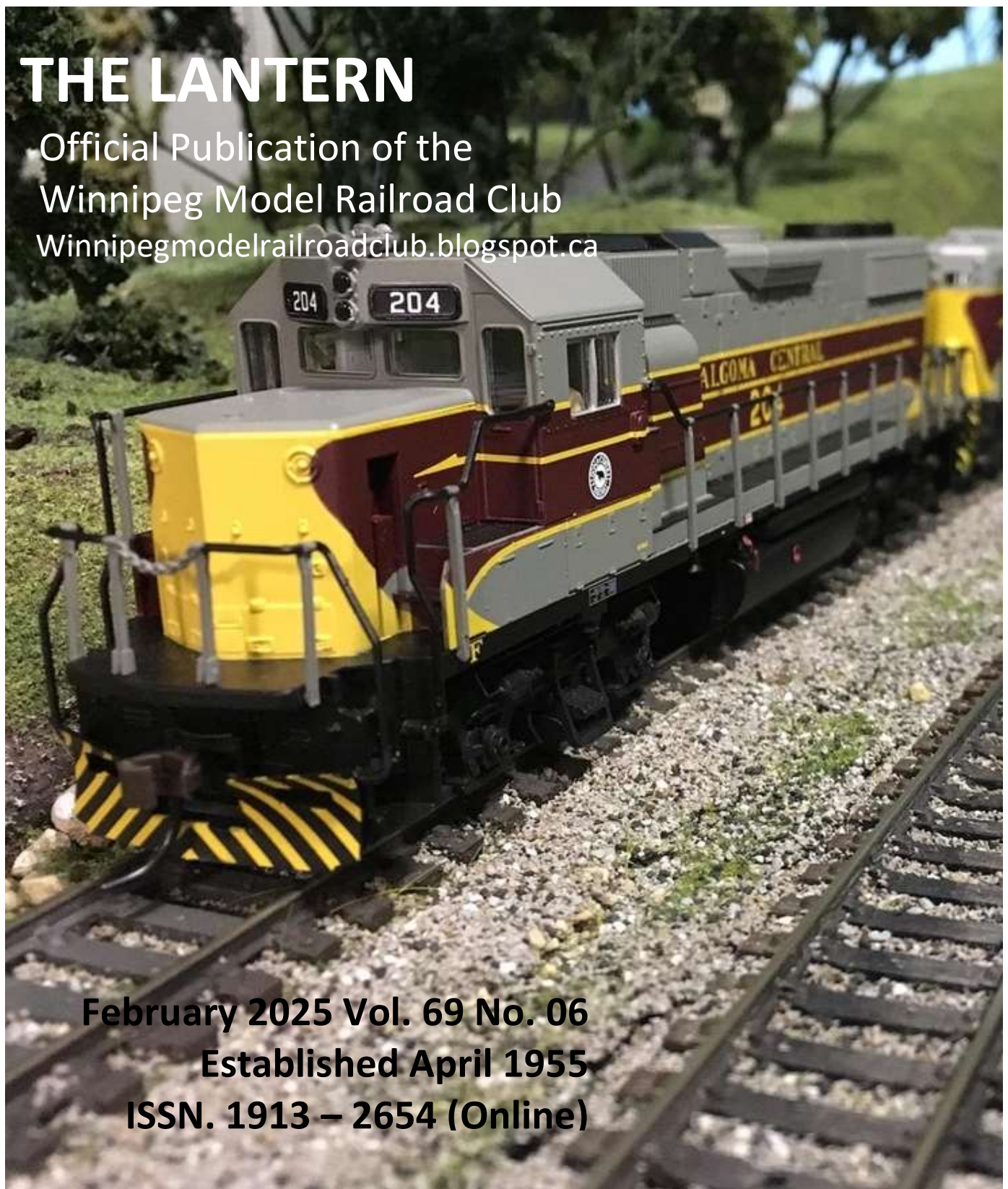


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ON THE COVER – ACR 204 visiting CP Rail M & M Sub on John Longhurst's home some years ago.
Photo by Christopher Robinson

FROM THE EDITOR

Where do the Gremlins hide in my basement? A while ago, Marvin and Paul were coming over to view the layout. I thought I would run one more train to ensure everything was correct. About half way around the train stopped dead, a short. I checked to see if a car had derailed and shorted on a switch. All was good. I had run several trains over this spot recently checking out the newly revised track work. Everything at that time was perfect. There was no time to look for the short so they would have to see the layout without trains running. That night I looked for the short. I unhooked wires to determine the location. With a sore back from crawling under the layout I decided to take a closer look at the area where the train died. After several minutes of peering at track and possible loose wires, I discovered a short piece of rail that I had previously cut off while changing the track work had landed on the

pivot point of an Atlas turnout on a parallel track. It was shorting across the rivets of the turnout. I had run several trains over this exact point before without a problem. But why did it happen while running a train on a parallel track? Those gremlins are tricky creatures. I hope to find their hiding spot and evict them.

Larry Leavens - Lantern Editor.

Material for the Lantern

This is your Club's news letter. Why not let others know what you have been up to. A short writeup describing what you have built or done on your layout may inspire others. Pictures are always welcome, either model or prototypical. You never know they may end up on the cover of the Rolling Stone, oops, sorry, Lantern.

Winnipeg Model Railroad Club Mission Statement

1. The Winnipeg Model Railroad Club, (WMRC), is a non-profit model railroad club that offers fellowship, education and fun to anyone interested in the wonderful hobby of model railroading whether they are a beginner or expert. We strive to promote the hobby through our monthly meetings, our public shows and other activities throughout the year.

2. The Purpose of the Club shall be the uniting of its members to promote interest in the hobby of scale model railroading; to increase the knowledge of its members: and to foster and promote construction and operation of all phases of scale model railroading. None of the activities shall be carried on for the profit of any individual member.

WMRC Code of Conduct

The function of the Winnipeg Model Railroad Club, (WMRC), is to promote fellowship within the hobby of model railroading. Anyone who has an interest in model railroading is welcome. The Club will refrain from publicly criticizing any individuals, group, organization or business.

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President's Message –

The day after I write this, the groundhog will make his annual prediction. Spoiler alert. There will be (at least) 6 more weeks of winter here. The groundhog may as well hibernate some

more. But you shouldn't. We have another entertaining and informative meeting coming up next Friday, February 7 (one week early due to Valentine's Day). This time the focus will be on scenery, specifically billboards which can add an important element to almost any model railroad. And the usual things will be there as well: photos, models, and a 50/50 draw, not to mention coffee, donuts, and conversation. Please mark your calendar and join us at the Charleswood Legion.

We will shortly be making arrangements for people to visit some of the layouts in and around Winnipeg, using an "open house" format, on a variety of dates. Many layouts will be incomplete (is there such a thing as a complete one?), but there is much to see and learn from these as well. Why don't you consider allowing visitors to your own layout? We will be looking for additional volunteers.

The NMRA membership cards and letters have arrived and will be distributed at next week's meeting. Please come and get yours. See you at the meeting. -John Bate, WMRC President

Meeting of January 10, 2024
WMRC General Meeting

Charleswood Legion, 6003 Roblin Blvd,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3R 0G8

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. There were 25 members and one guest present. John asked if there were any guests present, and Myles Tiessen introduced himself as a guest attending on behalf of The Uniter, a community newspaper. John welcomed Myles to the meeting.

John asked for approval of the minutes from the December 13th, 2024 meeting. A motion was made by Khirad Dhabhar and seconded by Gary Stempnick to approve the minutes of the December 13th meeting. The motion was carried.

Presidents Report-John Bate: John mentioned that he has talked to Bev at Warehouse Hobbies, and they will offer 10% off on January 16th from 7-8pm to WMRC members.

John advised everyone that the NMRA memberships have been processed, and the cards are in transit somewhere. John assured everyone that they would eventually show up.

Vice President-Marvin Fetch: Marvin was unable to attend this evening's meeting. John advised the members that there are WMRC toques available at \$25.00 each and they are very warm. Treasurers Report-Khirad Dhabhar: Khirad reviewed the WMRC financial figures and mentioned a couple of club donations totalling \$3000.00 and hall rental expenses for the year. He also noted that NMRA memberships are paid which adds up to \$2400.00. There was a motion to approve the financial numbers as presented by Gino Kost, seconded by Bob Harrison. Approved.

Spring Show-Ian Plett: Ian advised the members present that Paul Ullrich will be doing a presentation tonight on men that design trains. Ian discussed the Spring Show and said we have a full house, but we need volunteers to work at the show. Please see Ian to volunteer.

Lantern-Larry Leavens: Larry mentioned that he has some copies of the Lantern available and pointed out a mistake in the Lantern regarding the new club logo. There will be a contest for club members to design a new club logo with a prize for the winning entry.

Library-David McNeil: David discussed the club DVDs that are available and encouraged members to check them out. Everything is available on a month-to-month basis. David also mentioned that he has several books and that he will be putting some out tonight as well.

Gino asked about a copy of what is available on the DVDs. David will get a copy of the list of what is available, and Brent will send it out to all the club members.

Social Media-Paul Ullrich: Paul reviewed the social media statistics as noted below;

Blog:

All time views: 485,972

This month 2,461

Last month 7,284

964 posts created
697 views from Brazil in the last seven days
Facebook:
Post about tonight's meeting: 372 views
Post about Bob Gravlin: 680 views
Post about Clinic Carnival: 829 views
Post promoting Clinic Carnival: 439 views
4,713 views in past 28 days
1,903 followers

Gateway Western-Gino Kost: Gino reported that there is nothing new to report on the Gateway Western.

Model Contest-Gary Stempnick: Gary mentioned that there are two models in tonight's model contest. Congratulations to tonight's winner Don Cooper.

Photo Contest-Larry Leavens: Larry mentioned that there were four entries in tonight's photo contest. Congratulations to tonight's winner Felix Lesiuk. Larry also mentioned that the special event for the Annual Photo Contest was the Empress. Entries could be photos of a model or the actual Empress locomotive.

Annual Model Contest-Marvin Fetch: In Marvin's absence John advised the members present that the special event for the annual model contest would be a load in either a flat car or gondola. Thanks to Murray Brown who has offered to take over the annual model contest after Marvin Fetch finishes this year's term.

Canteen-Mark McLellan: Mark told everyone that the usual items were available including coffee, pop, chips, donuts and cookies all at \$1.00 each.

Mega Train Discussion-John Bate: John advised everyone that, since we had voted in December not to take over the 7.5' gauge layout, Susan and Maurice would be selling it and that the layout would no longer be part of the Mega Train Show. John resumed the discussion of the following motion which was tabled from the December meeting: Move that WMRC take over Mega Train

and Hobby Show 100%. John reviewed the details for the income and expenses for last year's show. John pointed out the radio advertising costs and Murray mentioned that there weren't that many attendees that attended the show due to hearing about Mega Train on the radio. Murray didn't feel there was sufficient value in using radio for advertising. Khirad agreed with Murray on the quality of advertising vs. quantity.

John noted other line items on the financial report that will go away without the 7.5" layout. Paul asked about venue rental and John advised that we were only paying for Saturday and Sunday. Murray mentioned not having to pay for extra days for setup.

Murray mentioned that Susan and Maurice had lots of "sweetheart deals" due to the longevity of their show commitment.

Gino asked if there would be a committee created to run the show if we took over. John said that such a group of volunteers would be required.

Dave McNeil mentioned having a joint venture with other clubs and that our average age is a concern.

Bob Harrison asked what kind of commitment are we making long term? Murray indicated that Susan had "loosy goosy" agreements and John stated that his only concern is the Red River Ex commitment. Gary said the Dorge's used to have a 5-year contract. John indicated that he is thinking we don't have a long-term commitment.

John also mentioned that a 30-35% decrease in attendance (if that occurs due to the lack of the 7.5" layout) may be the point of not being profitable. Paul mentioned that Maurice had mentioned that 2000 attendees is the break even point. Murray pointed out that the cost of Red River Ex facility could go up.

Larry Leavens called for the question. By show of hands the motion for WMRC to take over Mega Train Show was defeated.

John stated that the plan would now be for Susan and Maurice to create a separate entity with a Board of Directors for the running of the Mega

Train Show going forward, and that we would be represented on that Board.

New Business

John brought up the suggestion of a membership person and Brent shared his thoughts on some of the tasks a membership person could do to help club growth and for retention of membership. No volunteers came forward to consider this position.

John mentioned that Paul Ullrich will be working on a 70th Anniversary logo. John also mentioned a redesign of the current club logo as noted by Larry earlier in the meeting and suggested that members submit ideas for a new logo for WMRC. Ideas for a new logo will be reviewed, and the winning entry will receive \$20.00.

Dave McNeil mentioned Warehouse Hobbies member discount nights and that attendance was low when this was done in the past. Dave encouraged our members to come out and support local hobby shops.

Khiraad mentioned that he had magazines for sale.

John mentioned that John Longhurst, a former WMRC member, recently received the Order of Canada.

Larry mentioned that Morgan Turney a former club member is sick right now. Tommy Kucera suggested that the club send something to Morgan. Larry will get a card and will go over to visit Morgan on Sunday.

Tommy also asked about the May banquet. John stated that nothing is set yet and that it likely will be at Canad Inns this year.

John advised the members of upcoming meetings. The next meeting will be February 7th followed by the March 14th meeting, and the April meeting on the 11th. The WMRC Spring Show will be on April 26th and 27th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christopher Robinson and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Tonight's 50/50 draw was won by Neil Carlton.

Submitted by Brent Karr, Secretary

Vice Presidents Report

No report.

February Program – Building Billboards by Dave Ackmann - Custom billboards serve as creative and eye-catching ways to define place and time on any model railroad layout. But how does one gather or create the necessary artwork for billboards, how big should the signs be, and how can one create the supports to display the signs? Dave Ackmann of the Gateway Division of the NMRA will show you how he has created dozens of billboards for his layout, the Baden, Vogt & DeSmet. Attendees will learn how to secure artwork from the Internet, how to turn images into decals, the importance of standardizing on billboard sizes, how to build support structures for billboards (both from styrene and using 3D printing), and the utility of gauge blocks and assembly fixtures. Billboards are fun, especially when they remind you of products, places and people you really enjoy, and isn't fun what model railroading is all about?

- Ian Plett Program Director

Spring Show

Everything is coming along great. We will have a great show ahead. Please come down and show your support for your club. I will have poster and flyers for handing out to your local store or wherever you think it might work. Remember the dates - April 26 - 27 2025.

– Ian Plett

Public Relations Report

Nothing new to report at this time.

– Ian Plett

Annual Photo Contest

This year's Special Event is pictures taken of the Empress, CP2816, either prototype or model. As always, the other two categories are Model and Prototype. Also, anyone wanting to help judge the contest? Please see me at the meeting. You may even consider being a shadow judge. And see what process the judges go threw. This could make you a better photographer or a better modeller.

– Larry Leavens

Annual Model Contest

Just a reminder. April will be here before you know it. We need lots of action this time. The people coming to our show like to see lots of models. You never know, one of them might ask questions and then decide to join the club. That would be great.

The categories are: Motive Power, rolling stock, structures, displays, special event. There is the Tyrol award for a first timer to win. Your entries can be kit built or scratchbuilt or, a combination of both.

The special Event this year is: Flat car or Gondola, with a load on it.

- Marvin Fetch.

Monthly Model and Photos Display

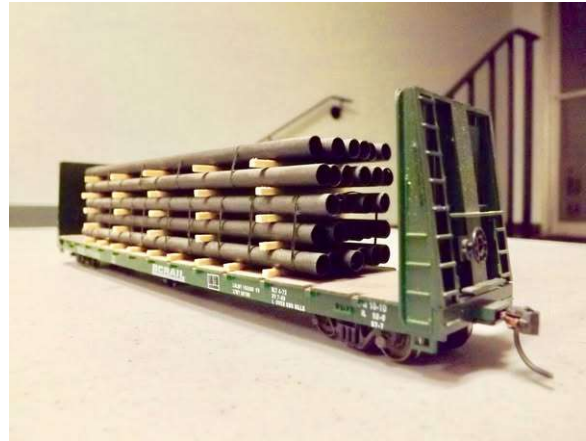
Contestants send their photos by email to photo.wmrc@gmail.com, **NEW ADDRESS** Deadline is 5PM on Friday of our monthly meeting. Winners are picked in a random draw and awarded a small cash prize.

The Photo prize was won by Christopher Robinson.

Remember to bring a model to the meeting to show to other members and be entered in a random draw. Please include a short write-up on what you did so it can be included in the next Lantern. December Model Display winner was Don Cooper.



Don Cooper brought in a Bar Mills kit of the Old Dominion Brewing Company, N scale.



BCOL 17185 – Pipe Load (HO) by Larry Leavens

A Roundhouse bulkhead flat car was used. The couplers and wheels were replaced with Kadee couplers and Intermountain metal wheels.

Cocktail straws were painted black with craft paint.

4x4 lumber was cut to length in a Chopper to provide support for the pipe.

Chart tape was used to represent metal banding. The support timbers and pipes were glued together and to the car using ACC.

Photos by Paul Ullrich

WMRC 70-years-old

It is hard to believe that the club will be celebrate 70 years this April. We would like to celebrate this accomplishment by most likely sell club T-shirts. Paul Ullrich has offered to create the graphic.

New WMRC Logo

The executive has thought it may be time to update the club's logo. The lantern was used to convey instructions between the train crew. Is this still a relevant logo for today. Any inspiring graphic artists can send their sketch, no matter how crude to the club's e-mail (wmrc.traincubgmail.com) for consideration as the logo. We have the technology to enhance the entry to top notch artistic quality. Put on your artistic thinking cap.

Paper Mache Clay

By Larry Leavens

I had been using Plaster of Paris or some other plaster compound for scenery building and I was not happy with it. It was hard to work with, it had a short work time and clean up was difficult. While searching the internet I found a recipe for Paper Mache Clay. This was a mixture mainly of toilet paper, dry wall compound and white glue. Since then, I have simplified the recipe to just these three items and a little water.

The recipe -

1 cup dry wall compound (I estimate by eye).

½ cup white glue

1 roll toilet paper (cheaper the better based upon volume)

water as needed

Tools –

Food processor

2 ice cream pails, one for water and the other for pulp

Spatula (optional)

Painters knife and or narrow putty knife

I wet the toilet paper in an ice cream pail. It is amazing how much the water the paper will absorb. The roll will swell making it easy to remove the centre cardboard core. I then rip the toilet paper into bits that I can feed into a food processor. After my first batch I went out to the local thrift store and bought my own food processor as I did not clean the kitchen's unit well enough. The toilet paper is thrashed into a pulp. Some water may be added so the paper rotates in the food processor's tub and turns over on its self as it is mixed. Once turned into a pulp, the paper is wrung out by the fist full and turned into golf sized balls. I always unplug the food processor when I put my hand in it to retrieve the material. Safety First.

I add a couple of the golf ball size wads to the food processor and turn them back into a pulp. More is slowly added. Once all the paper is chopped up again it is removed and placed in the ice cream pail again.

Enough pulp is added to the food processor to cover the bottom. I then add the glue and dry wall compound and mix thoroughly. Slowly I add more pulp to ensure everything is evenly mixed. If the mix stops rotating in the food processor, a little water is added until the mass starts to move within the mixer. I stop mixing when I feel the contents has become a uniform mass.

The final texture you want is a soft dough so spreading and smoothing is easy.

I then store it in a 2-litre sealable container. This should stay good for a week or two. I have forgotten about some only to discover that it had turned into an out-of-control biological toxic waste. I trash the entire contents, container and all.

I spread the paper mache clay over a solid base. I have been using foam insulation board to build the hills and contours. For flat areas like plywood, I vary the thickness to give the area an undulating appearance as there is never a truly flat area in nature. I try for a thickness of 1/8 to ¼" using a painter's knife or a narrow putty knife. I also use my fingers to shape the scenery. Remember to use a kneading action to ensure the paper mache clay becomes a single mass. Since the consistency is a soft dough, the material is fairly easy to spread and shape. I have never had a problem with working time. Even a break for supper is insufficient to dry the paper mache clay enough to affect its workability.

It will take a day or two for thin areas to dry and harden. It will have a solid sound when rapped with your knuckles once it is completely dry. Thicker applications may take up to week. Since it air dries, the room's humidity level will greatly affect drying time. Once dry and you do not like the results, it can be removed by wetting it and waiting an hour or two to soften.

I clean up the food processor, any tools and containers in the laundry sink. I am not concerned with excess small bits of material being washed down the drain and clogging it like

plaster. This material is water “soluble” and will break down.

I have enjoyed working with material and have good results.

Some Photos from the January Photo Display



Photo by Felix Lesiuk



Photo by Christopher Robinson



Photo by Tommy Kocera



Photo by Bob Harrison



Photo by Felix Lesiuk

Meeting this month is February 7

Time: Feb 7, 2025 07:30 PM Central Time
(US and Canada)

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Modified September 13, 2024

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Other

Membership category:

<input type="checkbox"/> Regular member	\$50
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<input type="checkbox"/> Junior member - 18 years of age or less	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary member - Approved by vote of the membership	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member of the NMRA	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive a printed NMRA Magazine by mail	\$60 added to the above

Notes:

Renewals MUST be received no later than the end of the **October** meeting.

Please make sure we have your correct email address

Options:

- 1) Bring this form, and payment (cash or cheque), to the Sept or Oct WMRC meeting.
- 2) Pay by Interac eTransfer to wmrc.trainclub@gmail.com and email the form to that address.
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March 14- Winnipeg Model Railroad Club monthly meeting

April 5 & 6 – SuperTrain 2025
Olympic Oval
University of Calgary

April 11- Winnipeg Model Railroad Club monthly meeting

April 26 & 27 – Winnipeg Model Railroad Club Spring Show

April 26 & 27 – Regina Railfest
Caledonian Curling Club
225 Sandra Schmirler Way
Regina, SK

May 9- Winnipeg Model Railroad Club Annual General Meeting

May 15 – 16 TLR Annual Convention - Willmar, MN

July 14-19 90th NMRA National Model Railroad Convention,
Convention HQ is the Sheraton Hotel
21111 Haggerty Road, Novi, MI 48375

October 17 – 19 REAL RAILS 2025
A meeting of the CP, CN TH&B and VIA Historical Societies and Associations
Holiday Hotel & Conference Centre
3063 South Service Road, Burlington, Ontario