

Junction Gang News

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(Tips and links for model railroaders and railfans!)

An Australian site with pics of early logging and sawmills:

<http://pickeringbrookheritagegroup.com/sawmills.html#article8>

German Site with lots of North American signs.

<http://www.nexusboard.net/showthread.php?siteid=7293&threadid=1224>

Via Grant Bailey from Don Parker and "Froth":

"For those needing a steam fix, a couple of interesting Canadian steam videos on YouTube

Subject: 16 mm Movies - Canadian Steam

In the 50's Bill Bailey captured a fair bit of footage of Canadian steam on his old 16 mm camera. In the mid 80's in the early days of VCR, he had several of his films converted to video. Once getting them on video, he must have spent hours dubbing in a narrative, music, and the sounds of steam (from an old LP that was two sides of the sounds of steam engines). I have subsequently transferred them to DVD and now uploaded them to YouTube for the world to see. ..."

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOuJoZKfPbA>>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yY1hCCoFNfU>

Huge model railroad in Russia featuring construction photos

<http://www.grand-maket.ru/en>

Photo Contest:

CRO Monthly Photo Contest

Canadian Railway Observations is always trying to get our readers involved and are excited to announce their new monthly Photo Contest.

We receive many excellent photographs from our readers and know there are many more taken every day. Each month we will announce a category for that month's contest and ask our readers to submit their photos to us.

Two winners, one photo taken in Canada and the second photo from all other locations will be chosen from those that are received and those photos may be used on our web page or as the splash photo on the next issue.

Since we are interested in new photos, the photo must be taken during the contest period which will be from the 21st of the month to the following 20th.

Just email your photos to pictures@canadianrailwayobservations.com but make sure you put PHOTO CONTEST and the MONTH in the subject field.

Full contest details can be found at:

<http://www.canadianrailwayobservations.com/Contest/photocontest.htm>

Our September issue contest category will be "SUMMER HEAT"

I am sure there will be lots of opportunity to capture that feeling.

Good Luck and look forward to seeing your photos

UPDATE from Ken Jones, President, Niagara Railway Museum.

“Just FYI, info on the new museum development in Fort Erie can be found right on our website at www.nfrm.ca. Regular updates on the shop are on the blog, major news is on the news section. Recent photos of the move of our 3 locomotives can also be found on the blog.”

*** **Ken adds** “Please **DO NOT** confuse our group with the town of Fort Erie display of CN #6218.

We have absolutely **NOTHING** to do with them, and many people seem to think we are the same. When you look at our website, you'll see that we are very different (and quite a bit bigger).
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EMD London Open House

Darrin Calcutt called me and asked that I help publicize that EMD will be having an open house on Sunday Sept. 26th for "family and friends".

He is able to accommodate "organized groups" as opposed to individuals so **one** member of a group may call Darrin to be put on the list of invitees as EMD needs a head count.

His number is 519 630-5494

EMAIL: djcalcutt@rogers.com

Of note;

Sunday August 29 10 AM - 4 PM

Saturday Oct. 02 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Elgin County Railway Museum **Flea Market**, (St. Thomas)

NMRA Model RR meet, Ingersoll, "Keeping Modelling Inexpensive",

Craig Dunn for more info at 519 485-2095 or craidunn@execulink.com

FREE ADMISSION

DCC TIPS

1) The guys in our operations group (The Junction Gang) use Digitrax systems. Some of us have made our own throttle cord extensions but you can also use 6 wire phone extensions (designed for two phone lines) at about \$6 at The Source (our Radio Shack replacement).

They also have inline couplers at about \$7 each. HOWEVER, I just found out that Canadian Tire sells the same basic coupler unit (with 6 conductors) for \$2 – Part #20495.

It is called an In Line Network Coupler - RJ45

2) I went to a local nursery (with my wife) and found all kinds of styrene plastic lying on the ground. (Used plant identifiers/labels)

Thicknesses ranged from about 5 thou to 22 thou.

I like to use them as shims for installing KD couplers etc.

And finally: [shortened by my friend Bob Byck!!]

RUNNING YOUR DIGITRAX SYSTEM (simplified)!

TO TURN ON SYSTEM

DCS 100

Mode Switch to “ON”

DT 400 Power “ + ” Check for track status light (orange) on DCS100

TO SELECT LOCO

Press “Loco” and enter number of loco then press “Loco”

Turn knob to move the engine

Press “ <- or -> ” to reverse engine direction

Not necessary but [to “Finish” with loco, “Loco” & “Disp”]

TO TURN OFF SYSTEM

DT 400 Power “ -- ”

DCS 100 Mode Switch to “SLEEP”

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P.S. Let me know if you wish to be removed from the list or of anyone who might wish to be added!