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The Sudbury Model Railroaders Newsletter

Hot Cinders in My Shorts

Viewpoint from the Editor

Happy new year everyone. The end of 2009 was a slow time for club events, and I had little time to devote to keeping the newsletter coming. I am going to try and keep things happening in 2010. Let's start by having a good turn-out at the January meeting.

The 2009 Sudbury Train and Hobby Show ended up being a success, despite the many challenges we faced. Having to change the show date at the last minute resulted in more than half of the vendors and layouts not being able to attend. Photos of the event can be found in the Photo Gallery section of www.sudburymodelrailroading.com. The planning has already begun for the 2010 show, so hopefully we can have a full turn out this year.

I'd like to thank everyone who came out and helped prior to, during, and after the show. You know who you are. It takes a lot of time and effort to make everything run smoothly. That being said, we could sure use a whole lot more support. Putting up signs the week prior to the show is one of our best means of advertizing for the show. This year we had to resort to having hired help put up the majority of the signs for us due to the lack of help from club members. I think this reflects poorly on members volunteer efforts. Similarly we attempted to save some costs by having a local hotel donate the use of some tables to minimize our rental costs. This effort was a bit futile due to the fact that we again had to have hired help pick-up and transport the tables to the Ex Center. Let's all make a good effort to help out wherever we can. A little bit of help from everyone will make a big difference.

And finally, a new year means your annual club dues are now due. For the Northern Club, see Garth Harris, and for the Modular Club, see Richard Lefebvre.

Trevor Ross
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Club Car

Local Club News

January 2010 Meeting

Garth Harris has volunteered to host the January 2010 meeting on Tuesday January 12, 2010. 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, turn right (east) on Shirley, right on Dee and onto Noel Crescent. Garth's phone number is 969-8158 if you get lost.

Upcoming Meetings

As you will notice below, volunteers are required to host upcoming meetings. We have tentatively scheduled the "regulars", however new meeting hosts are needed as well. If

you have not hosted a meeting in a while, please consider hosting an upcoming meeting.

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>
January	Garth Harris	January 12, 2010
February	Volunteer Needed	
March	Richard Gattoni (tentative)	
April	Al Melanson (tentative)	
May	Mike Svos	
June	Volunteer Needed	

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 Barrie Train Show will be held on February 20 and 21, 2010. This show is the largest show close to the Sudbury area. There are many layouts and vendors attending the show – something for almost anyone. We are still verifying whether the club will be attending the show with the N-Scale modular layout. If we do go, we require club members to come out and help with set-up, or to help run trains on the layout during the weekend. This is typically a very busy show with lots of visitors asking many questions. Lots of operators are required to keep tabs on all the trains and keep others free to answer questions. If you are interested in attending the show, see the Events page at www.sudburymodelrailroading.com or contact Trevor at 983-9602 for additional details.

Off The Rails

From Al Melanson



Trackside

From Al Melanson

Here are a couple of photos from Al Melanson showing some pretty challenging right-of-way's to navigate.



Mystery Location

From Al Stacey

Here is a mystery location within 50 miles of Sudbury. Can anyone guess the mystery location? Ok, here is a clue: The abandoned trackage on the right side of the photo faces West. Send your answers to myself, or discuss it with others at the next meeting. The location will be revealed in a future issue of TRAX.



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