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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT #7

Hello everyone,

Spring has sprung! I am delighted to report that our meetings have returned to full capacity, with lots of trains being bought and sold, and everyone is having fun interacting their friends and fellow members again in a safe and responsible manner.

Border restrictions and testing requirements have eased, so it looks like we'll be able to travel to Train Shows and our favourite hobby shops in the US again immediately.

We all know that toy trains and model railroading is fun. Whether it be working alone doing scenery, trackwork and electrical work making our layouts look and operate better, finding an elusive piece to add to our collection, or running trains on the layout, our hobby provides excitement, relaxation, and most of all, FUN with trains that we love.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of enjoying our hobby is having a chance to share that fun with others! Getting out with friends and fellow members to enjoy trains someplace new and learning new things.

Our recent 'Play Day' & BBQ on April 2 with the BC Society of Model Engineers at Burnaby Central Railway was a huge success! We had a superb turnout, with almost 50 members, Family and friends attending. Everyone enjoyed a hot lunch and a chance to ride the 7.5" gauge MiniRail. Thanks, Gail, for assisting with organizing the lunch service and to Terry Berg for relieving me on the grill for a while and saving me from smoke inhalation!

Special thanks to Gordon Hall who helped organize the event and made sure lots of O Gauge trains were running on the new outdoor Garden Tracks along with the G Gauge. The weather cooperated and a fun day was had by all.

Mark Horne brought an SUV load of new CTTA SW-8 BC Electric diesels from MTH to deliver to members.

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## 2021-22 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUN APRIL 24

SUN MAY 29

SUN JUNE 26





March 20 CTTA Meeting  
something old, lots new.



March Door Prize Winners





## CTTA APRIL 2 BBQ TRAIN DAY AT BURNABY CENTRAL R. R.



Kyle with Chuck Laws of CTTA and BCRR; Terry Berg works the BBQ with Kyle. Gordon Hall's 3 generations at the O Gauge circle (which he kept full of trains.)



← Riding the Railroad!  
and great to see you, Tom!

Below: waiting for the shop tour  
and old 374.  
("the four iron horsemen")



Burnaby Central power





EVENTS: a) Sun May 1, Nanaimo BC  
**NANAIMO MODEL RAILWAY SHOW**  
 10 - 4, Beban Park Rec Centre  
 b) Sun May 15, Nanaimo BC  
**COOTTS show**, Oliver Woods Centre  
 c) Sun Sept 25, Victoria BC  
**VICTORIA MODEL RAILWAY SHOW** (location tba)

### EDITOR'S CORNER (CHARLES REIF):

GREAT TO SEE SO MANY MEMBER PROJECTS  
 AND LAYOUTS. MORE PLEASE!

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

\*AND EXPLANATORY NOTES.

### NEWS FROM THE COMOX VALLEY RAILWAY part 1\*: truss bridge conversion by James Cook



**before:** a wood imitation of a metal truss

**after:** converted to a **Howe Truss Bridge**, modelled  
 on a highway bridge at Oyster River.



Great work, James. Please send more pictures as the river  
 and piers are developed. **\*part 2 next issue.**

### David A. Gerancher revisions a bay-window caboose.

Soon to be a Canadian Pacific caboose



First side complete....I know, not prototypical



Looks good, David. you've made CP a prototype!

### The New CTTA BCER diesel joins the CTTA BC Hydro diesel on Kyle Miller's layout.



### Dan Gory making progress on his PGE green Alco.



re: **Dave Scott's** delightful photo in the March issue:

**mia culpa #1:**

Dave titled his photo:  
"The club comes to town"...

your editor missed the club  
logo cleverly fitted onto his  
caboose.

per our club layout trailer below:



**mia culpa #2:**

I referred to the lovely Jorge Beristain station as "Penticton" when it is in fact "Banff". Martin Howbold put me right, as he is the one who had Jorge build him a model of the "Penticton" station.

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We will be looking to continue to strengthen our relationship with the BCSME and BCR group over the Summer and for the long term. Look for more play days and opportunities for the to CTTA participate in Modular Layout displays and other fun activities.

Prior to our March meeting, a few of our members – Earl Labounty, Dave Scott, Neil Wilson, and Neil Whitehead – suggested that the CTTA contribute towards assistance for the Citizens of Ukraine. I'm pleased and proud to announce a donation of \$200.00 on behalf of the Club and an additional \$40.00 in personal donations. Thanks to all for supporting this gesture.

I hope to see you at the April meet on Sunday, April 24! I will look to host an International ZOOM meeting in May or June. It's been too long since we've enjoyed the company of far way friends! Stay tuned for details.

Kvle

**COMING THIS FALL TO CTTA:**



**WHAT WILL THEY BE?**  
stay tuned for announcements!

wild guess: Canadian Northern had proprietary  
tank cars — could that be it, Mark?.



REPORT FROM ONTARIO  
NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE MARCH KITCHENER TRAIN SHOW



Train-Happy Correspondents  
**Robin Dodson** and **David Cook**  
with **Peter Cuning** enjoyed a good show,  
selling and buying.

Also at Kitchener, a layout of the **Greater  
Toronto Toy Trains** group, [gt3trains.com](http://gt3trains.com)  
see their kitchener video at  
<https://youtu.be/IANVbKWfcxI>

**Robin** posted a show purchase:

a Marx 333 Pacific custom conversion  
into a Southern loco by the renowned  
'Zoltan' of the Marx Facebook Group.



**Jim Sutherland** shared his  
recent acquisition of the  
latest Menard's Movie Palace.



**New Book of Interest:**

"When Trains Ruled the  
Kootenays"  
by Terry Gainer

[http://rmbooks.com/  
book/when-trains-ruled-  
the-kootenays/](http://rmbooks.com/book/when-trains-ruled-the-kootenays/)

**CP G-Gauge Live Steam Hudson**  
caught in motion at the Burnaby Central  
CTTA event.

see the video on our CTTA  
Facebook page posted April 3

