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Model trains are built to exacting detail by members of the Erin Mills Model Railroad Association, above left; a VIA Train leaves the rail yard, left; and a worker repairs storm damage to the roof at a coal loading building.

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# Club given free space for model train track

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For this reason, Pallo has welcomed the Erin Mills Model Railroad Association (EMMRA) to Bronte, offering the club free space to set up an intriguing model railway. It opened on June 21. Her offer ended the non-profit club's two-year search for suitable space to display the model trains, ever since it had to vacate Trafalgar Village when the mall was rebuilt to make way for Home Depot.

The oval shaped track measuring 23 by 12 feet is a collection of members' modules built to reflect individual interests. For this reason the group's 88 feet of running track runs past a golf course, a farm and an amusement park, crosses a trestle over a deep gorge and past an industrial site, an airport and a campground.



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John Collins and Mike Desparois fix a derailment with a large painting of Bill Hill looking on.

"These modules take one and half hours to dismantle and three hours to assemble," said spokesman Jim McInnes, pointing out the intricate, detailed workmanship.

"We built almost everything ourselves," he said. "We scratch build and we build from kits."

The construction includes scenery made from styrofoam, cloth, plastic, pieces of wood, scale model kits for buildings and dried flowers for trees and flowers.

"We used gray bridal veil for fences," McInnes said. "We use anything and everything."

"We have enough material to have a track twice the size of the space available," said McInnes, adding the members' modules are changed at random.

One side of the track remains constant - the group's rail yard consisting of several lengths of track running parallel against a background of railroad station buildings.

"This is our rail yard," said McInnes proudly, stretching his arm over the lay-

out. "This took us two years to plan and three years to build, and it's still not 100 per cent complete. We have more than \$4,000 invested in 56 automatic switches, 12 miles of wire, and 24 feet of track. This is our club project."

The track runs on 12 volts of power, using direct wire controls to regulate the speed and direction the model trains are traveling.

About 45 of the club's 100 members use this particular track, built using the HO scale of an 87:1 ratio of real size to model scale. "We're known as the HO Section," said McInnes. "The rest of us are the N Section, using a scale of 161:1 - half the size of HO scale," he explained. There are also model railroaders who work in the tiny 300:1 scale, "but there are none in this club because our eyes are too old," he said, noting most of the members are seniors "how-

ever we have some youth and younger members."

The club was founded in May 1980. "Four founding members are still with us," said McInnes. Most of the members live in the Oakville, Mississauga and Burlington areas.

"Our aim is to promote model railroading," McInnes continued. The club is open from noon - 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, plus statutory holidays.

"We're open to visitors and we encourage new members," he said. "We especially encourage kids because they are the modelers of the future."

The club is especially proud of its participation in Operation Lifesaver. "The major railroad companies promote safety, so we feel we can do our part teaching children about safety at railway crossings, not trespassing on railroad property, and generally about the things people shouldn't do on or near the tracks."

"Whenever kids come, such as groups of Brownies or Scouts, we show them a safety video and then deliberately set things wrong on the tracks to test their knowledge of safety," said McInnes. "For example, we show a school bus stopping at a railway crossing without its door open, children playing near the tracks, and a horseback rider at the side of the tracks."

"A lot of the kids find everything that's wrong right away."

The club also works with the Elmer the Safety Elephant safety program.

EMMRA participates in four shows annually, including the upcoming Maple Leaf 2003 Train Show, Canada's largest model train show, at the International Centre at Airport and Derry Roads in Mississauga this weekend, on July 19 - 20. (For information, visit [www.ml2003.com](http://www.ml2003.com) or call 905-945-2775.)

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