

# TRAX

February 2011

The Sudbury Model Railroaders Newsletter

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## Hot Cinders in My Shorts

**Viewpoint from the Editor**

There was no volunteer for the February meeting, so Mike has once again volunteered to host the meeting. It sounds like there are many changes happening on his layout.

A number of members have been involved in making a proposal to the Niagara Frontier Region (NFR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) to host the 2012 spring convention. We have now received tentative approval and are in the process of compiling a more detailed budget and plan document for review by the NFR. If you are interested in helping out with this let me know.

It's a busy month again, so that's it for now. Richard sent me an update of the progress on his layout, so it is included below ...

Trevor Ross  
Editor – TRAX Newsletter

## Larkin Valley R.R.

**By Richard Lefebvre**

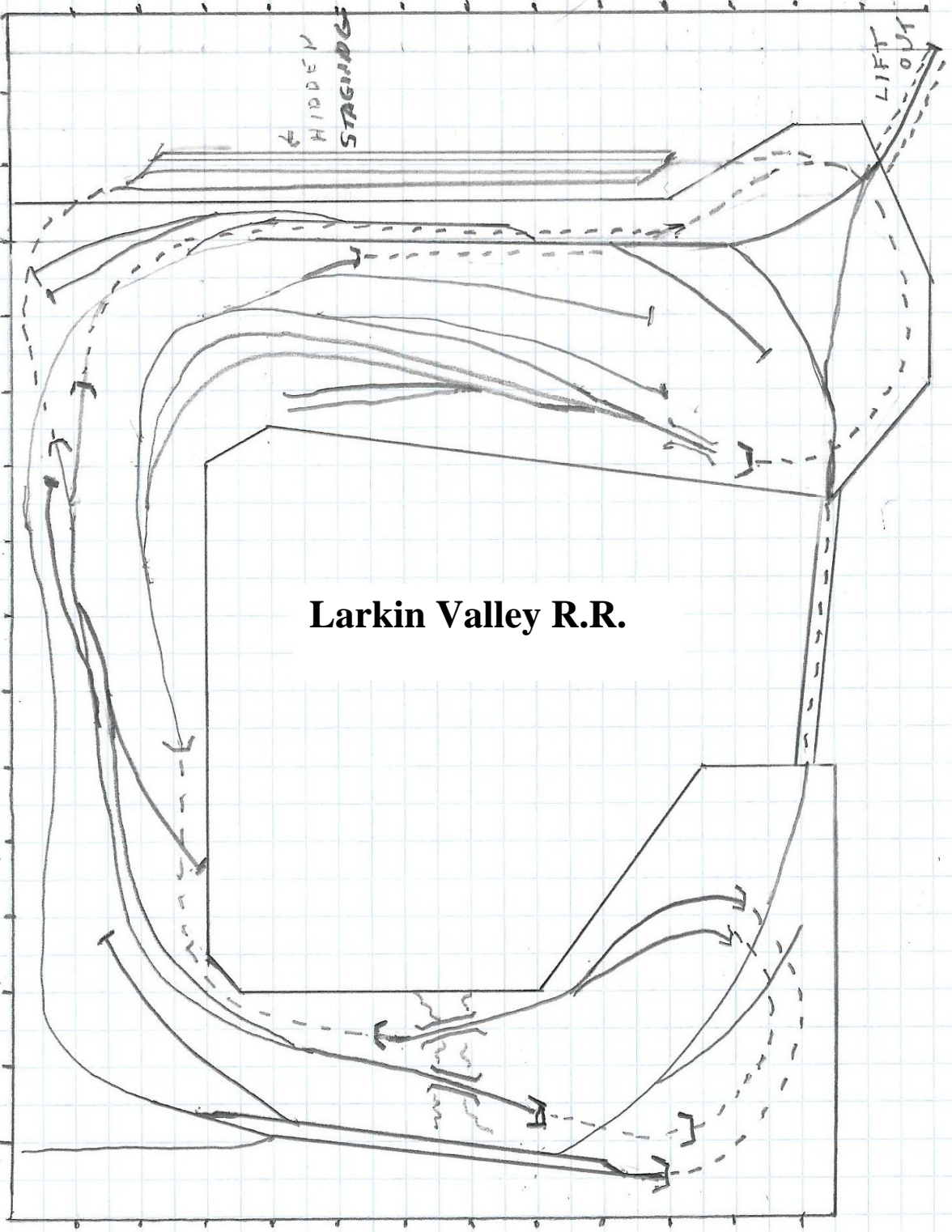
After moving from our old house and selling all of my garden railway equipment, it was time to start building a new ON30 layout, the Larkin Valley R.R.

Mike Svos (the John Armstrong of Sudbury) designed the new layout, built the benchwork and has started laying track. Doc Melanson is also assisting with wiring the layout. The benchwork is completed and 90% of the track work is done.

This fictitious railroad is located in Northern Ontario serving a mine and two sawmills operated by their founder J.C. Cochrane, who was also instrumental in developing the Larkin Valley Railroad which also serves the residents of remote Northern Ontario communities.

Rolling stock and motive power are from Bachman Industries. They include a 2-8-0, a 2-4-0 Forney, a 2-6-6-2 articulated, a two truck Climax, a 0-4-0 side rod loco and rail truck plus assorted cars serving the mine and sawmills. All track and switches are PECO code 100, ON30. All engines are D.C.C. and sound equipped but two. Many buildings are completed and ready for the layout. Some were donated by the family of the late Denis Laporte, my mentor in model railroading. Others are kits or are scratch built.

The railroad is progressing very well and I hope to have the D.C.C. wiring completed in the very near future in order to start on my favourite part, the scenery. I have included the track plan and will keep you updated as the build progresses.



**Larkin Valley R.R.**

# **Club Car**

## **Local Club News**

### **February 2011 Meeting**

Mike Svos has volunteered to host the February meeting on Tuesday February 8, 2011. 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.

### **Meeting Schedule**

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>
February	Mike Svos	February 8, 2011
March	Richard Gattoni	March 8, 2011
April	Al and Jackie Melanson	Late April 2011
May	Mike Svos or Trevor Ross	May 10, 2011
June	Volunteer Needed	
September	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)

Treasurer:

Garth Harris (969-8678)

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