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The Sudbury Model Railroaders Newsletter

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Viewpoint from the Editor

Welcome to the 10th Annual Sudbury Train and Hobby Show, and to the TRAX newsletter. Many of you will be reading TRAX for the first time. TRAX is a monthly newsletter for anyone interested in model railroading within the Sudbury Area, and typically contains information about local model railroading related events as well as articles related to model railroading. TRAX is FREE. To subscribe, simply send an e-mail to trax@sudburymodelrailroading.com

If you would like to see examples of the newsletter content, previous issues are available at <http://www.sudburymodelrailroading.com> While you are there, be sure to browse all the other information on the site, including upcoming events, photo galleries from past events, and photos of local model railroad layouts.

This edition of TRAX is written specifically for distribution to attendees of the train show. It is intended to give readers information about the show and the modular layouts that are on display. The reverse side of this newsletter also contains information about the local model railroad clubs. I encourage all those interested in model railroading to contact one of the individuals listed for more information. We are always looking for new members who wish to be active in the clubs.

This year's train show is bigger and better than ever. We are pleased to have more model railroad related vendors, and an additional modular layout from the Muskoka Model Railway Club. These are the first results of our ongoing efforts to continuously expand what the train show has to offer. Look for even more new items for next year's show.

The Muskoka Model Railway Club is in attendance this year with their N scale modular layout. The modules in this layout are constructed to the N-Trak standard, allowing expansion of the layout simply by adding additional modules that conform to the standard. It features four loops providing continuous running. The idea is to demonstrate a variety of trains, equipment, eras, and scenes, including member's ability to model highly detailed scenes in a small scale.

The Sudbury Modular Railroad Club N scale modular layout is a regular item at the show. The modules in this layout are also constructed to the N-Trak standard, which allows multiple mainline trains to be run during shows. The layout also contains a single track branch line which allows for some prototypical railway operations to occur during the show. The layout is controlled 100% by Digitrax DCC (digital command control) with wireless throttles. If you have any questions about DCC or the layout in general just ask one of the club members. We also encourage show visitors (even children) to run trains on the layout, so if you want to run a train just ask.

The Sudbury Modular Railroad Club HO scale modular layout is back again. This layout consists of modules built to a common standard which include a double track mainline to allow plenty of activity.

Trevor Ross
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Club Car **Local Club News**

There are two local model railroad clubs in Sudbury:

The **Sudbury Northern Railroad Club** is a social club for those interested in trains, model railroading, and all things related to railroads. Members meet once a month and take turns hosting meetings at each other's homes. Most members have a model railway layout, of some form, at home – so trains are usually running (or on display) during the meetings.

The **Sudbury Modular Railroad Club** consists of a number of individuals interested in constructing modular layout sections that can be transported and assembled at model railroad shows. The club currently has HO and N scale modules, and has been attending train shows in Sudbury, Midland, Barrie, and Muskoka. You do not need to build a module to participate in the club. Start out by simply learning how to run trains during the shows, and see where your interests take you from there. New members are always welcome. This is a great way to learn all about model railroading, and have fun while doing so.

Additional details regarding both clubs (or anything related to model railroading in Sudbury) can be found at the website below, or by contacting one of the following individuals:

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