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## Welcome

The GHRA would like to welcome back Bill Bard who was a member of the club and executive in the late 1990s. Also welcome new member Trevor Blatherwick. The GHRA is continuing our membership growth and we thank you for your support.

Keen readers will notice that we published three newsletters last year. January will start anew with Volume 3 Issue 1. We are sorry for the missing issue.

Non-members are welcome to subscribe to our newsletter and receive your copy automatically, as soon as it is released! Send an e-mail to:  
[switchstand-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:switchstand-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Instructions will follow by e-mail.

## **Support CNR 6167 Restoration!**

### **Buy a button!**



Show your support for CNR 6167  
Purchase your CNR 6167 buttons at any GHRA regular meeting, or in person at Guelph Civic Museum. Suggested donation \$3.

## Club News

### **Club Mailing Address Change**

The GHRA has formally changed our mailing address as of Jan 1, 2007. Please send all new correspondence to:

Guelph Historical Railway Association  
5101 Jones Baseline R.R. 2, Guelph,  
Ontario. N1H 6H8

Some may remember this was our mailing address a few years ago. The previous address will continue to receive mail on our behalf for quite some time to come.

### **Visit the GHRA at the "Spotlight on Heritage, Stone Road Mall, Feb 17.**

The Guelph Historical Railway Association will have a booth at the Stone Road Mall, February 17 2006, from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The Locomotive 6167 Committee will also have a booth, as well as other fantastic Heritage organizations. Please come visit us!

### **Preliminary 2006 Financial Reports**

Thanks to Doors Open Guelph donations, membership support, growing membership numbers and a reduction in insurance premium the GHRA was able

to avert a loss in 2006! This is great news which will allow us to reinvest into future projects as well as working towards paying off our debts. According to preliminary financial statements our net income for 2006 was \$422. The full financial report will be distributed to the membership following completion of our annual charity taxation return.

### **Reminder Regarding Tax Receipted Donations**

If you are looking to or have made a donation to the GHRA, please make sure that your cheque or letter contains a current name, address, and phone number in order to assist in correct processing of any tax receipts. If you have not received a tax receipt, please contact us and we will check against our records to correct any mistakes. Thank you.

### **Union Station and John Street Roundhouse Tour rescheduled**

The tour is re-scheduled to April 29 2007. We will keep all things the same as discussed in the July 2006 Switchstand newsletter, with only one exception. Tour participants that join the GHRA as new members Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 or later will have the tour fee waived. The cost is \$10, and starts 11 AM upon arrival of Train #84. Tour ends for on-time departure of Train 87 back to Guelph. We will meet in the main concourse (ticket sales area) of Union Station. Contact Peter Shergold to get on the attendance list, and refer to the July Switchstand, or our website for tour details and updates.

### **Local Railway News**

**Canadian Pacific's President's Train**  
GHRA photographers were on hand to witness The Canadian Pacific Railway's President's Train as it made a brief run through Ontario on November 23, 2006. Reportedly on board were recently

appointed President Fred Green and other executives, who were traveling to Toronto from Chicago. The train was reportedly to stop at various places en-route, but some of the stops were cancelled at the last minute. They did spend some time beside the new GO layover construction site in Milton, and they reportedly stopped at the site of the new Toyota Plant in Woodstock Ontario.

The consist of the train was as follows:

CP 3084 in Maroon and Grey, CP 3015 in Action Red, Baggage/Generator #95, "Killarney", "Banffshire", "N. R. Crump", "Strathcona", "Van Horne", "Royal Wentworth", "Craigellachie", "Mount Stephen"

A photo is enclosed at page 4 of the newsletter in *Photo Corner*.

On December 6, 2006 the following consist returned westward bound via Detroit:

3084, 3015, Baggage/Generator #95, "Royal Wentworth", "Craigellachie", "Mount Stephen".

### **WSJR's Train Set Finally SOLD!**

The remainder of the former Waterloo St Jacob's train set has finally been sold. It is reported the engines and the rest of the cars were sold to the West Coast Rail Association in Squamish, BC.

### **Former Canadian Pacific Business Car #24 Moved to Guelph**

In addition to the Caboose and Baggage car of the GHRA, another piece of historical equipment was moved for storage on GJR. On December 31, 2006 former Canadian Pacific business car #24 was moved to the site of PDI's liquid transfer facility (former Huntsman Chemical).

GHRA member Chris Clarke has the following to add about the car:

- Built in 1929 by CP's Angus Shops
- 70 feet long
- Formerly Canadian Pacific "Quebec"
- Re-numbered "24" in about 1968
- Retired in 1983

Sources indicate the car is privately owned.

Also moved to Guelph Junction were two older tank cars now owned by Ontario Southland, still bearing some remnants of Canada Starch Co. lettering. The two tank cars were parked in the yard at Guelph Junction.

### **GO Trains vacate Guelph Junction**

The GO train sets that laid over at Guelph Junction since the 1980s have been moved to a new site east of Milton, Ontario by 5<sup>th</sup> line. The change occurred on January 5, 2007. The fate of the rails and other infrastructure at the Junction is currently unknown.

### **Imperial Tobacco site Sold.**

The Imperial Tobacco site in Woodlawn has been sold to Synnex, a computer distributor. A conversation with reception at the company indicated that they do not intend to use any rail service.

#### **Your ad here!**

Sponsor the GHRA! For a suggested amount of \$100, your company or organization will receive advertisements for a year in our newsletters, mentions on our website and at our public events! Each newsletter receives over 250 views. Contact Steve at 519-836-7186 for details.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

February 12, 2007 – Regular meeting

February 17, 2007 – "**Spotlight on Heritage**" 9:30 - 5:00 at Stone Road Mall. Volunteers will be required to

attend to our table. Please contact S. Host if you wish to volunteer.

March 12, 2007 – Regular Meeting

April 16, 2007 – Regular Meeting  
(Moved due to Easter the previous week)

Sunday April 29 2007 – **Union Station and John Street Roundhouse Tour**

Cost: \$10. Contact Peter Shergold to get on the attendance list.

May 14, 2007 – Regular Meeting

August 11, 2007 – **GHRA Annual Barbecue**. 5101 Jones Baseline. Details to follow in the spring newsletter.

**Note:** Regular meetings are held at the Cooperators building, 130 Macdonnel St, downtown Guelph. Start time 7 PM. Visitors are welcome.

To join/support the GHRA as a full member, send \$40 dues, payable to "Guelph Historical Railway Association" to our mailing address at top of newsletter, or visit us at one of our upcoming meetings.

Visit our website, [www.ghra.ca](http://www.ghra.ca) for an up-to-date listing of our meetings and events, and to view our photo gallery.

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## Photo Corner

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Canadian Pacific 40B-22, "3084 east" passes Guelph Junction as Ontario Southland begins their day. ©2006 steve.hostovsky.com  
Photo taken November 23 2006. Steve Host Photo.



Ontario Southland 180 and 505 approach Arkell with former CPR heavyweight business car "24" in tow. December 31, 2006. Chris Vanderheide photo.



A new EMD JT42CWR ("Class 66") built in London Ontario bound for export to the United Kingdom passes through Guelph. January 14, 2007. Chris Vanderheide photo.