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The Sudbury Model Railroaders Newsletter

Hot Cinders in My Shorts

Viewpoint from the Editor

Summer is almost over and model railroading season is fast approaching.

I have been collecting lots of content over the summer for future issues of TRAX. Thanks to all those individuals who have contributed information and photos. One individual, known only as Rene, has contributed many railroad related newspaper articles. Rene, please include a phone number in your next correspondence, and be sure to introduce yourself if you attend the Sudbury Train and Hobby Show in November. You will most likely find me near the SMRC N-Scale modular layout.

The Modular Club was planning to attend the Muskoka Model Railroad Show in August with our N-Scale layout. A miss-communication led us to believe that the Muskoka crew did not have space available. Some members of the club travelled down to Bracebridge on the Saturday to attend the show. When we arrived, we were surprised to see a large space on the layout floor reserved for the SMRC! Many apologies were made, and we confirmed now that we will be attending next year. The show was very good, with many vendors and lots of layouts to see.

Members of the Modular Club have been hard at work over the summer preparing for the 2007 Sudbury Train and Hobby Show. During our attendance at other model railroad shows over the past two years we have been attempting to encourage other clubs and vendors to attend our show in Sudbury. This is an effort to provide our attendees with additional layouts to see and more vendors to browse. Our efforts have paid off for this year's show! The Muskoka Model Railroad Club have confirmed that they will be attending our show with their modular layout (most likely N-Scale). Richard has also been negotiating with the Timmins club to attend as well. In addition, we have confirmed two new vendors from the South. [Model Railway Imports](#) and [Modeller's Choice](#) will be attending the show as well. The show will have our traditional vendors, including the [Hobby Depot](#) and [Model Rail Structures](#). Due to the increase in vendors and layouts, we will need additional volunteers this year. Don't be shy! It's always an enjoyable weekend!

One last note. Set aside October 14 to attend the Muskoka Layout Tour. It's definitely worth the trip to see!

Trevor Ross
Editor – TRAX Newsletter

Club Car

Local Club News

Sudbury Northern Railroad Club (SNRC) News

September 2007 Meeting

Wayne Cowan has volunteered to host the September 2007 meeting of the Sudbury Northern Railroad Club (SNRC) on Tuesday September 11, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. To reach Wayne's house at 1232 Evergreen Court in Val Therese, drive North on Highway 69 through Val Caron, around the corner past the Pizza Hut towards Hanmer. Turn right (South) at the third street on the right from the Pizza Hut (St. Mary) and left (East) on the first street (Evergreen). Wayne is the first house on the left, on the corner. Wayne's phone number is 969-4955 if you get lost.

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>
September	Wayne Cowen	September 11, 2007
October	Brian Buss	October 9, 2007
November	Train Show	November 3, 4, 2007
December	open – volunteer needed	

Volunteers are needed to host the December meeting and meetings in 2008. 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)

Sudbury Modular Railroad Club (SMRC) News

Muskoka Train Show

A group of SMRC Members travelled to Bracebridge in August to attend the 2007 Muskoka Train Show. A good time was had by all, and the train show offered a large selection of vendors and modular layouts in all scales.

Upcoming events

The 2007 Sudbury Train and Hobby Show hosted by the SMRC takes place November 3 and 4, 2007.

See <http://www.sudburymodelrailroading.com/show/index.html> for additional information and the show flyer.

As usual, we are looking for volunteers to help out with the show. This year's show is shaping up to be better than ever, with more modular layouts, and new railroad vendors. If you are interested in helping out, contact Trevor Ross at 983-9602 or trevor@tjrcadd.com

2007 NMRA Convention Model Contest

Many TRAX readers may remember attending a clinic at the 2006 Sudbury Train and Hobby Show presented by Al and Jackie Melanson. So this item may not come as a surprise to those who have seen their recent modelling work.

Al and Jackie attended the 2007 NMRA National Convention in Detroit this summer. While there, they entered some of their recent model structures into the model contest – a regular feature at NMRA conventions.

The first model won Second Prize in the “Structure Off Line” category and First Place in the “Bar Mills Creativity – Structure”.



The second model won Third Prize in the “Structure Off Line” category.



Huron Central Cools It's Heels

from Al Stacey

Here is a photo Al took while spending an hour waiting in traffic at Serpent River during the native protest.



Intermodal In Sudbury?

from Rene (Northern Life Friday June 22, 2007)

“Mansour Group Inc. is expanding into the global logistics business with a \$10-million intermodal facility. Mansour is planning a 500-metre extension of a rail spur into its new 20,000-square-foot warehouse facility. The company wants to become a distribution centre by rail and truck for commodities geared to the region’s mining and forestry industry.”

A Museum in the Roundhouse – not Leon’s

from Rene (Toronto Star Saturday June 30, 2007)

The city of Toronto has announced that Leon’s will be moving into the old roundhouse rail facility, however the owners of Steam Whistle brewery (which operates inside the roundhouse) is bringing a proposal to the city calling for a rail museum to be established in the space set aside for the furniture store.

For additional history regarding this topic, see the following thread on the CARM forum:

http://www.caorm.org/CARM_forum/showthread.php?t=125

CP Takover?

from Rene (Toronto Star Thursday July 19, 2007)

CP has confirmed that it has been approached about a possible buyout, but has not participated in any talks about buyout. This is an outcome that CP executives would prefer to avoid.

CP was the country's first coast-to-coast railway, is the second largest railway in the country, and operates a 22,530 Km network from the Port of Vancouver to the Port of Montreal and into the US. However, it is the smallest "class one" railroad in North America.

Railroad Terms

from Al Melanson

Al Melanson sent a copy of the 2006 CN Annual Report, which contains a "Glossary of Terms" I will include a few of these terms in each addition of TRAX.

Average length of haul – The average distance in miles one ton is carried. Computed by dividing the total ton miles by tons of freight.

Carload – A one-car shipment of freight from one consignor to one consignee.

Car velocity – Car velocity is an average speed calculation, expressed in miles per day, of the car movements from time of release at one location to arrival at the destination.

Class I Railroad – As determined by the Surface Transportation Board, a freight railroad with annual operating revenues that exceed a threshold indexed to a base of \$250 million in 1991 U.S. dollars. The threshold in 2005 was \$319.3 million.

CARM

For those not familiar with CARM, this acronym stands for Canadian Association of Railway Modellers. This is an organization similar to the NMRA, but geared toward Canadian Modellers. See www.caorm.org for more information. About 6 months ago, CARM started a web based forum on it's website. (www.caorm.org/CARM_forum/index.php) This forum contains a wealth of information related to local events and Canadian railroad activities. You must be a member of CARM to post to the forum, but the forum is open to anyone to view articles. I highly recommend giving it a look.

Local Train Orders

List of Upcoming Local Events

Here is a master list of upcoming events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 11, 2007	SNRC Meeting
October 9, 2007	SNRC Meeting
October 14, 2007	Muskoka Layout Tour
November 3, 4, 2007	Sudbury Train and Hobby Show

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

<http://www.sudburymodelrailroading.com/events.html>

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