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Caboose at home in Rosspport as a mini-museum

By Judi Sundland

It rained the entire day, and it took a full eight hours to move 'her'. The yellow CPR caboose took its final trip on Sept. 26, 1988 to Rosspport.

She would no longer cross the country behind a trainload of cars; now she would have a place of honour as a mini-museum.

Some say, however, the move was a miracle.

The road was blocked to traffic while the engine stopped near the crossing. Under the front of the wheels, blocking was built up to hold the 22 tons while the back wheels were literally rolled out by Doug Stefurak and Bimbo Collinson.

No one really knew the slant of the track at the crossing. When the backhoe gently let her down onto the blocking, everyone gasped. She sat listing towards the Lake — but she held.

Slowly, the flatbed positioned itself under the entire unit. Then, both wheels and caboose left the track for the last time as they began their parade down Main Street on flatbed trucks.

One man high above watched for wires. What a sight!

The rest of the move looked easy, perhaps because of the expertise of the crew. Each man knew his job and performed it to perfection.

The battery in the video camera gave out just as box and wheels came together one last time. The key was turned over to Chair-person of the Historical Society, Cathy Gerow, and a wet crew headed home.

Now Phase Two must begin: the conversion to a mini-museum. The Society has voted to maintain to original interior as much as possible, while adding displays, etc..

Eventually, when it needs to be painted on the exterior, the group hopes to obtain the old CPR red and Canadian Pacific lettering to restore it to the colour it was in 1945.

A 99-year lease has now been signed for the section of property where the caboose sits and an option to renew for another 99 years has been granted. It was definitely worth a champagne toast by the Rosspport Historical Society on this memorable occasion.



This caboose was chosen to become Rosspport's museum.



Clowns, goblins, princesses and other masked and cloaked Brownies showed up for the Terrace Bay Brownies Pack One Hallowe'en Party.

By night's end, pack leaders Pam Jones, Ann Querry, Kathy Colebourne, Carmen Dinner, Lisa Merkley and Cathy Mason had their hands full...of make-up!

Record hot summer may have affected fish

Trout and salmon have eluded Ontario's anglers this year, and Ontario's hottest summer on record may be to blame, say officials of the Molson Export Big Fish Contest.

Although catches of large fish are up this year, overall Contest entries of brown trout, speckled trout, and salmon are down says Contest Administrator, Dr. Terry Quinney.

"We tend to forget that fish behave in ways quite different from our own," said Quinney. Much of our behaviour as humans is dictated by the calendar and our watches.

"For example, each species has a preferred feeding temperature, as keen anglers know. This summer's high temperatures undoubtedly affected feeding habits, particularly in trout.

"But with decreasing temperatures in early fall, some of the year's best fishing is available between now and the close of the 1988 Molson Export Big Fish Contest on November 30.

Other species eligible for prizes in both the Live Release Category and the Catch and Eat Category are largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, muskellunge, northern pike, walleye, and lake trout.

However, any species of fish — from American eel to yellow perch — caught in Ontario waters can be entered in the Any Fish Can Win Grand Prize Draw.

Prizes in the 1988 Contest include Evinrude motors, cash awards, and hundreds of Berkley rods and reels. In the Any Fish draw, one lucky competitor will be drawn to win a Dodge Dakota pickup truck, a Stryker bass boat and trailer, and a 70 h.p. Evinrude outboard motor.

Entry forms are available from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters by calling (705) 748-6324.

Final notice to all municipal candidates

This is the last week for candidates of municipal elections to take advantage of a free campaign message in the News.

Candidates can submit a 150-word summary of their platform, and may write what they wish. Candidates' profiles will be included in the Nov. 9 issue, which will be issued within a week of the municipal election.

Those wishing to take advantage of this community service can drop by the News office with their summary to pose for a picture.

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