



CINDER CRUNCHER



INTERNATIONAL DIVISION NMRA

International Division Meet

Cornerstone Community Church
3020 Vanderbilt Rd. (at Winston Churchill Blvd)
Mississauga, ON L5N 4W8
Saturday, March 19, 2016
Registration opens at 9 AM
Meet starts at 9:30 AM sharp

Contact Richard Sparrow for further information 905-892-7958

**Paid-up NMRA
Members \$5
Non-members \$7**

There will not be a buy/sell table at this meet

Show and Tell
In lieu of the Popular Choice Model Contest, we are urging attendees to bring a laser kit that you are working on, or have completed.
Also, please provide a brief description.

MORNING CLINICS

1. David McLean, "The Building of Our Home and Miniature Land...Model Railroading on an Industrial Scale"

2. Charlie Getz...A video presentation. Building laser kits. "Walter Reid will also show members how to use the NMRA video library."

3. Ralph Beaumont. "Heckman's Canadian Pacific". Copies the book will be available for sale.



LAYOUT TOURS



- Walter Reid
- Credit Valley Railway Store
- John Dunning

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We are looking for a volunteer.

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Canadian Paymaster,

Walter Reid, reports that
we have a total of the
following:

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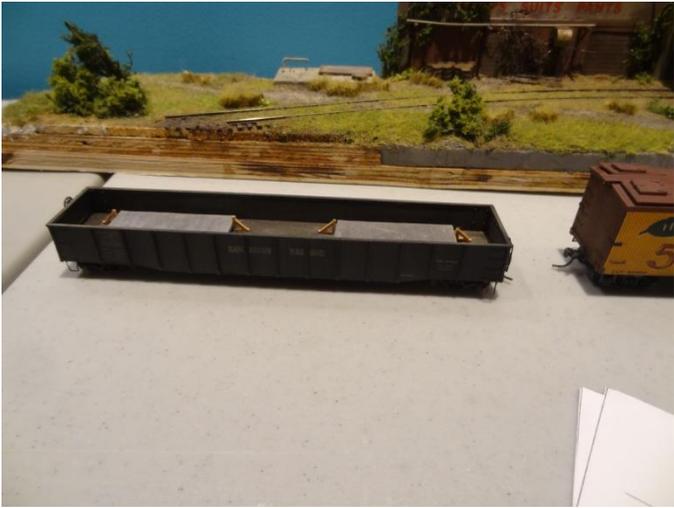
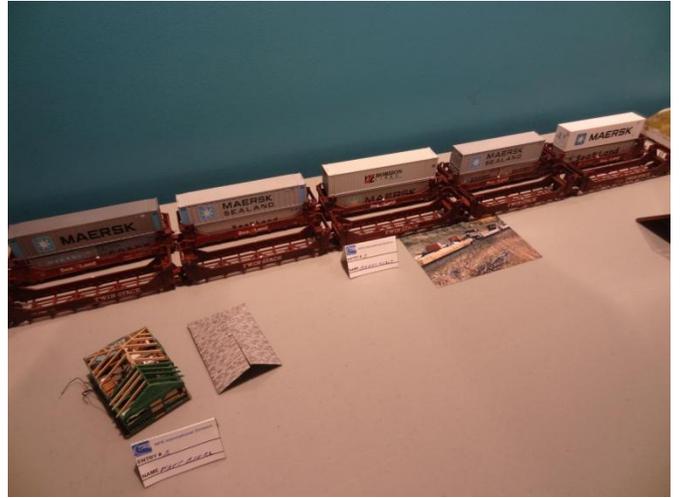
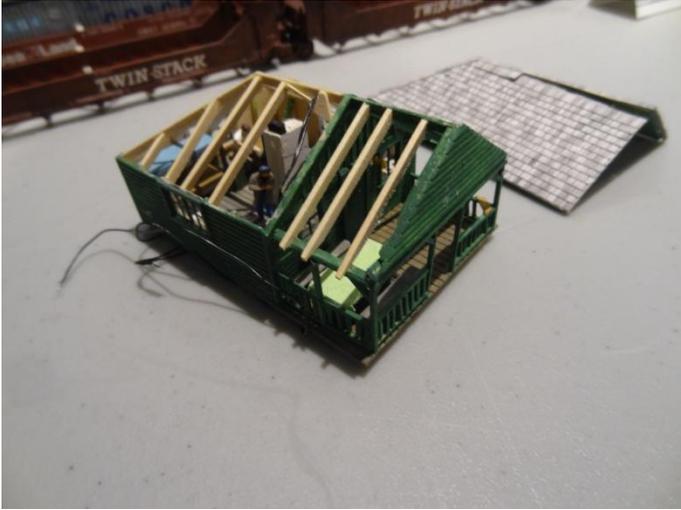
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We need your help!!

1. Your suggestions for future meets
2. Clinicians for future meets
3. Inexpensive locations for future meets in the Oakville, and
the Niagara/St. Catharines area
4. Volunteers to assist with the ID Executive.
5. If you can help, please contact Richard Sparrow,
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**Photos of the October 2015 Meet
by Chuck Faist**





The Super's Log

NMRA Meetings are for everyone – read on!

One of the most enjoyable things about being a member of the NMRA is attending Meets, whether at the National, Regional, or Divisional level of the organisation. You can find dates, and other details for all of these levels from the National websites at either <http://nmracanada.ca/> or <http://nmra.org/>. The National meeting information is on the Home page, and the others are under the Regions & Divisions tab.

The most accessible, and frequent Meets are at the Divisional level. The International Division (ID), your local Division, has them at various locations within our territory*, at least twice a year, usually March and October.

**(ID territory is South Mississauga, west to right around the bay, all of the Niagara peninsula in Ontario, and Erie & Niagara Counties in the bordering New York State).*

One of the much recognised benefits of belonging to the NMRA is the opportunity to meet with others that have the same interest in railroads, both model and otherwise. National, Regional and Divisional Meets or Model Railroad Events, as HQ calls them, are where this happens, and almost any member can give you examples of friendships that started at an NMRA meeting and have endured for the long term.

But even if you are not particularly interested in interaction with others or making new friends, and prefer working alone in the hobby, there is still plenty of value in the bare information you gain from the clinics, model displays and visits to other modellers' layouts, all of which are usually a part of each Meet.

We are in this hobby because of an interest in “all things railroad”. Most of us are thrilled when, as we approach a grade crossing the lights and bells start up, and we would much rather just miss making the crossing than to be ahead of the train. Further, we are NMRA members because most of us have a fairly broad interest in the modeling side of the hobby, which enables us to get good entertainment value from a wide variety of subjects within the hobby. By attending Meets, this value comes not only from the “instant gratification”, that is, the enjoyment of hearing and seeing the clinicians presentations, but also the residual value from using the information learned to make changes and improvements to our own involvement in the hobby in the future.

Even if it does not relate directly to what we are doing at home, it is always interesting and entertaining to see other modellers' work, whether on structures, scenery, rolling stock, scene detailing, backdrops, etc. and to learn how they achieved the results we are looking for.

Anyone who has enough interest in model railroading to invest in an NMRA membership can get lots of enjoyment value from attending its meetings.

Details of the ID's next Meet are front and centre in this edition of the Cinder Cruncher, and if you are not a regular meeting attendee, why not consider giving it a try. If you have a friend who would like to come with you, even if they are not a member of the NMRA, bring them along. Non-members are welcome to attend 3 Meets to “try out” the NMRA before we ask that they become a member.

We look forward to seeing you in Mississauga on March 19th, and who knows, you may meet some new friends!

Until then, play safe,
Richard Sparrow

**Our Next ID Meet which is in the Planning Stages.
Further details will be announced at a later date**

October 22, 2016 ID Meet

Robert Land Community Centre

Hamilton, Ontario

Registration opens at 9 AM

Meet starts at 9:30 AM sharp

Clinics

1. **Brandon Bayer** “Modelling from the Prototype: Layout Planning”
2. **Ray Hoadley** “Steel Mill Railway Operations: Prototype and Modelling”
3. **Ron Tuff**: “Chief Dispatcher: Setting up for Operations”

Afternoon Activities

Participating in an operating session of the H.O.M.E.S. Club layout. Details to follow.

Algonquin Turn - 2016

Algonquin College in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

May 6 – 8, 2016

An Invitation to the Algonquin turn

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to invite you to attend the Algonquin Turn Convention that is being held on May 6th, 7th and 8th 2016 at Algonquin College here in Ottawa. We are working hard to bring you a convention not to be missed.

Why would you want to attend? Well besides seeing old friends and making new one we have a great convention planned. We will be offering the usual clinics, layout tours and banquet plus something new this year, operating sessions. We have three layout owners that have graciously volunteered to host operating sessions on Friday and Sunday afternoon. Sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis with priority going to out of town attendees. See the registration form and our website for more information.

The banquet will be held Saturday evening with live music before the meal and our guest speaker this year will be Trevor Marshall, a well-known model railroader who has been seen recently hosting clinic segments on Train Masters TV.

If you want more information please visit the convention website at <http://algonquinturn.ca> Please check there often as it will be updated as new information becomes available.

We will have more information for you as we get to the convention date so please accept our invitation and come to the convention. We look forward in seeing you in Ottawa.

Ron Newby
Convention Chair
Algonquin Turn