

Junction Gang News

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(Tips and links for model railroaders and railfans!

Remember past issues are archived on my web site - <http://www.junctionwestsub.ca>)

HO Scale Conversion Table

http://www.blackbearcc.com/ho_inches.htm

HO conversion table (by Dave Emery):

<http://www.earlyrail.org/scale-table.pdf> or

<http://www.earlyrail.org/scale-table.xls>

This has scale/decimal equivalents for various scale and 1-1 sizes, also wire and drill gauge sizes too.

I was going through the clinics that have been uploaded from the Sacramento Xtra 2011 West NMRA National Convention.

Came across this clinic with lots of Prototype Research References. These guys have it in one nice package!!!

Prototype Research Panel Discussion

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This clinic and many others can be found here:

<http://www.x2011west.org/handouts.html>

Newest kit from Joe Rutter's Full Steam Ahead in Owen Sound is Les Kauffeldt's "**Blue Ridge Coal Company**" <http://www.fullsteamahead.ca/> [I helped judge the original at NMRA's "The Woodstock Turn" and it was a winner then!!]

And the new kit from George Sellios of Fine Scale Miniatures is called "**YEHUDAH'S HEATING COMPANY**"

It's unique as it is FSM first brick structure! <http://www.finescaleminiatures.com/>
Historical pics of TO from the City of Toronto Archives

<http://wholemap.com/historic/toronto.php?month=4&day=19>

And also <http://wholemap.com/historic/toronto.php?neighbourhood> is a link to “Neighbourhoods with historic photos from around Toronto”

From Derek Boles’ Toronto Railway Heritage Yahoo Group:

July 26, 1847:

Moses Gerrish Farmer builds the first miniature railroad intended to be an amusement ride for children. The operation was set up in Eliot, Maine and the train was described thusly: “an electro-magnetic locomotive, and with forty-eight pint cup cells of Grove nitric acid battery drew a little car carrying two passengers on a track a foot and a half wide.”

Toronto has a long history of miniature railways, the latest of which was completed at the Toronto Railway Heritage Centre and has carried thousands of visitors in the first two years of operation.

Link at: <http://www.trha.ca/archivetaimr.html>

Link to some fine modelling “Wrong Side of the Tracks”

http://www.railroad-line.com/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=33848

Check the link often as it will change daily!

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