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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The April meeting was a grand affair with about 70 members present. We even had three of our members from *Washington* come up, and for the benefit of our newer members; I introduced *Gary Trapp*, *Bill Spaulding* and *Bruce Fowler* to everyone.

Richard Reidel made it down from *Fernie*, he showed me photos of the snow they get up there. It's more snow than I would want to shovel. It was also good to see *Gerry* and *Patricia Shaw* once again; sadly, Gerry said it was probably the only meeting that they would be able to attend this year. All in all it was a great meeting and some interesting items showed up in the auction.

We finished selling *Frank Horne's* 6464 collection. Frank, it was reported, was very happy with the results of the auctions at the last few meetings. *Neil Wilson* also brought a small amount of Marx, American Flyer and HO Trains. He took home a nice bit of cash for his effort. You too could convert your trash into treasure, just dig into your closet and find those boxes of junk that you really don't need. There is always someone looking for those odd cars, engines or whatever other bits and pieces you can find tucked away in the nether regions of your basement.

There was a sombre part of the day. We took time to remember our friends *Martha Perinice* and *Fritz (Fred) Nussli*. Both of them passed away the week preceding our meeting. We will all remember them as part of our lives and we will miss them.

I mentioned the Train Show in *Puyallup* this coming November, I have been asked by *Don Kyle*, our *National Vice President*, if the *Canadian Division*, along with the *Pacific Northwest Division*, would participate in the *World's Greatest Hobby Train Show*. This show will be quite a bit different than the show that is usually held at this time of year.



President, David Cook pictured here presenting a door prize to new member Sydney Ball.

2009 TTOS Canadian Division Meets

All meetings take place
at Charles Rummel
Community Centre
3630 Lozells Ave
Burnaby, BC

Doors Open 11:00
Meeting 12:30

Door Prizes,
Sale Tables,
Lots of Toys, &
a Great Auction!
May 31

June 28 Annual BBQ
September 27
October 25
November 29

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"Play with trains... Being grown up is highly overrated"

TTOS MEMBERS HAVE FUN



Door Prize Winners April 26, 2009

Above Left—Right:: Terry Bellinger,, — David Cook, President with new member Mike Reed — Robert Horsell, Far Right: Charles Reif chose a \$30. auction certificate as his door prize Right: Another new member, Sydney Ball won his first Door Prize at the April Meet.... All you have to do is show up and pay your monthly meeting fee (gives you a FREE LUNCH) to be eligible to WIN BIG!



Enjoy Show & Tell This month, some really neat stuff was on exhibit by member Left: Mike Brown showing off his Japanese floor trains ... the one Godzilla is always trampling Right: Vies Szalanski shows off his Marx



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IN MEMORIAM



FRITZ NUSSLI
(also known as Fred)

unexpectedly passed away on April 20, 2009 in White Rock, BC Born May 11, 1930, in Wald, Switzerland.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Ellinor and his two sons,

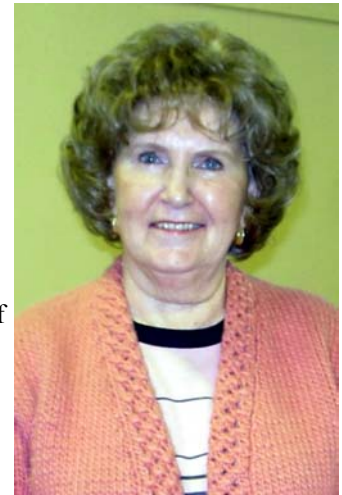
Ronald and Randolph, and their families, and grandson Rhyson and family... And his many friends at TTOS.

MARTHA PERINICE

December 10, 1930 — April 21, 2009

Martha, known as Grandma Choo-Choo to her 6 grandchildren, was a well-loved and vital member of the TTOS Canadian Division since she was part of the original group of founding members along with her husband Jim, who passed away several years ago. Martha continued to come to our monthly meetings and always helped with the food.

She often talked of the early days when the meetings were held at her home... and we will miss her cheerful face... wonderful sense of humour and love of life.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued from front page*

The World's Greatest Hobby Shows are where the major manufacturers actually participate and the owner of the show spends a considerable amount on advertising. This will make for a bigger and better show with a much larger attendance. We have always taken part in the small shows because that's all we really have out here. This will be an exciting show and I expect that the bus trip will sell out this year. Don Kyle will be hosting the TTOS National booth at this show, so it will be an opportunity for us as a club to offer memberships to our respective divisions. **Bill Weed**, the **President** of the **Pacific Northwest Division** has said that his members will supply the trains to run on our layout, just as they did in **Lynden** and **Monroe**.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention **Dave Scott** and his effort to clothe us in appropriate logo wear. Dave had a good day and most of our members saw their way to his table. If you haven't already done so, please stop by at his table next month and see what he has to offer. It is well worth it and most affordable.

I was talking to **Doug McLeod** and he said a funny thing happened the day of the meeting. Doug said "He went to lunch and a train meeting broke out". **Gail**, you did a wonderful job on the lunch and our thanks go out to you, **Doreen Palm**, **Janice Crowdy** and **Olivia Ball**. The food was great and you presented it well.

I hope to see more of our members at the next meeting.

Regards, David Cook, President

Railroad Events & Train Shows

1st Annual Vancouver Island Logging Modellers Meet

Saturday, June 13, 2009

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

McLean Mill National Historic Site
Port Alberni, BC

Mill Tours, Speeder Rides, Clinics, Model Displays & Contests (Popular Vote)

Sunday Tours of Alberni Pacific Railway Facilities (if enough interest)

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Saturday, June 6 &

Sunday June 7,

8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

West Coast Railway Heritage

Park — 39645 Government

Road, Squamish, BC

Tickets - \$ 20.00 For tickets & Info 1-888-222-

6608 <http://www.ticketweb.com/thomas.html>

Saturday, June 13 & Sunday June 14, 2009

8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

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**From Top Left: — No name tag... (sorry) Jim Flett & Brian Asp
Bottom Left— John Wolff & Richard Reidel — Gary Zabenskie & Bill Spaulding**

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Annual Victoria Model Train Show

Sunday, September 13, 2009
More details as they are released.

Mt Cheam Lions Club Model Railroad & Hobby Show



Lions Clubs
International

Saturday October, 17 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday October 18, 2009 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way,
Chilliwack, (Freeway Exit #116)
Information: James Hill Mount Cheam Lions
Train Show Chairman, Phone - 604-824-1757
Fax - 604-795-5046 [E-Mail qdee@telus.net](mailto:qdee@telus.net)

Trains 2009

Cameron Community Centre Public Show

Saturday November 14, 2009 10:00 - 4:00
Sunday November 15, 2009, 10:00 - 4:00



The picture above was taken at the **Nanaimo Train Show on April 5**, where I set up a standard gauge layout for the kids (old and young) to enjoy. **Robin Dodson**

Have you got a story and/or photos to share about the greatest hobby in the world? Please share it with other toy train aficionados send to: railroadnut@shaw.ca or gailferrier@shaw.ca

Bill Stephenson honoured for 60 years of service

Long-time firefighter & TTOS Member, Bill Stephenson, left, was presented with a medal from Lieutenant-Governor Steven Point, right, for his 60 years of volunteer service to the Sooke Fire Department.

Jim Sinclair photo reprinted from the Sooke News Mirror Published: April 07,



What he's seen and done since signing on with the Sooke Volunteer Fire Department in 1948 at the age of 16 would likely fill a tome.

It's hard to imagine where the time has gone but Bill Stephenson, 77, has now logged an amazing 60 years with the department. In that time he has served in every available position.

Records are not 100 per cent accurate ... but it is strongly felt Stephenson has the record for such service in B.C. and, quite likely, in Canada.

A massive outpouring of respect, admiration and gratitude was staged for Stephenson's benefit on April 4, 2009 featuring a parade of antique and modern firetrucks through Sooke, and an open house with a host of dignitaries including **BC's Lieutenant -Governor Steven Point.**

The Sooke Firehall, having previously been named in Stephenson's honour, was full of well wishers for the happy occasion.

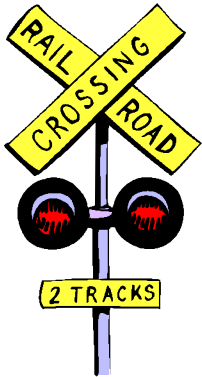
The guest of honour was asked what period within those 60 years stands out in his memory in terms of challenges met and overcome?

"The start was really tough," he replied without hesitation. "We didn't have the equipment in those days. It was harder work. Now we've got the breathing apparatus... we can go in a burning building. In those days we would just go in without it. It's lucky we're still around."

Stephenson gave credit to all of the teams of firefighters, stating they made all the difference.

When he wasn't fighting fires and saving lives, he worked for many years at **Cain Brothers Garage** and then for 32 years as a saw filer. He also served as a Sooke school district trustee for 12 years. Stephenson held the position of fire chief for two years when it was still a volunteer position.

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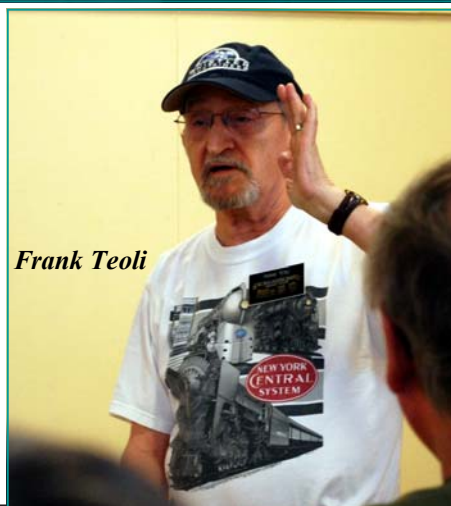
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