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## **Niagara Frontier Region Notices**

### **Volunteers are required for the following vacant NFR positions**

#### **Secretary**

Duties are to record and maintain operating records of meetings, coordinate and distribute communication among the board of directors (NFR executive, division superintendents, regional officers and any other active volunteers), and act to facilitate the smooth flow of information between the executive and the membership.

#### **Convention Coordinator**

The principle role of the position will be to provide a single point of contact and 'corporate knowledge' with regard to the operations of the convention as it rotates through the divisions to ensure that lessons learned from past conventions are retained and passed on.

#### **Contest Chair**

The principle role of the position will be to coordinate the activities of the Division AP chairs, NFR Convention organizers and members at large willing to act as judges in the MRR AP process to ensure smooth operation each event and continuity through the years.

## Niagara Frontier Region Executive Reports

### **President Richard Hatton**

Hello out there in Model Railroad land. Summer has come and gone with Santa just around the corner and a New Year ready to blow in, there is lots of celebration ahead.

Let's all be responsible and have a great time

Speaking of Christmas, the NFR has a wish list.

We need;

- A secretary
- Historian
- Contest chair
- Convention chair

We have some people in the organization that are doing double duty to get all the positions covered it would be nice to lighten everyone's load and share the work.

For New Year's I have plenty to be thankful for. To all the members of the executive team, division superintendents, their teams and to all the volunteers who help out holding/developing clinics, and helping out at conventions I thank you as it is the volunteers that make this organization work. It is the volunteers that help build the lifelong friendships. So why not volunteer to help in your division and become part of the team that makes us great.

Thanks to everyone

Speaking of the New Year it won't be long and it will be time for the NFR convention in Ottawa. Check out this edition of the Flimsy for details. It promises to be fun and exciting. I am sure you will be blessed with great layouts to see, interesting clinics and overall good time, so see you there.

Once again Craftsman Corner made the trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and a great time was had by all. We have been invited to return again next year so if you want to join us and meet some great people, see fantastic layouts and have an overall great time, keep your eyes on the Flimsy and in your email in the spring when we send out a call for volunteers. This is a journey everyone should take because you get to enjoy what is in my opinion the best part of the NFR, friendships both here and afar, this truly is a GREAT weekend.

Well I've taken enough of your time so have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you at a Trains Show near you.

### **American Vice President Matt Bierl**

### **Canadian Vice President Tim Warris**

### **New Website**

The new NMRA-NFR website has been up and running for a month or two and seems to be functioning

well. The old site was really starting to show its age and over the last year or so wasn't being maintained other than adding the latest issue of The Flimsy. As the design and functionality of the old site was very obsolete it was becoming more and more difficult to maintain it.

Fortunately a local website development firm owed me a favor and I was able to get a new custom made NMRA-NFR built from the ground up at no cost to the membership. This new site is fully responsive and compatible with all devices. It has all the same information (well, updated) that the old site had and a few other goodies I have had them add.

### **Upcoming Shows Database**

Most importantly is the addition of an interactive method of letting us know about upcoming shows and events. A link is right on the front page where anyone can upload details of an upcoming event to us. When that form is submitted we will get an email letting us know about the show. We will then add it to the Upcoming Shows page where anyone can get information about the event.

I've added in as many shows and events that I am aware of in the area. We don't have the manpower to scour the web to find which shows are coming up in the NFR, so to make this work we need the membership to let us know about the shows, if you are involved in a show, or know of one that you'd like to let others know about, simply fill out the form on the new site and we will add it.

### **Craftsmen Corner**

A great way to promote the NMRA and sign up new members is through the Craftsmen Corner. Perhaps you've seen the Craftsmen Corner set up at local train shows, a few tables are made available to NMRA members to simply enjoy the day working on their favorite project and talking about the benefits of the NMRA to people at the show. It works great, and is always lots of fun for those volunteering.

It's been quite a challenge to co-ordinate the Craftsmen Corner with the membership and the show hosts. With the new site I thought it would be a good opportunity to have some functionality added to help smooth it all out.

Under the "Community" drop down at the top of the site there is an option for the Craftsmen Corner. Here, upcoming shows that will have space for us are listed. If you are interested in attending simply click on the "Volunteer for this event" button and fill out the form. The site will inform us via email that you want to attend this show. There is a counter for each event showing how many spaces are available, and how many are taken. From here you can see if there is space available for you. We will contact you after to confirm your spot.

To make this all work, we have set up (well, are in the process of, it should be live when this goes out) a mailing list that members can subscribe to. This list would only be used to email the subscribers to the list about upcoming shows, to serve as a reminder that if they are interested in attending to visit the site and join up.

If participating in the Craftsmen Corner seems like something you'd be interested in doing, subscribe to the list and we will let you know about upcoming shows that you can be a part of.

**Secretary  
Vacant**

**Treasurer  
Tony Kerr**

## **Niagara Frontier Region Division Reports**

### **Allegheny Highlands Division Inactive**

### **Central Ontario Division Superintendent Richard Hatton**

Hi everyone.

It's that time of year again. You know, the things we like to do, layout tours, operating sessions, train shows and all the other aspects of model railroading.

I have been busy of late so it looks like the next available date for me to hold *Modeling with ?* will be Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. This will get us past the Paris, Springfield, Barrie Train shows as well as some I have missed.

Hope everyone had a great summer (I'd mention fall but more and more we seem to go from summer to winter?)

Christmas is around the corner so I hope you have your wish list for Santa. Hope we have all been good boys and girls. Only a little while longer now so we don't get coal in our stockings that is unless you are a live steamer then anything goes.

We are still looking for help in the COD, in particular we need volunteers to assist with Craftsman Corner, one to organized and manage the Lindsay Belleville area and also for the Brampton and Bowmansville area.

I do not have the time to do these shows as well distance is a problem.

Without volunteers we may not be able to support these shows so if you can spare 2 weekends of your time a year and live in these areas I would like to hear from you.

We are also looking for volunteers that would like to help in judging AP models at local meets and at members' homes so if you are interested you can reach me at [moose\\_caboose@bell.net](mailto:moose_caboose@bell.net).

To everyone have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May we all celebrate responsibly.

### **International Division Superintendent Richard Sparrow**

The ID started off the new modeling season on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. by holding a joint Meet with the Niagara Division of

the Canadian Railroad Historical Society, (CRHA). The Meet was held at the Welland Canal Lock 3 Museum in St. Catharines. There were about 45 members and guests of both clubs in attendance.

The first clinic by Ken Akerboom was on the history and equipment of the Boston & Maine Railroad. Ken has an incredible knowledge of this railroad and presented slides of equipment, locations and maps with descriptions giving lots of background information and entertaining anecdotes.

Chuck Faist and Walter Reid were up next with clinics on Estate Planning, (Walter) and Risk Management, (Chuck).

One of the main points from Walter's presentation was that you make sure those that you leave behind when you head for the big roundhouse in the sky, know your wishes with regard to the disposal of all your railroad "stuff", and that if there are inventory lists, promises of special items to special friends, etc., they know where to find them.

Chuck's presentation, based on experience from a severely flooded basement a couple of years ago and from his professional career, emphasized the importance of planning and a little forethought to minimize all aspects of risk. There was even a slide of 5 bullet points showing ways to minimize risk of flooding! He covered what you can do to ease the recovery process should a disaster strike – e.g. have a detailed inventory, with prices and photographs, and talk to your

insurance agent to make sure you have sufficient coverage.

The third clinic, by Andy Panko of the CRHA, (and NMRA-ID) was a slide show of steam in the Niagara Region. Andy's knowledge of the history of railroading in the Niagara area is encyclopedic to say the least! His easy style made it feel like sitting around in the layout room chatting about our favorite subject.

Andy also conducted the draw for door prizes, and George Ziemer presided over the popular choice model contest and the model display table. Several members brought out models and the winners of the popular choice contest were:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Lex Parker with a fully detailed On3 Blacksmith's shop.

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Steve Juranics with an HO structure titled Maple Leaf Trading Company.

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Matt Bierl with a scratch built HO cabin from Allegheny State Park.

Two Niagara Falls area layouts were open in the afternoon – Stan Conron's N Scale CN Midway Division, and Will Boyle's HO Scale Niagara Falls Central Railway.

Thank-you to Tammy Fracking, CRHA Niagara Division President and all of her group for help in planning the meeting, and coming out on the day to make this event a success.

Looking forward, the ID Spring Event for 2016 will be on March 19, 2016 at the Cornerstone Community

Church, Salvation Army Cornerstone, 3020 Vanderbilt Rd, Mississauga, ON L5N 4W8

Doors will open at 9:00, and the meeting will start at 9:30.

Clinics planned are:

1. "How *Heckman's Canadian Pacific* was published" by author Ralph Beaumont.

This will be an insight into the world of railway book publishing as Ralph describes the journey from getting the idea, right through to the finished book.

Signed copies of the book will be available to buy for \$63 Canadian. Or if you already have a copy, bring it to the Meet, and Ralph will be pleased to sign it for you.

2. "The building of Our Home and Miniature Land....model railroading on an industrial scale". by David MacLean.

From the press kit on their website <http://miniatureland.ca/> this layout, scheduled to open to the public in the Summer of 2017, covers 4000 square feet, has 385 turnouts and will include architectural-quality models of among others, the Rogers Centre (Sky dome), CN Tower, Air Canada Centre, Toronto's Union Station and dozens of other detailed structures.

A third clinic on structure modelling is still to be confirmed.

As always, we will have a popular choice model contest and a table for display models.

Layouts open for the afternoon will include the Credit Valley Railway demonstration layout and Walter Reid's On30 layout depicting the British Columbia Dolly Varden mining railway.

A third open layout is being planned.

Our Fall 2016 Model Railroading event is planned for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Eva Rothwell Community Centre in Hamilton, and will include the opportunity to operate on the H.O.M.E.S. Club TH&B layout, which has recently switched to JMRI software for operations. More details to come.

We welcome any questions, comments or suggestions that you may have for the ID. E-mail links are on the ID website at <http://nfr-nmra.org/id> and my phone number is on the masthead of this newsletter. Hope to see you in Mississauga on March 19<sup>th</sup>, until then have a great modeling winter, and Play Safe.

### **St. Lawrence Division Acting Superintendent Chris Lyon**

Well it is the holiday season, and my, how time flies when you are having fun. We have made special effort this year to reach out to the members of SLD: to encourage participation in our activities. This effort resulted in a greater sense of belonging that contributed to membership retention and attraction of new modellers from across Eastern Ontario. We put extra effort into having our distant modellers participate in the delivery of our program. New friendships and



shared expertise resulted in a growing cohesive group. In the New Year, we are planning to participate in Kingston's Rail-O-Rama providing a modellers corner. In addition to making folks aware of the NMRA, it will be an effective way to give back to the hobby ultimately sharing our knowledge and skills with the general public. Then the follow up is a return to Kingston for our meeting, which will include presentations, displays and layout tours and hopefully we will see new folks that we met from that area of our Division.

On another front, I am very pleased to announce that the activities leading up to the NFR Convention are well in hand. Ron Newby's SLD Team have made tremendous progress to deliver a top notch Convention on behalf of the NFR. Located at Algonquin College in Ottawa, there are onsite accommodations at very reasonable prices. The facility offers full services, and there is a very ambitious programme of layout tours, clinics and operating sessions. There are ample opportunities to share your modelling through contests and displays as well as a lounge with great raffle tables that are full of pleasant surprises. A wonderful banquet is planned with live railroad music by Midnight Train. Trevor Marshall is our guest speaker. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Algonquin Turn 2016.

Finally, our Superintendent Peter Grey has resigned from the SLD executive for personal reasons. I will be acting on his behalf until elections can be held. I would like to thank him for his leadership and the success he had bringing fellowship and expertise to our model railroad community. He has provided focus to SLD by

establishing a program that supports NMRA initiatives yet promotes forward thinking. His positive attitude and actions set us on a course that best reflected our interests and needs.

**Lakeshores Division  
Superintendent Raymond Howard**

**Southern Tier Division  
Superintendent Robert Hamilton**

**Western Ontario Division  
Superintendent Steve Juranics**

The WOD held an event in Chatham, ON on November 28<sup>th</sup>. It was the first event in Southwestern Ontario in many years. It was great to see many new faces and sign up several new members to the NMRA.

The agenda featured a Scenery presentation by Pat Rivard. He discussed many of the techniques used to create a fantastic mountainous terrain on his O Scale layout.

Steve Juranics (Muskoka Steve) then did a presentation on the techniques used to build and weather a Hydrocal Structure.

The third presentation of the day was by Gary Shurgold, MMR. Gary presented a series of photos taken during the late transition era in and around the Southern Ontario corridor.

Several models were also brought for display.

After the clinic portion of the program, six area layouts were open for viewing: Pat Rivard, Casey Casier, Gary Clark, Gary Shurgold MMR, Jim Robinson, and Don Eastman MMR. The quality of the layouts was excellent, and given that there is no regular tour in this area, it was quite a treat to be able to see so many quality layouts in the one afternoon.

Preparations are well under way for the 2017 NFR convention which the WOD will be hosting. The

tentative date is May 5-7, 2017 in Cambridge, ON. One of our first orders of business is to come up with a name for the convention. If anyone has a suggestion, please feel free to contact one of the WOD members.

The PARIS TRAIN SHOW is set for January 17<sup>th</sup>. The WOD runs this show. If you have a suggestion for the convention, we'll all be at the Paris show, manning the door and the NMRA booth. We're also looking for volunteers for the Modeler's corner.

## **Niagara Frontier Region Officer Reports**

### **Achievement Program Chairman Peter Nesbitt**

I'm pleased to say that since my last report John Moseley has earned the Electrical Achievement Certificate. Congratulations!

As well, John has been appointed as the WOD Achievement Program Chairman. It is great news to have a Division AP Chairman in that part of the region.



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The 2016 NFR Spring Convention  
Friday May 6 to Sunday May 8, 2016

## An Invitation to the Algonquin turn

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to invite you to attend the Algonquin Turn Convention that is being held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 at Algonquin College here in Ottawa. We are working hard to bring you a convention not to be missed.

Why would you want to attend? Well besides seeing old friends and making new one we have a great convention planned. We will be offering the usual clinics, layout tours and banquet plus something new this year, operating sessions. We have three layout owners that have graciously volunteered to host operating sessions on Friday and Sunday afternoon. Sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis with priority going to out of town attendees. See the registration form and our website for more information.

The banquet will be held Saturday evening with live music before the meal and our guest speaker this year will be Trevor Marshall, a well-known model railroader who has been seen recently hosting clinic segments on Train Masters TV.

If you want more information please visit the convention website at <http://algonquinturn.ca> Please check there often as it will be updated as new information becomes available.

We will have more information for you as we get to the convention date so please accept our invitation and come to the convention. We look forward in seeing you in Ottawa.

Ron Newby  
Convention Chair  
Algonquin Turn

# The Algonquin Turn 2016 NFR Convention

This convention is the annual gathering of the general membership of the NMRA in central Canada, specifically the members of the Niagara Frontier Region, a geographic entity generally encompassing Ontario east of the great lakes and some of our great neighbors to the immediate south. But the invitation to attend extends to anyone who cares to join us for several days of clinics, layout tours, inspiring interaction with fellow modellers and a general good time focused on Model Railroading in its many forms.

## Date

**Friday May 6 to Sunday May 8, 2016**

## Website

**Algonquinturn.ca**

## Location

The convention will be held on the Woodroffe Campus of Algonquin College and you can find maps, driving instructions and more at <http://www.algonquincollege.com/maps/>.

## Clinics

There will be three cycles of four clinics on Friday evening and four cycles of four clinics on Saturday morning. Please view the Clinic page for more information.

## Model Contest

The convention will feature the NMRA Achievement program judging, NFR model contest, popular vote and as a special feature a 'Peanut Butter Lid' Challenge. Models and Modelling are at the heart of what we are and this is your opportunity to bring your models to share, to invite constructive criticism if desired, and enjoy in the company of your colleagues.

## Layout Tours

There are 24 layouts on the tour list with a wide variety of themes, scales, prototype and era represented.

## Operations Sessions

Three area layouts have opened their doors for an operating session for convention participants, sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis with priority going to out of town attendees. Layouts available for an Op session are noted in the descriptions on the layout tours page of the website, and there is an area on the registration form to indicate preference.

## Banquet

The banquet will be held Saturday evening with live music before the meal and our guest speaker this year will be Trevor Marshall, a well-known model railroader who has been seen recently hosting clinic segments on Train Masters TV. The banquet will be catered at the College which has a well-deserved local reputation for producing excellent meals as part of the training program for culinary and food services.

### **Accommodations**

Accommodations in the Algonquin College residences which are in easy walking distance to the meeting rooms and will be at considerably lower cost than a typical hotel room. The convention has a block of 50 suites at a cost of \$80 per night per suite. These are two room suites which will help keep the cost down significantly for those travelling from out of town. Please see the accommodations page under the Attending? menu on the website for a full description of the facilities and booking information. There is also contact information on the registration form.

### **Convention Costs**

- Normal Full Registration cost at \$80

- One day Saturday only registration at \$50
- Under 18 and Students rate of \$30.
- Banquet (not included in above) \$35

As this is not a public event, non NMRA participants will have to purchase a six-month Railpass membership at \$10.

All prices are in Canadian dollars, which means our US friends get a discount due to the current exchange rate.

All of which means that the overall costs of attending the Algonquin Turn are within reach of many of our members.

### **Registration**

A printable version of the Algonquin Turn registration form is attached as the last page of the Flimsy, it is also available on the website, and most importantly, on-line registration and payment through PayPal is available on the website.

Registration for optional items such as Operating Sessions and Prototype Tours (if available) will also be available via the website as they become available.



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## Clinics

Clinics form the backbone of a convention, they provide entertainment, education, the beginnings of conversations, often the point of contact between likeminded individuals. The Algonquin Turn has attempted to assemble a wide array of topics, presentation styles, and personalities so that participants in the convention will be able to find something to their liking, or more often than not be forced to make difficult decision between room A or B at 7:30pm.

Our Clinic Chairman Chris Lyon has assembled a number of clinicians and is currently still open to volunteers wishing to present their favorite topic to the masses. The convention website at [algonquinturn.ca](http://algonquinturn.ca) will have the latest information but I will present below a selection of clinics and brief descriptions to whet your appetite.

**Fred Adams** will present *Seymore Whynot* an exploration about how to use your imagination and change "out of the box" to being asked by fellow modelers - "What kit is that?", "Never saw one like that before!" Fred has been interested and involved in model railroading since his teens. He has attended numerous of the "Fine Scale Structure Expo's hosted by Jimmy Deignan, and held throughout the eastern US. In 2010, Fred was presented with the Second Place certificate for a diorama he entered in the Fine Scale Structure Expo.

**Brian Earl** Will present *Airbrush 101 - Everything you didn't know about the airbrush*. Brian started his first HO scale layout in 1956 and moved to N Scale in 1967 while serving in England with the Canadian Army. When he retired from the Canadian Forces in 1990, he started a custom painting service, known as GW Models, which was wound up last December.

**Bob Farquar** will present *Creating A Harbour* which will cover the creation of a harbour scene from benchwork to finish. Bob has been in the hobby for 22 years and is well known for his detailed, sometimes animated buildings and complex scenes. Bob is a volunteer at the

Kingston Pump House Steam Museum where he is currently rebuilding all the structures on the HO scale Friendly Giant layout obtained from CBC productions.

**Mike Hamer** will present *Doing the Diorama Dance*. Mike Hamer shares with us the immense satisfaction that can be found in facing the challenges of completing a well detailed scene on a small parcel of real estate known as the diorama. Mike examines reasons for diorama building; as a form of “rehearsal” in order to practise skills before attempting them on the layout and as a way of overcoming withdrawal symptoms once the layout has been completed. Mike is a prolific modeller, author and blogger and promoter of the hobby, his completed Boston and Maine Layout which made the cover of MR’s Great Model Railroads 2004 has hosted over 500 operating sessions and has been visited by almost 2000 visitors.

**Gilbert Lacroix** will present *3d Printed Model*. Learn the basics of creating 3D printed scale models for your model railroad layout and for reproducing prototypical parts to customize your favorite engine or piece of rolling stock. 3D printing is also a model railroader’s best friend in replicating out of production replacement parts. Gilbert is well known for his HO modules featuring fine structures, amazing lighting effects and animations, in 2012 he incorporated GLX Scale models and now produces 3D printed miniatures and other model railroading products of various scales.

**Dave Primeau** will present *Recreating CPR’s Vermont Operations in HO Scale*. This clinic outlines Canadian Pacific Railway operations on its Wells River Line in Vermont and how the presenter recreates them on his layout. Focusing on a typical day in late 1956, when the line was in its heyday, the presentation shows how the events of that day are replicated on an HO layout on an operating night. Dave has been an active modeller for the last 50 years, and while time stands still on the Wells River line, research, modelling and changing technology keep Dave firmly in the present.

**Joel Racine** will present *Modeling the Ottawa Central Railway — How to Develop a Track Plan and Build a Roster Based on the Prototype*. Through an interactive presentation jam-packed with pictures and revealing facts, discover how the Ottawa Central Railway, a little shortline who thrived for a decade in a city that most railfans quickly dismiss as “boring”, became the inspiration for a mid-size basement layout focused on operations. Around 2006 Joel transitioned from someone ‘interested in trains’ to a modeler with the encouragement of several local modelers and is currently in the early stages of building his first “real” layout based on the Ottawa Central Railway.

**Ralph Renzetti** will present *Workbench to Mainline – Modeling Mother Nature*. Ralph starts with prototype photos and provides a simple method of adding years of grime to your railcars can be achieved in just a few minutes. Ralph will also show you a new way of adding

dirty streaks to your cars. While Ralph has dabbled in the hobby since the early 70's, he started to get serious in 1998, started his first layout and has developed a number of weathering techniques over the last 7 years.

**Doug Matheson** will present *And You Thought Passenger Trains Were Only to Annoy Freight Operators!* Passenger train operations were, in the prototype world of the past, every bit as challenging and interesting as freight operations. That is exactly the purpose of the presentation, to show the array of interesting operational opportunities of the prototype railroads and then, by extension, how they may be modelled in a way that engages an operations oriented modeller. Doug has been a lifelong model railroader, he currently helps organize the regular ops sessions on three large area model railroads. He is also a member of the NMRA OPSIG (Operations Special Interest Group), where he is involved in writing the passenger ops chapter of the upcoming OPSIG book on operations.

**David Steer** will present *Model Freight Car Construction*. Assembling freight cars for modelling fun and for the layout using contemporary techniques for wood, resin and plastic. Emphasis is on detailing to improve the historical accuracy and to set the model apart from the mass produced models. David has been a model-railroader ever since he can remember. He has a strong interest in narrow gauge including the

Colorado, Swiss and Welsh railways. David is an active participant in OVAR (Ottawa Valley Associated Railroaders) and NMRA activities.

Join us at the  
**2016 Paris Junction  
Model Train Show**

Sunday, January 17, 2016  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Paris Fairgrounds -139 Silver St. Paris

- Multiple Operating Layouts
  - Dealers
- NMRA CRAFTSMEN TABLES

ADMISSION: General - \$4.00  
NMRA WOD members - \$3.00  
Under 12 - Free

**For Information contact:**

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The 2016 NFR Spring Convention  
Friday May 6 to Sunday May 8, 2016

## Peanut Butter Lid Challenge

This year at the convention we are having a "peanut butter Lid" challenge. This is an easy contest that everyone can enter, the rules are simple and you are only limited by your imagination.

### *The rules*

- 1 - You must create a small diorama using a peanut butter lid, or any other lid as long as the diameter doesn't exceed 4 inches.
- 2 - It can be any scale.
- 3 - You can make your build either on the lid or in the lid.
- 4 - The build must not exceed the diameter of the lid
- 5 - You can build it as high as you like.
- 6 - You don't have to eat all the peanut butter in the jar prior to using the lid.



The winner will be determined by popular vote.

So our challenge to you is create a masterpiece, bring it to the convention and see everyone else's creative efforts.



# Regional Train Orders

**January 17, 2016. Paris ON. 2016 Paris Junction Model Train Show.** Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver Street, Paris, Ontario N3L 1V4. Multiple operating layouts, dealers, NMRA craftsmen Admission: Regular \$4.00 NMRA Member \$3.00 Children under 12 Free Sponsored by NMRA - NFR - Western Ontario Division. Contact: Edward Howes, ehowes@boardresources.com or (519) 442-7193

**January 23, 2016. Ottawa, ON. SLD Meet.** Emmanuel United Church 691 Smyth Road, Ottawa, Info: sld-nmra.ca

**March 5, 2016. Cobourg, ON.** The Cobourg Model Railroaders will sponsor the Cobourg Model Train Show at the Lions Community Centre, Elgin Street East, Cobourg, Ontario. Saturday only, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Adults \$5, Children under 12, \$1. Info: Phil Niles, 557 Willow Crescent, Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, K9A 2B2, 905-372-0481 or e-mail: philip.niles@sympatico.ca

**March 26, 2016. Kingston, ON. SLD Meet.** Location to be decided, Info: sld-nmra.ca

**May 6-8, 2016. Ottawa, ON. Algonquin Turn 2016** the NFR annual convention. For information please see article in this issue and the web site at [algonquinturn.ca](http://algonquinturn.ca)



**May 28, 2016. Ottawa, ON. SLD Meet.** Emmanuel United Church 691 Smyth Road, Ottawa, Info: sld-nmra.ca

July 16-17, 2016. Long Sault, On. Seaway Train Show. 10:00 to 4:00 both days, Admission \$5.00, Children under 12 \$2.00. Info: [www.seawaytrainclub.com](http://www.seawaytrainclub.com), Rudy Tabak 613-936-6873.



**Algonquin Turn**  
**May 6 – 8, 2016**  
 2016 NFR Convention  
[www.algonquinturn.ca](http://www.algonquinturn.ca)

Algonquin College  
 1385 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa, ON  
 K2G 1V8

**Registration Form**  
*(Please print clearly)*

*If mailing, please send your completed form and payment to:*

**Algonquin Turn**  
**c/o Registrar: Grant Knowles**  
**57 Eisenhower Crescent**  
**Ottawa, Ontario**  
**K2J 3Z8**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>First Name on Name Badge</b>	
<b>Address</b>		<b>City</b>	<b>Province/State</b>
<b>Postal Code/ZIP</b>		<b>Home Phone</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>		<b>NMRA Membership No.</b>	
<b>Primary Scale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> HO <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> O <input type="checkbox"/> Large _____ <i>Other</i>		<b>Do you want to help with the Convention?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

**Additional Registrant**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>First Name on Name Badge</b>
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<i>Convention Fares</i>	Unit Cost	Total
<i>** NMRA membership required **</i>		
<i>All fares are listed in Canadian funds</i>		
<b>Rail Fare – Convention</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	
<b>Day Pass</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	
<b>Student Pass (18 years and under OR with Student I.D.)</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	
<b>NMRA RailPass (required if you are not currently a NMRA member)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	

<b>Banquet (buffet style):</b>	<i>Indicate number of meals</i> <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	<b>\$35.00</b>	
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<b>Prototype Tours:</b> These events are currently under development. Check the Convention website for the latest details.		<b>TBD</b>	
Please make your enclosed cheque or Money Order payable to: <b>St. Lawrence Division</b>			
<i>Indicate method of payment:</i>		<b>Grand Total</b>	
<b>PayPal</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cheque / Money Order</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Algonquin College - Residence Conference Centre**  
 1385 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2G 1V8  
 Main Phone: 1-855-782-9722      (613) 727-7698  
*In order to get the special Convention room rate, mention "NMRA Convention - Algonquin Turn"*

For Convention Registrar's Use Only

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_      Payment Reference #: \_\_\_\_\_      Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_