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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have made it into 2010! I wonder if Misters Lionel, Marx and Gilbert ever thought that men would be playing with their toys seventy-five to a hundred years after they first introduced them to the world. Well, here we are, a group of full grown men playing with our electric trains. I am sure I speak for all of us when I say, "We wouldn't have it any other way!"

Looking back at 2009 the one item that made all of us sit up and take notice was the fact that the Canadian Division members did not receive their issue of the December Bulletin. That issue, incidentally, contained the ballot for our 2009 National Election. Gail and I received our copies a few days before Christmas. I hope every other Canadian Division

member has received theirs now as well.

If I hadn't spoken up and brought this matter to the attention of the National Board, it would have gone by the wayside and we, as TTOS members, would not have been able to exercise our franchise to vote. Sometimes I really wonder who the devil is in charge down there in LA LA LAND (California).

To make a long story short, I convinced the National Board to extend the cut off date for voting from December 15/2009 to **January 30/2010**.

One change that I am happy to see and must mention is that the votes will not be counted by anyone in TTOS. Apparently, one of the Rotary Clubs are going to count the ballots.

This is one change I feel was needed to put to rest any feeling



The Gals Who Do Lunch!
Kaitlin Zabenskie; Olivia Ball;
Gail Ferrier; President David
Cook; Janice Crowdy &
Doreen Palm. Many Thanks!

that perhaps a perceived misdeed would occur. I hope everyone in the Canadian Division voted and those who did vote made sure they put their name and TTOS number on the top left of the envelope. This is necessary to make sure no one votes twice. If you haven't already voted, please do so before the end of the month.

The Island contingent of the Canadian Division held a second meet in Nanaimo last month.

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2010 TTOS Canadian Division Meets

**All meetings take place
at Charles Rummel
Community Centre
3630 Lozells Ave
Burnaby, BC**

**Doors Open 11:00
Meeting 12:30**

**Door Prizes,
Sale Tables,
Lots of Toys, &
Great Opportunities to
meet fellow toy train
enthusiasts!**

Auction!

- **January 31**
- **February 28**
- **March 28**
- **April 25**
- **May 30**
- **June 27 – BBQ**

MORE FUN IN NANAIMO



Here are some pictures from our January 10th Train Meet over here in Nanaimo. We had nearly 40 people in attendance. The main attraction was the sale of part of the late Harry Wright's train collection. Our visitors came from Campbell River to Victoria, and Port Alberni to Vancouver. Submitted by: **Robin Dodson**



Be you all recognize most of these faces.... Now there are even more venues for Toy Train Enthusiasts to search for the ultimate toy train from their youth.



HOBOS IN ACTION...

Ken Lockley invited 4 toy and scale rail retired guys to his home for a "HOB0 LUNCH" at High noon in December 2009. Ken's home made, self made, *Hobo Soup*, for which he found 10 recipes on the internet was delicious and was filled with very healthy stuff no real HOB0

would have ever tasted around the campfire in the bush.

Then, **show and tell** - note the model in front of Dave on the table - Ken built it as a model of a water tower for steam locomotives built by carpenters - square tower, not round. I forgot to ask Ken - what were the guys called who built the more common round water towers? Note: the HOB0 cookies on the tray on



No - the cookies from Margaret's kitchen are not palm trees - but railway crossing signs with a big H for HOB0 in the center. I asked for black on white printing - This is what I got! Now, can you spot it?



the table.....



Then, into Ken's workshop - for a clinic on how to cut G gauge track to fit into a short space.

This is eventually going to be the location of the Lake Louise CPR station - 1:24 scale (approx) 1/2" - foot. We'll see about that - as time goes on. 16x 40" is Ken's rough estimate. Might have to be scaled down a bit to fit - but this is not going to be a scale railway, more a toy railway, so a little deviation from scale will be ok.



Story & Photos submitted by: Mike Woodley, Victoria, BC Present for the "first annual Action Packed Hobos Lunch" were Ken Lockley, Ron Hilsden, Dave Teece, Russ Etherington, Mike Woodley

FUN EVENTS — NOT JUST FOR KIDS!

DO YOU LIVE ON VANCOUVER ISLAND?

Finding it difficult to take that big ride on the BC Ferries each month but miss the social connection of sharing your hobby with others?

Want to attend a TTOS Meeting in Nanaimo?

For complete details contact: **Robin Dodson**
250 758 8970 robin_dodson@shaw.ca

Mt Pleasant Lions Club Model Railroad Show

Sunday February 14, 2010 10 AM to 3 PM
 Mt Pleasant Elementary School,

Have Fun with the TTOS Canadian Division & YOUR Club Layout at the 2010 UNW / Snohomish County 4-H Foundation Show - Monroe, WA

United Northwest Model Railroad Club is proud to announce its
 19th annual model railroad show and swap meet to benefit Snohomish County 4-H Foundation

Sat February 6th, 10AM - 5PM
Sun February 7th, 10AM - 4PM

Evergreen State Fairgrounds 14405 179th Avenue SE

Monroe, WA 98272 www.evergreenfair.org

List your event... send info to: gailferrier@shaw.ca

2010 Western Rails Sunday March 14, 2010

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Cameron Rec. Center
 9523 Cameron Street.
 Burnaby, B.C.



*Western Rails 2010 is a
 WEST COAST RAILWAY ASSOCIATION Event*

Shuswap Rails 2010 PNR 7th Division Spring Meet April 2-3 Easter Weekend 2010

Prestige Harbourfront Resort & Convention Centre
 Salmon Arm, B.C.
 Sponsored by the Salmon Arm Model railroad Association,
 Details as they are announced

26th Annual Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show Sunday, April 11, 2010

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Beban Park Rec Center
 2300 Bowen Road
 Nanaimo, B.C.
 Operating Layouts, Swap & Shop Tables, Retail Sales
 Model Contests (Popular Vote)

Victoria Train Show 2010 20th Year

Sunday September 26, 2010
 Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
 3220 Cedar Hill Road Victoria, B.C.

Mt Cheam Lions Club Model Railroad and Hobby Show

Saturday October ?? and Sunday October >??, 2010

Saturday, October ??, 2010 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Sunday, October ??, 2010 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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ODDS & ENDS — EVENTS ETC...

President's Message

continued from front page...

Looking at the photos from **Robin Dodson** I see that quite a few mainland members attended as well.

The highlight was the first instalment of selling off **Harry Wright's** collection. About 40 people attended the meet and of course they all had a good time.

A reminder that the Train Show in Monroe this year will be on February 6 & 7. I checked the website for the show and they are fully booked. It looks as if this year will be much bigger than last year's show. **Neil Wilson** and Company will be taking the Canadian Division layout to the show and with the help of our American members, we will have trains running. This is a show you will not want to miss; everyone who went down last year is still talking about the bargain they got.

I hope to see everyone at this month's meeting. It has been two months since we have been together and I am sure that there will be some interesting items to add to our collection.

The Royal Hudson Steam Train

Special run to White Rock, BC

**Monday, February 8, 2010
Vancouver to White Rock**

**Tuesday, February 9
White Rock to Vancouver**

Part of the White Rock Winter Festival
& Bite of the Rock Event

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Life is too short not to play with your toys!

Atlas O Canadian Pacific Railway 40' Woodsided Reefer

January 5, 2010

Atlas O is manufacturing a prototypical 40' woodsided reefer in the Canadian Pacific Railway colors. This very limited production "O" gauge reefer comes in two numbers in both 2 and 3 rail.

Production is scheduled for the Fall with delivery during December 2010.
Cost is \$ 65.00 US or \$ 70.00 CDN plus shipping.

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Questions: email mlhorne@shaw.ca or telephone 604-987-8817 evenings.



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Email			
Quantity	Reefers	2 Rail	3 Rail

***While it may seem early to pay for some,
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at the moment makes it truly a
"BEST DEAL" to ORDER & PAY NOW!***

NEWSTO SHARE — LAYOUT TIPTOSUGGEST

— or news of an event or special deal? Let us know for the next edition of the TTOS Canadian Division Canadian Flyer.

Send details on or before the 10th of each month to: gailferrier@shaw.ca or railroadnut@shaw.ca

Got to the club website www.ttoscanada.org for many more pages of FUN CLUB PHOTOS & EVENTS

This month there is a "fictional" story from new member Brian Nelson — Photos & brief look at Russ Etherington's Train Room - More Photos from Puyallup & Chilliwack

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MONDAY, February 8th, 2010
Returns **TUESDAY, February 9th**



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February 8th Depart: Pacific Central Station, Vancouver, 2:00 PM
Station is located on Station St. near Main St. and Terminal Ave. and a few metres from the Main Street SkyTrain Station.

Arrive: White Rock Station Museum, 4:00 PM

Enjoy White Rock, partake the winter festivities around the BIA's "Bite of the Rock" dining event and return to Vancouver, or stay overnight for more fun on the 9th.

February 9th Depart: White Rock Station Museum, NOON

Arrive: Pacific Central Station Vancouver, 2:00 PM

Fares: One Way train journey: \$125. GST extra. This includes bus transfer to or from your starting or arrival point before or after the train trip. Ask for details.

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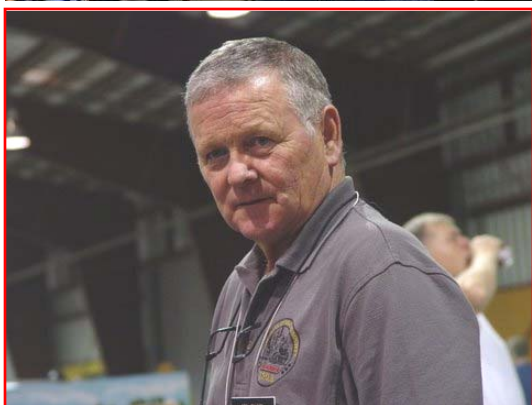


City of
White
Rock



ROCK - NEW WEST

CHILLIWACK—Your Club Layout



Photos by: Peter Toefield

World's Greatest Hobby Show & Your Club Layout



Above: David Cook, James Cook & Mark Horne
Above Right: Sid & Olivia Ball admiring an engine...
Below: Frank Teoli
Below Right: This one's a beauty!



Right: Jim Barrett & Ian Kennett

Left: — It's all about the next Toy Train generation!



These boys love to play with their toys!



DECEMBER TTOS MEETING



President David still believes in Santa (played here by Ed Stephens)



— David Scott has the perfect Christmas Tree — its decorated with TTOS Canadian Division Patches — have you got yours yet? Check them out at the January Meet.



Doreen Palm always has smile... and happy thoughts



Frank Teoli gives Santa his Christmas Toy Train Wish List...



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*Draw Prize Winners:
Above Right:
Jim Barrett
Above: Ian Kennett
Left: Martin Howbold*



"Real" Rocky Mountaineer Railtours Adhesive Vinyl Transfer

The one they put on the real train cars. It is mounted on a piece of hardboard about 6 ft X 4 ft. It is quite impressive.

I am open to offers.

If anyone is interested I can email a photo and bring it with me to the meeting at the end of January.

Ken Klein

250-828-2976 keklein@tru.ca

Looking for a set of CPR Stream-liners to go with my Williams Alcos, and some BC Rail motive power.

Robin Dodson 250 758 8970 robin_dodson@shaw.ca

Toy Train Guys Have More Fun !

On the evening of Saturday, December 5, 2009 members of the Island group of the Canadian TTOS division were invited to the home of **Barb** and **Russ Etherington** for a potluck supper and then a visit to Russ' fantastic



train room that he has been building for the past few years.

He has built three levels and has two reversing dog

bone mainlines on each of the first two levels and a large irregular oval on the upper level.



Last night he was running 5 large freight trains at the same time, each with 12 - 14 cars of all descriptions.

On the first two levels he had 4 of his biggest and most spectacular locomotives in action and on the upper level he had dual turbines pulling

the train. It was quite a show of rolling stock.

As the pictures show - the layout is a work still in progress - but all the bench work and tracks are in place now.

He said he just finished laying the tracks this week on the brand new scratch built trestle on the upper line to complete that route.

Some of my photos are not very clear as I only have a very inexpensive digital camera but they still give you an idea of the scope of what Russ has created in his train room.

Submitted by: Mike Woodley in Victoria



Dr. Clinker's Seasonal Blinkers...

...blingjing blingjing blingjing jinglejangle...ding-dong, whoo-OOH and a mighty contemporary "What up, Doc?" is the word I've heard from large-eared lovers of toy train fun, in here'n out there; and I do mean out there...

Readers, c'mon now, fess up, didn't you, too, just like I did when I was a large-eared lad brimming silly in hopefulness, forever sticking your warm tongue onto the frozen center rail of this hobby thanks to some aspect of Christmas?

But- hey, did you know- Did You Know that Senor el Kringle, et al, held the toy train industry - heck, friends, the Christmas industry, period - hostage for most of the twentieth century? Now, isn't that a bunion peeler! 'N I've got your proof!

Hm. Be forewarned: the good doctor's willingness to share info this exciting with readers might cause a few large-eared investors to rush right out to dump their shares in <kringleya.com>. Hope not, but emotionality over reason is as first-generation now as it was when the devil's own dandy, Roy Cohn, first taught young fourteen year-old gopher /understudy Donnie Trump the meaning of the phrase, "You're fired!"

To start, Santa wasn't always a greedy senior with one hand in the till of America's burgeoning economy and the other firmly gripping his North Pole. Why, your good doctor has proof of a time in the last century when Santa (the Mexican alias Senor el Kringle adopted after close calls with Central American credit collection agencies) was gaining notoriety for the peculiar type of philanthropy he displayed in late December.

This annual distribution of small and inexpensive goods, a.k.a. Xmas, was originally a make-work project in the San Diego area directed toward shut-ins and feeble-minded children otherwise encouraged to earn their way out of orphanages or debtors' prisons and back into public favor. We were surely and indeed a nation of softies way back when.

At that point in time, an Ellis Island immigration and citizenship Head Bailiff named Stanislav Bumhdlt discovered that the man calling himself Santa, alleged to be a mixed-blood descendent of a Mayan warrior-king, was in the country illegally, successfully running fledgling corporations somewhere in Jersey under an assumed name. Bumhdlt alleged that automation, plus vast numbers of underemployed but energetic crescent-eared micro-morphs, the raw material now aggressively managed by "Santa, Inc.", was already dominating a seasonal cadre of pre-legal, low-revenue markets.

...Story goes that, once Bumhdlt's suicide was out of the way, Senor el Kringle's industries were granted exclusive international seasonal goods markets as well as unlimited representation and access to what was to become Canada - on the proviso that el Kringle would move his operations to the far north, thus automatically shrinking his access to established markets. Kringle, recognizing the brilliance in moving his base as far north as possible, now set up shop far from the taxman. Herr Kringle also had friends in high northern places with far-reaching links to the "Antlers and Bones" society of skullduggery.

These early globalists exclusively owned and promoted Santa, Inc., lock, stock and barrel. The lynch pin of their success was getting the early CIA to seed media and retail strands with more favorable representations of "Santa", the seedy mulatto toy industry cutthroat-turned-Euro-jolly fat-ubermensch: history's most successful makeover!

By mid-century, el Kringle's new progressive imagespanked of magical grandfatherly generosity and became touted amongst Cocaine-Cola (Coke)-swilling tweakers of the Treasury as the device needed to add about 25% annual growth to the USA's early economic engine.

Well, there you have it, thanks to the large ears of Art Bell and the gang at Coast to Coast A.M., who dug up the facts for the good doctor. And that's what good doctors do, they gather facts and make good decisions for their clients; so I, your good doctor, prescribe continuing to take this column for the big picture, the one that's so true, soding-dongedly near true...



Editors Note: This is a short story by: by Eli Bryan Nelson (604)377-6263 or messages:(604)632-9374

If you enjoy it and would like to see more... let us know ... Seems that Bryan has a creative & quirky mind and a talent for writing... Let us know what you think

TTOS MEET DECEMBER 2009



Above: Kaitlin & Gail enjoyed a surprise visit with Santa. (aka Ed Stephens)



Right: George Plant—who has retired from his long-time position as Club Treasurer receives a Certificate of Appreciation.

Right: Frank Teoli was honoured with the President's Award. Frank is the man who is always there—at every meet—at every show—and he loves to play with his Toy Trains.



Photos: Peter Toefield



Above: Neil Wilson—who stores & tows the Club's Layout Caboose to functions throughout the Pacific North West was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the World's Greatest Hobby Show.

Below: Ted Diakow—who has retired from his long held position as a BOD Member at Large received a certificate of Appreciation



Photos of our members at the World's Greatest Hobby Show & Chilliwack are featured in the online edition of the TTOS Canadian Flyer at:
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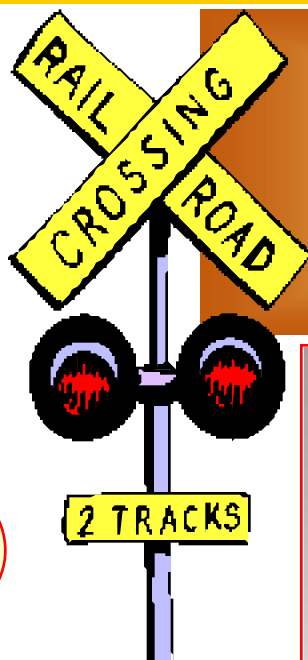
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