



GOLDEN LEAVES: Fall leaves litter the ground like a natural carpet on the Bruce Trail, just south of 17 Side Road. - Matt Reid

Railway museum opens new facility on Saturday

The Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association (O.E.R.H.A.), operators of the Halton County Radial Railway (HCRR) will officially open their new Archives Facility on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. at the museum with Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz cutting the ribbon. The museum is on the Guelph Line about two kilometers south of the Eden Mills road. (Townline between Eramosa and Milton.)

Last year, HCRR received \$45,820 in funding from the Milton Community Fund for the renovation of two former Canadian Pacific boxcars to properly store the museum's archives.

"A great deal of time and work had been spent renovating, gathering and moving artifacts to the new facility," commented Tom Twigge-Molecey, general manager of the OERHA, and lead for the project.

Five boxcars were donated by the Canadian Pacific Railway in April to the museum. The plan was to use two of these cars to renovate and preserve the museum's many archives, which include drawings, photographs, clothing and other railway related materials.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event. Some light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

The Association works to preserve and protect railway cars and equipment for the education and enjoyment of the public and for future

generations. Along with its railcar collection on display, the museum offers its visitors unlimited streetcar rides, tours and access to its railway station, gift shop, ice cream shop and picnic areas.

The Association celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2004. It is a privately funded, not-for-profit, educational organization and federally registered charity. The museum is open to the public May to October and attracts approximately 15,000 visitors per year.

For more information about the museum call 519-856-9802 or visit www.hcrr.org.

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Ontario Provincial Police officers checked 832,058 vehicles during annual province-wide fall seatbelt campaign. Over the nine days, there were three fatalities where non-compliance with seatbelt use was a factor.

To date, 97 of the 351 people killed in collisions on roads the OPP patrols were not wearing seatbelts, a 32.9 per cent increase over the same period last year when 73 of the 337 people who died weren't buckled up.

The fine for not wearing a seatbelt is \$110 and two demerit points for drivers.

"While the results of the seatbelt initiative are encouraging," OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino said, "it's disappointing to see that so many people are still refusing to buckle up. Officers charged 7,427 drivers

and 2,935 passengers for not wearing their seatbelt. They also laid 365 charges for child seatbelt offences."

"Motorists shouldn't think

that just because this initiative is over that we won't be checking," says Chief Supt. Bill Grodzinski, of the Highway Safety Division.

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