



**PRESS RELEASE**  
*For immediate release*

**Chase away the winter blues**  
**VISIT A CANADIAN STEAM-OPERATED ROTARY SNOWPLOW**  
**AT EXPORAIL**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL MARCH 28th**  
**Loads of fun every weekend!**

*(EXPOCOMA 01) Saint-Constant February 22, 2010* – This winter, Exporail, the Canadian Railway Museum invites visitors into the cab of its rotary snowplow. Each weekend till March 28, 2010, visitors will be welcomed aboard this enormous CN vehicle. Built at Montreal Locomotive Works, this fascinating machine was in service from 1930 to 1960 clearing the tons of snow that accumulated on Canadian railroad tracks. Guided tours are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

In the Grand Gallery of the Angus Pavilion, visitors can admire streetcars, steam and diesel locomotives as well as various passenger and freight cars. The interior of some cars will even be open for public viewing. The Museum's collection, one of the largest in North America, houses the **oldest surviving Canadian-built steam locomotive (CP 144)**, **Montreal's first electric streetcar**, the Rocket and the Saskatchewan, **Sir William Van Horne's business car**. Visitors can also **go down into our observation pit, unique in North America**. Exporail is ranked as one of the top five of the world's largest railway museums. A guided tour, outlining Canadian railway history, is scheduled at 1:30 p.m.

With the « **What's in the Box – Recent Acquisitions in Perspective** » exhibit, Exporail unveils key elements of its collection. Enter into the engrossing world of great collectors like **Frederick Forbes Angus**, whose family has been associated with the development of Canada's railways since 1878. From early childhood, driven by his passion for trains, Angus collected his treasures with discrimination and determination and thanks to his generosity we can now all enjoy his unique collection.

Visitors will discover a myriad of documents and artifacts grouped in thematic displays as well as many magnificent objects which have been stored in the Museum's reserve such as:

- antique toy trains from around the world
- miniature replicas of Montreal streetcars
- uniforms and pocket watches
- equipment from old train stations
- fine china and silverware
- works of art, and archival material commemorating Canadian railway history

Exporail also presents **The Rocky Mountain Express**, a short presentation of an excerpt from a production currently being shot by world-renowned filmmaker Stephen Low, featuring dazzling sights and sounds of the Canadian Pacific Railway's 2816 steam locomotive traveling through the Canadian Rockies.

Our popular model train room will also be open. Visitors can enjoy our large collection of model trains, ranging from a tin toy train to an electric train; we even have a clockwork-powered locomotive. Children can see a replica of the famous **Thomas the Tank engine**, from the popular children's TV series. The Museum will be open March 3, 4 and 5 for March Break. An outdoor miniature train ride will be available during this time period as well. For information on our rates and opening hours dial 450 632-2410. For more event information visit our website at [www.exporail.org](http://www.exporail.org)

- 30 -

Information: Exporail - Maurice Binette, 450 638-1522, ext. 231

Source and Press contact: Exporail - Maria Vieira, 450 638-1522, ext. 249 - pictures attached to the email