a portable "N" scale layout and an HO switching layout. Richard set up a small "G" scale layout in the firehall which was provide for the use of our members. We had an opportunity to meet and share our hobby with the community.

On a sad note, Denis Laporte, a past member of the Northern Club passed away recently. His wife, Mary-Lou, donated a number of Denis' buildings to the Northern Heritage Railway Museum in Capreol. Denis was modelling 'ON30' when he passed away.

Richard Lefebvre has volunteered to construct two dioramas for the Museum. The dioramas will be logging and mining utilizing Denis' models.

### Other Rail News

#### Friday Flu

A recent article in a Toronto paper noted that GO Transit crews have been booking off sick on Fridays with regularity. GO, which hires its crews from Canadian National, is considering getting out of its contract so as to hire crews from elsewhere.

#### Rip-Tracks Believe It or Not!

This tale comes from the Omaha "Herald" of June, 1887 and is presented for its entertainment value. Apparently in those days they didn't have the "National Enquirer" or that other icon of strangeness "News of the World".

Most Extraordinary "Talking about collisions and railroad accidents," said the brakeman, "let me tell you of an accident I once saw down in Pennsylvania. There was a narrow gauge road down there, which used the track of the old Atlantic and Great Western broad gauge for seven miles, of course running on its own rails, set right between the rails of the other road". The gauge of the Atlantic and Great Western was six feet wide and the rail cars were on the same scale. "Well, one night there was a collision between a narrow gauge train and a broad gauge train. Some mistake about orders I guess it was. Anyhow, a narrow-gauge passenger train dashed into the rear end of a broad-gauge passenger train with the curiousest results you ever heard of. That little narrow-gauge engine just jumped up into the big cars of the other train and never stopped till it reached the tender behind the broad gauge locomotive. And what was the funniest thing about it, it drew the whole train after it, the little cars running right up the aisle of the big train and never hurting a passenger in either train, 'cept one feller what had his head outen a window of the narrow-gauge smoking car. He was pretty badly hurt. It was a mighty queer sight, let me tell you, one train inside another and the passengers of each talking to each other as comfortable as you please. I was brakeman on the broad-gauge train, and as we was runnin' under orders to make Salamanca by a certain minute, we went along without stopping, taking the other train with us. The best joke of it all was that my conductor went through the narrow gauge train and made all the passengers whack up cash fares."

#### Books

Al Melanson passed on to the Editor a copy of a recent "Railroad Safety Statistics" published by the Federal Railroad Administration in the U.S. Every conceivable accident scenario is tabulated, and while some of the data may appear dry, rail fans could predict many of the results, particularly when rail equipment interacts with pedestrians and highway traffic. The last section of the report lists over 650 railways in the U.S., their reporting

marks and accident statistics. Ever hear of the Walking Horse and Eastern Railroad Company?

Did You Know?

That in 1957, the CPR considered building a branch line in to the Elliot Lake uranium mining area. It would have been 32 miles long starting from the Sault line and terminating at Quirke Lake.

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December's TRAX will be the last for this Editor.

Take a youngster train-watching today.

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Answers to the Crossword Puzzle

<u>Across</u>	<u>Clue</u>
1	Take a youngster to see these. TRAINS
4	Transported from Levack daily. ORE
5	These carry the weight. RAILS
7	Sudbury to Sault Ste. Marie line. SOO
8	Can run on rails or highway. HIRAIL
10	Need one after corn field meet. CRANE
12	Hot weather causes these. KINKS
15	Nearby early terminus of CPR during construction. NORTHBAY
16	Switching done here. YARD
22	Local _____ run. MILK
23	Replaced coal and wood. OIL
25	Discovered during CPR construction near Sudbury. NICKEL
27	Canyon on the Algoma Central Railway. AGAWA
28	Right of _____ . WAY

<u>Down</u>	<u>Clue</u>
1	Rails laid on these. TIES
2	Fore-runner of the Canadian National Railway. NORTHERN
3	Railhead on Lake Simcoe. BARRIE
6	Type of car for timber, farm equipment. FLAT
9	Sometimes a boxcar parts company with these. TRUCKS
10	Car used for more than one purpose. COMBINE
11	Locomotive manufacturer (initials). ALCO
13	Interurban railway in the Haileybury area (initials). NCR
14	Some types of locos won't go far without this. STEAM
17	White Pass and _____ Railway. YUKON
18	Loco manufacturer makes mainly Chevies now (initials).GMD
20	Canadian version of railroad in titles. RAILWAY
21	Don't be around when one of these blows. BOILER
24	Also makes toasters and televisions (initials). GM
26	Black diamonds. COAL