

Junction Gang News

January 30, 2011

(Tips and links for model railroaders and railfans!
Remember past issues are archived on my web site)

Several requests!

1) I am looking for a Proto 2000 GP7 or GP9 shell only. CN is my first choice, undecorated is second and painted any other road is third. Anybody got one they are willing to part with??

2) “When I retired, the firm gave me a brass Royal Hudson, problem is, it doesn't have the crowns (2851 before crowning). Do you know anybody that has or makes these? Van Hobbies had them years ago but long before I needed any. DouG “

P. S. Doug is also looking for Royal Canadian Pacific decals.

Web Site: Canadian Station Website

<http://yourrailwaypictures.com/TrainStations/>

Also has links to:

The Steam Locomotives of the CPR

The Steam Engines of the CNR

Train Bridges and Trestles

The Grain Elevators of Western Canada

Old Diesels

Canadian National Railways Motive Power Statistics Index

Lots of video links:

Thanks to Bob Messmer who sends this link: Angus Workshops 1930s --“The Miracle of a Locomotive” (Associated Screen News, 1928)

Witness the birth of locomotive 3101, the most powerful in the Commonwealth, made for the Canadian Pacific Railway's “Angus shops” in Montreal.

<http://www.cinemamuetquebec.ca/content/movies/23?lang=en>

And on the same site:

“Witness the impressive construction of a section of the Grand Trunk Railway linking Winnipeg, Manitoba and Prince Rupert, B.C.” in 1909

<http://www.cinemamuetquebec.ca/content/movies/11?lang=en>

And a third video:

Railway film from Thomas Alva Edison 1897 to 1906

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQzXCoQRbas&feature=related>

Be sure to watch for the St Clair Tunnel sequence before electrification.

From Chuck Faist (and Lex):

Lex Parker has put 5 new videos on Youtube on the construction of his layout. Lex lives in Beamsville which is about a half hour drive north of Niagara Falls. His layout is one of the best in the area. Lex is a NMRA MMR.

This video is a general description of his methods. Hope you enjoy it and get a few ideas from it.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4uy8VdxlPA&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

A youtube video of a HO scale train with full sound. Smoke exhaust is exceptionally well done! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZ3V7y1wmQA>

From Derek Boles and ToRyHeritage@yahoogroups.com

On January 17, 1985, Ontario Premier Bill Davis announces a new domed stadium to be built on land donated by Canadian National Railway adjacent to the CN Tower. Other sites that were considered included Downsview Airport, Woodbine Race Track and the Canadian National Exhibition grounds.

The downtown site was chosen because of its proximity to public transit and the availability of underground parking garages in downtown office towers that were normally empty during evenings and weekends. The stadium was also seen as a stimulus for the commercial redevelopment of the railway lands, which had been stalled since the cancellation of the Metro Centre project ten years earlier.

As well, the stadium could provide extra space for the already overtaxed Metro Toronto Convention Centre that had opened in 1984. Construction costs of the new stadium were estimated at \$150 million and required the demolition of CN's Spadina Roundhouse and the relocation of the city water pumping station. 1989 opening cost was \$570 million.

A time lapse video showing the construction of the stadium can be seen at:
<http://spacingtoronto.ca/2011/01/10/skydome-construction-in-two-and-a-half-minutes-22-year-old-skyline-flashback/>

“Shorpy” surprises – <http://www.shorpy.com/node/9811#comments>
<http://www.shorpy.com/node/9682>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

I have included an LMRA (London Model Railway Association) Feb. 12 meeting flyer as a separate PDF. (Thanks to Lorne James, President)

Also Feb. 12th is the Windsor Modular Railway Club's 10 Year Anniversary. Open House
More info at: www.windsor-modular.com (Thanks to Ron Pare of the ModelersGuild)
April 02 WOD Make & Take Model Clinic of a GHQ HO SCALE 1940s D8 8R CABLE

BULLDOZER in Stratford.

\$25 cost and you must preregister as space is limited. j.moseley@sympatico.ca

April 09, 2011

WOD (NMRA) Clinics (at the Woodstock Quality Inn)

9:30 AM start time [John Kanakos, WOD Program Director]

1st Clinic STATIC GRASS SCENERY presented by Don Wesley (& John Kanakos)

Don and John will show the construction of an inexpensive “static grass applicator” and demonstrate its use. Audience will have a chance to use three applicators. If there is enough interest, the WOD will organize a construction session to build your own.

2nd Clinic DECODER PRO LOCOMOTIVE PROGRAMMING presented by Bob Byck. This clinic will demonstrate using your computer to easily program locomotives. A SPROG interface will be used.

This clinic is a repeat of the demonstration presented by Bob and John Kanakos at the Toronto Christmas Train Show.

3rd Clinic PROGRAMMING LOCOMOTIVES WITH A DIGITRAX DT400 HAND THROTTLE presented by Rick Doyle.

Rick will demonstrate programming on a dedicated programming track and also “on the main” in “Ops Mode”.

BRING A DCC EQUIPPED ENGINE AND HAVE BOB OR RICK PROGRAM IT FOR YOU! (BEST IF YOU CAN BRING THE ENGINE/DECODER MANUAL!)

Contact John Kanakos for more info at 519 660-1844 or by email at johnkana@fc.amdsb.ca

Also: Canadian Railway Convention & Train Show in OTTAWA at Algonquin College 20 - 23 May 2011

Information is available at the website www.caorm.org.

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P.S. As a side note, “The Junction Gang News” now goes out to over 600 modellers/railfans. Let me know if you wish to be removed from the list or of anyone who might wish to be added!!