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Another mobilization to push for the prompt return of the passenger rail train

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NEW CARLISLE – The Coalition of Gaspesians for the Return of the Passenger Train will welcome railway enthusiasts Alan and Nina Freed of Massachusetts on June 21 as they travel through the region aboard their yellow 1957 Pontiac, specially adapted for use on railway tracks.

Their journey will begin at the Matapedia station and include stops in Carleton-sur-Mer, New Richmond, Bonaventure and New Carlisle before ending at the Port-Daniel station.

The approximate times of passage are 9 a.m. in Matapedia, 11 a.m. in Carleton-sur-Mer, 12:30 p.m. in New Richmond, 2 p.m. in Bonaventure, 2:30 p.m. in New Carlisle and 4 p.m. in Port-Daniel.

Following the trip, the public is invited to gather at the Green in New Carlisle at approximately 5 p.m. to highlight the importance of passenger rail service for the social, economic and tourism development of the region.

Organizers say information will be provided regarding VIA Rail's plans to prepare for the gradual return of quality passenger rail service to the Gaspé Peninsula.

The Coalition, joined by the Gaspé Peninsula Rail Transport Exchange and Mobilization Table, is also using the event to highlight the rehabilitation of the railway line to Port-Daniel–Gascons and the need to complete the remaining work to Gaspé as quickly as possible. (Photo: Gilles Gagné, taken in August 2016)