

**CARM Toronto Chapter - What are you working on?**

December 2017

Hello everyone:

October, November, and December were again very busy months for CARM Toronto Chapter members. Since the last letter was issued I've received some wonderful emails from CARM members to include in this issue of "what are you working on?". I have also enjoyed speaking to many of you at the CARM layout tours, dinners, and at the hobby shops – and this month's letter show just how varied what everyone is working on can be in this hobby including making kits, setting up shipping schedules for operating sessions, producing post operation reports, event attendance, and even coming soon stand-ins! It's the end of the year, nearly New Year's Eve, so grab some tea or coffee and enjoy reading about what some members have been doing over the last couple of months.

- 1. Gerald Harper's New On3 Flat Car Build:** Gerald Harper has been working on a new rolling stock kit flat car, as shown below. Gerald notes:



*I attach a photo of an On3 18ft 6in flat car I have just built from a kit of Mount Blue Models. It still needs a bit of finishing like staining the deck and tie downs for the load of copper ingots. The copper ingots have a core of lead so the overall load adds a nice amount of weight to an otherwise very light car. The trucks presently installed on it are also too long and I have a shorter pair on order. Overall though I*

am quite pleased with the result. Mount Blue makes nice kits – mostly laser cut wood parts. This car will be running on my new, under construction modular portable layout depicting the Anyox Mine Railway in the 1920s in On3 scale as the actual line was a 3 ft gauge system.

(Photo by Gerald Harper)

2. **Richard Morrison's Layout Tour – “Coming Soon!”:** In early December CARM Toronto members visited Richard Morrison's Union Pacific HO layout and he had an idea on his layout that I really liked ...and I just had to show it here! Richard, like many of us, has projects in mind to finish “some day” and for some of those items that are buildings, he places a black & white picture of it on his layout. I really liked this idea! *Coming soon!*



(Photo by James Rasor)

3. **Ian McIntosh's How I Spent My Summer, Fall And Early Winter:** Ian sent in a summary of what he has been up to from Summer to early Winter and I myself look

forward to seeing some of his photos from the CARM Montreal Meet in an up and coming presentation. He writes:

*On the long weekend of August I went to the CARM Montreal Meet, had a great time and took a lot of pictures. I'll be showing some of those at the Toronto Chapter meeting January 16th. One is in the CARM calendar (September). BTW, the June calendar photo is from Ian McIntosh in Regina, not me. In November and December I helped operate the Scarborough Model Railroaders HO layout during their open houses, and I'll be doing that again in February and March. I'm reading "Train" by Tom Zoellner, about 7 railways around the world that the author travelled on, with interesting details of history and people. And I've been preparing the 2018 Model Train and Train Events web page, which always takes more time than I expect.*

By the way, if you have not visited Ian's [Model Train and Train Events](http://home.eol.ca/~ianmc/2017ONshows.htm) web page, then I recommend you take the time to do so. It is a wonderful resource web site (and a lot of work) setting out the upcoming model train and train events by each month for the coming year. This is a great all-in-one-place resource for anyone to help make future plans on things you may be missing out on!

<http://home.eol.ca/~ianmc/2017ONshows.htm>

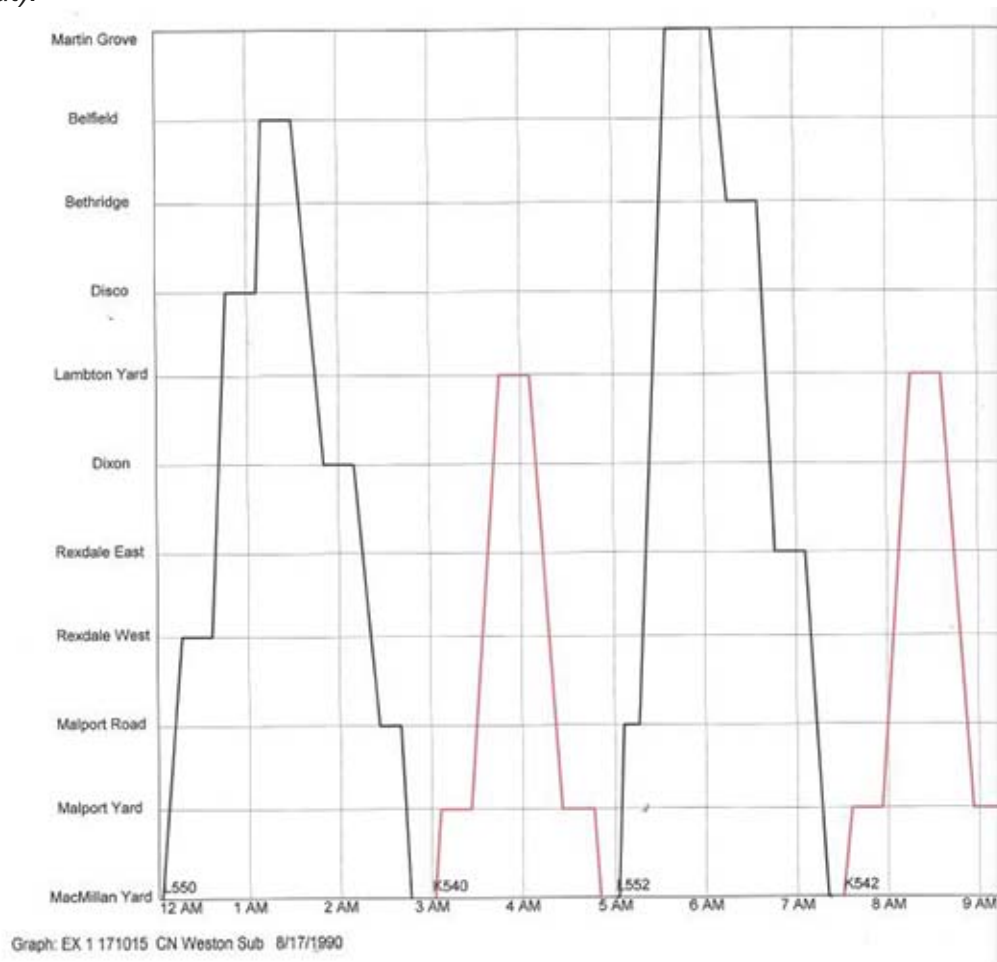
4. **Willie Waithe's CN Weston Sub Shipping Routes and Schedules:** Willie's new layout continues to progress with scenery, buildings, etc, all coming into place and trial operation sessions running to test the layout. He writes:

*I am working on refining the shipping train routes and schedules used in operating sessions on the CN Weston sub. Ship It, for those who are not familiar with it, is a software program for directing the switching moves in an operating session. We have nine industries served by rail on the layout. With Ship It, one enters the needs for each industry for empty cars for shipping goods (shippers) and the need for goods from the "outside world" (consignees). These data are based on research for the particular industry. In addition, the program determines the time needed to empty a load or to load a car.*

*Train routes and schedules are set up in another part of the program. One enters the route and times for each industry and the program generates train sheets (see photo).*

*Once the database is set and automatically adjusted by the program, the result is realistic switch lists which are not random or repetitive and which result in a dynamic movement of freight traffic to and from the industries. Upon testing an initial trial run, I realized that there is room for improving the traffic flow by adjusting the freight train*

schedules. That is what I am working on (among other things involved in rebuilding the layout).



(Photo by Willie Waithe)

- James Razor's CN Maintenance of Way Trainside Trio:** When I first started working on William Waithe's CN Weston N Scale Layout I asked him if we could add some maintenance of way items and he said sure – well, of course this was heaven for me and I knew I was in the right place for sure! Pictured below is a collection of hard working CN trackside MoW vehicles that I have just finished for the layout over the holidays, including a *Showcase Miniatures* I Class MoW truck, a *GHQ Road Master Series* Bobcat, and a *Railway Express Miniatures* Swingmaster. The unassembled pieces in front of them is a second Swingmaster kit to kind of show a *before-and-after* look of for these neat little vehicle kits. The Swingmaster's cab is a solid piece of soft metal without open windows and it is always interesting to try and

figure out how to paint the windows: black, silver, a mix of colours? Hmmmm? I used a little blue and black on this one and then brushed Micro Kristal Clear over them. Good enough for the N scale 36" rule?



(Photo by James Rasor)

- 6. Mike Walton's Post Operating Report:** Mike emailed his latest post operation report from his 186<sup>th</sup> operating session of his Lostock Junction Railway. I loved this report and I admit that I have now read it three times! Now, Mike sent me the whole report and said I could use what I would like for this "What are you working on..?" letter – but he also said he could add other CARM members to the distribution list if you are interested – let me know if you are? Here is the beginning of Mike's report:

*Hi James, I don't know if you were aware that I put out a report after each monthly operation session on my Lostock Junction Railway, latest report attached. You can use whatever you wish from the reports. Keith Martel is a Lostock operator and Willie Waithe is on the distribution. Currently there are about eighty folks on the distribution but I'm more than happy to add other CARM members to the distribution should they wish.*

*Subject: Report on the 186th Operating Session on November 28th, 2017.  
This was one of the most exciting operating sessions yet. Best described as a Windermere work in progress session, scheduled service was seriously disrupted but a fun time was had by all.*

*The operators were as follows.*

		Network						Windermere				
		Lostock	Down line & Inner Loop	Outer Loop & Up line	Wigan / Horwich	Preston / Blackpool	Network Traffic Controller.	Winderm. Traffic Controller	Station Master	Yard Master	Shed Operator	Goods Yard Operator
186	AM (R1)	Gerry Taylor	Ken Sherwood	John Rowe Phil West	Alan Farmer	David Knight	Mike Walton Terry Brown	David Youngs	David Youngs	Keith Martel	Brian Fayle	Mike Pearson
	PM (R3)	Phil West	Gerry Taylor	Alan Farmer Ken Sherwood	David Knight	Mike Pearson	none	Terry Brown	David Youngs	Keith Martel	Brian Fayle	John Rowe

*I spent most of my time trouble shooting and observing.*

### **Visiting trains were as follows:-**

#### **Morning Session**

Gerry Taylor 9F with breakdown train  
John Rowe BR Class 5 with 6 Intercity coaches (Train 5)  
Mike Pearson Type 8 Shunter D3000 for shunting  
Phil West 700 Drummond with 3 Southern coaches (Train 4)  
Alan Farmer LMS Maroon Jinty with 2 Suburban coaches (Train 6)  
Brian Fayle Peckett Manchester Ship Canal (for shunting)

#### **Afternoon Session**

Class 15/16 with breakdown train  
Class 33 with 6 Intercity coaches (Train 5)  
South Western 4 coach EMU (Train 4)  
Class 31 with 2 Suburban coaches (Train 6)  
2 Car DMU (Train #6)  
CIE B188 diesel for use on Express passenger train service.

*The bogie bolster on Gerry's breakdown train derailed on the crossings on several occasions and was taken out of service. The reworks to the bolster (see previous report) resulted in the axles not being quite parallel. Gerry has broken down and bought an Athern Tank car for replacement bogies J.*

*The Kadee coupling on Phil's Drummond is set to low and the trip pin fouled on the uncoupling ramp when moving in reverse in Windermere. The loco was kept in service but the coupling height should be adjusted, a toothpick might do it J..*

*The Kadee coupling came off Alan's recently acquired Maroon LMS Jinty. The loco was removed from service and replaced with a Jinty from my roster #3 set. In retrospect we should have used the Web Coal Tank as Mike brought his own morning shunter and the Web Coal Tank wasn't needed for shunting.*

*Kadees weren't the only couplings in trouble, John's Class 33's tension-lock coupling was a little low and was sometimes a bit difficult to recouple, no major problem*

*Phil's South Western 4 coach EMU was a bit speedy for the mix. In a moment of distraction, the operator allowed it to run into the back of the long goods train, easily done. see snag report #2..*

*Brian's handsome Peckett lost one of its Kadee knuckle when the swivel pin fell out somewhere and was lost. A sausage voucher for anybody finding it J A new coupling was installed and the engine was returned to service.*

*Other than the above, all visiting stock ran well.*

### **Lostock Engines –**

*We ran the #2 Roster which consists of the following stock.*

Roster #2										
XP1	Heavy				LMS	8XP	4-6-2	6246	City of Manchester	Hornby
XP2	Heavy				LMS	5XP	4-6-0	5711	Jubilee "Courageous" Black	Bachmann
XP3	Heavy	Light	Local	Short	LMS	5P5F	4-6-0	5055	Black 5	Hornby
XPD	Heavy		PM	Long	EE	Exper	Co - Co	001	English Electric Deltic	Bachmann
LP		Light			MR	2P	4-2-2	119	Johnson Single	Gem
MT1		Light	Local	Short	LMS	2MT	2-6-0	2715	Horwich Crab	Bachmann
MT2		Light	Local	Short	LMS	4MT	2-6-4T	2691	Fairburn Tank	Bachmann
MT3			Local	Short	LMS	4F	0-6-0	3851	Midland Railway Johnson/Deeley	Bachmann
MT4			Local	Short	MR	1F	0-6-0T	1739	Johnson 'Half-Cab' in LMS black	Bachmann
DMU		Light	Local	PM	BR	108	DMU		Diesel Railcar - 3 unit	Bachmann
8F1		Long Goods			LMS	Garratt	2-6-0-0-6-2	4970	Beyer Garratt - Standard bunker	Hattons - Heljan
8F3		Long Goods			LNWR	7F	0-8-0	9449	Class G2a in LMS Black	Bachmann
SS			AM	Shunt	LNWR	2F	0-6-2T	1054	Webb Coal Tank	Hornby
SD			PM	Shunt	LMS	08	0-6-0	13029	English Electric	Bachmann

*The Johnson Single has started to short occasionally. It was replaced by the NRM Midland Compound from my roster #3, see snag report #1.*

*Other than that all my stock ran well.*

### **Stock Report.**

*For some time now I have felt that we need to get a better picture of the stock put into operation and the problems encountered. I therefore created the chart below...*

**...and the Report continues...**

(Report and Images by Mike Walton)

If you would like to see a full copy of Mike's report, let me know and I will forward your request to him.

- CARM's The Canadian, Issue #62 Winter 2018:** The new issue of *The Canadian* has been sent out in the mail - and it is also available online in full colour too (go to <http://www.caorm.org/>). This latest issue even has some of our photos and articles in it from our first issue of the "*CARM Toronto: What are you working on?*" Check out The Canadian for all its new articles in this new issue and take a look at the links on the webpage too.



- Happy New Year's!** And that's the end of December's email for **CARM Toronto Members: What are you working on?** Have a great Holiday and New Year's everyone. I look forward to seeing you at the CARM events in 2018 – the first of which is this coming this January 16, 2018 with illustrated presentations by Ian McIntosh and Gerald Harper. The meeting will be held at City Hall from 19:00 to 21:00.

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 We would like to hear from everyone about what *CARM Toronto chapter members* have been working on!

- Send me a photo** of your:
  - present model railway project,
  - or your most recent prized purchase,
  - or your layout,
  - or your current scratch building project,
  - or your favourite rolling stock,
  - or your latest operating session,



- or your research sketches,
  - or your custom track build,
  - or your first decoder install,
  - or your latest weathering,
  - or the most recent disaster that happened,
  - or your landscape project,
  - or your lighting project,
  - or the area you just pulled apart to start all over again!
  - or any model railway related item that you have been working on.
2. **Include a brief description**, 75 to 100 words maximum, or less if you want, that's okay too!
  3. **Don't have a camera?** That's okay; just send me a 75 to 100 word description of what you are working on. You do not always need a picture, but we do want to hear from you!
  4. **Send it to me at:** [CARMtoronto.jamesrasor@gmail.com](mailto:CARMtoronto.jamesrasor@gmail.com) .

I will then take the information, put it together with the other submissions, and issue it along with the other members' news every few months.

Let us know what **you** are working on, have fun, and ***stay in touch!***

Yours truly,

James Rasor, Secretary

**CARM Zone 2 - Toronto Chapter**

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