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The Sudbury Model Railroaders Newsletter

Hot Cinders in My Shorts

Viewpoint from the Editor

A couple of quick notes to start off with this month. First, the October meeting of the Sudbury Northern Railroad Club has been re-scheduled to Tuesday October 23rd. Although I include the proposed dates for future SNRC meetings, the dates are subject to change by the meeting host. There will always be a TRAX newsletter distributed prior to a SNRC meeting, so be sure to verify the actual meeting date before leaving home.

Second, the November TRAX newsletter will be a two page "Train Show Special", and will be available at the Train Show. It will be formatted to introduce TRAX to show attendees, describe the show exhibitors, and summarize the local Model Railroad Clubs and events. The regular TRAX will be back in December.

See you at the 2007 Sudbury Train Show November 3rd and 4th.

Trevor Ross
Editor – TRAX Newsletter

More 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.

Gross ton miles – The number of tons behind the locomotives (cars and contents) including company service equipment multiplied by the miles of road moved from originating to destination stations on a designated railroad.

Intermodal service – In railroad transportation, the movement of trailers or containers on railroad freight cars.

Linehaul – The movement of trains between terminals and stations on the main or branch lines of the road, exclusive of switching movements.

Main track – A track extending through and between stations upon which trains are operated.

Club Car

Local Club News

Sudbury Northern Railroad Club (SNRC) News

October 2007 Meeting

Brian Buss has volunteered to host the October 2007 meeting of the Sudbury Northern Railroad Club (SNRC) on Tuesday October 23, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. To reach Brian's house at 175 Strathmere Cr., drive West on Bouchard St. from Regent St. (where the Home Hardware store is at Regent and Bouchard in the South End) Turn right (North) on Southview Dr, then turn left (West) onto Robinson Dr. Turn right (North) on Strathmere Cr. There is room to park at Corpus Christi School. Brian's phone number is 524-5285 if you get lost.

September 2007 Meeting

The Sudbury Northern Railroad Club thanks Wayne Cowan for hosting the September meeting of the Sudbury Northern Railroad Club. The meeting was well attended and gave all members a chance to get caught up after the summer break.

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>
October	Brian Buss	October 23, 2007
November	Train Show	November 3, 4, 2007
December	open – volunteer needed	
2008	open – volunteers 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

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

Railroad Employees held Accountable

from Al Melanson

The May 16 Sudbury Star contained a news item about 2 Ottawa Central RR Inc. employees being fined \$17,500 by the Ont. Ministry of Environment for being responsible for colliding a tank car into a second set of railroad cars, causing the tank to rupture and spilling denatured ethanol alcohol, which seeped into nearby waterways. They held the employees, not the Company responsible.

CPR 2816 on the Big Screen

from Al Melanson

The Canadian Modeler had an item about an Imax Movie being made with the CPR 2816 in the Rockies. No news when this will be available but keep an eye out for it. Perhaps it will be in Sudbury.

Out to Pasture

from Al Melanson

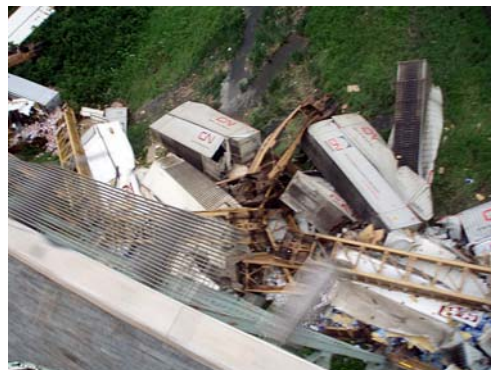
Here is an interesting photo from Al Melanson.



CN Yarbo Derailment

from Al Melanson

Train wrecks always make interesting content. Here's one that's a bit old now. Al Melanson sent the following photos of the CN Yarbo Derailment. The intermodal containers were blown off the bridge during a wind storm. One unit and two cars made it across before the remainder went over the edge.



Steam train plan goes off the rails

from Al Stacey

By Brian Shypula, Staff reporter

A plan to make Stratford the permanent home for what was Canada's last working steam locomotive has run out of steam. The issue of rail line ownership was the breaking point for the proposal to build a \$100,000 storage and repair garage at the Stratford rail yards. Because the Rail America-owned Goderich-Exeter Railway Co. doesn't own the tracks, instead leasing them from CN until 2018, it wasn't willing to commit to the Southern Ontario Locomotive Restoration Society, which was seeking a 25- to 30-year lease in exchange for building a three-bay facility to house its restored 1923 Essex Terminal Railway No. 9 engine. Under the proposal, the GEXR would have had use of two of the bays to maintain and repair its diesel locomotives in exchange for a site for the building and permission to use the tracks.

"They're (Rail America) still recommending that we think about building somewhere else until they can have solid ownership of the track," Roy Broadbear, president of the not-for-profit society based in St. Thomas, said yesterday in a phone interview. "We would still be prepared to do it but they're not," he added. Doug MacKenzie, the GEXR's general manager, said the land issue was the stumbling block. "It's unfortunate but that's the reality of the situation," he said yesterday.

Rail America also threw a wrench into the society's plan to offer day trips from Stratford this month by requiring the volunteer-based group to provide \$25 million liability insurance coverage to use the local tracks. The society carries insurance of \$10 million but couldn't justify the spending \$15,000 to buy the extra coverage for only a few trips, Mr. Broadbear said. "Since we're down to the last couple of weeks in the season, it was going to be hard for us to justify," he said. The society may consider the extra insurance next year when running more trips would help offset the higher premium, he said.

The No. 9 steamed through Stratford and Perth County unannounced on Monday en route from St. Thomas to Waterloo. The society let local railroading enthusiasts know about the brief stopover but not the public. "There were all kinds of delays and problems we had to overcome," Mr. Broadbear said. The society had a hard time hiring a CN crew and locomotive to shepherd the old steam engine along the route in case it broke down and needed to be towed, he said. No. 9 will be in Waterloo until the end of the Oktoberfest, which begins Oct. 4, for daily trips to St. Jacobs and Elmira. The 1,400-horsepower engine was the last steam locomotive still working in Canada when it was retired in 1963. It was built by the Montreal Locomotive Works for the Essex Terminal Railway.

A 28-day steam tour of southern Ontario in 2003 included trips from St. Marys to Stratford and Stratford to Goderich aboard vintage rolling stock pulled by the No. 9.

Local Train Orders

List of Upcoming Local Events

Here is a master list of upcoming events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 14, 2007	Muskoka Layout Tour
October 23, 2007	SNRC Meeting
November 3, 4, 2007	Sudbury Train and Hobby Show

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

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Website

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