

NEWSLETTER OF

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another great meeting with excellent attendance, great food and drink, and lots of trains.

By now everyone should have received their beautiful PGE tank car(s). Thank you to all those members who purchased one and supported our club. The PGE tank car project is another sellout! The "Italian Connection" (Tom and Neil) will be collecting the freight from those who had the cars shipped.

Our next project is happening really really quickly. The BC Rail flat with trailer has had an overwhelming response in just over a month. To date, 130 of the 150 cars being made have been sold; and the cars should be shipped from Weaver, are you sitting down, next month! Yes, in April! If you have not ordered one, please do consider purchasing one (or 3) to support the club.

As always a special thank you to Olivia, Sid, Ed and the ladies for the great food. Thank you to Tom, Gary (nee Vanna White), Neil, John, James and Peter for helping during the meeting. Also thank you Charles for putting together a great newsletter each month; it is a lot of work.

I will have some important information from the National at this meeting. See you then.  
Mark



## 2012-13 TTOS CANADIAN DIVISION MEETS

all meets at Charles Rummel Community Centre, 3630 Lozells Ave.  
Burnaby B.C. [doors at 11am, meeting 12:30]

UPCOMING MEET DATES:

MAR 25, 2012

APR 29, 2012

MAY 27, 2012

JUNE 24, 2012



Guests Debbie and Geoff are both into trains! <---



John Wolff and his Dad are all smiles.

Jim Barrett and George Plant taking time for ---> the hobby.



David Cook and Frank Schmidt have trains for sale.

Marx Flyer S  
Marklin  
what's your flavour?



February door winners: John Constible, Geunther Sage, and Liam Kennett for dad Ian.



### **Dr. Klinker's Ocular Blinkers** (blink, blink!)

Your good doctor, once a Lionel Train factory technician, recalls a fond memory illustrating that heroes and public relations once stood for something besides lying your way out of a pretty pickle, and that's too near true to say boo.

Now, while some prefer to not mess with a sacred cow, others love pointing out that in our culture, we turn sacred cows into our sacred burgers. These days, stardom seems to be synonymous with, let's say, Lindsay Lohan's ex-dealer dating a Kardashian. Just hearing this, my whippersnappin' grandson enthuses, "No doubt, ol' dawg, yo!" (Who did this to these kids?)

Well, it wasn't always this way. Once upon a Lionel time, we loved and revered our stars.

My word! I truly recall one fine fall day in the 50's when Marilyn Monroe herself, at that time the apple of Joe Dimaggio's eye, slithered into the factory on the arm of Larry Cowen. I tell you now, speaking purely as a math specialist, that the concentric circles described by the locomotion of Ms. Monroe's famous wiggly gait, did deeply ripple the surface of the right-angled lake of manhood afloat inside our factory that day. Fractious!

In fact, I got it from Jacques DuCaire that Chairman Joshua Lionel's son Larry was so taken with la Monroe that he immediately planned a "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend" bullion car presentation for a think-tank session. I surely do recall Jacques lighting up a Gauloise and snorting, blowing smoke through his nostrils en Francais, whispering loudly that Larry's idea got no further than Larry's wife.

I'm guessing that la Monroe was there to bring in one of Joltin' Joe's 773 Hudsons for a tuneup, but by jumbo, I can't state that as truly for real. Still, in her honour, I'm not selling my pink girl's set....

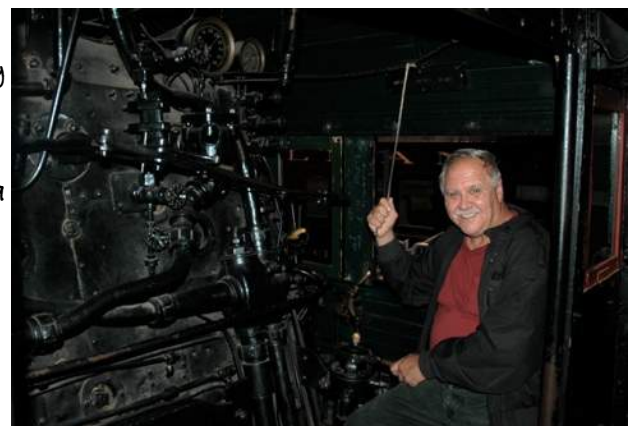
Eli Bryan Nelson



*George Hammond sounds off!*



*Richard Braunschweig and friends at the Pennsylvania Railway Museum and the Toy Train Museum*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 18, Vancouver -- Western Rails -- 9am-4pm, Cameron Recreation Centre, Bby [www.wcra.org/westernrails.html](http://www.wcra.org/westernrails.html)

April 15, Nanaimo -- 28th Annual Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show -- 10am-4pm, Beban Park Rec Centre for info: [kj.rutherford@shaw.ca](mailto:kj.rutherford@shaw.ca)

April 21 & 22, Calgary - Super Train - 9am-5pm, Subway Soccer Centre -- [www.supertrain.ca](http://www.supertrain.ca)

### BC Rail Weaver Flat Car with Trailer

February 11, 2012

Weaver is manufacturing a prototypical flat car with trailer in the BC Rail colours. This very limited production "O" gauge car comes in three numbers in both 2 and 3 rail.

**Production has already begun** and it is scheduled for delivery in 8 weeks.

Canadian Division member cost is \$ 75.00 CDN/US which includes the shipping; or \$ 206.00 CDN/US which includes the shipping if you buy 3 cars, a savings of \$ 19.00 All cars will be shipped from Washington State.

Questions: email [mlhorne@shaw.ca](mailto:mlhorne@shaw.ca) or telephone 604-761-1500.

**Not the actual car;** just an HO picture to give you the idea,



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

Canadian Car, c/o Mark Horne, 16266 – 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Surrey, BC Canada V3S 6Z3

Name	<input type="text"/>				
Address	<input type="text"/>				
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Email <input type="text"/>					
Quantity	<input type="text"/>	Reefers	<input type="text"/>	2 Rail	<input type="text"/>
				3 Rail	<input type="text"/>

## Hornby O Gauge

coming to auction March 25th

a small collection of

Southern Railway items;

4 boxed postwar freights &

featuring

a boxed prewar passenger set

including the scarce

electric

793 No. O tender loco.



brought by C. Reif for the owner



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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to Peter for the Meet pix, Richard for Strasburg Museums pix, and Eli Bryan for the return of Dr. Klinker.

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## ELECTRIC TRAINS



*S Gauge display and layout "under glass" at the National Toy Train Museum, Strasburg PA  
Richard Braunschweig photos  
Old Dorfan, Bing, Marklin + very Old Lionel and some Ives*



News and Links: [thank you Tom for 1. and 2.]

1. Lionel has placed instructional videos on their website, and youtube at: [www.youtube.com/user/lionelcs2011/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/lionelcs2011/videos)
2. News about contemporary steam train events at: <http://.newbuildsteam.com>
3. And one of my personal favourites about toy trains: [www.tinplatetimes.com](http://www.tinplatetimes.com)



More scenes from the February meet: Neil and David eye an operating freight station; Ted and James put on a smile for the camera; gold-plated oil well? Now I know why it hurts so much at the pump!

Announcement: **Operating Night at Mark Horne's, 7pm, Thursday April 5th**  
 16266 26 Avenue, Surrey tel. 604-560-4028  
 "the bridges have landed"

"A REAL CANADIAN RAILWAY TALE"

Back a few decades ago, we heard tell, there was a guy who worked for one of our railways in a mountain division. One night he stayed too long at a party in the town where he worked, and missed his ride home to the adjoining town. Not wanting to sleep out in the cold, he borrowed a locomotive and drove it to the neighbouring town, parked it in a siding, and walked home to have a good night's sleep.

the next morning he was awakened by the police, and arrested for stealing the locomotive. Not being a wealthy man, he undertook to defend himself when his day in court came. After the prosecution had made its case, he argued on his own behalf that for a theft to have occurred, the object in question would have to have been removed from the owner's property. This was not the case, for the locomotive had never left the right of way owned by the railway.

Of course he won his case.

thanks Venezuela



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 Maurlyn, Ferris