



A GREAT PASSION FOR SMALL TRAINS

August 15th & 16th 2009 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saint-Constant, July 21st, 2009 – A favourite event for visitors to **EXPORAIL**, the Canadian railway museum in Saint-Constant, will be held this year on August **15th and 16th** and promises to deliver extraordinary moments to treasure. This weekend, which showcases model railroading, amazes all our visitors. In addition to the Museum's existing little treasures, many model train enthusiasts from Québec and Ontario will be on hand to share with you the marvelous model trains which have materialized from their clever skills.

Among the many exhibits, visitors can see a model railroad layout representing a theme park, a British railroad and even a locomotive complete with smoke and sound effects! Come discover one of the world's most popular hobbies and see for yourself that the railroader's passion is not only limited to operating his train but also to recreating its surrounding landscapes. Keen observers will notice that not all model trains are of the same size. Various sizes correspond to different scales and are represented by letters such as G scale (1:22,5). This scale model is often used indoors as well as outdoors. O scale models (1:48) were popular between the 1930's to the 1960's, HO scale models (1:87) are the most popular today, and there are European scale models such as N (1:160) and OO (1:76).

Children can play at building their own model train in the LEGO® blocks section. They will also enjoy the latest addition to our model train room, skillfully crafted by our volunteers, « Thomas the Tank Engine » from the popular children's television show broadcast in over 150 countries.

This marvelous exhibit will be presented on Saturday and Sunday only, August 15th and 16th between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

EXPERIENCE A 100 % TRAIN DAY ON AUGUST 16TH: TRAVEL ON THE MUSEUM EXPRESS

Climb aboard the Museum Express at the Lucien-L'Allier station in downtown Montreal and take a 35 minute ride to the Museum's site. Departure time: Sunday, August 16th at 11 a.m. Return trip leaves the Museum at 4 p.m. For information and reservations call : **514 287-7866**.

All useful details (schedules and prices) are available on our website : www.exporail.org

EXPORAIL is located in Saint-Constant, on the south shore of Montreal.

Until September 7th, 2009 Exporail will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from September 9th to November 1st 2009, Wednesdays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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