



2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Report
- Newsletter
- Meetings and Conferences
- Zoom Usage
- YouTube Report
- Web Report
- Chapter Activities
- Promotional Print Donation
- Closing Remarks

WELCOME

Presenter – David King

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- Welcome & Thanks to all attending
- This meeting is being recorded to create Minutes
- Etiquette
 - Mute microphone
 - Use Chat on the right for questions, issues, or comments
- Meeting length maximum of 90 minutes

Presenter – Pete Moffett

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Presenter – John Johnston

- Board passed a resolution that Free Membership was to be discontinued.
- Three Membership Classes created
 1. Internet Membership
 2. Internet with Calendar Membership
 3. Print Membership (includes printed newsletter & calendar)
- Membership would run for calendar year from Jan 1 to Dec 31.
- Memberships limited to 1-year. All existing 3-year memberships would be honoured.
- Board appointed John Johnston Membership Chair and directed him to implement Membership change
- Emails sent in June to all Members to renew for the remainder of 2025 on a pro-rated basis.
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| Current Membership | 176 |
| 1. Internet Members | 77 |
| 2. Internet Members w/Calendar | 36 |
| 3. Print Members | 63 |

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Presenter – John Johnston

- **Producing 4 Issues per Year. Next Issue is #94**
- **Continued commitment to Print version**
- **Software change necessary**
- **Need for more contributions**

ZOOM USAGE

Presenter – Malcolm Back

We have re-instated monthly Zoom meetings for the Membership. These meetings are to be held at 7:00 pm (EST) on the third Monday of each month.

The first was held on September 15, 2025, with 29 Members joining the session.

Willie Waithe spoke on :

“Towards a Prototype: Twenty-Six Years of The CN Weston Subdivision Layout”



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The second was held on October 20, 2025, with 39 Members joining the session.

Aaron Cecala spoke on:

“From single town to single industry: the journey of an "early career" modeller.”

ZOOM USAGE

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The next will be held on November 17, 2025, by Cal Sexsmith.

“Design and Operation of the Parkland Division”

The Parkland Division is a 24 x 24 HO scale layout representing the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific joint lines on Saskatchewan’s forest fringe and parklands in the 1960s. Despite its reputation as a prairie province with vast treeless plains Saskatchewan is over 50% forested. The forest fringe is where the farmland ends, and the boreal forest begins and is located 250 to 350 miles north of the US border. The Canadian Shield is another 100 miles to the north. The area immediately south of the forest fringe is known as the parklands and has more trees and water than further south.



ZOOM USAGE

Presenter – Malcolm Back

The next will be held on December 15, 2025, by Michael Hodgson.

“My layout and planned future operations using TT&TO”

- Subject to change
- Interested in presenting? Contact Malcolm to be added for future presentations.

ZOOM MEETINGS

Presenter – Malcolm Back

“A Plan To Foster Dynamic Interactions Among CARM Members”

- In addition to our monthly Zoom meetings. we plan to establish regular Zoom meetings of informal discussions on selected topics. This will provide a sense of cohesion of the members and a sense of belonging to something worthwhile and interesting. Topics for discussion, e.g. different approaches to modelling, trackwork, operations, etc. will be chosen by consultation with the members.
- ~~Our first meeting will be Friday, November 21, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Invitations will be sent out prior to the meeting.~~

CONFERENCES

Presenter – Mike Walton

Conference Report

A report outlining why we should not proceed with Regional Conference, as proposed in an article in the Fall 2025 issue of The Canadian, was accepted by the Executive.

Report Summary

After extensive consultation with enthusiasts and consideration of various options, several key factors were identified: limited member interest due to personal and hobby commitments, financial barriers related to venue costs, a lack of fresh experiences for long-time members, and the rise of alternative information sources such as YouTube and online groups. These challenges, combined with volunteer fatigue, rendered the conference unfeasible at this time.

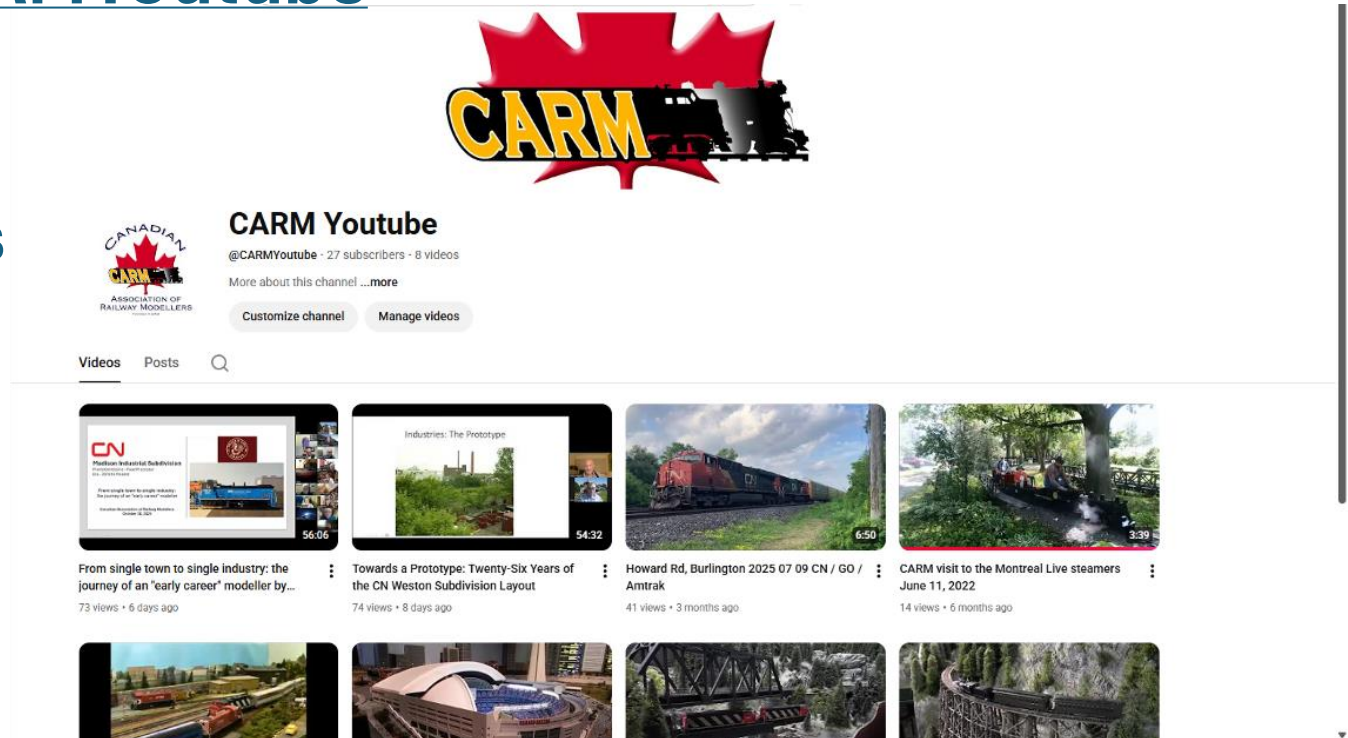
Conclusion

If over the course of time, interest, and a product champion willing and able to form and organise a conference team emerge, a conference should be fully supported.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL REPORT

Presenter – Walter Reid

- Located at:
www.youtube.com/@CARMYoutube
- Presently has over 200 views and 27 subscribers
- Is the repository for CARM Zoom lectures
- Many potential uses in the future



WEB REPORT

Presenter – David King

- New Membership Application form
- Updates to the front page
- Reviews and updates coming for all pages
- Removing information that is out of date or no longer relevant
- Removing or updating links to other pages and sites



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Presenter – Bruce Leckie

- National Capital Chapter
- Approximately 20 members
- We do several excursions per year
- Visiting layouts, prototype locations, and other venues
- We have a Christmas/Holiday lunch in December

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Presenter – Steve Hoshel

- Ontario Midwest Chapter
- Territory covers area east of Lake Huron and south of Georgian Bay. Includes members in Bruce, Grey, northern Huron, northern Perth, and northern Simcoe counties.
- We also have some members from out of the area including Acton and Thunder Bay.
- Current membership, as of June 2025, sits at 25 members.
- We usually hold monthly Zoom meetings and have in-person get togethers while the weather is good. Locations include museums or railway clubs.
- Hosted other chapters at our visit to a local 1/8 scale ride on steam railway this past July.
- Promote the hobby at 4 or 5 area train shows per year



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Other Chapters

- London and Area
- Toronto

PROMOTIONAL PRINT DONATION

Presenter – Malcolm Back

SPECIAL MEMBER OFFER FROM DON DAVIES HERITAGE ART EDITIONS INC.

Don Davies, Art Publisher and Artist Agent with **Heritage Art Editions Inc.**, has generously offered two exciting opportunities for CARM Members:

Train Print Draw – Valued at \$200 CDN

- 25 Train Prints will be awarded by draw on **February 21, 2026**. Draw to be conducted by Malcolm Back.
- Eligible: All **new CARM Members** and **Renewing Members for 2026**.
- Winners may contact Don directly to choose their print.
- If the chosen print is valued above \$200, winners may upgrade by paying the difference.
- Winners are responsible for postage costs.

This is a great chance to own a beautiful Train Print simply by joining or renewing your CARM membership before **February 15, 2026!**

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SPECIAL MEMBER OFFER FROM DON DAVIES HERITAGE ART EDITIONS INC.

Exclusive Offer – Larry Fisher Art Book Collector's Set

- Limited Edition, Signed & Numbered Collector Box Set.
- Regular retail: **\$495.00** Current special price: **\$295.00**
- **Special CARM Member price: \$195.00 (shipping & handling included anywhere in North America)**
- Offer valid until **December 31, 2025**, while inventory lasts.

CARM extends a special thank you to Don Davies for his generous support of our organization and members.

www.heritagearteditions.com



CLOSING REMARKS

Presenter – David King

- Looking for **Volunteers** for all areas within CARM
 - Volunteer Co-Ordinator
 - Many, many opportunities
- Send feedback, questions or comments to any CARM Board Member
- We are always looking for articles, pictures, events and more
- Elections for Board Members will occur in 2026
- Other Business

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- Other Business?
 - Post your question in the chat window

Thank you for attending

