



# THE BRITISH RAILWAY MODELLERS OF NORTH AMERICA

<http://home.ca.inter.net/~brmna/index.html>

## Background:

The British Railway Modellers of North America (**BRMNA**) was formed in June 1968 by three like-minded modellers to meet two basic needs of modellers of British prototype in Canada and the U.S.A. Why? Because, **FIRST**, there was no means of communication, either verbal or written, as there was no central place for establishing contact; and, **SECOND**, there was no way of exchanging information, surplus items, or being able to obtain parts or have repairs made.

## Interests:

Now, with around 350 members, who belongs to **BRMNA**? There are those who prefer a specific railway in a specific era; those who operate joint railways so they can run what they like; and, those who like mixtures of British/European, British and North American, and other combinations. There are those who derive pleasure from being specialists in painting and lining locomotives, or building coaches, or wiring control systems. Others are just interested in railway history. Some members are also suppliers who carry a wide selection of British or Continental lines at competitive prices. Whether historical or contemporary, diesels or steam, signals or semaphores, from Z Gauge to live steam, interests in **BRMNA** cover many areas and provides something for everyone who is interested in modelling the British scene.

## Benefits:

**BRMNA** publishes 6 **JOURNALS** per year with over 330 published to date. Four of them feature brief articles; ads to sell or to seek used items; requests for help or advice; information and meeting dates for **BRMNA** and other British groups in North America; and information on model railway shows in North America that include displays or sales of British railway equipment. The other two are bumper issues featuring articles, tips, photographs, hints, trade reviews, news, opinions and critiques etc. in addition to the topics featured in the other four issues. (Advertising is free for members but there is a charge for commercial advertising.)

**BRMNA** also publishes an annual membership directory that provides the name, address, email address and interests of each member as well as a list of supplier members and an overview of their offerings. It also includes information on magazines and specialty organisations of interest to members.

In addition, through an Internet Web Site, **BRMNA** provides resource references and information to assist those interested in British railway modelling. A feature of the site is the reference listings to over 10,000 drawings and articles in various modelling magazines. From time to time this information is published in paper form for its members.

**Contacts:**

Members keep in touch through the **JOURNAL**, the **BRMNA web site** and by direct contact through the membership directory. In locations such as Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver and Chicago there are enough members to organise regular meetings.

**BRMNA web site:**

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**Joining BRMNA:**

Annual membership in **BRMNA** includes a membership directory and 6 **JOURNALS** per year. The cost is \$25 the first year and \$15 per year thereafter. (The higher fee in the first year is to cover the one time cost of your badge and crest.) The membership year runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> of one year to August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. If you join part way through the year and we are unable to provide back issues for the current year then you will get a credit towards the following year.

To become a member simply complete the membership information and send it to the Secretary/Treasurer with a cheque or money order payable to **BRMNA**.

**Information requirement and use:**

Your name and address information will be used to mail your **JOURNAL**, directory, membership card and badge.

Your first name (limited to one with no salutation) and last name will appear on your badge. Please ensure that what you provide is what you wish to see on it.

All the information that you provide will appear in the directory. Please provide as much as possible as it helps members to identify those with similar interests. Any information that you provide will be limited to members only and will not be provided to anyone in electronic form.

**Membership information:**

First Name: .....

Last name: .....

Address: .....

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Postal/Zip Code: .....

Phone number: (.....) – ..... – .....

Email address: .....

How did you hear about BRMNA?

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Railway(s) Modelled: .....

Period Modelled: .....

Scale(s) Modelled: .....

Type (DC, DCC, etc.): .....

No. of ft in operation: .....

No. of ft planned: .....

Scenery: No ..... Partial ..... Yes ....