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PRESIDENT'S REPORT #4

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing break over the Holidays. As we reflect on the year just past and kick off 2022, let's be thankful that our love of model trains and the Hobby itself seems strong and resilient. There's lots of Toy Train fun and Model Railroading to enjoy in 2022.

On that note, our planned Bus Trip outing on Jan 22 looked to be a fabulous way to kick off the year, but unfortunately the latest wave of Covid Omicron derailed our plan, and the adventure was cancelled. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard planning our trip. We will continue to look at options in the months ahead and hopefully it won't be another whole year before we can venture out on another Bus Trip.

Our 'extra' December meet was very well attended, with lots of trains and interesting train related items for sale. (An inflatable toy train ?) Thanks for coming!

We conducted an online ZOOM meeting on January 9th to reconnect with our Membership across the continent. Thanks to all of you who attended and shared your current projects and acquisitions! I will continue working on getting the monthly in-person meets connected over the internet for those of you 'far far away'.

Our membership renewals have been pouring in. Keep those cheques coming! 150 members have renewed, about 40 remain. To help keep everyone straight on whether you've renewed or not, I have added a new list on the Members Corner page of our Web site. You can check your 2022 renewal status if you're not sure. This may also save some of you from renewing twice!

I've been having fun on my train layout and am currently running big passenger trains. A 9 piece K-Line Sante Fe passenger train with Lionel scale F3s and an 11 piece VIA Rail train with F40PH diesels by MTH.

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2021-22 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

meetings at Charles Rujmmel Community Centre, Burnaby B.C.

doors open at 11am

UPCOMING DATES:

SUN JAN 30

SUN FEB 27

see changed date —>

*SUN MARCH 20 *(not 27)



December 19
special
CTTA meeting
in the
Christmas spirit



Arby's by Menard's



valley Motors by Menard's

Terry Berg started 'Friday's at Arby's' in Tsawwassen over a year ago to allow train friends during Covid to gather in their folding chairs in the parking lot and talk trains. Terry is now pleased to have Arby's for his layout so that the tradition can continue in miniature. Is there room for more?

PLEASE NOTE: **THE JANUARY 22 BUS TRIP TO GATS AT PUYALLUP HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

The Executive of CTTA regrets having to cancel, but the newly imposed requirements for Covid testing before being readmitted to Canada make the trip unfeasible.

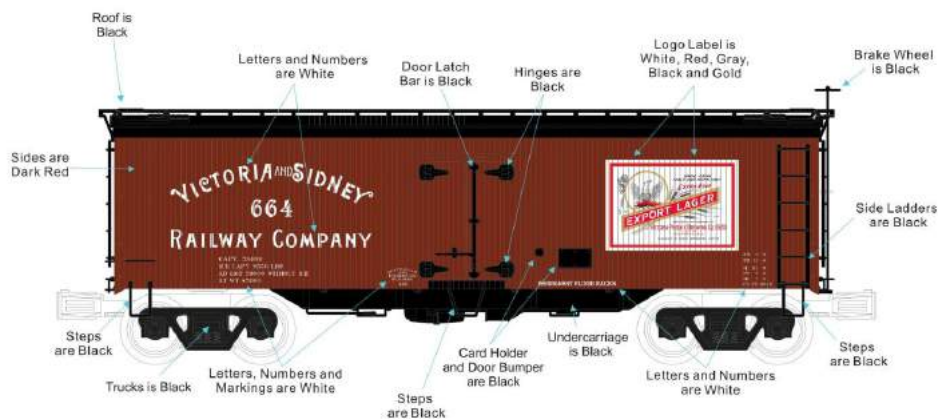
Those who have prepaid are being refunded in full.

Victoria & Sidney Phoenix Brewing MTH 36' Woodsided Reefer

The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that MTH is manufacturing a Victoria & Sidney Phoenix Brewing 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 2022.

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

Questions: email mlhorne@shaw.ca



If you wish to order please complete the following order form and mail your payment (payable to "Mark Horne") to:

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

Name				
Address				
City		State		ZIP
Email _____				
Quantity	_____ 36' reefers			



Dec. door prize winners



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Show us what you've got running on your layout and what projects you're working on! Editor Charles Reif needs help putting your Canadian Flyer together and is always keen to share content received from members.

As I write this, I've just received multiple notices that the NEW Lionel Big Book 2022 Catalog has been released and there is lots of new Canadian National and Canadian Pacific diesel power for you to contemplate. Which new engine is tempting you? Access the catalog from our Web site.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our January meet on the 30th.

Kyle

EVENTS:

Notice:

Jan 22 Bus Trip: CANCELLED
due to new Covid restrictions.

Jan 30 CTTA meeting at Rummel
(stay tuned in case requirements change)

EDITOR'S CORNER (CHARLES REIF):

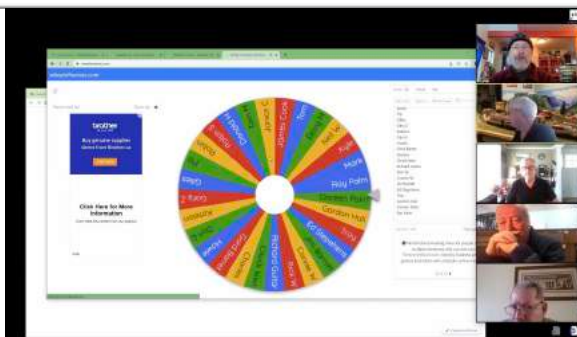
CONTINUED GREETINGS TO ALL OUR EASTERN AND AMERICAN MEMBERS WHO HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW US (AND VICE VERSA) IN THE ERA OF ZOOM. OUR JANUARY 9TH ZOOM IS REPORTED BELOW.

WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS TO SEND US PHOTOS OR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER, AT creif@shaw.ca

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR CTTA JANUARY 9TH ZOOM MEETING



26 MEMBERS
attended online;
the wheel of
fortune found
3 'door' prize
winners.



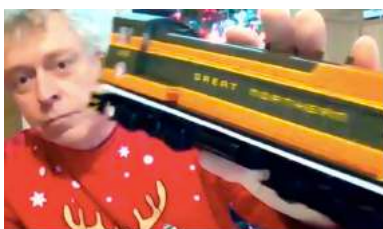
James Cook gave a quick look at his layout-in-progress, including a Howe Truss bridge he is constructing (left).

[Send us some more photos, James!]



Richard Guita has rebuilt his Korber roundhouse to work with an Atlas turntable — all watched over by a lucky black cat.

[See more pictures below!]



Gordon Hall showed his recent Great Northern project, and as part of his Christmas layout at the Railway Museum of BC, a Lionel aquarium car filled with Hallmark miniatures — is that a transport car for 7" gauge trains? [See more on the Christmas layout below]



Ralph Spielman noted that the NYC Transit Authority retired its first Budd transit cars (c1964). In December Ralph and friends flew to Chicago to ride the CTA Holiday Train: all cars decorated inside and out, candy canes handed out.

Chuck Laws has flagged the Vancouver Island Model Engineers south of Sidney (vime.ca), celebrating their 50th year. They will be open to the public June 11 & 12 (see in future 'EVENTS').



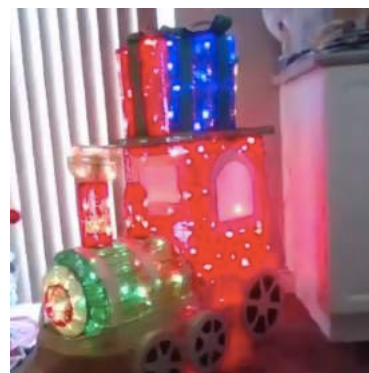
MORE ZOOM NEWS:

from our President:

- January meeting at Rummel is a go unless health regulations change later this month. Stay tuned.
- the Jan 22 bus trip had to be cancelled due to new testing requirements by the Canadian Government.
- one-time only: March meeting will be changed to **March 20** at request of Burnaby Parks.
- we lost member Tom Gascoigne in November, a co-founder of the old Lionel Collectors Association of Canada, who was also an agent for Buffalo Creek Graphics getting Crown Models cars custom painted for Canada.
- welcome new members **Bernie Ehnes** of Etzikom, AB and **David and Sam Sparling** of Blyth, ON.
- Highlight of the door prize wheel of fortune was a Buffalo Creek LCAC BC Rail boxcar (one of 3 numbers, highly sought).



Dan Gory has been converting an Alco RS3 into the Montreal Locomotive Works version PGE 570 as per the prototype in Squamish. Having to rebuild the trucks, headlight, and so much more. In the green and orange colour scheme. Looking forward to it.



Gary Zabenskie showed off **Katelon's** Christmas loco, lights and glitter for the kitchen. Wow.

Club Car update:

- all MTH Moosehead and Victoria Terminal reefers are shipping now. USA orders sent direct by MTH, all Canadian orders bulk-shipped to Mark Horne, for redistribution or pickup (Mark will inform everyone).
- Atlas airslide hopper & MTH Can. Northern gondola: coming "Spring"...
- PGE snowploughs — orders closing.
- MTH Phoenix Beer car now selling (see page 3).



News from **Martin Joly** (above) and **Gerhardt Klann** —>

MORE ON GORDON HALL'S CHRISTMAS LAYOUTS FOR THE RAILWAY MUSEUM OF B.C.



With 5 layouts large and small, including a Coca Cola layout and an MGM's layout (see lower right)., and a mountain tunnel layout with a hidden loop inside (see below)



AND MEANWHILE

snow in December allowed the North Pole Express (below) to really look "North Pole".



More photos available on O Gauge Forum,
<https://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/photos-of-my-huge-toy-train-christmas-layout-at-the-north-pole-express-event>



More pictures from **Richard Guitart** of his Korber / Atlas conversion. (Is the black cat back in the tunnel?)



Thomas Madsen finds photo proof that his custom WPSY caboose isn't too short.

And don't miss
the Phoenix!

CTTA's
new club car.
Order Form
on page 3



Canadian Prewar Toy Trains



The Marketplace
1912 - 1939



American Flyer, Bing, Ives, Hafner and more



Frank L. Schmidt and Charles Reif

The Beginning of the End of Steam in the USA:

In 1949, there were 34,581 steam locomotives and 8,981 diesel-electric locomotives.

At the end of 1952, there were 16,450 steam locomotives and 20,480 diesel-electrics.

source: Association of American Railroads

Canadian Railways in 1951:

4,715 locomotives, 6,366 passenger cars and 180,725 freight cars.

source: Association of American Railroads

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