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Hello everyone,

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT #5

There was excitement in January, when we discovered we had scheduled our monthly meeting to occur a week early, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of the 30<sup>th</sup>! With just a few days notice, the membership responded, and we had a full turnout. Thanks to everyone who came and to the 'Food & Drink' crew who reacted quickly to get everything in place on short notice.

I also hosted my first Executive Meeting as CTTA President. It was nice to have the crew over to my place and of course we had some fun running trains on my layout. So much fun in fact that we forgot for a few minutes about the Members attending by ZOOM who joined the meeting on time and were waiting for us.

By now you should have received your NEW CTTA Club Cars, the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Co. and Moosehead Beer reefers from MTH. Another gorgeous pair of items to add to your growing train! I'm pulling all my CTTA – MTH Wood-sided Reefers out of their boxes to make a long Reefer train. What to pull it with – steam or diesel?

Thanks also to everyone who has responded so enthusiastically to the news that Hugh & Linda Laing of Kanata ON are retiring and selling the Christmas Train Store inventory at great prices. I've bought several batches of MTH VIA Rail passenger cars and my VIA Rail train is now 14 cars long! I hope you found yourself a few great pieces for your layout or collection.

As the Spring approaches, CTTA will explore the possibility of hosting a BBQ in late March at the Burnaby Central Railway. Food, drink and running trains sounds like fun! More info to come at the meet.

By now you've had a chance to browse the NEW Lionel 2022 Catalog from cover to cover. A major surprise to many of us was the announcement of the new Base3 and quantity of CN & CP Heritage diesels being offered. All the major train shops are offering early buy pricing for these Built-to-order items. I'm ordering the BC Rail #3115 and CN Military engine #3233.

Show us what you've got running on your layout and what projects you're working on! Editor Charles Reif needs help putting your Canadian Flyer together and is always keen to share content received from members.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our February meet on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Kyle

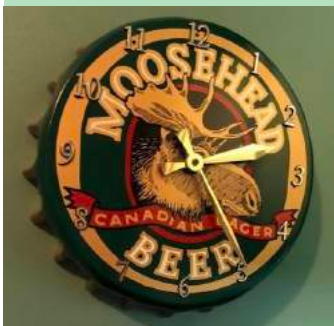
## 2021-22 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

meetings at Charles Rummel Community Centre, Burnaby B.C.  
doors open at 11am

UPCOMING DATES:

SUN FEB 27

\*note changed date —> SUN MARCH 20 \*(not 27)  
SUN APRIL 24





CN Alco, HO bus, and an early form of rapid transit (catapult)

News Flash from Mark: he will be bringing the Victoria Terminal and Moosehead Reefers to the meeting on Sunday Feb 27

January  
door prize  
winners



### Views of the 'High Table':

<--VP Gary Zabenskie shows off the day's Treasury items.

Auctioneer Mark Horne and VP take bids -->

not shown: Treasurer Jim Barrett, Secretary Charles Reif, Auction Manager John Warlimont



THEY ARE  
HERE!

(the real deal)







Speaking of beer, the CTTA Friday lunchsters recently convened to celebrate **Terry Berg**'s latest Menard's acquisitions.



Kyle took photos from a recent visit to **John Constible** and his fabulous Standard Gauge trains



### CTTA Victoria & Sidney Phoenix Beer car:

EXPANDED RUN; orders still being taken.  
see Order Form on pg. 6



*The old Government Street brewery was torn down in 1982, despite a vocal movement to save the old industrial building.*

The Victoria Brewery goes back to 1858, BC's founding year and in the midst of the Caribou gold rush. By the 1880's they were supplying His Majesty's forces with 150,000 gallons of ale per year. In 1891 they built the brewery shown above. In 1893 Victoria Brewing and Ice merged with the Phoenix Brewing Co. Ltd. ref: [victoriaharbourhistory.com](http://victoriaharbourhistory.com)

The Victoria & Sidney Railway Company was founded in 1892 to connect Victoria to the farmers of the Saanich Peninsula and the new north Saanich town of Sidney, a distance of 16 miles. Known as "The Cordwood Limited", the railway got a new life in 1901 as the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company, a scheme to connect the Great Northern Railway to Victoria by ferry from Port Guichon at Ladner via Sidney and the V&S rails. ref: *The Victoria and Sidney Railway*, by Darryl E. Muralt



## EVENTS:

feb 27 CTTA meeting at  
Rummel

frank schmidt & charles reif  
will be doing a show n' tell on  
Prewar  
Canadian Toy Trains.



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Mark Horne · January 27 at 5:31 PM ·

Our day in Boston and Charles Ro Trains and view from our hotel room



photo by Dave Scott

## EDITOR'S CORNER (CHARLES REIF):

GREETINGS TO ALL OUR EASTERN AND AMERICAN MEMBERS WHO HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW US (AND VICE VERSA) IN THE ERA OF ZOOM.

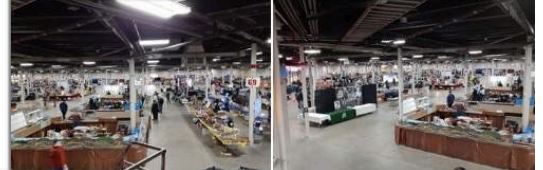
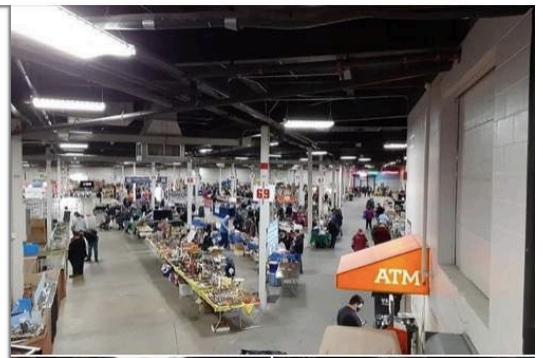
WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS TO SEND US PHOTOS OR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER, AT [creif@shaw.ca](mailto:creif@shaw.ca)



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Tom Modica · 2h ·

The largest building, crowd is very light



Mark Horne & Tom Modica returned east to catch the Amherst show in West Springfield, Mass.

Ralph Spielman joined them on the road.

low attendance due to blizzard - no problem!

A visit to volume dealer Charles Ro was in the cards too.



selling track in 1952  
Railroad Model Craftsman



Kyle Miller discovers a Lionel box mystery:

Two 2432 'clifton' dome cars, seeming identical.

One box calls it a 'vista-dome' with '2432-14' on the box flap.

The other says 'astra-dome' with '2432-10' on the flap.

Why ?





## BCER 153 at the new North Vancouver Museum

photo and text from an article  
by John D. Thompson

[thanks Ralph Spielman for the heads up]



"153 spent the latter part of her career exclusively on the Lonsdale route, running up and down the very steep hill (grades up to 10.54%) on which North Vancouver's main street is built. Her assignment to this route was because she remained a two-man car to the end of service on Lonsdale on 1 January 1947. Lonsdale was the first route abandoned in its entirety.

Although the other two routes, 2-Lynn Valley and 3-Capilano, were converted to one-man operation in the 1930s, the City of North Vancouver insisted the 1-Lonsdale route remain a two-man operation. That there was a spring-loaded safety switch below Third Street that needed to be turned on every southbound (downhill) trip probably contributed to this stipulation. The safety spur turned off into a sand trap of four car-lengths. It definitely got its use, especially when leaves or other detritus got onto the tracks, making braking very difficult.

Car 153 was a chicken coop when it was discovered by Bob Webster. His photo of the ramshackle old girl appears in Henry Ewert's excellent little book, *The Perfect Little Streetcar System*, a history of the North Vancouver operations. 153 was eventually rescued by the City of North Vancouver, put under restoration and is the pride of the foyer of the recently-opened North Vancouver Museum today."



The joys of  
plywood:

refinishing  
of old  
woodside  
'caboose'  
on the  
PGE



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Kyle Miller and Terry Berg's Green CN twins 227 and 228 on Kyle Miller's layout + full scale.





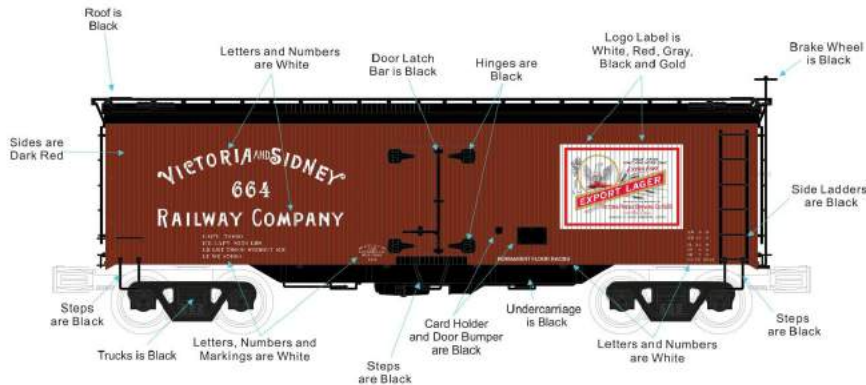
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### **Victoria & Sidney Phoenix Brewing MTH 36' Woodsided Reefer**

The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that MTH is manufacturing a Victoria & Sidney Phoenix Brewing 36' woodsided reefer in their Premier line. This very limited production "O" gauge car comes in two road numbers in 3 rail. Delivery is expected in late 2022.

The Canadian Toy Train Association member cost is \$ 85.00 CDN per car including shipping within the lower mainland and Vancouver Island.

Questions: email [mlhorne@shaw.ca](mailto:mlhorne@shaw.ca)



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

**Canadian Toy Train Association**  
c/o Mark Horne  
16266 – 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Surrey, BC  
Canada V3Z 6Z3

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



**Arthur Sheridan** flags a feature on a Bruce Peninsula garden railway in Ontario, modelled on the Kettle Valley Railway in B.C.

<https://sites.google.com/site/>



**Martin Joly** recommends Italian high speed trains, and plans to be riding them again in the summer of 2022..