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2007 Hugh L. Jack Trophy for Best in Show



The C&S Como Roundhouse Complex by Grant Knowles was entered in the Judged Model Contest and received 1st place in the Scene, Scratchbuilt category earning a Merit Certificate with 114 points. Subsequently the entry was awarded the Hugh L. Jack Trophy for Best in Show, and the SLD Award for Best Narrow Gauge.

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Model Contest Report

"The Flower City Flyer" NFR Convention Rochester, NY March 17, 2007

There were 23 entries in this year's Model, Photo & Arts&Crafts Contests. The unexpected foot of snow kept the locals at home but those who were staying in the convention hotel managed to get their entries to the contest room. Each of the eight entries in the Judged Model Contest also won NMRA Merit Certificates - these require at least 87.5 points using the official NMRA 125-point system. There were two entries in the Photo Contest and four in the Arts & Crafts Contest. Photographs of most of the entries are scattered throughout these pages: those of the Model Contest entries were taken by Dave "Super-Dave" Scheiderich and those of the Photo and Arts & Crafts Contests were taken by Bill Estes.

Thanks to the ad hoc Contest Committee - Mike Kennelly, Ann Laxton & Barry Laxton - and the Judges - Peter Nesbitt (Head Judge), Nev Meads, Karl Abbott, Dan McLean, Ann Laxton, Grant Knowles and Jim Ellis.

Model Contest Special Awards

Vice President's Award (Best Scratchbuilt Car) Sponsored by: NFR Vice Presidents

Tony Van Klink Canadian Pacific Post Office/Express

COD Award (Best Structure) Sponsored by: Central Ontario Division, NFR

Neville R Meads Canadian National Station Whitby

Boomers Award (Best Novice) Sponsored by: Boomers

Richard Hatton Blacksmith Shop

EMMRA Award (Best Locomotive) Sponsored by: Erin Mills Model Railroad Association

Tony Van Klink Canadian Pacific #1271 4-6-2 Class

Chairman's Award (Chairmans Choice) Sponsored by: NFR Model Contest Chairman

Grant Knowles Selwonk & Company Shippers

ID Award - Freelance (Best In Appearance - Freelance Division) Sponsored by: International Division, NFR

Neville R Meads McCabe Sawmill

ID Award - Prototype (Best In Appearance - Prototype Division) Sponsored by: International Division, NFR

Sponsored by: International Division, NFR

Matt Snell Conrail Fire Car B-1 (ex CNJ 92971)

Hugh L. Jack Trophy (Best In Show) Sponsored by: NFR

Grant Knowles C&S Como Roundhouse Complex

Best Narrow Gauge Award (Best Narrow Gauge) Sponsored by: St. Lawrence Division

Grant Knowles C&S Como Roundhouse Complex

Model Contest Results

Passenger Scratch

Tony Van Klink	Canadian Pacific Post Office/Express Car 3506	HO	102
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Scene Scratch

Grant Knowles	C&S Como Roundhouse Complex	HOn3	114
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Steam Kit

Tony Van Klink	Canadian Pacific #1271 4-6-2 Class G5	HO	100
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Structure Kit

Les Kauffeldt	McKenzie Industrial Supply	HO	98
Grant Knowles	Selwonk & Company Shippers	HO	98

Structure Scratch

Neville R Meads	Canadian National Station Whitby	HO	107
Neville R Meads	The Workshop	HO	98
Richard Hatton	Blacksmith Shop	HO	88

Appearance Contest Results

Freelance Structure

Neville R Meads	McCabe Sawmill	13
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Prototype Diesel

Don Leger	Gatineau Quebec Railway GP35 2500	2
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Prototype Freight

Les Kauffeldt	Canadian Pacific 54' COFC	2
Don Leger	Soo Line Boxcar 177514	2
Matt Snell	EPIC Trash Car	1

Prototype Non-Revenue

Matt Snell	Conrail Fire Car B-1 (ex CNJ 92971)	8
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Prototype Passenger

Don Leger	Bangor & Aroostook Boxcar BAR 6016	6
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Prototype Steam

Jim Ellis	Canadian Pacific P2J 2-8-2 #5406	7
Jim Ellis	Canadian National 0-8-0 #7509	5

Photo Contest Results

1st Place Award: "The Little Tree That Could" - original photograph by Bill Estes, Koblenz, Germany, August, 2006 (the bridge is over the Moselle River).

Arts & Crafts Contest Results

1st Place Award: The Donna Scafe Memorial Trophy : "The Depot" - acrylic painting on stretched canvas by Bill Estes.



This Canadian Pacific Post office/Express Car Scratchbuilt by Tony Van Klink earned 102 points toward a merit certificate as well as the Vice President's Award for Best Scratchbuilt Car.

McKenzie Industrial Supply by Les Kauffeldt and Selwonk & Co by Grant Knowles tied for first place in the category of a structure built from a kit. Both scored 98 points toward their merit certificates. Grant's Selwonk & Co. also received the Chairman's Choice Award.



First place in the Steam, kit category was this Canadian Pacific #1271 4-6-2 class G5 presented by Tony Van Klink. The model garnered 100 points for the merit certificate and received the EMMRA Award for Best Locomotive.





Neville R. Meads scratchbuilt the Canadian National Whitby Station and received first place in the structures category with 107 points for the Merit Certificate and garnered the COD award for Best Structure.



Neville R. Mead also scratchbuilt the workshop above which received 98 points and 2nd place.



Richard Hatton scratchbuilt the Blacksmith shop in the small scene and took 3rd place with 88 points toward the Merit Certificate. Richard also received the Boomers Award for Best Novice.





Neville R. Meads presented his MaCabe Sawmill and received the ID Award for Best in Appearance – Freelance Division.



Matt Snell received the ID Award for Best in Appearance – Prototype Division for this Conrail Fire Car B-1 (ex CNJ 92971).



Don Leger received the 1st place, Prototype Diesel in the Appearance Category with the Quebec Gatineau Railway GP35 #2500.



Les Kauffeldt's Canadian Pacific 54' COFO and Don Leger's Soo line boxcar #177514 tied for 1st place in the Prototype Freight Category of the Appearance Contest.



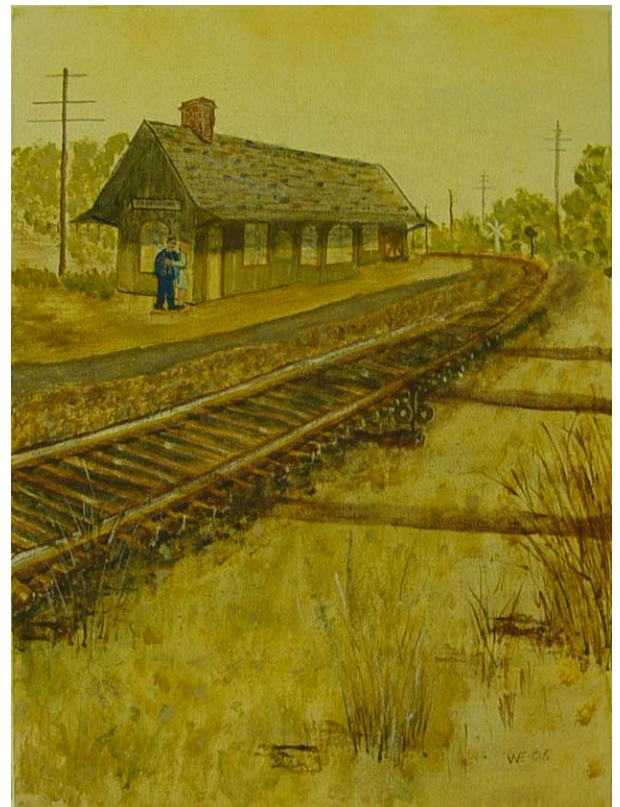
Matt Snell's EPIC trash car took 3rd place in the Prototype Freight Division of the Appearance Contest, while Don Leger's Bangor and Aroostook Boxcar #5406 took 1st place in the Prototype Passenger Division.





Jim Ellis took 1st and 2nd in the Prototype Steam Division with Canadian Pacific P2J 2-8-2 #5406 and Canadian National 0-8-0 #7509.

Bill Estes took first place in the Photo Contest with “The Little Tree that Could”, Koblenz Germany, August 2006. Bill also painted “The Depot” an acrylic on canvas which won first place in the Arts & Crafts Contest.



Flower City Flyer — 2007 NFR Convention Report

**Mike Roque
Convention Chair**

Although the Flower City Flyer required a significant combined effort from the convention committee to execute, the convention went off without a hitch!

The RIT campus proved to be an excellent venue for the convention with the RIT Model Railroad Club's (<http://ritmrc.org>) spring Free-mo (<http://free-mo.org>) meet happening the same weekend and the club's Rochester Irondequoit Terminal layout being on the convention tour. The club's room, dubbed the Professor James F. Scudder Memorial Train Room in memory and honor of the club's first advisor who was instrumental to the club's founding in 1996, was also dedicated during the convention.

Ann and Barry Laxton graciously handled modeling contests where many fantastic models were on display and many well-deserved awards were given.

Rich Wagner successfully delivered a great clinic program where many notable clinicians, including Matt Snell all the way from Ohio, NCE's Jim Scorse, the NKPHTS' Bill Quick, and the Niagara-Frontier Chapter NRHS's Neil Keirn, presented a wide variety of unique and interesting clinics. Mike Roqué also delivered a clinic introducing the Free-mo modular standard, a revolutionary alternative to the traditional NMRA standard, that was well-received.

Dave Mitchell arranged a large number of superlative layouts from many outstanding modelers for the convention tour.

The Radisson Rochester Airport hotel hosted a great banquet meal and awards program.

To top it all off, the RIT Model Railroad Club hosted the convention on the campus of Rochester Institute of Technology, the NFR was able to save thousands of dollars in expenses and turn a significant profit! By all accounts, the Flower City Flyer was a resounding success!

Election of Executive officers

A total of 82 Ballots were cast - 22 on the US side and 60 on the Canadian. The results are as follow:

President	Neville Meads
Canadian Vice-President	Don Hillman
Treasurer	Walter Reid
Secretary	Dan MacLean

Niagara Frontier Region Executive Reports

President

Richard Wagner

My fellow Model Railroaders,

By the time this column is published in the *Flimsy*, the NMRA Convention will be fast approaching and my time in office will be shortly drawing to a close. At Detroit, I perform my last official duty by representing the NFR at the RAC meeting. However, this will be my last time to address you as President. I would like to take this opportunity to draw closure to my term in office.

I would first like to thank the board members and program chairs, past and present, who have guided me and provided valuable advice. Your insight provided me with much needed help and made my job a little bit easier. I truly appreciate the trust and support that you have given me these past two years. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who assisted with these programs and promoted our organization and our hobby. To the many members who participated in the Modeler's Corners at the various shows, my undying gratitude. It was your contribution that demonstrated that model railroading is a hobby that not only celebrates the spirit of railroading but also demonstrates that this organization is about friendship and fellowship. Your willingness to answer questions from the most basic to the "expert" level shows the best attributes of our region and of the NMRA in general. To all of you once again, thank you!

As this report follows the NFR convention, I am pleased to report that all of the Constitution and By-law changes passed. At the Annual General meeting we also discussed the need for a Rail Pass program for NMRA/Canada. US members are familiar with this program. The Rail Pass program allows model railroaders considering joining the NMRA a one time only trial membership. This program allows the person considering a taste of the NMRA programs including participation in NMRA conventions.

Many new US members started with the Rail Pass program and attended either a Regional or National convention. I know three division officers who started as rail pass members and after participating in a regional convention are active NMRA members. I am pleased to report that the NFR has sent a formal letter to

NMRA/Canada requesting this program. They are currently working out the details. I am also pleased to report that the Region has received bids for the 2008 convention. One bid has been accepted and the region is awaiting the signed contract. I hope that by the next issue of the *Flimsy*, Nev will be able to report on the status of both items.

Hopefully in my "retirement" I will be able to dedicate some time to working on my railroad, which is the primary reason I became an NMRA member. I have enjoyed the friendships I have developed in the NFR and look forward to renewing these friendships at NMRA events.

Once again, thank you for two memorable years! I am looking forward to getting back to building the Buffalo, Rochester and Pennsylvania.

American Vice President

Richard Roth

No report

Canadian Vice President

Neville Meads

It is hard to believe that my term in office of Canadian Vice President is coming to an end. It has been a most enjoyable experience for me. I have met many people over the years at various train shows who have become friends. Some of the people that I have met have joined NMRA Canada and I thank them.

I hope NMRA Canada has and will continue to be a stepping stone in learning more about this wonderful hobby that we all enjoy. No one person has all the answers just as there are many different techniques to accomplish the end result of what you are modelling.

One way to improve your modelling skills is to take part in the Achievement Program. It will most assuredly improve your modelling skills.

By attending Division Meets, many different ideas are presented. If you have a technique that works for you, possibly you would be willing to share it with your fellow modellers.

Of course, the annual Regional Convention is great for attending clinics on many different topics. Then the layout tours of various model railroads in that area give you an insight into what they are doing and also their techniques. It is a constant learning experience.

This past March, the Regional Convention was held in Rochester New York. The organizers must be commended for their time and efforts in putting together a wonderful Convention. All who attended had a good time and the facilities were second to none. The Rochester Institute of Technology is certainly a nice campus and was the base for this Convention.

Be sure to attend a Regional Convention as you will not be disappointed. Only you, by attending, will be able to enjoy the fellowship as well as the clinics, layouts, judged models and all round fun of a Regional Convention. A lot of effort goes into organizing a convention. Many people take the job on to provide you with YOUR convention so thank them by attending.

Don Hillman will be as of August first, the new Canadian Vice President. Don will be taking the “Craftsman’s Corner” to train shows at Brampton and west as well as Barrie and Bracebridge

I will continue to be at the “Craftsman’s Corner” in Toronto and to the east as far as Belleville along with Midland.

I know that you will give Don all the support that you have given me in this position.

When you go to a Train Show that the “Craftsman’s Corner” is attending, please stop by and say hello. Better yet, become a volunteer. It doesn’t hurt, I promise.

Have a good summer and for those who have garden railways, enjoy the great outdoors.

Secretary
Ann Laxton

This is the last time I will be attending an NFR meeting as Secretary. Thanks to everyone for their support over the past 4 years.



April 25-27, 2008

Clinics
Layout Tours
Prototype Tours
NFR Annual General Meeting

Host Hotel: Chimo Hotel, 1199 Joseph Cyr Street
Ottawa, Ontario Canada, K1J 7T4 613-744-1060

Treasurer
Walter Reid

NFR Financial Statements - February 28, 2007 – Unaudited

Balance Sheet	— February 28, 2007 —		— June 30, 2006 —	
ASSETS	— C\$ —	— US\$ —	— C\$ —	— US\$ —
Investments	11,237.72	5,202.68	11,237.72	5,047.58
plus Accrued Interest	273.90	-	37.80	-
less Life Fund	(3,569.11)	(2,889.58)	(3,569.11)	(2,889.58)
less Memorial Funds	<u>(1,401.16)</u>	-	<u>(1,401.16)</u>	-
Net NFR Investments	6,541.35	2,313.10	6,305.25	2,158.00
Bank Accounts	2,923.68	4,336.20	3,816.26	3,745.45
Receivables	42.50	-	42.50	-
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-	-
Advances	<u>108.28</u>	<u>3.38</u>	<u>108.28</u>	<u>3.38</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>9,615.81</u>	<u>6,652.68</u>	<u>10,272.29</u>	<u>5,908.83</u>
 LIABILITIES				
Payables	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Income	476.16	379.25	1,293.20	808.75
Prepaid Conventions	-	-	1,376.88	-
In Trust for AHD	-	292.58	-	292.58
In Trust for NMRA Canada	<u>35.00</u>	<u>11.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>11.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>511.16</u>	<u>682.83</u>	<u>2,705.08</u>	<u>1,112.33</u>
 CUMULATIVE SURPLUS (59 Years)				
	7,567.21	4,794.50	⇐	7,567.21
This Year's Net Income	<u>1,537.44</u>	<u>1,175.35</u>		4,794.50
 CUMULATIVE SURPLUS (59.66 Years)				
	9,104.65	5,969.85		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CUMULATIVE SURPLUS	<u>9,615.81</u>	<u>6,652.68</u>	<u>10,272.29</u>	<u>5,908.83</u>
 Income Statement				
	July 1, 2006 – Feb. 28, 2007		July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006	
INCOME	— C\$ —	— US\$ —	— C\$ —	— US\$ —
Subscriptions / Dues	2,369.04	690.50	1,958.03	2,965.40
Regional Rebate	470.37	189.75	465.50	172.25
Conventions	1,376.88	-	1,624.40	-
Flimsy Income	75.00	140.00	-	-
Craftsmen's Corner	-	-	100.00	-
Interest	236.10	155.10	102.91	12.36
Donations & Late Fees	<u>25.00</u>	-	<u>50.00</u>	-
TOTAL INCOME	<u>4,552.39</u>	<u>1,175.35</u>	<u>4,300.84</u>	<u>3,150.01</u>
 EXPENSES				
Administration	142.76	-	221.32	-
Flimsy Expense	2,779.91	-	3,662.60	-
Contests	-	-	309.58	-
Member Services	<u>92.28</u>	-	<u>711.76</u>	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>3,014.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,905.26</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>1,537.44</u>	<u>1,175.35</u>	<u>(604.42)</u>	<u>3,150.01</u>

Niagara Frontier Region Division Reports

Allegheny Division (Inactive)

Central Ontario Division Superintendent Bob Douglas

No report.

International Division Superintendent Harvey McIntyre

The ID has remained active since the NFR Convention in Chatham.

The May 2006 Meet was a layout tour in Burlington and was a joint effort with the Burlington Model Railroad Club. The Sept. 2006 meet was held in Niagara Falls New York and was hosted by the Niagara Orleans Model Railroad Club. The meet in Jan. 2007 was held at the HOMES club in Stoney Creek, and the Mar. 2007 meet was held in Erin Mills and was hosted by the Erin Mills Model Railroad Club.

The May 12, 2007 meet will be held at the St. Catharine's Museum at lock 3 on the Welland Canal. The May meet will be a combined effort of CARM, the NHRA, and the ID, with each group being responsible for one clinic in the morning followed by a layout tour in the afternoon and meeting at Frado's Restaurant along the Welland Canal to wind up the day's events.

Lakeshores Division Superintendent Mike Roque

Nothing to report. [Sec. note: they are busy putting on this Convention]

<http://www.lsdnmra.org>

Ontario Northland Division Superintendent Trevor Ross

This first superintendent's report for the Ontario Northland Division will be pretty short. I am just getting organized and now have a list of all the members in the division. I know about half of the members personally, and plan to contact the remainder and introduce myself, etc.

St. Lawrence Division Superintendent Peter Joyce

The March meeting, held at Emmanuel United Church, was well attended. The NFR Convention in Rochester was a success, with much credit given to the organizers who put together the event with very little notice, and even less experience. The SLD presence at the Kingston model railroad show was welcomed, and as typically occurs the participants spent much of the two days interacting with the general public at the expense of serious modeling.

At Rochester the NFR Executive made a plea for some Division to come forward with an offer to host the 2008 convention. After consultation at the banquet table, the SLD rallied to the flag and volunteered to do so. As no other Division came forward, our offer was accepted with certain conditions that at the time of writing this report were accepted and so the SLD will host the 2008 Convention — the "Bytown Bobber" — from 25 to 27 April, 2008. The Chimo Hotel has been selected as the convention site and a formal contract soon will be signed. Grant Knowles is the chairman for the event and will keep members abreast of plans as they are formulated. Meetings have been held, committee members have been appointed and I'm certain members will be well satisfied with the program the Committee is developing.

Two of our members also faired very well in the NFR Model Contest in Rochester: **Don Leger** took first place in the Prototype Diesel and third in the Prototype Freight categories in the Appearance contest. **Grant Knowles** won awards in the Judged contest. He took the Chairman's Award for Selwonk & Co Shipping firm (Kit Built Structure), and Best In Show (highest score in the contest) for the C&S Como Roundhouse complex

A very successful kit basher Saturday was held on April 21st, while attendance was small, enthusiasm was high and those present agreed that these sessions should continue next year, thanks to Alex Binkley for organizing this year's workshops. It may be that a workshop is included in the Convention next year; if so it will be held on Friday the 25th in the hotel.

Our May meet will be held in Merrickville on Saturday May 26th at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Grant will speak on "Cuomo Roundhouse". Tom Gray, a friend

of Andrew Chisholm, will speak on "Detailing Freight Cars". Jeff Trew and Andrew Chisholm will have their layouts open in the afternoon.

Southern Tier Division Superintendent Michael Kennelly

All Southern Tier Division members! I would like to be in contact with all STD members to find out what kind and type of activities you are would like to see offered in our division. There has been little activity for so long, but I am sure that we all have something to share with others to increase both our enjoyment of our hobby and our membership. Please contact me so we can get the STD moving forward today. Please contact me by email @ mkennelly@stny.rr.com or call me at 607/757-2773.

Western Ontario Division Superintendent Stuart Taylor

This has been a busy quarter for the Executive, firstly, attending both Kitchener and Woodstock shows, followed by our Executive meeting in Port Dover.

Our final event of the 2006/2007 year will be a clinic in Port Stanley, arranged by Robert Langlois, followed by our Annual meeting. As this is not an election year, the meeting will consist of only appropriate reports. We do have two vacancies on the Executive, so anyone who

lives in the area, is currently an NMRA member, and has a little time to spare, please get in touch.

Our Executive was approached by the operators of the Freeport Hospital Model Railroad for assistance, as their equipment was old and not operating properly. Consideration was given to sponsoring them, but after debate, it was decided we could not do so, as it would mean continuing support, which may not be sustainable in the long term. However, with the grateful help of the Credit Valley Railway in Streetsville, we donated sufficient funds to purchase two Diesel and one Steam locomotive, all with D.C.C. These are now in operation to the delight of the patients.

A decision was made to also re-build the Timesaver game to make it more user friendly, easier to transport and to highlight some of the methods that can be used to model in small spaces.

Plans are in place for 2007/2008 year, with our first meet on September 14th, so make a diary note - all are welcome - which will be in Stratford. We are working on a further clinic in October, followed by a special event in May 2008. Pencil your diary as details will follow as soon as plans are finalized. Our train show in Paris in January is well advanced and we hope to see many of you there.

Enjoy the summer.

Niagara Frontier Region Officer Reports

Achievement Program Chairman Peter Nesbitt

I am pleased to submit the following report concerning the Region's Achievement Program for the past year - 2006/07.

There were two Achievement Certificates earned by NMRA members within the Region.

Robert Douglas Association Official
 Association Volunteer

My congratulations to Robert for his efforts and accomplishments. Early indications are that the 2007/08 year will see a few more Certificates earned. I look forward to being kept a bit busier.

Convention Coordinator Bill Estes

The NFR Convention for 2008 has been formally granted to Ottawa.

Convention Name: Bytown Bobber
Dates: April 25, 26 & 27, 2008 (standard Friday - Sunday event)
Location: Chimo Hotel (same location as in 2001)
Convention Chairman: Grant Knowles

The Chimo has been most gracious in addressing our requirements and has provided competitive pricing. So with this and based on our success with them in 2001, we felt it ideal to continue on with them.

There is a fully staffed Convention Executive in place (11 members, many of whom were on the 2001 convention committee) and we are well underway in arranging the requisite activities along with some new exciting ones!

The SLD greatly appreciates the opportunity to host this event and we are very confident it will be a memorable one for all who attend.

Webmaster
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Frontier Flimsy Editor
Stanley Conley

Model Contest Chairman
Position vacant

Region Historian
Barry Laxton

Membership/Registrar
Don Hillman

As you will see from the included Registrar Activity reports the total membership of the Niagara Frontier Region is down (784) from the total contained (797) in my report reprinted in the March Flimsy. While there have been a number of new members signed up at the Essex and Barrie shows, the number of members who have allowed their membership to lapse (expire date 2006-12-01 becoming 90 days past due) and have been transferred to the inactive list was 21. Unfortunately, there isn't any explanation for this number of lapsed memberships. It has been noteworthy that a number of members have renewed their region subscriptions and taking advantage of the two year renewal rates offered

by NMRA (Canada).

In the past weeks there have been a number of renewing Canadian members asking about the distribution of the 2007 NMRA Calendar. Following is the explanation provided by NMRA (Canada) to those members who have asked about the calendar.

“The 2007 NMRA Calendar will not be made available to Canadian members of NMRA this year. We were advised late in 2006 that the 2007 calendar distribution was considered by the National Board of Directors as a fund raising project and were not considered a regular benefit of NMRA membership. The calendars would therefore only be distributed to NMRA members resident in the United States. Calendars could be purchased by the ABC group (Australiason Region, British Region and NMRA (Canada)). Unfortunately there was no provision made in the Canadian dues structure for the purchase or mailing of calendars.

Another reason for deciding not to make the calendar available to Canadian members was the experience that we had in 2005 with the 2006 Calendar. The supply of calendars arrived during the week between Christmas and New Years for mailing and we were expected to absorb the cost of postage on these calendars. Again there was no provision in the budget to cover this cost. In discussions with NMRA HQ there was no indication that the delivery of 2007 calendars would be any sooner in 2006 than they were in 2005 (December). As an additional note CARM had already (early September 2006) distributed a 2007 calendar to their members. A large number of NMRA (Canada) members are also members of CARM. I trust you will understand why there will be no 2007 calendar.”

For those of you who may still be interested in obtaining a copy of the 2007 NMRA calendar it has been learned that the calendar can be purchased from the NMRA Company Store which can be found on the NMRA web site **www.nmra.org**.

NFR Membership type by years renewed

Membership Type	Total	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	Life
Family	28	14	11	1	2	
Life Member	131					131
Life Member actuarial	37					37
Member	162	143	14	1	4	
Member w/ subscription	408	304	76	1	27	
Sustaining	4	4				
Total	770	465	101	3	33	168

NFR Membership Type by Division

Summary	Total	OOD	OOD Life	AHD	COD	ID	LSD	OND	SLD	STD	WOD
Family	28				7	10	3		1		7
Life Member	131	1	13	3	23	23	24	8	11	2	23
Life Member actuarial	37		2	5	5	10	5	1	4	1	4
Member	162	1		2	31	25	8	2	29	1	63
Member w/ subscription	408	7		18	104	80	57	7	59	13	63
Sustaining	4				1	2					1
Totals	770	9	16	28	171	150	97	18	104	17	161

NFR Division Membership by Expire Year

DivDesc	Total	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2099	2499
OOD	9	5	3				1	
OOD Life	16							16
AHD	30	16	4				9	
COD	169	80	40	15	1	1	13	16
ID	157	80	30	10	4	1	27	7
LSD	98	53	14		2		29	1
OND	19	5	4		1		3	6
SLD	104	45	34	9	1		10	5
STD	18	10	5				2	
WOD	164	69	53	13	1		13	15
Totals	784	363	187	47	11	2	108	66

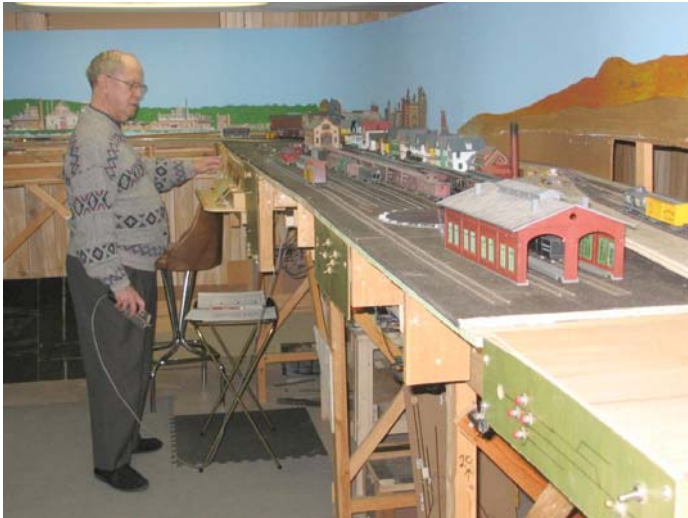
Notes: In each of these charts the OOR (Out of Region) counts represent NFR Life members from other regions.
 Total NFR Life members are shown below with an Expire date of 2499
 All data above updated to May 2007

Tales of the Midland Railway

By Ron Bareham

It Did Change!

I spent three or four months of the winter in a most fascinating way altering the Midland Railway. A friend, Bill Paul, said that this was the most interesting time in layout building – watching the bare skeleton emerge to a thing that runs, complete with tracks and operating trains. I totally agree with him.



As work proceeded it was found impossible to retain Coboconk, but I left the remains of the roadbed in place as an abandoned line. One reason why I couldn't keep Coboconk was the acquisition of a wooden trestle. A local fellow had offered a six foot long trestle complete with rock scenery to our Railway Museum. We had no place to use it, since the Museum layout was virtually finished. I let two weeks go by and asked this man if he still had the trestle. I had been looking at the north end of my layout room, the site of the former Toronto Staging Yard, and reasoned that here was a good location for something rather special like that six foot diorama. The trestle was still available and the fellow even delivered it to me. We managed to get it into the basement by pruning that rock scenery. The man looked over my layout, asked a few questions and said he would like to see an operating session underway as he was interested in doing

something along those lines himself. The trestle had taken up too much space on his small layout, which is why it was surplus. He's going to visit us soon.

I checked with the Lindsay Rails Yahoo group, asking if there was a place between Lorneville and Lindsay on the former CNR right of way where a trestle might fit. The disappointing answer was that there was no place suitable for a trestle over 100 feet above the valley. One of the members scanned part of a topographical map for me between the two places. I perused this closely and discovered that there was a raised fill about 25 feet above a valley. Using modeler's licence, I made the valley sink a further 75 to 90 feet and I had a location for the trestle! I did some scenicking on the diorama and had some help putting it exactly in place at the right height. Now, it is a joy to see trains running over that work of art.

The Lindsay staging yard turned out to be both a staging and a classification yard. Trains are handled as described in the last article. Haliburton needed several turnouts to be powered by switch motors. Otherwise, throwing them manually might knock several cars off the tracks in Lindsay as sleeves caught them. I sold many surplus cars and locomotives at a Flea Market. When I first came to run Train 41, the Mixed Train from Lindsay to Mariposa, I discovered that I had sold the combine for that train! Fortunately, the drovers' caboose from the Coboconk train proved a good replacement.

The scenery for the new construction, apart from that around the trestle, does not exist at this writing. It is a pleasure to turn on the lights to the layout room now and see a really generous aisle open up between Lindsay and Midland. The aisle between the trestle and Midland is also wider now. Was it worth doing? YES!



Regional Train Orders

July 21-22, 2007. Smiths Falls, Ontario. Capital Promotions DHT presents Railfest 2007. The Lampliter Convention Center, 30 Victoria Avenue across from CP Rail yard. Tour diesels outdoors, operating layouts, displays, Meccano, model and toy show, vendors. Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm, Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm, Adults \$6.00, Srs & Teens \$4.00, under 12 \$1.50 "Family admission rates". Information: Hugh Laing ph/fx 613-592-9402 (day) 613-592-5824(evening) vctrains@igs.net or Frank Steele 613-634-8225 or fsteele@cogeco.ca.

July 22-28, 2007. Detroit, Michigan. "Great Lakes Express" NMRA National Convention & National Train Show. Information: www.nmra.org/2007 and www.nationaltrainshow.org.

August 11-12, 2007. Bracebridge, Ontario. Muskoka Rails 2007. Ontario's largest summer show sponsored by the Muskoka Model Railway Club. Bracebridge fairgrounds on Fraserburg road. Information: www.muskokacomputes.com/MMRC.htm.

August 11-12, 2007. Gananoque, Ontario. Thousand Islands Model Railroad Show. Gananoque recreation center, 600 King Street West. Information: Bill Bowman 613-382-7575, or timrailroaders@aol.com.

August 26, 2007. St. Thomas, Ontario. Railway Heritage Day. Elgin County Railway Museum, Wellington Street. 10:00am to 4:00pm. Admission \$4.00 under 12 free. Information: 519-637-6284 or promotions@ecrm5700.org.

September 8-9, 2007. Buffalo, New York. 2007 Buffalo Central Terminal 2nd Train Show. 495 Paderewski Drive. 10:00am to 4:00pm. Donation: Adults \$5.00, Children (3-12) \$2.00. Information: buffalocentralterminal.org.

September 16, 2007. Alexander, New York. Alexander Boy Scout Troop 6650 Train and Craft Show with Pig and Beef Roast. Alexander Fireman Recreational Hall, Route 98. show admission "donations accepted" 9:00am to 3:00pm, Pig and Beef Roast meal w/dessert adult \$8.00, Child \$6.00 serving hours 11:00am to 3:00pm. Information: Train show Matt Kosmowski 585-547-9361 or momow151@yahoo.com, Craft Show Linda Lewis, 585-344-0115 or llewis3@rochester.rr.com.

September 23, 2007. Komoka, Ontario. Model Train show and Sale, 30th annual. sponsored by The London Model Railroad Group at the Komoka community Center, 133 Queen Street, Komoka, Ont. Hours - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Show will have operating layouts and craftsman's displays, Door Prizes, and Snack bar. The Komoka Railroad Museum, right next door will be open during the day of the show. Admission \$4.00 Details available at <http://www.lmrg.org>

September 29-30, 2007. Brampton, Ontario. 10th annual Brampton Model Train Show sponsored by the Orangeville Shortline Model Railroad Club. Brampton Fairgrounds, 12942 Heartlake Road. Saturday and Sunday 10:00am to 4:30 pm. Adults \$5.00, Seniors \$4.00, Children 5-12 \$3.00, under 5 free. Info: Carl Kinzinger cpkl@sympatico.ca.

October 7, 2007. Depew, New York. Buffalo Falling Leaves Toy Train Meet. Toy Train Collectors Society. Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road. Donation: Adult \$5.00, Child under 12 \$2.00. Information Conrad May 716-681-3369 (after 4pm).

October 14-15, 2007, Bowmanville, Ontario. Soper Valley Model Railroad Association 20th Annual Train Show Bowmanville High School 49 Liberty St. North, Saturday 10:00am to 4:30pm, Sunday - 10:00am to 4:00pm, Adult \$5.00, Senior \$4.00, Family \$10.00.

October 27, 2007. Harriston, Ontario. Annual "BOOMERS" Auction. Model railroad equipment and materials at the Harriston Community Centre. Admission \$5.00 (includes door prize draws) Tables available at 8:00am, Auction starts at 10.00am. Information contact Harold G. Jones hgjones@golden.net or 16 Conroy Crescent, Guelph, ON N1G 2V6, or 519-821-2454.

November 24-25, 2007. Mississauga, Ontario. Toronto Christmas Train Show sponsored by Toronto Show Promotions. The International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, 1 km North of Pearson Airport. Saturday Noon to 5:00pm, Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm. 60,000 sq feet of Operating Layouts, Exhibits, Clinics, SIG groups and Vendors of all types. Adults \$12.00, Seniors \$10.00, Youth (6-12) \$4.00, under 6 free. Info Doug Jarvis 905-945-2775 Email: dougjarvis@sympatico.ca or www.antiquetoys.ca.

April 25-27, 2008. Ottawa, Ontario. The Bytown Bobber NFR convention. Chimo Hotel. Please see page 12 for more information.

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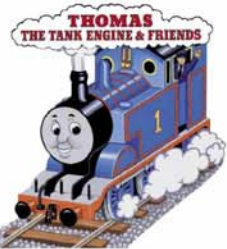


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