



Canadian Flyer

Volume 20, Issue 5

May 2022

Operating and collecting toy trains

CTTA 2021-2022

canadiantoytrains.org

OFFICERS:

President — Kyle Miller
604 941-3372

kylemiller@telus.net

Vice Pres -- Gary Zabenskie
604 463-1006

gzaben@telus.net

Secretary -- Charles Reif
604 731-3674

creif@shaw.ca

Treasurer — James Barrett
604 939-8035

barrettjd007@gmail.com

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

James Cook -- 778 554-1110

jdcokaq@outlook.com

John Warlimont -- 604 864-2175

jewarl@yahoo.ca

Tom Modica -- 360 738-3842

ogfhr@gmail.com

Peter Tofield -- 604 793-4814

tofieldpeter@gmail.com

Gord Barrett — 604 988-4263

gordon.barrett55@gmail.com

Howie Williams — 604 856-7124

howielw@shaw.ca

Island Member:

Ken Bowman -- 250 592-6194

k.bowman@shaw.ca

Ontario Member:

Robin Dodson -- 250 713-8970

robindodson43@yahoo.com

PAST PRESIDENT:

Mark Horne - 604 560-4028

mlhorne@shaw.ca

WEBSITE & MEMBERSHIP

kylemiller@telus.net

PRESIDENT'S REPORT #8

Hello everyone, our April meeting was very special. We were delighted to welcome back our American friends again to an in-person meeting for the first time in over 2 years.

Tom Modica rejoined us at the executive table from Bellingham, WA. Tom represents the strong link to the CTTA and the connections we share with our USA Members and neighbours. Welcome back Tom!

Our good friend, fellow train lover, tour guide and historian Ralph Spielman journeyed all the way from Manhattan, New York to be with us too! He was generous to bring us a special Lionel METCA 60th anniversary boxcar and a pair of great books as part of the day's door prizes. Behind the scenes, a bag full of New York bagels.

I asked Ralph to take a few moments to introduce himself, and I was delighted to hear Ralph say that he thinks our Club is one of the best train clubs out there. Our members are involved, enthusiastic, enjoy a sense of 'family' and have lots of fun!

Gary Zabenskie announced that he and Katelon would be moving to Lethbridge, AB in the Summer to retire and be closer to family. This is great news for Garry & Katelon, but very sad news and a big loss for us. Thanks, Gary, for everything you've done for the Club and its members as our Vice President over the past 10+ years.

Peter Tofield has announced his retirement as our Food Services Host. Thank you, Peter, for providing us with great self-serve lunches for so many years! We've yet to see a return to the legendary 'round the room' lineups for the buffet. After a two-year side track to Subway for lunches, CTTA is looking for a new volunteer Food Crew! Let us know if you can take it on.

cont'd page 5....

2021-22 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUN MAY 29

SUN JUNE 26

SUNDAY SEPT 25 (AGM)





APRIL DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Great to see Ralph visiting, and Tom back home at our CTCTA meeting.
Glad to see the border open again.



Some good looking loco's on the tables and the usual surprises at Treasury - vinyl!?

Vies Szalanski gives a 'show and tell' on a special Marx Canadian Pacific set.



Freight set #4998 is exactly as described in the Greenberg's Guide to Marx Trains - Volume III Sets, which Vies wields in the centre photo, along with a copy of Schmidt and Reif's Canadian Prewar Toy Trains. Unusual for having a 2-4-2 loco and 8 wheel tender with a set of 4 wheel freight cars, unusual for having the red frame caboose and floodlight car in with black frame freight cars.

Robin Dodson reports on the biennial **Great British Train Show** in Brampton, ON.



Hornby 0 Gauge clockwork on a grand scale.

7 1/2" Gauge Beauty.



Hornby Dublo (00 gauge) electric layout. Its been taken twice to York PA.

One Gauge and Live Steam — what a combo

From India, an uncertain scale close to On3 modelling the Darjeeling mountain route?

EVENTS:

Sun May 15th 12-4 Nanaimo BC
COOTTS show, Oliver Woods Centre

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

*AND EXPLANATORY NOTES PLEASE.



Brian Dziewinski has begun his Dream Layout.

36'x20'...!! More photos to come.



FOR SALE

MARKLIN HO GAUGE COLLECTION
 21 curves 8 straight 1 bridge 2 switches 16 cars,
 1 locomotive and tender, 1 transformer.

Asking \$200.

contact <hrrbv301@yahoo.com>



Gordon Hall posts this group shot of CTTA at BCSME (Burnaby Central) on April 2nd

NEWS FROM THE COMOX VALLEY RAILWAY part 2

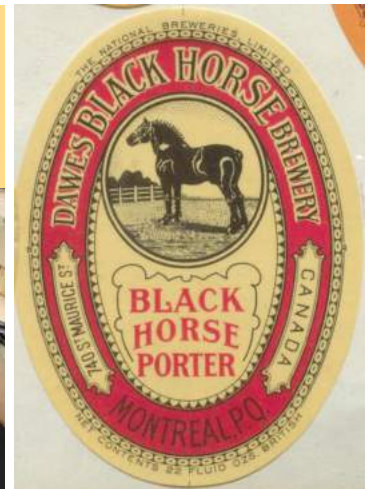
by James Cook

left: short trestle at Howe's Corner

right: the big trestle over Cook's Gorge



Thanks James, lovely work....and more photos please as you progress.

Another Canadian Beer
this time from MontrealDavid Cook has found
new display cabinets for
his colourful Marx collection

MAKING A SCALE-LENGTH TINPLATE PASSENGER CAR – 1930'S STYLE

by Charles Reif

When I stripped the old paint off the mystery car, this is what
I found.

mostly Dorfman early 30's + a bit of Ives/Lionel 1930's

....continued from page 1

I was lucky enough to spend a vacation week (2 years delayed) on the beach in Florida with my sister, and between swims in the ocean I went off to find and visit 'Ready to Roll' Trains in NW Miami. I'm happy to report great Hobby Shops with a full selection of O gauge trains are alive and well in South Florida. I bought a few packs of Woodland Scenics goodies to bring back in my carry-on luggage.

Heading far and away to the North, Mark Horne and Tom Modica have cruised to Alaska and have been seen with parkas and toques riding White Pass & Yukon trains through massive snowbanks.

Wherever you have journeyed, I hope you've been enjoying your trains, and I hope to see as many of you as possible this month at our May 29th meet.

Kyle

Ralph Spielman sends us this post from [Traingeek.ca](https://www.traingeek.ca) photos by Michael Caramanna



"This is one of Canadian Pacific's "TEC" trains, featuring a Track Evaluation Car (TEC) behind a generator car and a passenger car. These trains are usually hauled by a single locomotive and roam the rails, performing tests on the rails and taking video to find defects.

According to [a CP article](#), the TEC trains use lasers and other instrumentation to measure the integrity of the roadbed and rails. "



Kyle Miller tore himself away from Florida beaches to go fishing... for trains!

Ready to Roll Trains in South Florida.



Meanwhile, Tom Modica and Mark Horne went to the great white north, to the White Pass & Yukon R.R. And white it was! Glad you didn't take the bridge to nowhere!



Arthur Sheridan sent this photo from the Merrilees Collection in the Archives of Canada



Canadian Northern Ontario docks at Lake St. Joseph

Brian Dziewinski spotted this 'private paint' CP "Banffshire" rolling through the Franklin Park Yard tacked onto the end of a freight train.

