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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our October meeting was outstanding – a little chilly but very pleasant. Thank you to Earl for the use of your farm in Langley. Thank you to all the members who stayed around after the meeting to assist with the clean-up. A special thank you goes to Earl for allowing us to meet at his farm.

Please order the new club car, an Atlas Pacific Great Eastern tank car with the caribou logo – a very sharp red and silver tank car. Ordering info for this beautiful tank car is in this issue. This might be the only new car you can purchase during the Covid times. We have already sold 80% of the cars.

Due to the sharp increase in Covid cases, the executive has had no choice but to cancel the November meeting.

The current order is: “Under this new order, there are to be no social gatherings of any size with anyone other than your immediate household. That includes outdoors or in restaurants,”

We will be watching the Covid cases and depending on the numbers and the BC Health Department guidance, we will restart our farm or Burnaby train meetings in 2021.

Watch your emails for information on our next Zoom Meeting.

The raffle draw will take place at the next meeting.

So, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the executive.

Mark

2020-21 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

UPCOMING DATES:

SUNDAY NOV 29 — ZOOM

SUNDAY JAN 31, 2021 — ZOOM

CTTA OCT. MEETING AT



EARL LABOUNTY HOST



KEEPING THE TOY TRAIN SPIRIT ALIVE!



DOOR
PRIZE
WINNERS
(WITHOUT
GOING THRU
A DOOR)



Pacific Great Eastern Railway Single Dome Tank Car

The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that Atlas O is manufacturing a Pacific Great Eastern 8000 gallon single dome tank car. This very limited production "O" gauge car comes in two road numbers in 3 rail.

Delivery is expected in summer 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.

Questions: email 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 – 26th Avenue
Surrey, BC
Canada V3Z 6Z3

Name	<input type="text"/>				
Address	<input type="text"/>				
City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>	ZIP	<input type="text"/>
Email <input type="text"/>					
Quantity	<input type="text"/> tank cars	<input type="text"/>			



Is this a very early attempt at a bay window caboose?



Esquimalt and Nanaimo
caboose



One of the few pictures of a Canada Atlantic car or release. W.C. Cole Collection CRHA

A COMPENDIUM
OF
CURIOUS
CANADIAN
CABEES!



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EVENTS:

The Covid 19 Pandemic has put a dent in the events calendar. The CTTA November Meeting will have to be a ZOOM meeting. Stay tuned for details by email.

EDITOR'S CORNER:

THANKS TO KYLE FOR THE MEETING AND JIM BARRETT LAYOUT PHOTOS. THANKS TO GEORGE PLANT FOR THE STORY. THANKS TO THE CLUB CAR GURUS FOR THE RED AND SILVER PGE TANK CAR.



JIM BARRETT DOES HALLOWEEN!

Hornby is best known for its model railways

Model railway maker Hornby has seen its sales surge by 33% in the six months to the end of September, as more people took up hobbies in lockdown.

thanks **Clark Gray** for this one straight from the BBC



A Canadian's Act of Bravery

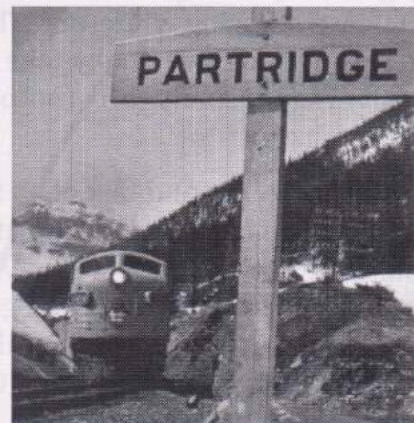
In early May 1949, I was travelling east to Montreal by train to take a position as a student mechanical engineer with the Canadian Pacific Railway. I was keenly interested in railroading and particularly steam locomotives. My love was to ride locomotives whenever possible. This was last summer as a summer student and I hoped to graduate from UBC the next spring.

The train left Vancouver in the early evening and the next day it traveled through the Rockies and arrived at Calgary the following evening. Enroute the train stopped at Field, west of Banff. I was up to the head end and, being somewhat precocious, spoke to the engineer, explaining I was travelling to work for the Company in Montreal and asked, "Could I please ride the cab through to Banff?" (It was against the rules but an engineer could, on occasion, agree to such a request). He, a kindly soft-spoken gentleman, agreed. We introduced ourselves and I was instructed to sit behind the fireman on the opposite side of the cab of the locomotive. We proceeded east and in a short time, we passed a millboard labelled 'Partridge'. I shouted across the Cab to the engineer, somewhat quizzically, "was that board named after you?" It was the name he had introduced himself with back in Field. His answer was a brief, "Harrumph!"

The fireman then spoke and told the story of why that location on the track is named "Partridge." Several years earlier, Mr. Partridge was holding a junior position as a fireman (where all engineers serve time to gain experience). On this particular night he was firing "pusher" locomotive, placed at the rear of a freight train to assist in getting up a long, or steep, grade such as the Kicking Horse Canyon. Their train had just passed through the upper and second of two spiral tunnels when the crew heard the roar of a landslide in the distance above them. He quickly realized that there was a section house at the entrance to the lower tunnel several meters below in which there were people sleeping. Partridge jumped out of the locomotive cab and raced down the mountain ahead of the slide, woke the people, and quickly had them move the few feet to safety into the mouth of the lower tunnel as the slide went by.

For his heroism, the railway named that section of the railroad right of way after Mr. Partridge. Life magazine gave him a \$1000.00 reward in recognition of his effort. This is a piece of Canadian history about a modest Canadian.

George Plant



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The March 2020 CTTA Newsletter featured Jorge Beristain's scale model of the Partridge station.