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May 2008

The Sudbury Model Railroaders Newsletter

Hot Cinders in My Shorts

Viewpoint from the Editor

Welcome to the May issue of the TRAX newsletter. A number of local club members have just returned from the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) Northern Frontier Region (NFR) spring convention in Ottawa. This issue contains some photos of the event.

The NFR is once again looking for hosts for future conventions. Sudbury submitted a bid for the 2007 convention, but was unable to negotiate a way for non NMRA members to easily attend the conference. Since that time, NMRA Canada has been successful in implementing the RailPass program, which allows new members to join the NMRA for a 6 month trial period. This now allows a method for temporary NMRA membership.

The NFR has received no bids for the 2009 convention. During the Ottawa convention, the convention coordinator approached the Sudbury attendees and asked if Sudbury would be interested in hosting the 2009 convention. Many of the SMRC members believe that we could host a good convention, but such an undertaking would require volunteer help from all members of the SMRC, the SNRC, and other surrounding clubs. This topic will be up for discussion at this month's meeting, and we would appreciate feedback from club members. Any comments or suggestions can be sent to myself at trevor@tjrcadd.com or 983-9602. Sudbury previously hosted the 1976 convention with great success.

Plans for the 2008 Sudbury Train and Hobby Show are in full swing. We have been successful in attracting additional vendors and layouts for this year's show, and as a result require a larger location. Final arrangements are in place to relocate to the Exhibition Center. More details will be available in the next issue of TRAX.

Plans are also underway for the first annual Capreol Train and Hobby Show this August. See the show information flyer elsewhere in this issue for additional details.

That's it for this month ... Enjoy!

Trevor Ross
Editor – TRAX Newsletter

Club Car

Local Club News

Sudbury Northern Railroad Club (SNRC) News

May 2008 Meeting

Mike Svos has volunteered to host the May SNRC meeting on Tuesday May 13, 2008. To get to Mike's house at 85 Gladys St., Garson, turn left (west) onto Maley Drive from Falconbridge Hwy. As you head from Sudbury to Garson. Turn right (north) from Maley onto Old Falconbridge Road, and left (west) onto Gladys Road. Mike's house is at the top of the hill on the right (east side). If lost phone Mike at 566-5593.

April 2008 Meeting

The Sudbury Northern Railroad Club thanks Al and Jackie Melanson for hosting the April meeting of the Sudbury Northern Railroad Club.

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>
May	Mike Svos	May 13, 2008
June	Richard Lefebvre	June 10, 2008
July, August	Summer Break	
September	Volunteer needed	September 9, 2008
October	Volunteer needed	October 14, 2008
November	Train Show	November 1, 2, 2008
December	Volunteer needed	December 9, 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

Upcoming Events

SMRC members will be attending the 2008 Midland Model Railroad Show on May 24 and 25, 2008. This is a very large show and is a great opportunity to see many modular layouts on display and browse many model railroad vendors for deals. Members are attempting to have some additional N-Scale modules completed for the show, so we will likely be getting together for working sessions prior to the trip. 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



There will be a short delay to your journey whilst we complete important earthworks!

Ottawa NMRA NFR Convention

Al, Jackie, Mike, Richard, Peter, Dave, Graham, Trevor and Zachary attended this years NMRA NFR convention in Ottawa. Multiple clinics on various model railroading subjects, and home layout tours are the highlight of the convention. Here are some photos of the group during the layout tours:





We invite you to spend a weekend with us in the "Jewel" of the North,
Capreol, Ontario's

First Annual
Capreol Train & Hobby Show

August 2-3 2008
Capreol Arena, Capreol Ontario

Show Hours: Saturday, August 2 10:00 am. To 5:00 pm.
Sunday, August 3 10:00 am. To 5:00 pm.

The sponsors are pleased to host this weekend celebration which includes town wide family activities. From Friday through Monday, dances, and concerts will be a few of the events being held.

But... the highlight for many will be the several , 1 1/2 hour train excursions
Courtesy of CN !

The Capreol location offers nearby swimming, cross country trails, and plenty of free parking. Most of the events held during Heritage Days weekend are within easy walking distance. This show has been scheduled to reach the largest volume of attendees possible, providing you with a profitable venue to showcase your products.

There's lots of accommodations nearby, including campgrounds at Ella Lake, and hotels in the greater Sudbury area. Be sure to visit the several Family run restaurants in town, and to stop by the:
Northern Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre that features Prescott Park
With The 6077 4-8-4 , "Bullet-Nosed Betty".

Promotion for this show includes flyers, posters, newspaper and magazine listings, along with radio and TV promotion. In addition flyers will be available for you to promote this show during your participation at other train shows, and as mail-outs to your customers. Please email questions to:
Capreoltrainshow@yahoo.ca

Sponsored by:

Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre, The City of Greater
Sudbury
Capreol Heritage Days Committee and Boreal Models
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Local Train Orders

List of Upcoming Local Events

Here is a master list of upcoming events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 13, 2008	SNRC Meeting
May 24, 25, 2008	Midland Model Railway Show
June 10, 2008	SNRC Meeting

For details of the events listed above visit the Events page at <http://www.sudburymodelrailroading.com/events.html>

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Newsletter Content

I am always 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 or give me a call (983-9602).

Website

You can find additional local model railroad news, events, and information online at www.sudburymodelrailroading.com

Take a youngster train watching today!