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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT #6

Hello everyone,

Spring is in the air, and the warmer weather and gradual loosening of health restrictions seems to have brought train lovers out in search of more toy train fun!

With capacity limits removed for indoor meetings, we had a 'full house', with 66 members attending. It was great to see a few members who haven't been to the in-person meets yet this year, and as always, we were delighted to have a batch of our 'Island Group' members make their way across the water to join us. We ran short at lunch by a few Subway sandwiches, unfortunately for those who arrived later, so we have increased the order for the March meet. Thanks again to Clark, Ed & Mark for arranging the food and drink we enjoy.

Not only was the Community Centre full, but so were the tables — full of trains to buy! The action was very lively and large armloads and boxes of trains were leaving the building well before 11:00 am. I'm learning quickly to get there earlier than ever. I also found some great items for great prices and brought home 4 new pieces.

The highlight of our February meet was a 'Show & Tell' by Frank Schmidt and Charles Reif, who brought a showcase of Prewar Canadian Tinplate Treasures featured in their recent book. Thanks gentlemen for sharing your amazing and extensive knowledge, and for allowing us all to inspect these wonderful trains and learn more about them!

CTTA is hosting a BBQ lunch and 'Play Date' with the BC Society of Model Engineers (BCSME) at the Burnaby Central Railway, 120 N Willingdon Ave., on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> - (Rain date April 2<sup>nd</sup>). Join us for a chance to

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## 2021-22 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

meetings at Charles Rummel Community Centre, Burnaby B.C.

doors open at 11am

UPCOMING DATES:

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

SUN APRIL 24

SUN MAY 29





A good selection of trains at our CTTA February meeting



Door prizes included Moosehead Beer hats



Great to see busy tables and a busy auction







Gordon Hall with recent custom projects

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run some G gauge and O gauge trains on the outdoor garden railways, and a chance to ride the Mini-Rail and see the shops and facilities. We'll serve a simple lunch of Burgers, Jumbo Hot dogs and drinks for members at NO charge.

Come along and enjoy a social with your fellow members and make some new friends. Train fun starts before 11:00 am and our lunch will be about 12:30. Contact myself or Gordon Hall if you have questions or need more info. We have 15 Members signed up so far.

I hope to see you at the March meet – which is ONE WEEK EARLY on Sunday, March 20!

Kyle



Charles Reif and Frank Schmidt  
(with President Kyle Miller)  
exhibited made-for-Canada trains  
that featured in their book,  
**CANADIAN PREWAR TOY TRAINS**  
[available at [blurb.ca](http://blurb.ca) or [blurb.com](http://blurb.com)]

**Frank Schmidt**  
(holding the book)  
showed his especially  
rare 'Imperial Limited'  
cars made circa  
1915-18 by American  
Flyer for sale in  
Canada.

'Imperial Limited' was the  
name given by the CPR to  
its premier  
transcontinental train  
from 1899, seven days a  
week from Montreal and  
Vancouver.

also on view: cars  
by Bub, Hafner's  
"Canadian Flyer"  
coaches, and  
AF Hummer CN.







also displayed:  
Frank's rare  
boxed  
Imperial Limited  
and  
Dominion Flyer  
sets,  
the latter  
including the  
very rare CP  
baggage car.



Charles Reif  
showed a range  
of Bing CP  
boxcars and  
passenger cars,  
and both cast  
iron and later tin  
electric  
locomotives, and  
recounted how  
old Eaton's  
catalogues told  
the story of  
competing brands.



Also on view: postwar Distler, Sakai and Canada's own EEL Line.



\*NB: caboose is  
custom painted  
to match Sakai  
CP diesel.



## EVENTS:

-Sat Mar. 26 (unless raining)  
CTTA 'play date', bby. BCSME

[see President's report and photo pg 6]

-Sun May 1, Nanaimo BC  
Nanaimo Model Railway Show  
10 - 4, Beban Park Rec Centre

## EDITOR'S CORNER (CHARLES REIF):

GREETINGS TO ALL CTTA MEMBERS WHOM  
WE'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW THROUGH ZOOM  
AND IN PERSON.

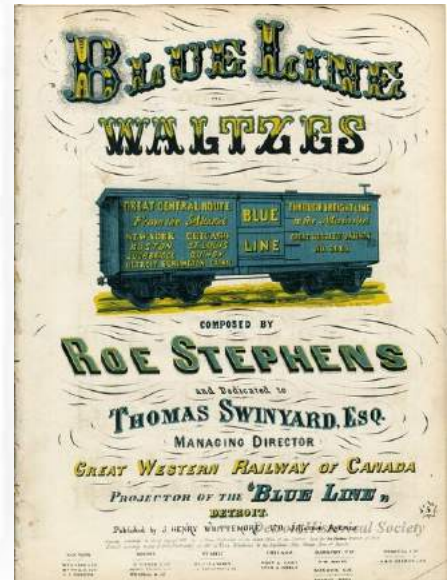
WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS TO SEND US PHOTOS  
OR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER, AT  
[creif@shaw.ca](mailto:creif@shaw.ca)

## CORRECTION

Re: The article about BCER streetcar 153 in the February issue,  
Brian Kelly has informed us that he was the one who found car



153, and arranged for its  
move back to Vancouver  
and into covered storage  
until it was turned  
over to the North  
Vancouver Museum.  
Brian notes he is duly  
credited in the North  
Van museum newsletter.



Arthur Sheridan sent this  
find of a delightful circa  
1865 poster of music  
celebrating the Great  
Western Railway of Canada.

[source: Kevin Caoimhin  
Bunker, Pre1895  
Railroads & Steam Engines]



PGE 571 in transition  
colours.

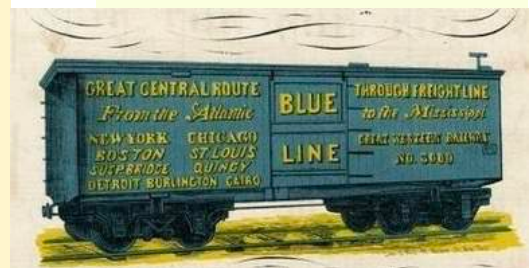
[sources: [trainweb.org](http://trainweb.org)  
'what's new']



Alberta Great  
Waterways,  
predecessor road to  
NAR (Northern Alberta  
Railway)

102179 AG&W RY BOXCAR #2005

BILL GRANDIN COLL.







**SOLD OUT**  
The CTTA Phoenix Beer car by MTH  
is fully subscribed.  
Thank you to all supporters of this project.



**Dave Scott** sent in this photo  
of a crisp BC Rail caboose in  
front of his lovely Penticton  
Station custom built by **Jorge  
Beristain** (previously featured)



**Mark Horne**

Admin +1 · Yesterday at 11:54 AM ·

The Burnaby Central Railway is a premier miniature railroad located near Vancouver, British Columbia. Here is picture of the new O scale loop on the garden railway by the British Columbia Society of Model Engineers. Gordon Hall got the last rail laid late afternoon and as the sun was setting and giving perfect light on the railway and bridge was just enough time for a shot!



#### POSTWAR O SCALE MANUFACTURERS

Athearn O gauge kits, Scale Craft kits,  
Thomas Industries locos and car kits;  
International, Lobaugh, All Nation locos;  
KMT, Walthers, Pittman trolleys. +?

a Missive from **Dave Walker**:

"I found a 1949 photo of a CPR Boston-Montreal train - one EMD unit with 3 cars including an open-veranda observation....small layout-sized!"



#### O GAUGE WORK TRAINS OF OLD: Model Railroad Craftsman January 1952

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