Don McQueen's FROTH for 12-05-2010



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ON THE COVER:

Fun and frolic at Bayview and (ex) Hamilton West ! [TJ]

Passenger service on the "cow path"? With CN 421 having gone into emergency and fowling the switch at Bayview which connects the south track of the Dundas Sub with track 2 of the Oakville sub at Bayview, VIA 70 of Friday the 3rd, had to head down the cow path at Bayview, clear signal 003, wait for a "slow to clear" indication from that signal and then make a reverse movement over the crossover going from the South to North track of the Dundas sub at mile 0.48 and then proceed down the North track of the Dundas Sub, onto track 1 at Bayview and thence to Aldershot. The train did not have to come as far, down the cow path to catch the crossovers, but had to come that far to clear the signal, for its reverse move. *(All this because the crossover is against an eastbound crossover from the south to north main - Don).* Photo and information from Bryant Barbour.

And you got your hope up, eh, about those CP SD90MAC-H 9300s? [TJ] From Bruce Chapman -

An informed CP source advises the sale fell through. The units are not going to Saudi Arabia and will be held in Montreal for sale again.

GEXR motive power update: [TJ] Informed sources indicate GEXR dropped CN SD40-2 5381 off in London East a few days ago (about 11-29) to terminate the lease. CN SD40-2 5276 MIGHT be returned to CN within the next two weeks.

CN underpass work closes road for 6 weeks. [TJ] From Hamilton Spectator (12-02-2010) and Bryce Lee -

King Road in Burlington, Ont, has been closed to traffic due to complications with the construction of the CN rail underpass. Workers closed the street Wednesday and a city spokesperson said King Road will stay closed for about six weeks. The closure is needed for unexpected work on wells on the site.

The need for the wells was discovered during recent storm sewer work. Some 200 metres of storm sewers and four maintenance holes will be constructed. These wells are needed to overcome four (at least) shallow depth underground streams and a lot of quicksand.

BEDTIME VIEWING: Celebrating the arrival of snow !!!!!!!

ONR 2102 Snow Wash Posted by: "Joey" Fri Dec 3, 2010 1:34 pm (PST) Got a video today of 2102 coming through Nellie, blowing some snow off the siding track into my face. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDg0k7NIBVc

Too snowy or cold to stand track-side? SOO, brrmm ... http://www.railpictures.net/viewphoto.php?id=347373&nseq=96

Need a diesel horn fix? -Some great diesel horn sound files can be found here <u>http://www.dieselairhorns.com/sounds.html?album=5</u>

CN in the Stealth Grey. http://www.railpictures.net/viewphoto.php?id=347534&nseg=45