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## *Operating and collecting toy trains*

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Another great train meeting with over 75 members and guests in attendance and lots of trains and outstanding food. Well done Peter and crew for another great spread. You all do an amazing job and are really appreciated – did you see the long food line the entire length of the hall?

Congratulations go to winners of our special “Christmas door prize draws” and to all the members who supported our draw. Well done.

Kyle updated us again on the new web site which is already up and running. Kyle requested more sharp (in focus) train pictures to him for the web site. We would like to see your trains on the web site. Kyle has also added the CTTA Resolutions and Policies under the “Member’s Corner” section.

The operating night was very successful with over 35 members, spouses and friends dropping by.

If you are thinking of going to York, PA next October 2015 please let Mark know now as I have already purchased cheap airline tickets for 11 members. There will probably be about 14 - 16 members attending this coming October.

In our continuing effort to explore new and different ways to improve our club, the executive would like to hear from you, the members. If you have any suggestions for changes, improvements, new ideas or plans, to help improve your club and make the monthly meetings better, please contact your member-at-large, or any member of the executive. The more ideas the better and your executive wants to hear from you!

See you at the end of the month.

Mark

### 2015 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: JAN 25, 2015

FEB 22, 2015

MAR 29, 2015



Last meet of 2014



**CTTA TAKES THE CABOOSE TO PUYALLUP IN NOVEMBER!  
AND THE BUS TRIP TOO. HOW GOOD IS THAT?**

**Our not-quite-Christmas draw winners (and a door prize too)**







COOTS in Nanaimo Dec 7/14

Robin reports  
near record crowds  
and lots of trains!

More pictures on pg. 5 (online).

Next COOTS is March 1

Gordon Hall's  
34'x16' layout  
at the  
Polar Express  
event,  
at the  
West Coast Railway  
Heritage Park  
in Squamish.

more pictures on pg. 6  
(online)  
or  
at the site listed  
below!



<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/an-animated-model-train-christmas-display-the-kids-can-run-at-the-polar-express-train-experience>

For more of Gordon's pictures, and some of the CPR Christmas train too:

<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/weekend-photo-fun-12-19-14?page=2>



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 28 -March 1, 2015 Monroe, WA  
United North West Model Railroad Club [www.unwclub.org](http://www.unwclub.org)

Mar 1, 2015 Nanaimo, BC  
COOTS meet Info: Robin Dodson [Collector390@shaw.ca](mailto:Collector390@shaw.ca)

Mar 15, 2015 Burnaby, BC  
Western Rails Info: [westernrails@wcra.org](mailto:westernrails@wcra.org)

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

## Roger Frisson 1932 -- 2014

Roger Frisson a member of our train club for many years passed away early morning, December 24, 2014 at the age of 82. A contractor and craftsman by trade, Rodger was a supervisor on many construction sites in Vancouver. As with every train club member he had a passion for model / toy trains, especially Lionel O gauge and G scale. As well, he and his identical twin brother Robert had a Lionel repair business in the early 1960's along with a healthy collection of Lionel.



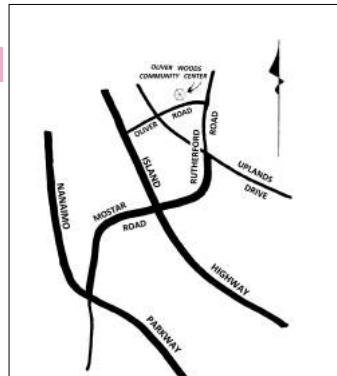
## Canadian Toy Train Association Nanaimo Train Meet

Nanaimo  
Sunday

Mar 1, 2015

12:30 pm -  
4:30 pm

Open to  
Collectors and  
Operators of  
Lionel, Flyer,  
Ives,  
Marx, K-Line,  
Hornby, MTH,  
Williams, Weaver,  
Marklin, etc.



Oliver Woods Community Centre  
6000 Oliver Road  
Nanaimo, B.C. Admission \$5.00

Table Sales, Displays, Show and Tell, Door Prizes, Refreshments.  
Bring Trains to Sell!!



MARK HORNE & FRIENDS AT PUYALLUP



LOOK WHAT ROBIN FOUND!  
AT AN ESTATE SALE:

AN ORIGINAL CPR ADVERTISING  
SIGN, 54 1/2" L X 34" H.  
FOR THE CANADIAN

MORE PIX ON PG. 5



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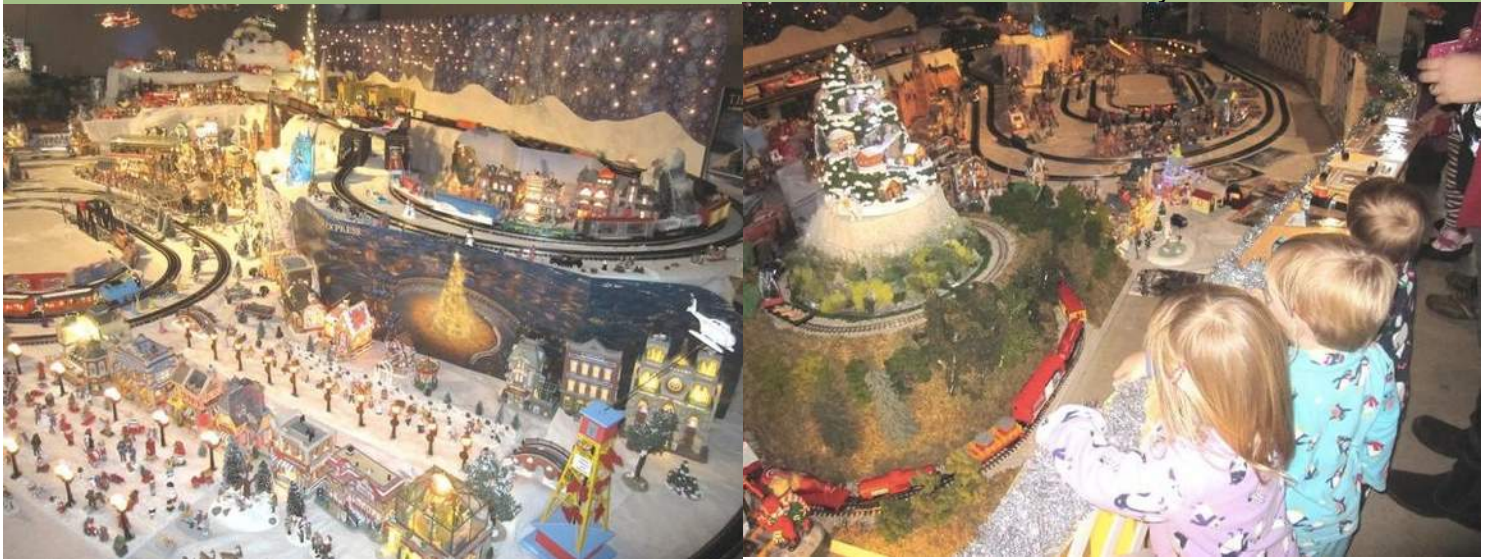
More from COOTS' Dec. 7 meet in Nanaimo



**MORE ON ROBIN'S CANADIAN PACIFIC SIGN: THE STRIP OF LETTERING THAT INCLUDES "THE CANADIAN" HAS LIGHTING IN IT, AND PROJECTS 8". WHERE WAS IT USED?**







*Dreams are made of this!*  
More of Gordon Hall's pictures of the Polar Express display at Squamish

**EUROPEAN TINPLATE UPDATE**  
COURTESY OF MICHEL BERTHET OF SWITZERLAND  
**AN ALL-BRITISH TRAIN MEET AT VAIHINGEN 2014**  
PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HOLZSCHUH



Electric and live steam



Do you look down on clockwork trains? Have a look at these videos from Freinsheim in Germany, where the Bing collectors group gathered to run their trains last fall. Videos by Jorg.

[Playlist Bing-Spielertreffen 2014](#)



## REPORT FROM THE EASTERN FRONT

by Gail Ferrier &amp; David Cook

The often ugly weather in Ontario doesn't stop Toy Train Afficianados from turning up in great numbers for the many shows staged around the area. In fact there are so many shows, museums, layouts and operating railways offering tours you could visit one virtually every week and still not see them all in a year of Sundays.

From small venues like a legion halls to major convention centres, there are a lot of Toy Train Enthusiasts displaying their collections, buying, & selling and just plain talking about the hobby. There are more shows here in a month than there are in the entire Pacific Northwest in a year... and it seems there are more refugees from Vancouver showing up here recently.

We've mentioned American Flyer collector Larry Asp before. His brother, Brian Asp, was one of the Island CTTA members. We see him at virtually every show Gail & I attend. In November at the Kitchener show we ran into longtime Canadian Toy Train Association member Richard Riedel, who is now living in Waterloo; and in January I saw Carl Deciccio in Woodstock. I've included pictures of all three of these guys to refresh memories of who we all are, and what we look like since we haven't been to any West Coast meetings recently.



You would all enjoy meeting and talking with two guys who run fabulous toy train layouts at the shows. Darryl, (on the Left) is an avid Lionel collector & John (who I originally met online through the Yahoo Marx Group a few years back) is fanatical about Marx Trains, he has some real nice Marx trains. . Their layout is so good that the show managers pay them to display. Now that's quite the gig. I recently bought a video camera which takes much better quality than our cell phones so we can try and send you a video of their unique layout to put on the website when we see them in Kitchener in March.

The next show that we will be going to is the TH&B sponsored show in Ancaster, I haven't been able to get any tables at that show, as it is always sold out.

I am really fortunate to have a boss at my part-time job at Home Depot who allows me to indulge in my passion by honouring my frequent requests for Sundays off to go to the shows... But we have so much more to explore here... we haven't even been to anything in the Toronto area although we did venture down to Buffalo once so far. There is a lot of train memorabilia here as well and a fascinating number of Train Trips we have yet to take.

PS WE miss you all and you're welcome here anytime.

