

**Upcoming
events**

AUGUST 21
Open House at
the Graves's

SEPTEMBER
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OCTOBER
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Backyard Railroaders

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RELAXING BY THE WATERFALL ON A SUMMERS DAY

THE JULY MEET WAS HELD AT THE MOONEY'S. IT WAS A WARM DAY, BUT WITH LOTS OF SHADE IT WAS A LOVELY AFTERNOON. IAN HAD TWO TRAINS RUNNING BUT WITH THE HEAT HE HAD TO TURN THEM OFF TO PREVENT OVERHEATING. HIS NEW WALL (AS SEEN IN PHOTOS ON PAGE 2) WAS WELL DONE AND A NICE ADDITION TO THE LAYOUT. THE WALL WAS MADE FROM FOAM INSULATION, CARVED AND PAINTED. JOAN WENT OVERBOARD WITH A VERY NICE SNACK, WHICH PROBABLY ENDED UP AS SUPPER FOR MANY OF US. WE HAD A GOOD GROUP AS YOU SEE IN THE PHOTOS, AND WITH THREE CN FREIGHTS PASSING, IT WAS AN EXCELLENT DAY.



THE MAPLE ROCK RAILROAD - TWO TRAINS CAN OPERATE NICELY ON THIS LAYOUT. IAN CAN RUN A PAIR OF GP-9'S AND A CONSIST OF F3 AB'S. THE MOTORS ARE SIMILAR AND RUN BASICALLY AT THE SAME SPEED SO DISTANCE BETWEEN TRAINS IS MAINTAINED WITH LITTLE DIFFICULTY. A VERY RELAXING DAY WATCHING THE TRAINS SLOWLY MOVE AROUND THE RAILROAD.



York Central Railways
Dining Car Recipe of the Month
SHRIMP AND BEAN SALAD

The zippy flavours and brilliant colours of this festive salad complement tender grilled shrimp. Grilling the corn concentrates the kernel's sweetness and adds a smoky accent to the bean salad.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb raw jumbo shrimp
- 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp. lime juice
- 1 tsp each soy sauce and sesame oil
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Corn and black bean salad:
- 3 cobs corn
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 sweet red pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup coriander leaves, coarsely chopped
- 3 tbsp. lime juice
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 head boston lettuce, separated

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Peel off shrimp shells, leaving tails on: cut each shrimp lengthwise down the back and gently pull out dark vein running down back. In bowl, combine oil, lime juice, soy sauce, sesame oil, pepper and garlic. Add shrimp, toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.
2. Corn and Black Bean Salad: Meanwhile husk corn. Place on greased grill over medium-high heat. Close lid and cook, turning occasionally, until the kernels are tender and grill-marked, about 15 minutes. Slice off kernels to make 1 1/2 cups, place in bowl. Add black beans, red pepper, onion and coriander.
3. In small bowl, whisk together oil, lime juice, salt, cumin and pepper. Pour over corn mixture; toss to coat.
4. Place shrimp on greased grill over medium heat. Close lid and cook, turning once, until shrimp are pink, about 6 minutes.
5. divide lettuce leaves among plates. Top with salad, then grilled shrimp.
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DESERT
Peach Melba

Plunging juicy peaches in boiling water then icing makes peeling easy, while poaching brings out their succulent flavor against vanilla ice cream and tart raspberries. (This recipe makes 4 servings)

INGREDIENTS

- 4 ripe peaches
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 cups vanilla ice cream
- 12 raspberries, for garnish

RASPBERRY SAUCE:

- 1/2 cup fresh or frozen raspberries
- 4 tsp granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp lime juice

PREPARATION:

With knife, score X in base of each peach. Plunge into boiling water for 30 seconds. Transfer to ice water. Drain and peel.

In saucepan, bring 2 cups water and sugar to boil; boil for 5 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-high. Immerse peaches in liquid; poach for 8 minutes, turning halfway through. With slotted spoon, remove to rack; let cool.

RASPBERRY SAUCE: In blender, puree raspberries with 2 tbsp. water until smooth. Strain through fine sieve into bowl, pressing with spoon. Stir in sugar and lime juice. (Make ahead and refrigerate sauce and peaches up to 2 days)

Halve and pit peaches. Scoop 1/2 cup ice cream into each bowl. Top each with 2 peach halves; drizzle with raspberry sauce. Garnish with raspberries.

DAVID LLOYD'S RAILROAD



Almost all of David's engines are battery powered with the new Aristo "Revolution" system. In the pictures above you see an Aristo PUC TTC streetcar, USA Trains NW2, LGB Uintah steam, and Aristo Pacific. The two steam locos are smoking in the photos, more on that on the next page.



SMOKE

David Lloyd got a great tip from John Burdon of Winona Garden Railway. TIKI Torch Fuel will work as smoke fluid, It cost about \$8.00 and has a citronella insect repellent, and is not harmful to smoke units. As we saw it provided lots of smoke and a nice citronella smell. Two birds with one stone so to speak.
GOOD TIP

DID YOU KNOW??????

- 1836, JULY 21 –Champlain & St. Lawrence Railroad opened. This was Canada’s first public railroad. The inaugural train was pulled by the locomotive the “Dorchester”. In 1857 the Champlain and St. Lawrence became part of the Montreal and Champlain Railroad which was leased to the Grand Trunk in 1864 and now forms part of the Canadian National system.
- 1847, July—Incorporation, by the Legislature of the Province of Canada, of La Compagnie du Saint-Laurent et du Village d’Industrie, to build from Lanoraie, on the Saint Lawrence downstream from Montreal, to Village d’Industrie, 12 miles. Village d’Industrie was later renamed Joliette after its founder, Barthelemy Joliette. This railway originally had wooden rails surmounted by iron straps. It was taken over by the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway in 1878 and acquired by CP in 1884.
- 1851, July 31—The 5’6” gauge, broad gauge, is adopted as the standard gauge for Ontario and Quebec. The broad gauge was used until about 1870 after which time there was a gradual change to the now standard 4’ 8 1/2” gauge.
- 1853, July 15— Grand Trunk Railway is formed by the amalgamation of the following companies: Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, Grand Junction Railway, Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada East, Quebec and Richmond Railway, St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway, Toronto and Guelph Railway. The Grand Trunk also leased the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railway giving access to Portland, Maine.
- 1856, July—first section of the Grand Trunk Railway west of Toronto is opened between Toronto and Guelph.
- 1860, August 1—European and North American Railway opens from Saint John, NB to Shediac. The line became part of the Intercolonial Railway on July 1, 1867.
- 1871, July 12—North America’s first public narrow gauge railway, the Toronto and Nipissing, is opened for traffic between Toronto and Uxbridge. The 3’6” gauge line was converted to standard by 1884.
- 1871, July 20—British Columbia is admitted to the Dominion of Canada. One of the conditions of entry is that the Dominion Government should, within two years from the date of

DID YOU KNOW cont.

- union, commence the construction of a railway from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains and from a point east of the Rocky Mountains towards the Pacific to connect the seaboard of British Columbia with the railway system of Canada.

-1873, July 1 _Prince Edward Island joins Confederation. One of the conditions was that the Dominion Government take over and complete the Prince Edward Island Railway which had been commenced in 1871. The Interco-

lonial Railway became responsible for the Prince Edward Island Railway, and opened the line between Charlottetown and Tignish for traffic on January 4, 1875.

- 1875, June 1—Ceremony of turning the first sod on the Canadian Pacific Railway on the left bank of the Kamistiquia River in the townsite of Fort William about four miles from the river's mouth.

- 1876, July 1—Through rail travel between Halifax, Quebec and the rest of the Canadian rail

system is made possible.

- 1877, August—First use of the telephone to dispatch trains. This was at Caledonia Mine at Glace Bay on the Sydney Mines Railway. One of the owners was Gardiner G. Hubbard who was the father in law of Alexander Graham Bell who installed two telephones to control train movements.

- 1879, August 12—The Intercolonial Railway gains access to Quebec by purchasing the Grand Trunk line between Quebec and Riviere du Loup.

This month's attempt at humour

Two Blonds were walking through the woods and they came to some tracks.

The first blond said; "These look like deer tracks."

And the other one said; "No, they look like moose tracks."

They argued and argued for a while and they were still arguing when the train hit them.

One little black boy says to the other; "Yo mamma is so fat, you have to take a train and two bus-

es just to get on her good side."

In a train compartment, there are three men and a ravishing young girl. The four passengers join in conversation which very soon turns to the erotic.

Then the young girl proposes, "If each of you will give me \$1.00, I will show you my legs."

The men charmed by this young girl all pull a buck out of their wallet, and then the girl pulls up her dress a bit to show her legs. Then she says, "If each of you gentlemen will give me \$10.00, I'll show you my thighs."

And men being what they are,

they all pull out a ten dollar bill. The girl pulls up her dress to the full to show all of her legs.

Conversation continues, and the men, a bit excited, have all taken off their coats.

Then the young girl says, "If you give me \$100.00, I will show you where I was operated on for appendicitis."

All three fork over the money. The girl then turns to the window and points outside at a building they're passing. "See there in the distance, that's the hospital where I had it done!"

