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EXPORAIL

A New Way of Presenting Railway Life

May 2006 - Step into the world of giants, into a universe where history and technology rub shoulders in perfect harmony. Discover EXPORAIL, the Canadian Railway Museum in Saint-Constant, Canada's largest Collection of Railway Material!

Did you know that Exporail covers an area of more than **7** hectares and has **4.6** km of railway tracks, including a streetcar circuit, a train circuit, a yard, a miniature railroad circuit... not to mention **1** turntable and **2** stations?

The EXPORAIL collection is one of the most beautiful railway collections in North America. It includes **166** vehicles:

- . 43 streetcars and electric cars
- . 33 steam locomotives
- . 17 diesel locomotives
- . 25 passenger cars
- . 45 freight and miscellaneous cars
- . 3 business cars

The Museum was created on its current site in 1961 by the Canadian Railroad Historical Association, which was founded in 1932, by a small group of railway fans. **120** volunteers have been ensuring that the museum functions well, providing **14,167** hours of volunteer services every year.

A SENSATIONAL NEW PAVILION

The railway experience, as presented in the new Exporail pavilion, surprises visitors with its variety and its historical and scientific interest. You will find **44** vehicles there, including **12** that can be observed close up, **1** double observation pit and **3** slide shows. And you can travel back in time with a visit to our **2** fascinating exhibits.

With a small restaurant open in the summer season, the museum also has a grassy **picnic area** and a former baggage car, where you can take shelter in case of rain. The picnic area is available for games and leisure activities. **Free parking** is available for all visitors.

GETTING TO EXPORAIL FROM MONTREAL

This summer, Exporail proposes two ways to access the Museum. The **Museum Express Train**, will be operated on July 9 and August 20, to carry museum visitors from Montreal towards an unforgettable day. For reservations, call (514) 287-7866. **Autocars CIT Roussillon** provides daily, except Sunday, service from Downtown to the Museum. Information : (450) 638-2031.

EXPORAIL is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from June to Labor Day.
Wednesdays to Sundays, from September 6 to October 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Weekends and Holidays from November to May, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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