

# TRAX

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The Sudbury Model Railroaders Newsletter

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## Hot Cinders in My Shorts

### Viewpoint from the Editor

April is upon us already, and the peak model railroading season will soon be over – especially with the nice weather coming early this year. There continues to be plenty of model railroad activities occurring all around us however. I would like to thank all those SNRC and SMRC members who came out to the meetings at my house this past month. Zachary enjoyed showing off his trains to all those who attended. Alas, everything has been disassembled to allow for some renovations in the basement. We now plan to build some portable sectional benchwork so his layout will be easier to move around. It may even turn up at the November train show one of these years!

The modular club (at least a few regulars) continue to get together at least once a week to complete scenery and details on the N-Scale modules. The modular club has also started a layout in the basement of the Hobby Depot (see details later in the newsletter). Work sessions occurring on this layout are a good opportunity for you to see various skills and techniques in action so that you can learn these new skills and techniques to apply to your own modelling.

As you will see later in this issue, I have started receiving some newsletter content from readers. This is good, and I hope to see more of it in the future. I am looking for pictures, articles, news, and any other information to share with the rest of the readers. I would like to start a regular section of photos taken by readers (model or prototype), and continue articles of local layouts. If you have any material, please send it along.

And to finish up, another reminder that there are still Sudbury Northern Railroad Club meeting dates without hosts for October, November, and December. Volunteers are needed to fill these meeting dates. I encourage you to host a future meeting, especially if you have not hosted a meeting before.

Enjoy this issue.

Trevor Ross  
Editor – TRAX Newsletter

# **Club Car**

## **Local Club News**

### **Sudbury Northern Railroad Club (SNRC) News**

#### **April 2007 Meeting**

Richard Gattoni has volunteered to host the April 2007 meeting of the Sudbury Northern Railroad Club (SNRC) on Tuesday April 10, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. To reach Richard's house at 1341 Roy Street in Sudbury, drive east on Lasalle Blvd. From Notre Dame Ave. Roy Street is just before the New Sudbury Shopping Center. Turn left (North) and travel about two blocks. Richard's house is on the left side. Go in the side door and down the stairs as usual. Richards's phone number is 566-7650 if you get lost.

#### **March 2007 Meeting**

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the March 2007 meeting at my house in Azilda. Zachary enjoyed showing everyone his railroad empire.

#### **Meeting Schedule 2007**

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

<u>Month</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Date</u>
April	Richard Gattoni	April 10, 2007
May	Mike Svos	May 8, 2007
June	Richard Lefebvre	June 12, 2007
July, August	Summer Break	
September	Wayne Cowen	September 11, 2007
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 (969-8678)

#### **SNRC Beginnings**

Dale Wilson, SNRC member, sends along the following information about the early days of the SNRC:

"We've been doing some renovations and this has included emptying some closets, boxes and so on that have become almost pre-historic. Among the items unearthed was a batch of the first newsletters put out by the Sudbury Northern Railroad. Turns out the founding date was March 15, 1966. The meeting site was "D&D Model Raceways, 33 Lisgar Street, Sudbury - situated one floor above Dolomity Shoes. The executive committee formed at the first meeting was as follows: President, George Dewar, Secretary, Don Jaworski and Directors Wilson, Roy and Monette. Personally, I can't put a face to the name "Monette". Perhaps somebody else knows?"

## **Sudbury Modular Railroad Club (SMRC) News**

### **March Meeting**

A meeting of the Sudbury Modular Railroad Club was called for Tuesday March 27, 2007. All members were notified of the meeting in advance by phone. About 10 out of the 25 members attended. The meeting agenda included discussions about upcoming shows and events, and getting commitments from members to help out at these events. The 2007 Sudbury Train and Hobby Show was also discussed. The SMRC is attempting to get additional out-of-town clubs to attend with their modular layouts, however our space is limited and additional planning will be required to fit everything in.

### **Upcoming Events**

Members of the SMRC continue to keep busy working on upgrading N-Scale modules in preparation for the 2007 Midland Train Show on May 26 and 27, 2007. If you are interested in helping out with the preparation or at the show, contact Trevor Ross at 983-9602 or [trevor@tjrcadd.com](mailto:trevor@tjrcadd.com)

The SMRC will not be setting up a modular layout at Pioneer Manor on Mothers Day weekend this year.

### **Club Layout**

Mike Svos has provided an area in the basement of the Hobby Depot to construct a club layout. The construction has begun, and the layout includes the yard modules from the HO modular Layout, Mike's HO modules, and additional permanent benchwork to join all these pieces together into a looping track plan.

Club Members have been working on the layout on a regular basis. Work sessions take place every Saturday starting at about 10:30 a.m. We encourage everyone to come out and help with the layout. It is a good opportunity to see and learn new model railroading skills!

## **GO Train News**

The following information was posted to the CAORM (Canadian Association of Railway Modellers) Yahoo Group:

"I have just come home from a dinner out with my family and we went by the old Allandale Station grounds and there is a huge pile of heavy limestone behind the station with a lot of heavy equipment. The big thing I noticed was that there were hundreds of new survey stakes where they are going to park the trains. I was then intrigued enough so I went down the line as far as Stroud. At each level crossing there were large signs stating that GO Transit was improving the rail line for the Province of Ontario or words to that effect. Upon looking down the tracks there was lots of evidence of brush clearing and road bed work. Down at the Tollendale Road intersection they have erected a large construction trailer by the tracks. THEY HAVE DEFINITELY STARTED THE NEW GO TRAIN (WORK) TO BARRIE."

# Trackside

Sudbury Northern Railroad Club member Rob Whipple sends along the following information regarding a situation observed on the CPR:

Tuesday March 06 20h30

CPR Moonlight

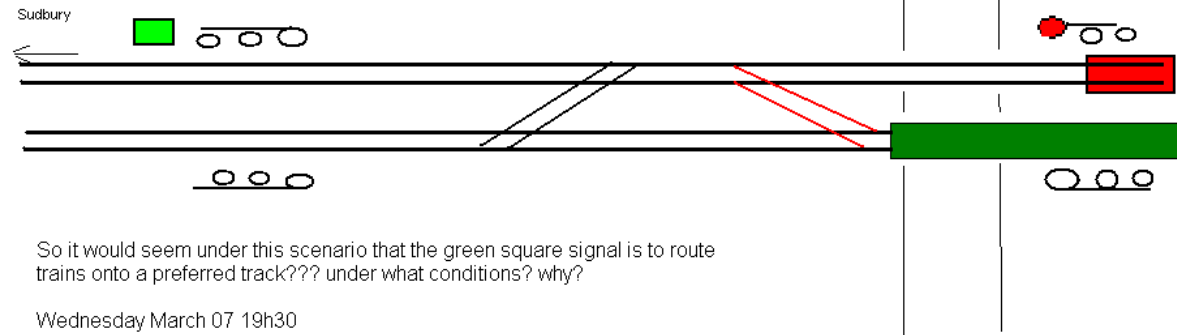
Note: there is a green square panel beside North track approx. 1ft wide x 2ft high

Westbound freights:

1st sitting on red on North track (i.e. closest to Bancroft Drive)

2nd passes 1st on South track with East turnouts opened is directed to North track and continues westbound towards Sudbury

approximately 20 minutes later No.1 follows westbound towards Sudbury



So it would seem under this scenario that the green square signal is to route trains onto a preferred track??? under what conditions? why?

Wednesday March 07 19h30

CPR Moonlight

no signals lit on any of 4 posts but west end turnouts are open thereby directing traffic onto or off south track - green panel signal is still erected on same side

Note: East of Moonlight is Romford, CPR junction point for Smith's Falls or Toronto

If any reader can provide any insight as to what was occurring, we would all be interested. Send any information along to [trax@sudburymodelrailroading.com](mailto:trax@sudburymodelrailroading.com) or Trevor at 983-9602.

## Upcoming Topics

Here are some of the upcoming topics planned for future issues of the newsletter:

- Trackside – more reader photographs (model or prototype)
- Layout tours – more articles on local layouts
- How to's – articles on modelling in general (scenery, DCC, etc.)
- Sudbury Suffolk – I've made a new e-mail contact with a model railroad club in Sudbury, Suffolk, England.

# **Local Train Orders**

## **List of Upcoming Local Events**

Here is a master list of upcoming events:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
April 10, 2007	SNRC Meeting
May 8, 2007	SNRC Meeting
May 2007	Midland Train Show
June 12, 2007	SNRC Meeting
August 2007	Muskoka Train Show
September 11, 2007	SNRC Meeting
November 3, 4, 2007	Sudbury Train and Hobby Show
November 24, 25, 2007	Toronto Christmas Train Show

For details of the events listed above visit the Events page at

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#### **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](mailto:trevor@tjrcadd.com) or give me a call (983-9602).

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