PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, BC. As I write this, (Feb 14) the Canadian Team has already won a silver medal. Congratulations Jennifer Heil! We are on the way to “Owning the Podium” here in Canada. I truly hope the Canadian Team does well. Go Canada Go!

The meeting in January saw a smaller turn out than we anticipated, but then the Vancouver Island Guys were participating in on their home turf that weekend. Hopefully we will have a larger showing at the February meeting. Having said that, 63 guys is not exactly a “poor” turnout.

Mark Horne has informed me that the Bellingham Bay Boxcar is sold out.

We were obligated to sell at least 100 cars and that number has been reached.

The Canadian Pacific

Woodside Reefer is our next car and Mark is taking orders now. If the sales history of our past Woodside reefers is to be repeated, we will again sell out and if you miss the boat on ordering this car, you will also miss the train. (bad humour ??)

The TTOS National Election has been concluded. For the final results, please reference www ttos org — the results are posted there. There was no change in the management of the organization.

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Left: Doreen & Ray Palm... rarely miss a meeting or TTOS function.

Above: Prior to getting started, almost everyone is in their seats and eagerly awaiting club news & updates from far & wide....

Bellingham Bay and British Columbia Railway double sheath box car is SOLD OUT!
I guess some members like the electronic aspects of the hobby but running trains and stories about running trains is more to my liking.

A suggestion has been brought forward by National to investigate the feasibility of producing a calendar as a fundraiser for the TTOS.

I would like to hear from the Canadian Division Membership on how you would receive this idea. Email me railroaddnut@shaw.ca and let me or any of the members of the executive with your ideas and thoughts about this matter. The email addresses for every member of the executive are on the front page of every TTOS Canadian Flyer and contact information is linked directly on our club website www.ttoscanada.org.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the February meet. Last month Olivia Ball and Doreen Palm brought some delicious homemade sweets to the meeting. I tried both of the delicacies and they were so good. See you all there.

Regards! David Cook, President
January 5, 2010

Atlas O is manufacturing a prototypical 40' wood sided reefer in the Canadian Pacific Railway colors. This very limited production “O” gauge reefer is comes in two numbers in both 2 and 3 rail.

Production is scheduled for the Fall with delivery during December 2010.
Cost is $65.00 US or $70.00 CDN plus shipping.

The price will have to change if the Canadian dollar drops dramatically against the US dollar.

Early payment is recommended.

Questions: email mlhorne@shaw.ca or telephone 604-987-8817 evenings.

If you wish to order please complete the following order form and mail your payment (payable to “Mark Horne”) to:

Canadian Car, c/o Mark Horne, 5574 Woodpecker Place, North Vancouver, BC Canada V7R 4P2

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Playing with Toy Trains knows no International boundaries. February 6 in Monroe, Washington; The TTOS Canadian Division Layout and members from both clubs playing with trains supplied by the Pacific North West Division had a blast showing off their toys to the attendees at the annual US show.  

Above Left: Bruce Fowler & Bill Weed (pres PNWD  
Left—Bruce, Tom Modica, Gary Zabenskie & Neil Wilson all look like they’re having fun.  
Above: The gang with both club banners  
.... Photos: Peter Toefield

Can you buy that for a Dollar?  
Find out during the auction at the next TTOS Canadian Division Meet February 28, 2010

Go to the club website www.ttoscanada.org for many more pages of FUN CLUB PHOTOS & EVENTS 
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TTOS ISLAND LAYOUT AT THE MALL

VICTORIA BC MALL — January 29-30-31 — Members of the TTOS Canadian Division on Vancouver Island

- set up in an empty store for 3 days at the end of January 2010. During that time, hundreds of children enjoyed running the two trains around the tracks on the children's table.

- Here, Makena 6-1/2 is the engineer on the DT & I Loco pulling 4 horse cars with 16 horses aboard and 2 giraffe. Waiting their turns are Zoe—4 and Mason—4-1/2

At the other end of the table is the transformer for the inside figure 8 line with Thomas, Annie and Clarabel.

Here’s Bill getting James, his tender and caboose ready to go.

The children’s table is out front, to the right... and there is always action on the big track...

The ferris wheel and carousel run non stop while the fire station, Mel’s Diner, gas station, car wash and disappearing passengers are operated by push button by the members on duty at the control desk.

As the hours go by we put different members’ and club trains on the lines so there is lots of variety for the public to enjoy.

As well as running the trains members help each other with trouble shooting and repairs. Here Bill - right and George - center (both veteran members) are working on the temperamental smoke system on new member, Dick’s CPR diesel.

Story & photos submitted by: Mike Woodley
MORE TTOS FUN

“three rail roach”
(a letter from Marchie, th’ collector/cockroach)

to the editors

hello and a lifetime investment in happiness to you and yours from marchie the railroach my grand uncle archie sends regards too although i will always be a toy train freak a lot has changed since my last note but such is the busy life of a train obsessed roach like yours truly i believe my family and i are somewhere in texas the food here is great but the hot sauces burn my thorax thats ok i never wander far from a package of tums that my ominous son and a couple of hell's roaches friends of his rolled all the way back here from the antacid concession at a tca auction

our family hitched a ride here in a lionel number 2291w denver and rio grande set box we were attending the local gats show and thinking about a residence change when i overheard a collector with a deep texas twang negotiating for this used grade eight plus set box believe me i know boxes i marched my family inside through a rip on the bottom of the box grade eight plus oh sure no doubt we are train nuts i say that because what might simply be a 650 dollar torn cardboard box to another multi legged family felt like the lionel hilton to us when we heard him yell sweetthot ah'm home we skedaddled as they say down here he put the set box down and we were just so outta there

life is sweet here in the air conditioned rumpus room with his fairly cool layout its set in fall and has a mountain and a couple bridges which i have fun scurrying over under sideways down when the big guy is upstairs my two youngest sons have actually ridden inside his bright red number 6476 hopper and my oldest daughter has grabbed the underside of a rubber cow and ridden the cattle car circuit a few times although i dont approve of that kind of stunt mind you

guess i will be going now so i can get this to you your old three railroach pal marchie is cool but has yet to make the transition to email until then i will settle for using our hosts computer and printer we still have to fold the letter and stuff the envelope and drag it - for real not computer drag - into his outgoing mail lucky ive got lots of help

marchie has always believed that train people are special people who often share their good fortune so dont let me down remember to leave something nice on the floor or even the table before you go to bed and when you are at train meets or shows be extra careful where you step the life you save may be mine

regards

marchie the 3-railroach

Submitted by: Elia Bryan Nelson
Finding it difficult to take that big ride on the BC Ferries each month but miss the social connection of sharing your hobby with others? Want to attend a TTOS Meeting in Nanaimo?

For complete details contact: Robin Dodson 250 758 8970 robin_dodson@shaw.ca

List your event... send info to: gailferrier@shaw.ca

Victoria Train Show 2010
20th Year
Sunday September 26, 2010
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road  Victoria, B.C.

Shuswap Rails 2010
PNR 7th Division Spring Meet
April 2-3 Easter Weekend 2010
Prestige Harbourfront Resort & Convention Centre
Salmon Arm, B.C.
Sponsored by the Salmon Arm Model railroad Association,
Details as they are announced

26th Annual Vancouver Island
Spring Model Railroad Show
Sunday, April 11, 2010
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Beban Park Rec Center
2300 Bowen Road
Nanaimo, B.C.
Operating Layouts, Swap & Shop Tables, Retail Sales
Model Contests (Popular Vote)

Mt Cheam Lions Club
Model Railroad & Hobby Show
Saturday October, ?? and Sunday October >??, 2010
Saturday, October ??, 2010 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, October ??, 2010 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Above: Auctioneer, Mark Horne shows what Gail could do with the lamp shade she was bidding on if she was the successful bidder.
Right: TTOS Members pay serious attention to the auction.
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