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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Welcome to another great train year!

The September meeting had about 60 members in attendance and it was great to see Ken make the trip from Kamloops; Gary make the trip from Seattle, and Vies and Randy for the island. Thank you for making the drive.

Thanks to the Garys for BBQ, it was excellent and enjoyed by all. The food is always a highlight – just look at the food line. Thanks to Peter and associates for the great work each month.

Most of the MTH BCE reefers have been delivered or shipped but due to a production error at the factory, the balance of 32 of 144 reefers will be delivered in the spring. Thank you for your patience.

All the Atlas PGE hoppers have been shipped, delivered or are in my basement waiting for the October meeting. Thank you to all who supported these projects. I do have a few PGE hoppers extra so if you missed it please let me know.

The CTTA Executive has said good bye to Neil Mackenzie and hello to newly elected Neil Whitehead.

The coming train season has the PNE Train Show in November, and The Great Train Show in Puyallup in January (with the bus trip for only \$40.00).

Also, please buy tickets for the Christmas draw as we have great prizes and it supports your club.

Mark

## 2017 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:

Oct 29

Nov 26

January 28





Treasurer Elect  
Neil Whitehead



September Door Prize Winners



another successful BBQ... er, AGM



toy trains are serious business



WORDS TO LIVE BY? [THANKS ROBIN]



LATEST CLUB CAR BC ELECTRIC  
THUNDERBIRD REEFER

λ "WHODUNNIT"? (continued)

from Lee Weir, of Sherwood Park, AB

In our June 2016 edition we featured a picture spread about old train accessories apparently made for sale in Canada, but of unknown manufacture. No one added further information (until now)



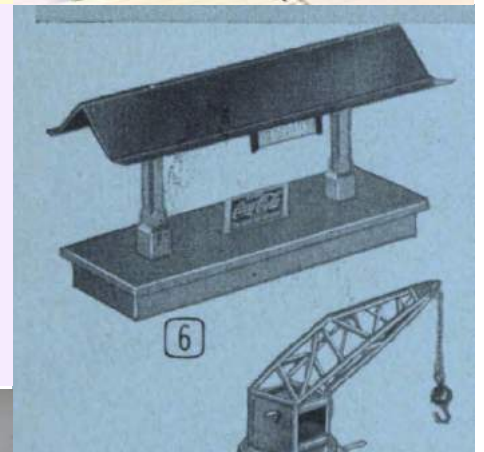
These items were featured in that 2016 article <----->



Lee doesn't have a maker's name yet, BUT he has found the station platform illustrated in a 1950-51 Eatons Montreal catalog (that's why the description in french). Good hunting, Lee! ----->

For your interest, the Archives of Canada have online a selection of Canadian Mail Order catalogs. Happy browsing, and thanks Lee.

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/postal-heritage-philately/canadian-mail-order-catalogues/Pages/canadian-mail-order-catalogues.aspx?PHPSESSID=i0q12rq6gsng5ck9fnrjudr9v2>



6 QUAI DE GARE, ILLUMINÉ en métal émaillé. Nom de l'endroit illuminé et petite annonce. S'utilise avec trains électriques. Longueur environ 12 po.; hauteur: env. 6 po. 27-505. Prix, port payé..... 2.79

7 GRUE À MANIVELLE qui fait fonctionner les grappins. Grue sur tige tournante. Faite en métal au fini émaillé brillant. Hauteur: environ 6 1/2 pouces. 27-512. Prix..... 1.50

Meanwhile, David Cook and Charles Reif have both encountered the same platform but with the base and columns made of plastic (front), not metal (behind).



Do you have information on these "canadian" accessories? Let us know!

Robin Dodson writes:

This is a prototype 108 power unit by the United States Toy Train company that was never put into production. Likely the only one in existence. USTTC produced trains in small numbers from the mid 70's to mid 80's before disappearing into Toy Train oblivion. Hard to find any these days, but this showed up on eBay a couple of months ago, so I went for it.

Powered by the dependable Marx double reduction motor as were all USTTC power units, this baby will run forever. At least when I get a layout to run it on.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 14-15, Chilliwack Info: [lionbob221@gmail.com](mailto:lionbob221@gmail.com)  
Mt. Cheam Lions Club Model Railroad & Hobby Show

Nov 11-12, Vancouver [vancouvertrainexpo.ca](http://vancouvertrainexpo.ca)  
Vancouver Train Expo 2017 PNE Forum

Nov 11-12, Puyallup WA Great Train Expo  
[thefair.com/fun/details/great-train-expo](http://thefair.com/fun/details/great-train-expo)

Jan 20-21, Puyallup WA Great Train Show  
[trainshow.com](http://trainshow.com) Jan. 20 is bus trip

Feb 24-25, Monroe WA  
United Northwest Model Railroad Club

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

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A September ride on the Cumbres & Toltec

[thanks to Leon Sweet TCA for great pix]



### MORE PLACES TO GO LOOK AT STUFF

1. more Maintenance Of Way equipment than you'll ever want to see:  
<https://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/more-track-maintenance-equipment-photos-than-you-ll-ever-want-to-see>
2. a ride on the Arbutus line (circa 1982):  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWPmxSkl3K0&t=51s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWPmxSkl3K0&t=51s)

[thanks to Tom Modica for these]

## BC Historic Train Collection Faces Eviction, Seizure

Crown corporation-linked company wants railway society out of space in warehouse leased to Amazon.

By **Andrew MacLeod** [TheTye.ca](http://TheTye.ca)

Stu McDonald: 'If something isn't done very quickly, B.C. will lose some of its priceless railway history!'



see full story at:

<https://thetye.ca/News/2017/09/28/BC-Historic-Train-Collection-Eviction/>

thanks Jim Barrett for this 'heads up'