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ON THE COVER – Photo by Murray Brown that received Honourable Mention at 2024/25 Annual Photo Contest.

FROM THE EDITOR

Our November meeting had record or near record entries in the monthly Photo Contest. Please keep them coming. I am sure with a nice weather you've been out railfanning to get entries for the annual Photo Contest.

Our December meeting is Clinic Carnival. This is my favourite meetings of the year. I see we have a number of interesting displays. I am sure we will all learn something new. I hope you can attend and enjoy a hot dog or two. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
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

Ho ho ho! We're entering into the holiday season, and our December meeting is a week earlier than usual, on December 5. We were bumped back a week by Santa Claus, and you can't argue with the Big Guy. The meeting will feature our annual Hot Dog Banquet, and the Clinic Carnival. You can't attend this meeting by Zoom, so please come out in person, meet and mingle and eat and generally have a good time. The 50/50 draw, model contest, and photo contest will be there, as usual, to add to the fun. Hope to see you there!

-John Bate

Vice President's Report

Nothing new to report. The 50/50 draw will be held as usual. Toques and caps will be available at \$25.00 each. No taxes.



Submitted by Marvin Fetch

WMRC General Meeting November 14th, 2025

WMRC General Meeting

Charleswood Legion, 6003 Roblin Blvd,
Winnipeg, Manitoba. R3R 1X1

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. There were 28 members present including new member Graham Leathers.

President-John Bate

John asked for approval of the October 18th meeting minutes. Cliff Davidson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18th, 2025 general meeting and the motion was seconded by Ken Crockatt. The motion was approved.

John talked about several members' latest issue of the Lantern ending up in junk folders and mentioned that he had resent the Lantern today. John feels that the problem lies somewhere in the current issue of the Lantern and suggested that all members whitelist the club email address.

John advised the members present that the club profit from the entrance fee at the Manitoba Train & Hobby Show was \$2220.00 plus the sales table total which he didn't have an exact number for, but he did say that the sales table went very well this year.

John mentioned that the December meeting would be held on December 5th a week early due to Santa's visit to the legion pre-empting us. John discussed the members layout open house program and asked any members that wanted to open their doors to a tour to please see him. John told the group that the Caucus group has approved the addition of a website for WMRC. There will be a monthly cost of \$25.00 plus domain cost. John stated that this is not in the current budget and that we would need to adjust the current budget by \$420.00. He also said that the club has surplus and asked Khirad for a motion to amend the budget to include an

additional \$420.00 for the cost of a website. Khirad made a motion to amend the budget and Alan Graham seconded the motion. The revised budget was passed. Christopher Robinson asked the purpose of the website and John talked about a QR code other features and that the website would be a benefit to the club.

John mentioned the latest NMRA bulletin came out and has the new logo. John advised us that the WMRC logo will need to be incorporated with the NMRA logo to comply and that he is working with NMRA on this.

Vice President-Marvin Fetch

Marvin mentioned that he has some printed copies of the Lantern available and that he has WMRC toques available for \$25.00. Marvin reminded the members present that winter is here and to get their toque as soon as possible. Marvin asked the members to see him after the meeting to buy their 50/50 tickets.

Treasurer Report-Khirad Dhabhar

Khirad mentioned the Manitoba Train and Hobby proceeds and said that he has not met with Gino yet so he doesn't have a total number yet. He will meet up with Gino and John to get the numbers finalized. Khirad asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as printed in the Lantern. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Dwayne Miller and seconded by Christopher Robinson. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Lantern Editor- Bob Harrison for Larry Leavens who is absent.

Bob mentioned that the Lantern was sent out Sunday and that if you don't have it the 5-7 days prior to the upcoming meeting, to please contact WMRC email and advise us. Christopher Robinson suggested putting the Lantern on the website. There was some discussion regarding having the financials on the website. Murray mentioned that previous issues of the Lantern will be on the website without the financials. Khirad asked what the benefits of having the Lantern on the website were. Mike Wegner

stated that the club benefits go beyond the Lantern including meetings, NMRA membership, club events and fellowship to name a few of the more prominent benefits.

Social Media-Paul Ullrich

The stats for November were as follows:

Facebook:

- 8,214 views in the last 28 days
- 1,925 followers
- 2,186 views for post about tonight's meeting
- 3,366 views for post about our October 18 meeting outside of Morris

Two shares from:

- Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Albemarie Railroad Club, Elizabeth City, North Carolina
- 1,374 views for post about WinNtrak at Garden City and Jason Schron at the Frog and Diamond
- 838 views for post about our upcoming meeting outside of Morris

Blog:

- 20 views for post about tonight's meeting
- 52 views for post about our October 18 meeting outside of Morris
- 55 views for post about WinNtrak at Garden City and Jason Schron at the Frog and Diamond
- 47 views for post about our upcoming meeting outside of Morris
- 63 views for post about Jason Schron coming Winnipeg
- 1,012 posts created and archived

Paul also talked about the articles being sent to Bob for the Lantern and if you also send them to Paul, he will put them the Blog.

Library-David McNeil

There was no Library tonight as David was unavailable due to his wife Betty being sick and in the hospital. John sent our condolences.

Gateway Western-Gino Kost

Gino was away tonight however Gary Stempnick updated the members present. There is no change in the status of the Gateway Western. It is still closed.

Model Contest-Gary Stempnick

Gary mentioned that there are lots of nice models here tonight. The winner of the Model Contest was Rob Sarna. Congratulations Rob.

Photo Contest- Bob Harrison

Bob advised the group that six members have submitted 30 pictures this month. The winner of the Photo Contest was Bob Harrison

Annual Photo Contest-Bob Harrison

Bob advised the members present that this year's subject is bridges and trestles.

Annual Model Contest-Murray Brown

Murray advised the members that the subject of the annual model contest is a winter scene. Murray talked about how to make icicles and passed some examples around the room. Murray also mentioned Liquitex matte medium that is available from Michaels.

Canteen-Mark McLennen

Mark talked about the usual cookies, donuts, coffee and soft drinks all available for \$1.00. Mark also mentioned that he will also make sure that he has plenty of hot dogs for the hot dog banquet at next months meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

John mentioned the Time Saver layout and that small children can't operate it very well. The idea is to build a Thomas the Tank Engine Layout that

we can have at shows for children to operate. Brent talked about the layout size and is looking for legs from a folding table to put underneath it. Gino and Brent are working on this project together.

Gary Stempnick mentioned Jason Shron's recent visit and said that he would love to come back again. We will invite him later.

Next meeting is December 5th followed by January 9th.

There was a motion to adjourn by Christopher Robinson.

The 50/50 draw was won by Christopher Robinson.

Submitted by Brent Karr, Secretary

December Program

We will have several presentations by some of our talented club members. This is a great opportunity to learn some valuable tips and see some great ideas to help you improve your modelling skills and layouts.

Murray Brown making decals with an inkjet printer.

Fred Headon how to install decals.

Marvin Fetch will demonstrate how to assemble a house and make it look abandoned. I will have other scratch built models on display.

John Bate will have a simple 3D CAD program running, capable of producing the files needed to drive 3D printers. People can see how this part of 3D printing is done, and try it for themselves.

Darrell Brownlee How to do 3D printing (weather permitting).

It is also an annual pre-Christmas dinner(?) of hot dogs, chips, donuts, coffee and soft drinks. Bring your appetite and money.

- Ian Plett Program Director

Public Relations Report

Nothing new to report at this time.

Spring Show

The Spring show is on April 18th & 19th. All the forms required for the 2026 Spring Show Model, Module, and Photography Contests are available as PDF documents that can be filled out by using your computer. If you would like the Entry Forms, please contact Murray Brown at murraygto@shaw.ca

- Murray Brown

Annual Photo Contest

This year's Photo Special event is Bridge, Trestle or Culvert. A new way of presenting the photographs will be discussed with myself, Bob Harrison, and Murray Brown over the next couple of months. The PDF online-fillable Photography Contest Entry Form is available by contacting Murray Brown at murraygto@shaw.ca

- Larry Leavens

Annual Model Contest

As announced at the September 12th Meeting, the 2026 Special Event will be a Winter Railroad Scene. Model and Module Entry Forms as well as a Tips document are available as PDF online-fillable documents. Contact Murray Brown at murraygto@shaw.ca to obtain the items you need.

- Murray Brown

WMRC Website

As discussed at the November meeting, a Club Website is in the making. It requires extensive work, as this is the first time that a website has been created for the Club. Once up and running everybody will be advised of the web address, hopefully in the early part of January.

- Murray Brown

The Gateway Western Railway

The Gateway is still closed.

- Gino Kost

Manitoba Train and Hobby Expo (MTHE)

Nothing new to report.

- Gino Kost

Monthly Model Contest

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.

Six individuals entered the November model contest. The lucky winner of the random draw of the entries was Rob Sarna. The following models were entered in November.

HYN MP15AC #1505 (Ex SOO #1550) by Rob Sarna

Prototype Locomotive was one of 64 units built for the Milwaukee Road. The model is an Athearn Genesis locomotive from one of the original runs. Electronics were updated to a current Athearn Genesis light board and LEDs, and 21-pin Tsunami2 decoder.

The factory SOO "Bandit" paint was weathered further and upgraded with fresh new patches underneath the cab windows using Microscale decals, for my freelance Huron & Yale Northern RR (HYN). The working ditch lights are scratch built and programmed to flash when the horn is activated.



Shanty by a Junk Yard by Marvin Fetch

A simple storage shack built from scratch with parts from the spare box can be built in one evening.



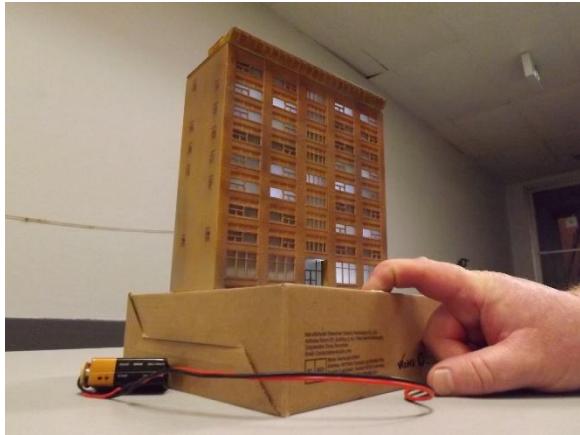
Yard Office by Bob Harrison

This HO Scale building is from the Walthers Cornerstone Yard Office Kit (#933-3517). It was built according to the kit instructions. It was painted and the weathered. The windows were frosted to defuse the interior lighting. An advertising sign added to the side of building.



138 Main St East by Darrell Brownlee

I wanted to see if I could replicate a downtown building just from looking at Google Maps. Building designed with Fusion360 CAD and printed using a Filament printer. Due to space constraints, the building is not as wide as the original and the roof is different. LEDs installed on each floor in different locations for a variety of lighting schemes. Painting was just air brushed with various tones and then dusted with chalk for aging, trying not to match the original building.



Digitrax DT400 Throttle Battery Cover by Darrell Brownlee

Designed and 3d printed a battery Cover and adapter that holds the cable out of the way. The adapter glues on to the back of the 400 series throttles and battery cover slips in like the factory cover. If anyone is interested in this cover, I could arrange to print a few at material cost.



Car #'s CN 873595 & CN 87300 by Dwayne Miller

I have two Deluxe Innovations model 10040 Gunderson Hi-Side 100 TON Wood Chip cars in Canadian National Railway in N-Scale. The bottom half of the car is foam and the top half I glued saw dust from my table saw to simulate a chip load. Each car is weighted to 0.1 of an oz to the MRA standards to the length of these N-Scale cars.



"N" Scale: 2 Stall Engine House by Richard Mikolayenko

The two stall engine house was a wood kit. The exterior was washed with yellow paint. Paper shingles were applied to the roof. A brown wash paint was applied to the doors. One window was left open to provide venting for the building.

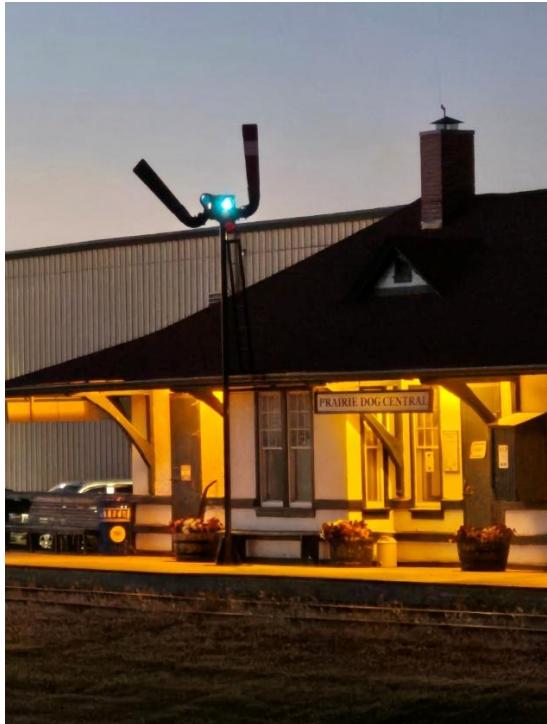


Monthly Photo Contest

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 entering 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.

The October and November entries were combined. Six individuals entered a total of 26 photos. The lucky winner of the random draw of the entries was Bob Harrison.

Some pictures from the Monthly Photo Display



Felex Lesiuk



Felex Lesiuk



Christopher Robinson



Bob Harrison



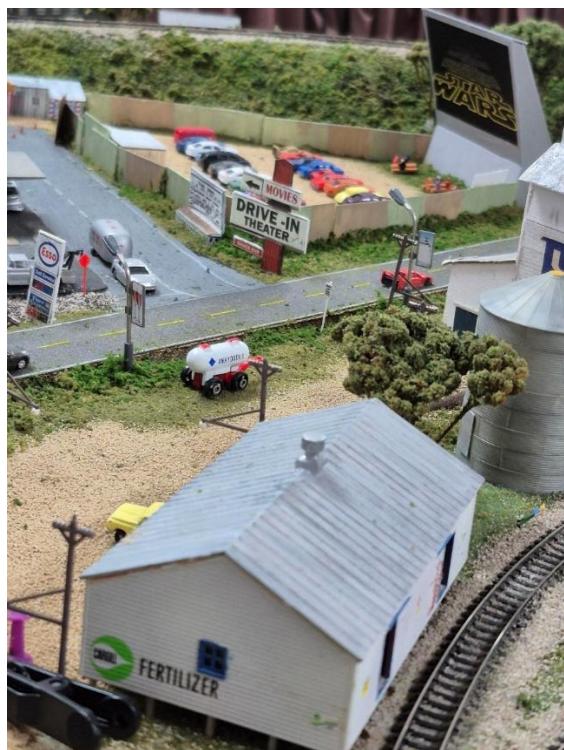
Cliff Davidson



Dwayne Miller



Dwayne Miller



Felex Lesiuk



Felex Lesiuk



Ian Plett



Bob Harrison

Free Building Material

Available: disassembled model railroad components **FREE** to fellow modeller for model railroad repurpose:

The following 1/2" pieces of plywood:

71"x 26"
72 1/2" x 32"
96"x20"
44"x32"
40"x13 1/2"

8' L beams made of 1x3 X 1x2 (5 available)

32" L beams made of 1x3 X 1x2 (multiple available)

Leg assemblies 24" w x 32" H (10 available)

Leg assembly 13 1/2" w x 38" H (1 available)

30" x 42" x 1" thick plank desk top

23 1/2" x 36" x 7/8" plank desk top

either of the above would make a great workbench with proper legs.

Please contact Brent Karr 204-771-0771, dogwny@hotmail.ca with your needs. I need to get this out of my garage asap.

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

Same as last year

OR

Family members	<input type="text"/>
Spouse <input type="checkbox"/>	Child under 18 <input type="checkbox"/>
Child birth date (dd/mm/yy) <input type="text"/>	
Address <input type="text"/>	
City, Province <input type="text"/>	
Postal Code <input type="text"/>	
Phone <input type="text"/>	
Email <input type="text"/>	

Scale(s):

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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 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.
- 3) Mail the form and a cheque to: WMRC Treasurer, 209-1085 Court Ave, Winnipeg MB, R2P 2H8
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2025

December 5, WRMC Club meeting (Clinic Carnival)

2026

January 9, WRMC Club meeting

April 25 and 26, 2026 Supertrain, Calgary

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

WRMC Spring Show, April 18th & 19th