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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

These very unusual times seem to never end.

Burnaby Parks has informed us that all their facilities were now closed for the foreseeable future, at least through the end of June. Unfortunately this means no May or June meeting as well.

Although the Burnaby Parks are closed now, they have been in contact with James Cook, our booking representative, and plans are underway so we can hopefully have a September meeting.

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.

I am delivering the BC Market reefers now and also taking orders for our BC Electric depressed centre flat car with transformer. You will be receiving an email with an order form and artwork soon. I need order numbers not payment.

Thanks to Charles and Kyle for their great pictures and work on our Newsletter, our Facebook page and the CTTA web site. As well, thanks to Kyle for setting up our Zoom Train Meetings. We will have another one on Sunday May 31st at 1:00. Details regarding the meetings will be coming soon.

Be sure to visit our CTTA Facebook page as many members are posting great train layout pictures.

We have been notified that the November PNE Train Show has been cancelled.

Be safe and stay home and play with your trains.

Mark

2019-20 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

UPCOMING DATES: **JUNE MEETING CANCELLED**
Watch for Future Notifications.

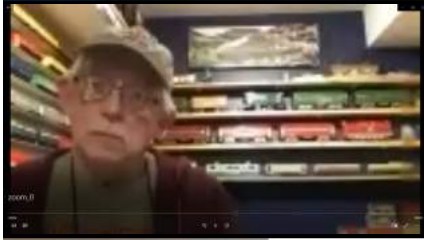
MAY 31 ZOOM MEETING — SEE PAGE 3



CTTA hosts first ever online meeting

On Sunday, April 26 we hosted our 'monthly meeting' online using the ZOOM e-meeting

With the spread of the Global Pandemic forcing the closure of our public meeting facilities, and the rise of free e-meeting and collaboration platforms that make it quick and easy to connect with others online with full audio and video, we decided it was the perfect time for the CTTA to take the plunge!



We had about 50 members in the group meeting, which lasted almost 90 minutes! Thanks to all of you who 'took the plunge' with us and signed up to attend and participate. We know many members had never 'ZOOMed' before, and had to prepare for the meeting by installing the ZOOM software to your computers. There were a few bumps along the way for a few, with getting video and phone lines connected, but overall our first online meeting was a complete success !

After a few minutes of watching attendees pile in to the meeting, I gave a quick walk through of the controls and functionality of the ZOOM meeting. We had the majority of members using the full video connection, and lots of participants making use of the Group Chat. I asked for a 'thumbs up' from everybody and we got started. The primary objectives for our first ZOOM e-meeting was to prove it could be done, troubleshoot any connectivity issues, and manage the interaction and presentation with 50 members all in the same meeting room. Thanks again to all of you who joined for your patience and enthusiasm as we made our way through our first ZOOM meeting.

President Mark Horne provided an update on the distribution plan for our new British Columbia Market Co. Limited reefer, as most of us Canadians were still waiting for our cars to come across the border from the US. It was feared Tom Modica would stuck with a 100 car train of reefers in Bellingham, WA. Mark advised us of the general process for planning and selecting the Club Cars we choose to manufacture for the membership. Gordon Hall gave us a sneak peek at some decorating and painting projects he was working on. Ed Stephens demonstrated his new 'Stealth pop can' cover, a clandestine technique we can use to hide those refreshing cold beers behind innocent looking pop cans ! We saw 'Lionel Beer' and Michigan beer, both limited edition refreshments. (We may have a groundswell of demand for another run of that stuff!).

Most importantly, we had great participation from the membership across North America that doesn't usually have the pleasure of joining us in person. New York, Massachusetts, Quebec, Ontario, Washington, Ohio, Alberta and lots of other places! Absolutely fantastic! It was great to finally welcome some 'new' long-time members to a Club Meeting. For those of you who participated in the meeting, please send me any FEEDBACK you have regarding what worked, what didn't, what you'd like to see, and if you have something you'd like to share at a future meeting.

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With our regular meeting facility schedule being somewhat uncertain over the next few months, CTTA is calling out to the membership again to join us for the MAY meeting online using ZOOM. Please join us if you can!

CTTA May 2020 Club Meeting

Time: May 31, 2020 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

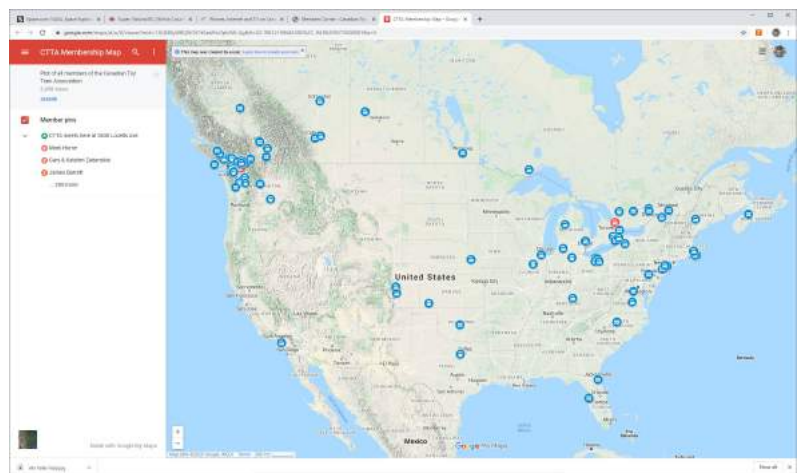
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86443077466?pwd=U2pNSk1RNFM5VkFRV2JNQm1QbDBoZz09>

Meeting ID: 864 4307 7466

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Please reach out to me personally if you need help or guidance with getting set up with ZOOM so you can participate. Don't wait until the last minute! Best of all, if you have ZOOM on your computer (or any device), you can now connect with your friends and family around the world to spend some quality face time together. Don't hesitate to give it a try. Looking forward to seeing you and saying hello at the May online meeting. Cheers and choo choos ! - Kyle



CTTA members' distribution map — far and wide!

CTTA May 2020 Zoom Meeting Sunday May 31st 1pm Pac Time

see details to left.

download the app and check in

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86443077466?pwd=U2pNSk1RNFM5VkFRV2JNQm1QbDBoZz09>

UPCOMING EVENTS

At Home:

Layout building and scenery
Photography Model building
Kit bashing Running Trains

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

EDITOR'S CORNER:

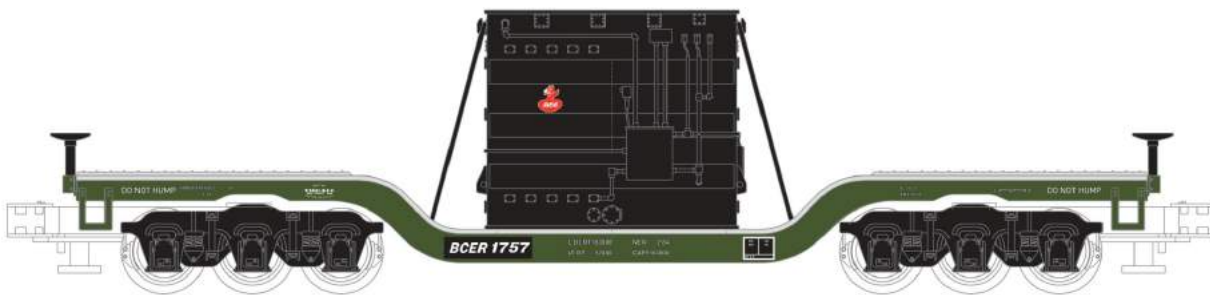
THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SENT PICTURES OR ARTICLES. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING.

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

The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that MTH is manufacturing a British Columbia Electric depressed center flat car with transformer load in their Railking line.

This very limited production "O" gauge car comes in two road numbers in 3 rail.



Delivery is expected in late 2020 or early 2021.

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.

NO payment required at this time but I do require order numbers

Mark

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Kyle Miller gets set for a picnic!

nice dry-brushed grain on that table.
ready for the family unit.



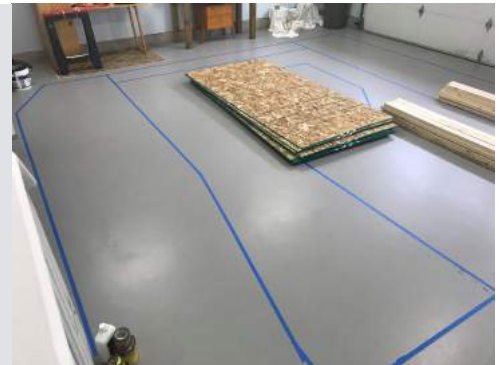
James Cook builds a layout at last!

Here are some progress pictures of **James Cook**'s layout. His layout is under construction in the garage. His biggest effort previously was, 3 sheets of plywood supported by saw horses when he was 12. So this project provided a number of challenges to make the brain work. Many thanks for all the help he has received from; Brian Driscoll, Mark Horne and Larry Setterfield.



<— blue sky planning

design drawings—>



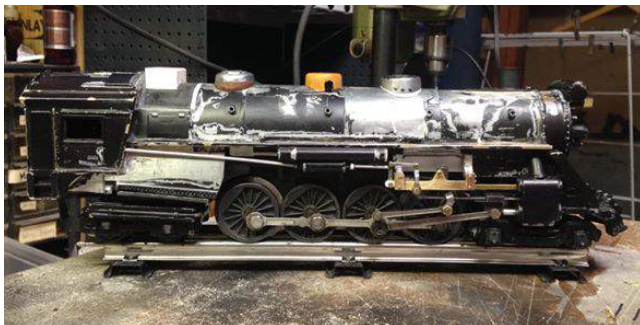
The garage before construction. Total size 550 sq. ft. of which he can use about 360 sq. ft. The walls have been painted light sky blue, ceiling painted white, floor painted with concrete floor paint. The lighting was also changed out to LED. Ready for construction; floor taped out with the outline of the layout and some raw materials stacked for the appropriate cutting and shaping. With some good fortune and timing, he should be able to start laying track in the next couple of weeks.

TO BE CONTINUED...



<—elegant benchwork

almost ready for track work—>



Dan Gory continues the transformation of what was a Berkshire. Included at right is a rebuild of the front end, pilot to headlight. And we thought it was finished...





Kyle Miller
misses chance
to bring out
the PGE crane.

Bubble wrap
not to scale.



Terry Berg 'hosts' second impromptu train club gathering at Arby's in Tsawwassen



Gail Schmidt shows off a z scale
mountain scene — and see below the
scene with trains.

Despite your editors efforts at
compacting the photos, be assured that
social distance was maintained.



Tom Mower builds in Quesnel B.C.



Tom's club had to leave their location a year ago and dismantle their huge layout. Now he's hard at work on his own layout, and it's no slouch. He also wants us to know that he has some very special trees to plant on the layout — trees our longtime member **Gerry Shaw** apparently used on his display layout at the PNE in the 1970's? Any pictures of that layout, Gerry?



Charles Reif finally got his Zeuke (East German) locomotive going, 20V AC. Designed for 3 insulated rails, with 3 pickups, it will nevertheless go in one direction on track such as Atlas where all rails are insulated, using a Lionel type R transformer. The locomotive, tender and coach bodies are all bakelite. A mini-Borsig.



First Train

Tom Modica sends this picture of his 1952 Lionel Scout set. After 2 years the motor went; Tom's dad took it to the factory and they put a better motor in! Still running?