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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen and ladies,

A special thank you to Kyle for hosting another great Zoom meeting at the end of April and thanks to the over 40 members who attended.

It was fun to connect and share train stories and updates.

With vaccines rolling out I hope we can return to normal sometime in the near future.

I have spoken with MTH and they are still producing new products with their unsold tool and dies. So, I am pleased to announce a new addition to our CTTA rolling stock - an MTH 36' Vicotia Terminal Railway and Ferry Company reefer. Again this is another short time line but worth it. Get your orders in ASAP please.

I have told MTH that I am interested in a PGE crane tender, but no word yet.

Thanks to Charles and Kyle for their great pictures and work on our Newsletter, our Facebook page and the CTTA web site. You are both doing a great job at promoting the club.

Be sure to visit our CTTA Facebook page as many members are posting great train layout pictures.

Be safe and stay home and play with your trains.

Mark



## BOOK LAUNCH:

CANADIAN PREWAR  
TOY TRAINS

by

Frank L. Schmidt  
and Charles Reif

## 2020-21 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

### UPCOMING DATES:

SUN APR 25 — by zoom

SUN MAY 30 — stay tuned

SUN JUNE 27 —

# APRIL CTTA ZOOM MEETING



above: **Mark Horne** with the downtown portion of his layout.

left: **Gordon Hall** found and modelled another BCHydro prototype loco.



right: **Kyle Miller** screened a video of his newly acquired CP heritage diesel, and says the colour is growing on him. A pretty dramatic design.

Also on the layout is an excess of BCE and BCHydro paint. Buy local.

below: **James Cook** gave an overview of his layout-in-progress. Looking forward to more pictures soon.



below: **Vies Szalanski** demonstrated how to replace those old jerky solenoids with 'the tortoise'...now the gateman eases his way out the door.



And a ticket to ride on the Northern Alberta Railway via **John Black**



AND LOTS OF NEWS FROM MEMBERS NEAR AND FAR, THANKS ALL.  
( SEE NEST PAGE )



## New Canadian Car in the Works!



**The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that MTH is manufacturing a Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry 36' woodsided reefer in their Premier line.**

**This very limited production "O" gauge car comes in two road numbers in 3 rail.**

**Delivery is expected in late 2021 or early 2022.**

**The artwork is coming shortly.**

**The Canadian Toy Train Association member cost is \$ 85.00 CDN per car including shipping within the lower mainland and Vancouver Island.**

**Questions: email or telephone 604-560-4028**

**Order deadline is June 30/21.**

**If you wish to order please email me and mail your payment (payable to "Mark Horne") to:**

**Canadian Toy Train Association  
c/o Mark Horne  
16266 – 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Surrey, BC  
Canada V3Z 6Z3**

## MORE NEWS FROM THE ZOOM

The Lynden Show is on for early October.

Puyallup details yet to come, but its now being run by GATS.

**Chuck Laws** reports that the Burnaby Central will be opening to the public in July.

No news yet about TrainExpo.  
[Flash: TrainExpo 2021 cancelled]

Will York run this fall, and will Canadians be able to go? **Mark Horne** will let us know.

**James Cook** reports that the Charles Rummel Hall in Burnaby is not likely to reopen until October at the earliest.

**Gordon Hall** reports he has BCHydro decals available, custom made by Model Decal Depot of Richmond. **John Black** also recommends Gidney Signs & Decals in Chilliwack.

**Ralph Spielman** recommended *Railfan* Editor Steve Barry's by-weekly online slideshows.

**Dan Gory** showed his work creating a wide door BCRail boxcar.

**Gilles Bouthillier** is building a layout when not working on reopening the museum. [ExpoRail?]

## IN MEMORIUM

FORMER CANADIAN DIVISION MEMBER TED MONCK OF KEREMEOS.

Ted is well remembered for his big passion for real life speeders; he owned several which he had restored, and would head out whenever he could.

James Cook remembers a summer morning ride with Ted on the old Kettle Valley line.

**EVENTS:** The Covid 19 Pandemic has put a dent in the events calendar. The CTTA May Meeting will still have to be a ZOOM meeting. Stay tuned for details by email.

**EDITOR'S CORNER:** THANKS TO ALL WHO KEEP ON 'TRAININ', TO THE EXEC WHO KEEP CTTA TICKING, TO MARK FOR NEW CLUB CAR PROJECTS, AND TO KYLE FOR HEFTING OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA.

The Scott Family train layout around 1960. Younger brother Ron at the controls. **Dave Scott** says he still has the whole collection.



Mark Horne » Canadian Toy Train Association  
12h · 🌐

If you have not seen Gordon's latest custom painting project you have missed this awesome BC Hydro engine.



Above: another look at **Gordon Hall's** GP in BCHydro paint.

Right: **David Gerancher** running CP and more CP. —>

David A. Gerancher » Canadian Toy Train Association  
11h · 🌐

Just some recent photos...



Left: riding the rails on **Mark Horne's** layout  
(videos on the CTTA web)



Introducing  
**A History of Prewar Toy Trains Made for Canada**  
 by longtime CTTA and TCA members Frank Schmidt and Charles Reif

## Canadian Prewar Toy Trains



**The Marketplace  
1912 - 1939**



*American Flyer, Bing, Ives, Hafner and more*



**Frank L. Schmidt and Charles Reif**

Featuring tinplate trains  
 by US manufacturers  
**American Flyer,  
 Ives, Hafner, Marx,**

and European makers  
**Bing, Bub, Hornby,  
 Bassett-Lowke**  
 and a nod to **Marklin,**

with an introductory  
 chapter on the history of  
 Canadian Railways

and a last chapter noting tinplate  
 postwar trains for Canada.

153 pages with many photographs.

available in **hard cover**  
**for ~\$60CAD**  
 + shipping  
 and in **soft cover**  
**for ~\$45CAD**  
 + shipping

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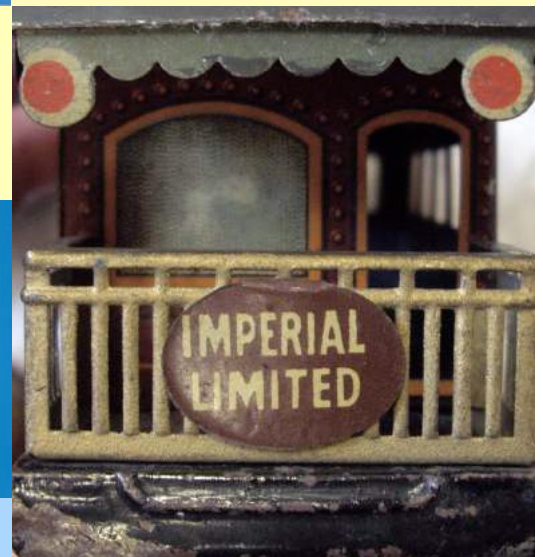
This book is about the known pre-WWII O gauge Canadian toy train scene as issued by various manufacturers in Germany, Great Britain and the United States of America. These trains were offered in the Canadian marketplace between 1912 and the start of WWII, 1939. From comments received, we added a chapter on the early post war period 1946 to 1955.



Frank L. Schmidt



Charles Reif



### British Columbia Electric Railway SW 8 Diesel

The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that MTH is manufacturing a British Columbia Electric Railway SW 8 diesel.

This very limited production "O" gauge scale engine is in the MTH Railking Scale line and comes in two road numbers in 3 rail.

Delivery is expected this fall / winter.

The cost is \$ 400.00 CDN per engine including shipping within the lower mainland and Vancouver Island.

The US cost is \$ 290.00 US plus \$ 30.00 shipping = \$ 320.00 US.



If you wish to order please complete the order form and mail your \$100.00 deposit (payable to "Mark Horne") to:

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c/o Mark Horne  
16266 - 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Surrey, BC  
Canada V3Z 6Z3

Order Deadline June 14

Name					
Address					
City		State		ZIP	
Email _____					
Quantity	_____ diesels		_____ 3 Rail		



Above:  
South American Train Ad

Below:  
Australian Train Box Art



Above and Below:  
Hungarian  
Train Box Art



A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel  
An OPTIMIST sees light at the end  
of the tunnel  
A REALIST sees a freight train  
The TRAIN driver sees 3  
idiots standing on the tracks.

PERSPECTIVE IS  
EVERYTHING.

THANKS FOR THIS  
CHUCK LAWS