

**Upcoming
events**

**AUG 23
Meet at the
GRAVES**

**SEPT 20
Meet at the
NORD”S**

**OCT 3 & 4
Brampton Train
Show at the
Brampton Fair
Grounds**

**OCT 17 & 18
24 & 25
31 & Nov 1
Aberfoyle Junction
O-scale model RR
Show**

**DEC 6
Christmas Party
More info to follow**

Backyard Railroaders

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The “FRADUN GARDEN RAILWAY” in Wasaga Beach



JULY MEET

The July meet was actually held August 2nd in Wasaga Beach at the home of the Fraser's.

The weather was great again, three years in a row. Ivan and Mary Anne seem to have pull with the "Powers at be".

They had some work done on the garden that contained their railroad, so they had to remove it and replace it after the work was completed. It's been back for a couple of months.

Ivan had his Aristo Cana-

dian Pacific "Pacific 4-6-2 with matching Heavy-weights" running on DCC. Ivan uses a "Zimo" digital system and has his locomotives all converted to DCC. The hand held controller told us the train was traveling at a speed of 45 mph. Even though this first phase of the railroad is a loop of track around the waterfall and pond, it disappears and reappears several times on its circular journey.

One could sit in several locations, and get a different perspective of the railroad.

The landscaping and plant material in the rest of the yard (shown above) made for a very restfull setting. It was easy to see why they were asked to be part of a local "Garden Tour".

We hope we get invited back again next year as we are guaranteed good weather. Ivan might even have expanded the railroad with an additional second loop.

Well done Ivan and Mary





A walk in the garden admiring the flowers or sitting on the patio a great day for both.



A picture of Ian and Joan Mooney on a Garden Railway tour at the 2009 Garden Railway Convention in Denver.

Ian will provide an article on their perspective of this years 25th Garden Railway Convention in the next newsletter.

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Ivan with Werner Scholz

WERNER SCHOLZ

As we arrived at the Fraser's on August the 2nd, we were welcomed with a smile from a familiar face as he got out of his van.

It was Werner Scholz who had driven himself from his home near Markdale to Wa-

saga Beach for our meet.

This was one of the first outings he has taken on his own, since his recent illness. The Fraser's have done a good job of keeping us informed on his recovery and we were new from the reports that he was progressing nicely, BUT

it was both a surprise and a pleasure to see him again. As you can see from the picture he looked great and we hope his recovery continues and he will be able to attend more club events.

CHECK OUT THE "ARTICLES & TIPS" SECTION ON OUR WEB SITE AND SEE THE "NEW" "HOW TO" ARTICLES ON

- ***ORIGINAL WINDOWS***
- ***FIGURINES***

THE ARTICLES WERE JUST ADDED THIS MONTH



THE HCW TOURIST RAILWAY— The HCW operates from Hull to Wakefield via Chelsea in Quebec.

The locomotive was built in 1907 and the passenger coaches in the 1940's all from Sweden.

info@steamtrain.ca or "www.steamtrain.ca"

JOKES OF THE MONTH Andy wants a job as a signalman on the railways. He is told to meet the inspector at the signal box. The inspector puts this question to him: "What would you do if you realized that two trains were heading for each other on the same track?" Andy says, "I would switch the points for one of the trains." "What if the lever broke?" asked the

inspector. "Then I'd dash down out of the signal box," said Andy, "and I'd use the manual lever over there." "What if that had been struck by lightning?" "Then," Andy continues, "I'd run back into the signal box and phone the next signal box." "What if the phone was busy?" "Well in that case," persevered Andy, "I'd rush down out of the box and use the public emergency phone

at the level crossing up there." "What if that was vandalized?" "Oh well then I'd run into the village and get my uncle Silas." This puzzles the inspector, so he asks, "Why would you do that?" Came the answer, "Because he's never seen a train crash."



EDITORIAL

PUBLIC VIEWING OF YOUR RAILROAD

Are you PRO or CON?

Due to the fact that our railroad goes out to the front yard, and a set of cross-bucks, we have many people ask us about the trains and can they see them.

For several years we opened to the public every Wednesday night (weather permitting), and often had 70 to 80 people attend over a three hour period.

A lot of children would bring their parents back week after week. The children enjoyed the trains, the adults the detail.

Now that we have changed the layout to a more maintenance free, less detailed one, we still have the children chasing trains from front to back to front. The parents are now more interested in watching the children, but also enjoy the garden and the few detailed areas.

We open now by appointment, the weekly schedule although fun, did become a little stressful, as your layout had to be up to par continually.

It's easier now with less detail and maintenance, and we can usually have a train running with a half hours notice,

As Garden Railroaders do

you like to keep your railroad private, or do you show it to anyone who asks to see it?

I know some members have neighbourhood children over regularly, or have participated in garden tours.

I like to encourage children to become interested in trains and see the railroad to get them interested in the hobby. With less railway lines and fewer trains, if we don't keep children interested, the hobby could go the way of the prototype.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Please provide comments, send me an e-mail.



**Early days of the
“FRADUN
GARDEN
RAILWAY”**