

# HOTRAK Newsletter

News, Updates and fun facts



## Club History

We celebrated our 20th anniversary in 2016. Read on to find out how the club came to be.

The Ottawa Valley HOTRAK club was founded in April 1996 as a reincarnation of an earlier modular club in Ottawa that had disbanded a few years earlier. The founding members got together and laid out some basic principals for the club.

The three most prominent were, Operations, double and single track Main Line running and loop to loop operations with branch lines as opposed to running in a circle as virtually all other modular groups did at the time.

They set out Standards for module construction based on Moccasin Modular Railroad Club Standards and Free-mo Standards and adjusted them as needed to marry the two together using Transition Modules.

## April Exec Efforts

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### BY-LAWS

Reviewed submissions  
Being finalized, go to membership next week

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### INITIATIVES

Set funding needs  
Powered Legs and Anderson Power Poles

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### SURVEY

Analysis & Actions  
Full results to members prior to AGM

## Rail fanning

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[Chris Lyon's spots](#)

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## Module Prototypes

### Know the inspiration for our modules

You may know that most of our modules represent real places. But do you know the where those places are? Read on to find out.

- Vaughan is a CP Intermodal facility outside Toronto built in 1991 which serves Fast rate and formerly Sears.
- CAMI is the Canadian Automotive Manufacturing Inc. in Ingersoll, Ont. which produces GM's Equinox SUV.
- Castor River has its headwaters out in Castor Valley west of Metcalfe. It flows eastward to join the South Nation River just west of Cassleman. Along the way it is

joined by the Little Castor, East Castor and Petite Castor Rivers.

- Brantford represents the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo (TH&B) Railway's Mohawk Yard in Brantford from 1953 to 1956. Canadian farm manufacturer, Massey-Harris had merged with English manufacturer Harry Ferguson to form Massey-Ferguson.
- Corbyville is just north of Belleville, Ontario. Founded by Henry Corby (1832), a baker, who built a grist-mill but later expanded into a whiskey distillery business.
- Jackfish Bay is on the shores of Lake Superior halfway between White River and Thunder Bay on the CPR main line through Northern Ontario.

### Did you know:

To make rail traffic more efficient through a 160km stretch in B.C. (from Basque, near Ashcroft to Matsqui / Mission, BC) CN and CP use directional running. They go west on CN track and east on CP track, turning two single tracks into a double mainline!

### MARCH LAYOUT SUMMARY:

Wondering how this operating session went? Check out these #s.

- Significant increase in # trains run, and operating time from Feb
- 103 trains were run (53-Locals, 15-Through, 28-Passenger, 7 other)
- Local 9 CAMI ran 9 times; 5 other Locals ran 6 times
- 31 different people ran a train, 6 only ran a single train
- Two Engineers ran 7 trains, three Engineers ran 6 trains

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