

The SwitchStand



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Welcome

This abbreviated issue of the Switchstand is a quick update of the groups news, we will return to our regular programming in the Fall once restoration work is complete.

A reminder – if you know anyone interested in our activities, encourage them to join our group. We are always looking for new members and your support is much appreciated. See the second page for details on how to join.

Association News

CPR 436994 restoration – Restoration work is already underway and we have selected a contractor to assist our group in completion of the work. It's not too late to help!

Work to be done this summer:

- Finish painting 300 T&G boards
- Remove all plywood from sides
- Repair internal structural members as required
- Apply painted T&G siding to sides of caboose
- Apply CPR block lettering logo and COTS

All volunteers who are interested in helping are welcome – if you can use a paintbrush, or a hammer, or have other skills you wish to lend, get in touch with the Restoration Committee coordinators,

Bruce Lowe, 519-821-3838 or Peter Shergold, 519-824-8254. Work dates are occurring in June and July as weather allows.

GHRA & Destiny Rail team up to present the final run of the Guelph Junction Express

On August 13 2011, the GHRA and Destiny Rail will team up for the final run of the Guelph Junction Express tourist train

This will be a rare mileage excursion with the following abbreviated itinerary:

- Run the entire Guelph Junction Railway including industrial spurs
- Run past at the Limestone cliffs
- Photo op and tour of a Guelph Junction Railway customer
- Tour and photo op of the Ontario Southland Railway equipment at Guelph Jct.
- Optional lunch available
- Beverages and cash bar
- More details can be found on our website, <http://www.ghra.ca>

Ticket sales are being handled by Destiny Tours and can be purchased in three ways:

- **By Phone: 1-877-823-9799**
- **Online: www.destinytours.com**
- **In person: Destiny Tours, 727 Woolwich Street, Guelph, Ontario. (Open 9 AM to 5 PM Monday to Friday)**

Part of the proceeds from this trip will benefit our group as it did the last rare mileage excursion.

Members are welcome to volunteer for the train – and will get a free ticket to ride the train if you are put to work. Volunteer sign up is at our July meeting with our Volunteer coordination at the August meeting.

As well, we will distribute promotional brochures at our upcoming meetings to distribute to local businesses and model train shows

Upcoming meeting/event schedule:

July 11 2011
August 8 2011 – Tourist Train Volunteer Coordination meeting
August 13 2011 – GHRA “Farewell to the Guelph Junction Express”
September 12 2011
October 17 2011 (Moved due to holiday)
November 14 2011
December 12 2011

Where we meet: Regular meetings are held at the Cooperators building, 130 Macdonnel St, downtown Guelph. Start time 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

To join the GHRA: Send in your dues according to the schedule below to our mailing address. Include your mailing and e-mail address if you have one. A

form is available on our website which you may use to mail in dues. Alternatively, you may purchase your membership on our website using your credit card, visit www.ghra.ca for more details.

2011 GHRA Membership dues

Junior: \$25/annual (under age 25)
Regular: \$50/annual (ages 25-64)
Senior: \$40/annual (ages 65+)

Membership dues and any donations above and beyond are tax deductible. (The GHRA is a Registered Charity # BN 89131 4973 RR0001)

For more about the GHRA including our up-to-date meeting, event, and work date schedule visit our website, www.ghra.ca or e-mail us at inquiry@ghra.ca

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