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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

March was a good meeting with about 66 members and guests in attendance. The food line-up went around the room as the members awaited the feast. Thank you to all the chefs for the excellent job!

A special thanks to Gary who stepped in to take charge of the meeting as I had not arrived back from Africa until mid-meeting. Thanks Gary.

If you have not already paid the \$40 for the PGE side dump car, please try to pay at the April meeting as they are scheduled for this summer delivery.

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.

I hope to see you at the end of the month.

Mark

2018-19 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

UPCOMING MEET DATES:

April 28, 2019

May 26, 2019

June 30, 2019





MARCH
DOOR
PRIZES
AND
THEIR
WINNERS



TOM DISHES TICKETS, GARY AT THE MIKE PRESIDES
UNTIL PRESIDENT MARK HORNE DROPS BY



TRAINS OF COURSE

FOOD OF COURSE!



LATE MARCH ON THE WEST COAST!





MARK HORNE ~ OUT OF AFRICA: fresh off the plane, our intrepid president offers trophies from a railway safari. Above: Victoria Falls Dinner Train — food and trains, a familiar combination! Below: Engineer and Fireman take a break; and diesels in the yard, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.



Below Left: on the way to Stellenbosch wine country, spotted a commuter train headed to the Cape. Below Right: a modern commuter train 'on the beach' near Fish Hoek, South Africa.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13-14, Calgary AB Info: www.supertrain.ca
SUPERTRAIN 2019 Genesis Centre

May 3, Burnaby BC Info: www.railwaymodellersmeetofbc.ca
4th Annual Railway Modellers Meet of BC— Simon Fraser University

May 5, Victoria BC Info: Ted Alexis (250) 595-4070
29th Annual Victoria Model Railroad Show

May 29-June 2, Cranbrook Info: www.kootenayexpress2019.ca
Kootenay Express 2019 NMRA Pacific Northwest Region Convention

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canadiantoytrains.org

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EDITOR'S CORNER:

THANKS TO KYLE FOR THE GREAT MEETING PIX; RANDY PHILLIPS FOR COOTS PICTURES, AND MARK HORNE FOR THE AFRICAN FULL SCALE TRAINS PIX.

WAITING FOR THOSE LAYOUT PHOTOS: **PS**
 DO YOU HAVE OLD OR FIRST LAYOUT PICTURES FOR AN ARCHIVES FEATURE?



Gordon Hall (right) shows his beautiful custom work on CP platform coaches (hailed by old 1201) and blue comet coaches.



Bob Garton does show and tell with steam and diesel identity plates



scenes from the COOTTS meet
 in Nanaimo Sunday April 7

29 attendees, lots of trains

photos by Randy Phillips



You CAN take it with you!

A permanent and portable O gauge layout for Ed Santor – submitted by Kyle Miller

Most of us who operate O gauge trains are faced with one major challenge. Having the space for a layout to run them! The trade off we make to enjoy our large, powerful, hefty trains is usually a fixed space that limits how large a loop of track, how wide our curves and how detailed a track plan we can have. Smaller HO and N scales trains can pack a lot more action into the same space. Some collectors don't have room for a layout at all.

CTTA Member Ed Santor has faced the same challenge, but has come up with an inventive and unique solution! He acquired a small mobile home travel trailer from a Summer park neighbour who was upgrading last year. The trailer was in rough condition. Ed bought it for a fair price and gutted the whole thing, removing the rotted floor and stripping everything down to the bare walls. (Photo 1) He and a carpenter friend installed a new floor. Ed then built the bench work, roughed in a nice sized 'folded dog-bone' table top and things started rolling. Literally! Ed says "The object was just to have a place to run some trains, not to make a complete show layout".

His friend and fellow CTTA Member Richard Best has lots of HO trains, but no layout, so he loaned them and two transformers to Ed for the Layout. Ed then laid out a track plan with a double mainline of HO track on the outside perimeter, and then a two level O gauge line of tubular track. A small yard of HO track is under the elevated O gauge loop, and a few O gauge sidings service the mainline loop from the inside. "Nothing fancy, but the trains run" says Ed. (Photo 2)



As Ed gets the layout running, he can now run some of the O and O-27 trains he had on his previous layout. He's using some of the track from his old layout as well. Ed says "I have the trains that I started with from about 1950. The ROCK ISLAND Alco A A diesels are both powered and were bought new in 1954. They still run reliably today. I have a Marx #999 steamer and cars from around same time. Tin plate. I have a ZW from my old layout that I use for power." (Photo 3)

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So now Ed has a layout to run his trains that he can hitch to the back of a truck and take with him wherever he goes! (photo 4)

Thanks to Ed Santor for the story and pictures.



In Victoria, Russ Etherington & Ken Lockley did a workshop on replacing old e-units with one made by Dallee. Benefits are quieter running and at slow speeds and ability to MU 2 units. see "The Movie" on CTTA's Facebook page.



White Pass & Yukon — renovations part 2 — all done!
thanks Tom Modica



Loco and coaches
All shiny and new,
Hoisted onto trailers,
Trucked onto the barge,
Ready to sail north.