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**ON THE COVER** – CN2035 passes through the bridge over the Red River at Emerson, Manitoba. Best in Show, 2025 Photo by Cliff Davidson

## FROM THE EDITOR

Another year is about to wind up. Looking back, we had another successful Mega Train. The next edition of this show will be different without the 7.5" ride on train and with more types of hobbies present. And just last week we had our annual Open House. From my sense of the crowds, it was very well attended. The kids kept me busy each day with the Time Saver. Through out the year, Ian provided us with entertaining and informative clinics. And those of you who missed the layout open houses in March, well, all I can say, too bad, it was well worth the time and trip. I do not know how many home layouts I have seen, but each has had something special. Some were magazine quality layouts, others a simple 4x8 layout. Each and everyone were unique and I was able to take away some new idea that I may use someday. I am hoping next year we will have other layouts to see. Finally, I hope to see everyone at the Banquet this coming Friday at the Canad Inn Polo Park. – Larry Leavens, Lantern Editor

## Material for the Lantern

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

## Winnipeg Model Railroad Club Mission Statement

1. The Winnipeg Model Railroad Club, (WMRC), is a non-profit model railroad club that offers fellowship, education and fun to anyone interested in the wonderful hobby of model railroading whether they are a beginner or expert. We strive to promote the hobby through our monthly meetings, our public shows and other activities throughout the year.
2. The Purpose of the Club shall be the uniting of its members to promote interest in the hobby of scale model railroading; to increase the knowledge of its members: and to foster and promote construction and operation of all phases of scale model railroading. None of the activities shall be carried on for the profit of any individual member.

## WMRC Code of Conduct

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

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**President's Message** The 2024/25 club year is coming to a close. Our Spring Show was a success, despite tough competition with good weather and a Jets playoff game. There were a very good number of models and photos in the contest, of high quality, and we had a few new layouts on display, also of high quality. We took in a bit more than \$2500 in donations and the attendees seemed to be enjoying themselves. Thank you to Ian Plett, who organized the event,



and all the club members who came out and helped put on a great show.

We had a good year financially, and were able to make donations to help put the Prairie Dog back on the rails, and support the Winnipeg Railroad Museum, as well as our usual contribution to St. Amant Foundation.

The final event will be the Annual General Meeting and wind-up banquet on May 9, which is once again back at the Canad Inns Polo Park. There will be food and drink, many awards to be given, and of course a table full of prizes to be won. We'll have the popular elimination draw for a couple of nice locomotives, the arm's-length draw, door prize draws, and this year a silent auction for prints of two excellent railroad paintings. Come on out and have a good time with your fellow model railroaders, and by all means bring a guest along. See you there!

John Bate, WMRC President

### April Model Display



Sylvan cast resin kit. Assembled following directions, airbrushed with Tamiya Surface Primer and Tamiya Red, X-7.

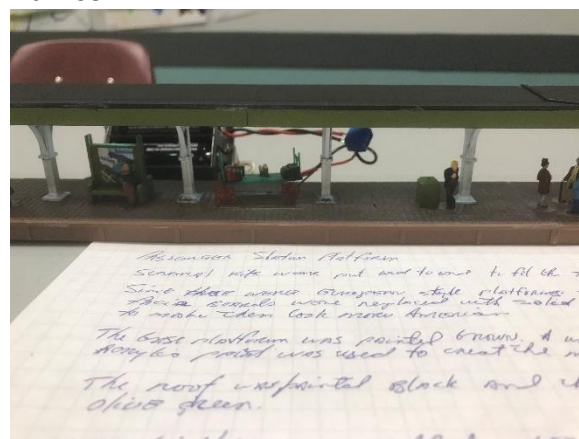
Trim and detail brush painted with Dspiae Chrome, AK Natural Aluminum, AK11210 and Ak Clear Orange, X-26, Ak Clear Red, Tamiya Black XF-85.

Modified by adding axles so wheels rotate. Drilled headlights and glued 0402 warm white LED with canopy glue. Federal 271 beacon from Gotham Marine, drilled to fit a 0402 warm white LED. Dome lens coloured

with AK Clear Red, RC503. Lights powered by a Arduino "sketch" program. Model by Neil Carleton.



Write up in April Lantern. Model by Bob Harrison.



### Passenger Station Platform

Several kits were put end to end to fill the space. Since these kits were European style platforms the gingerbread fascia boards were replaced with solid pieces to make them look more North American.

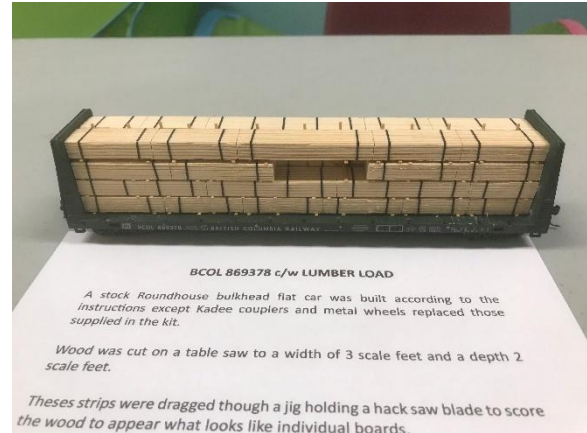
The platform base was painted brick coloured brown. A wash of white acrylic paint was used to create the mortar lines. The roof supports were molded in black plastic. When I painted them white the paint did not adhere well to the plastic. And some of the black still could be seen through the white paint. At first, I was disappointed with the result but after a closer look the roof supports looked like they were weathered. I did not do a repaint. The roof was painted flat black and the fascia boards painted olive green.

LED lighting was added to the underside of the roof. The LEDs were salvaged from some portable solar lights. A wiring jig was made to help conceal the wires to each of the LEDs. The wires from the LED harness were glued to the back side of the closest roof support and threaded through holes drilled in the platform base. A resistor was added to the circuit to limit the current to the LEDs. A connector was added to the wiring so the station platform could be removed from the layout if necessary.

Seats with advertising were added at different locations. The sales booth had interiors added. Several people were added to various locations on the platform. Some were placed sitting on the benches, others placed in front of the sales booths, some were placed as though they were talking to each other, and others just walking or standing waiting for the train. Gino Kost



Factory Walther's Trinity 4750 Covered Hopper painted in "Zito" yellow from Manufacture. Weathered with green, gray and white washes. Peeling effect painted using various Dark Green colours. Water soluble oil pastels and washes for fading. Patches are primer gray. Decals and reflective strips are from Smokebox Decals. Model by Rob Sarna



#### **BCOL 869378 c/w LUMBER LOAD**

A stock Roundhouse bulkhead flat car was built according to the instructions except Kadee couplers and metal wheels replaced those supplied in the kit.

Wood was cut on a table saw to a width of 3 scale feet and a depth 2 scale feet.

These strips were dragged through a jig holding a hack saw blade to score the wood to appear what looks like individual boards. These were then cut with a razor saw in a miter box to various, 8, 10, 12, 16, and 20 scale feet.

Scale 2x4 or 2x6 strip wood is used as spacers between the layers of wood and to separate the two stacks of wood on either side of the car. The cut strips were placed in the car end to end. These were banded with chart tape to represent the metal banding. A gap was left in the stack to represent a complete order of wood for a single location but not a complete car load.

Model by Larry Leavens

The monthly photo display was won by Cliff Davidson and the Model Display was won by Larry Leavens.

#### **The Winnipeg Model Railroad Club Annual General Meeting May 9, 2024**

Minutes of the annual meeting for the  
Winnipeg Model Railroad Club

This meeting was held at the CN Campus located in the Transcona yards. The meal was catered by Olive Garden and paid for by CN.

The meeting, chaired by John Bate came to order at 8:30 pm.

There were 7 guests.

Moved by Gary Stempnick and seconded by Gino Kost to accept the minutes of the annual meeting of May 12th, 2023 as printed in the Lantern. Carried

Presidents Report: John advised that Norm Leathers has had his operation and is in good spirits.

Financial report: Moved by Bob Harrison and seconded by Larry Leavens that the financial report for April 2024 be accepted as printed in the Lantern. Carried. John reported that the balance of the club's account sits high at \$5,682.00 plus whatever is taken in tonight, less costs for plaques etc. The executive has given approval to donate \$2,000.00 to the St. Amant. Authorized by the executive, the club will also donate \$400.00 to the Legion's poppy fund.

Notices: Ian advised that the Kenora Railroad Museum will be hosting an open house in Kenora on Saturday, June 22nd.

The next general meeting will be held on September 13, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm

## WMRC Photo Contest 2025

### Model

- |                 |                   |                |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Catching Daylight | Cliff Davidson |
| 2nd             | UP and KSC        | Cliff Davidson |

### PROTOTYPE

- |      |                          |              |
|------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1st  | #3 "Vertical"            | Felix Lesiuk |
| 2nd  | CP Memorial under Clouds | Ian Plett    |
| 3rd  | CP 9122 Snow             | Felix Lesiuk |
| H.M. | CTC 22.3 Meadows         | Murray Brown |

### SPECIAL EVENT (2816, The Empress)

- |      |                            |              |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1st  | Highway 17 Overpass Kenora | Felix Lesiuk |
| 2nd  | Rush Lake                  | Felix Lesiuk |
| 3rd  | Hallama Drive              | Murray Brown |
| H.M. | 2816 Wabigoon              | Felix Lesiuk |

### BEST IN SHOW

- |   |         |                |
|---|---------|----------------|
| 9 | Emerson | Cliff Davidson |
|---|---------|----------------|

## WMRC Model Contest 2025

### MOTIVE POWER

- |                 |                           |              |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | CP5369                    | Murray Brown |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Kershaw Ballast Regulator | Murray Brown |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | VIA Rail Bus              | Murray Brown |

### FRIGHT CARS, ETC.

- |                 |               |              |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Brass Caboose | Neil Carlton |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Air Dump Cars | Murray Brown |

### STRUCTURES

- |                 |                  |              |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Moe's Welding    | Marvi Fetch  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Kamloops Station | John Bate    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Oil Pump         | Bob Harrison |

### DISPLAY

- |                 |                 |               |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | GMC Fire Pumper | Neil Carleton |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | CN Bill Board   | Bob Harrison  |

### SPECIAL EVENT

- |                 |                       |              |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Flat Car with Figures | Neil Carlton |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | CN Flat Car & Gondola | Fred Headon  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Flat Cars with Loads  | Gino Kost    |

### BEST IN SHOW

- |                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Track with Culverts | Murray Brown |
|---------------------|--------------|

## 2025 Spring Open House -Thank You to Judges

Larry Leavens thanks Tommy Kucera, John Lewak, and professional photographer Ryan Evans for their skillful judging of the many Photo contest entries.

Many thanks from Marvin Fetch for the Model Contest judging performed by Barrie Creran, Neil Carleton, and Larry Leavens.

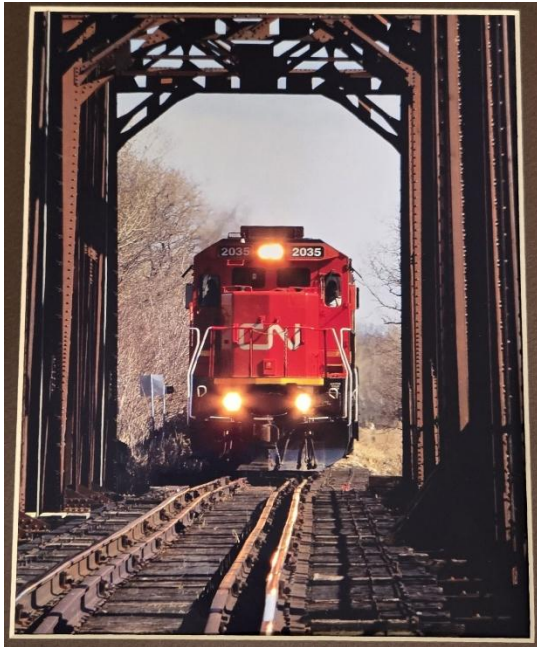
Without the Judges the Photo and Model Contests couldn't be performed as professionally as they were!

Thank You!

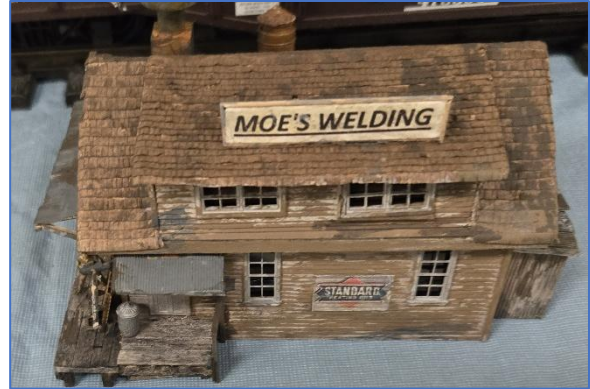
## Spring Open House People's Choice Winners

The visitors to the WMRC's 2025 Spring Show and Open House had another year to choose the People's Choice for the Photograph and Model contests. This year there was a tie for both Categories!





Cliff Davidson's gorgeous photo of the Emerson Bridge and his panoramic view of bridges were both chosen by the public for the Photo portion.



Marvin Fetch's immaculate Moe's Welding was tied with



with Murray Brown's VIA Railbus for the People's Choice Models.

Congratulations to all three WMRC Members!

### Succession Planning by Neil Carleton

Recently the club has seen the loss of a few members. Each with an accumulation of trains, buildings and just a "few" kits waiting to be built, possibly a large layout? After a such a loss what can a family to do?

Doing a search a video called **"What happens to your model Layout and Trains when you are gone"** was found on NMRAx, It is presented by Richard Frazier. As an NMRA member you can sign in and search for the link. It is stored on YouTube and runs about an hour, with a Q and A section at the end.

To summarize; he says make plans for the dispersal of your model assets. It is not fair to leave it up to your executor or survivors to figure it out. Communication is paramount and it is never too early to talk to your inheritors about your "stuff". Your family and friends know how much time and passion you put into your modelling. Without direction they will feel a failure if they cannot do justice to your

legacy. Without a plan they will try to do their best, at an already emotional time in their lives. Be honest with them and write down how to get rid of those crowded shelves, packed boxes and the layout that may fill the basement. Be realistic, let them know it is okay to sell rolling stock for less than 50% retail. Engines that you paid a lot for will go for less, even in the original box with zero running hours.

That big layout? May only be removed with a Sawzall and trip to the dump. Sad to be sure, but they have to know it is "okay". If you are still planning a layout build it with a plan for eventual removal. On your drawing, mark "cut here" and leave a copy available. Perhaps use plenty of terminal strips and plugs between sections? Or, build a bunch of modules and connect them together. Then you could also participate in the local module group.

Richard Frazer strongly suggests a notebook with all your wishes and permission to eliminate your railroad assets. Once written a copy of the notebook should be left posted on the wall in your train room. Tucked away in a drawer is not a good idea. Check the video, it has good ideas and suggestions to help your family and friends, someday.

### Model Trains and Tariffs

That is a big question right now. Much of the things that we purchase for our model railroads is imported from the USA. Much of that is manufactured and then imported into the States. These items will be hit with 145% tariff (at this writing). Many of the manufactures are banding together to present a single front to get relief from these tariffs. Please watch the following informative videos

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fH\\_ejJaqxEO&ab\\_channel=rapidotrains](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fH_ejJaqxEO&ab_channel=rapidotrains)

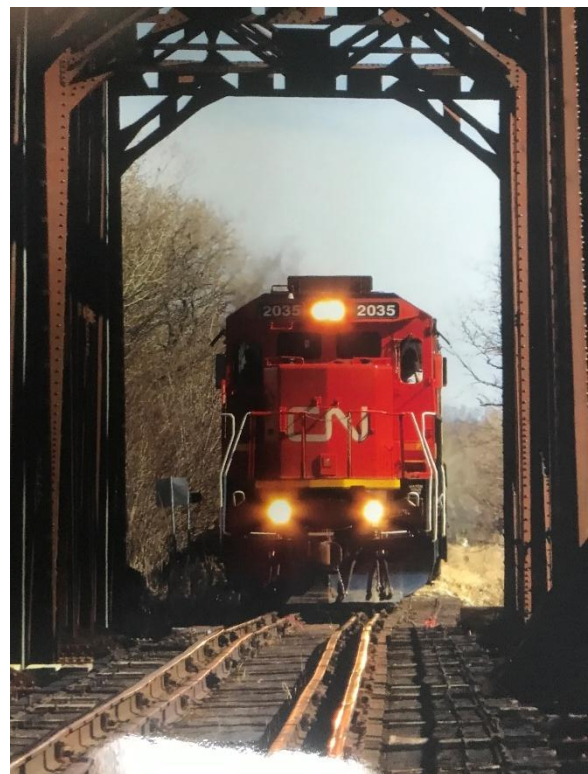
<https://youtu.be/yRHvxJdg5T8>

We, Canadians can be excluded from some of these tariffs by buying Canadian. **North American Railcar Corporation** through Pacific Western Rail Systems. (Surrey, BC) has produced several Canadian potash, coal gons and boxcars. **Prairie Shadows Model Railway Co.** (Winnipeg, technically East St. Pauls) has a line of Canadian

covered hoppers, box cars, auto racks, and the CP GP20C-ECO. **Aurora Miniatures North America Inc.** in Scarborough, Ontario has several boxcars, well cars and did have the CN SD60F. **Rapido Trains Inc.**, Markham, Ontario has an extensive line of HO and N gauge cars and locomotives.

I am sure I have missed many other Canadian businesses that make models or detail parts for the hobby. I have purchased items from these businesses and I have no financial connection to any of them. Larry Leavens

### Contest Photos



Best in Show; by Cliff Davidson



## Model Photos

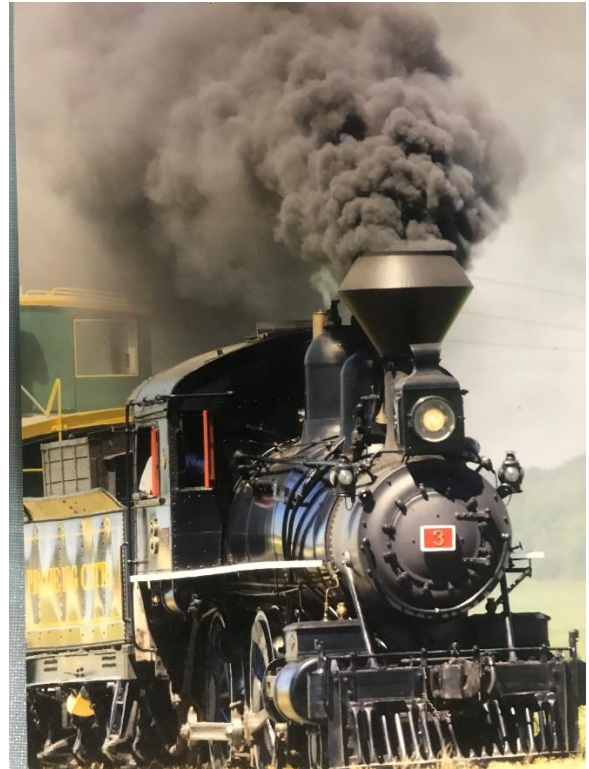


First Place by Cliff Davidson

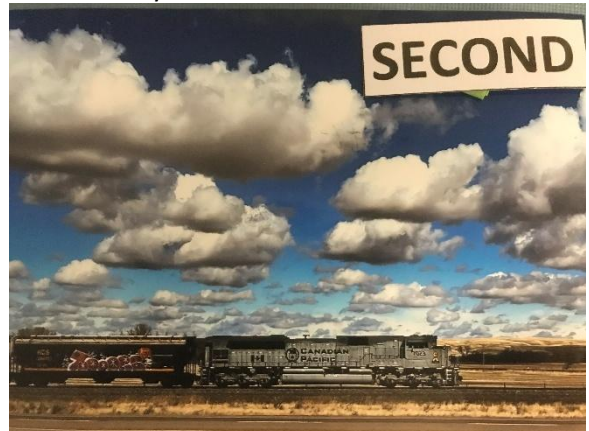


Second Place by Cliff Davidson

## Prototype Photos



First Place by Felix Lesiuk



Second Place by Ian Plett



Third Place by Felix Lesiuk



Honourable Mention by Murray Brown

## Special Event – CP2816, The Empress



First Place by Felix Lesiuk



Second Place by Felix Lesiuk



Third Place by Murray Brown





Honourary Mention by Felix Lesiuk



Third Place – VIA Railbus by Murray Brown  
**Freight Cars, Etc.**



Best in Show – Track with Culverts Murray Brown  
**Motive Power**



First Place – Brass Caboose by Neil Carleton



First Place - CP 5369 by Murray Brown



Second Place – Air Dump Car by Murray Brown



Second Place – Kershaw Ballast regulator by Murray brown



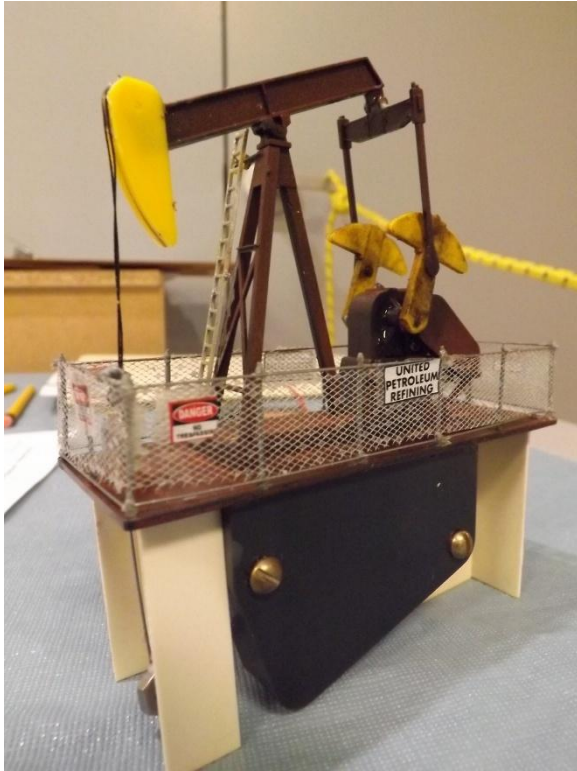
## STRUCTURES



First Place - Moe's Welding by Marvin Fetch



Second Place – Kamloops Station by John Bate



Third Place - Oil Pump by Bob Harrison

## DISPLAY



First Place – GMC Fire Pumper by Neil Harrison



Second Place – CN Billboard by Bob Harrison

## Special Event – Freight Car with Load



First Place – Flat Car with Figures by Neil Carleton



Second Place – CN Flat Car & Gondola by Fred Heaton



Third Place – Flat Car with Load by Gino Kost

Thanks to Paul Ulrich for the Contest winner photos

## Open House Photos



No.1 FreeMo Layout Photo by Neil Carleton



The Turbo getting ready for its next run Photo by Neil Carleton.



Godfrey South British Layout





The Yellow Bullet Train on Table Top Layout



Grain Elevator by guess who (not the band)



Mark McLellan's granddaughter runs the Time Saver

# Meeting this month is May 9

Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo  
Park  
at 1405 St. Matthews Avenue  
in Aalto's Restaurant

Time: May 9, 2025  
Doors Open 5:00PM  
Supper Orders at 6:00PM



### 2025 Spring Show Canteen Sales

This was a different year from the last 2 year's shows. More food was purchased on the Sunday than the Saturday. Saturday started off quite slowly. Last year, I had sold 3 dozen doughnuts and 51 Tim Bits by 2:00 on the Saturday. This year, I still had a dozen doughnuts and most of the Tim Bits left at 2:00. It was a different story on Sunday. Khirad had to go out and buy more doughnuts and Tim Bits around 1:30, as well as more hot dog buns around 2:00. I had very little few items left at the end – 2 wieners, 4 hotdog buns, 4 juices and about 6 Tim Bits, and of course a bunch of canned drinks, which will be used when we start meeting again in the Fall.

It seems we have to plan food consumption not around a Jets game like on the Sunday last year, but the nice weather we had this Saturday. Something to think about for next year.

In total the canteen sold:

Item	2024				2025			
	Saturday		Sunday	Cash value	Saturday		Sunday	Cash value
\$5.00 lunch deal		12	7	\$95	6	10		\$80
\$4.00 kid’s lunch deal	15	3		\$72	3	7		\$40
Volunteer complimentary lunch		24	22	-	23	25		-
Individual Hotdog		8	6	\$42	6	4		\$30
Individual Items:								
cold drinks		13	1	\$24	19	10		\$29
Coffee		12	27	\$39	11	15		\$26
Water		5	1	\$6	2	2		\$4
Juice		6	1	\$7	-	2		\$2
Individual Doughnuts		17	24	\$41	31	28		\$59
Individual Tim Bits (cup of 3)		5	12	\$17	1	4		\$5
Individual Chips		28	15	\$43	21	11		\$32
			Total	\$386			Total	\$307

Khirad balanced at \$402.05. Again, the numbers don't seem to add up; some items may not have been recorded. There were a few people who gave a little extra. I guess somebody left a 5-cent tip. At least my tally sheet is less than Khirad's final number.

I know we don't sell the food to make money, but it's nice to at least cover costs. Khirad would have the final numbers. It's hard to determine the actual profit. We had 48 complimentary lunches eaten by volunteers. I bought most of the canteen items (about \$235), but John, Marvin and Khirad had to buy extra food, (some of it planned). I did manage to get some deals on items. The wieners were \$2.00 off and the buns were on sale for \$2.50 a dozen. Occasionally, drinks come on sale.

My thanks to Marvin's wife, Arlene, Gino's daughter, Sara, and Marvin for filling in for me for Sunday morning and early afternoon, and for those who drove out to get items we were running low on.

Submitted by: Mark McLellan

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## 2025

May 9- Winnipeg Model Railroad Club Annual General Meeting  
Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park  
at 1405 St. Matthews Avenue  
Aalto's Restaurant  
Time: May 9, 2025  
Doors Open 5:00PM  
Supper Orders at 6:00PM

May 15 – 16     TLR Annual Convention - Willmar, MN

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

Sept 27 & 28     MEGA TRAIN

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