

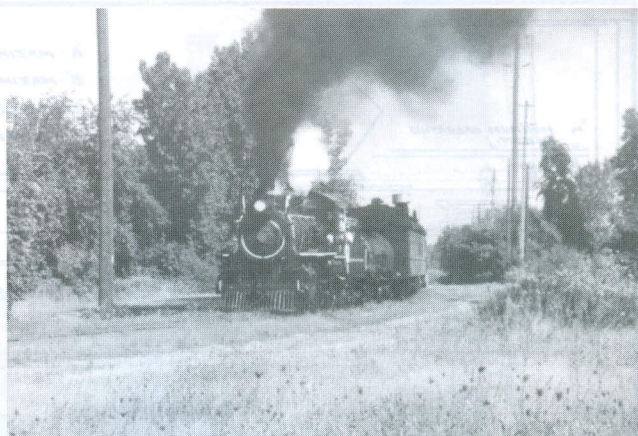
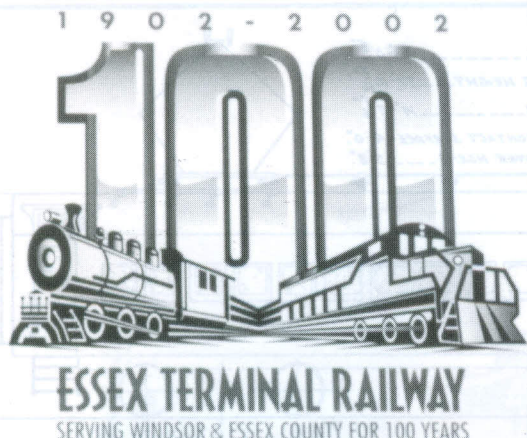


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Essex Terminal Railway's 100th Anniversary



The Essex Terminal Railway runs due south from Windsor, Ontario to Amherstburg. It serves a number of industries in the area and carries a great deal of freight. It has never had passenger service but was intended from the first as a freight hauler in this very industrialized part of Ontario.

The ETR was incorporated in 1902 by Act of the Dominion Parliament, 2 Edward VII, Cap. 62. its purpose was "To build from Walkerville via Windsor and Sandwich to Amherstburg". The main line was completed in 1907. The ETR was controlled by the United States Steel Corporation until 1937 when it was sold to Dominion Steel and Coal.

The first week of September 2002, the ETR celebrated 100 years of existence by running a series of short steam excursions, using former ETR steam locomotive No. 9, and giving a very rare opportunity to ride this short line. No. 9 was built in 1923 and is today in the railway museum at St. Thomas. On August 31 it was brought to Windsor.

The week of celebrations culminated on September 7 with a round-trip steam trip over the entire line from Windsor to Amherstburg. These photos were taken by your editor on that day. Number 9 then returned to St. Thomas where it is used in tourist train service.

