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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

A good meeting with about 60 members and guests in attendance is over with lots of trains showing up, especially from Bill Stephenson's collection. As always great food and fellowship all around.

If you are thinking of going to York, PA next October 2017 please let Mark know now as the hotel rooms have now been booked.

I will be continuing to sell Bill's collection this meeting but it is almost all sold now. There are pictures in the newsletter of some of the toys and trains I am bringing. Everything will be sold from the tables starting just after 10:30.

Thank you for supporting your club projects, they really help the bottom line of your club and you get a unique Canadian car. Our current projects are an Atlas die cast hopper in Pacific Great Eastern colours and an MTH British Columbia Electric 36' reefer, just like the very popular E&N reefer we did prior. If you wish to order notify me ASAP, payment can be later but I require numbers now.

See you at the end of the month.

Mark

Bus Trip January 21

## 2017 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

All meets at Charles Rummel Community Centre, 3630 Lozells Ave.  
Burnaby B.C. [doors at 11am, meeting 12:30]

### UPCOMING MEET DATES:

Jan 29 (2017)

Feb 26

Mar 26





CHRISTMAS  
DRAW  
WINNERS  
&  
door prize  
winners  
November  
2016



The good, the not so bad, and the pretty all findable at our CTTA meetings





Tom Modica suggests,  
for snowplough fans:

<http://trainfanatics.com/strasburg-railroads-475-plows-the-line-clear/>



Items from Bill

Stephenson's collection coming to  
table sales Jan 29, starting around  
10:30am  
(examples illustrated here)



including the 3 1/2" ga.  
Hornby  
Stephenson's Rocket

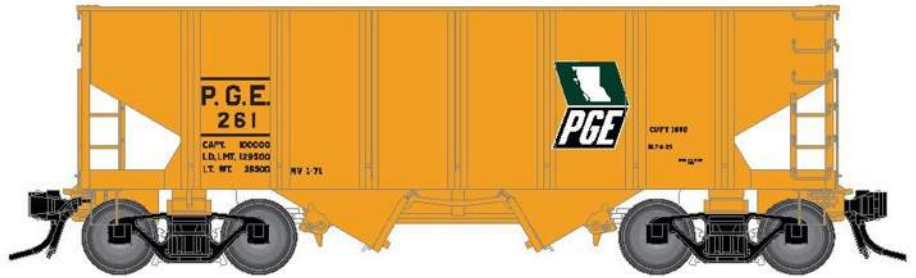


### Pacific Great Eastern Atlas 55 Ton Coal Hopper

Atlas O is manufacturing a 55 ton coal hopper in Pacific Great Eastern Railway colors. This very limited production die cast "O" gauge hopper car comes in two numbers in both 2 and 3 rail. Delivery is expected in summer/fall 2017.

Cost of the car is \$ 75.00 US plus \$ 12.00 US shipping per car. All cars will be shipped from Washington State.

Questions: email or telephone 604-560-4028



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  
16266 – 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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Name	<input type="text"/>				
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City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>	ZIP	<input type="text"/>
Email <input type="text"/>					
Quantity	<input type="text"/>	_____ 2 Rail		<input type="text"/>	_____ 3 Rail
Hopper Cars					

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 21-22 Puyallup WA  
Worlds Greatest Hobby

BUS TRIP SAT. JAN 21  
Info: [wghshow.com](http://wghshow.com)

Feb 27—29 Monroe WA  
North West Model Hobby Expo

Info: [nwmhe.com](http://nwmhe.com)

July 24-29 Tacoma

LCCA Convention  
info: [lionelcollectors.org](http://lionelcollectors.org)

don't forget to check the website for updates  
[www.canadiantoytrains.org](http://www.canadiantoytrains.org)

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LAYOUT PICTURES! I NEED THEM!

### British Columbia Electric Railway MTH 36' Woodsided Reefer

The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that MTH is manufacturing a British Columbia Electric Railway 36' woodsided reefer in their Premier line. The BCE, which operated in Vancouver and Victoria, BC, was later acquired by the Canadian Pacific Railway. This very limited production "O" gauge car comes in two road numbers in 3 rail. Delivery is expected in summer 2017.

This is the third MTH car in our Canadian series and has a limited run of 100 cars.

The Canadian Toy Train Association member cost is \$ 85.00 CDN per car including shipping within the lower mainland and Vancouver Island. With the drop in the Canadian dollar this is a real deal for our members.

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Name				
Address				
City		State		ZIP
	Email _____			
Quantity	_____ 36' reefers			



*Dave Cook does the  
Santa thing.  
no chimneys for our man.*

terry berg recommends:  
for historic PGE /  
BCRail passenger  
service fans  
[http://passcarphotos.info/  
Indices/BCOL.htm#OE1010](http://passcarphotos.info/Indices/BCOL.htm#OE1010)



## My Marklin Factory Tour

By Frank Schmidt



The toy and train manufacturer, Marklin, was founded in Goppingen, Germany in 1859 as a family run enterprise. Despite many setbacks from financial and family issues, they prospered and built sheet metal toys for the European market.

By early 1900, Marklin's toys were held in very high regard for their quality, workmanship and reliability in Great Britain and the United States of America. In 1900 Marklin built their first windup railway complete with track and switches. The year 1898 also saw a brand new purpose built factory building in Goppingen on Stuttgarter Strasse. By 1911, this building was too small and with ever increasing employees and products, the family made the bold decision to build a larger facility with 6 floors at this property.

On a recent train vacation to Germany and Switzerland, it was to this factory that my Stuttgart friends, Helmut and Eve Rohleder, arranged a special factory tour for myself and my wife. In late September each year Marklin has an "Open House Weekend" for public tours, however, our travelling schedule missed this opportunity. Helmut was persistent with his requests to arrange a tour for his Canadian friends. Our Marklin guide was Mr. Heinz Osswald, a 53 year Marklin employee who volunteers in his spare retirement time to lead arranged factory tours. When we arrived, introductions were made and a concise personnel safety briefing – no smoking, no photographs and fire escape routes – was given.

The factory employs 500 + hi tech workers for train manufacturing, working an 8 hour shift. Our tour started in the casting section viewing the over 700 die cast injection moldings required for the HO, O, N, and 1 Gauge trains produced here. Also the different flat metals, rounds and sheets used for the produced parts are stored nearby. All of Marklins' molds are made in-house and the position of mold maker is one of the senior positions in the factory. An average of 600 to 800 parts are produced per 8 hour shift on each of the 6 machines. At the Goppingen factory mostly fully metallic trains and components are produced while the majority of plastic parts are made at the Gyor factory in Hungary.

After the casting, the parts are processed for drilling, tapping and chemical cleaning before painting. Water based paints are used for environmental purposes with each piece receiving 2 coats of fixed colour spray. Automatic painting for larger pieces is performed in a slight vacuum induced booth while manual paint spray done on small and intricate parts. Quality control is apparent at each production station.



Axle turning, gear making and machining of wheels or the European style of car bumper are made on the third floor with all parts individually laid out on large stackable trays on trolleys. These trolleys with the individual parts are brought to the assembly stations on the fourth floor. Women mostly are still employed for this detailed assembly work. Modern diesel of the ICE design contain 300 + individual parts, all produced in this one factory.



The wood plank flooring is still original from the 1911 construction. The entire factory is essentially spotless, you would not find any metal scraps or debris on the floor at any level or work area. Heinz stated that this condition was not always this way but it took a concerted 3 year effort to arrive at this state. Besides the obvious reason of personal safety, also fire (insurance), painting as well as modern electronics appreciate a clean workplace environment.

We watched one assembly process and once this locomotive was assembled, there followed over 50 different quality control tests that range from manual track operation to computer checks on power draw, traction, heat generated, wheel alignment and binding, smoke and sounds and many other tests before final packaging. The Marklin factory even make their own sound chips from actual recordings where possible.



To ensure quality operation, random sets are pulled from their completed retail train sets for further supervisory quality testing to ensure that their set of control checks had no slip-throughs.

We thoroughly enjoyed our factory tour with Heinz and can now appreciate the extent of skill and craftsmanship that go into the Marklin trains produced. Heinz did give us permission for limited photography which we appreciated. It was easy to reminisce to the 1930's and imagine those fabulous Marklin trains and toys in 1 and 0 Gauge coming out of this factory.



*A Bit of Marklin  
from before the 1911  
factory*

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**Canadian National #1 - Scale 44 Ton Switcher**  
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## NEW PRODUCT LISTING

### Description

Features include:

- die-cast frame
- die-cast trucks
- dual motors with flywheel
- prototypical scale dimensions
- electronic reverse board with directional lock-out
- LED lighting
- True Blast® Plus 16-bit polyphonic sound including prime mover, horn, and bell
- engineer cab figure
- flush-mounted windshield with separate wipers
- navigates O-27 curves
- length 9" coupler to coupler; height 3.25"

