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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

The April meeting was great with lots of members and guests in attendance and lots of trains for sale. The food line-up went around the room as the members awaited the feast. Thank you to all the chefs for the excellent job! I would also like to thank Gary Heald for bringing and setting up the PA system at every meeting. Thank you Gary!

Thanks to Graham for bringing so many MTH passenger sets -- wow!

We announced and have already sold well over the 100 minimum orders for our British Columbia Market Co. Limited reefer. Thanks again for supporting our club and if you haven't order one and want one let me know ASAP. The final order numbers go in this month.

There was a discussion at the meeting around the club layout and it's future. The issues are that we losing our inside/dry storage for the trailer; the number of train shows we display at are decreasing; the layout requires constant maintenance; and we have a decreasing number of members who are able to help set-up and take-down the layout. The trailer does not fit into a standard garage -- the trailer is too tall.

So, please think about these layout issues and if you have suggestions etc please let any member of the executive know. A decision regarding the layout's future will be made before the end of this year.

See you at the May meeting.

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:

May 26, 2019

June 30, 2019

Sept 29 (AGM)







SOME RARE CANADIAN TINPLATE AND RARE  
CANADIAN TINPLATERS CHARLES AND FRANK



A TROVE OF MTH SETS  
BROUGHT BY GRAHAM



APRIL DOOR PRIZE WINNERS





## British Columbia Market Co. Ltd. MTH 36' Woodsided Reefer

The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that MTH is manufacturing a British Columbia Market Co. Ltd. 36' woodsided reefer in their Premier line. This very limited production "O" gauge car comes in two road numbers in 3 rail.

The Canadian Toy Train Association member cost is \$ 85.00 CDN per car including shipping within the lower mainland and Vancouver Island. With the drop in the Canadian dollar this is a real deal for our members.

Questions: email [mlhorne@shaw.ca](mailto:mlhorne@shaw.ca) or telephone 604-560-4028



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 – 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Surrey, BC  
Canada V3Z 6Z3

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| Quantity    | _____ 36' reefers |     |  |



Jim Ervin shows off his original 1958 ticket to ride the Vancouver Eaton's Toyland 'Superchief'



Who?

Bob Garton returns with a 'Show & Tell' on Loco Builder's Photos + Builder's Lithograph.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 23-25, Santa Clara CA Info: [oscalewest.com](http://oscalewest.com)  
 0 Scale National 2019: 0 Scale, S Scale, Narrow Gauge West

May 25-26, Montreal QC <http://montrealmodeltrainexposition.com/>  
 Montreal Model Train Exposition Info: [i.dow@videotron.ca](mailto:i.dow@videotron.ca)

May 29-June 2, Cranbrook Info: [www.kootenayexpress2019.ca](http://www.kootenayexpress2019.ca)  
 Kootenay Express 2019 NMRA Pacific Northwest Region Convention

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

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### EDITOR'S CORNER:

THANKS TO KYLE AND CHARLES FOR THE MEETING PIX; BOB CARTON FOR SHOW & TELL, MARK HORNE FOR A GREAT OBSCURE CLUB CAR — ITS A WINNER.

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



Attending our June 30th Meeting:  
**Troy Anderson** from Chelsea, QC, to meet our club  
 and do show and tell on the very rare **LCAC**  
**Convention cars.**

Troy also has one remaining LCAC CN F3 shell,  
 which he will bring for sale at the June meeting.  
 Looking forward.



### NEWS FROM THE EAST

Robin Dodson shows off his 'snazzy' sales table  
 at the recent Barrie Ont. train show.  
 "Not much 0 gauge" he said.



### In Memorium

Long time member Jim Flett  
 of Maple Ridge, BC



Pat O'Connor ► Canadian Hot Rod  
 History

Yesterday at 9:53 PM · 🌐

Jim Flett, well know Canadian hot rodder on the west coast and his native Ontario has passed away. He suffered a stroke several years back, but soldiered on. Jim was a founding member of the Canadian Street Rod Assn. when he lived in the Sarnia area in Ontario. He was voted into the Canadian Motorsports Hall of Fame. Jim was a good friend of mine since he moved to the Vancouver area in the early 70's. Jim Flett, along with his pal, Jim Lester from Ontario operated Jimmy's Rod Shop. He will be missed. This pic was taken at the Nats before Jim's move West.





## Indian Hill Heritage Railway Train Travels 2019, by Frank L. Schmidt

My wife Annie and I decided to travel to India and take three exceptional rail journeys, on an escorted tour with twenty four other British train enthusiasts, involving two private chartered steam locomotive journeys. Join us for a trackside view of our adventure and the sights of India.



Read the full story on the CTTA Web site here:

<https://www.canadiantoytrains.org/indian-hill-railway-adventure/>

### Larry Setterfield – Doing it right – again!

Submitted by Kyle Miller

**Larry Setterfield started all over again. Shortly after saying 'Happy New year' in 2014, Larry got started on an all new layout for his home in Penticton, BC.**

A founding Member of the Canadian Toy Train Association, Larry has been running trains on his previous layout for over 21 years! But in the Summer of 2013, he decided to tear it down. He had mountains, cliffs, roads and lots of structures. Larry said "I even had a 26 foot highway that ran the length of the layout, plus some side roads. Lots of die cast Dinky toys, with several Corgi and a few other makes. Most are from my childhood."

But this isn't the first time Larry has started from scratch. A lover of postwar and 'golden age' Lionel trains, Larry's early layout in Burnaby was full of early diesels, GG-1's, big steam, 6464 boxcars and streamlined passenger sets. Then came the colorful era of MPC Lionel.

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The appeal of today's modern scale sized trains, with massive diesel and steam motive power in his favourite Canadian and US road names, gave Larry the inspiration to start over. This time with a new layout that would really make operating fun.



This design priority for this one would be "Just to run trains. I needed minimal scenery. I wanted two levels, with connecting 40 foot runs of 2% grade, and plenty of space for three train operation."

Now patrolling the Gargraves tracks are Lionel and MTH SD-70s and AC4400s in bold CN, CP, UP colours. Norfolk & Western Steam. Union Pacific X-844 Northern with an 8 car passenger consist. The new layout features wide turns, sturdy benchwork and long trains.



To go with these big trains, Larry has added large building structures, a 2-stall Engine House, 'Castle Rock' Rico Station, Grain Tower and Signal Towers with open spaces around them, giving a roomy stage for the trains, eventual details and accessories.

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When you've been operating trains and running a model railroad for 21 years, you pick up a few things along the way. Sprinkled throughout the new layout are signs of Larry's skills in building structures and blending scenic details into his right-of-way.

After the basics of Larry's layout and track plan began to take shape, he started to selectively add the details.



Like many of us who are sometimes late to bringing scenery and details to our layouts, it's hard to know where to start. A good place is on the ground – with track ballast. The first and most appearance changing detail a modeler can add is to make the roadbed look as real as the trains.

Choosing a suitable ballast type to suit one's tastes can be overwhelming – and expensive! Coarse, fine? Brown, grey, rusty looking? A mix? And once you decide, getting enough of it to cover large expanses of O gauge track can require several trips to the ATM and Hobby Store.

I asked Larry 'what are you using?', since that's just the effect I'm looking for. I was delighted with the answer!

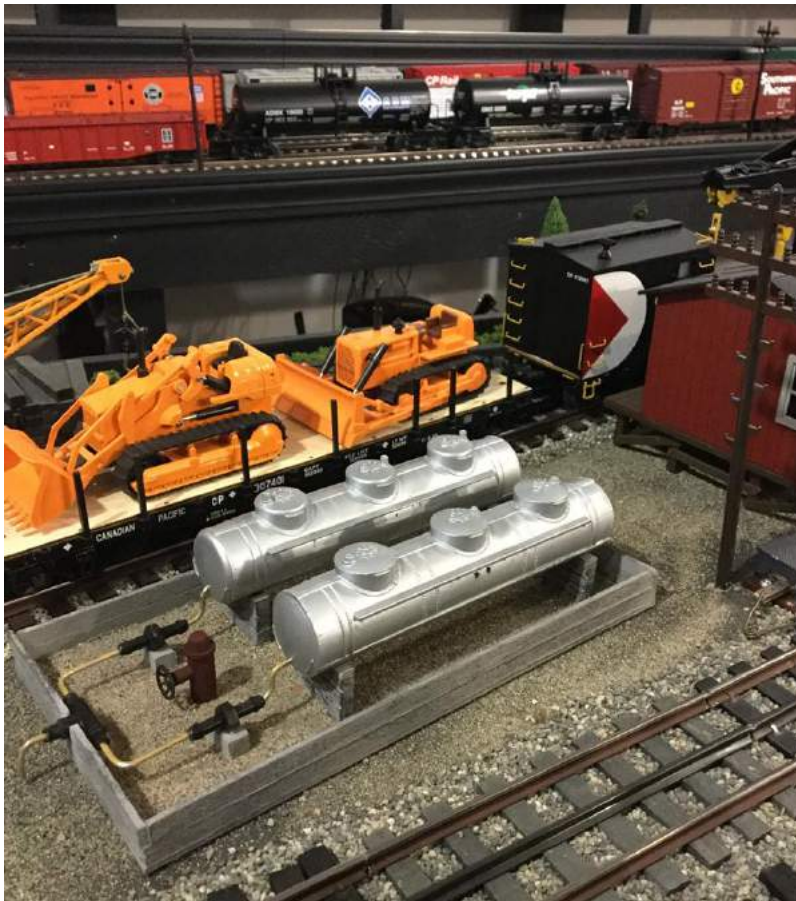
"The ballast is 'Playsand', for kids sandboxes. I got the idea from Mark Horne's layout in North Vancouver. It came in 20 kg bags at \$3. I screened mine to eliminate the fine sand, which was also used for roads or open ground cover. To me the ballast was about perfect. Eventually I went through about 4 bags. Some were rich in ballast and some were mostly sand."

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A quick Google search and I was off to Home Depot! It's now a whopping \$7 a bag for something you can carry out yourself.

As Larry explained "Playsand is sterilized, dust free and non-magnetic. And it does look pretty good with painted rails."

Another nice scene I noticed on Larry's layout was a fuel service and storage tanks facility. Using common tank car parts and other details, he created a simple but effective addition to his yard and service area.



"For the storage tanks I used cheap HO tank cars. I removed truck, couplers and frame, then painted accordingly. The cradles are 1/4 x 1/4 wood strips, glued, painted and weathered. I filed down the top of cradles to conform to the tank bodies and glued. The pumps and shut off valves with the piping are modified drip irrigation fittings. Containment walls are balsa strips, painted and weathered, glued to the base, which is covered with fine Playsand. Sometime I will apply the appropriate decals. All of these make neat little track side additions and best of all, everything was free!"

Larry's layout reminds us that a simple approach to getting things rolling always works. Well placed and well spaced trains and structures gives the layout a very uncrowded look. And it's always good to pick up tips and pass on what you know to fellow toy train lovers!

**Thanks Larry for sharing these pictures of the new layout with us, now 5 years in. We look forward to seeing more of it.**

Editor's note: See the '[Member's Pics and picks](#)' image gallery for all the pics of Larry's layout. See also Carl Chancey's & Brian Beard's trackwork and ballasting in the image gallery.