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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Needless to say we are living in very unusual times and things are changing daily.

Unfortunately the March meeting had to be cancelled. The Executive had made the decision that it was unwise to hold the planned meeting at the end of March when we were notified by Burnaby Parks that all their facilities were now closed for the foreseeable future. At the moment the Burnaby Parks are closed through the end of April which means no April meeting as well.

When Burnaby Parks notified us of the closures we were told that our account would be credited with the prepaid meeting rent.

As someone said "I do not see how toy trains and train meets cannot be declared essential services!"

The best advice is to stay home and play with your trains.

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

*keep on truckin'*



## 2019-20 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

UPCOMING DATES: April 26, 2020 CANCELLED  
May 31, 2020 now also CANCELLED

how can you have door prize winners when the doors are locked?



Will we be seeing you at BBQ time?  
If not June  
then surely September.

Stay well, get better, play with trains

**THE CAR BARN**  
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**COMING EVENTS**  
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ISSUE  
NEXT MEETING - SUNDAY DECEMBER 7th  
DOORS 12:00 MEETING 1:00  
BOY SCOUT HALL (OFF KINGSWAY)  
5641 TYNE STREET  
NORTH OF "MR SPORT HOTEL"

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**  
January 25th February 22nd  
March 29th April 26th  
May 31st June 28th

**20th Anniversary Convention Portland, OR**

**MCCOY CPR ENGINE**

All engines must be fully paid as of December 8th, 1986. The total cost of the engine is \$350.00 US or \$470.00 Canadian. When final payment is made please specify where you wish the engine shipped or if you plan to pick it up at the McCoy factory. Note: The locomotive is left at the factory with no liability to either the McCoy or the Canadian Division. If it is stolen, you are the loser and you must absorb the financial loss. No refund will be given for locomotives not fully paid by December 8th, 1986.

**MEETING TALKS**

Thank you Bernie for the excellent slide show and talk on steam expo and real and model trains throughout British Columbia. The members really enjoyed it and appreciated the time and effort given. Any member who would like to give a talk or do a workshop at one of our upcoming meetings, please contact the Executive.

**AUCTION**

I think all members will agree that the recent changes in the auction rules greatly improved the auction. The "train related items" and "\$3.00 opening bid" rules appear to have really speeded up the proceedings. One must keep in mind that as a general rule, when any item is offered for sale in the auction, there are only a few members who are really interested in purchasing it. That is to say there will always be dozens who are watching the auction and are interested in learning about the items, but who are not totally interested. Examples: When a Lionel pre-war standard gauge item is offered, how many potential buyers are there...maybe 5 out of 50 members in attendance. The same applies for American Flyer "o" and "s", Lionel Standard or "o", Marx, McCoy, etc., etc. The point is that it is to the benefit of all members, whether they are a buyer or a seller, to keep the auction moving. This keeps the members' attention because something is happening and they will have to act quickly if an item appears that they wish to bid on. Imagine if you had to sit through 6 or 7 sellers that were offering items in "o" and you collect "s" AND the auction was dragging. For this reason the Executive will be trying to keep the auction moving.

**WANTED**

#2055 4-6-4 & #2046 tender in any condition (for repainting)

Low rail #72 wide radius curved track that will work with Lionel #27 track

See TED MORCK at the December Meet or call 499-5441

**NEW MEMBERS**

FRANK HORNE Apt 1803, 31 Elliot St. New Westminster V3L 5C9  
KELLY GORDON 209 8th St. New Westminster V3M 3P8  
MIKE JOHANNSEN 209 8th St. New Westminster V3M 3P8

A FLASH FROM THE PAST!

"THE CAR BARN" WAS THE CANADIAN DIVISION'S NEWSLETTER, CATCH THE YEAR 1987  
Thanks to Don McKay for unarchiving this!





### COLLECTING

*Robin Dodson* collects models by USTTC (the United States Toy Train Company) including San Francisco's BART train (bottom) and Washington Metro (2nd from top). Lots of freight cars and electric outline engines. All late 70's to early 80's manufacture.

### LAYOUT BUILDING

*Mike Munk* bridges the gap with a mighty double-tracked span, tying together his new upper level. The aerial view shows the loop at one end. Fast work, Mike! What's next?

The Facebook page has video's of 4 trains running, Mike's goal.



### LAYOUT FEATURE

*Jim Sutherland*'s super layout features Mrs. Sudd's Diner. Is there an online menu?





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Calgary AB April 18-19  
Supertrain 2020

Info: [www.supertrain.ca](http://www.supertrain.ca)  
**CANCELLED**

Nanaimo BC April 26  
36th Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show **CANCELLED**

Info: [csundstr@gmail.com](mailto:csundstr@gmail.com)

At Home:           Layout building and scenery  
                          Photography   Model building  
                          Kit bashing     Running Trains

*don't forget to check the website for updates*  
[canadiantoytrains.org](http://canadiantoytrains.org)

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### EDITOR'S CORNER:

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SENT PICTURES OR ARTICLES. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING.

**PS DO YOU HAVE FIRST TRAIN OR FIRST LAYOUT PICTURES FOR AN ARCHIVES FEATURE?** SEND TO EDITOR!

### CLUB NEWS

Tom Modica reports that our BC Market reefers are in Bellingham; NY member Ralph Spielman lets us see one. It will have to do for now.

The big train dealer TrainWorld has done a feature on CTTA; nice to see, now how do we take over the world?



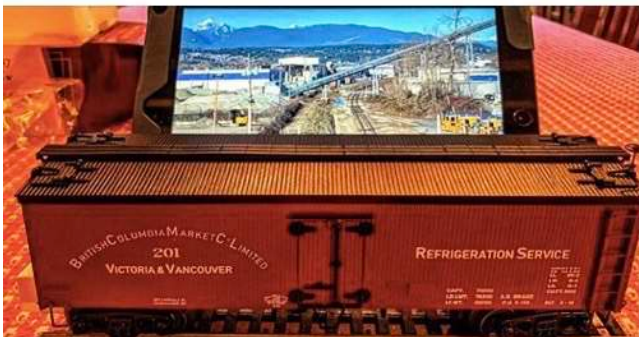
Tom Modica  
April 5 at 11:46 AM

The cars have arrived in Bellingham safe and sound  
So close, so far away



Ralph Spielman  
March 31 at 2:24 PM

Here is the BCML car, against a Vancouver-Area backdrop!



Mark Horne, Robin Dodson and 8 others    2 Comments    Seen by 66

## TRAINWORLD PRESENTS:

### TRAIN CLUBS AROUND THE WORLD TOUR!



Canadian Toy Train Association  
Vancouver, BC Canada



TrainWorld  
April 2 at 11:18 AM

Like Page

Day 8 Of Train Clubs Around The World, Today's Train Club We Are Featuring The Canadian Train Association In Vancouver, BC Canada! They Have Been Around Since March 1974, They Are A Fraternal Organization Of Model Railroaders, Train Collectors And Operators. Their Club Includes Men And Women From All Walks Of Life. Many Members Are Located In The Vancouver And Lower Mainland Areas Of BC, But Also Have Lots Of Members Across Canada And The United States! Check Out Their Website For More Information At: <https://www.canadiantoytrains.org/> Canadian Toy Train Association



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### CUSTOM PAINTING

*Gordon Hall* has been busy with fine CN paint works —



— Plus this E&N Railfreight scheme converted from a Reading locomotive.



and has built a new loop above his



layout — six feet in the air!

### CONVERSION SPECIAL

*Dan Gory* is stretching and adapting this 736 Berkshire into a CN Mountain.



### REPURPOSING

*Charles Reif* has given an old caboose a new life as a mini-boxcab electric loco.



### CUSTOMIZING

Some Marx revisioned, mainly on a military theme, by *David Cook*. Good to see.



SCALE BEAUTY

Thanks to **Clark Gray** for sending Kyle these pictures of Calgarian **Alan Hough's** scratch built 2-rail 0 scale layout.



CHECK OUT THE CTTA FACEBOOK PAGE FOR A LOT OF LAYOUT VIDEOS!



**Dave Emmington** spotted this one for Kyle. Personalized hopper cars! We all want one!



STOP! your two meters is up!



Hope the  
Easter  
Bunny  
found you  
and yours!



Another Russian  
classic:  
Kyle finding a  
Russian vehicle  
reminded me to  
dig deep in my  
own archives.



TRANSCONTINENTAL

NY member Ralph Spielman caught the VIA Canadian from Toronto, greeted by Mark and Kyle when he alighted in Vancouver. Yes, he got home before they closed the border.

70 members of the MoonLighters group gather in Union Station's departure lounge.

A shot of the CN tower through the observation glass.

They still lay out dining cars like this? Wow.

Steak!



Sioux Falls — burr  
Kamloops lake — ah  
Journey's end.

Mark and Kyle meet  
Ralph at the station.



ANOTHER YELLOW AND RED LOCO...

53101 CNR EMD GP9 #4352 EDMONTON ALTA. SEPT. 1969

BILL GRANDIN COLL.



A spectacular 'daily dish' from Mark Horne, who has been posting a layout photo on our Facebook page every day. —>