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The Sudbury Model Railroaders Newsletter

Hot Cinders in My Shorts

Viewpoint from the Editor

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all received all the model railroad goodies that you asked Santa for.

I just returned from 2 weeks at the cottage during Christmas, so this TRAX is getting to you later than usual. The first item to note this month is that the SNRC meeting has been moved to January 15. Although the meetings are usually on the second Tuesday of each month, lately there have been many changes. I list all the upcoming meetings in each TRAX newsletter, but the dates listed may change. This is a reminder that there will always be a TRAX newsletter issued before a SNRC meeting, so if TRAX has not arrived by the second Tuesday of the month then the SNRC meeting date has likely been changed. If in doubt just give me a call.

As it is now a new year, I will be getting a new list of paid up SNRC members from Garth. If you have not yet paid your 2008 dues, make sure you contact Garth and do so.

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.

Siding – A track auxiliary to the main track for meeting or passing trains, or in the case of industrial siding, a track serving various industrial customers.

Trip plan – A trip plan is a detailed chain of train handling events describing how a car(s) can be handled from the shipper's door to the consignee's door. Trip plans are expressed in hours and are tailored to a specific customer location, day of week and time of release.

Unit train – A train with a fixed, coupled consist of cars operated continuously in shuttle service under load from origin and delivered intact at destination and returning usually for reloading at the same origin.

Club Car

Local Club News

Sudbury Northern Railroad Club (SNRC) News

January 2008 Meeting

Garth Harris has volunteered to host the January SNRC meeting on Tuesday January 15, 2008. To reach Garth's house at 4436 Noel Crescent in Val Therese drive north on Hwy 69 North through Val Caron, past Dominion Drive and, just before the highway curves sharply to the right (east) on Shirley, right on Dee and onto Noel Crescent. Garth's phone number is 969-8158 if you get lost.

Meeting Schedule 2008

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	Garth Harris	January 15, 2008
February	open – volunteer needed	February 12, 2008
March	Richard Gattoni	March 11, 2008
April	Al and Jackie Melanson	April 8, 2008
May	Mike Svos	May 13, 2008
June	Richard Lefebvre	June 10, 2008

Volunteers are needed to host future meetings. 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

Annual meeting

The annual post Train Show meeting was held at the Howard Johnson on Dec. 8, 2007. Club members enjoyed their great brunch before getting down to business. Attendance was great, with 17 out of 23 members attending the meeting.

January Meeting

During the annual meeting we discussed trying to hold regular monthly meetings for the SMRC. We decided to schedule these meetings for the 4th Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:30 p.m. The first meeting will be Tuesday January 29 and will be hosted by Trevor Ross. At this meeting we will discuss final details for the Barrie Train Show, and work on modules to get them prepared for the show.

Upcoming events

The 2008 Barrie Train Show takes place February 16 and 17, 2008. If you are interested in coming to see the show or becoming a member of the SMRC, contact Trevor at 983-9602 or trevor@tjrcadd.com for additional information.

Off the Rails

From Al Melanson

Everyone likes to see photos of train derailments, so I am going to make this a regular feature of TRAX. Here are some photos of the Salina Kansas Sub derailment in May 2007.



Northern Ontario Railroad Museum

I picked up a copy of “The handcar” at the train show in November. This is the newsletter of the Northern Ontario Railroad museum. I thought I would pass on a few bits of information:

In October 2007, two Inco electric locomotives and a number of additional pieces of rolling stock were added to the items already at Prescott Park in Capreol. There are now ten pieces of rolling stock on site. The museum is at 26 Bloor Street in Capreol and is open primarily in June, July, and August. More information can be found on the museum website:

www.NorthernOntarioRailroadMuseum.ca

“The Handcar” is published every two months and distributed to Museum members. It is edited by Dale Wilson and includes articles written by Al Stacey – like the ones that were found in TRAX while Al was the editor.

When Railway Inspection Cars had Style

From Al Melanson

Al sent along a collection of photos of old railway inspection cars. Here is a sample of the photos. If you would like the entire set just send me an e-mail.





CPM246, West Toronto, 1958



Local Train Orders

List of Upcoming Local Events

Here is a master list of upcoming events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 15, 2008	SNRC Meeting
February 16, 17, 2008	Barrie Train Show
April 8, 2008	SNRC Meeting
April 2008	NMRA NFR Regional Convention
May 13, 2008	SNRC Meeting
May 2008	Midland Model Railway Show
June 10, 2008	SNRC Meeting

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

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