

October 2016



CINDER CRUNCHER



INTERNATIONAL DIVISION NMRA

International Division Meet

Eva Rothwell Centre
460 Wentworth St. N.
Hamilton ON L8L 5W9
Saturday, October 22, 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

Popular Choice Model Contest with prizes. (Restricted to models that haven't won prizes in previous I.D. or NMRA events.)

**We urge attendees to bring and display a project that you are working on, or have completed.
Also, please provide a brief description.**

MORNING CLINICS

1. Ray Hoadley - Steel Mill Railway Operations
2. Brandon Bayer - "Modeling from the prototype - layout planning"
3. Ron Tuff - Setting up for Operations



Operating Session

Operating Session on the HOMES layout from 2pm to 4pm and if room permits. Please email Ron at intldivnmra.info@gmail.com to reserve a place.

The ID Executive

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Achievement Program

We are looking for a volunteer.

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

CDN \$3295.08

US \$1538.82

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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Super's Log

Writing this on October 6th, summer has returned for a couple of days – until the week-end of course when rain is forecast. As a retiree, this doesn't affect me too much; I can just reschedule any planned outdoor activities until Monday when the sun will inevitably shine again. But I do feel a genuine sympathy for working folks, (and golf course owners) when the weather does this to them. However, sure as eggs are eggs, the summer weather will be gone soon and another modeling season can begin.

Last fall I set myself a goal of getting the track finished around the laundry room on my layout, and I did manage to do that. Now the only track laying I have left to do, is a turntable and locomotive storage tracks in the yard. So I can move ahead on getting more of the scenery in place, and I have a sketch or two and some rough ideas in my head as to how that is going to look and therein lies the rub. *I didn't spend enough time planning the scenery!*

If I had started on the layout with “rough ideas in my head” for the track plan, as I did for the scenery, I can't imagine how it would have turned out – not well I suspect. But I didn't do that. Like most of us, I spent months drawing up many iterations of a track plan, and didn't start building bench-work or laying track until satisfied that it would work as intended – in theory anyway. I did actually include a few notes on scenery, well more about what industries would be included, and where they would go, and a bit fuzzy on the detail at that. I had blind faith that what I had in mind for scenery would get done eventually.

One example, (there are several!), of lack of scenery planning is in the town of Jerseyville on the Waterford sub of the TH&B. The village of Jerseyville sits over top of the washing machine, and drier in the laundry room section that I finished last winter. There is located a meat packer and a fuel merchant, just like the real Jerseyville used to have, except that in the HO version, both of these industries are served by rail. Although there is a spur to each of them, there isn't enough room to make them large enough, building-wise, to justify rail service. The fuel merchant has a disused coal bins and the scenery plan for this was to include a rusty and dilapidated conveyor that had been used to transfer coal from a gondola to the bins. But, there isn't enough room to do that, so in plan B, history will show that the

coal was delivered to the bins by truck, ugh! That's one less switching opportunity on the layout.



Disused coal bins, but with no room for rusty old conveyor or previous gondola unloading

For the meat packer, I have room for a small cattle unloading dock and a little office. The rest of the buildings will have to be represented by photos attached to the backdrop – hope that works!

So, if you are working on that perfect track plan, or still have the opportunity to make changes before you get any further along, don't forget the scenery plan, Anyone want to buy an old time conveyor kit?

ID elections will be held at our October 2017 Meeting and all officer positions are open – including Superintendent, Paymasters (US and Canadian) and Clerk. If you have not yet served on the ID Executive, or even if you have, please consider volunteering and bringing extra value to the Division by your involvement. The Division doesn't run by itself and the correspondence you see and the meetings you attend are all due to the volunteers that meet several times a year to plan these activities. The satisfaction gained from this contribution is considerable. You will know that you have helped to move the hobby forward by providing the opportunity for modellers to get together, exchange ideas and get more from the hobby and their NMRA membership because you and others like you have taken the initiative to get involved. As an added bonus, if you are participating in the Achievement Program, you can earn points for Volunteer and for Official by being an officer on the executive. These are two certificates you can get by just putting in the time, no modeling skills required!

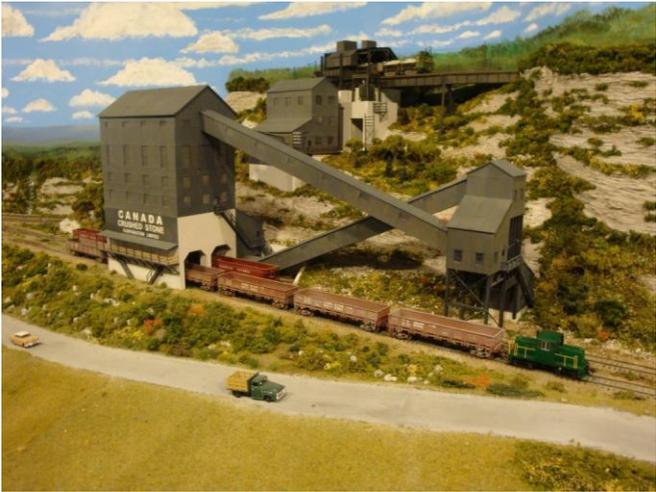
Please send an email to Chuck Faist of the nominating committee at: cfaist@bell.net to get your name on the ballot.

Looking forward to seeing a good turnout at our upcoming Meet on October 22nd, in the meantime, play safely.

Richard

Note from Chuck Faist regarding the elections: If you wish to allow your name to be submitted for a position, please notify Chuck Faist by October 1, 2017. If you wish to nominate someone for a position, you must have their agreement to run for the position prior to nominating them, and submit their name by October 1, 2017.

Photos of layouts at our previous meet. All photos by George Ziemer



I.D. Modelling Day

International Division N.M.R.A. Modelling Day

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Eva Rothwell Centre, Community Room

Hamilton ON L8L 5W9

Meet starts at 9:00 AM



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MEETING AGENDA

This will be a morning and afternoon of modelling with ourselves. No home chores to do, just getting away being with fellow model railroaders doing what we love to do. Bring what ever projects you want to bring.

Having other modellers to draw on for help is always appreciated. Ron Tuff MMR and Dave Paterson MMR will be on hand to offer suggestions and guidance for both structures and rolling stock and other topics.

There will be a short introductory clinic/discussion on how you can incorporate the Achievement Program (AP) philosophy into your modeling, whether or not you are involved in the AP. If you are participating in the AP we will discuss tips on how a little up front planning can help to efficiently achieve the requirements of the various certificates.

What to bring? Your lunch, snacks beverage, (we will provide coffee and Tim Bits) , tools, work lights, protective work surface etc.