

**Upcoming
events**

OCT. 17
Meet at the Barber's

DEC. 5
**Christmas Party
at the Barber's**

JAN 16
Meet at the Barber's

FEB 20
Meet at the Barber's

MAR 20
Meet at the Barber's

Backyard Railroaders

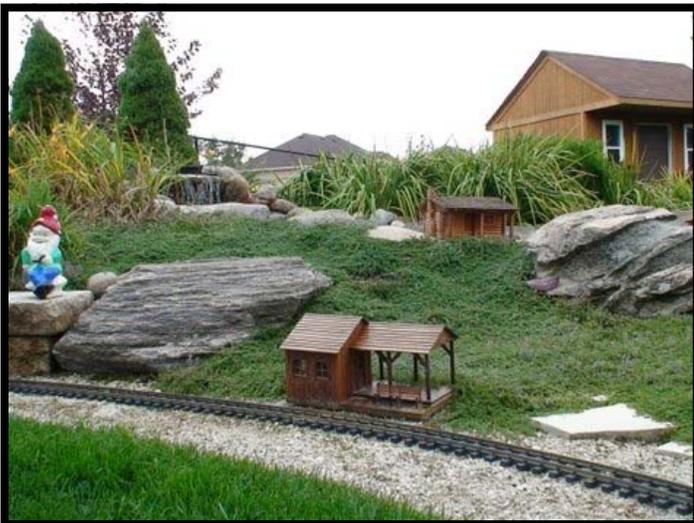
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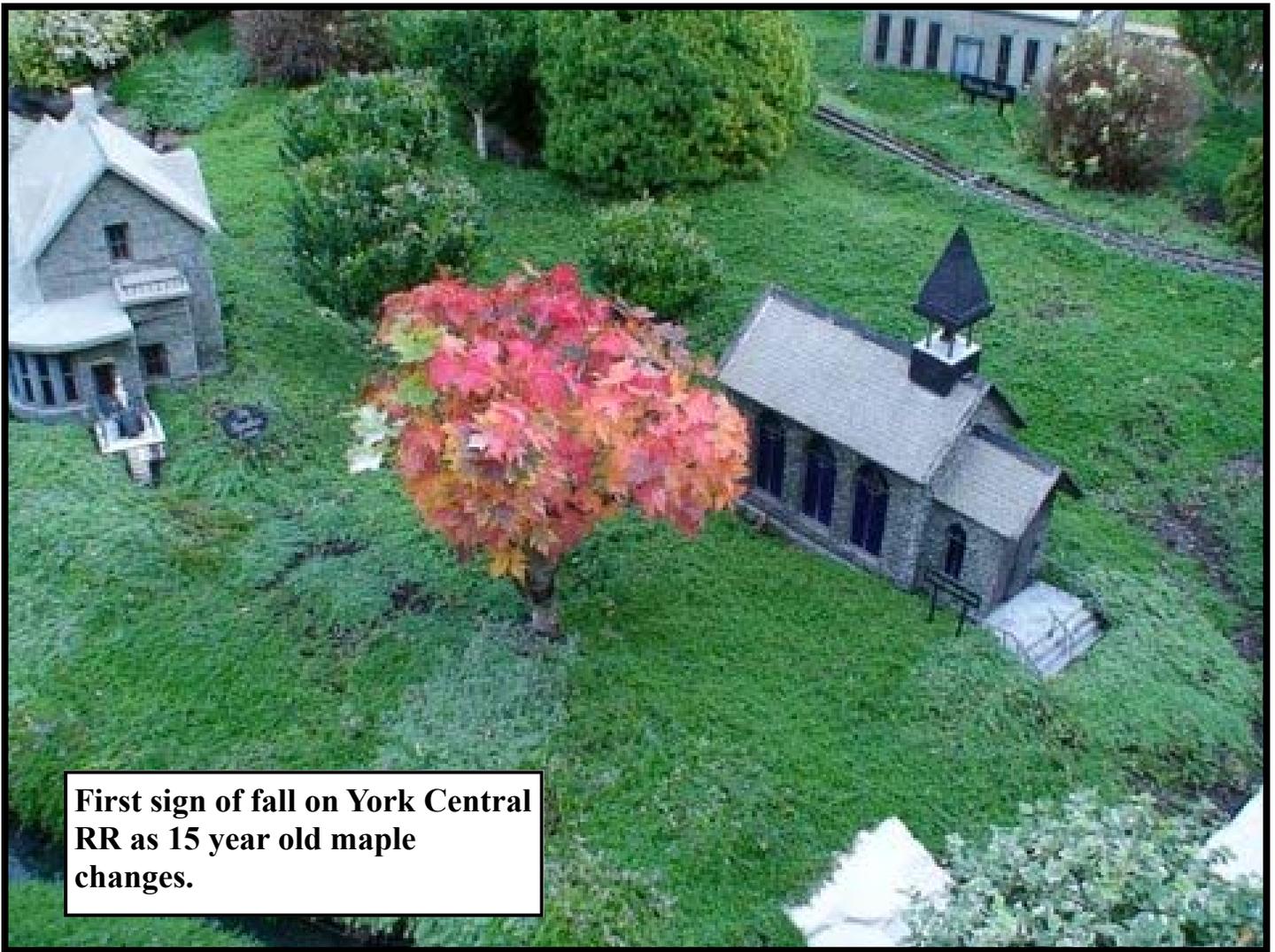
FALL 2010



The September meet was held at the Fraser's in Wasaga Beach. It unfortunately wasn't beach weather. A nice day but a little too cool to sit outside, so no trains were running that day. We were treated to a photo presentation of their trip to Alaska and ride on the "White Pass" railroad. By popular demand, we also got to see their trip to Newfoundland, with many shots of Narrow gauge CN engines and cars including the "Newfie Bullet", which are scattered around the island in various communities as a reminder of when trains ran in Newfoundland. It was a great afternoon with good friends.

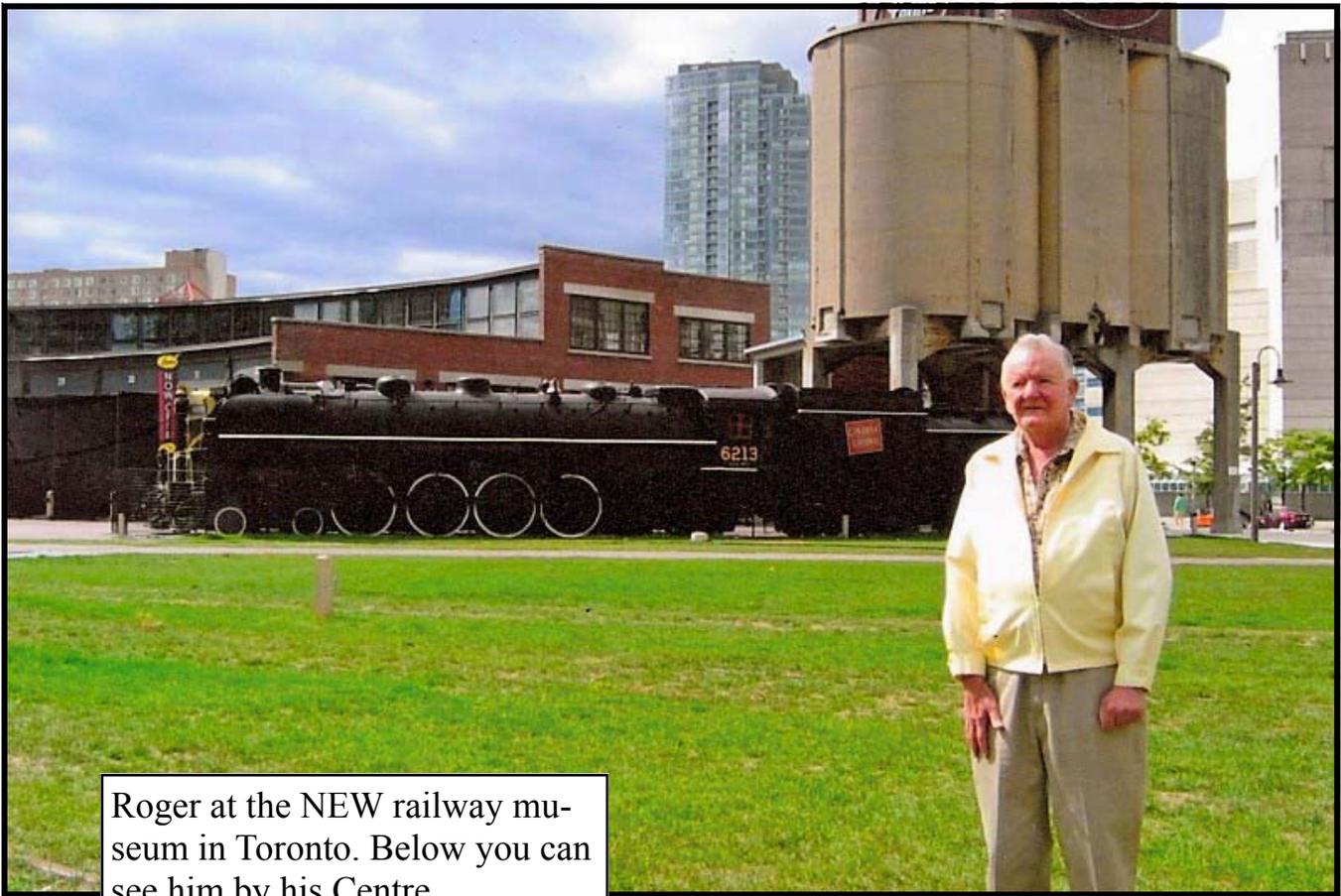


Photo's of the Fraser's "Fradun Garden Railroad" and their back yard as seen on meet day September 26. Construction on the expansion of the railway was proposed to start on the 27th, with the eventual addition of a second loop and storage under the deck. The trenching for the roadbed will be the first operation, with track installation in 2011.



First sign of fall on York Central RR as 15 year old maple changes.

2010
CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH
FROM 1 TO WHENEVER
GAMES
GIFT EXCHANGE GAME
POT LUCK SUPPER
AT
THE BARBER'S
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW NEXT MONTH



Roger at the NEW railway museum in Toronto. Below you can see him by his Centre.



York Central's
Dining car
Recipe of the month

Curried Pumpkin Soup

When I make soup, I like to make a big batch, so that I have plenty to freeze. A hearty soup like this also makes a good lunch.

SERVES 8 to 10

1 tbsp olive oil
1 small onion, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch dice
1 medium carrot, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch dice
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tbsp finely grated fresh ginger
4 tsp garam masala
1 tsp turmeric powder
1 tsp celery salt
28 oz 1 can pumpkin puree (plain)
14 oz 1 can coconut milk
4 1/2 cups chicken stock or water
salt & pepper plain yogurt and toasted sesame seeds, for garnish

In a medium soup pot, add oil, onion and carrot and sauté over medium heat until the onions are translucent, about 6 minutes. Add the garlic, ginger, garam masala, turmeric and celery salt and sauté one minute more. Stir in the pumpkin puree, coconut milk, and chicken stock (or water) and bring to a simmer. Cover and let soup simmer for about 15 minutes, until the carrot is tender. Puree soup in a blender (in batches) or with an immersion blender and return to medium heat.

Season to taste before serving. Serve in bowls and dollop with a spoonful of yogurt and sprinkle of sesame seeds.

ENJOY

HUMOUR FOR THE
MONTH

A rookie brakeman is out, late one night, on his first trip. The head brakeman tells him to set the brakes on a car, so he puts his lantern on the ground and climbs to the top of the car. "Hey," yells the head brakie, "what's the matter with you! You don't ever leave your lamp sitting on the ground," and he tosses the lantern up to the rookie. Meanwhile, the engineer and fireman are sitting in the nice warm engine cab 30 cars away. The fireman calls the hogger over.

"You'll never believe what I just saw," he says. "That brakeman stood flat footed on the ground and jumped to the top of that car there, and he had his lantern with him!"

A timed freight rear-ended a local peddler freight one night, and the ensuing investigation centered on whether or not the crew of the first train had flagged the second train sufficiently.

"Now, then," said the superintendent to the peddler's rear brakeman, "were you flagging your train that night?"

"Yes sir," he said.

"And were you at least a half-mile from your train?" asked the super.

"Yes sir," said the brakie.

"And did you attempt to flag the express down?" asked the super.

"Yes sir, and they went right on past me," the brakie said.

"And did you use a red lantern?" the super asked.

"Yes sir," the man said, "Of course."

Well the railroad couldn't decide who was at fault, so the investigation was closed.

"You did just what I asked you to," said the conductor of the local freight to the rear brakeman after the hearing. "You told the truth, but were you nervous at all?"

"You bet," replied the brakeman, "I was hopin' that guy wouldn't ask me if the lantern was lit!"

There was a time that the president of the Maryland & Pennsylvania (short-line) Railroad demanded to get a free pass to ride the Pennsylvania Railroad. In exchange, he said he'd give the president of the Pennsy a pass over the Ma & Pa. "What good is that?" asked the PRR's president. "Your railroad is a hundred times shorter than ours!"

"Ah," said the president of the Ma & Pa, "but it's just as wide!"

A couple of announcements that were supposed to have been heard over the public address system in a British railway station:

"Will the passengers who took the 3:15 to Ipswich please bring it back? It's needed."

"The train now arriving on tracks 3,4, 5 & 6 is coming in Sideways!"



It's October and the leaves are falling and the "Leafs" are on the ice.

Another Garden Railroad season is coming to an end. With a railroad partly under maple trees, the track will be covered in leaves, making it difficult to keep trains on the track. We still have people wanting to bring young children to see the trains, and try to accommodate them if possible, but it's tough.

If we have a nice late fall after the leaves are gone, we might be able to run into November, otherwise it's hibernate and read Garden Railways magazine and dream of spring and next season.

As an alternative, I hope to be able to run some trains inside this year with the addition of a raised benchwork in a little used part of the rec-room.

Everyone is welcome to bring something to run or try out or show. We will be able to run analog, DCC, and battery power.

We will have three loops of track, with two having ten foot diameter curves, the inside will be closer to eight foot diameter.

So at the meets over the winter please feel free to bring something to run.



PHOTOS OF SOME OF THIS YEARS MEETS