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The Sudbury Model Railroaders Newsletter

A New Year

Welcome to TRAX, and another year of model railroading. On behalf of the members of the Sudbury Northern Railroad Club (SNRC), I would like to thank Al Stacey, the previous TRAX editor, for putting together this newsletter each month for the past five years. It will be hard to match the content Al delivered each month.

And thus begins a new era for TRAX. This newsletter has traditionally been distributed to members of the SNRC, and used to inform members of upcoming meetings and events. TRAX was also delivered primarily by mail to those SNRC members who paid their annual dues. As the paid SNRC membership decreased, so did the newsletter audience. For the past two years, copies of TRAX have also been available on the www.sudburymodelrailroading.com website. This extended the possible audience, but did not reach out to other model railroaders not currently members of the SNRC or other area clubs.

Starting with this issue, TRAX will be distributed primarily as an e-mail and web based newsletter. Paper copies of the newsletter will still be mailed to SNRC members who have paid their annual dues. The e-mail and website versions will be sent to any model railroader who requests a subscription, free of charge. This is the first step in an effort to reach additional model railroaders in the Sudbury area and get them involved in local clubs and model railroading activities.

To subscribe to the mailed hard copy of the newsletter, simply pay your SNRC dues for 2007. To do so, see the SNRC Treasurer (Garth Harris) at the next SNRC meeting. (or contact Garth directly at 969-8158)

To subscribe to the electronic version (PDF File) send an e-mail to:

trax@sudburymodelrailroading.com

There are two types of e-mail subscriptions. A “full newsletter” e-mail includes the entire newsletter (PDF file) attached to the e-mail. A “notification only” e-mail includes only a notification that a new newsletter is available, and includes a link to the website where you can view the newsletter. This type may be better for users with slow Internet connections.

Sudbury Northern Railroad Club (SNRC) News

January 2007 Meeting

There is currently no January meeting of the Sudbury Northern Railroad Club scheduled. The next scheduled meeting is February.

December 2006 Meeting

Dick Shell hosted the December meeting of the Sudbury Northern Railroad Club. The members of the SNRC thank Dick for his hospitality and treats.

Meeting Schedule 2007

All meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Date</u>
January	no meeting scheduled	
February	Garth Harris	Feb. 13, 2007
March	Trevor Ross	March 13, 2007
April	Richard Gattoni	April 10, 2007
May	Mike Svos	May 8, 2007
June	Richard Lefebvre	June 12, 2007
July, August	Summer Break	
September	no meeting scheduled	
October	no meeting scheduled	
November	no meeting scheduled	
December	no meeting scheduled	

Volunteers are needed to host the upcoming meetings this fall. If you are interested in hosting a meeting then please contact Mike Svos (566-5593).

SNRC meeting co-ordinator: Mike Svos (566-5593)

SNRC treasurer: Garth Harris (9698678)

Sudbury Modular Railroad Club (SMRC) News

2006 Sudbury Train Show

The 2006 Train and Hobby show was very well attended. This years advertising efforts paid off resulting in better overall attendance than last year.

Upcoming Events

The SMRC plans to attend a few neighbouring train shows in the upcoming year. Last May the SMRC attended the Midland Train Show with the N-scale modular layout. Everyone who took part had a great time, and we made many new friends from other clubs. The SMRC plans to attend the Barrie Train Show the weekend of February 16, 17, and 18, 2007. We will be taking the N-scale modular layout and could use help from any member or volunteer. Plans are also in the works to attend the Midland Train Show again in May 2007, and the Muskoka Train Show in August 2007.

2007 Sudbury Train Show

The SMRC has started making plans for the 2007 Sudbury Train Show. This year we are attempting to attract additional modular layouts from surrounding clubs. Barrie, Muskoka, Midland, and Timmins are all possibilities. Hopefully this years show will have many more new attractions for show visitors.

Upcoming Meetings

The SMRC meeting schedule is very informal. Meetings are typically held as required to discuss upcoming events. The new Sudbury Model Railroad Club (see next item) will be getting together on a regular basis and will serve as a regular meeting for the SMRC.

Sudbury Model Railroad Club

Introduction

This issue of the TRAX newsletter also introduces the Sudbury Model Railroad Club. If you are reading this newsletter, then you are a member of this club. The Sudbury Model Railroad Club is open to anyone interested in model railroading. There is no annual fee. If you are interested and wish to join, simply subscribe to the TRAX newsletter. The goal of this club is to introduce more people to model railroading and keep all model railroaders in Sudbury informed of upcoming events and activities.

Upcoming Meetings

Plans are currently under way to start a regular meeting schedule. The main goal of these meetings would be to get together on a regular basis to discuss upcoming events and activities, work on members' layouts or modules, and hold formal operating sessions on some of our local layouts. If you are interested in taking part in these sessions, contact Trevor Ross at 983-9602 or trevor@tjrcadd.com

Meeting Schedule

Meetings are proposed to be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Because there is no scheduled SNRC meeting in January, we have scheduled an additional Sudbury Model Railroad Club meeting for the second Tuesday of January. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
January 9, 2007	Mike Svos
January 23, 2007	Mike Svos
February 13, 2007	Mike Svos
March	TBD
April	TBD

If you are interested in coming out to the meetings please contact Trevor Ross at 983-9602 or trevor@tjrcadd.com so that we have an idea of how many people will be attending.

To get to Mike's house at 85 Gladys St., Garson, turn left (west) onto Maley Drive from Falconbridge Hwy. As you head from Sudbury to Garson. Turn right (north) from Maley onto Old Falconbridge Road, and left (west) onto Gladys Road. Mike's house is at the top of the hill on the right (east side). If lost phone Mike at 566-5593.

Recent Events

Orillia and Area Layout Tour

The Orillia and Muskoka railroad clubs hosted a layout tour on Sunday November 12, 2006. Twelve model railroaders opened their homes to visitors for the day to help share the model railroading hobby. Myself, my two boys (Zachary – 5 and Lucas – 2), and grandpa set out from Parry Sound early on Sunday morning and arrived in Orillia in time for the first layout to open. We saw everything from garden railroads, to basement empires, to layouts just starting construction as we made our way North through Gravenhurst and Bracebridge. It was definitely worth the trip! Maybe someday we will be able to organize a similar event in our local area.

CPR Christmas Train

The CPR Christmas Train rolled into Sudbury on Tuesday Dec. 5, 2006 shortly after 10:00 p.m. (about a half hour late). A mechanical failure resulted in a loss of heat in the coaches and those planning to ride the train westward were not able to do so.

Upcoming Events

Barrie Model Railroad Show

The Barrie Model Railroad Show will be held February 17 and 18, 2007 at the Barrie Event Centre. The SMRC will be attending the show for the weekend and bringing the N-scale modular layout along. Additional volunteers are needed to help with the layout over the weekend. If you are interested in joining us please contact Trevor Ross at 983-9602 or trevor@tjrcadd.com

NMRA NFR Convention

The 2007 NMRA Convention is scheduled for March in Rochester, NY.

Midland Model Railroad Show

The Midland Annual Model Train Show will be held on May 26 and 27, 2007 at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre. The SMRC plans to attend again this year with the N-scale layout. Additional volunteers are always welcome.

The Dispatcher's Office

Newsletter Content

I am actively looking for content for upcoming newsletters. If you are interested in contributing any model railroad related articles, news, or information please forward them to me at trevor@tjrcadd.com or give me a call (983-9602).

Website

You can find additional local model railroad news, events, and information online at www.sudburymodelrailroading.com

Take a youngster train watching today!