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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The May meeting had about 70 members in attendance and it was great to see Ken make the trip from Kamloops; and Gary and Bruce making the trip from Seattle. Thank you for making the drive.

Our new member from Massachusetts, "Carl the Conductor" made the journey to our meeting under a Greyhound bus! He won the prize for travelling the furthest to the meeting -- 3200 miles! Thank you Carl for the great donation!

The new CTTA shirts and jackets arrived and look great. The shirts and jackets are available to purchase from Dave Scott at the meeting or email him.

The beautiful MTH Esquimalt & Nanaimo 36' reefers are arriving now and most members should have them shortly. I have a few Atlas BA Oil "Bow Tie" 8000 gallon tank cars left. If you did not pay me for the BA Oil tank cars, I will be collecting money for these cars at both the June and September meetings (they are \$ 85 CDN each).

Do not forget the June meeting has extra incentive prizes and a fabulous BBQ with strawberry shortcake..... be sure to attend.

As always thank you to all who provide the food and drinks at each and every meeting, time after time. Your efforts are really appreciated.

See you at the end of the month.

Mark

I Don't miss the "Whodunnit" on page 7!

2016 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:

June 26

Sept 25 (AGM)

Oct 30





May door
prize winners
enjoy warm
congrats from
new member
Carl



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
OUR ELDEST MEMBER
FRANK TEOLI

Lots to look at and talk over
at the May meeting



ROVING CLUBSTER ROBIN DODSON SENDS CHROMATIC GREETINGS FROM ACROSS THE
POND AT THE NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM AT YORK UK
(BACK IN TIME FOR COOTS MEET ON JUNE 12 IN NANAIMO)



Island Layout Group
have two tables
in action at
Esquimalt
"Buccaneer Days"

pix by Mike Woodley



Island Layout at Victoria Model Show 2016 — May 29th
Don Matthews operating, Jim Sutherland photographing, running
2 lines of O gauge and a G gauge line on the outside.



thanks to
Mike Woodley
for photos
and
descriptions



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 15-19, Salmon Arm Info: selkirkexpress2016.ca
Selkirk Express 2016 NMRA Convention

Aug 19-21, Snoqualmie WA Info: www.railroaddays.com
Snoqualmie Railroad Days

Sept 17 Edmonton AB Info: mmrf.ab.ca/show.shtml
Great Edmonton Model Train Show 2016

Oct 15-16 Chilliwack Info: Bob Jones 604 858-7659
Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railroad and Hobby Show

don't forget to check the website for updates
www.canadiantoytrains.org

EDITOR'S CORNER:

THANKS TO PETER AND CHARLES FOR MEET PICTURES, JOHN CONSTIBLE FOR HIS STORY AND KYLE FOR PIX OF JOHN'S TRAINS, MIKE WOODLEY FOR COVERAGE OF TWO GREAT ISLAND LAYOUT MEETS, TOM MODICA FOR ROME AND TRAINS, AND ROBIN DODSON FOR YORK UK TRAINS, THANKS TO LEE WEIR FOR THE GREAT WHODUNNIT PIX IN THE ONLINE EDITION.

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CTTA's EGN Reefer
another successful club car!



TOM MODICA IN ROME, APRIL 2016



JOHN CONSTIBLE TELLS OF HIS SINGULAR FIND!

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"This set came to me like many have come to all of us. A phone call that someone wants to give their trains to a good home."



LIONEL PREWAR SET 8040 AND THE SUPER RARE 1660 CRANE

For the rest of John's tale, you'll want to see the online edition!

TOM MODICA SAYS:

"find some track you can't ID? Try this link:

<http://www.railwaypages.com/the-museum>

Lionel Prewar 8040 Set**by John Constible**

It's one of those train stories that always seems to happen to someone else. A rare car or accessory one comes across you hear about in some magazine or you get an email directing you to a site to see what has been found.

This set came to me like many have come to all of us. A phone call that someone wants to give their trains to a good home, but what is it worth seems to be the question that rarely does not get asked.

Like many others, trains that were given as child hood toys, sits in storage and the children and grandchildren didn't want them. He explained he received the trains in 1942 from his grandmother. So, after some more chat, I asked what the trains were and making sure that I had all the numbers including the set box, I asked if he would send me some pic's.

I had all the trains but the crane car, which was really all I wanted. He gave me the number on the box which was a 2660 that was scratched out with a new number underneath. The number was 1660. As we all know, all things can be altered or changed and who's to say when and where it was done. He asked me what they were worth, and I didn't have the heart to tell him, I really was only interested in the crane car. He asked if I would come in to look at them, and with great hesitation, I said I would be busy for the next couple of weeks.

He said he had some time the next day and he had no problem driving them out to the house. That was ok with me. \$30.00 in gas, bridge and time, and I really didn't want to drive in.

When he arrived, he was delighted to show me what he received as a kid, so we sat on the floor and started taking all the stuff out of boxes. Everything was pretty regular stuff and I really didn't focus on the crane car other than I needed the number for my prewar collection. The rest I had.

Also in the bottom of the box were wooden toys which Granma bought for the gondola's that could have been from any era, but he said he got them with the trains in 42'. The wooden set was number #150, which was produced by Skaneateles Handicrafter's for the war time. (http://www.oldwoodtoys.com/wwii_toys.htm)

In the bottom were also early half flats from Germany, animals from the 20's and some military items from the 20's and 30's, early Britain's I believe.



We negotiated a price and he was happy and now I have a new set to figure out exactly what I have. I look in the Greenberg Guide to Lionel Trains Volume II. I found on page 59, a story about a 660 crane. The crane car seemed to fit the description. I would have the 3rd known example. On that note, I decided to find a blog that I could find more information about the car. O Gauger Magazine offered that venue.

(C) Same as (A), but 650-D frame, Type IV-Hm trucks. Further confirmation requested. D. Ely comment. NRS

660 CRANE CAR: We have had two confirmed sightings of this car. The cab is a 165 Cab with the "165" painted over. The paint matches perfectly and appears to be a factory job. One reporter maintains that this car should be listed as a 1660 Crane, since it came in an uncatalogued set with 1600-series cars. Cream cab, light red roof, dark green Bakelite boom, black 650-D frame with slots, Type IV-H trucks, Type III couplers, black journals. Further information requested. J. Flynn comments and Collection. NRS

Through many varieties of comments from a fake to do you know what you have, I figured I might be on to something. I decided then to put the set on eBay at \$50,000.00. That would put it on the top listing and see what kind of information would be forth coming. I received an email shortly after from Bruce Greenberg of Greenberg Publications. After phone chats and pic's being sent to him, he came to the conclusion it was real and there was continuity for sets in that year.

He said the pic's needed cleaning up so Bruce sent me some backdrop paper to reshoot the trains for his prewar publication in the fall.

Are the trains rare and worth \$50,000.00, probably not, but at this point, having the only known 1660 crane in its original box in its original set is pretty cool.



Who made these train accessories, where and when? That's Lee's all-Canadian question to us. All-Canadian because some of these pieces have CP or CN decals, or "Toronto" on a station sign.

1. BRIDGES:

8 3/4" X 5" X 1 3/4" HIGH
CP OR CN DECALS
027 TRACK ATTACHED THROUGH
THE CENTRE TIE WITH TWO
BRADS.



2. WATER TANKS:

LIGHTWEIGHT TUBULAR LEGS,
RED SPOUT.
BASE PAINTED RED.
CN DECAL.



WHO MADE
THE DECALS?

WHO MADE
THE HOLLOW
-CAST "TREE"
COLUMNS?

3. STATION PLATFORMS:

11" X 3 7/8" X 6" HIGH
HOLLOW CAST "TREE" COLUMNS.
LIGHTED.
LEE'S HAVE THE TORONTO SIGN.

[YOUR EDITOR'S VERSION HAS
NO SIGN]



If you have some of these,
let us know.

If you have variations,
send us pictures.

If you know anything about
WHO, WHEN, WHERE,
Please drop us a line!

WE REALLY WANT TO
KNOW!!!



←LIGHT ATTACHMENT
METHOD.

VARIATION IN RED PAINTED
ROOFS, STANDARD GREEN.

