

**Upcoming
events**

**January 19
Meet @ the Bar-
ber's**

**February 15 &
16
Barrie Train
Show @
Bradford Garden
Galleria Hwy 90
Barrie**

**February 16
Meet @ the Bar-
ber's**

**March 16
Meet @ the Bar-
ber's**

**Future meets &
dates to be set at
January 19th
meet.**

**April 26
Cogra swap meet
1 to 4 pm
Cheltenham
Community Hall
14190 Creditview
Rd. Caledon**

**September 13
Rose's Open
House in King-
ston**

Backyard Railroaders

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Winter of 2013 hits with a vengeance .



**Ever wonder what happens to old Railway Stations when railway lines are abandoned?
Here are a few examples in southern Ontario.**



Former CP Tweed: Thought to be the last one of the many Van Horne style stations in existence. Since last in railway service, the station was being used by one of the last customers on the now abandoned railway line, as an office for a lumber company. When planned renovations, were deemed too expensive by the lumber company, the company donated to a local museum, any furnishings, etc., and the building was unfortunately demolished.



Former CN Stirling: The station was located on the south side of the now abandoned right-of-way, and at the north end of Emily Street. The station has been moved about 100 yards east of its original location, and still on the south side of the abandoned right-of-way. The station building is now located at 112 North Street (County Rd 14). While restoration continues, the building is host to many community events.



Former CNoR Brooklin: Sometime ago, this station was sold to a individual who moved the building, away from the side of the now abandoned right-of-way, so that the building faced Baldwin Street (Hwy 12) and turned the building into a residence, artist studio/gallery. In recent years, urban sprawl has caught up to the building, forcing the last residents out. Last Spring, the station building was sold, and was loaded onto a flatbed, pending to be moved to a possible heritage village. Last fall, a number of persons broke into the building, to party, and then decided to burn the building down. Almost to the end the building retained all original features. Of the two stations of this type and design left on the line (the other being Starkville) this one was the only example, which still retained most of the original features.

2013 CP HOLIDAY TRAIN



This years Holiday Train featured Melanie Doane, with Jim Cuddy—Montreal to Oshawa, Crystal Shawanda—Vaughan/Winnipeg, Doc Walker—Winnipeg/Calgary, Matt Dusk—Calgary/Vancouver. This year they raise over \$2 million for local communities, and have now raised \$9.5 million and 3.3 million pounds of food in the 15 years of the train.



Lac-Megantic 2013

Photo to left shows rebuilding Monday December 9th.

Photo to the right shows first train through town after the disaster December 18, 2013.



CP Rail cracking down on CBR (crude by rail) shippers, who are not properly specifying hazardous rates of oils being transported.



St. Louis building an Historic Streetcar line called The Loop Trolley. The loop will connect Forest Park to two MetroLink Stations.

Through the LENS

Around the Harbourfront Area in Toronto



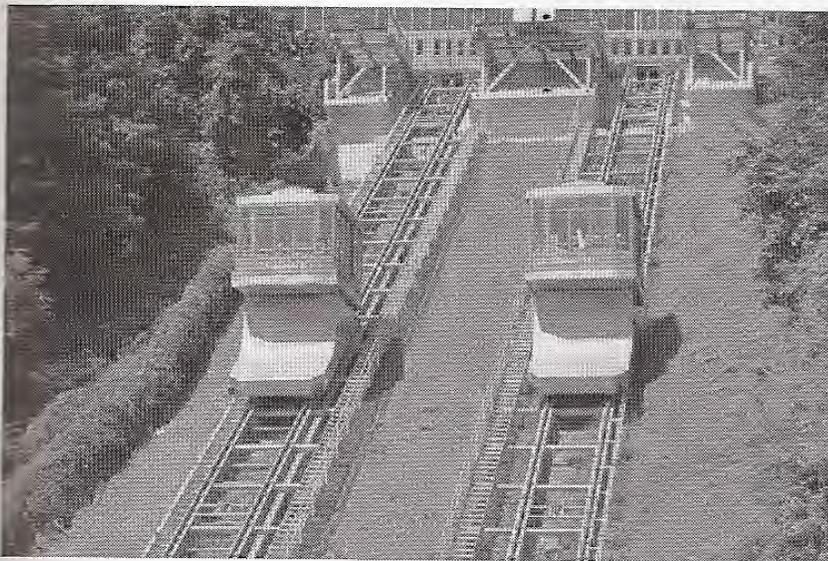
[Above] The John Street Roundhouse includes a number of outdoor rail displays including the old Cabin D from the nearby Toronto Terminals Railway (left), a series of most unusual railway crossings - standard and garden gauges (centre), and former Canadian National 4803, a 1953-built GMDD GP-7, in the old green and gold colours. (All photos by David Onodera)

NIAGARA FALLS

The incline railway at Niagara Falls (connecting the area by the Marriott Hotel to the Horseshoe Falls) was recently rebuilt.

The new, fully accessible incline railway opened on August 16th. In the photo attached, taken on August 3rd, it was still a couple of weeks away from opening.

The previous incline had cars with staggered floors that followed the slope of the tracks. This version is fully accessible, having a flat floor. Also, the Incline will operate year round as Niagara Falls is now trying to bill itself as a year round tourist destination. The previous incarnation did not operate during the winter months which resulted in a 10 minute walk for hotel customers, along ice mist covered roads to Murray Street to get down to the Falls. (Kevin Nicol)



Gardening can cut your risk of dying from all causes by 30%

(by Peter DeKeles)

According to a recent study published online in the **British Journal of Sports Medicine**, active hobbies like yard work and gardening were as good as going to the gym for heart health. For the study, researchers monitored the health of about 4,000 60 year old adults for 12.5 years. During this time, they underwent an initial health screening, which included questions about their diet, smoking, alcohol, and activity habits. Various tests and exams analyzed their heart health, blood sugar, and more. From the beginning, those who reported being the most active were less likely to have heart problems, no matter how much they “exercised” formally. These elders had smaller waists, lower blood sugar levels, lower clotting factors, and lower levels of blood lipids. The same was true for people who did a lot of formal exercise.



2014 OPEN HOUSES

We begin a new year, with cold and snow, BUT, we can also be planning our summer season of activities. Are you going to do anything new on your railroad, or are you completing what you started last year. Our meets in the months from May to September usually occur at Open Houses. Last year we had a good number of Open Houses starting in May with the LeForestier's and continuing monthly, a whopping five in August and ending in September. We already have one scheduled for September 13th at the Rose's in Kingston. If you are able to hold an Open House this year please forward your proposed date. Last year we had two the same day as both were close enough to keep travelling to a minimum. This is a time to show your railroad to members, family and neighbours. Please give having an Open House a thought over the next few months.



WORK PARTIES

Last year we had several work parties, which assisted members in advancing the railroad projects. If you need help with a project this year please let us know. There are a few of us that are available during the week. We can help with almost anything garden or railroad related, so give us a try. We work cheap.



IDEAS or PROJECTS for MEETS

Do you have any ideas for projects, discussions, how to's, how to do's, etc., that we can do over the off season.? We have a wide field of experience amongst our members that can be shared. Do you have any small items you've made that you could bring for show and tell? These are your meetings and your chance to find help or give help. Please give it a thought and forward suggestions. THANKS.



SALE OR TRADE

Over the winter off season we have a chance to evaluate what we have or need for our railroad. If we have something we haven't used for years it might be the time to part with it, or on the other hand we might be lacking an item to complete something we've been working on.

If any of the above apply, give us a list of what you have or what you need, maybe some other members has it or needs it, or know someone else that does.

Central Ontario Garden Railway Association is having a SWAP MEET April 26/14
FREE admission, All gauges (for more info contact Russ Bennett 905-838-3541)

ARTICLES OR ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER NEEDED

As you can tell from some of the newsletters I need help with content. Thanks to John LeForestier for his continued submissions and I hope he can continue. If you have anything that you think will be of interest to members please send it along. THANKS

This Months Recipe for York Central Railways Dining Car Turkey Roulade with Red Currants

Ingredients:

- 2 turkey breast escalopes, 1 lb each skin on
- 2 cups cream cheese
- 2 tbsp. fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. pepper
- 2 cup red currants, plus extra for garnish
- 3 tbsp. oil
- 1 tbsp. honey
- 6 tbsp. white wine
- 7 tbsp. chicken stock
- Fresh thyme, for garnish

Preparation:

1. Flatten escalopes with a rolling pin or metal mallet.
2. Mix cream cheese, thyme, lemon juice, salt and pepper together. Fold in the red currants.
3. Lay turkey escalopes skin side down on a cutting board and divide the cream cheese mixyure between the two. Roll the escalopes and secure

each one with kitchen twine. Cover and chill for 1 hour.

4. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
5. Rub the roulades with oil and season with salt and pepper. Place roulades in a roasting pan and roast for 45 to 50 minutes, basting several times. Transfer roulades to a serving platter and keep warm.
6. Place the roasting pan on top of stove and heat the pan juices until bubbling. Add honey, wine and chicken stock; simmer for 5 minutes, stiring constantly.
7. Strain sauce over roulades and garnish with red currants and thyme sprigs. Slice and serve.

Serves 4

enjoy



2013 REMEMBERANCE

Backyard Railroaders lost two of it's important members in 2013, Roger Stevenson in January and Ian Mooney in November. We will miss them and will not forget them.

2014 DUES

PLEASE FORWARD TO EARL GRAVES
OR PAY HIM AT NEXT MEET.