

ONLINE PREVIEW

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10th ANNUAL BRANTFORD PORT DOVER & SIMCOE MODEL RAILROAD LAYOUT TOUR SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.*

\$5.00 PER PERSON

Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult



TICKET LOCATIONS

On April 9

Brantford Model RR Club - Behind 100 Waterloo St. Brantford
SLN Hobbies - Gord King - 51 Newport Lane, Port Dover

Prior to April 9

Paris Junction Hobbies - 300 Grand River Street, Paris

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*One exception to 5 p.m. closing time is noted in the Tour Brochure

1. Brantford Model Railroad Club - Brantford***Ticket Location***

Name of Railroad	Grand Valley Central			
Era and Location	70's to 90's	Southern Ontario		
Scale and Size	HO	20' x 40'	95% track	80% scenery

General Information

Double track mainline running approximately 150 feet (50 meters), with a single track secondary main, and a branch. Layout configured for point to point operation. Lots of industrial switching available.

The era and railway is not specific, but the scenery is loosely based on south-western Ontario in 1970's onward. Centralized dispatching with limited signaling, and train detection in the process of installation.

Operations consist of run-through unit trains (coal, intermodal), manifests which switch yards, and locals which switch industries.

Scenery is substantially complete, but improvements and additions are always being made.

Come check us out!



Brantford Model Railroad Club – Brantford



2. The Carnival Museum -Brantford

New Layout –Wheel Chair Accessible Free popcorn but only for the kids

Name of Railroad	Royal American Shows (RAS show-train)
Era and Location	1930's-1980's any town
Scale and Size	HO 10' x 10' 90% track 70% scenery

HO Layout highlights

- 1930s Cole Brothers Circus, four tent reproductions Menagerie, Sideshow, Cookhouse & Big Top
- The tents, in detail, show both the exterior and interior including bleachers, rings, clowns, acrobats, animal cage, high-wire acts, performers, elephants, the entertainers, etc.
- On the sidings sits the “Royal American Shows” show-train’s rolling stock, sleepers, pie-car, flats, baggage and private cars.
- The Show’s second section of rolling stock with additional rides and concession has yet to arrive but it can be seen, coming on the rails.
- The circus is set up on a grassy lot at a child-friendly height behind a glass enclosure.
- There is a kid’s button to start the Show’s second section moving on the main line track.

On Display in the Great Hall and the Elephant Room

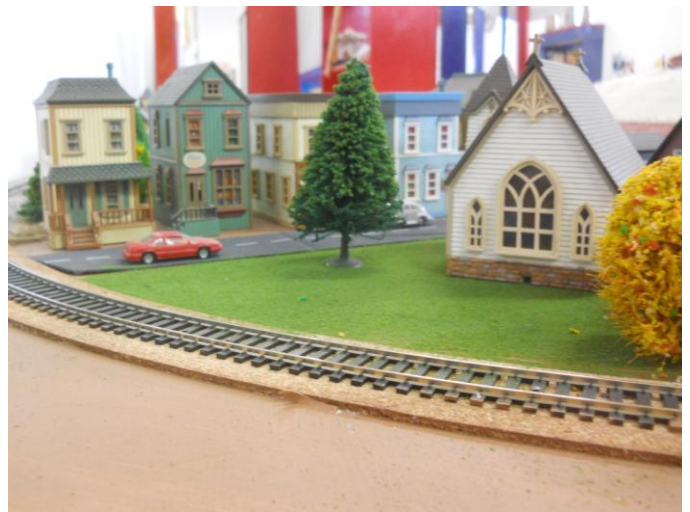
The Museum features a collection of 1/2 inch scale individually hand crafted horse drawn Circus wagon including a 40 horse hitch Parade Wagon all in minute detail.

The Carnival and Circus Museum is a not-for-profit Corporation with charitable status. The Museum is committed to the preservation, presentation and promotion of the history of Carnivals, Circuses, Fairs, Exhibitions and Amusement Parks in North America. Their unique collection includes a carousel, games, food wagons and a Carnival & Circus Rail layout now on display at the Museum.

www.thecarnivalmuseum.org - 519-753-4646



The Carnival Museum – Brantford



3. Roger Chrysler – Brantford

Handicap Accessible

Name of Railroad	Lake Erie and Northern Rwy			
Era and Location	1953	Brant and Norfolk Counties		
Scale and Size	HO	11' x 42'	100% track	80% scenery

General Information

Replicating many prototype station and yard scenes including Glen Morris, Paris, Brantford, Mt Pleasant, Waterford, Simcoe, and Port Dover.

Many scratch built cars and buildings. Hand laid code 70 track. This traction layout is powered exclusively by overhead wire. Digitrax DCC control. Includes both Lake Erie and Northern and Grand River Railway equipment. Walk-in and walk-around shelf style layout with point-to-point car-card operations of fourteen passenger trains and three daily freight trains.

Relive the glory years of this historic local electric line.



4. Ted Black- Brantford

Name of Railroad	CN Brantford
Era and Location	1989 Brantford Yard & Hagersville Sub
Scale and Size	HO 15`x 11` 100% track Scenery in early stage of development

General Information

The Brantford Yard is the centre of operation on this four-level shelf layout. Two double track helices lead to the lower level 9 track staging yard.

The Hagersville Sub branches off the main line east of the Brantford Station and climbs (via two more helices stacked on the others) to the two upper level shelves. The first upper shelf features 4 line-side industries in the Cainsville area. The top shelf features aspects of the line from Caledonia to Garnet Yard including the bridge across the Grand River.

The layout operates with DC block control and ShipIt! car forwarding. The schedule calls for 40 trains a day, including general freight trains, intermodal and auto trains, the steel train, wayfreights, and 16 VIA passenger trains.



Ted Black – Brantford



LRC Train 77 at Brantford



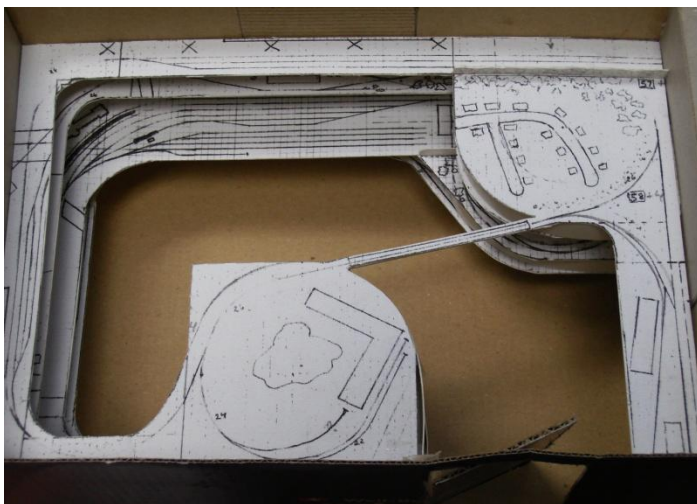
CN Wayfreight 559 at Hagersville



Looking east from Park Road in Brantford



Bridge over Grand River and Hwy 54 in Caledonia



Scale 1:20 paper model of layout room.
Constructed in a shoe box after being drawn
on graph paper.

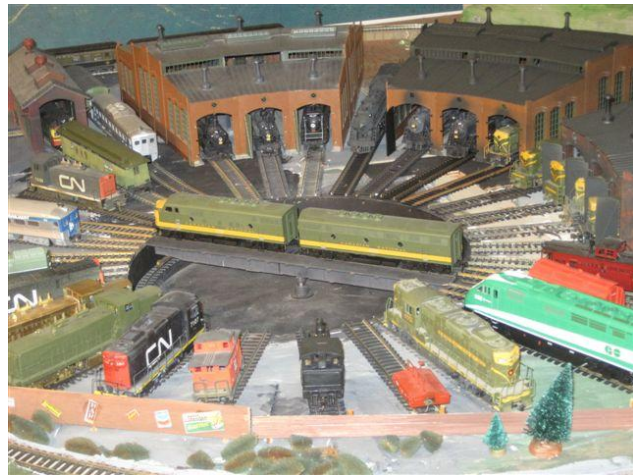
The top level scenes are: Caledonia (right),
the Gyp (bottom), Hagersville (left) and
Garnet Yard (top).

5. Dr. Garry Balsdon –RR4 Brantford

Name of Railroad	Canadian National		
Era and Location	1920s – 1970s	Somewhere in Canada	
Scale and Size	HO 21' x 16'	W-shape	90% track 91% scenery

General Information

Model Canadian National through the years
 Plenty of power and rolling stock to catch the eye
 Too much to remember on your last visit so come again



6. Jim Carman – Mt. Pleasant

Layout open until 1 p.m.

Scale and Size HO 12'x 30' 90% track – half ballasted 5% scenery

General Information

The layout features container yard, container hoist, wooden trestle, lift bridge, and large yard for rolling stock. Various road names from 1970 to present.

Large “folded dogbone” track plan with long connecting track to lower level service yard.

DCC connected to 20+ tortoise switch machines and locos with sound.



7. John Frederick – Port Dover

Era and Location 1958 north-eastern Ontario – Ottawa valley
 Scale and Size HO 8' x 17' approx. 225' track
 100% track 90% buildings 50% scenery

General Information

Layout intended to be grandchild friendly and interesting...but not heavy railroad operations.

All buildings, vehicles, and rolling stock, are consistent with the 1950s time frame. Rolling stock is a mix of CNR and CP freight and passenger. Locomotives are steam and diesel, some with sound.

Layout consists of 2 yards on inside loop running through an 8 foot tunnel and mountain with integrated reverse loop and station sidings. The perimeter trackage is double main line looping around the entire layout with a double crossover and several industrial sidings served off the mainline. There is a separate town centre with numerous business and store locations.

Table top layout with duck- under to centre control pit.
 DCC operated with Digitrax Super Chief Extra system.



John Frederick – Port Dover



8. Paul Kelly – Port Dover

Name of Railroad	Canadian National Railway Heritage Division
Era and Location	Mid to late 1990's Northern Ontario
Scale and Size	HO 25' x 37' (with staging yards in an adjacent room) 90% track 15% scenery

General Information

This under construction model railroad is located in a fully finished basement dedicated to the railway. The layout is constructed using “L” girders and plywood. All of the bench work has been completed. The layout uses a Digitrax wireless DCC system along with plug in jacks. The track is a combination of code 100 and code 83.

The railway is Canadian National Railway based, with an inter-connect to the Canadian Pacific Railway, using a point to point track scheme. The layout location is not based on any one part of Northern Ontario, but is based on my imagination and my various railroading experiences. The track plan encompasses a single track mainline along with a branch line. The railway is operationally based, and will require a number of operators to fully operate.

At present, 100% of the mainline and branch line trackage is installed and operating, with the exception of some of the industrial tracks. Approximately 80% of the main yard trackage is now installed and operational. I am now working on the track and wiring for both the steam and diesel engine servicing facilities.

As to scenery, we are in the process of installing and shaping extruded Styrofoam and plaster screening in preparation for plastering and scenery finishing. We have also started to paint the railway backdrop and, if I must say so myself, it makes a huge difference in the look of the layout.



Paul Kelly – Port Dover



9. Tim Warris (Fast Tracks) – Port Dover

Name CNJ Bronx Terminal
Scale and Size HO 6x8 100% Track Scenery

General Information

The Bronx Terminal built in 1906 in the Bronx, New York was a very unique operation. A victim of limited space, the terminal included a round freight house, 17 track yard with 75 car capacity, car barge and an engine house, all in one acre of land.

To accommodate all this some very complex trackwork had to be built.

The model is a faithful reproduction of the original, scaled down accurately to HO scale with no compression. Like the prototype the hand built trackwork includes a triple lapped turnout, quad diamond and 6 #3 three way turnouts.

The layout progress has been documented on Tim's website at www.bronx-terminal.com



10. Gord King –Port Dover

Ticket Location

Name of Railroad	Silver Lake Northshore (CNR Dundas Sub)
Era and Location	mid '50's CNR Dundas Sub – London to Brantford
Scale and Size	HO 30' x 30' bi-level with workshop staging yard
	95% lower level track work 95% upper level track work
	40% scenery

General Information

The railroad operates point to point from points east of Brantford through Paris, Woodstock, Beachville, Ingersoll, London, to points west of London.

There is also some L&PS trackage in London.

The lower level incorporates London as the main centre. London has a large classification yard, 20+ industries, engine service facilities, and passenger facilities. The other main centre on the lower level is Brantford which serves 10+ industries, has engine service and passenger facilities. In each centre a scene or structure will identify to the viewer where they are if they are familiar with the area. For example visitors will recognize the West St underpass in Brantford, and the coal plant in London.

Operation is primarily steam with transition diesel. The control system is Digitrax DCC radio control. Operations use the JMRI computer programme to generate traffic. Track is primarily code 83, with some code 100.



The boys are busy on the CNR Freight dock while CNR westbound #17 with FP4A 6779 in the lead pauses at the Brantford Station.

Gord King – Port Dover



CNR Northern 6234 has just finished taking on fresh coal under the Brantford coal dock before heading east to Toronto.



The cops caught up with the bank robbers down by the L&PS yard, one robber is down, the other disappeared into the yard.

Gord King – Port Dover



The London CNR coal plant receives a fresh load of coal.

The trestle up to the unloader is over 7' long.



Northern 6234 heading up the eastbound mail/express #18 drifts into London over the South Thames River meeting westbound #17 out of London heading for Chicago.

Canoeists and fishermen below enjoy the late summer evening oblivious to the action above.

11. Jim Lewis - Simcoe

Name of Railroad	Cedar Valley Railroad	
Era and Location	1900 Lumber and mining country	
Scale and Size	HO 12' x 9' with workshop staging yard	
	90% lower level track	75% scenery

General Information

The layout is a lumber and mining operation with a port terminal. The track goes twice around the room with a hidden return loop.

The railroad services the town of Cedar Falls and the port of Cedar Bay as well as the mine at Cedar Hill. There are some very interesting scenes, including the ore mine, large and small sawmills, dock with the lumber schooner, and fishing wharf. There are a variety of buildings and industries most of which are either scratch built or modified kits. The layout features early small steam, some with sound. The layout is powered via Digitrax system.



Jim Lewis – Simcoe

