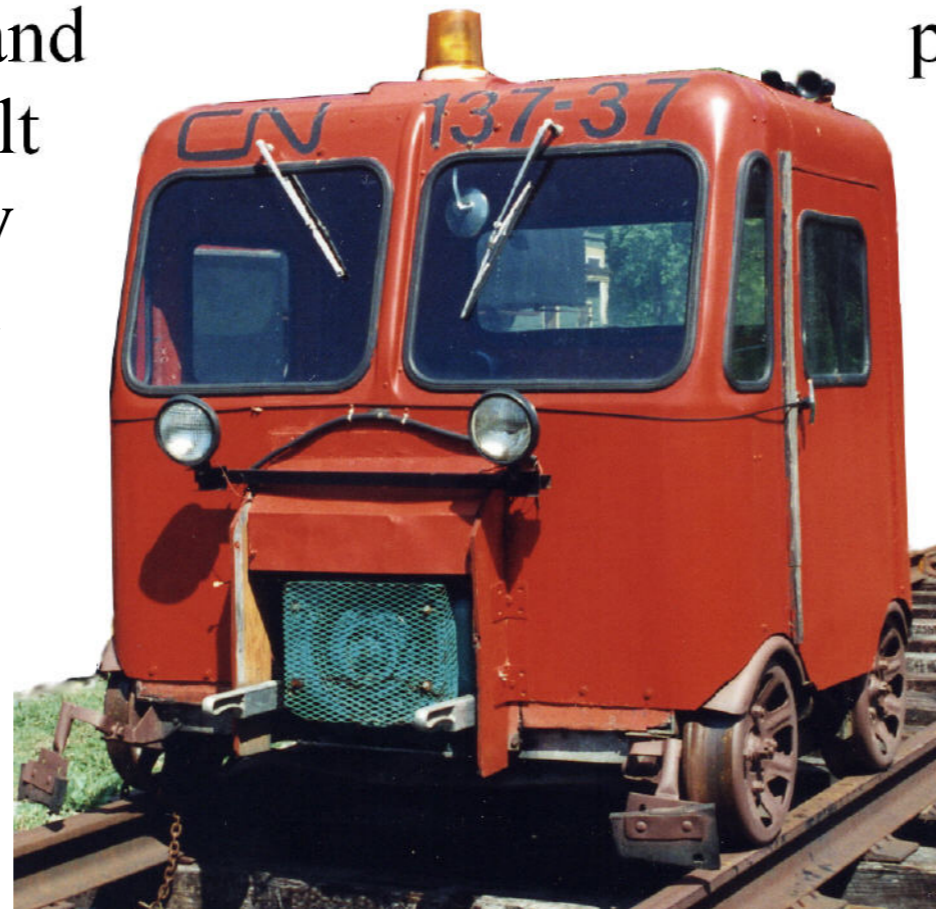


CN FAIRMOUNT SPEEDER

Since the 1990s, railroad maintenance locations have been reached by “Hi-Rail” road-rail trucks outfitted with flanged wheels along with regular tires to provide more flexibility in reaching road or rail locations. Until then, small two or four-seat rail cars called “Speeders” were the vehicle of choice for maintenance of way. The four wheel vehicles had 8-22 hp two or four-cylinder engines and could reach speeds as high as 40 mph. These gasoline powered track cars replaced earlier hand pumped cars.

This two-seat Speeder was built for the Canadian National Railroad in the 1940s by Fairmount Railway Motors Inc. of Fairmount, Minnesota. It is powered by an Onan gasoline engine and is fully operational. It was purchased by NRHS CNY Chapter member Bob Townsend from a rail yard in New Hampshire and moved to the Central Square Station Museum in 1998.



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