

# The Hotshot

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## Clifford Completes MOW Consist

Wayne Clifford decided early on to do his railroading on a branchline less travelled than most. While he admires the workmanship seen in the big examples of steam's Superpower that graces our rails each year during the big Meet, he prefers to model the less glamorous but equally important vehicles of the MOW Department. Without the daily work of these machines the high speed expresses and fast freights would have been reduced to a crawl.

"The biggest piece is a rail inspection motor car with self propelled detector car combining the features of many branch line motor cars of the 1920's era. I have named this an Edwards motor car as they built many unusual motor cars before and after the war, 1921 - 1960 and they are still in business today setting up and refurbishing antique rail cars using big block chevy V-8's," explains Clifford. "I will be sitting on this motor car controlling three DC voltages 6, 12 & 24 producing three speeds. Around my neck will be a radio control unit operat-



Wayne Clifford decided to model MOW equipment including this Edwards Motor Car

ing my MOW truck proceeding me on the track pulling a jib crane and a Fairmont trailer. Five units advancing simultaneously. That's my plan,

I hope it all works."

A precision tilt meter (to measure track level as this unit proceeds) is back ordered and is yet to be installed and calibrated. The flux wheel carrier on the front is static and the Eddy current inductors under the detector car are static. Using this Motor Car as an experimental test bed. Next winter, he will attempt to set up a front carrier to measure distance between rails electro/mechanically.

The motor car is propelled using two 400 watt wheelchair DC motors using bicycle sprockets and chain drive. Final ratio is 13:1 and using stepper switches 6, 12 and 24 volts DC and a 45 amp momentary toggle switch, controlling three speeds forward and reverse. Power comes from four auto batteries, one 6 volt, three 12 volts & one 6vah gel cell

for signals and electronics in the Inspection car and two 12 volt auto batteries, one 6vah gellcell in the MOW truck and two gelcell batteries in the radio control circuits. In all for the whole consist, 10 batteries! Clifford will be sitting on the motor car just above the two aluminium drive wheels and the total traction weight on each wheel is 175 lbs. Friction brakes coupled to the front axle are quite efficient.

The MOW truck pulling the jib crane and Fairmont trailer is a similar combination of many different MOW's with a similar drive system as the Motor Car and has pulled an operator car weighing over 500 lbs including the operator. It can also function as a locomotion piece if need be.

The aluminium wheels are tak-

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## President's Message

When the BoD proposed a new style of governance, with the implementation of new Monthly Membership Business Meetings, there seemed to be quite a few sceptics. The objectives of having regular meetings were simple; involve members as much as possible in the operations of the MLS, deal with issues that come up in a faster time frame, and increase communication between membership and its BoD.

Since then, the club has had two meetings and I think it's safe to say that we are on the right track. We are all pleasantly surprised at how well these meetings actually go. They have proven to be efficient and constructive. General feedback from the membership is positive and the BoD is very pleased and satisfied with the outcome. I am happy to report that members have all ready taken an active part in important decisions such as; a new in & out lead of Turnbull yard for the ground track and no public policy during are July Meet. Not only did membership vote and participate in the debates, but they also proposed fresh and new ideas to improve are facilities and operations at Les Cèdres.

For those of you who cannot attend the meetings, the minutes will be published in the coming Hot Shots to insure that every member is up to speed. Here are the basic outlines and structure of the new MLS Monthly Membership Business Meetings;

### BASIC OUTLINE:

- The meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Friday night of each month except for December. Meetings start at 8:00pm, doors open at 7:30pm (AGM included)
- Each meeting has an agenda, which is not pre-announced unless it deals with a By- Law vote, or an

important motion as determined by the BoD.

- All members are allowed a controlled period of time to speak on any subject.
- Motions from the floor accepted.
- Votes are taken by a show of hands (voting members only) unless it is a contentious issue and friendships could be at risk. In these instances a private vote by ballot is taken.

### MEETING STRUCTURE:

- The meeting structure is very similar to BoD meetings or AGMs.
- President or appointed BoD member calls for order. The Secretary takes minutes.
- Approval of last meeting's minutes.
- Treasurer gives a brief.
- Membership Chair gives a brief.
- Committees give a brief.
- Old business.
- New business.
- Adjournment.
- After the business is done there are displays of slides, movies and personal projects.

This club belongs to its members. Members should have a right to say and vote of what goes on at the MLS. This BoD is not here to dictate and tell the membership what to do. It is simply there to supervise and make sure everything is done in a safe way that will not jeopardize or bankrupt the corporation. Like many others, I think that this is a positive step forward for the MLS and its members. I am overwhelmed with enthusiasm that these meetings will be beneficial to the club and will give us the necessary tools to help us work together as a team.

### NEXT CHALLENGE:

...transferring this to work days... I hope to see more of you at the meetings!

*Frank Desaulniers*

# ROUNDHOUSE TALK

*Minutes from the MLS Monthly Meetings - Roy Motton, Secty.*

## 1st MLS Monthly Meeting 2008-01-18

*François Desaulniers - President  
James Scott - Vice President*

*Roy Motton - Secretary*

Desaulniers calls to order at 20:08 Wishes all a Happy New Year and welcome to the 1st membership business meeting and begins to outline new format with its more democratic process.

Desaulniers asked if anyone did not receive new Hotshot or Membership renewal forms in mailing or electronic format.

Meetings are to be held year-round at Legion Hall, to which Fred asked, "Even in summer?" answered by Yes.

Followed by a reading of the New Format agenda.

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### Membership Report

29 persons have paid with a potential of 88 previous members. New forms are available that have a section to indicate whether electronic correspondence is preferred as a cost saving measure to the club. Please pay your dues by Feb 1st. Internet e-mail seems to be working well, while Bev Shaver asked "Have all forms been sent?" JJ replied "Yes, thank you"

Bev Shaver asked "Do you still need telephone reminders?" Janet Reede is to send an updated list of contact information.

### Committee briefs:

None at present

### Old Business:

Albert Gurinkas reminds all that tree trimming is required at the start of the season around wires, the edge of the property. Suggests we seek contractors tenders for felling of trees, while we would keep

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*A view of the 1st regularly scheduled monthly business meeting*

## - Notice -

With the recent sale of Jean-Roch Beavais' locomotive outside of MLS, a 10' track in one enginehouse has become available. As Jean-Roch was a founding tenant of the houses, the new tenant will pay the original investment and be entitled to all rights and privileges as the other original tenants. Interested parties have until May 30 to apply in writing to the BOD.



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## MOW Consist... cont'd



en from backyard wooden 4 place glider swings machined to use on the tracks. "We'll see how long they last!" Cost per wheel \$6.00. Every part on these five pieces of rolling stock had to be readily available at any major hardware supply store and scrap bin. There are no specialty model railroad parts or accessories on these models. The frames and structures are made from old bed frame angle iron because the Motor Car frame has to flex to keep the four wheels on the uneven track.

"I have never built a scale model of anything in my life. Every subject has been taken from pictures and measured out using dividers and primitive drawings... no AutoCAD

here," laughs Clifford. "My philosophy is, while building to scale is the ultimate achievement, it also produces a great amount of stress and expense, neither of which I desire. It is more a form of artisan work than scale model building. My greatest fun is going through mine or other's junk piles and finding a treasure and realizing I can modify this to create a reasonable facsimile of a part. My models are not exact scale models, but are impressionist models."

So far Wayne Clifford has so far invested 1000 hours in the project for all five pieces. We look forward to seeing this unique part of rail-roading making it's way around the MLS railway.



Wayne Clifford's motorcar and jib crane show what one can do with a fertile imagination and an eye for details.

the wood. This is the hardest most dangerous part of the job and safest to hire out. Marvin Shaver suggests we rent a chipper, and asks anyone interested to step in.

TBD- probably will become a project to be published in next Hotshot or next month's meeting.

Fred Motton reminds us that Jim Bickerton's books are available for sale. Request made for a list.

Scott & Desaulniers address the Engine House issues. Desaulniers asks for a private tenants meeting to form a committee with BoD supervision. All tenants are present with the exception of Bob Steadman. Lease terms have not yet started.

Meeting to be held January 31st, CN station or Deli Planet at 19:30

#### New Business:

Congrats to Roy, James, Bill, Janet and JJ for forming new BoD

Bill Evans & Janet Reede will oversee the 2008 July meet and will have a monthly meeting to discuss events.

Mar 21st is Good Friday, Do we meet or defer? Show of hands votes yes for meeting to be held, Friday Mar 21st.

MLS Green Team; Anyone wishing to sign up please do so.

Electronic Hotshot saves mailing costs. 20 are now sent this way with the potential of 40 or more.

New brochure—Sunday hours of operation to be reduced to 11:00 to 15:00 as well as on the gate.

#### New Projects:

Elizabeth Leggett proposes new shelter over outhouses to reduce solar heat gain, to include lighting for nighttime. Fred suggests using pressure treated lumber.

Dan Fantino expresses interest in our participation at the Ottawa Walkley Yard, Thomas The Tank Train fest August 20-22. Roy asks for any interest or volunteers, but reminds all that that weekend is also miniature train show at Exporail, St-Constant.

Marv Shaver proposes new access to Mainline without crossing the turntable using a new switch south of the picnic area. A new crossing is required as François reminds us that a liftout on the Hi-line is still

in the plans. JJ asks "What is the height difference between roadway and right of way?" to determine amounts of gravel required.

A. B. Mekatek willing to supply steel. Switch stand casting is an issue at present. Can the maintenance budget be adjusted to allow this estimated \$950.00.

Work to begin after spring clean-up

Desaulniers adds that a steak dinner or corn roast are possible fund raising activities

James Scott motions that existing \$400 ground track allotment be increased to \$950

Voted in by 14 persons with a show of hands.

Meeting adjourned 21:30.

Feedback on new meeting format was positive, adding that the Members are more involved.

### 2nd MLS Monthly Meeting 2008-02-15

*François Desaulniers - President*

*James Scott - Vice President*

*Roy Motton - Secretary*

Desaulniers calls to order at 2008 and welcomes all with a briefing for anyone not at previous meeting

#### Reading of minutes

Tree pruning: A coordinator is required for this position.

**Treasurers report:** \$7586.60 on hand

**Membership Chair:** 20 full members, 30 associate members

#### Special Events Committee: Sun

Youth Train Show; special guest Chris Wilson of BMRC ask for participation for the upcoming Sun Youth Train show in the same locale on St. Urbain. Parking on site for exhibitors, as well as a shuttle service from Home Depot at Beau-bien. Loading to be checked. Bill Evans offered to exhibit his Duchess class.

NMRA in Ottawa: Fred Motton will try to bring a small display of his flatcar, MLS banner and MLS VCR/TV

#### Old Business

Searching for a project leader for tree pruning

Connie De Melo has been trying to reach a prior contact, but sus-

pects that he is retired.

Perhaps someone is known at the dépanneur or butcher shop, Joe Brico Hardware for references for tree felling.

Dead trees need to be brought down ASAP.

Request that Fred Motton provide list of Jim Bickerton's books from his estate.

Hotshot submission deadline is approaching; All contributions welcome.

Engine House Leases to commence upon completion of work (vapour barrier, electrical service).

#### New Business

Jim Leggett points out that the dining shelter is becoming old and hazardous a New steel frame and canopy could be purchased for \$400-\$600 hangar type shelter

AB Mekatek can supply pipe; Bill Evans will price connectors

Jim Bickerton's books; All are in mint condition and are to be sold/auctioned off.

Leonard Bickerton would like to know where proceeds go, and dining shelter is possible acquisition.

Bill Evans & Janet Reede, Co-Chairs for International Meet, are recruiting for all divisions of organization. If event is to be open to the public, volunteers need to be enlisted in advance.

Notice in Hotshot that Bill Evans is recruiting volunteers

Moved that meet remain closed to public: 12 votes in favour of 18 members present

Gatekeepers will be issued a list of names of invited guests & ready to issue new memberships. All members are welcome to invite friends and family to the event but will be responsible for their invited guests.

2008 July Meet sign-up sheet is available

Meeting adjourned at 21:38 by François Desaulniers

### 3rd MLS Monthly Meeting 2008-03-21

*James Scott - Vice President, Presiding*

*Roy Motton - Secretary*

Call to order at 20:02 by Jim Scott. Quorum requirement of 8 of 14 per-

sons in attendance

JJ Paques points out that a quorum is not necessary for this meeting.

Jim Scott reads the previous minutes.

Fred moves for approval of the previous minutes and Jim Leggett accepts.

#### Treasurer's report:

JJ Paques states that we have \$7 785.96 on hand

#### Membership Report

JJ Paques outlines that we have 21 full members paid, 33 associate members and 8 Honorary/Life members for a total membership of 62

#### Business arising

Desaulniers (absent) was to get quotes from AB Mekatek for pipe for a new dining shelter.

Bill Evans has submitted a call to Metal Solutions for a bid for connectors (Allen Screws)

Wayne Clifford (absent) would like to mark/paint trees to flag for cutting.

Marvin Shaver suggests that we approach neighbours to share costs of tree pruning and cutting. Further discussion meant that a project coordinator is sought to survey on whose property the trees might be located, and that perhaps a BoD member should contact Wayne to propel this project.

Bill Evans on July Meet states that we still need volunteers for key positions as ground track Train Master and ground track support crew.

The souvenir Kiosk and swap table also require personnel. Fred offers to man the swap table for some time during the meet.

Marv Shaver asks what we should do with the old poles, while Jim Leggett states that Ernie Grow recommends reinforcing the remaining pole line with the unused poles, plus a neighbour has graciously offered a pole for our use and perhaps we should accept his offer.

#### New Business

No new business.

JJ Paques motions to adjourn at 20:30

# Elevated Track Expansion Project

PHASE 2 SET TO BEGIN IN 2008, TARGET 75TH MEET IN '09 FOR DEBUT

FOREMAN FRANK'S REPORT

The 2008 season should be a very interesting one for the highline. But before I talk about the upcoming projects at MLS, I would like to take a moment to thank Bill Evans, Doug Ford and James Scott for maintaining the track for the past few years. Thank you to all who have helped maintain the facilities, for a job well done. I would also like to thank Dick Tracy for the wood received this past fall and to Bob Steadman for helping deliver the lumber at Les Cèdres.

With our 75th just around the bend, our main focus will be to finish what we started. Our facilities and engine terminal need improvements and so does the existing loop. The inner expansion will get underway as soon as all the preparation work and components are completed. All of the work will be done in a way not to interfere with the main line operations.

With a lot of work on our plate, the emphasis will be on good planning and coordination. This must be done with the respect of those in charge to make sure that things go as smooth as possible. This also prevents us from doing the work twice. No more improvising work days to go work on the track without consulting with the track foreman.

I am positive that those who wish to help the MLS in the completion of this project will be understanding and cooperate. This is not to discourage the members in coming out and volunteering. This is simply a matter of raising our standards, on a limited budget and in a very short time frame. The goal is quality and not quantity.

This season, the work gang will be split up in two. One crew will be led by myself in the maintenance and improvements of the existing loop, with the priority to finalise our facilities and locomotive terminal. The second crew will be headed by Jim Leggett as lead hand for the inner expansion. There's a lot of work up

a head before we even start to think about laying down track.

## Improvements;

Since I became Highline Foreman, I have made it my duty of raising our standards in the quality of workmanship and fabrication. Although this is certainly paying off as the track is in good shape, it has settle down and some minor flaws have surfaced. The switches also need some attention and the engine terminal was never fully completed.

I am happy to report that James Scott has volunteered in assisting me at this task. He probably has the most experience in this club at "tweaking" the track, as he has been doing this for many years. We both know that our track is in good shape but we also know that there is always room for improvements.

## Our goals are;

- Install a locking system to line up the turntable with the bays,
- Getting proper air and water lines to the steaming bays and finish the electricity,
- Modifying all abutments (both switches and swing-bridge) with adjustment,
- Keeping the ties from keeping up together,
- Solving the on going cross-elevation problems.
- Re-stain the track,
- Standardizing track components,
- Installing two new "access-bridges" to facilitate access inside the loop.
- Installing a new unloading-bridge that will connect with the crossover.

## Inside Expansion

The elevated track expansion will finally get underway this year. As mentioned, Dick Tracy has supplied the club once again with top quality cedar at a very friendly price. Thank you once again Dick Tracy. There is enough 2x4s to span almost half of the required length to complete the inner layout and a whole bunch of ties. I do not know how many ties we have received but there is a lot!

Also as mentioned, Jim Leggett will be the lead hand of the inner expansion crew. He will be under my supervision. Jim's job will be to make sure all the components are properly fabricated, that the preparation work gets done, build track with the crew, make sure that the track assembly is properly done and that the radius & layout are respected.

Once all the parts will be ready, I will organize a work day with Jim and the members who are interested in building the inside expansion. The purpose of that work day will be to, not only to build the first 60ft (or more), but to serve as a training seminar. (Should be well after the July meet) That will also give James Scott and myself, time to solve a couple of problems that we have on the outside loop and transfer this in a improved way of building are Highline.

## Our goals are;

- Fabricating new steel uprights needed to finish the expansion,
- Painting all of the steel uprights in there designated color, (old & new)
- Relaying the top curve with new and wider radius,
- Fabrication of the spacer tubes at required length, (about 600 for each gauge-3 1/2", 4 3/4")
- Cutting the 1/4" threaded rod (for spacer tubes)
- Cutting 3/8" threaded rod, (for the

uprights)

- Fabricate the side straps (for the 2x4s)
- Fabricate new "J" hooks (pulls track down)
- Fabricate new tie down plates (underneath for the "J" hooks)
- Cut some cross-elevation blocks
- Stain stringers and ties
- Do an inventory of materiel and fasteners,
- Order quantities required,
- Connect inside layout to outside loop.

I know there is a lot of work and fabrication involved to complete this project. It seems almost impossible to complete all of this before our 2009 July meet. Priorities will be set and donations will be asked to some of our members. Some members have all ready stepped forward and are more than happy to contribute in the financial aspect as well! The 2008 Highline budget is 1000\$. The reality is that we do need donations to complete this project as we did in the past. I still strongly believe that with good planning, coordination and cooperation, it can be done.

See you all out there and keep posted for more of Foreman Frank's Report on the MLS on-line and in the upcoming Hotshots.

Foreman Frank

## CREW CALL SHEET

The following positions within our club are currently vacant. Prior experience is not a requirement, just your enthusiasm and the desire to help our club.

**Green Team:** Volunteers to mow and trim grass. Contact Jim Leggett.

**Translator:** This person translates the text for the newsletter, mostly English to French. It is required to have access to a computer with an email account. Contact Jim Leggett.

**International Meet July 4, 5 & 6, 2008:** For this event to be a success your help is needed. If you can spare some of your time during the Meet, please volunteer yourself by contacting either Janet Reede at jmreede@hotmail.com (514-695-7447) or Bill Evans at wwevans@enter-net.com (514-907-4919)

**Thanks for your help!**

MONTREAL LIVE STEAMERS  
**Green Team**

After near record amounts of snow this winter it may have seemed if it would never melt but after two weeks of warm and mostly sunny weather, the grass is mostly exposed at Cedars.

With some spring showers and all that snow melt soaked into the soil, it won't be long before we'll be in need of volunteers to drive either of the MLS mowing tractors. We now have two tractors in excellent condition and there are two push mowers as well for those awkward spots.

For 2008 we will be returning to a more organized system of assigning volunteers to specific weeks and a sign-up sheet has been made to reflect that plan. It has been on hand at the monthly business meetings and a couple of names have been added. There are plenty of time slots still open and there is no restriction on how many you can pick on a first-come, best choice basis.

This valuable work done by a few members saves approximately \$2,000.00 a year for our club so please consider donating some of your time.

For those who can not attend the meetings, please email me or call 450-672-6666 and leave a message.

The sign-up sheet will be available at the next business meeting so why not consider volunteering for one day of mowing grass. Many have found it to be an agreeable way to pass a pleasant day in the country.

*Jim Leggett*

## Cornfield Conflagration



## Trees Felled at Cedars MORE TO FALL IN COMING WEEKS



*Jim Leggett (L) and Frank Desaulniers (R) have managed to to fell eight large trees in the course of three Sundays at the club.*

In the past couple of years there has been a silent tragedy taking place throughout Quebec. Millions of trees have died and the trees at Cedars have not been spared. You can see them one after another, smaller saplings and grand specimens with two foot diameter trunks, all dead and shedding their bark.

The fact that all the same species of tree died at the same time no matter their age indicated that this was a disease or insect invasion.

From what I have been able to determine with my copy of The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Trees - Eastern Region, the trees are American Elms also known as White Elms or Soft Elms.

"This well-known, once abundant species, familiar on lawns and city streets, has been ravaged by the Dutch Elm disease, caused by a fungus introduced accidentally about 1930 and spread by European and native elm bark beetles." - Audubon.

### **Holy Acres of Popcorn Batman!**

Ken Power filed the following report about a fire that was accidentally started by a hot coal gone astray.

"We had a fire in the cornfield on the last run day of 2007 (Oct. 2). We believe it was started by my 10-wheeler with Frank at the controls. Most of the members at the track manned the shovels and put it out.

Bev Shaver called the Fire Dept. as a precaution. They hosed the field down just to be sure that the fire was out.

Our thanks go out to the Cedars Fire Department.

There is a ditch running north-south on the western border of the MLS property and there are many dead trees along there. This is also the path of our hydro electric line which was replaced last year at a significant cost.

With concern that these dead trees would eventually be at risk of falling into our power line I was asked to source tree removal services.

Such services are indeed expensive with average costs of \$100 for small trees and large trees costing \$200, \$400 and up.

Thankfully two members, Jim Leggett and Frank Desaulniers, took it upon themselves to begin the task of tree removal. Over the course of three Sundays they felled and cleaned up eight large trees.

The wood has been stacked on our property and the branches piled awaiting a chipper.

These two guys will be looking for some help to finish the job.

*Connie De Melo*

# LIFE MEMBERS

The Board of Directors is very pleased to announce the awarding of Life Membership to two veteran members of our club in recognition of their years of service.

**Marvin Shaver** was the longest serving President of MLS and in recent years has been in charge of the 7-1/4" track.

**Alf Reede** was the longest serving Secretary/Treasurer of our club and was a guiding source of information for countless Directors. Alf still comes out regularly and helps man the front gate during our Meets.

On behalf of the membership, the BOD thanks these men for their participation and support of our club.

# MLS SNOWBOUND!

With unending blizzards leaving record-breaking snowdrifts behind, it was a miracle no deaths were reported from hunger, insanity nor cannibalism amongst stranded crews and passengers on several trains and even an entire station which were consumed by the white menace.

*The photos below were dated March 20th of this year by Mrs. Donner.*



## MLS MEETING SCHEDULE

Pointe Claire Legion located on St. Louis. 8:00 PM

MAY 16TH, 2008

JUNE 20TH, 2008

JULY 18TH, 2008

AUGUST 15TH, 2008

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2008

OCTOBER 17TH, 2008

*More dates to be announced*

## Public Dates for the 2008 season

*All dates are weather permitting and members' participation, while optional, is crucial. Train rides are generally offered from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM.*

**May 18, June 1 & 15, July 20,  
August 3 & 17, September 7 & 21  
October 5 & 19**

**International Meet  
Closed to the general public.**

**Invited guests only.**

**Memberships available at the gate.**

*The membership decided in a unanimous vote (with 1 abstention) at a scheduled business meeting on February 15th, 2008, that there would be no admittance for the general public during the International Meet. Membership applications will be available from the gatekeepers during daytime operating hours.*

*All MLS members in good standing are welcome to invite friends and family to the International Meet. Each member will be responsible for their guests while on our property.*

*The event organizers request that members supply the names of invited guests in advance so as to make the process as easy as possible for everyone. If a guest arrives at the gate and is not on the list, every reasonable attempt will be made to contact you on our site so you may come to the gate to welcome your guest(s).*

*The organizers and members agreed that this was a reasonable compromise for the visitors, our members and the volunteers. This policy will be subject to an annual review.*

## Work Days for the 2008 season

*All days are weather permitting and members' participation is encouraged. Experience is not required*

**Each Wednesday & Saturday from  
April through November**

**Spring Clean-Up**

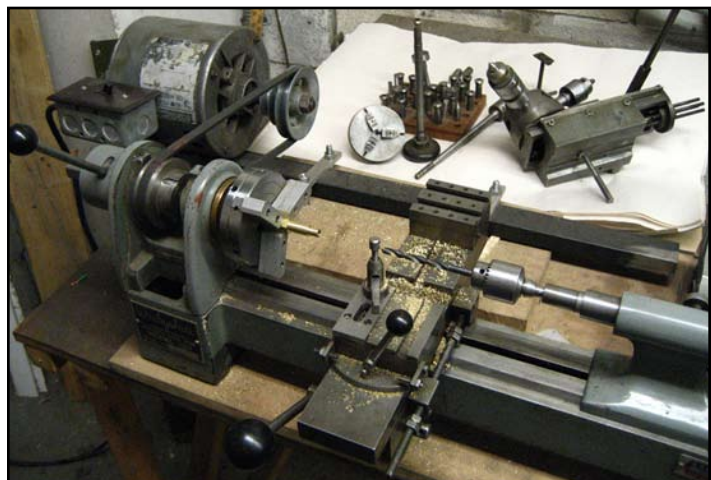
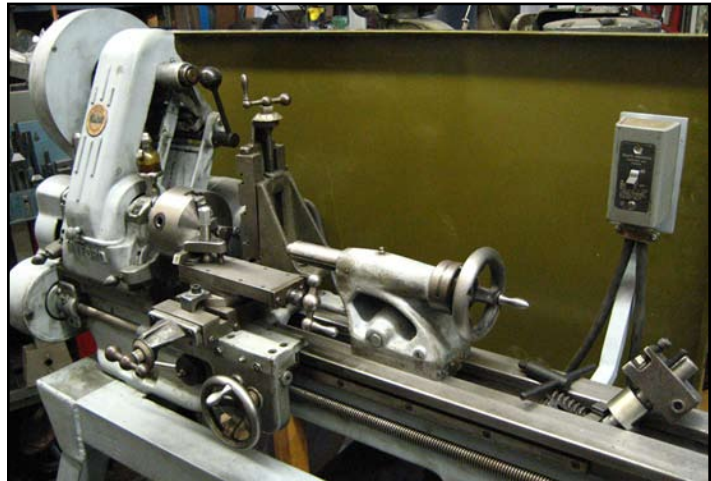
**May 10 & 11, 17 & 18**

**Locomotive & Rolling Stock:**  
1-1/2" scale, 7-1/4" gauge diesel outline locomotive, battery powered, painted CP Rail No. 74. Two person, gondola type riding car and caboose included.  
Battery charger included.  
Price; \$3,750.00  
Ken Power at (450) 692-2791

**Myford ML7**

7" X 9", new chucks 3", vertical milling slide.  
Bonne condition / good condition  
**Derbyshire #750**  
ten collets with holder 1/64" to 5/16", 2 scrollchucks with adapters tail stock and 5 stations capstran  
**Burke #0**  
Horizontal mill with 2 mandrels 1/2" X 1", with floor stand.  
Preferably collect.  
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# ITEMS FOR SALE



# LIST OF RR BOOKS FOR SALE FROM JIM BICKERTON'S ESTATE

A few years ago, Lenny Bickerton, called me and said he had some of his Dad's books that M.L.S. might like to have in it's Library, or to use in some way to benefit the club. I contacted the only "Club Librarian", that I think we had, Ken Power, and he wasn't sure where the 'Library' was, or what had become of it. There are some excellent titles here.

Note, Most of these books were printed in the 60s - 80s, some earlier, and the prices then are a fraction of their present prices. Some of Omer's books for instance, later editions went for much more. The difference in quality between 'N' & 'VG', usually means that the latter has Jim's name in the front. ( If the author wrote Jim's name, it can still be "N".) Jim obviously took good care of his books!

## PRICES

This was meant as fundraiser for the club. Keith suggested I look up [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com) to see the current USED prices. I have listed the price range, and what I feel is a fair price for the books. The books Jim had were almost in like new condition, except that he had his name in almost all of them. I would suggest that we offer them at a meeting, after advertising in the HOTSHOT, and see what they will bring. I would propose that the proceeds go towards purchase of the new dining shelter, possibly "Bickerton's Diner".

Square Brackets [ ] are added the title to form my description of contents. i.e.; [Around the World] means the contents are from many countries.

*Fred Motton*

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