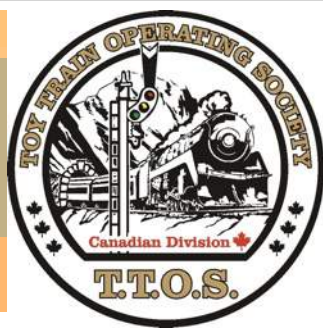


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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The October meeting was outstanding with a huge turnout of members and guests. Lots of trains and some great prices on many items made for an excellent meeting.

Thank you to Olivia, Sid, Ed and the ladies for the great food. Thank you to Tom, Gary (nee Vana White), Neil, John, James and Peter for helping during the meeting.

By the time you read this the bus trip will probably be over and just a fond memory. Thank you John and James for organizing it.

Do not forget the Christmas raffle will be held during our November meeting. Come to the meet and buy lots of tickets. \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

See you in November. Mark



Monster Barbie savages a trainman  
on the New Jersey Hi-Railers' layout.  
[more on page 3]



## 2011-12 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:

NOV 27, 2011

JAN 29, 2012

FEB 26, 2012

MAR 25, 2012

## OCTOBER DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Ray Palm wins a "rail king something"



Mr. Shaw returns in time to enjoy a door prize auction certificate!



Fresh from excessive spending at York, PA, Fred Webb comes up with a freebie -- good going sir!

## merry christmas draw

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Jim Kitson shares a laugh with Sid and David.  
The "island guys" are back in town -- oboy.



Olivia and "the ladies" --- take a bow!  
Graeme and Bruce talking tinplate?





### Dr. Klinker's Ocular Blinkers, Holiday-Style... A Celestial Tribute to Toy Trains

Well, hell, and hello again from your good Doctor Klinker with a heads-up, tail down visionary tribute to toy trainery and especially the good men, women, and occasional extraterrestrials (usually these are the serious collectors), all of whom enjoy 3-rail fun the year 'round.

When last the Good Doctor wrote a piece within the pages of this storied rag, he explained how *Senor el Kringle*, aka: Santa Claus managed to work himself so indelibly into the Christmas equation in the twentieth century. The good doctor received an amazing surprise upon the publishing of said piece.

No one, nosirree, not one single TTOS member objected to what might have been seen as a tale contrived over a bottle of Chivas, Nicaraguan death-pepper chili, and yet one more postwar Lionel coupler fix.

I'll admit it, reading that piece made it seem like a big stretch to consider that North American governments conspired to promote economic criminality by endorsing sleazy, fast-talking salesmen like *Senor el Kringle*, who staffed a multinational corporation of crescent-eared micromorphs (aka: elves) and staged the biggest ripoff in corporate history, now known as Christmas (originally a make-work project in San Diego). It might be a stretch, but maybe you'll reconsider when you wrap your skull around one of the interplanetary phantasmagorical factoids I've stumbled upon and will share with you forthwith!

You might think that the good doctor's assertion that some of the high rollers in toy train collecting are ET's, but are you paying attention? What about this reprint from our glossiest bible, PTT (Plassic Toy Trains) from a "Plassified Ads" column in one of the most recent ishes...

#### MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE/BARTER

Mrs. Barb Dwyer of Spuzzonk, Arizona offers guess who? no less than 5 circa '54-'56 high quality boxed postwar Lionel W or WS sets w/OB's, packing, etc., for quick return of husband Fraye abducted again by saucer Feb.19 on way home from GATS show in Flagstaff. You know who you are and I know you creeps read PTT. I've just had it up to here. You spaceholes have hassled us for the last time. We offer you lots of money to leave us alone, but you only seem to want to abduct Fraye and play with him and his trains. If you flying bulbs want the 5 pristine sets, 4 including all paperwork (that's right, all of it) then return my husband by the end of this month, and you'd better get Fraye's hair cut nicely this time. Barb Dwyer, AZ...I'm serious for once, you guys!

Well, I guess that about ices it! Now you know how far-reaching toy train interest is, so don't despair that postwar pleasures are thinning out, because the interest that will keep our love alive seems to span the known and unknown universe...

Yours in some truth,  
Dr. Klinker



*Realistic modeling of yard area [and huge roundhouse] on the NJ Hi-Railers' layout.*

*Vies Szalanski photo.*



*New Jersey Hi-Railer's multi-elevated lines enfold the skyline.*



*Ken Lockley face to face with magic.*

*Ken and Russ with an eerie friend at the NJ Hi-Railers' warehouse.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 12&13, Burnaby --- TRAINS 2011, Cameron Rec Centre,  
Sat & Sun, 10am-4pm, \$8 (seniors/youth \$4) [www.bcctrains.org](http://www.bcctrains.org)

Nov. 19&20, Puyallup, WA --- The Great Train Expo  
Sat & Sun 10am-4pm, \$7 (<12 free) **bus trip 19th**

Dec. 4, Nanaimo --- Coots Meet (see advert over there--->)

Feb. 4&5, Monroe WA --- United Northwest R.R. club/Snohomish  
County 4H Foundation. [www.unwclub.org](http://www.unwclub.org)

## TOY TRAIN MEET

NANAIMO  
SUNDAY  
DEC. 4, 2011  
12:30 --  
4:30pm

collectors,  
operators  
Lionel, Flyer, Ives,  
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Stunning aerial  
view of a portion of  
the NJ Hi-Railers'  
layout. Note the oil  
refinery in left  
foreground. Total  
size is 185' x 40'.

Vies Szalanski  
photo.

have you visited  
the online model train magazine?  
<http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com>

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to Peter for the Meet pix, Vies, Dick Phelan, David Blackshaw, and  
Charles for York trip pix.

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## ELECTRIC TRAINS



## A YORK JOURNAL: 16 CANADIAN DIVISION MEMBERS ENJOY THE YORK, PA., TRAIN WEEK



Neil, Gary, Katelon, Ken, Fred, Tom & Mark salute Vies, Bill, Russ, Dick, Richard and George [Charles' photo]



Ken, Dick, Fred & Neil took the excursion.

A day at Strasburg, PA. includes the TCA Toy Train Museum, State Railway Museum, and the steam excursion Strasburg Railway. Yes that's an ex-CN mogul -- just like the Lionel model!

Note the alternate "iron horse" mode of transport here in Amish Country.



A look under the hood helps keep the steamers healthy.







David Blackshaw and Bob Seibold join the crew once the Fairgrounds open on Thursday.



Standard Gauge spit and polish shares the layout with subdued O.



It's a roller coaster in the "orange" (dealers') hall.

Yes, folks, York just wears you out!

The editor regrets the lack of pictures of the York Meet itself. TCA does not allow pictures inside the 7 halls, and anyway everyone was too busy to take pictures.

Another look at Vies' overview of the NJ Hi-Railers layout:

The city skyline shown in previous pictures is barely discernable in the far distance, left of the red power plant and green hill.

The layout is so big that it has room to accommodate 1/4" scale architectural models of real buildings!

