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Dear CTTA Members,

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to our 2021-2022 Toy Train collecting and operating season! And for those of you who were able to attend our Annual General Meeting on Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>, it was 'welcome back' to the Charles Rummel Community Centre, where we hosted our first in-person meeting at our regular facilities in over 18 months. It was great to be together again at our CTTA 'home'. I realize masks and vaccine protocols aren't a popular or comfortable way to attend a meeting, but we will be following all public health advisories until they end. Hopefully very soon!

If you haven't heard by now, the shocking outcome (to me!) of the AGM and election was that I am your new CTTA President! I am honoured and thrilled to find myself in this position, and a little bit nervous too. I appreciate the support and encouragement received so far and I am looking forward to lot more fun and exciting adventures with you all. Please also join me in welcoming new Executive Members Gord Barrett and Howie Williams.

Rest assured Mark isn't going very far, and I will be depending on him for lots of guidance and advice as I assume Leadership of our fantastic Club. Mark will still be heading our Club Car Program and other Club activities.

I will have lots more to say about Mark's gigantic contributions and growth of our Canadian Toy Train Association in the months ahead, but for this issue I want to say "Thanks Mark for a Fantastic 11 years of leadership, and for all the fun and enjoyment of this wonderful hobby of Model Railroading and Toy Train Collecting you've brought to us all."

Under Mark's leadership, with Executive support, we evolved from a TTOS Division to be an independent, thriving, and well-respected independent Association. We launched a brand new CTTA 'Brand' identity and Web site, that has extended our reach across Canada and into the United States. He has managed a Club car program with the best O Gauge Manufacturers to give us a vast inventory of extremely desirable, unique and collectible O gauge train cars. I've got at least three new trains full of beautiful O gauge Club Cars that I would never have otherwise collected!

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## 2021-22 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

UPCOMING DATES:

SUN OCT 31 (Hallo-wooooo!!!)

SUN NOV 28

SUN DEC 19 (New This Year!!)

## return to charles rummel centre!

the exciting sequel to months cast adrift on the waves of fortune..... or something.

Freshly painted, and wi-fi installed (we're told), and the old clock is gone. Protocols required a max. of 50 (we achieved 48), there were trains and food and things, and we were content.

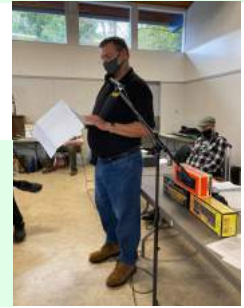


The CTTA Annual General Meeting was held, a new board was elected, and the Treasurer presented a spectacular financial report that was well received. No need to raise dues or meet fees.



<— Past President Mark Horne passes the gavel to our new President, Kyle Miller

Treasurer Jim Barrett presents his report —>



September 26 was also outgoing president Mark Horne's birthday, celebrated with a cake and appropriately challenging array of candles.

Wishing you a great year and a really great birthday present at York!



<— September door prize winners got to go outdoors so we could see their smiling faces unmasked.



Christmas Draw prizes on show — tickets on sale —>

show & tell #1 — Jim Barrett's 1936 Lionel blue streak







show & tell #2 – Reg Partridge brought a Lionel Standard Gauge “8 and cars for identification: all nicely repainted metallic finishes.

show & tell #3 – Frank Schmidt exhibited a Lionel 700E in top shape thanks to Gary Zabenskie.



Charles and Frank at the book stand selling their book “Canadian Prewar Toy Trains”



A rare Jim Sutherland sighting, with Kyle.



above: trains new and oldish.

<– close up of some Christmas Draw prizes.

Mark conducts AGM business →

Unusual treasury item:  
decade old six-pack of ‘Railfan’  
beverage →

<– lining up for pre-made  
sandwiches and chips (for public  
health reasons we can’t yet  
assemble our own lunch)





EVENTS:

Oct 31 CTTA - Charles Rummel BBY  
\*see attendance requirements

YORK Oct 21-23 - is happening;  
\*attendee report pending

Puyallup Jan 2022 - is happening;  
\*stay tuned for bus trip update

EDITOR'S CORNER (CHARLES REIF):

CONGRATULATIONS TO KYLE MILLER, CTTA'S NEW PRESIDENT. HUGE THANKS TO MARK HORNE FOR CARRYING ON WITH THE CLUB CAR PROJECTS, TO KYLE FOR CONTINUING TO HEFT OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA, AND TO ALL OUR EASTERN AND AMERICAN MEMBERS WHO HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW US (AND VICE VERSA) IN THE ERA OF ZOOM.

TCCA members Zoom meeting Sunday October 3rd

Mark Horne described the odyssey to York for a small group of Canadians, with covid testing before going and before being able to come back to Canada. Still a brave troupe is headed off.

Comments by several members on the success of the Moosehead Beer car – 224 ordered, the maximum permitted by the Moosehead brewery at this time. There is a wait list.



Kyle is from Nova Scotia, and pointed out there are two more maritime breweries, Oland's (Schooner Lager) and Alexander Keith... and Mark is scanning the archives for defunct Canadian breweries.



Gilles asked about the PGE crane tender. Mark is still watching for MTH to plan a remake of the RailKing version that we can piggyback on.

Gary noted that the great club car poster Jim Sutherland made a year ago is now out of date. Can he make another including our new cars? We'll ask once the new cars arrive.

New board member Howie Williams has taken on the role of contacting ill members. Our 'club wellness officer' or perhaps 'the sunshine guy'? Thanks Howie!

In other news, the documents from the Sept 26 Annual General Meeting have been posted on our members' page.

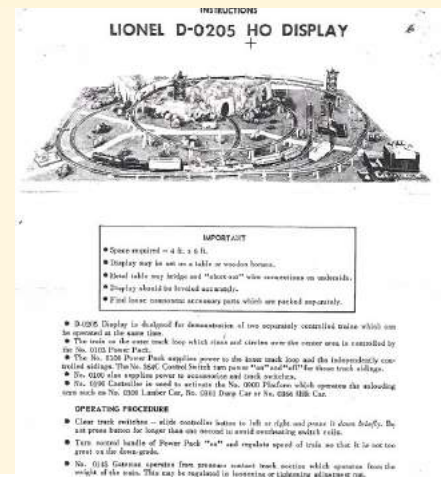
We had three prize winners on the Wheel of Fortune spin.



Gordon Hall and Kyle have been working at the Railway Museum of BC in Squamish, fixing stuff and finding stuff. Found and shown here is a Lionel HO Dealer Layout on a 4'x6' base.

Spec sheet to the right.

Enquiries welcome.



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A further sincere thanks to Earl Labounty, who's gracious Hospitality at the Red Willow Ranch in Langley ensured we had a 'home away from home' for our Club Meets. We enjoyed our social gatherings outside, got roasted in the Sun, dodged a few raindrops, and bought and sold lots of trains.

Thanks to James Cook, who's diligence and persistent contact with the City of Burnaby ensured we maintained our excellent relationship with the city for the use of its facilities. Our contract renewals and meeting dates locked in for the upcoming year and they are extremely happy with us.

Thanks to Clark Gray for taking on 'Lunch Duty' and driving the Subway Submarines from North Vancouver to the farm and to our Community Hall to keep our starving members alive for the duration of our meets. As attendees know, we've had to modify our usual 'buffet style' lunches for now.

Speaking of lunch, thanks Terry Berg for spinning off a series of 'Tailgate' lunches to keep a few of us connected socially as the Pandemic got worse. It started as a circle of chairs and a show and tell at the Arby's Parking lot and has grown to be a regular event hosted at the homes of several members (myself included) and local pubs!

Thanks to the Executive for your hard work, enthusiasm, contributions, and support as we begin a new chapter in the legacy of our Club this year.

And finally, thanks to YOU, CTTA Members across the continent, for your attendance, in person and online, your enthusiasm, your participation, your contributions of show and tell items, models, projects, advice and input, and most of all, your friendship.

I am super excited to start the year as your President! I promise you we will continue to have the BEST Toy Train Club around! See you in October, on Halloween. Current Public Health Orders and Vaccine Protocols will be in effect. If you have any questions or concerns, contact me!

Cheers and (more) choo choos,

Kyle Miller  
President. CTTA



Halloween makes a comeback at Jim Barrett's spook-filled layout.





**Dan Gory** reworks an old MTH F7B into a CPR F7, and goes for the Script lettering. Looking good.

**Canadian Toy Train Association**  
Thomas Madsen · 3h · 🌐

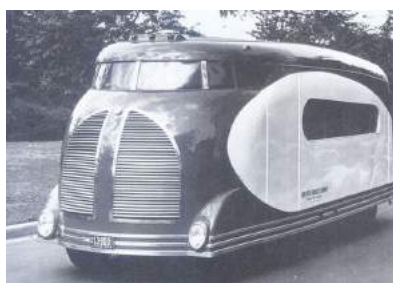
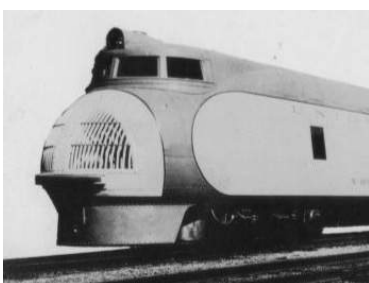
I ordered these vinyl decals from [doityourselflettering.com](https://doityourselflettering.com)  
I have done a lot of business with them and they always make a great product for me.  
The AML decals are for some shipping containers I want to make.  
The White Pass decal is for the tank car project.

**Thomas Masden** shares his decal source to do up matching White Pass tank cars.



The 'Tailgate' group enjoyed a gathering at **Mark Horne's** on Sept 25, including a tour of the train room, and multiple sightings of **Tom Modica**, sprung from the USA on a 72 hr covid test pass!

Looking forward to when the rest of us can see you too, Tom, in the flesh!



Is imitation the sincerest form of flattery?

