

**Upcoming
events**

**MARCH 21
Meet at the
Barber's**

**MARCH 26/27
ECLSTS
York, PA**

**APRIL 18
Meet at the
Barber's**

**MAY 16
Meet and plant
exchange at
the Barber's**

Backyard Railroaders

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**CANADIAN PACIFIC'S SPIRIT TRAIN
CARRYING THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT
ACROSS CANADA PRIOR TO THE 2010
GAMES IN VANCOUVER.
IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS A SUCCESS
AS THE WHOLE COUNTRY CAME
TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE
ATHLETE'S AND THE GAMES.**

FEBRUARY MEET

The February meet was held on the 21st at the Barber's. Again the weather cooperated with no snow and good driving conditions. We were still short a few of our regular members due to holidays, so any business was put off until March.

Ian has prepared a schedule (which is attached at the end of the newsletter), for meet dates and especially "Open Houses".

We would like as many members as possible to open their railroads to club members.

It only has to be for a couple

of hours, say from 2 to 4, and no food or drink is required.

ALSO if anyone wishes a work party this can also be included on the list.

PLEASE e-mail Ian with the date(s) you would like to have ASAP. *THANKS*



BC Rail's "CARIBOO PROSPECTOR" cross the Fraser River after leaving Lillooet heading for Williams Lake and Prince George. The last trip was on October 31 2002. From all the photos and video I've seen this would have been a spectacular train ride. This train made up of Budd cars services isolated towns and Indian Bands along it's route. I assume they now have to depend on cars and trucks.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Goderich Exeter Railway (GEXR) was created by RailTex, from 70 miles of track between Stratford Junction and Goderich, purchased from CN in April 1992.

Much of the tonnage handled on this line is salt from the Sifto salt mines as well as grain and heavy machinery. It also connects with the port facility at the Port of Goderich.

In November 1998 the GEXR expanded by 99 miles when CN sold RailTex a segment of track between Silver and London, known as the Guelph line. This line handles carloads of traffic consisting mainly of automobile parts, chemicals and paper products. In addition VIA Rail continues to operate passenger trains over this line. It now has 181 miles of track, moves 25,000 cars per year, servicing Guelph, Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo, Elmira, Stratford, St. Mary's, Goderich, Clinton and Exeter. It is now owned by RailAmerica.

Southern Ontario Railway (RLHH) is a RailAmerica company, it includes two unconnected sections. One section runs about 56 miles from Brantford to Nanitoke. Start up was in September 1997. There is an interchange with CN at Brantford.

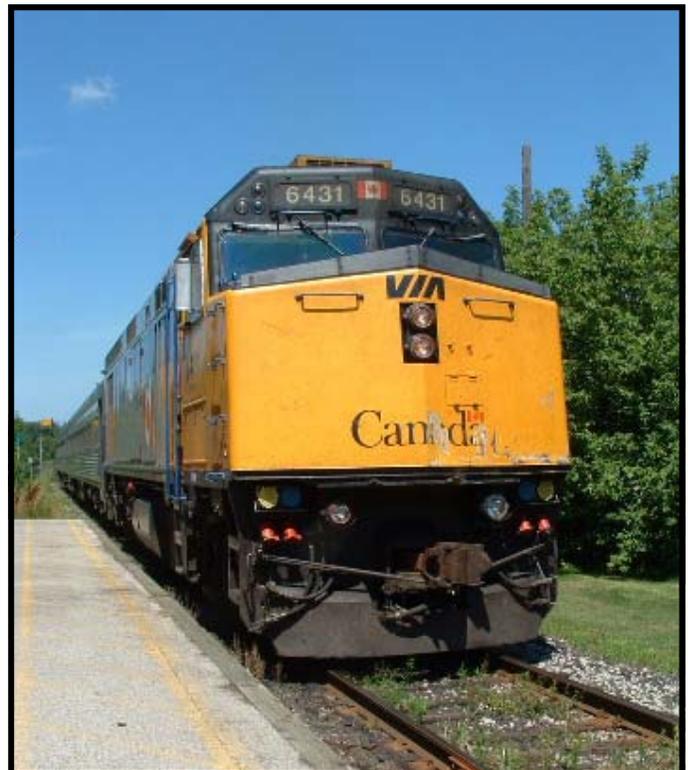
The Hamilton Terminal portion started in December 1997. It runs for 4 miles accessing the Port of Hamilton and connects with both CN & CP at Hamilton. It services the industrial basin in Hamilton.

These two branches comprising Southern Ontario RR, handle 44,000 carloads per year, comprising of a broad range of commodities including petroleum, metals, steel, plastics, chemicals, grain and forest products



ABOVE –GEXR

BELOW– VIA at St. Mary's station



Rail Link & RailAmerica locos



**THE FAMOUS
MORANT'S
CURVE
IN THE CANADIAN
ROCKIES**

**Located at mile 113
Laggan Sub along the
shore of the Bow River
adjacent to Highway
1A between Castle
Junction and Lake
Louise, Alberta.**

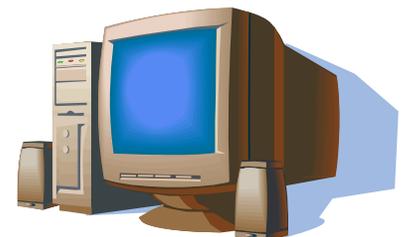


**The ROCKY
MOUNTAINEER
heading west in the
summertime above,
while below a
CANADIAN PACIFIC
lumber train heads
west in winter.**

WEB SITE REPORT

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**Since the new tracker was
installed August 5, 2009,**



***York Central Dinning Car
Receipt of the Month
CREAMY ORANGE DIP***

- 1 (8 ounce) container soft cream
Cheese**
- 1 (7 ounce) jar marshmallow
Cream**
- 1 tablespoon grated orange rind**
- 2 tablespoons frozen orange
Juice concentrate**

**Combine cream cheese and
marshmallow cream, beat at me-
dium speed with an electric
mixer until smooth.
Stir in remaining ingredients.
Cover and chill for 1 to 2 hours.
Serve with assorted fresh fruit.
Yield 1 3/4 cups.**

ENJOY

Backyarders 2010 Events

(open houses unless noted)

	Date	Saturday	Sunday
May	15/16		Barber - Plant Sale
	22/24	LONG WEEKEND	LONG WEEKEND
	30/31		NORD
JUNE	05/06		Nord Alt
	13/14		
	19/20		
	25/27		
JULY	03/04	LONG WEEKEND	LONG WEEKEND
	10/11		
	17/18		MOONEY
	24/25		
AUG	31/01	LONG WEEKEND	LONG WEEKEND
	07/08		
	14/15		
	21/22		
	28/29		
SEPT	04/05	LONG WEEKEND	LONG WEEKEND
	11/12		
	18/19		
	25/26		

Please e-mail Ian with your proposed dates for an OPEN HOUSE as soon as possible.

Your open house only has to be for a couple of hours and no refreshments are required.

It's just a chance for members to see your railroad.

If you want a work party also advise Ian.

THIS MONTHS HUMOR

Three railroad workers, a Chinese, an Italian, and a redneck, are all sitting down to lunch.

The Chinese man says, "If I get another egg roll in my lunch, I'll kill myself."

The Italian guy says, "If I get another slice of pizza, I'll kill myself."

The redneck says, "If I get another ham hock, I'll kill myself."

The next day all three men get the same lunches, so they throw themselves in front of

an oncoming train.

At the funeral the Chinese man's wife says, "If only I hadn't packed an egg roll that day."

The Italian guy's wife says, "If only I hadn't packed a slice of pizza that day."

"Don't look at me," says the rednecks wife, "He done packed his own vittles."

A railroad worker was cutting the grass away from the edge of the track as a train was coming in his direction. He dropped all his tools and ran down the track as fast as he could. The next thing he

knew, he was waking up in hospital.

A policeman asked him why he didn't just run up the grassy hill to safety.

"What chance did I have of out running it up the hill. If I couldn't outrun it on level ground?"

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Two drunks were walking upgrade between the railroad tracks. One of the said "This is the longest stairway I've ever been on." To this the other replied, "It's not the stairs that bother me, It's the low banister."

