## Message

From: Rick Lazenby, President

Barrie Allandale Model Railway Club

To: Model Railway Club Members & Executives

I am pleased to confirm that the Barrie Allandale Model Railway Club will participate in the 1st Annual KOA Railway Blues and Bluegrass Festival.

We are encouraging other model railway clubs to participate as exhibitors at the Festival as this event offers all clubs an opportunity to increase public awareness about our hobby and attract new members to our club's year round activities.

We applaud All Aboard Productions for creating an event that celebrates the heritage and legacy of the railway. The festival will provide a much needed stage for railway heritage advocacy groups to promote the need for the public to contribute to the preservation of railway equipment and facilities that once contributed generously to our community's vibrant business and social life.

We support and encourage All Aboard Productions to proceed with plans to host model railway regional and national conferences and conventions in this region. These are events that we've discussed for years but have not been able to attract the support of fulltime professional conference planners and organizers