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In this image, we see our illustrious leader, Grant Knowles, giving a quick introductory lesson on L-girder benchwork. The great thing about this project is that newcomers to the hobby will be working alongside veteran modellers. In fact, the two gents to the left in this image are newbies to model railroad building.



Installing the inside cross pieces.  
Here Stan and Debbie demonstrate team work as they drill a clearance hole before installing the screw. We had used a chop saw to cut the 1x4's to length. The chop saw cut nice square ends to the pieces so the frame ended up square right of the bat!

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# Niagara Frontier Region Executive Elections 2011 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

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## Memo to all NMRA Canada Members

NMRA Canada is seeking nominations for two (2) positions within its organization,

1) NMRA Canada President

2) NMRA Canada Vice President

These vacancies came about with Ron Einarson stepping down after 4 years of service and Don Hillman being elected as the National Director for Canada. Clark had planned on taking over for Ron but is now considering putting his name forward for one of the National positions of Vice President coming up in the 2012 elections.

If you or someone in your circle of friends or your club or Region is interested in applying for either position, please send us a short resume of yourself outlining your experience and involvement in the NMRA. Some experience on the local Division or Regional level would be a form of criteria as well as Volunteer or Official experience or exposure is an added benefit.

If you are interested, please submit your resume to the Nominating Committee prior to June 1st.

Nominating Committee members are as follows:

1. Fred Headon fheadon@shaw.ca
2. Frank Gerry frank.gerry@sunlife.com
3. Dennis Reitze ritzkrakrs@mts.net

Thank you in advance for your help and assistance in this endeavour.

Ron Einarson

NMRA Canada President

# Niagara Frontier Region Executive Reports

## President

**Richard Roth**

It's been almost 2 years now that I have been appealing to the NMRA Officers and Director to give assistance to Regions that are suffering from unintended, but substantial, problems brought on by multi-national membership. Two events have substantially impacted our Region in the last 6 to 8 years. This period has been marked by a decline in membership and greatly reduced cross-border activities by our members.

The first event was the changes to Canadian sponsored health insurance that increased substantially the costs of coverage when traveling in the United States. This caused many Canadians to reduce or eliminate their excursions to activities south of the border.

Subsequent to that change was the requirement imposed by the United States requiring passports or the equivalent to gain entry to the U.S. regardless of the time to be spent here. That event caused many in the U.S. to object and therefore no longer travel to Canadian activities.

Nearly 2/3rds of our membership resides in Canada. This had impacted the International Division most drastically. They alternated Meets in their Canadian and U.S. portion of their Division. Attendance by cross-border members fell. Recently, the majority of their recent events have been hosted on the Canadian side.

Most recent Regional Conventions at Woodstock, Chatham, Ottawa, and London all showed shockingly few Americans in attendance. At the same time, the last convention at Rochester had U.S. members outnumbering Canadians though there are quite a number of Canadians living within a couple hours of the host city.

A number of possible alternatives have been placed on the table at National, yet, nothing substantive has yet to come out of Chattanooga. Besides the NFR, other Regions with cross-border memberships are the Pacific Northwest Region, Thousand Lakes Region, and North East Region. While we share the commonality of being cross-border, the other 3 Regions all have their memberships divided more closely to the 50/50 ratio rather than our 64/36 we have. The other three also have much larger geographic areas in each side of the border that the NFR does not.

If a person goes to the NMRA Web Site and clicks on Regions and Divisions, they would also see something else that detracts from Regional participation in activities. Most Regions are so large as to require a trip from one end to the other to require a day's drive and an overnight stay. This is to say, the Regions are too large to offer activities to their members at a reasonable cost. To do so would mean relatively large payouts in travel and lodging. This may be acceptable for annual Regional Conventions, but does not encourage regular multi-Division activities.

I firmly believe that the answer is for National to step up and take the step of reducing Regional territories and thus increasing the number of Regions and reducing their size. To do this would fit well under the latest format of governance by National. Just as there are multiple Regions now represented by the Directors, one or two more are not going to reduce their ability to represent, only make travel for the members more economical and convenient. After all, the most important level of the National Organization is at the grass roots, the individual members. They, National must step up and do something substantive to better serve our members before it is too late. When surveys are done to lapsed members, probably the most often quoted reason for no renewing is answered by the question, "How is my money being used to serve and support me?"

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

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

### **THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES**

This is my last column as your vice president and I would like to thank you all for the journey. I have met many new people and learned so much. I would like to share at this time some of the things I gained as VP.

1<sup>st</sup> Friends. How can you beat this, you can't? Through the NFR and the NMRA events I have been to I have met many people, some I am proud to call friends. I would never have met any of these people without joining the NMRA.

2<sup>nd</sup> Knowledge. I remember my first time on Modellers Corner building trees. Why trees? It was all I knew. The members on the Corner were kind and gave pointers. I still have those trees and when I look back, boy were they kind. Through these people and their input I have been able to improve my modeling skills in many areas. Also my idea of what my layout should look like. What started out as a few structures with a train running through it is quickly turning into a layout with operating

becoming an important aspect. I never even thought of operations until I met the many people of the NFR and NMRA.

3<sup>rd</sup> FRIENDS. I can think of no more important thing than friendship. From sitting on Modellers Corner anywhere, to traveling to events such as train shows or Trainfest, to layout tours, to operating sessions in basements of people I would never have met without the NMRA. One of my fondest memories is a group of members sitting in a restaurant in Milwaukee and a question was asked "What is the best part of the NMRA?" We were living the answer, for every man there, no matter what side of the border; the answer was the same "FREINSHIP." My thanks to the members of the NFR.

So again thanks for all your help and I will continue to try and give back to the members of the NFR for what I have gained.

See you soon at a Modellers Corner near you as I continue with my journey.

So remember to visit a train show near you say Hi Tell-um rick sent ya.

## **Niagara Frontier Region Division Reports**

**Allegheny Highlands Division**  
**Richard Roth reporting**

A group of Model Railroaders along Lake Erie in Pennsylvania and New York has indicated their desire to work toward giving the Allegheny Highlands Division new life. The 10 county areas, four in New York and six in Pennsylvania has been without an active Division for more than 6 years. This is very good news for the Region and for the railroad modelers in the area.

One of the exciting aspects of the work being done is one of the people taking the lead, Rusty Bova, a modeler and business owner in Westfield, NY. His

second in command at this point is Joe Spann, also of Westfield, NY.

Rusty's shop, Bova's Music and Train Shoppe, is a unique combination for the hobbyist with musical instruments, instrument repair, lessons, and model trains and supplies all under one roof. Rusty is also a vendor at the Cross Roads Market that bills itself as the "Mall-ternative" on County Road 21 just outside Westfield, NY. The Cross Roads Market is a flea market style of gathering of various interests from food, to hobbies, to crafts, food purveyors, and more and well worth the drive to visit.

The interested group numbers about 20 at this time with their list growing. Several are or were NMRA and NFR members. Other NFR members are invited to contact them through Rusty at (716) 326-6278 or toll free at (800) 512-7307.

They are nearing the point of hosting an introductory get-together to lay more concrete plans to move forward. They encourage all interested modelers to contact Rusty for more details.

### **Central Ontario Division Superintendent Richard Hatton**

#### **NFR WEEKEND IN SIMCOE COUNTY**

October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will represent a combined effort by the COD and the Muskoka Layout tour group.

Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> there will be clinics starting with "Scratch Building a Truss Bridge" by Ron Guttman and we all know how hard it can be to get new participants in the hobby, so the members of the SLD have agreed to introduce us to their Model Railroading 101 clinic. This clinic should give us all a way to help generate new members to the Hobby. There will also be 2 clinics on scratch building in wood led by Neville Meads, and to complete the theme, one on scratch building with styrene headed up by Les Kauffeldt.

We will be concluding the day with, are you ready, the NFR AGM will be held at 5PM. That's right the first NFR AGM in 2 years so please bring your ideas and comments so we can begin our journey with the new executive.

All this fun and still 1 day to go.

Sunday Oct 2. The Muskokian Layout tour approximately 24 layouts from Alliston to Huntsville.

Sounds like a fun weekend! Check this Flimsy for all the details.

See you there.

### **International Division Superintendent Harvey McIntyre**

The last ID meeting was held at the Burlington Central Library on Saturday March 12, 2011. The clinics presented were by Marty Gold on DCC decoder installations and by Roger Chrysler on the use of card stock buildings on the layout.

Following the meet, the layouts of Bob Mitchell, Charlie Olden, and Ron Robinson were open for the members to tour.

The next ID Meet will be held in Niagara Falls Ontario. Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011 at the Victoria Avenue Library, 4848 Victoria Avenue (at Morrison). Registration will be at 9:00 am with the meet getting underway at 9:30 am. admission is free (donations appreciated). Bring a model for the popular choice contest for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.

Clinics to be presented are Robert Langlois, "Scratch Building, Lighting, and Automating an Engine Shed" , Richard Sparrow "Making Control Panel Graphics with Microsoft Excel" , and George Ziemer (reserve) "Excavating, Stocking, and Landscaping a Pond on the Layout."

A gift certificate for Just Train Crazy in Beamsville is being offered by Peter of Just Train Crazy as a door prize, and anyone going to his hobby shop at 5253 King St.( old Hwy 8) in Beamsville will get a 10% discount upon presenting a current NMRA membership card.

Following the meet in the afternoon the layouts of Will Boyle, Stan Conron, and Ron Pullano will be open for the members of the meet to tour.

Hope to see you there.

### **Lakeshores Division Superintendent Raymond Howard**

The Lakeshores Division held a combined Winter Meet with the Central New York Division on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The meet was well attended with over 50 members of the divisions braving the winter weather and a long drive to Auburn, NY for

the Meet. A “Modelers Showcase” was held with seven people bringing models to show. Dave Mitchell gave a clinic on an “Introduction to Airbrush Use”, and Bill and Maria DiMenna from True Scene Modeling gave a presentation and demonstration of their scenery product. Several layouts were open for a tour during the afternoon.

We provided a Modeler’s Corner at the Batavia Train Show on March 27<sup>th</sup> that included a slide show of photos of several of our member’s layouts.

The Lakeshores Division’s Spring Meet was held at the Glenn H. Curtiss Aviation Museum in Hammondsport, NY on April 8th. The Meet concentrated on the Bath and Hammondsport Railroad. Dick Honeyman gave a fascinating presentation on the History of the Railroad followed by a clinic on Modeling the Bath and Hammondsport by Richard Senges. Over 70 members and guests were in attendance. The afternoon activities included tours of the Aviation Museum, MMR Ned Spiller’s HO scale model RR, the B & H RR model railroad at the Pleasant Valley Winery, and a drive buy look at three of the original Hammondsport buildings – the B & H Passenger Depot, the B & H Engine House and a Hammondsport Power House. The day was very well received by all in attendance!

Our Summer Picnic will be held at the Finger Lakes Live Steamers in Clyde, NY on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Ontario Northland Division Superintendent Trevor Ross**

Upcoming events in or near the OND include the Midland Train Show May 28 and 29, the Huntsville Model Railway Exposition June 18 and 19, and the Muskoka Model Railway Show August 6 and 7. NFR members in the Sudbury area continue to plan for the 2012 NFR convention. Additional information can be found on the website at <http://www.sudburymodelrailroading.com/nfr2012> or you can search for “Sudbury Saturday Night Express” on Facebook. We are looking for additional individuals to present clinics at the convention, so if you are interested 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**

Another season has come and gone and what an exciting and busy season it was too. Our big initiative this year was our MR101 program. We held our two information sessions and are currently well on our way to building the raffle layout for this fall’s model railroad show. The proceeds of the raffle will go to Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO). Some of the participants of the MR101 sessions are learning about and doing different aspects as they help build the raffle layout.

The success of this program went beyond what we had hoped to accomplish. The response and requests we have gotten from around the continent about our program has been nothing short of amazing. A huge amount of credit goes to Grant Knowles and his crew for organizing and running this program. They recognized the needs of the general public, presented it in a well organized manner and make it interesting for the participants. An added bonus was the members we picked up as a result of the program.

We also had another season of kitbusters clinics with the theme being scratchbuilding structures. While we didn’t hold as many sessions this season due to the MR101 program, the sessions we did have were well attended and a lot was accomplished.

Our last meeting of the season took place in Smiths Falls where we had a clinic on track planning using a layout designed for a local modeller as the test subject, which was presented by Andreas Mank. I also gave a clinic on the 2-foot Railways of Maine. After the business meeting and clinics, we had an enjoyable afternoon at the Smiths Falls Railway Museum.

Hope everyone has a great summer and may your train stay on the track and you never run out of rail.

**Southern Tier Division**  
**Robert Hamilton**

**Western Ontario Division**  
**Superintendent John Moseley**

## **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:**

John Becker

Congratulations John for your fine accomplishment!

**Keith Lebold**  
**Historian**

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

John Brown, for the picture that he gave me of his first Convention and shown below.

Thank you also to Fran Phillips, Clair Rutter, Ray Howard, John Kanakos and to Richard McQuade.



NFR Member John Brown attending his first NFR Convention in 1959. John is the young man at the first table (bottom left) of the picture. He is sitting at about 11 o'clock with the grey jacket and striped tie.

Membership/Registrar  
Clair Rutter

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

Membership Type	Total	1 YR	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Mth	Life
Member	153	96	56			1		
Rail Pass	15						15	
Family	43	18	24		1			
Life Member Actuarial	36							36
Life Member	126							126
Member w/subscription	434	305	127			2		
Sustaining	5	5						
Student	2	2						
<b>Total</b>	814	426	207		1	3	15	162

Membership Type	Total	COD	SLD	LSD	WOD	ID	STD	AHD	OND
Member	153	36	31	7	41	27	6	3	2
Rail Pass	15	1	2	4	3	1	1	3	
Family	43	16	5	3	11	6		1	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	425	120	58	50	84	69	22	16	6
Sustaining	5	2	1	1		1			
<b>Total</b>	790	206	112	96	165	133	35	29	14

NFR Division Membership by Expire Year						
Div Des	Total	2011	2012	2013	2014	2099
COD	206	74	83	18		31
SLD	112	45	44	8		15
LSD	96	33	32			31
WOD	165	60	63	16		26
ID	133	56	36	12		29
STD	35	16	12	1		6
AHD	29	15	8			6
OND	14	3	6			5
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<b>Total</b>	814	310	287	55		162

# The SLD's Model Railroading 101 Program – The Raffle Layout

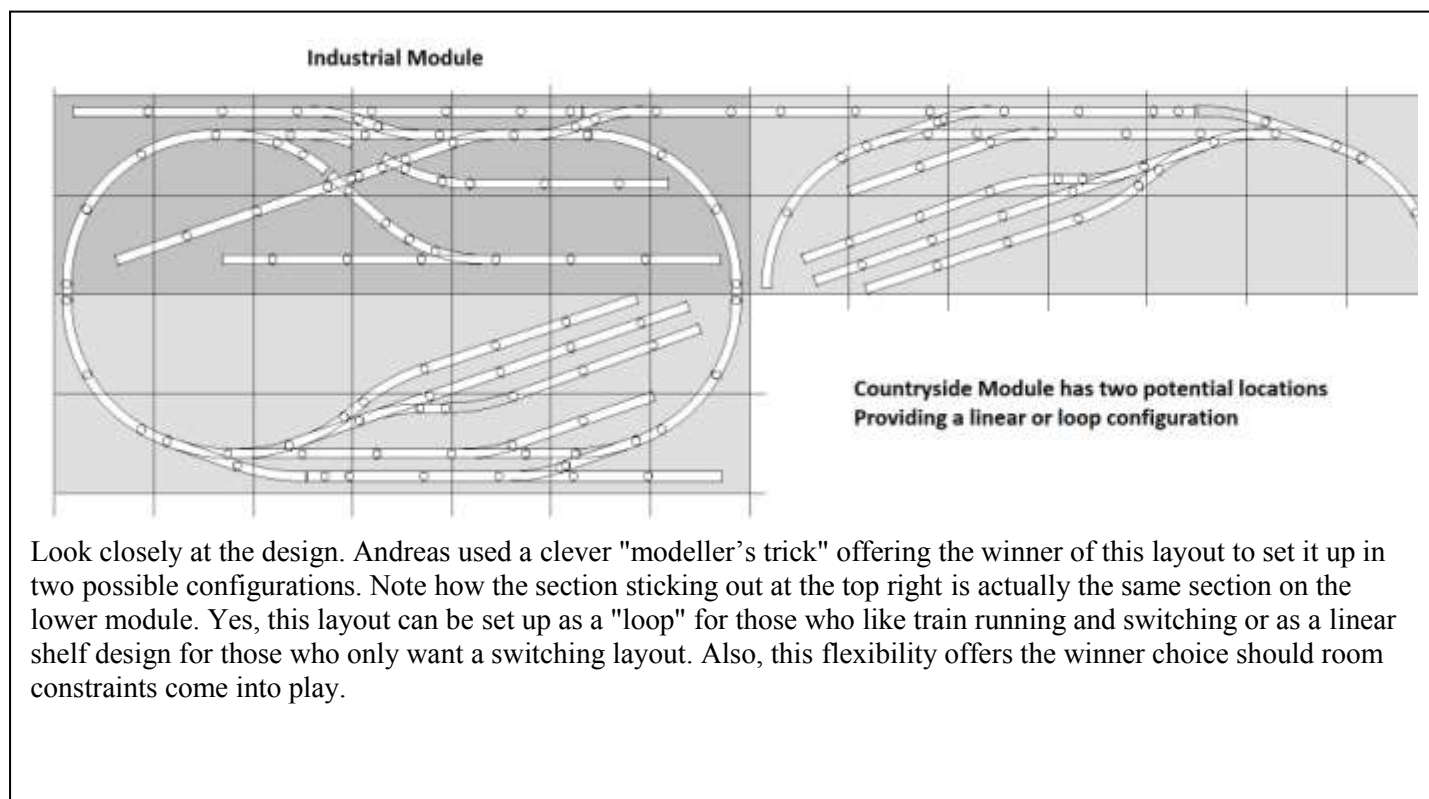
By Grant Knowles, MR101 Chairman  
Photos by Mike Hamer



Over the past few months, I have shared with you details regarding the very successful Model Railroading 101 Program the St. Lawrence Division undertook this season. The initial phase of the program included two public information sessions: the first on November 11 presented the wonderful world of modelling railroading to 35 anxious individuals. This past February saw 18 individuals learn basic model construction skills from the SLD members as they built some spectacular square foot dioramas.

For the next phase of the MR101 program, we're turning up the heat through construction of the 2011 Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) Raffle layout. Each October, at the Ottawa Railfair show, a model train layout, built by volunteers, is raffled off. This provides a two-fold benefit, aside from raising funds for the programs at the CHEO Hospital; it also provides a jumpstart into the hobby for the lucky winner. The SLD built last year's Raffle layout that was won by a young family whose children were keenly interested in the hobby. Needless to say they were very excited to see the layout set up in their home.

This year the newer members in the club will have the opportunity to practice their new found skills as they participate in the layout build along with the seasoned SLD members. The 4ft x 7 ft HO Scale layout is designed in two 2 ft x 7 ft modules that can be attached back-to-back or end-to-end.



The track plan was created by SLD member Andreas Mank using the *Right Track* tool by Atlas. This is a free downloadable software package that allows you to quickly assemble a track plan using the Atlas line of products. We based our plan on the SnapTrack product line supplemented with flex track for the tight spaces, our minimum radius was 18 inches. Taking this approach ensured we arrived at a track plan that would fit into the tight space without compromising on radius and close quarters.

The layout is comprised of an "industrial" half complimented by a "rural" half. We estimate the industrial side of the layout will easily consume 18 buildings as we try to pack as much in to provide a commercial flair to the railroad. The rural side will provide an exact contrast with a small rail yard, country store, farmhouse hills and waterfall.



Debbie, one of newest members, rolled up her sleeves and got right into the thick of it laying out the track based on Andreas' plan.

The layout is comprised of 2" blue Styrofoam mounted on top of a 1x4 box frame. The track is mounted directly to the Styrofoam with Liquid Nails with the land contours carved into the foam and hills created with chunks of foam added on and globs of celluclay.

The construction model we are following involves meeting bi weekly, evening work sessions that open up with a short lesson on the construction scope for the evening followed by "hands on" implementation learning. This model has worked very well to bring the newer members up to speed in not only learning about the methods and materials, but to also practice. By the time you read this article we would have completed the bench work, laid the track, roughed in the scenery, completed the wiring, painted the back drop and made a noble start on the many structures. All in a race to meet the October Railfair deadline!



Our Master of the Brush, Chris Lyon very quickly painted in the back drop for the rural side of the layout. The Industrial side was completed with similar speed and precision!

This whole project is funded through proceeds from the ticket sales augmented by donations from individuals and businesses. So far we have received kits and building materials from as far afield as USA and Australia, many of which are craftsman quality level products!



Here is an over view of our progress. Paul (L), David (C) and Steve (R) are at work placing the final tracks in place. It's amazing how much track a little 4'x7' layout can consume! The module on the left will be the "industrial" area while that on the right will be the "rural" scene. Well at least that is our plan!

Additional ongoing information can be found on the SLD web site;

[http://www3.sympatico.ca/gd.knowles/sld/raffle\\_layout\\_2011/raffle\\_layout\\_2011.htm](http://www3.sympatico.ca/gd.knowles/sld/raffle_layout_2011/raffle_layout_2011.htm)

along with the Railroad Line Forum at:

[http://www.railroad-line.com/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC\\_ID=33053](http://www.railroad-line.com/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=33053)

On a closing note, one of the key benefits of building the Raffle Layout is that it gives us the opportunity to share our knowledge in the hobby with our fellow members and to provide the opportunity to practice what we have learned. Yes completing the layout is a key objective, but the journey is also very important.



Here is a view of the "industrial" side of the layout illustrating the final track arrangement and preliminary building location and design planning.



Here Paul and David (new member) are gluing a set of track pieces in place. We found it helpful to dry fit the track pieces first, lift the pieces up as an assembly, apply the glue then reposition the assembly as it was quicker and easier to align the pieces before the glue set.



Our Electrical Wizard, Peter Nesbitt, provided instructions to our dedicated student - Ed who soon took over and helped with the wiring.



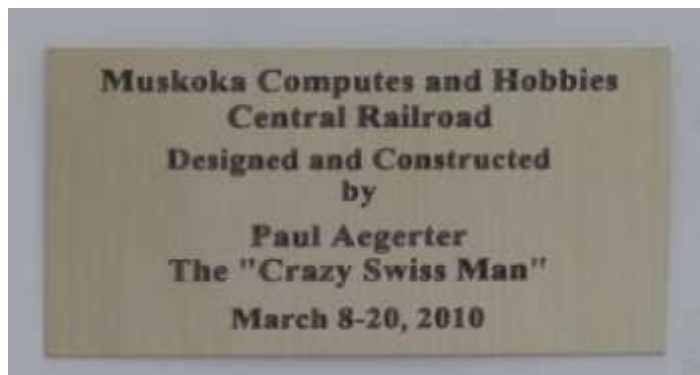
A on the rural side of the layout, Chris and Mike put their heads together and plan out the location for the station Chris had built. This is the Springfield Depot made by American Model Builders Inc. It will make for a very interesting scene on the edge of the layout.

## Saga of the MC&H Central – After Paul

Story by William Annand

Photos by Rob Seymour

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



Construction on the layout seemed to halt after Paul left. For the other fellows, real life got in the way of modelling. On the Wednesday after Paul left, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Dave and Tom came back in and mounted the folding legs on the layout. This allowed us to take it off the large showcase and bring it down to a better viewing height for our younger customers. At this point all that was left was the “Lawson's Landing” area.

Another week passed, then on Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>, the whole team came in and we got things going. The hill behind Lawson's Landing was completed, the structures were all secured and Main Street roughed in.

April 8<sup>th</sup> saw more work done in Lawson's Landing and on April 15<sup>th</sup>, on both the rise behind town and also on Korchefsky Ridge, trees were added. Things were really starting to look good.

On subsequent weeks, more trees and ground cover will be added. Still to do at this writing, several Osborn Models detail parts have to be assembled and placed on the layout. Level crossings, crossing signs, a dock and boats for the lake area, picnic tables for Camp Annand and Aegerter Village, and telephone poles are but a few of the details Derek Osborn provided us. The population also needs to be increased; both people and animal population will be added as well as vehicles. After all, a layout is never really done.

Two other additions will be a Plexiglas cover to protect the layout from dust and customers' fingers. Also we have a commemorative plaque which will be mounted on the fascia.



Lawson's Landing is starting to take shape as Tom McRae and Bill Corrigan are working their magic.



A view under the Truss bridge shows the first pour of Woodland Scenics Realistic Water in our little lake.



Railfan view of the RSLaser Kit shops in Lawson's Landing.



Testing the lower level with a long freight train.



A closer look at the RSLaser Kits Engine House.



The Woodland Scenics Realistic Water has been poured and our freight tests the truss bridge. You can see one of the custom Nscale.org box cars.



Trees have been added to Korchefsky Ridge as well.





Close up of our freight as it tests the truss bridge. You can see one of the custom Nscale.org box cars.



Scenery is being applied to Lawson's Landing; the dirt road is being wetted to assure everything stays in place.



A little Atlas 2-6-0 Mogul pulls a long freight toward Aegerter Village on the lower level of the MCH Central Railway.



Our Atlas 2-6-0 Mogul passes the rock cut under Lawson's Landing across the tracks from Aegerter Village.



Two of the RSLaser Kit shops in Lawson's Landing.



Osborn Models provided one of their Welcome Sign kits.



Mr Conductor checks that everything behind them is still ok.



Pedestrian view, looking down the country road toward Camp Annand.



Closeup showing the weathering on the tracks, made by simply painting the track with Cinnamon Brown acrylic Dollar Store paint. The tops of the rails were scraped clean with just a thumb nail.



Aerial view after the trees were added to the upper level.



# INTERNATIONAL DIVISION NMRA MEET



**ID Meet**  
**October 22, 2011**  
The Larmarsh Room  
Victoria Avenue  
Library  
4848 Victoria Ave.  
(at Morrison)  
Niagara Falls, Ontario  
Library opens and  
Registration starts 9:00 AM  
Meet begins 9:30 AM  
Admission free. Donations  
appreciated.

Note  
times

## Clinics

Robert Langlois, "Scratchbuilding, lighting and automating an Engine Shed"

Richard Sparrow, "Making control panel graphics with Microsoft Excel"

George Ziemer, (Reserve) "Excavating, stocking and landscaping a pond"

## Layouts

Stan Conron - HO Scale

Will Boyle - N Scale

Ron Pullano - HO Scale

**GENTLEMAN**  
**Mark Your Calendars**  
**for OCT 1 2011**

2 GREAT EVENTS BACK TO BACK  
SAT OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
A DAY OF CLINICS

Starting at:10AM

Model Railroading 101                      By SLD  
Scratch Building a Truss Bridge        BY Ron Guttman

Starting 12PM and 3PM

Scratch Building a Wood Structure    By Neville Meads  
Scratch Building with Styrene        By Less Kauffeldt

**LOCATION**

DAYS INN  
60 Bryne Drive  
Barrie, ON L4N 9Y4  
(705) 733-8989

DIRECTIONS: <http://maps.google.ca/maps?ct=reset>

**COST**

ONLY 12.00

**OCT 2<sup>ND</sup>**

7<sup>TH</sup> Annual Muskokian Layout Tour  
See the Flyer in this Flimsy for more details

**FREE**

For more information contact Richard Hatton  
Phone after July 1<sup>st</sup> 705-428-9997 (that's right I'm moving)  
EMAIL anytime: moose\_caboose@bell.net

**ADDED FEATURE**

**NFR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**STARTS @ 5PM**

**Bring your ideas and suggestions**

## GENTLEMAN MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please select your clinics and preferred Times  
Space is limited so it will be 1st come 1st serve  
Please send your cheques to  
Richard Hatton  
205 Country Lane  
Stayner Ont.  
L0L 1S0

Cost 12.00 for the day payable to : Richard Hatton.

SAT 10 AM	Presenters	
Model Railroading 101	SLD	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scratch Building a Truss Bridge	RonGuttman	<input type="checkbox"/>
SAT 12PM		
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SAT 3PM		
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Applicant

Name

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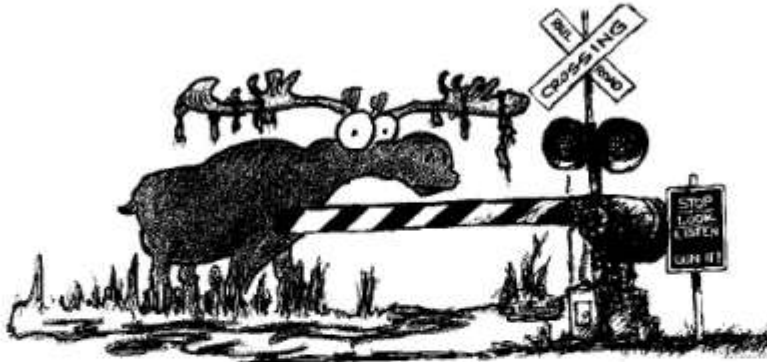
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Any Questions Please email me @ [moose\\_caboose@bell.net](mailto:moose_caboose@bell.net)  
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**7th ANNUAL  
MUSKOKA MODEL RAILROAD  
LAYOUT TOUR  
“THE MUSKOKIAN”  
OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup> · 2011 10.00am to 6.00pm**

**GUIDE BOOKS AVAILABLE  
SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
ALLISTON, BEATON, STROUD, ORILLIA,  
SEVERN BRIDGE, GRAVENHURST,  
BRACEBRIDGE, & HUNTSVILLE.  
LAYOUTS THIS YEAR FROM N TO G**

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CREDIT VALLEY RAILYWAY**

**FURTHER INFORMATION  
Al Crisp [beez\\_al@bell.net](mailto:beez_al@bell.net) ; [roger.berkeley@primus.ca](mailto:roger.berkeley@primus.ca);  
FOR MAPS AFTER SEPT 1<sup>ST</sup> ;  
[www.nfr-nmra.org](http://www.nfr-nmra.org) and follow link**

**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**

# Regional Train Orders

August 27-28, 2011. Smiths Falls, ON. Railfest at the Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario. 90 William 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).

**September 24, 2011. Tottenham, ON. NFR Train Show. Tottenham Community Centre, 139 Queen Street North. 10:00am to 4:30pm. Adults \$4.00, Students and Seniors \$3.00 Children under 6 free. Judged Contests, Layouts, Clinics, Vendors. Info: Richard Hatton, phone: 705-737-9363 or 705-428-9997 after July 1<sup>st</sup> or [moose\\_caboose@bell.net](mailto:moose_caboose@bell.net).**

**October 1, 2011. Barrie, ON. COD presents a Clinic Day and NFR AGM. A full day of clinics followed by the NFR AGM on the day before 'the Muskokian'. Days Inn, 60 Bryne Drive. Info: Richard Hatton, phone after July 1<sup>st</sup> 705-428-9997 or [moose\\_caboose@bell.net](mailto:moose_caboose@bell.net). See announcement in this issue of the Flimsy.**

October 2, 2011. Muskoka ON. 7<sup>th</sup> annual Muskoka Model Railroad Layout Tour "The Muskokian". 10:00am to 6:00pm, Alliston, Beaton, Stroud, Orillia, Severn Bridge, Gravenhurst, Bracebridge and Huntsville. Info: Al Crisp [beez\\_al@bell.net](mailto:beez_al@bell.net), [roger.berkeley@primus.ca](mailto:roger.berkeley@primus.ca). For maps after September 1 follow links on [www.nfr-nmra.org](http://www.nfr-nmra.org)

**October 22, 2011. Niagara Falls, ON. International division Meet. The Larmarsh Room, Victoria Avenue Library, 4848 Victoria Ave. Doors open at 9:00am. See announcement in this issue of the Flimsy.**

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 Crescent, Guelph, ON N1G 2V6, Canada. 519-821-2454. Email: [hgjones@execulink.com](mailto:hgjones@execulink.com)

**April 27-29, 2012. Sudbury ON. Sudbury Saturday Night Express. NMRA/NFR Convention. Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 50 Brady Street. See announcements in this issue of the Flimsy. Info: <http://www.sudburymodelrailroading.com/nfr2012/> Facebook: Sudbury Saturday Night Express**

## NMRA InfoNet News tidbits

Supplied by Gerry Leone, MMR, NMRA Communications Director

- Plans for **The Gallery Exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum** are moving into high gear. To date, organizing and fund raising actions have raised two pledges of matching funds from anonymous NMRA member donors. One donation is for \$50,000 and the other is for \$250,000. Current plans call for the exhibit to be opened by the end of 2012. You'll find out all the details of the exhibit in the May issue of *NMRA Magazine*.
- A special **"Carpet Cutting Ceremony"** (the indoor equivalent of a Ground Breaking Ceremony) for the Gallery Exhibit will be held on Thursday evening during the x2011 Convention. All are invited.
- Speaking of x2011, if you haven't yet registered for the X2011 West NMRA Convention to be held in Sacramento in July, you should register now! If you have already registered, it is time to sign up for tours and operating sessions before they fill up! For more information and/or to register or sign up for tours, go to [www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org).

- The "Members-Only" area of [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) is currently open to all members. Although content is still being added, right now the area houses copies of all Region and Division newsletter articles cited within the last year by Jim Zinser in his bi-monthly "Division Business Car / NMRA@Home" column in *NMRA Magazine*. In addition the "NMRA magazine classics" section of the Members-Only area will contain classic articles from past issues of *Scale Rails* magazine and *The Bulletin*. We'll be adding new material all the time so check back often.
- The NMRA remains active with the two model railroad podcasts mentioned in a previous edition of the InfoNet News. The NMRA is now sponsoring "The Model Railway Show" podcast, produced by well known modelers Trevor Marshall and Jim Martin. Their website is [www.themodelrailwayshow.com](http://www.themodelrailwayshow.com). And Board Member Clark Kooning, along with other NMRA members, continues to appear as a regular guest on the "Model Rail Radio" podcast. Their website is at [www.modelrailradio.com](http://www.modelrailradio.com). Both of these podcasts can be downloaded directly from their websites, or via iTunes.
- We're still looking for stories of what your Division or Region does for **National Model Railroad Month**. Write a 200-word summary and send it to me at this email address. Thanks.
- **Notice of 2012 elections**. The following NMRA Officers and Board of Directors positions are open for election in 2012: President, Vice President-Administration, Vice President-

Special Projects, Eastern District Director, Pacific District Director, and At-Large North America Director. Please check the NMRA Executive Handbook located at [http://www.nmra.org/national/organization/nmra\\_organization.html](http://www.nmra.org/national/organization/nmra_organization.html) for the extent of the districts affected and qualifications. All candidate names for consideration by the Nominations Committee shall be submitted to Didrik Voss, [davoss@pvmtengr.com](mailto:davoss@pvmtengr.com), no later than June 15, 2011.

- An error crept into last month's InfoNet News: The **Summer Board meeting** will be held prior to the Sacramento x2011 Convention on Friday, July 1, 2011 (not Thursday, June 30 as previously reported). The meeting is usually held at the Convention hotel, but the exact start time and room number will be announced when available. Remember, it's the responsibility of Region and Division officials to pass along this information to members.
- The NMRA is looking to identify and recognize any **model railroad clubs that were formed in 1935 or earlier** that are still in existence. We would like the name of the club and when it was founded. A picture from the early years would be appreciated. Send the information to Dave Thornton - NMRA Vice President of Administration, Email [DThorn5552@aol.com](mailto:DThorn5552@aol.com) or mail to 2027 Jeffrey Drive, Troy, MI 48085-3816

# Sudbury Saturday Night Express

NMRA/NFR Convention April 27, 28 & 29, 2012

Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 50 Brady Street, Sudbury, ON, P3C 1C8

- Canadian and American money accepted at equal \$ value
- The banquet is a BUFFET
- Non-NMRA member \$10 additional for a 6 month railpass
- Rate other than noted below: Day Pass (single day, no extras) \$40.

Registrant #1		Registrant #2	
Name _____		Name _____	
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NMRA # _____	Region _____	NMRA # _____	Region _____
E-Mail _____		E-Mail _____	
Telephone _____		Telephone _____	

Adult Full Fare (Includes Banquet)	_____ @ \$90/Each = _____ (Number)	_____
Convention Only	_____ @ \$55/Each = _____	_____
Banquet Only	_____ @ \$40/Each = _____	_____
Student (no Banquet)	_____ @ \$25/Each = _____	_____

If you are attending the **Buffet** Banquet, please indicate any dietary considerations \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Fare (Vale Tour) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30/Each = \_\_\_\_\_ (Note: Only 40 can be accommodated)

Extra Fare (Kooning Clinic) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10/Each = \_\_\_\_\_ (Limit 24; must be over 18)

Non-NMRA \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10/Each = \_\_\_\_\_

Total remitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for early registration, March 1, 2012 — after that date, please add \$10 to the total.**

**Make cheques or money orders payable to SSNExpress 2012**

Mail this completed form & payment to:

**SSNExpress  
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Sudbury, ON, Canada, P3E 4P6**

The Convention Hotel is The Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel  
50 Brady Street, Sudbury, ON, P3E 1C8; Phone: 705 675-5602; Central Reservations: 1-800-446-4656

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The City of Greater Sudbury is holding a model railroading party in April, 2012; you're invited to a great city with tremendous model railways and traditional northern hospitality.

The event will be at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel close to downtown Sudbury. Cost will be \$90 for the full convention including buffet banquet. A tour of VALE (formerly INCO) transportation is an extra fare item @ \$30. Non-NMRA members must take out a six month 'Railpass' membership in the NMRA for \$10.

Visits to a variety of extraordinary model layouts are planned including various scales from Z to G and from basement empires to a backyard shortline and table top compact layouts.

There are many opportunities for watching 1:1 rail action in the region, beginning with the backyard of the Hojo, located beside CPR's Sudbury yard and transcontinental main line.

On Sunday there will be a special opening of the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum in Capreol, the Canadian National division point within the City of Greater Sudbury. If you wonder what a real '6060 Class' locomotive looks like close up, this is your chance since CN 6077 is the centrepiece of the museum's outdoor displays. A reduced admission price is available for this visit.

Come and take a ride on the Sudbury Saturday Night Express.



Locomotives on the Melanson layout



Marine aspects of the Melanson layout

See the convention website:  
<http://www.sudburymodelrailroading.com/nfr2012/>  
Facebook:  
Sudbury Saturday Night Express

Jackie and Al Melanson watch one of their many trains travel the full basement layout that will be one of the featured visits at the Sudbury Saturday Night Express Convention

