

**Upcoming
events**

**Jan 17 meet
at the Bar-
ber's**

**Feb 21 meet
at the Bar-
ber's**

**Mar 21 meet
at the Bar-
ber's**

**Mar 26 & 27
ECLSTS at
York PA**

Apr 18 meet

**May 16 meet
& plant ex-
change**

**2010 DUES
are DUE**

Backyard Railroaders

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MODEL "A" CAR CLUB WITH EMPRESS AT BANFF

GOALS FOR 2010

What are your GOALS for 2010?

Are you doing something different, finishing an outstanding project, or just running trains more?

I'm converting to DCC in 2010. Most of my engines are in the process of having decoders added to run with my new Massoth DCC system. The only ones not being converted at present are my LGB starter locomotive, and Thomas and

Percy. These might be done down the road if they operate at different speeds.

I also hope to run trains more often in 2010, and possibly have children from a local Nursery school drop by to view the trains.

I also hope to be able to assist other members with their projects.

I hope your 2010 is a happy healthy one.



A REAL SHORT LINE OTTAWA'S O-TRAIN

The O-Train made use of an existing rail corridor to provide high quality transit service.

It opened on October 15, 2001 and represented a major innovation for urban transit. It was the first single operator passenger railway in North America. It is also the first full implementation of light rail transit on an existing rail freight line.

Two more "firsts" for the O-Train are the introduction of Bombardier's Talent Diesel

Light Rail vehicles to the continent and the training of bus drivers to operate the trains.

The system is eight-kilometer Federally regulated railway with 5 stations from Bayview (Downtown) to Greenboro.

It uses an existing CP Rail line and has two at-grade rail crossings; one with the main CN/VIA line to Toronto.

CP Rail was contracted to design and build the stations Improve the track and Dows Lake Tunnel, and upgrade

an existing maintenance facility at Walkley Yard.

The trains were bought from Bombardier with a buy-back option. The trains are Talent BR643's which are 3-car articulated trains. They seat 135, stand 150, for a total passenger load of 285. They are 48 metres long and 2.9 wide, weigh 72,000 Kilo's and have a top speed of 120 km.

The 8 kilometer main track is signaled using the Automatic Block Signal System. There is one siding with spring switches at

(O-Train cont.) Carleton University, where the two

trains that operate at any time can meet and pass each

other.



YOUR 2010 GARDEN RAILWAY WEATHER FORECAST

The “OLD FARMER”S ALMANAC” states that April & May will be cooler than normal with precipitation below normal. Summer will be cooler & drier than normal, with hot weather in mid to late June, mid July & early August. September & October will be cooler than normal with above normal precipitation.

Let’s see how correct they are, looks a lot like 2009.

Jokes of the month!!!!!! Accident at the RR crossing. In a terrible accident at a railroad crossing, a train smashed into a car and pushed it nearly four hundred yards down the track, though no one was killed, the driver took the railway company to Court. At the trial, the engineer insisted that he had given the driver ample warning by waving his lantern back and forth for nearly a minute. He even stood and convincingly demonstrated how

he’d done it. The court believed his story and the suit was dismissed. “Congratulations” the lawyer said to the engineer when it was over. “You did superbly under cross-examination.” “Thanks,” he said, “but he sure had me worried.” “How’s that?” the lawyer asked. “I was afraid he was going to ask if the lantern was lit!”



THOMAS & PERCY

BACHMANN—PERCY & TROUBLESOME TRUCKS *POLARITY ISSUES*

I recently got Percy and the Troublesome Trucks to run with Thomas, when young children come to see the trains.

Thomas was made a few years ago by Lionel and now Bachmann makes both Thomas and Percy.

I placed Percy on my inside ceiling loop along with a few other engines and streetcars.

I turned on the power and to my amazement found that while all other powered equipment went forward, Percy went in reverse.

It seems for some reason the polarity of this Bachmann engine operates opposite to other manufacturers equipment.

We not only have different sizes from 1/20 to 1/34, different couplers at different heights, but now different polarity.

I found out online how to reverse the pickup wires to make it compatible, but why do we have to do this?

It doesn't seem to happen in other scales, so why in "G" or "1" scale.

Maybe we should revolt, I could add this to my list of goals for 2010, BUT I don't think anyone would listen.

A YORK CENTRAL RAILWAY DINING CAR RECIPE

By Julie Barber

MAPLE GLAZED SALMON

This is a fast and delicious way to cook salmon fillets. Everyone will rave about your cooking!

This is an important step...Slice your fillets so that they are 1/2" thick.

Make marinade: (use a square shallow dish)
2 parts maple syrup
1 part soya sauce
Splash of cider vinegar
Add black pepper and a sprig of rosemary

Place salmon in it **and only for 30 min.**

Wipe excess marinade off **and fry in a light coating of canola oil**
Watch carefully it burns

fast! Do not overcook!

This is fast and easy. These fillets can be placed atop a green salad or served with a little quinoa on the side and a few asparagus tips

Healthy and nutritious good for old people!

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