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September 2009

The Sudbury Model Railroaders Newsletter

Hot Cinders in My Shorts

Viewpoint from the Editor

September is here, and that means Model Railroading season is just around the corner. We just returned from the 2009 Muskoka Train Show. As usual, it was a great weekend with many visitors attending the show. I'd like to thank Richard, Mike, Dave, and Brian for attending the show and helping with the layout during the weekend. Hopefully we can get more participation from members other than the "regular crew" for future shows. I'd also like to give special thanks to Keenan who sent along his Amtrak Passenger train to run on the layout for the weekend. It logged about 16 hours of running time over the weekend. Photos from the show are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Many of you probably read the articles in Northern Life and the Sudbury Star in June regarding the possible end of freight operations between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie by Huronia Central Railway. The section of track is owned by CP, who has leased the line to Huronia Central to provide the motive power, maintenance, and repair to service CP's customers along the route. The current economic climate has resulted in less rail traffic from the primary rail customers on this route, and the rail line is in need of a great deal of maintenance and repair. Huronia Central was looking for public and private funding to upgrade the track and make continued operations more economic. In late August it was announced that an assistance package had been negotiated to cover Huronia Central's operating costs for the next year. The funding will come partially from the Provincial and Federal government and mostly from private sources such as the primary customers along the line. Huronia Central will be around at least for the next year.

The 2009 Sudbury Train and Hobby Show is approaching fast. This year's show will once again take place at the Exhibition Centre, however a scheduling conflict has resulted in the need to change the show date from its traditional early November slot. The 2009 show will take place on October 24th and 25th. We have another great line-up this year with many of last year's vendors and layouts returning. In addition there will be additional new vendors and some new layouts. We require lots of assistance to make the show a success. Volunteers are needed to help man the entrance table throughout the weekend. We also need help to assist with setting up tables and layouts on Friday afternoon. Please contact myself if you are available to help the club during the show. We need everyone's help to make this year's show a great success.

Trevor Ross
Editor – TRAX Newsletter

Club Car

Local Club News

September 2009 Meeting

Eldon Emmerson has volunteered to host the September 2009 meeting on Tuesday September 22, 2009. To reach Eldon's house at 305 Second Avenue South in Sudbury, drive south on Second Avenue from either the intersection of Falconbridge Road and the Kingsway, or off Bancroft Drive. Continue south past Torbay Rd. and Greenwood Dr., 305 is on the right. Eldon's phone number is 560-1464 if you get lost.

Upcoming Meetings

As you will notice below, we are require volunteers for the majority of the upcoming meetings in the next year. We need members to host meetings and keep the club active! If you would like to volunteer to host a meeting during one of the months listed below please contact Trevor or Mike.

Meeting Schedule

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>
September	Eldon Emmerson	September 22, 2009
October	Train Show	October 24, 25, 2009
November	Volunteer Needed	
December	Trevor Ross	December 8, 2009
January	Volunteer Needed	
February	Volunteer Needed	
March	Volunteer Needed	
April	Volunteer Needed	
May	Mike Svos	
June	Volunteer Needed	

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 club will be displaying the modular layouts during the Sudbury Train and Hobby Show on October 24, 25, 2009.

The Barrie Train Show takes place on February 20, 21, 2010. Depending on the interest of club members we may attend the show with the N-Scale modular layout.

Muskoka Train Show

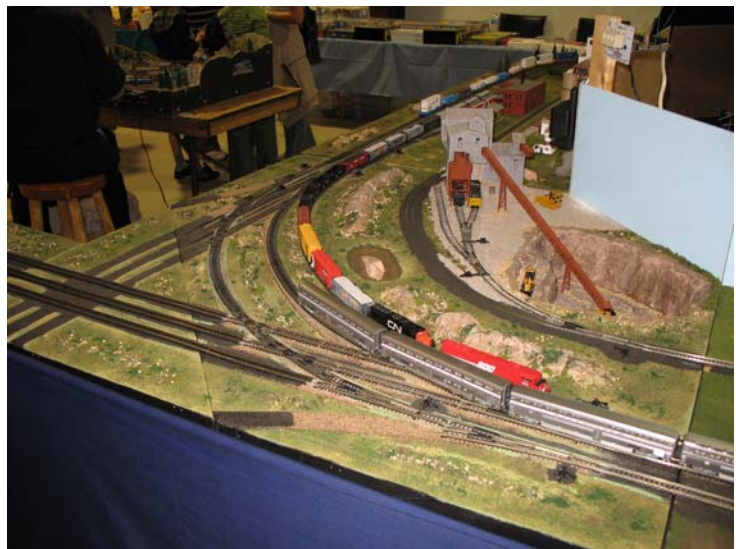
Here are some photos of the Modular Layout at the Muskoka Train Show.



Keenan's Amtrak train running across one of the bridges on the Feather River Falls module.

The passenger train passes a local freight train on the Quarry module. Here you can also see the junction used to connect the main loop of modules to the Dave Karen Branchline.

This single track branchline extension provides some good local switching opportunities.



Of course, there always has to be at least one good train wreck!

This one happened on the portable N-Scale layout while no one was paying attention.

Boxcar Home



A boxcar home is the latest exhibit at the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre in Capreol. Although the museum summer season is now over, it is still open by appointment throughout the fall. How about a club outing to the museum?

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The Fine Print and Administrative Items

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