

**Upcoming  
events**

DECEMBER 4  
Christmas Party  
At the Barber's

JANUARY 15  
Meet at the  
Barber's

FEBRUARY 19  
Meet at the  
Barber's

MARCH 18  
Meet at the  
Barber's

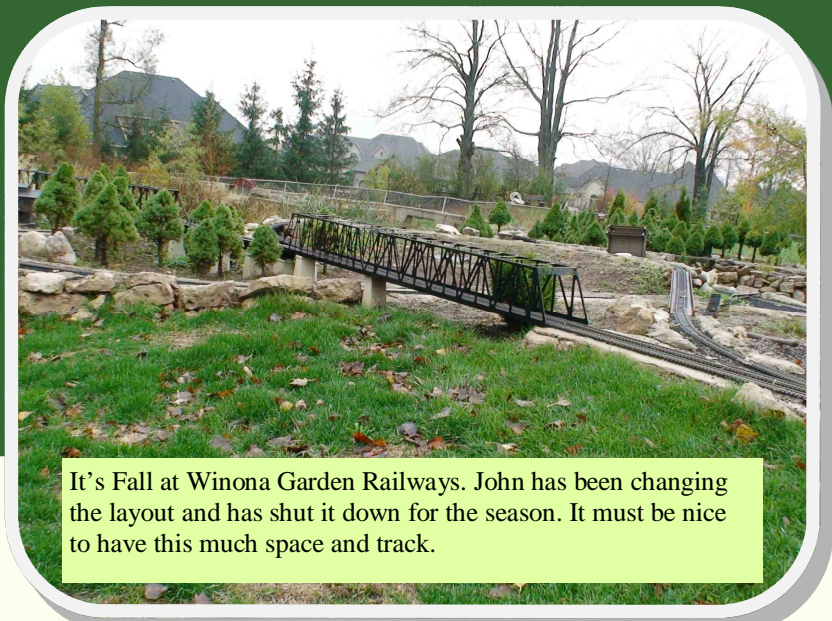
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# Backyard Railroaders

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DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS IS?



It's Fall at Winona Garden Railways. John has been changing the layout and has shut it down for the season. It must be nice to have this much space and track.

A few weeks ago Ian Mooney and I took four of Ian's engines over to John Burden of Winona Garden Railways in Guelph, to have the Aristo Revolution system added to them. It was a cool Fall day good for picture taking but unfortunately John had started to make changes to the layout and had finished running trains for the season. A good reason to go back in the spring, if one really needs a reason. Although I am into DCC (track powered), I am thinking Battery power is now the way to go, and especially with the size of John's layout. No more track cleaning (although he has a lot of stainless steel), and no wiring or track connection problems to worry about. The systems are getting better, the batteries are smaller and last longer and charge faster. Most can be installed in the engine. I think Ian will enjoy this system next year. He purchased two systems, which gave him four decoders and two controllers. This will allow two people to operate a train with a controller, or Ian will have a backup unit. I'm looking forward to his report on how it works for him.



John is still doing custom painting. On our visit, he was repainting USA Trains Centre flow hopper to the new Saskatchewan paint scheme. He has done a lot of Ontario Northland schemes like the passenger car in this shot. If it wasn't for the lack of money I'd have a set of the Northlander. There's always the lottery!!!!!!

