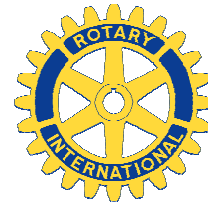




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A streetcar named Stockport.

The only traditional local tram your President ever saw in operation was when he was 6 in 1951 - their last year! Here are 3/4" scale models on show at the Transport Museum where he volunteers.

June 2018

We approach RI in Toronto all too quickly. It has been difficult to keep in touch other than by email being so far away from the Americas but we do know what we wish to do during the Convention.

We have a booth reserved for us. Number 141 in the House of Friendship and your President needs help in setting it up. I understand a limited number can have access to the HoF on the Friday June 22 afternoon and evening. I expect to be around during the afternoon and there have been offers of help already. We may well be limited to two persons anyway. We don't necessarily have to bring everything into the booth on Friday - it just needs to be set up (posters on the wall and whatever display materials are available for the display and dispensing on the table). We can walk more items in on Saturday.

It is a little late to set up an online sign up for booth staffing and attendance at the AGM. Therefore I request that attending IFRR members email me as follows:

1. Confirmation of your attendance at the Convention.
2. Confirmation of your attendance at the AGM (this is important for numbers at the Museum)
3. Whether you can to stop by the the booth early on Saturday to drop off booth display/giveaway items and sign up for booth staffing shifts during the rest of the Convention (I am going to be in the booth on Saturday when the HOF opens and Curtis Reinhardt and David Libby are likely to be able to help). Booth staffing is most important on Saturday and Sunday. Attendance in the HOF starts to drop off on Monday.

I am arriving in Toronto on Wednesday June 20 at around 1500hrs and staying in the Delta Hotel, 75 Lower Simcoe Street.

Information to be available on the booth can include any railroad items you feel appropriate but we need to have this in advance to put out on the Friday. I shall bring some British stuff!

I would like to confirm our AGM as well. This is on Tuesday June 26 2018 at:
The Toronto Railway Museum
255 Bremner Blvd. Stall 17, Toronto, ON.
tel: (416) 214-9229

Time: 1pm -2pm approximately

The AGM is expected to be in the C.P. Cape Race Car which hopefully will be positioned outside around the the turntable. We are trying to arrange direction signs. It will be available from noon. I hope more information will be available at the HoF booth 141. There is a limit of around 30 people. After the meeting a tour of the Museum is being offered. Please let us know if you wish to take this up as we need to advise numbers.

Location



The museum is located in Roundhouse Park on Bremner Blvd., south of the CN Tower and Ripley's Aquarium. The entrance to the museum is located at **Stall 17** of the **John Street Roundhouse**. Look for the yellow doors behind the large turntable!

Another iconic attraction in Toronto is of course the streetcar system. This still uses traditional trolley poles to collect the current and is one of the last urban systems in the world to do so. The system is a network of eleven streetcar routes operated by the Toronto Transit Commission. It is second busiest light-rail system in North America. It began operation in 1861 and has the unusual track gauge of 4 ft 10 7/8 in (1495 mm). There are 52m (83km) of track.

If you are interested in railroad modelling then Panther Hobbies & Trains 2580 Wharton Glen Ave, Mississauga, ON L4X 2A9 may be a visit you could make during the Convention.

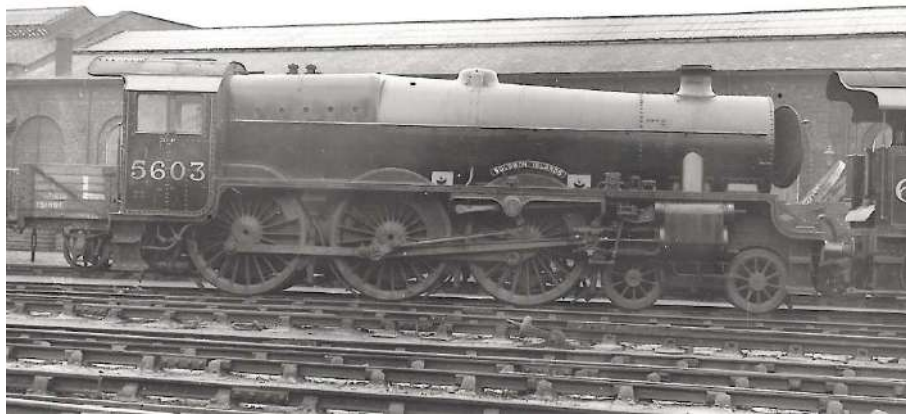
If you have time and can travel then you may also be interested in the WATERLOO CENTRAL RAILWAY. This is a recreational passenger train that runs on a historic railway branch between the St. Jacobs Market, the Village of St. Jacobs, and the town of Elmira, just outside of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Details available on their website.

We hope to have some extra information on other places of interest during the Convention. From my personal knowledge if you are able to get to Montreal during your stay in Canada the Canadian National Railway Museum is well worth a visit. Expect to be there all day! In the meantime I hope to meet many of you in Toronto. Until then, feel free to email or write with your ideas and comments, but mainly any offers of assistance with our booth!

It has not been easy to organise something I have never tried before and at 1000s of miles distance. Only Curtis Reinhardt's "local" knowledge has made anything possible. I also wish to thank David Libby in Rotary in Toronto and Tyler Best at the Railway Museum without whose "home" assistance we would all be lost. Life should be a lot easier next year in Hamburg - a little more local to me and as my Club is twinned with a German Rotary Club we should get some local help too.

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Just to finish with another appropriately British Railway image .
A 1937 view of a London Midland and Scottish Railway Company Jubilee Class 4-6-0 locomotive no. 5603 Solomon Islands, ex-works. This picture was a present to my retiring vicar Bishop William, who hails from the Solomon Islands. He was overwhelmed to discover a railway engine named after his birthplace.
(photo by permission of the Manchester Railway Society)