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ON THE COVER – A photo by Tommy Kucera of a British Rail Class 50 diesel locomotive at a railway station. It was submitted in the November 2024 photo contest.

FROM THE EDITOR – It looks like we may have survived the worst portion of the winter. Was it ever cold. It forced me to the basement to work on my entry for the spring show. It is progressing long quite well. First time, I've done a snow scene. But after some research, I've have been able to locate the appropriate material and processes to master the technique.

For the Monthly Model Contest, to save me considerable time interpreting your handwritten descriptions from now on would you please email the description of your models directly to me prior to the meeting at rw Harrison@shaw.ca - Bob Harrison

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 confusion surrounding the WMRC logo has been resolved. The NMRA has decided that 100% clubs have more leeway, and so we will not use the monochrome logo that would have been required. But that logo had some worthwhile features and advantages, so Paul has once again stepped up and produced a slightly modified version of his previous logo which incorporates those features. The NMRA logo will be used in combination with it, or not, as suits the application. The logos will be shown at the meeting.

Speaking of the meeting, have no fear of Friday the 13th. Come out and spend a pleasant train-related evening with all the usual features. Bring something for the model contest. Enter the photo contest. You might win something. Or try to win the 50/50 draw (as I never seem to do). We'll have some food and drink, conversation, and some entertaining presentations. As the well-known ads say: "Come on down!".

-John Bate

Vice President's Report

The 50/50 draw will be held as usual. The vice president will be assisting with the canteen for this meeting.

- Marvin Fetch

W.M.R.C. General Meeting Minutes January 9th, 2026 Charleswood Legion, 6003 Roblin Blvd, Winnipeg, R3R 1X1

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. There were 31 members and two guests present. Guests were Edith Brownlee and David Latour.

John welcomed the guests to the meeting and mentioned that the WMRC membership cards are here.

John asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5th, 2025, meeting. Alan Graham noted that the spelling of his name on page 13 of the Lantern was incorrect and that his name only has one L not two. A motion was made by Alan to approve the December 5th, 2025, meeting minutes with a correct spelling of his name. The motion was seconded by Christopher Robinson and carried.

President's Report- John Bate

John mentioned that we have two layouts signed up for the member open house tours and that we need a few more volunteers. John asked anyone willing to volunteer to please see him. John noted that there is a sign-up sheet for new WMRC name tags, stating that they are free to any member planning to use them.

John mentioned the budget and requested an increase of the administration line of the budget by \$200.00. A motion was made by Khirad to increase the administration line of the budget by \$200.00 and it was seconded by Christopher Robinson. The motion was approved.

John brought up the Capital Assets Purchase Fund on the screen and reviewed the terms of

this document. John noted that the club hasn't done any of these things. John then showed the proposed modification to the Reserve Fund by-law that must be approved by 2/3rds of the club membership present at the February meeting. John also mentioned that this document was examined by a person with an applicable background who found no issues with the proposed wording.

Tommy Kucera stated that in his experience Reserve Funds should have a targeted use, and usually have either a cap or a minimum.

John next brought up our club logo and showed everyone the original version that Paul Ullrich had created. John mentioned that under the new NMRA branding rules our logo must be monocolour and combined with the NMRA logo, then shared an example of the combined NMRA/WMRC logo.

John noted that this is not practical as is. John then showed another version of our logo in monocolour without the NMRA logo. John proposed that we use all three logos as we see fit, depending on where it is used.

Gary Stempnick asked if we are getting the red and black logo on our new name tags and John said that he thought so. Gary replied that he didn't want the name tag if it had the monocolour logo on it.

Gino asked why NMRA is dictating what we have to do with our own logo. John mentioned that there are 18 regions and 200 plus divisions that all have their own logo. Everything was watered down and confusing and that the NMRA rebranding will standardize things for consistency and the identity of NMRA. As we are a 100% club, and gain the benefits of it, we come under the rules.

Gino asked at what point do we decide to put what logo on what?

Brent suggested that the Executive should meet and decide what logo gets used and where so that we have consistency within the club.

Vice President's Report-Marvin Fetch

Marvin mentioned that he would be doing the 50/50 draw and that Murray would be taking care of selling the merchandise items going forward.

Treasurer's Report- Khirad Dhabhar

John put the Treasurer's report up on the screen and asked for a motion to approve the report as published. A motion was made by Larry Skoglund and seconded by Mike Wegner to approve the Treasurer's Report as published in the Lantern. The motion was approved.

Program Director- Ian Plett

Ian announced to the members present that fellow member Darrell Brownlee would be doing a presentation on his Via Rail trips.

Library-David McNeil

David mentioned some of the publications and videos available from the library and encouraged members to take a look at what's available and to please feel free to take some home.

Social Media- Paul Ullrich

Paul stepped forward and presented the social media stats for the month as follows.

Facebook:

- 1,943 followers
- 11,514 views in the past 28 days, 48.5% from non-followers, 90.4% from Canada, 7.1% from USA
- 1,280 views for WinNtrak at Kildonan Place, 8 shares
- 1,333 views for 70th anniversary T-shirts, one share
- 1,034 views for tonight's presentation
- 1,675 views for Darryl Brownlee's 3D structures
- 2,240 views for Clinic Carnival

Blog:

- 768,193 views since October 2013
- 1,026 posts created
- 10 views for WinNtrak at Kildonan Place
- 21 views for 70th anniversary T-shirts
- 25 views for tonight's presentation
- 64 views for Darryl Brownlee's 3D structures
- 56 views for Clinic Carnival

Gateway Western-Gino Kost

Gino advised everyone that there has been no change in the status of the Gateway Western.

Model Contest-Gary Stempnick

Gary advised everyone that there are lots of great models here tonight and encouraged everyone present to come and take a look. The winner of tonight's model contest was Fred Headon.

Photo Contest- John Bate

John filled in for Bob Harrison who was away and was filling in for Larry Leavens who was also away. John showed the photo contest pictures on the screen, and the winner was Bob Harrison.

Annual Model Contest-Murray Brown

Murray advised the members present that the forms for the annual model contest and the annual photo contest are on the website.

Canteen-Mark McLellan

Mark went over the menu of the usual delicious treats that are available tonight and mentioned that he would not be able to make it next month. Marvin volunteered to cover for Mark next month. John reminded members present to please pick up their membership cards before they leave.

Old Business

There was no old business tonight.

New Business

Murray mentioned that Ian can get more 70th Anniversary shirts made up if anybody hasn't got theirs yet.

David McNeil mentioned that his membership access to the NMRA website lapsed before we had submitted the 2025-2026 membership renewals and asked if there is some way to coordinate membership renewals better. John mentioned that some slow renewals caused a delay and that going forward we will have individual membership renewals based on when they joined throughout the year, allowing for timely renewals. Khirad mentioned that he made a mistake that delayed the list. John stated that all renewals should now be done except for a few new members that signed up this month.

Felix Lesiuk advised everyone of the WinNTrak set up at Kildonan Place this weekend and encouraged members to come down Saturday or Sunday.

Robert Burton mentioned a large photograph that a friend of his has and that it is available to a member for free.

The next WMRC meetings are scheduled for February 13th and March 13th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christopher Robinson at 8:02pm.

The winner of the 50/50 draw tonight was Khirad Dhabhar.

by Brent Karr, Secretary

February Program

Two exciting events on tap for WMRC's February meeting:

First, WMRC's globe trotting treasurer Khirad Dhabhar will make a presentation on his recent visit to Hamburg's Miniatur Wunderland, the world's largest model railroad display. Khirad will also talk about Miniatur Wunderland's latest attraction, their 3D virtual reality experience. We haven't had an eyewitness presentation about

this world famous layout from someone who's been there in almost 11 years, so don't miss out on your chance to see this!



Then we'll have a video clinic on modelling a view block to enhance the long view on your layout and to make trains disappear by using different scenic techniques.

- Ian Plett Program Director

Public Relations Report

Nothing new to report at this time.

Spring Show

The Spring show is on April 18th & 19th. The Photography Contest will be chaired by Bart Hasselfield. There will be two new displays and one enhanced layout from last year.

All of the Forms required for the Model (2 forms), Module (3 forms) and Photography Contest (1 form) are now online at <https://www.wmrcrainclub.ca/forms>.

– Murray Brown

Annual Photo Contest

This year's Photo Special event is Bridge, Trestle or Culvert. The Entry Form is now available online at [Model Contest Entry Form.docx](#)

- Bart Hasselfield

Annual Model Contest

The 2026 Special Event will be a Winter Railroad Scene; maximum size to be 8 x 10 inches. Model and Module Entry Forms are available as PDF online-fillable documents and a Tips document at: [Model Contest Entry Form.docx](#) and

[Microsoft Word - Module Contest Rules and Judging Guidelines.docx.](#)

– Murray Brown

WMRC Website

The Club's website is chock full of information about our club, has all our forms that you can download, many of our past newsletters, and a store where you can buy WMRC themed merchandise. Visit your Club at <https://www.wmrctrainclub.ca/> and try out the several links.

– Murray Brown

The Gateway Western Railway

The Gateway is still closed.

- Gino Kost

Manitoba Train and Hobby Expo (MTHE)The Manitoba Hobby Expo show dates are October 3 and October 4, 2026. The times for **EACH** day are 9:00am to 5:00pm (see ad on page 19).

Gino will have flyers to hand out to promote the show at the next club meetings.

The WMRC will have a display table with the TimeSaver layout in addition there will be a new 40" X 60" Thomas the Train layout that the kids of all ages will be able to operate.

Two sales tables were purchased by the club to sell items received throughout the years from donations received.

The WMRC will **NOT** be responsible for any of the activities associated with the setup, etc. of the show. However, the club is responsible for the WMRC display table, Thomas layout, and the sales table.

I would like to thank ALL the people that volunteered in the past with the activities associated with the MEGA Train Show. This year we will still need some volunteers to help out with the WMRC display table and sales table. I expect to see an enthusiastic response to the request for volunteers.

-Gino Kost

Monthly Model Contest

Remember to bring a model to the meeting to show to other members your modelling skills and be entered in a random draw. Please include a short write-up on what you did including any tips so it can be included in the next Lantern.

Eight individuals entered the January 2026 model contest. The lucky winner of the random draw was Fred Headon. The following models were entered in the January display.

a) CAT Construction Equipment by Rob Sarna

These two HO Scale models are: a CAT 966M Wheel Loader and a CAT 320D L Hydraulic Excavator made by Diecast Masters. They were lightly weathered with a first layer of Kato Vallejo Matte Varnish and pan pastels. The models will be further weathered and distressed to duplicate prototype machines in the Scrap Metal Industry. Safety appliances will be added as well.



b) Colfax station by Murray Brown

Colfax, Saskatchewan, was a station on the Lewvan Subdivision, running between Regina and Lampman. Located approximately 40 km north of Weyburn, the village was founded in 1911 with the arrival of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, later to become Canadian National Railways. Settled by American immigrants from Iowa, the community was named by B.A. Brown, after Colfax, Iowa. At one time there were three grain elevators; Sask Pool, Searle, and Federal.

The Lewvan Subdivision no longer exists but is remembered by Lewvan Street on the south side of Regina.

This model is completely 3D printed, with 52 pieces painted with Vallejo acrylic paints and AK Concrete acrylic diorama terrain. All assembly was with Liquitex Matte Medium. Decals were printed on inkjet waterslide decal paper. A final coating of Mr. SUPER Smooth Clear Matte finishing spray was applied.

You'll see this model station in April 2026 at the WMRC Spring Show, as part of an entry for the Special Event!



c) Building by Gino Kost

The building was made from left over parts from various projects. Middle floor is partitioned to set as a view block. Main floor is waiting for interior lighting. Window shades will be added to upon floors with lighting.



d) CP passenger cars by Fred Headon

The models of the Canadian Pacific Combination 4208, Canadian Pacific coach 4711 were Pacific Pike kits from the mid-1950s. They were assembled with white metal sides, ends, clerestory vent representations, Queen posts, brake fittings and truck side frames, wood floor and roof (roof required shaping to curve ends of clerestory), brass steps and end railings.

Plastic wheels were replaced with nickel silver sets. Sides and ends were painted with Scalecoat CPR Tuscan. Under frame and end platforms were painted with Floquil flat black. Roof areas with single ply Kleenex applied, painted Floquil flat black. Clerestory vents interior area were painted with silver.

Fred used Champ Decals produced by the late Rich Meyere of Minot North Dakota, and Black Cat Decals of Winnipeg. Interior walls and ceiling were painted with Floquil Central Vermont green. Seats were painted with two different shades of brown. Seat railings were scratch built. Figures came from various sources from the past and Preiser.

ASSIGNED: employee service for sawmill and iron mine at Whyte.



e) Apartment Complex by Darrell Brownlee

The N scale walk up apartment buildings were a design I copied from a model that I had bought used. Printed with different printers, the Resin printer was able to print railings and stairs in N Scale with a good outcome. The other one was

printed with an older FDM printer and the details did not work out as well.

The 3rd N scale building is a finished product of a building showed last month. It was printed with a resin printer.

N scale industrial garbage bins, are my own design from pictures on the internet. The lids are printed separate and can be glued in any position. Printed with a resin printer. Using my slicer upscaled the design to HO scale and printed it with an FDM printer.



f) Whistle Junction by Richard Mikoloyenko

This is a HO scale laser cut wood kit by Bar Mills Scale Models. It was assembled with wood glue and painted with wash colours. The roof is stick on roof shingles. It is a work in progress with more to come.



g) American Bungalow by Rod Foell

The house was built from Walthers kit 933-3787.

It was built by thousands from the 1900s on, many of these small houses have been updated and are still lived in today. The kit features a highly detailed roof and front porch, printed paper window curtains, gas and electric meters, and plastic parts molded in white and gray. The house was painted with acrylic paints.



h) Vinegar Tank car by Marvin Fetch

The A.M. Richter & Sons Co. (later Richter Vinegar Co.) of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, operated a unique fleet of wooden vinegar tank cars designed to resist the corrosive nature of the acid they transported. Because vinegar rapidly corrodes steel, these specialized cars used wooden tanks, often built of redwood, to safely move and store the commodity.

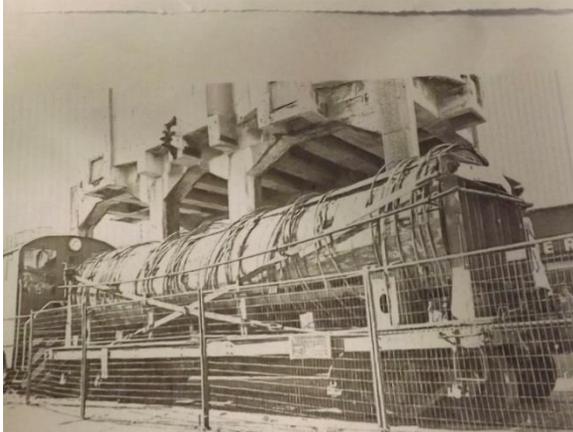
This vinegar tank car was built from an Ambroid "1-of-5,000" kit. The kit was introduced in September, 1958. It is a model of a M. Richter Sons Co. Vinegar Tank Car from 1929. The kit came with Silver Streak Bettendorf trucks, Kadee universal coupler pockets and a tube of Ambroid Liquid cement.

The car was reviewed in the Trade Topics column in the November, 1958 issue of Model Railroader. The final words, after a positive review, were: "A superb kit at a fair price".

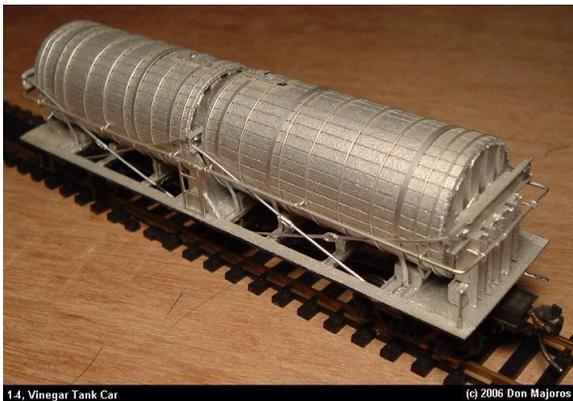
The September, 1958, issue of Model Railroader had an extra Ambroid ad, where the sales manager, Art Laneau, regretfully notified the "model railroad fans" that all earlier kits in the 1-of-5,000 series were sold out from Ambroid, and

to avoid being disappointed again, order this new kit from the dealers today.

This car was later sold by Northeastern as kit #HT-2. ([Ambroid Wood Craftsman 5-Series Kits 1-of-5000 One-Of-Five-Thousand](#))



A photo of a full-size car in Toronto.



(Source [04.jpg \(711x495\)](#))



Marvin's Model

Monthly Photo Contest

Remember to send your photos to photo.wmrc@gmail.com by 4PM on Friday of our monthly meeting. Winners are picked in a random draw and awarded a small cash prize. By enter in the monthly display you give the WMRC the right to use the photos in the Lantern and on social media as the Cub sees fit.

Five individuals entered a total of 20 photos. The lucky winner of the random draw of the entries was Bob Harrison.

Some pictures from the Monthly Photo Display



Graham Leathers



Graham Leathers



Graham Leathers



Ian Plett



Graham Leathers



Felix Lesiuk



Bob Harrison



Ian Plett



Felix Lesiuk



Tommy Kucera



Tommy Kucera



Tommy Kucera

The following photos were submitted *Neil Carleton*. The associated description is as follows. In 1971 my father took my friend Doug and I to railfan at the train station in Kitchener, Ontario. On that day a neighbour, who was an engineer at CN, was moving some cars and invited us to climb up for a ride. No waiver, no orange high vis vests. In one photo there is a load of automobile car chassis', made at the Budd plant in Kitchener, heading to GM in Oshawa. In the background of another is the Krug Furniture factory. If you follow Steve Boyko at Traingeek he has posted contemporary videos taken at the same station, and the factory is still there. I think we were in #8497, my father had colour film in his camera, I was shooting B&W. There was a shot of two boys waving out the window of the cab but regrettably lost.



Touring VIA Budd Cars by Bob Harrison

At the January club meeting Darrell Brownlee talked about travel on VIA rail from coast to coast. In his presentation he talked about their famous Budd car. In 1954, CP rail started taking delivery of 173 Stainless Steel Budd cars, launching "The Canadian" in April 1955. VIA Rail took over the fleet in the late 70's and has been running the famous cars ever since.



The Main Types of VIA Rail Budd Cars and Their Uses

Economy Class Cars (Coaches): Feature comfortable, budget-friendly seating for daily corridor travel and, in some cases, include café service.



Business Class Cars: Located in the Québec-Windsor corridor, these offer 2+1 seating, enhanced comfort, and meals/drinks.

Sleeping Cars (Château/Manor): Used on long-distance, overnight trains like The Canadian (Toronto-Vancouver) and The Ocean (Montreal-Halifax), offering private, fully-equipped rooms.



Skyline Dome Cars: These cars provide a café-style dining area, lounge, and a panoramic upper-level dome for viewing scenery on long-haul routes.

Dining Cars: Full-service dining experiences are offered on transcontinental and remote services.

The following is a series of photos from Darrell Brownlee's presentation showing the interior of the VIA Budd cars.







WMRC Merchandise

The Winnipeg Model Railroad Club has several Gear items available for sale. The inventory changes so always check our website <https://www.wmrctrainclub.ca/store> for updates. Current gear includes WMRC ball caps and toques, 70th Anniversary T-shirts and mugs. Fill in the details of what you want using Order Now and the Gear Store Manager will arrange to receive your payment in cash or by cheque at the next meeting. If you require these items before hand, please include a note to that effect and you and the Gear Store Manager can make alternate arrangements.

Ball Caps are solid on the front and mesh on the rear. Available black only. Size is fully adjustable at rear. Material is 65% polyester and 35% cotton. Hand washable. \$25 CAD each.



Toques are super warm - they have a Coral Fleece inner lining! Designed and Swiss embroidered in Canada, they're perfect for those cold winter days! One size fits all. Outer material is 100% Acrylic; 100% Polyester inner lining. Hand washable. \$25 CAD each.



T-shirts to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Winnipeg Model Railroad Club; limited quantities and sizes. Available light blue only. Material is 100% cotton. Machine washable in cold water, inside out, to help protect the image. \$25 CAD each.



Mugs to enjoy your favorite beverages. Holds 10 oz. of your coffee, tea, or whatever. Hand wash only; dishwasher soap is caustic. Imprinted in Canada. \$10 CAD each



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February 13, WRMC Club meeting

March 13, WRMC Club meeting

March 14th The Ninth Annual Twin Cities Division Modelers Meet.

March 21, 22 Dakota Southeastern Division NMRA Model Train Show. Sioux Falls Convention Center

April 10, WRMC Club meeting

WRMC Spring Show, April 18th & 19th

April 18 Prairie Lakes Division NMRA Model Train Show.

April 25 and 26, 2026 Supertrain, Calgary

April 25, 26 Silvis Train and Classic Car Show.

Regina Railfest, April 25 & 26

[https://reginarailfest.com/railfest-](https://reginarailfest.com/railfest-2026#:~:text=April%2025%20%26%2026%2C%202026&text=Over%2025%2C000%20sq.,00%20a.m.%20%2D%205%3A00%20p.m.)

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TLR Superior Rails Thunder Canada convention Thunder Bay May 21-24, 2026

July 27 to August 2, 2026 2026 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION – CHATTANOOGA, TN