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**ON THE COVER** – A lantern waits to signal the returning Prairie Dog Central from a night run. Photo By Felix Lesiuk.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Once again Mega Train is behind us and it was again a successful event. I had a chance to meet many old friends and quickly got caught up on the news. On the layout front I have continued to work on the grave pit spur. Progress has been slow but it is coming together. Finally, I would like to thank Murray Brown and Neil Carleton for their articles in this month's edition of the Lantern. I challenge others to try their hand at writing an article on what you have done on your layout. 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.

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## **President's Message**

Our major annual event, the Mega Train Show, is now behind us, and it was once again a successful show, attended by over 2400 people, and I'm sure a good time was had by all. It was a financial success as well, with over \$4000 raised at the door for the WMRC and over \$1700 raised at our sales table. A huge Thank You to Murray Brown, Gino Kost, Susan and Maurice Dorge, and every member who volunteered for the event in any way. All your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting is coming up on October 25, two weeks later than usual for reasons beyond our control. I hope to see you there for all of the usual events including the evening's program (by Zoom this time), the

photo and model contests, 50/50 draw, donuts and coffee, and fellowship with the club members. I hope to see you there. There will be a vote on the amended WMRC Constitution during the business portion of the meeting.

Please note that November's meeting will also be delayed by one week to November 15, due to the Legion's preparations for Remembrance Day. Mark your calendars.

John Bate

### **WMRC General Meeting Minutes- September 13,24**

Members present 35

Guests 2

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. John Bate welcomed everyone to the 2024-2025 WMRC season and recognized guests Maurice and Susan Dorge.

John asked for approval of the minutes from the April 12, 2024 General Meeting. A motion was made by Larry Leavens and seconded by Gary Stempnick. The motion was carried.

Presidents Report-John Bate

John made an announcement on a vote to amend the WMRC constitution at next months general meeting and advised that there was a copy in the current issue of the Lantern.

John mentioned that NMRA dues have gone up from \$40 to \$55 dollars and advised those present to not pay the NMRA dues unless they aren't rejoining WMRC. John also mentioned that the WMRC Executive decided to up WMRC dues to \$50.00 and WMRC will pay the extra \$5.00.

Bob Harrison asked if the club needed to vote on dues or if the Executive could make the decision to change membership dues. John advised that the Executive creates a budget, including the dues amount, but the budget is then placed before the membership for approval, at which time amendments are possible. This will take place later in this meeting. John also advised the members

present that by the end of the October meeting, we need all membership dues in, so they can be sent to NMRA.

John mentioned the Mega Train Show on September 28th and 29th and put a request out to members to not sit by idly and to volunteer to help with the show. John advised that Murray Brown is helping with the organization of the show, while Gino Kost is helping with the setup and running of the show. John also advised that Bart has bowed out of Mega Show due to personal reasons.

John advised members to get on to the NMRA web site and if you have any problems getting on the web site to please contact him. John also reminded members of the discounts available through suppliers and the clinics available on the members only section as a NMRA member. Finally, John mentioned the NMRA social media interchange called Discord.

Khirad asked if anyone has paid NMRA \$55.00. No one indicated that they had.

Vice Presidents Report-Marvin Fetch  
Marvin recognized a new member Darryl Brownlee and welcomed him to the club.

Treasurers Report-Khirad Dhabhar

Khirad reviewed the 2024-2025 budget.

Bob Harrison asked why the Spring Show Budget was less than last year. Khirad said it was discussed and a lower number was decided.

John asked for a motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget. Motion was made by Christopher Robinson and seconded by Ken Crockatt.

Bob Harrison motioned for an amendment that the membership should vote on member fee's due to the large number of seniors in the club and suggested \$45.00 instead of \$50.00. Allan Graham seconded the motion. Christopher Robinson proposed an amendment to have fees at \$40, \$45 and \$50.00. Felix asked if it was worth it for \$5.00.

Paul Ullrich mentioned that he paid \$50.00 for years for WMRC and NMRA combined and feels that \$50.00 is a good deal for members.

Allan Graham commented that he has no comment as he is a Lifetime member.

John suggested a show of hands for \$40.00, \$45.00, or \$50.00 membership fees. The consensus seemed to be for \$50. John asked for a vote in favour of the amendment to change the membership fee to \$45.00. The amendment did not pass. The motion to approve the budget was then passed, so the WMRC membership fees will be \$50.00 this year.

Christopher Robinson pointed out that the budget heading said June 30th, 2023 and should read June 30th, 2024. Khirad to correct this error.

Program Director-Ian Flett. Ian was absent as he was away on his honeymoon.

Lantern-Larry Leavens. Larry had some copies of the Lantern available and is looking for articles for upcoming issues of the Lantern. Larry also mentioned the two-part article that Murray Brown has submitted to the Lantern and thanked Murray.

Photo Contest-Larry Leavens. Larry asked for photos for the Photo Contest. Larry mentioned prototype and model categories for the photo contest.

Annual Photo Contest-Larry Leavens. Larry advised that the special event was the Empress. Larry advised that he is looking for judges for the Annual Model Contest.

John Bate asked about the layout at CN. Larry has no news on this.

Felix Lesiuk thanked Larry for his work on the Lantern.

Monthly Model Contest- Gary Stempnick.

Tonight's winner was Neil Carlton.

Library-Open tonight. John Bate mentioned that there was no volunteer at this point for the library position. Billy Yachison volunteered to do it on an interim basis. Ken Crockatt volunteered to do it. Dave McNeil also volunteered to do it. John indicated the library position is to be determined.

Social Media-Paul Ullrich. Paul advised the club members of the following stats;

Blog:

All time visits: 468,193

Visits this month: 2,751

Visits last month: 2,926

All time visits by country:

159,000 visits from Canada

141,00 visits from USA

54,600 visits from Singapore

21,400 visits from Hong Kong

948 posts created

Facebook:

1,863 followers

Five new page likes in past 28 days

Louis Lenz obit was the top post in past 28 days with 488 views

1,604 views for post about Mega train

1,688 views for post about Assiniboine Park

Steam Train

Paul mentioned that there were lots of fake hits over the summer, sometimes as many as 6 per day.

Annual Model Contest-Marvin Fetch. Marvin indicated that he would stay on for one year and is looking for a volunteer to replace him. Marvin indicated that the special event will be a flat car or gondola with a load. Marvin also proposed a new category for 3D models. It was decided that 3D models would be judged with other models.

Marvin asked members to see him for your 50/50 tickets after the meeting.

Canteen-Mark McLellan. Mark advised the members that the usual assortment was available and everything remains at a dollar and also that there would be fresh coffee at the break.

Mega Train

Murray Brown indicated that everything was well underway and there was a major beehive of activity going on. Cliff Davidson asked how many layouts for Mega Train. Murray advised that there would be about 15 layouts. Susan mentioned that there would be 13 displays including the steam club, T Gauge

layout, Slot Car drag racing and Manitoba Doll Club. Susan also advised that advertising would start on Monday. Murray was thanked for his hard work on Mega Train.

Mark asked about posters and was advised by Murray that they are all distributed. Christopher asked about flyers and Murray advised that they were all gone.

Gino Kost. Gino is still looking for volunteers. Please volunteer if you haven't already. Gino also mentioned that we will be able to get in the building on Thursday night for setup. Gino also mentioned that Maurice has made up carts for moving the 7.5 layout track to save time and that things should go quicker, and that Maurice has also redesigned the arches to make assembly quicker. Gino again asked members to please help if you can.

Gino also mentioned that help is required for Sunday night tear down and Monday to take the trailer back.

Khirad mentioned that Monday September 30th is a stat holiday-Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Gateway Western-Gary Stempnick. Gary indicated that members of the Gateway Western can get in now. They just need to get a hold of a Museum Executive member to get in. Old Business-none

New Business. Gary Stempnick advised that there are no cardboard trains available at this point to give out at Mega Train.

Next Meeting is October 25th. This is later than usual due to Thanksgiving and our meeting room not being available.

November meeting will be on November 15th December meeting will be on December 13th Gary Stempnick mentioned items he is selling some items for Dennis Ritze tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The 50/50 draw was won by Bart Hasselfield.

Submitted by Brent Karr

#### **Vice Presidents Report**

Come see me during the break as I have some wonderful WMRC swag to sell. Marvin Fetch.

#### **September Program**

October's WMRC meeting date has been changed to Friday, October 25. Our program features MMR Alan Saatkamp, who will give us a virtual tour of his Progressive Rail layout, which occupies 650 square feet in his layout room in Normal, Illinois. Ever thought about changing themes on your layout? Alan's presentation proves tips on how to tackle this on your model

railroad—without demolishing the current one and starting over from scratch. His own (currently Progressive Rail in Minnesota) layout theme offers a prime example of to accomplish this, using strict application of the 80/20 rule (if it requires more than a 20% overhaul of the track, it's not worth the effort). Alan has been our guest before, and he and his crew have made many changes to the layout since his last presentation.

Ian will be at the October meeting looking for folks to give a Clinic at our December Clinic carnival.

#### **Spring Show**

Spring show chair; show next year is April 26 & 27, 2025. So far only one layout is coming. .

#### **Public Relations Report**

Public relations, we had no interviews for the Mega Train show this year...

#### **Many Thanks to the Volunteers at Mega Train**

Many Thanks are extended to the following WMRC Members who volunteered their time to assist with Setup, Take Down, WMRC Display Table, the WMRC Selling Table, the Check-in Counter and Thomas the Train Contest table:

- Bart Hasselfield
- Khirad Dhabhar
- Bob King
- Brent Karr
- Neil Carleton
- Tommy Kucera
- Mark McLellan
- Barrie Bayne
- Andrea Bayne
- Larry Leavens
- Gary Stempnick
- Ken Crockett
- Wayne Hillsden
- Barrie Creran
- Mike Wegner
- Brent Schacter

- Billy Yachison
- Christopher Robinson
- Marvin Fetch

For me, Murray, it was a wonderful opportunity to meet two new-for-me Members, and to have a lady On Board!

Without your personal commitment the check-in process would have been a small disaster. Thank You!

I, Gino, really appreciate ALL the effort that was put into the Setup and Take Down. It went relatively smooth with the extra tools we had. It will make it that much easier in years to follow.

The volunteers that helped at the WMRC Sales table did a Great job of selling the merchandise. It makes it easier for the ones that move the leftovers in and out of storage.

We cannot forget about promoting the WMRC. Thanks.

Thanks again to the Volunteers that made this a successful Mega Train Show in 2024. If I forgot anyone I apologize in advance.

### Gateway Western

Gary Stempnick indicated that members of the Gateway Western can get in now. They just need to get a hold of a Museum Executive member to get in.

### 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.

– Larry Leavens

### Annual Model Contest

The Model Special Event will be a flat car or gondola with a load. As always there are the other categories as well

- structures,
- motive power,
- passenger and freight cars,
- non-revenue cars
- display.

Start modelling now for our April Open House.

### Monthly Model and Photos Display

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.

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

September Model Display winner was Neil Carleton.



ACCURAIL 8300/8500 Series Steel Reefer

Purchased this kit, decorated for Slate River Dairy, at Frog and Diamond Hoppy shop. Kit is built following directions with the addition of a Kaydee coupler and metal wheel sets.

Slate River Dairy is a small family run dairy operating near Thunder Bay. The custom decorated cars are a fundraiser for the Thunder Bay Model Railroaders group. Nancy and I stopped at the dairy in the summer of 2022. We stayed overnight in our motorhome, taking advantage of a free camping spot. Butter and milk purchased on site were amazing.

N Scale Building by Richard Mikolayenko  
 All plastic Construction kit  
 -Wood Roof  
 - Light red wash painted walls  
 -Back wall left off for addition of details, etc.  
 - Still under construction



## Operator's Guide to Progressive Rail in Minnesota

by Alan Saatkamp, MMR

### Introduction

#### Why change themes (again) to model Progressive Rail—and why now?

This latest endeavor, which has been more than a year in the making, further fuels my interest and narrows the focus in the hobby, namely, an operating layout based on: An Upper Midwest shortline, Industrial switching, Terrific PGR support and research, (Another) cab ride on the prototype

More than a year of research and renewed acquaintance with Joe Fehr, former PGR employee, went into this project. Joe and I met at Lakeville in fall 2007 and eventually railfanned the Cannon Falls line on a hot July 4, 2013. He also arranged my first PGR cab ride in April 2014, from Northfield to Lakeville. And while I modeled PGR on a couple portable switching layouts while we lived in Harrisburg, SD, as well as made PGR my main theme in Shawnee, Kansas a couple years, my interest piqued when Roger Kujawa of Morton informing me that Athearn plans to release SW1500s #36 and 37 in the MN & S paint scheme Spring 2024 that inspired me to action this soon (again).

This time, however, instead of an 11' x 15' spare bedroom, PGR will fill the 25' x 26' layout room. Here's what's included:

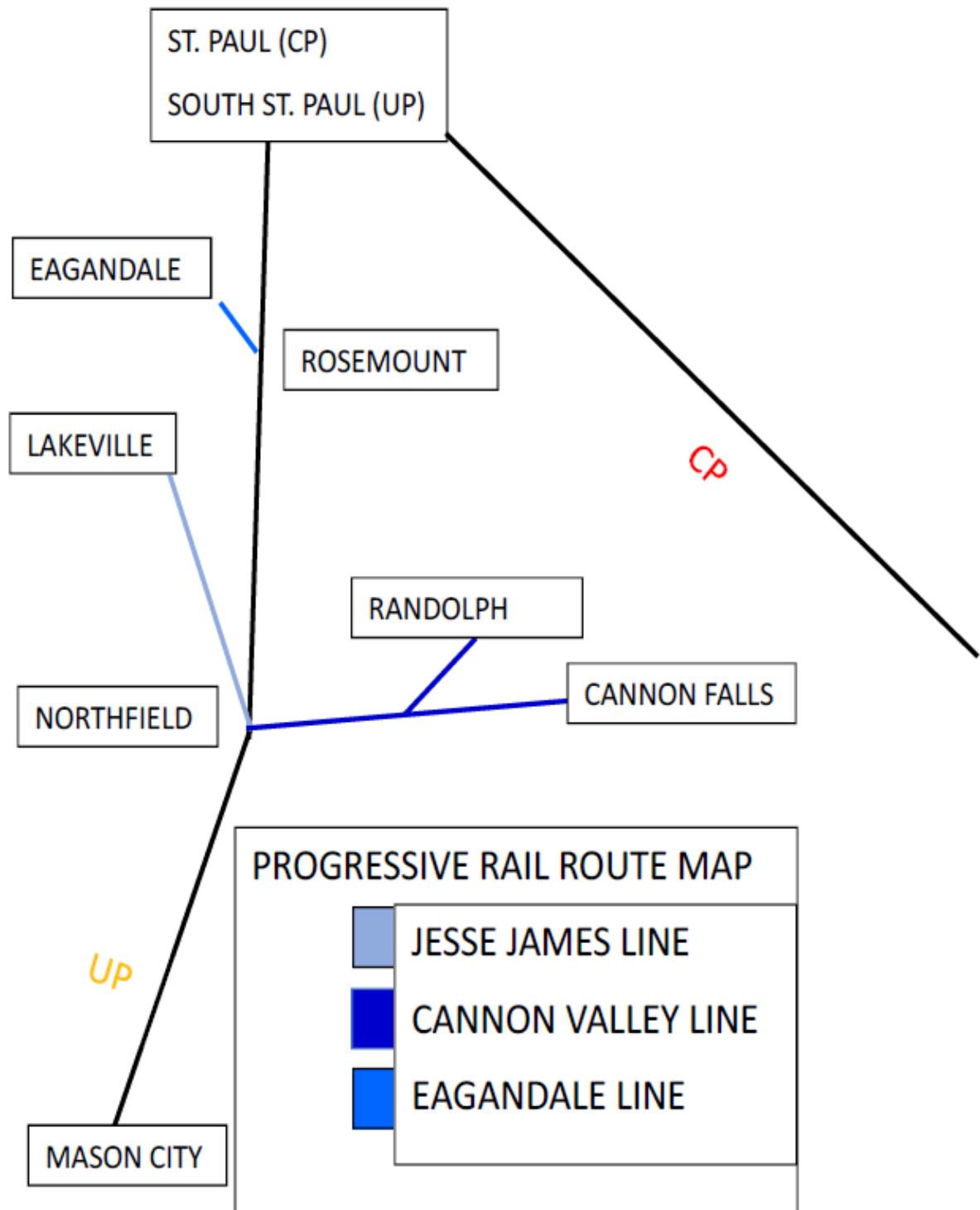
Cannon Valley Line (Northfield-Randolph-Cannon Falls), ☐ Jesse James Line (Northfield-Lakeville), Eagandale Line (Rosemount-Eagandale industrial park

What power is on hand? SW1500s form the backbone of the PGR loco-motive roster in Minnesota. Below are what I have in service: SW1500 #38, an EMD SD39 #40, SD45 #43 (trailing) as well as SW1500 #34. What's new? SW1500s #36 & #37.



# Progressive Rail in Minnesota

## Area modeled map



## Progressive Rail in Minnesota Area modeled map

Three PGR routes are modeled on the layout—Jesse James (Northfield to Lakeville), Cannon Valley (Northfield to Cannon Valley) and Eagan-

dale Industrial Park. Modeler's license allows me to run both the Jesse James and Cannon Valley lines on the same mainline although they are separate routes on the prototype. Rule number one: it's my layout.

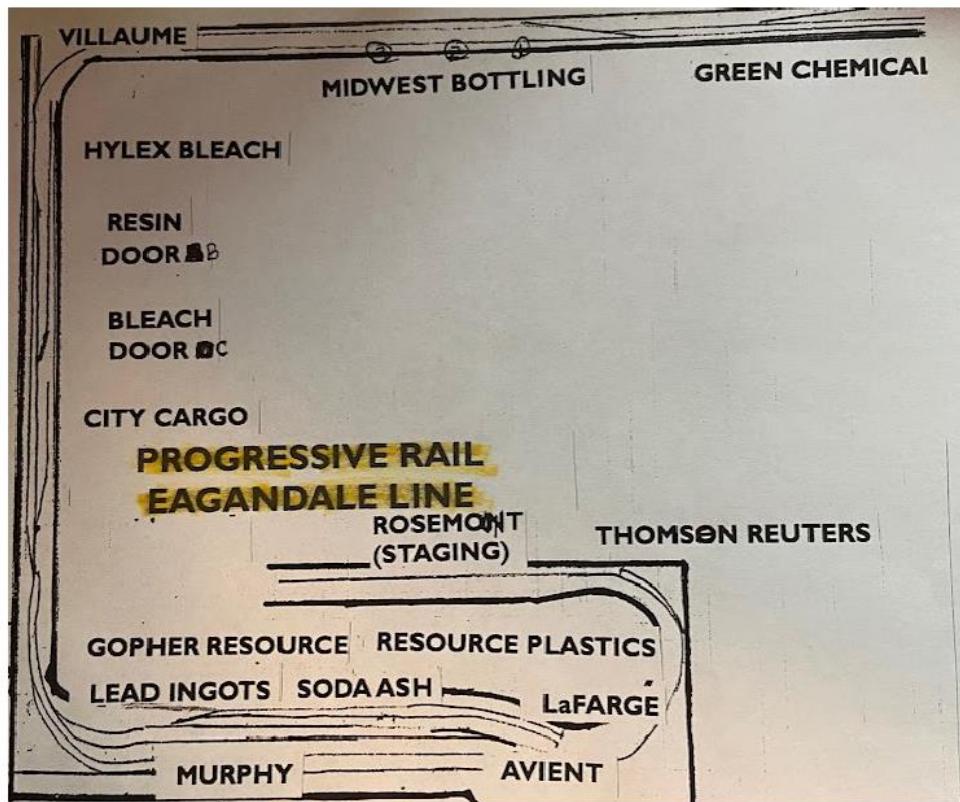
PROGRESSIVE RAIL CHALK MARK COLOR CODING	
NORTHFIELD (MALT O MEAL)	
LAKEVILLE NORTH	
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RANDOLPH	
CANNON FALLS	
UNION PACIFIC	
CANADIAN PACIFIC	

## Eagandale Industrial Park job and diagram

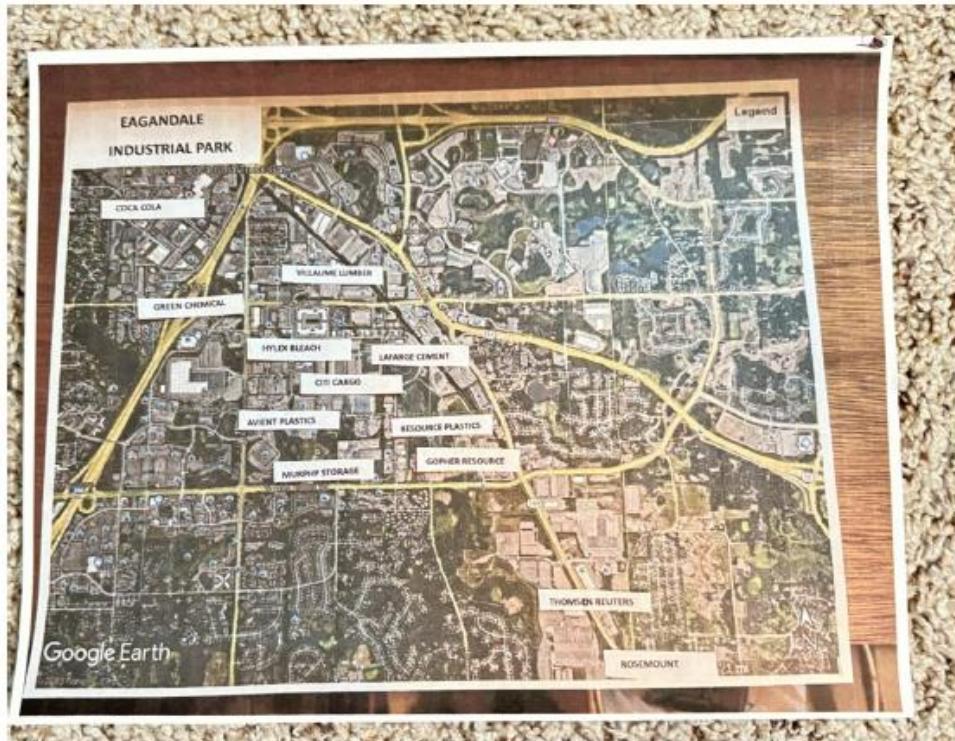
- The Eagandale Industrial Park occupies the previous TCWR route.
- The Eagandale job begins at Rosemount (the river aisle on the layout.) The interchange with CP is staged—the CP has already interchanged cars with PGR at Rosemount.
- There are 14-16 cars on the switch list for Eagandale. They require blocking when the train gets to Eagandale yard.

The crew makes pickups and setouts from the 11 industries in the industrial park, then returns to Rosemount and ties up.

The next page shows an aerial of Eagandale and the location of the 11 modeled industries. The actual track plan snakes its way through the industries, just as this representation shown on the layout diagram.



Eagandale Industrial Park



The eleven industries included on this map comprise the Eagandale Industrial Park switch job. Just as the prototype, the job travels up and down the snakelike route that weaves throughout the park. The layout has, as does the prototype, several areas of double ended track that allow for runaround moves.

For the operating crews on my layout, this job is a departure from the car cards and waybill system used exclusively for car routing since 2019. Instead, each session includes a different switch list, showing the road name, car number, commodity, and destination. Train consists include 14-16 cars in and outbound.

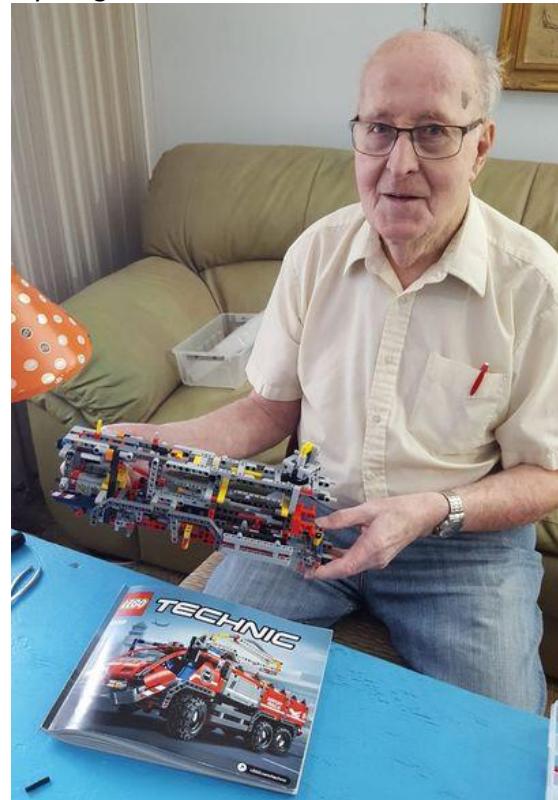
I hope the crews will enjoy the challenge of this latest car forwarding system, and theme, set in the contemporary era circa 2014. It could be here for a long time to come, despite an unnamed source on the call board predicting, "I'll give it two years."

### Roger Wood

Long time former WMRC member Roger Wood passed away on September 7, 2024 at the age of 92. Roger had a truly impressive layout which literally went from floor to ceiling, which was one of the highlights of the 1983 NMRA national convention held in Winnipeg. Roger was born in Leamington, Ontario. He was one of three members of the WMRC, along with Neil Carleton and Moe Smith, who worked at the CBC. Roger was also a licensed pilot. He also built remote-controlled model aircraft. In his later years, he turned his attention to building elaborate Lego models of every description.

I think it is now safe to put a story about Roger into print. Roger had a large basement layout but the room was still just a bit too small. So, Roger and his crew decided that they could move the wall dividing the train room from the family room. Roger did not want to tell Carole, his wife, of the change so the crew thought it was a good idea to move the wall an inch or two every week. She would never notice that. So, over the winter

the wall slowly moved and Roger was able to get his required space for the layout. Everyone thought this was a great joke as Carole had not noticed. The last laugh was on the crew as Carole was in on the shenanigan but did not say anything till much later.



### Rail Buses in Manitoba Part II

by Murray Brown

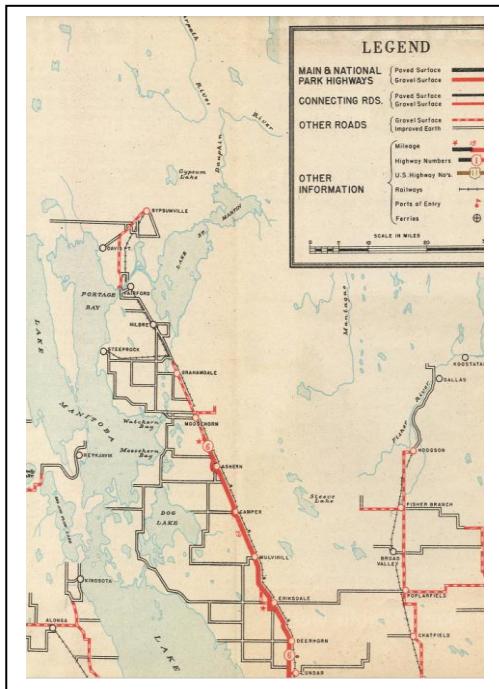
The discovery of nickel deposits in early 1956 near Mystery and Moak Lakes in Northern Manitoba led to the opening of the area and the creation of Thompson. In late 1958, the first non-Aboriginal women and children began to arrive by the newly completed spur of CNR.<sup>1</sup>

Finally in 1987, the road to Thompson was improved to match the quality of the remaining highway to the south. It would be four decades before what we now know as Highway 6 was paved all the way from Winnipeg.

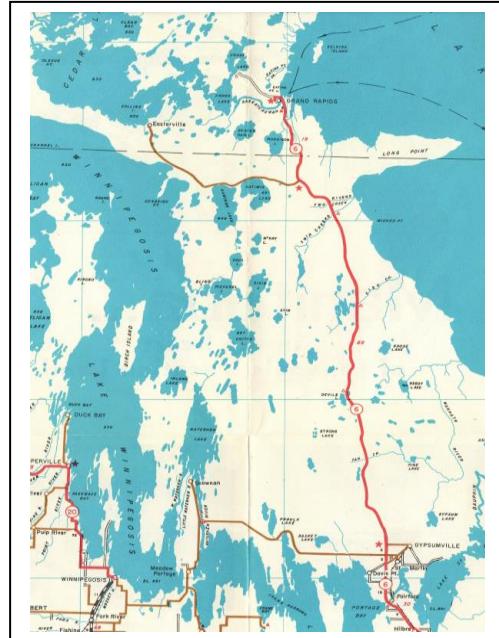
<sup>1</sup> The Development of a Suburban City in the Midst of the Boreal

Forest: Thompson, Manitoba, Canada, 1956–1970  
<https://www.erudit.org/en/journals/>

In 1947 Highway 6 was designated to its current route, travelling from Winnipeg as far as Gypsumville.

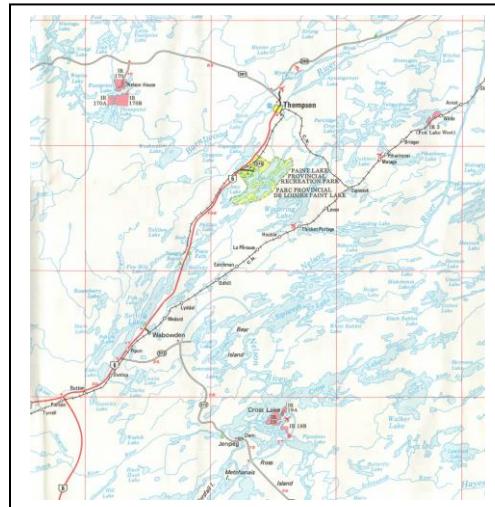


The highway was extended from Gypsumville to Grand Rapids in 1964.

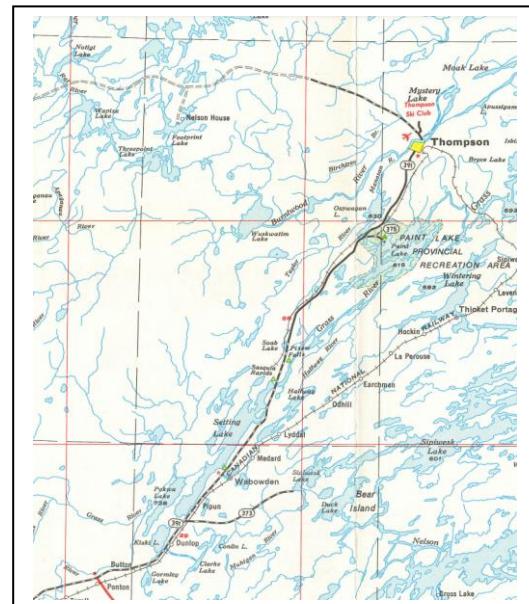


A further expansion to PR 391 at Ponton was completed in 1972.

The last section of PTH 6 from Ponton to Thompson was completed in 1987.



Maps sourced from Manitoba



Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation

Slowly, communities along the CNR line from The Pas to Thompson, like Wabowden, were able to access paved roads. Until then the only means of travel was by rail or in some instances float aircraft. However, two others – Thicket Portage

and Pikwitonei – were still limited to rail passenger services.

The first railway station built in 1959, and the first passenger aircraft landed in 1960. Trans-Air was provided the authority by the Province of Manitoba to operate between Winnipeg and Thompson in 1971. Once the highway was concluded, bus service was provided by Grey Goose Bus Lines.

The passenger trains went in backwards from Sipiwesk, the railway wye located immediately north of Thicket Portage. This was done for two reasons. One, railways never have a locomotive lead into a dead end location. If the cars behind were to derail, or the locomotives were to mechanically fail, there would be no way for another locomotive to rescue the train. Second, when departing Thompson, the passenger trains would have the lead locomotive(s) at the head end, negating any turning on the wye at Sipiwesk.

The completion of Highway 6, increased automobile ownership, bus service, and air schedules began the demise of rail passenger service.

In July of 1981, the Canadian Transport Commission conducted public hearings in Churchill, The Pas, Thompson, Gillam, Dauphin, and Winnipeg, Manitoba. The primary purpose of the hearings was to review the operation of Trains Nos. 91/90 between Winnipeg and Thompson, Nos. 93/92 between Winnipeg and Churchill. The hearings also broached the operation of Mixed Trains 291/M290 between The Pas and Lynn Lake, and Mixed Trains 295/M294 between Wabowden and Churchill.

At the time of the hearings, VIA operated 91/90 between Winnipeg, Dauphin, Canora, Hudson Bay, The Pas, Wabowden and Thompson: No. 91 left Winnipeg Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; No. 90 left Thompson Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The trains normally

consisted of a locomotive, steam-generator car, baggage car, coach, and snack-coach.

VIA operated Nos. 93-95/94-92 between Winnipeg, Dauphin, Swan River, Hudson Bay, The Pas, Wabowden, Thompson, Gillam, and Churchill; 93-95 left Winnipeg Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; No. 94-92 left Churchill Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The trains normally consisted of two locomotives, a steam-generator car (two in winter), CN refrigerated express cars (up to five depending upon route segment and season), two coaches, a diner-lounge, and a sleeper. When Churchill tours were operated, the trains were augmented by a snack-lounge-coach, lounge car and several sleepers.

VIA's request was to discontinue Trains 90/91 due to poor ridership and a conflicting route that followed the Grey Goose bus routes. VIA wanted to re-route trains 93-95/94-92, using the 90/91 route of Dauphin-Roblin-Kamsack-Canora-Sturgis-Hudson Bay. Bus service was far better on the Swan River routing than on the Canora routing; locally generated traffic had been considerably higher on the Canora routing than on the Swan River routing; all communities on the Swan River routing were connected by highways and all but a few have scheduled bus service.

Regarding to 291/290, a mixed-train service, with a VIA combination coach-baggage car being attached to a CN way-freight, VIA was also proposing to discontinue services for economic reasons. There was an all-weather road from Thomson to Lynn Lake, but in between was a rail-only community at Pikwitonei.

As for 295/294, a similar Mixed Train operation, VIA wanted to discontinue the operation, again for economic and other reasons. Wabowden was now well serviced by Highway 6 and Grey Goose. Ridership was extremely poor, except for rail-locked communities at Pikwitonei (which would continue to be served by 93-95/92-94), Ilford, and Herchmer. In the case of Herchmer, the residents were Maintenance of Way

employees of CN Engineering and had motor cars and access to Hy-rail vehicles.

The conclusions by the Commission were:

- a) Passenger-train service provided by Trains 93-95/94-92 should not be discontinued, but should be re-routed via Canora, Saskatchewan, instead of via Swan River, Manitoba, and should be re-scheduled if feasible to provide more convenient service;
- b) Passenger-train service provided by Trains 91/90 should be discontinued;
- c) VIA should include in its own timetable details of scheduled bus services between Dauphin, Swan River and The Pas and attempt to arrange connections at Dauphin and through ticketing;
- d) Passenger-train service provided by mixed Trains 295/294 should not be discontinued, but VIA and CN should take all steps necessary to provide "adequate and suitable accommodation" and notify the Committee, within 30 days of the date of the Order implementing this decision, of the improvements made;
- e) Passenger-train service provided by mixed Trains 291/290 should not be discontinued;
- f) A report addressing the complaints and suggestions of the public, as described above under "Future Service To Be Provided", should be submitted by VIA at a date to be determined.

The report addressing the complaints and suggestions of the public, "Future Service To Be Provided", became the cornerstone for a Railbus study, intrigue, governmental and corporate manipulation, Railbus trials, and the ultimate demise of Railbuses in Manitoba.

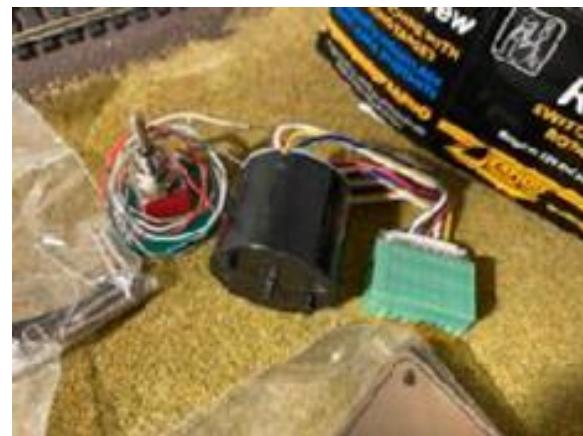
## Installing powered frogs

By Neil Carleton

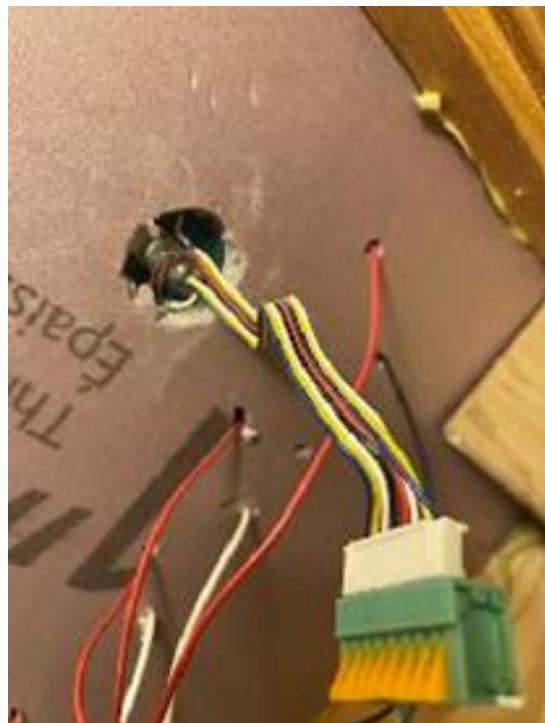
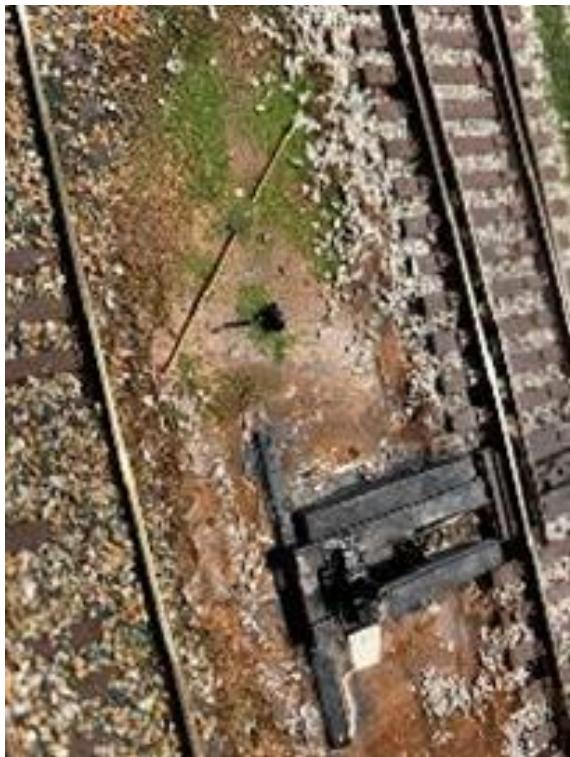
I did not have wired frogs on my modules and had issues with engines stalling when crossing the turnout.

I was able to install two Caboose brand lever action controllers but ran into space constraints on my next module.

I decided to try Rapido Railcrew motors, they are advertised as easy to install in existing layouts.



Essentially you drill a 1 1/8" inch hole, centred one inch from the track nearest the motor, in line with the throw bar of the turnout. It is recommended to use a spade bit but my modules are 2 inches of pink/blue foam and found that a spade rips the foam. I found a 1 1/8" hole saw a better choice.



In one installation drilling the hole was easy but the second required drilling up from the bottom. I marked the depth of the hole on the saw and stopped before chewing through the adjacent trackbed, the pivot of the motor just clears the ties of that track.

It is recommended to remove any spring on the existing turnout. You rely on the motor to securely move and hold the points.

The motor assembly fits snuggly in the hole. Following the directions I installed the cam hub.

At this point I installed a 12-volt DC power supply and wired the motor. I used a 12-volt DC “wall wart” charger with the plug removed. I installed the provided Railcrew switch, in setting it in the facia of the module, to avoid damage in transit.

Now the connecting rod can be installed. In both instances I used the basic rod, straight with a bend at each end. I used the hole on the outer end of the cam.



Operating the switch should move the points smartly, with a click each way. Be aware that the switch will heat up with repeated use and will automatically shutdown until cooled.

The motor can be rotated back and forth until the points move and land tightly. Once sure, it is suggested to use hot glue to lock it into place, Even in the foam it worked well. Make sure the motor is level in the hole and that the cam is completely vertical.

Wiring can continue from there and may require adding a lead to the switch frogs. On one module the Peco Electrofrog had wires already installed. I connected the track feeders to the mainline bus wires. It took some fiddling to get all the polarities correct and the points moving in the right direction relative to the electrical switch.

Installing the provided switch stand and moving target was more challenging. I did not drill the hole even with the throw bar, so it was a bit off centre. That required a modification to the head block ties, I used strip wood and painted it to match. When inserting the switch stand post into the top of the cam it was working well, until it wasn't. The cam broke and I needed to buy another Railcrew to get a new cam hub. I

think pole went in on an angle and broke the cam.

As it turned out the motor was not perfectly level either, so the pole is on a slight angle.

In spite of those issues the target does move as advertised.



Lesson learned and in future I will be more careful placing the motors. To remove and reset it would require filling the hole and drilling a new one. Seems like a lot of work.

### **Fine Scale Miniature Building for Sale**

This is a model built from a Fine Scale Miniature kit. It was started by Don McKinnon and completed by myself. I would really like to have it on my layout, but I can't. There is no place for me to integrate it into my track plan as it is. I would have to rebuild one whole area of the

layout to accommodate it. I have checked recently to see what it sells for. I have seen figures ranging from \$280.00 U.S. to \$400.00 U.S. I need \$100.00 Canadian. My phone number is 204 888 4713. Anyone can call me for details etc. Marvin Fetch



Photo by Cliff Davidson



Photo by Ian Plett



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## **Revisions to the WMRC Constitution**

Over the past year or so, the Executive has brought the Constitution, and a portion of the By-Laws, up to date, and in line with current practices. Attached is a copy of the new document. It will be voted on at the October meeting, which will be on October \*25\*. (Please note that the October meeting will be very late this year, due to Thanksgiving, and also the lack of availability of the Tank Room.)

### **WMRC CONSTITUTION** Including all revisions up to August 21, 2024

#### **1. NAME**

The name of the Association shall be "WINNIPEG MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC" here-in-after referred to as "the Club," incorporated April 27, 1998.

#### **2. MISSION STATEMENT**

- a) 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.
- b) The Purpose of the Club shall be the uniting of its members to promote interest in the hobby of model railroading, to increase the knowledge of its members, and to foster and promote the construction and operation of model railroads. None of the activities shall be carried on for the profit of any individual member.
- c) The function of the 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, groups, organizations or businesses.

#### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

There shall be five classes of membership in the Club, as follows. All members in any category must be residents of Canada.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP - Any adult interested in scale model railroading, and not in one of the categories below.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP - Any adult who became a regular member in good standing on November 1, 1955 shall be known as a Charter Member

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - Any person residing in the same household as a regular or charter member who is interested in scale model railroading

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP - Any person who has contributed meritorious service to the hobby of scale model railroading in general or to the WMRC in particular may be elected as an Honorary Member by vote of the majority of members attending any regular meeting.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP - Any person under the age of 18 who shows an interest in model railroading may become a Junior Member. Junior members under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all WMRC meetings and events.

#### **4. BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS**

The benefits and obligations of all classes of membership shall be identical as set forth in this constitution with the exceptions that:

- a) Honorary Members shall not be required to pay dues
- b) Junior Members may not hold an elective office

#### **5. CLUB EXECUTIVE**

The executive shall consist of five elected members as follows whose term of office shall be one year.

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer
- e) Past President

#### **6. STANDING POSITIONS**

Members may be appointed annually, by majority vote of the Executive, to such standing positions as are deemed necessary. Examples: Program Director, Lantern Editor, Club Layout Manager, Canteen Manager, Social Media Director, etc.

## **7. EXECUTIVE DUTIES**

It shall be the responsibility of each member of the Executive to:

- a) Perform the specific duties as set forth in the By-Laws,
- b) Hand over all Club files and any other Club property to the incoming Executive by the end of the fiscal year. This material to be complete and up to date.

## **8. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE**

The procedure for electing the Executive will be as follows:

- a) Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the March and April regular meetings. The nominee must consent to the nomination.
- b) Elections will be held after nominations close in the April meeting.
- c) If Executive positions remain vacant, they may be filled by the newly elected officers, by majority vote, and ratified by the members present at the next regular meeting.
- d) The incoming Executive shall assume office at the start of the next fiscal year (July 1).

## **9. CLUB LIABILITY**

The Club shall have no liability toward its members nor their personal property. Any person accepting membership in the Club waives all liability on the part of the Club toward his person and/or property.

## **10. MEETINGS**

Meetings shall be held as set forth in the By-Laws.

## **11. QUORUM**

One quarter of the members within this Club shall constitute a quorum for the handling of business at any business meeting.

## **12. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

This constitution may be amended at any time at a regular business meeting of the Club.

Notice of the proposed amendment must be made in the form of a motion and in written form at a regular business meeting.

A notice must be published in The Lantern that a change or addition is to be considered at the next meeting. This notice shall include the wording of the proposed amendment.

Voting on the proposed amendment shall be held at the next regular meeting.

A two-thirds majority of the members who are present shall be required to amend this constitution.

## **By-Laws**

### **1. GENERAL**

The purpose of the By-Laws is to lay down rules by which the business of the Club shall be conducted.

### **2. AMENDING THE BY-LAWS**

By-Laws shall be amended in the same way as the Constitution.

### **3. ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Application for membership must be filled out and turned in to the Treasurer. The Executive may choose to deny membership.

### **4. MEMBERSHIP FORM**

All members are required to fill out a membership form annually to help the Executive keep the

Club records and the handbook up to date. The form must be submitted to the Treasurer, accompanied by payment of the correct dues.

**5. VOTING**

Any member in good standing may vote.

**6. REGULAR MEETINGS**

The Club will hold a regular meeting on the second Friday of each month from September through April to conduct Club business, unless the date and/or location has been changed by a motion at a previous meeting or by extenuating circumstances. The date, time, and place of each meeting must be published in *The Lantern*.

**7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The annual general meeting shall be held in May. Prior notice of the date, time, and location shall be published in *The Lantern*.

**8. ANNUAL CONTESTS**

The Club shall hold annually a model building contest and a photo contest to be held on a day following the April regular meeting and preceding the May annual general meeting. The contest will be governed by the Contest Rules as printed in the current issue of the Club Handbook. Any changes to the rules shall be approved by the membership.

**9. CLUB ACCOUNT**

The Club monies will be kept on deposit at any bank or credit union convenient to the Treasurer, with the approval of the Executive.

**10. CASH ON HAND**

The Treasurer shall maintain a reasonable amount of cash suitable for the immediate needs of upcoming Club meetings and events. All excess cash should be deposited in the club account.

**11. WITHDRAWALS**

- a. Any withdrawals or cheques must be signed by two of the Treasurer, the President, or the Secretary.
- b. Prior to the first Executive meeting of a new Executive, the incoming and outgoing President, Secretary, and Treasurer, are to fill in the appropriate bank forms to authorize full use of the account by the new Executive.

**12. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a. The fiscal year shall be July 1st to June 30th.
- b. A final financial report shall be submitted to the Executive prior to the end of the fiscal year. The Executive may request full details of transactions, receipts, and expenses as they see fit.

**13. BUDGET**

- a. A budget shall be prepared by the Executive for approval at the September regular meeting each year. It shall be printed in *The Lantern* prior to the meeting.
- b. Notice of proposed revisions to the budget shall be printed in *The Lantern* and voted on at the following meeting.
- c. Spending for each expense budget line may be exceed by up to 10% for good reasons. The Executive may approve over-expenditure of up to 20%. Greater over-expenditures must be approved by a vote on the members at a regular meeting.

\*\*\*Changes made up to August 21, 2024 end here. The remainder is unchanged from the previous version, and may not match current standard practices. The numbering will not be contiguous.

**16. CAPITAL ASSETS PURCHASE FUND**

- a. The Club will establish a fund for the purpose of equipping and maintaining a Club room.
- b. The Capital Assets Purchase Fund will be administered by three trustees whose terms shall be three years, and who shall be appointed by the executive so that one trustee's term shall end each year. In the interest of maintaining stability, a trustee may be appointed to consecutive terms.
- c. The Club will allocate from the operating budget at the close of each fiscal year and transfer to the Capital Assets Purchase Fund ten percent of the gross membership dues revenue as shown in the Club's financial statements for that fiscal year. At the discretion of the Club Executive, this allocation may be waived in circumstances where the funds in the Capital Assets Purchase Fund exceed the total of the current fiscal year's and two prior fiscal year's gross membership dues revenues (a three year total).
- d. Among the fiduciary duties of the trustees will be the responsibility for the prudent investment of the Capital Assets Purchase Fund's monies. For certainty, all of the Capital Assets Purchase Fund monies shall be invested in interest bearing instruments and/or the interest bearing accounts of a recognized financial institution with sufficient standing in the community such that deposit-taking guarantee insurance is provided to the institution. Additionally, the lesser of \$3,000 or the total balance of the Fund monies shall be invested so that this amount or balance would be available to the Club within 60 days of a request by the Club membership for an ordinary disbursement of Capital Assets Purchase Fund monies.
- e. The trustees shall meet at least once a year and they shall elect one trustee to be Chairman of the fund.
- f. Notice of any proposed expenditures from the Fund must be made at a regular business meeting, published in The Lantern and a vote taken at the following meeting. A two-thirds majority of the members eligible to vote who are present shall be required to disburse Capital Assets Purchase Fund monies.
- g. The trustees shall present a written report at the same time as the annual financial report.

**17. RAFFLE PROFITS**

Any profits from the Club raffles will be used towards the annual raffle.

**18. AUCTION PROFITS**

All auction profits will be placed in the Club Room fund for the general benefit of the Club.

**19. DUES**

- a. Membership dues for each of the classes of membership will become part of the budget that is set each September. These dues shall be collected from September to April.
- b. Subsequent applications will be deferred to the September regular meeting and the applicants will be treated as guests.
- c. Dues for the renewal of membership shall be paid before the close of the October regular meeting.

**20. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

The President may appoint committees as necessary for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Club.

**21. LIBRARY**

- a. The Club shall have a library.
- b. The Librarian shall have charge of the library and be responsible for its administration.
- c. The Librarian shall be allotted a budget to purchase and maintain the Club publications. He may spend, on his own authority, any portion of this budget to maintain, repair or buy items for the efficient operation of the library.
- d. Any member in good standing may make use of the library. Any borrowed items must be returned at the next meeting. The Librarian shall keep a waiting list to ensure fair distribution.

**22. CLUB PUBLICATION - THE LANTERN**

The Club will have a newsletter called "The Lantern", which shall be published prior to each meeting.

- a. It shall be made available at the next meeting to those members who have paid dues which do not include mailing. Suggestion: Printed copies shall be made available at the next meeting to those members who send a request to the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
- b. It shall be mailed to all other members except family members.

### **23. CLUB HANDBOOK**

- a. The Club shall have a Club Handbook.
- b. A Handbook Chairman shall be appointed by the Executive.
- c. The Handbook Chairman shall;
  - (1) maintain a master copy complete with date of revision.
  - (2) issue an updated membership list annually at the December regular meeting to each member on the membership list as of the close of the preceding October regular meeting.
  - (3) issue other sections of the Handbook whenever instructed by the Executive.

For the rest, lets do that as a separate exercise based on the duties recently assembled by Larry? Bob?

### **24. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President shall:

- (1) preside at all meetings of the Club and of the executive;
- (2) be an ex-officio member of all committees;
- (3) provide a report at the annual meeting on the Club administration and any recommendations, and;
- (4) perform such other duties as, by custom, devolve upon a President or are conferred upon him by the Club or the executive.

### **25. DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

- a. The Vice-President shall be the aid and assistant to the President and shall assume the duties of President in his absence or at his request.
- b. The main tasks of the Vice-President shall be;
  - (1) to co-ordinate all Club membership recruitment and renewals;
  - (2) to co-ordinate all social activities and;
  - (3) to be available to talk to all new members and guests at all meetings.
  - (4) to have custody of the guest book and to ensure that it is available at all meetings and that names and addresses of the guests are given to the Lantern Editor.

### **26. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY**

- a. The Secretary shall be responsible for the administrative functions of the Club.
- b. The main tasks of the Secretary shall be;
  - (1) to keep minutes of all Club meetings and records of the program titles and presenters;
  - (2) to provide an agenda for all meetings;
  - (3) to notify members of meetings;
  - (4) to have charge of all correspondence;
  - (5) to provide a report at the annual meeting on the Club administration and any recommendations, and;
  - (6) to be responsible for Club archives.

### **27. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER**

- a. The Treasurer is to have charge of the Club finances and is required to maintain an accurate

record of all the Club's financial transactions.

- b. The main tasks of the Treasurer shall be;
  - (1) to keep accurate records reflecting monies received, monies disbursed, and balance on hand;
  - (2) to collect all Club dues and profits from any Club-sponsored activity;
  - (3) to ensure that the books are ready for audit, and;
  - (4) to provide a report and financial statement annually.

## **28. DUTIES OF THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

The Program Director shall be responsible for the planning and co-ordination of all Club program activities.

## **29. DUTIES OF THE LANTERN EDITOR**

The Editor is to compile and edit The Lantern and ensure that it is published and distributed in time for each meeting.

## **30. DUTIES OF THE DIVISIONS MANAGER**

The Divisions Manager shall be responsible for organizing Divisions of the WMRC and ensuring that they conform to the rules of membership and will take his direction from the executive.

## **31. DIVISIONS**

- a. Any operating group may become a Division of the WMRC by applying to the Divisions Manager.
- b. Operating groups are required to submit a complete membership list upon application for Division status, and at any other time at the request of the Divisions Manager.
- c. All members of a WMRC Division must also be members in good standing of the WMRC.

**Winnipeg Model Railroad Club**  
**Membership Form**

Please PRINT clearly

Modified September 13, 2024

**Name**

New  Renewal  Former  dd/mm/yy

Current NMRA member  Member#  Expiry Date

Family members

Spouse  Child under 18

Child birth date (dd/mm/yy)

Address

City, Province

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Phone

Email

Same as last year  OR

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Other

**Membership category:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular member	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family member - Spouse or minor child of a Regular member	\$5
<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 <b>printed</b> 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](mailto:wmrc.trainclub@gmail.com) and email the form to that address.
- 3) Mail the form and a cheque to: WMRC Treasurer, 209-1085 Court Ave, Winnipeg MB, R2P 2H8  
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## 2024

October 25 - Winnipeg Model Railroad Club monthly meeting  
**NOTE DATE CHANGE**

November 2 & 3 – Vancouver Train Expo  
PNE Form  
NE Corner Hastings & Renfrew  
Vancouver, BC

November 15 - Winnipeg Model Railroad Club monthly meeting

December 13 - Winnipeg Model Railroad Club monthly meeting

## 2025

January 10 - Winnipeg Model Railroad Club monthly meeting

February 7- Winnipeg Model Railroad Club monthly meeting

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

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