

# TRAX

March 2009

The Sudbury Model Railroaders Newsletter

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## Hot Cinders in My Shorts

Viewpoint from the Editor

Welcome to the March TRAX newsletter. Another month has come and gone. I did not attend the Barrie Train Show myself, however a few members did go down to Barrie to attend the show on behalf of the Hobby Depot. I'm sure the show was as good as usual.

This month I received a note from previous Sudbury model railroader John Strother-Stewart. There are likely a number of members who remember John. He sent along a page of text introducing himself. Hopefully it's the first of a number of future submissions.

I am always looking for content to include in the newsletter. Modelling articles, local railroad news, or interesting photos are great.

Trevor Ross  
Editor – TRAX Newsletter

## Perfect Prototype for Scratchbuilding

From Dale Wilson

CNR Work #52189 Toronto Ontario, 1950's

Jim Parker Photo-140



# **Club Car**

## **Local Club News**

### **March 2009 Meeting**

Richard Gattoni has volunteered to host the March meeting on Tuesday March 10, 2009. To reach Richard's house at 1341 Roy Street in Sudbury, drive east on Lasalle Blvd. From Notre Dame Ave. Roy Street is just before the New Sudbury Shopping Center. Turn left (North) and travel about two blocks. Richard's house is on the left side. Go in the side door and down the stairs as usual. Richards's phone number is 566-7650 if you get lost.

### **February 2009 Meeting**

Thanks to Mike Svos for hosting the February 2009 meeting. A large number of people attended to run trains and socialize.

### **Meeting Schedule 2009**

All meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Date</u>
March	Richard Gattoni	March 10, 2009
April	Mike Svos	April 14, 2009
May	Al and Jackie Melanson	May 12, 2009
June	Richard Lefebvre	June 9, 2009

Volunteers are needed to host future meetings. If you are interested in hosting a meeting then please contact Mike Svos (566-5593) or Trevor Ross (983-9602).

Meeting co-ordinator:

Mike Svos (566-5593)

SNRC treasurer:

Garth Harris (969-8678)

### **Upcoming Events**

The 2009 annual National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) Regional convention takes place April 17, 18, and 19 in Woodstock.

The 2009 Midland Train show is on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre.

## **Vale Inco's New Branding – Railroad Style**



Here is a photo of one of Vale Inco's locomotives – fresh from the paint shop. It's paint scheme consists of the colours of Vale Inco's new branding. Keep an eye out for these moving strings of ore cars in Sudbury soon!

# It's Been A Long Time

By John Strother-Stewart (former Sudbury model railroader)

You have Dale Wilson to blame for this. He's the one that got me motivated to start getting TRAX online. A lot has changed since I left Sudbury; back then SD40's ruled the rails. Most of Canada had daily passenger service (in both directions!), and Northern Ontario along with Alberta and Saskatchewan were just beginning to get cable television (imagine a choice of 12 channels!!). Well even in my personal life I have seen a lot of changes over the past 32 years.

I am no longer married to Audrey. Our marriage was in trouble even before I left Sudbury (probably some of you might have figured out that things were amiss before we left). We got divorced in early 1982. Then I met a wonderful gal a bit more than a couple of years older than me and we got married in mid 1983. The 3-1/2 year age difference is one ongoing source of humor in our household. Never married before, Rosemarie often jokes that I disrupted her plans for remaining an old maid. As for Audrey, she died of an inoperable brain cancer in 1994. By then she had advanced on to her third husband in a dozen years. Our 3 daughters are either married or about to be married or remarried in the next few months (2 down 1 to go). This will be the third summer of weddings for us. We also have 3 grandchildren ranching in age from 12 to 20. In 2005 I decided to retire a few months after my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. If there are any of you that have not yet retired, you better believe it when you are told that you will not live a life of idleness. As a result progress is not going as fast as I would like on my layout, even though it is a lot smaller than the basement filling monster I had in Sudbury. I'll tell you more about that in another article. Being married to someone quite active and enjoying things along with Rosemarie keeps both of us pretty busy. We both enjoy going to Roughrider football games, hiking/walking, dancing, golfing, cross-country skiing and working out. I have my model trains and curling. At least once a year we try to incorporate a train trip on our holidays. Also, we can do train watching on some of the walking trails we enjoy, especially the ones in Regina, Moose Jaw and Swift Current.

In a future article I will tell you about the progress on my Midland & Western Railroad and also include some photographs. In closing, I was saddened to hear about Albert Delongchamps; I had lost track of him a few years and had thought that he had died of cancer. If any of you wish to contact me, my email address is:

[strotherstewart@accesscomm.ca](mailto:strotherstewart@accesscomm.ca)

# **Local Train Orders**

## **List of Upcoming Local Events**

Here is a master list of upcoming events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
April 17, 18, 19, 2009	NMRA NFR Convention (Woodstock, ON)
May 23, 24, 2009	Midland Train Show
August 2009	Muskoka Train Show
November 2009	Sudbury Train Show

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

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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](mailto:trevor@tjrcadd.com) or give me a call (983-9602).

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