



# FRONTIER FLIMSY

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Niagara Frontier Region, NMRA

[www.nfr-nmra.org](http://www.nfr-nmra.org)

March 2011 Volume 57 No. 1



**The SLD's Model  
Railroading 101 Program:  
A Recipe for Smiling  
Faces!  
See Page 7**



Our slightly apprehensive participants are ready to start work on their dioramas with the help of a lot of volunteers.



With lots of Smiling faces the whole gang - the MR101 participants with the SLD volunteers, stand behind the 18 exquisitely made dioramas, the result of a great day for all.

**The Niagara Frontier Region  
NMRA  
Frontier Flimsy**

March 2011  
Volume 57 Number 1  
Stanley Conley, Editor  
2194 Valley Drive  
Ottawa, ON K1G 2P8

The **Frontier Flimsy** is published four times annually by the Niagara Frontier Region of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. and is distributed on the web at [www.nfr-nmra.org](http://www.nfr-nmra.org) or by mail to NFR subscribers.

The Frontier Flimsy is available by subscription for NMRA members in good standing. The annual rate for a downloadable, colour PDF is currently \$10.00, a black and white printed version delivered by standard mail is \$12.00. All rates are assessed in the currency of your residence. Send fees as cheque or money order, to the NFR Registrar.

Material for publication is welcome. Send articles, coming events, notices, etc. to the editor. Materials including photographs may be submitted by e-mail. Materials will be credited at the time of publication and will be returned if requested. Articles appearing in the Frontier Flimsy may be reprinted in other non-profit publications providing that credit is given to the author and the Flimsy.

Advertising is accepted in the flimsy; please see the region web site for information and rates.

Opinions expressed in the Frontier Flimsy are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the NMRA, the Region, its officers, or other contributors to the Frontier Flimsy.

Special thanks to Diane Dodds for proofreading and nitpicking.

Printing and postal distribution is coordinated by Fran Phillips.

Printed in Canada

The Niagara Frontier Region Flimsy  
2194 Valley Drive, Ottawa, ON K1G 2P8

*Page 2—The NFR Frontier Flimsy—March 2011*

**The Niagara Frontier Region  
Regional Officers**

**President** Richard Roth  
PO Box 309, Waterford, Pa. 16441-0309  
814-796-0133, [rrconductor@verizon.net](mailto:rrconductor@verizon.net)

**Canadian V.P.** Richard Hatton  
1965 Snowvalley Road, Minesing ON L0L 1Y0  
705-737-9363 [moose\\_caboose@bell.net](mailto:moose_caboose@bell.net)

**American V.P.** Bill Estes  
96 Eastwood Trl, Rochester NY 14622-1846  
[nyowrr@frontiernet.net](mailto:nyowrr@frontiernet.net)

**Secretary** Les Kauffeldt  
57 Bassett Blvd. Whitby ON L1N 8N5  
905-666-8344, [secretary@nfr-nmra.org](mailto:secretary@nfr-nmra.org)

**Treasurer** Bryce Stewart  
310 Fairwood Dr. unit 100, Brantford ON N3R 2X4  
519-442-0440, [brantfordpacific@hotmail.ca](mailto:brantfordpacific@hotmail.ca)  
Past President Neville Meads  
26 Russell Hill Road, RR #1 Bobcaygeon, ON  
705-731-0893 [neville.meads@sympatico.ca](mailto:neville.meads@sympatico.ca)

**Division Superintendents**

**Allegheny** inactive  
**Central Ontario:** Richard Hatton, 705-737-9363 [moose\\_caboose@bell.net](mailto:moose_caboose@bell.net)  
**International:** Harvey McIntyre, 905-643-8420, [hmcintyre4@cogeco.ca](mailto:hmcintyre4@cogeco.ca)  
**Lakeshores:** Raymond Howard, 315-789-4801, [superintendent@lsdmra.org](mailto:superintendent@lsdmra.org)  
**Ontario Northland:** Trevor Ross, 705-983-9602, [trevor@tjrcadd.com](mailto:trevor@tjrcadd.com)  
**St. Lawrence:** Ron Newby, 613-841-4165, [ron@cvry.ca](mailto:ron@cvry.ca)  
**Southern Tier:** Robert Hamilton, 607-754-0089, [bobhamilton@stny.rr.com](mailto:bobhamilton@stny.rr.com)  
**Western Ontario:** John Moseley, 519-455-1311 [j.moseley@sympatico.com](mailto:j.moseley@sympatico.com)

**Regional Officials**

**Achievement Program:** Peter Nesbitt, 613-592-0110, [nesbitt@magma.ca](mailto:nesbitt@magma.ca)  
**Convention Coordination:** Vacant Your name could be here!  
**Flimsy Editor:** Stanley Conley, 613-523-8237, [stanley\\_conley@carleton.ca](mailto:stanley_conley@carleton.ca)  
**Historian:** Keith Lebold, 705-653-4902, [k\\_lebold@yahoo.ca](mailto:k_lebold@yahoo.ca)  
**Membership/Registrar:** Clair Rutter, 613-392-0601, [crutter41@sympatico.ca](mailto:crutter41@sympatico.ca)  
**Model Contest:** John Moseley, [j.moseley@sympatico.com](mailto:j.moseley@sympatico.com)  
**WebMaster:** Bill Annand, [bill\\_annand@muskokacomputes.com](mailto:bill_annand@muskokacomputes.com), [webmaster@nfr-nmra.org](mailto:webmaster@nfr-nmra.org)

**Waybill**

<b>Election Results</b>	<b>Page 3</b>
<b>Executive Reports</b>	<b>Page 3</b>
<b>Division Reports</b>	<b>Page 4</b>
<b>Officer Reports</b>	<b>Page 5</b>
<b>The SLD's Model Railroading 101 Program – A Huge Success!</b>	<b>Page 7</b>
<b>by Grant Knowles</b>	
<b>Saga of the MC&amp;H Central – Week Two by William Annand</b>	<b>Page 11</b>
<b>Regional Train Orders</b>	<b>Page 18</b>
<b>NMRA InfoNet Tidbits by Gerry Leone, MMR</b>	<b>Page 19</b>

Printed in Canada

The Niagara Frontier Region Flimsy  
2194 Valley Drive, Ottawa, ON K1G 2P8

*Page 2—The NFR Frontier Flimsy—March 2011*

# Niagara Frontier Region Executive Elections 2010

## Results

Compiled by Neville Meads, Past President of the Niagara Frontier Region

Position	Names on Ballot	Write-in Names	Votes	Results
President	Rick Hatton	No write-ins	16	Rick Hatton elected
Canadian Vice President		Grant Knowles Clark Kooning	1. Declined to run 2	Clark Kooning elected
Secretary		Chris Lyon	1. Declined to run	Position open
Treasurer	Bryce Stewart	No write-ins	16	Bryce Stewart elected

The position of Secretary is an open as no one was elected to this position. Anyone who would like to volunteer to take on the position of Secretary must be a member, in good standing of the Niagara Frontier Region. Please contact either

Dr. Richard Roth  
present President of the NFR  
PO Box 309  
Waterford Pa.  
USA  
16441-0309  
rrconductor@verizon.net

Richard Hatton  
incoming President of the NFR.  
1965 Snowvalley Rd.  
Minesing ON  
L0L 1Y0  
moose\_caboose@bell.net

or after August 1<sup>st</sup> 2011

## Niagara Frontier Region Executive Reports

**President**  
**Richard Roth**

**American Vice President**  
**Bill Estes**

**Canadian Vice President**  
**Richard Hatton**

Well winter is slowly coming to an end and a new season opens. RAILFANNING!

Once you have been out and about in the sunshine and taking a few snapshots why not share with your fellow members in the NFR. Tell us a few words about your adventure, you know to include the pic's.

Since my last column I have been to the Woodstock and Paris shows. Both were well attended and gave me the

opportunity to share stories and ideas with fellow Model Railroaders. I had a great time. Next up Barrie, Kitchener, Lindsay and Midland. Hope to see you at a few of these.

### GOOD NEWS NFR CONVENTION 2012.

Sudbury in April 2012. Keep an eye on the Flimsy for details. They have been working hard to put together a great event.

Well, I've got to get back to work; I have a few things to get ready for the Barrie Show.

See you a round, stop by a train show near you tell'em Rick sent ya.

# Niagara Frontier Region Division Reports

## Central Ontario Division Superintendent Richard Hatton

Hello out there in Model Railroad Land

### WANTED

Full time Superintendant for the COD

The COD needs someone with good organizational skills will to help put together events, clinics and workshops for the members of the COD. The members of the COD deserve a full time superintendant. So if you know someone send them this way.

### Modellers Weekend Out. OCT 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

October first the COD is offering a full day of clinics, and October 2<sup>nd</sup> the Muskoka layout tour. This tour offers 20 + layouts spread from Alliston to Huntsville. So if you live in the North, South, East or West there are layouts near you. Full details will be in the June Flimsy.

Happy modelling and see you soon.

## International Division Superintendent Harvey McIntyre

Hi all. The International Division held its last meet on Oct.16, 2010 at St. Albans Anglican Church on Ontario St. in Beamsville. Clinics held were by Ron Tuff's "Installing and finishing flex track on your model railway" and Jim Martin's "Painting backdrop". Following the meet the layouts of Jim Ellis, Lex Parker, and Ross Oddi were open for the pleasure of the members to visit.

The next meet for the International Division will be at the Burlington Central Library located at 2331 New Street in Burlington. Registration begins at 9:00 am with the meet getting underway at 9:30 am. Clinics that will be presented are Marty Gold's clinic on Decoder Selection and Installation Basics and Roger Chrysler's on the use of Cardstock Buildings and Construction Techniques. Following the meet we will have the pleasure of visiting the layouts of Bob Mitchell, Charlie Olden, and Ron Robinson.

See you there!

## Lakeshores Division Superintendent Raymond Howard

## Ontario Northland Division Superintendent Trevor Ross

Upcoming events in or near the OND include the Midland Train Show in May. NFR members in the Sudbury area are eagerly busy preparing to host the 2012 NFR convention. Look for promotional material elsewhere in the Flimsy. Anyone interested in giving a clinic at the convention please contact me.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the OND you can contact me at [trevor@tjrcadd.com](mailto:trevor@tjrcadd.com) or (705) 983-9602.

## St. Lawrence Division Superintendent Ron Newby

Hard to believe that two months have come and gone already, hope everyone had a great holiday.

We had another great meeting on January 29 where there was a great clinic on building a double deck layout and the pitfalls to avoid. The afternoon saw us visit two great layouts in the area.

February 5 saw us run the second MR101 program where the participants got to get hands on training and instruction. Everyone got to build a 12" x 12" diorama complete with track and scenery. Judging from the comments and smiles everyone had a great time. You can read more about this event in this issue of the Flimsy.

A kit busters session will be held on February 26 (will be at the time of writing) and our next meeting will be held on March 26, 2011.

Till next time, may your train stay on the tracks and may you never run out of rail.

## Southern Tier Division Robert Hamilton

**Western Ontario Division  
Superintendent John Moseley**

A lot is happening in our Division this year, which started off with our annual Paris Junction train show. Despite the cold temperatures, we were still able to get 1000 people to attend, of which 175 were children. Several new vendors were added to the show, with Sears Travel attending, to show attendees that there are variable train tours in North America. The show also had different scales, which ranged from the garden scale, all the way down to the Z scale.

This coming April we are having 2 clinics, one in Stratford and one in Ingersoll. The Stratford clinic is our

Make and Take clinic. This year we are making the GHQ Bulldozer. The Ingersoll clinic will be a combination of using a static grass applicator, as well as DCC programming. This clinic is designed to be a hands-on clinic.

The WOD's welcome table layout is again set up to attend this spring's train show, starting off with the Double Headers tour on March 26<sup>th</sup>, Kitchener train show the next day, and Woodstock on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April

Congratulations go out to John Wagner and Peter Landry, for getting their Golden Spikes.

## **Niagara Frontier Region Officer Reports**

**Achievement Program Chairman  
Peter Nesbitt**

I'm pleased to advise of the following Achievement Programme activity since my last report.

### **Golden Spike Award:**

Peter Landry  
John Wagner

Congratulations to both of you for your fine accomplishments!

**Keith Lebold  
Historian**

I would like to thank the following for their submissions to the Archives since my last report.

Fran Phillips - December 2010 issue of the Flimsy  
John Kanakos - Junction Gang Newsletters  
Gord King - WOD Newsletters.  
Nev Meads - 2011 Election Results  
Clair Rutter NFR Registrar - EOM Zip Files

**Convention Coordinator  
Open**

**NFR Membership Type by Years Renewed  
January 2011**

Membership Type	Total	1 YR	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Mth	Life
Member	158	99	58		1			
Rail Pass	17						17	
Family	42	20	21		1			
Life Member Actuarial	36							36
Life Member	127							127
Member w/subscription	438	304	132		2			
Sustaining	4	4						
Student	2	2						
<b>Total</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>211</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>163</b>

Membership Type	Total	COD	SLD	LSD	WOD	ID	STD	AHD	OND
Member	159	37	31	8	45	29	5	3	1
Rail Pass	17	3	2	8	2		1	1	
Family	42	16	5	3	10	7			1
Life Member Actuarial	33	4	4	6	4	9	1	4	1
Life Member	116	27	11	25	22	20	5	2	4
Member w/subscription	426	118	60	46	86	70	22	18	6
Sustaining	4	2	1			1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>

NFR Division Membership by Expire Year						
Div Des	Total	2011	2012	2013	2014	2099
COD	207	112	57	7		31
SLD	114	57	37	5		15
LSD	96	53	12			31
WOD	169	93	39	11		26
ID	136	82	18	7		29
STD	34	21	7			6
AHD	28	18	4			6
OND	13	5	3			5
ORR	27	10	3			14
<b>Total</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>163</b>

## The SLD's Model Railroading 101 Program – Strikes Again!

By Grant Knowles, MR101 Chairman

Photos by Mike Hamer



Last fall we introduced the MR101 concept outlining the program's objectives and proposed approach. We have just successfully completed the second Information Session and are running with a full head of steam into the next phase of the program. Further details regarding the MR101 program can be found in the September and December 2010 issues of the Flimsy.

The November MR101 Information Session focused on entering into the hobby and discussing the key aspects of model railroading that one should be aware of – what to buy and what to watch out for. The original plan for the February session was to take this story up a notch and address what lies “beyond the train set” and transitioning into the real beauty of the hobby. Based on the feedback we received from the November participants, it appeared the folks wanted us to skip a few rungs in the ladder and focus more on the “hands on” component. E.g. they were asking for help with the foundational layout building techniques and materials. Not a problem, we can do that!

As with the previous session, we printed up flyers that were distributed at the local hobby shops, made phone calls to the November participants and sent out emails to stum up interest in the February session. In the end, the majority of the November participants returned along with a few more that heard about the event through advertising and word of mouth.

This time around we decided the core of the Information Session will be based on the participants building their own square foot diorama, as that will allow us to demonstrate:

- Installing cork and track,
- Making cost effective trees,
- Understanding and making basic land forms,
- Application of celluclay and ground foam,
- Applying ballast and installation,
- Vegetation and tree installation and placement.

Above all, the key objective is to build up their confidence and materials familiarity and approach so they can proceed on their own.



Chris Lyon was the Master Of Ceremonies and also led the Participants through the diorama construction process.

The format was a Leader Lead exercise, where Chris Lyon directed the volunteers (1 per table) and the participants (2 per table) in the construction process. The key to success was to have a SLD member engaged on a per table basis to facilitate material distribution, address questions, provided guidance and offer moral support. The participants worked steadily over the 2.5 hours to complete their dioramas. We had 18 dioramas built by individuals and family members, each uniquely different and all very well done – you'd never know these folks

have never done this type of thing before!

The Diorama Build was then followed by a brief coffee break as we re-arranged the furniture for the four Round Robin clinics that followed, these covered:

- Usage of the NMRA and other track gauges by Ron Newby (SLD Super)
- Pointers on effective layout planning by Andreas Mank (designer of the 2010 Raffle Layout)
- How to ensure top performance out of your rolling stock by Peter Nesbitt (NFR AP Chairman), and
- Common tools used in the hobby by Fred Adams.



Father and child busy building their scenery with a blob of celluclay.



Father guiding his son with the application of diluted white glue over the scenery materials.

The clinics were set up in opposite corners of the hall so they could run simultaneously without interfering with each other. There were four rotations of 15 minutes each (we'll lengthen these to 20 mins for next time), allowing participation in every clinic, with a smaller audience and better opportunity for questions, etc.

We wrapped up the morning activities around 1:00 PM, took a short lunch break then were off to the layout tours in the afternoon to see three great local layouts (Grant Knowles, Mike Hamer and Chris Lyon) and see firsthand how they can apply what was learned in the morning.

Shortly after the event, we followed up with a communiqué speaking to further educational opportunities by attending the regular SLD meets and workshops along with upcoming RR events in the Ottawa area (flea markets, conventions, trains shows and meets).

truly a life altering experience for me. My imagination is fired up like never before." The participants are now on our mailing list and we will make every effort to keep them informed and hope to see their smiling faces and table their questions at our meets moving forward.

What's next you ask? These first two information sessions were the first steps in an on-going program. They were our best guess at what the public was looking for and based on the response, I suggest we were pretty close to the target. Based on the feedback we'll make refinements to the future activities the first of which is building the next Children's Hospital (CHEO) Raffle Layout with the involvement of the

*Page 8—The NFR Frontier Flimsy—March 2011*

The feedback from the event has been exceptional and included such heart warming comments as "It was



Here are the dioramas lined up for the photo opportunity.

new members. In the meantime a number of the participants have joined the SLD as the club provides regular learning opportunities through our meets and workshops along with the camaraderie and support that makes this hobby so enjoyable.

As we move forward with the MR101 Program, we'll keep you posted on our progress, events and learning experiences. It has taken hard work, support by everyone in the club but the outcome speaks for itself – some very excited new members to the hobby!

To learn more about this program and the ongoing activities, visit our web site at: [sld-mrr101.info](http://sld-mrr101.info)

Look for further information to appear in the Divisions report section of the NMRA.ORG magazine. We've also been asked by the NMRA head office to provide a detailed article on the MR101 Program!



Andreas Mank presents his clinic on Layout Planning to a very attentive audience.

FREE  
CLINICS

VENDORS



**3rd Annual  
NFR  
MODEL TRAIN SHOW**

**SAT. SEPT. 24 2011  
10:00 TO 4:30**

Tottenham Community Centre  
139 Queen Street, North  
Tottenham, Ontario  
For information on how to  
Participate Contact :

Richard Hatton at [moose\\_caboose@bell.net](mailto:moose_caboose@bell.net)  
Or  
705-737-9363

ADULTS \$4.00 STUDENTS AND SENIORS \$3.00 CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE



JUDGED  
CONTESTS

LAYOUTS

# Saga of the MC&H Central – Week Two

Story by William Annand

Photos by Rob Seymour and Paul Aegerter

(This article follows on from the diary presented in the December 2010 Flimsy. Editor)

Day Eight: Monday March 15<sup>th</sup>

Today, Paul is concentrating on the Wainwright Gorge and Korchefsky Ridge area of the layout. He secures Will's Engine House, a quality kit from RSLaser Kits. He worked on finishing the abutments for the Arch Bridge, Paul trimmed and fitted the abutment as well as the retaining wall to keep the ballast from running into the valley. Moving onto the ridge, more material is applied as Paul gets things exactly as he wants them. More foam is glued in place to accept plaster. Another corner of rocks is taking shape and plywood is glued in place to fill the larger gaps. The entire layout is glued together and clamped until dry. The filling and gluing seems to never cease. The foam and plywood are all covered with Plaster of Paris. It is applied thickly in areas where rock faces will be carved. Once finished with Wainwright Gorge, Paul moves on to the Aegerter Village corner and the road to the cabins has been cleared.



Wainwright Gorge is almost completed and now Korchefsky Ridge is taking shape.



The hand carved rocks on Korchefsky Ridge.



A cross section of the scene shows how Paul builds the scenery on Korchefsky Ridge



The tunnel portal and hand carved rocks look very real. The dirt road on the right leads to little Aegerter Village.



Adding the plywood base for the little town of Lawson's Landing.



The future site of Aegerter Village

Day Nine: Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup>

Paul seems to concentrate on Seymour Pass today, alternately working on both ends of the pass at once. The tunnel portals used are Canadian made from Juneco Scale Models. Each tunnel portal is glued to one or two pieces of 5cm thick blue foam which is cut to the shape of the portal. A thin coat of plaster is applied and then painted black, this provides the tunnel liner.



The Lawson`s Landing end of Seymour Pass has been completed.



The other Korchefsky Ridge end of Seymour Pass also completed.



Seymour Pass looking back toward the Korchefsky Ridge end.



Paul vacuuming up the loose ground cover, you can see Aegerter Village in the foreground.



The “Crazy Swissman” as Paul called himself is finishing up Seymour Pass.



The sand was considered too large for N scale so it was ground smaller with a cast iron mortar and pestle.

Day Ten: Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>

Details Details Details. All I can say is it has to be seen to be believed. Retaining walls, weathered track and ballast make the scene look realistic. The Grass-o-Mat was brought out today to highlight the long grass. Jos Geurts Trees really add to the effect. Watching Paul work is amazing. He starts with white plaster area, squirts white glue full strength from the bottle, then dips a paint brush in water and spreads the glue. A sprinkling of ground colour turf making sure to get 100% coverage. He lets it sit a couple of minutes, then vacuums off any loose particles. Another layer is added using the same technique, this time he sprinkles a green turf and makes sure it is **not** 100% coverage. After vacuuming, a third layer is applied with a different shade of green, a final third layer of a third shade of green is applied, each successive layer is applied so that it accents the layer below. To change the shades of the green turf, Paul puts some turf in a small container, adds some dry yellow pigment to the turf (weathering powders would work). In the evening Will and Paul go off to Will's railroad club, the Muskoka Model Railway Club. Here Paul sees the 12m x 3.5m HO DCC layout the club runs, as well as the portable 3m x 5m N scale layout they take to train shows.



Testing the track on the upper level, our 4-4-0 passenger train rounds Korchefsky Ridge.



Tunnel portal at the Lawson's Landing end of Seymour Pass.



Paul uses his "Grass-O-Mat" for that long grass standing effect.



Paul says it is the little things that modellers forget to add that changes an average layout into an outstanding layout. Here he adds the retaining wall that will hold the ballast.



Closeup details at the Lawson's Landing End of Seymour Pass.



Ballasting is always done with care, after spreading and wetting the ballast, the 50-50 glue/water mix is added to hold it firm.

Day Eleven: Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>

With only three days left, the layout is progressing very well. Paul and his young apprentice Tom McRae were deeply engrossed in construction details today. Tom will be finishing the layout once Paul heads back to Germany. Today Paul worked on finishing the Camp Annand and Aegerter Village area of the layout, While Tom laid out Lawson's Landing.



The three Cabins that were donated by RSLaser Kits owner Rich Sheppard are in place and the dirt road has been started.



The base for the trestle has been started.



The gorge is being prepared for the placement of the trestle. In the foreground is the future site of Lake McRae.



Paul and Tom working side by side roughing in Lawson's Landing.



A view looking across tiny Aegerter Village toward one of the lower tunnel portals.



The details under the trestle have been added and the finished scene is about to be put in place.

Day Twelve: Friday March 19<sup>th</sup>

Today was the day that Paul tackled the trestle gorge and lake area. The double track bridge had to be aligned perfectly. Paul spends almost the full day on the trestle, and gorge area. He works and reworks the landscape until he gets it just right. Fitting in the trestle and finishing the gorge where the Realistic Water would be added later.



The realism of the gorge and the two bridges is seen here.



A closer shot of the trestle shows the water barrel platforms and realistic detail of the gorge itself.



The diminutive 4-4-0 and its three Overland Coaches passes Camp Annand and is crossing the kit-bashed RSLaser Truss.



Looking down the country road from the tiny RSLaser Cabins of Aegerter Village toward the RSLaser Lodge now called Camp Annand.



Railfan view of the 4-4-0 crossing the RSLaser Kits kit-bashed Truss bridge.



Looking under the truss bridge toward the trestle shows the realistic details Paul added to the scenery.

Day Thirteen: Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>  
The final day Paul would be here.

Paul was still working at light speed, he finished off the valley side of the layout, the one that would be in the window. The results were stunning. He then turned his attention to the Engine house and little scratch-built freight shed. Again he used his large iron mortar and pestle to grind the small rocks into N scale gravel, also grinding sand into N scale dirt for the area. Once again his process for layering the scene and changing textures and colours came into play. By the end of the day, he had almost achieved his goal of building the layout in two weeks. The only area not completed would be the small town area on the upper section. If he had one more day he said he could have done it.



The RSLaser Engine House and Paul's scratchbuilt freight depot are in place. In the background, Peter Korchevsky adds ballast to the track.

[Thus ends the quest, a layout in two weeks.](#) I learned two main things from Paul and these two things I think that separate really great layouts from mere train sets. First as Paul approached each new area on the layout he thought about it first and then said something like “I will do it this way because that is logical.” The second thing is concentration. Paul worked best when there were no distractions. He was always commenting on the fact you have to concentrate so that it comes out looking “right”.



The master layout builder, Paul Aegerter and his photographer, Rob Seymour.



The master layout builder, Paul Aegerter and shop keeper Will Annand.



The master layout builder, Paul Aegerter and his assistant Peter Korchevsky.



Aerial View after Twelve Days

# INTERNATIONAL DIVISION NMRA MEET



At our October 2010 meet we held a "Build a diorama on a CD". We didn't have time to judge it and also realized we didn't clearly describe the rules, so we are doing it again at this meet

Here are the rules

- 1- The scene modeled must be railway related.
- 2- Scene can be of any nature, topic, realistic, or comical.
- 3- Scene must be modeled on standard 4 1/2" CD.
- 4- All components of the scene modeled must be within the outside diameter of the CD( no height restrictions).

**ID Meet**  
**March 12, 2011**  
**Burlington Central Library**  
**2331 New St.,**  
(2-1/2 blocks west of Guelph line)  
**Burlington, Ontario**  
**Library opens and**  
**Registration starts 9:00 AM**  
**Meet begins 9:30 AM**  
NMRA members: \$3:00  
Nonmembers:\$5:00

Note times

Tim's and restaurants nearby or bring your lunch

Sell/swap tables- See the Cinder  
Cruncher for details

## Clinics

- Marty Gold's clinic on "DCC Decoder Selection and installation basics."
- Roger Chrysler' s clinic on "Using card stock building construction techniques to represent the rears of businesses facing the railway, rather than the fronts along the main street."

### Layout Open Houses

Ron Robinson  
Bob Mitchell  
Charlie Olden

# 2011 Mid Central Region Convention

## Rails Of Ages 1961 to 2011

April 28 - May 1, 2011

Featuring all the standard convention fare  
Clinics – Industry Tours – Contests - Non-Rail Activities –  
Silent Auction - Awards Banquet - Raffle – Layout Tours

**Sampling of the  
Bill Of Lading:**  
(tentative)



#### Tours:

Excursion on local shortline featuring cab and caboose rides  
Railroad maintenance company  
Specialty petroleum additive company with its own switcher

#### Clinics:

Freight car weathering                      Local Railroad history  
Interurbans                                      Model Railroad Photography  
Unique rolling stock                          Much, much more

#### Non-rail activities:

Antique baby carriage and toy museum  
16 covered bridges                          12 wineries  
Great Lakes Maritime Museum      Wine tasting & dinner

#### Local Railroad attractions:

CSX and NS mainlines from Cleveland to Buffalo  
AC&J shortline                                  Bessemer & Lake Erie  
Ashtabula, Ohio and Conneaut, Ohio lake-to-rail ports  
Conneaut Railroad museum

### Prototype / Model Railroadng 50 Years Ago

#### Milestones / Significant Events

- Start of the NMRA Achievement Program
- HO Kitmaster kit of an American General Locomotive sold for \$1.50
- Bowser moved to Muncy, PA
- 1st Open House of the Youngstown Model Railroad
- Division 5 Formed in NE Ohio
- Local RR's included the B&O, B&LE, EL, FP&E, NYC, PRR, NP
- US leader in steel and automobile manufacturing
- Railroads going strong, but passenger traffic dropping

What are your railroadng memories of 50 years ago?

### Information

Matt Kross  
12049 Sperry Road  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
440-729-3045

For more information as it becomes available, check out the convention website at [www.RailsOfAges.org](http://www.RailsOfAges.org), or e-mail address [info@RailsOfAges.org](mailto:info@RailsOfAges.org)



# Regional Train Orders

March 5, 2011. Cobourg, ON. Cobourg Model Train Show Organized by the Cobourg Model Railroaders. Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm.

March 6, 2011. Niagara Falls, ON. Niagara Falls Model Railroad Show Organized by the Niagara Railway Museum. : Sunday 10:00am-3:30pm. Optimist Park Hall, 4709 Dorchester Rd (at Morrison). Info: <http://www.nfrm.ca/nfmrs.php>

March 13, 2011. Lambeth ON. The Thames Valley Central Show and Sale. Lambeth Community Centre. Info: Paul Rooks Ph: 519-455-1713, email: [2020opticalservice@gmail.com](mailto:2020opticalservice@gmail.com)

March 20, 2011. Burlington, ON. Burlington Model Railway Show. Sunday 10:00am-3:00pm. Burlington Holiday Inn, 3063 South Service Road, Info: Jim at 905.335.1177 or Ed at 905.318.0313

March 19-20, 2011. Kingston, ON. Kingston Rail O Rama. Organized by the Kingston Division, Canadian Railroad Historical Association. Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm; Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm. Ambassador Hotel, 1550 Princess Street. Info: 613-542-9461

**March 26, 2011.** Ottawa, ON. St. Lawrence Division Meet. Please see the division web site at : [www3.sympatico.ca/gd.knowles/sld/sld\\_index.htm](http://www3.sympatico.ca/gd.knowles/sld/sld_index.htm)

March 27, 2011. Kitchener, ON. Kitchener Model Train Show. Sunday 10:00am-3:00pm. Bingemans Ballroom, 425 Bingemans Centre Drive. Info: 519-426-8875; [toyshow@kwic.com](mailto:toyshow@kwic.com)

April 2-3, 2011, Lindsay, ON. Lindsay Model Railway Show. Organized by Lindsay and District Model Railroaders . Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm, Sunday 10:00am-4:30pm. Victoria Park Armoury, 210 Kent Street West. Info: Don at 705.328.0474 (weekdays) 705.454.2746 (weekends) or <http://ldmr.org/>

April 3, 2011. Etobicoke, ON. Model Railroad Flea Market sponsored by the Lakeshore Model Railroaders' Association. Sunday 10:00am – 3:00pm. Humber College, North Campus, Entrance D, 205 Humber College Blvd. Contact Steve at 416-817-4015.

**April 09, 2011.** Woodstock, ON. WOD Meet. Located at the Woodstock Quality Inn. Saturday 9:30am. Clinics: Static Grass Scenery presented by Don Wesley (& John Kanakos), Decoder Pro Locomotive Programming presented by Bob Byck, . Programming Locomotives With A Digitrax Dt400 Hand Throttle. Contact John Kanakos for more info at 519 660-1844 or by email at [johnkana@fc.amdsb.ca](mailto:johnkana@fc.amdsb.ca)

April 30, May 1, 2011 Aberfoyle, ON. Aberfoyle Junction Model Railway. Large "O" Scale Club Layout open to the public. Located in a quanset hut at southern village limits, 128 Brock Road, 1.5 km north of Hwy 401, Exit #299. 10:00am to 4:30pm. Adults \$8.00, Students/Seniors \$6.00, Children \$5.00. Contact Craig Webb, 257 Broadway Av., Hamilton ON, L8S 2W7. Phone: 905-527-5474.

May 7-8, 2011 Aberfoyle, ON. Aberfoyle Junction Model Railway. Large "O" Scale Club Layout open to the public. Located in a quanset hut at southern village limits, 128 Brock Road, 1.5 km north of Hwy 401, Exit #299. 10:00am to 4:30pm. Adults \$8.00, Students/Seniors \$6.00, Children \$5.00. Contact Craig Webb, 257 Broadway Av., Hamilton ON, L8S 2W7. Phone: 905-527-5474.

May 14-15, 2011 Aberfoyle, ON. Aberfoyle Junction Model Railway. Large "O" Scale Club Layout open to the public. Located in a quanset hut at southern village limits, 128 Brock Road, 1.5 km north of Hwy 401, Exit #299. 10:00am to 4:30pm. Adults \$8.00, Students/Seniors \$6.00, Children \$5.00. Contact Craig Webb, 257 Broadway Av., Hamilton ON, L8S 2W7. Phone: 905-527-5474.

May 20-23, 2011. Ottawa, ON. Trains and Tulips: the Canadian Railway Convention. Algonquin College Conference Centre. Workshops and Clinics, Layout Tours, Modeling competition, trains Show, Banquet and more! Information: Mike Hind Email: [hind\\_mike@yahoo.ca](mailto:hind_mike@yahoo.ca), Phone 613-821-3741 or mail PO Box 108 #2681 Derby St. Metcalf, ON K0A 2P0. Web site: [trainsandtulips.com](http://trainsandtulips.com).

May 21-22, 2011. Ottawa, ON. Trains and Tulips: the Canadian Railway Convention Train Show. Algonquin College, Woodroffe & Baseline. Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm, Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm. Admission: adults

13+ \$5.00, Children 5-12 \$2.00 free under 5. Web site: [trainsandtulips.com/trainshow](http://trainsandtulips.com/trainshow).

**May 28, 2011.** TBD. St. Lawrence Division Meet. Please see the division web site at : [www3.sympatico.ca/gd.knowles/sld/sld\\_index.htm](http://www3.sympatico.ca/gd.knowles/sld/sld_index.htm)

August 27,28, 2011. Smiths Falls, ON. Railfest at the Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario. 90 Willian St. West. Model vendors, Exhibitors, Workshops, Hand Car Rides. Admission: Adults \$5.50, Students/Seniors \$4.50, Children \$3.50, under 4 free. Info 613-283-5696 or [www.rmeo.org](http://www.rmeo.org).

October 29, 2011. , Harriston ON. Annual "BOOMERS" Auction of 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. For additional Information contact Harold G. Jones, 16 Conroy Cres, Guelph, ON N1G 2V6, Canada. 519-821-2454. Email: [hgjones@execulink.com](mailto:hgjones@execulink.com)

## NMRA InfoNet News tidbits

Supplied by Gerry Leone, MMR, NMRA Communications Director

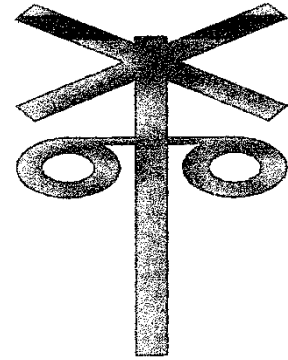
- The **X2011 West NMRA National Convention site** went "live" in January, allowing online registration and online selection and payment for tours, events, meals, and even Convention merchandise! This is the *first time ever* that a Convention committee has provided complete online registration and tour signup. Even OpSIG and LDSIG signups are being handled online. Easy, fast, and you immediately know if a tour or event is sold out. Hotel reservations are also being done online through the Convention website. The Convention website is [www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org)
- The **"Members Only" section of our website** is getting very close to opening to the public. In addition to some content we're preparing right now, we're also looking for some ideas from NMRA members of things we can add to that

section. If you or your members have some ideas, please forward them to Bob Robbins at [marrob17@optonline.com](mailto:marrob17@optonline.com).

- Just a reminder that there are still several prints of our **75th Anniversary Painting** available for sale. The prints measure 30"x20" and are signed and numbered. The price is \$150 plus shipping and handling, and can be ordered by calling Headquarters.
- Two "new" **model railroad podcasts** have popped up within the past several months. One is "Model Rail Radio," and features the NMRA's own Board Member Clark Kooning as a regular guest. Shows run from 20 minutes to three hours and cover a wide range of topics. You can find out more about that podcast at [www.modelrailradio.com](http://www.modelrailradio.com). Another podcast, hosted by Trevor Marshall and Jim Martin, features two in-depth interviews in a concise, 20-minute period. Find out more at [www.themodelrailwayshow.com](http://www.themodelrailwayshow.com). Both podcasts can be downloaded via iTunes.
- Just a reminder that we continue to run a "**Help Wanted**" ad in *NMRA Magazine*. We've already filled several positions, thanks to generous volunteers. But we still need help. Here are the spots we're hoping to have volunteers fill:
  - **IT staff volunteer** with experience in Content Management Systems. Able to program in PHP and PostgreSQL/MySQL, and good experience in HTML and CSS. IIS and VB experience a plus. Time commitment: ~3 hours per week.
  - **Travel specialist**, preferably a professional travel agent, with experience setting up and organizing group tours. Time commitment: several hours per month.

*If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You'll find those addresses at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) or in NMRA Magazine.*

# ALL ABOARD!!



**The Layouts are waiting, the scenes to be explored,  
Come and visit Sudbury, you certainly won't be bored.  
As Stompin' Tom Connors once sang in his song,  
A Sudbury Saturday Night simply can't go wrong!  
Book the below dates off in your day book,  
Ride the rails to Sudbury and have another look.  
Lots to see and do while visiting, even if there's rain,  
Vale, Science North and of course the odd train!  
So all aboard for Sudbury, come on out to the**

**Sudbury, Saturday Night Express  
NMRA Niagara Frontier Region 2012 Convention  
April 27, 28, 29, 2012**

