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Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is a special summer edition of the CTTA Newsletter.

The MTH BC Hydro diesels should be on the water now.

Our special Covid friendly meeting at Earl's farm was a huge success. Thanks to Earl and Brian for organizing it and thanks to all the members who helped out.

September is our election meeting and the CTTA Executive is standing for re-election. If you wish to run please notify Neil Whitehead as he will be running the election.

It was nice to see that Lionel is producing a Canadian Pacific 4-6-0 in their most recent catalog.

The coming train season is in doubt and has little confirmed at this time ... besides the train meetings each month we have the COOTS meetings in Nanaimo (?), the Lynden Show (?), the PNE Train Show (cancelled), the York, PA train show (?) and *The Great Train Show* in Puyallup in January (with the bus trip).

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

As always thank you to all who provide the food and drinks at each and every meeting, time after time. Your efforts are really appreciated.

See you in September at the meeting either in Burnaby or Earl's farm.

Mark



2019-20 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

UPCOMING DATES:

SEPTEMBER 27 — AGM
location to be announced



CTTA year-end Incentive draw (one ticket for each meeting attended) was augmented by all the door prizes from the 3 regular meetings we didn't have. Lots of chances, lots of winners.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CTTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY SEPT 27, BURNABY or EARL'S FARM
watch for notice of location by early September

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

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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!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

all members are hereby notified, in accordance with the bylaws, that
the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Toy Train Association
will be held on Sunday, September 27 at 12:30pm

Location depending on Covid-19 and Burnaby Parks policy will be

EITHER

Charles Rummel Community Centre
3630 Lozells Avenue Burnaby BC

OR

Earl LeBounty's Farm
22901 - 0 Avenue Langley BC

the location will be confirmed in a notice to all members in early September.

the agenda will include the 2019-20 financial statement and 2020-21 budget,
and the election of the board of directors for 2020-21.

nominations will be received by Neil Whitehead neil575@telus.net
or can be made from the floor of the AGM.

In Memorium — J.P. (James) Johnson



Dr. James Peters Johnson passed away peacefully, after a brief illness, on Saturday June 27, 2020 at the age of 81.

J.P. has been a kind and gentle presence in the club for many years. Many members of our club own and enjoy his skilled repaints of locomotives and cars.

After retiring from a career as an optometrist and optometry teacher, he made annual trips to Cambodia where he helped with eyesight problems and contributed to school materials for the children. His ashes will rest in a Buddhist Temple in Cambodia.

For the full obituary, see: <https://www.mapleridgefuneral.ca/obituary/James-Johnson>



ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM !

Our Summer series of ZOOM e-meetings has been a great success! On June 28 we met again for the third time and had another very strong showing, with over 20 participants joining in again. As always, it's been especially great to see members from all over the Canada and USA. After the June meet, we will take our Summer break – with no new meetings scheduled for July or August.

After my usual hello and introductions, Mark gave us the update on our very busy Club Car program. BC Hydro Diesels are 'on the water', and will arrive soon. The last minute 'Crane tender' car for our PGE Crane was approved, and sold out before we could even publish the order form to the Web site! Numbers for the BC Electric Flatcar with Transformer load have been submitted to MTH for the build.

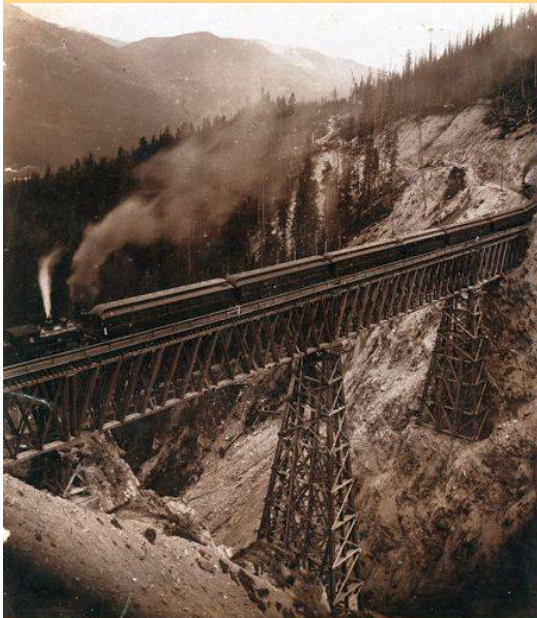
Mark made a strong case for the Canada USA border to be opened for Hobbyists, who have been stockpiling train buying funds since February with a huge pent up demand to buy Toy Trains, which should possibly be considered an essential service! Heaven knows those of us in Canada have been eager to get to our favourite USA Train shops, and our US Friends have been trapped and unable to join our Tailgate Luncheon meets at Arby's.

We had updates from members in New York, Alberta, Quebec and elsewhere. We also had a very informative update from Vancouver Island. Vies advised the our favourite Island Hobby Shop, BC Shaver & Hobbies, has reopened in a new sub-urban location. Following that, he presented a delightful show and tell of some recent tinplate acquisitions. It was revealed that Vies has indeed been suffering Train Withdrawal Symptoms, and has been infected with the Online Auction-20 virus, causing him to 'spend money like a drunken sailor buying stuff I know nothing about!'. We all agreed – 'you can't take it with you'! Enjoy your trains! Thanks to everybody who chimed in with an update from your location during the roundtable portion of the meet.

Surprisingly, there was very little discussion on the recent announcement by Mike Wolf that he was shutting down MTH! Many of us are still in shock.

I closed the meeting with a discussion of a possible member oriented event up at the West Coast Railway Park in Squamish before the Summer ends. Stay tuned for an update and an ask for a showing of interest in the next e-mail bulletin.

Looking forward to seeing you all next time – online or in person ! Kyle

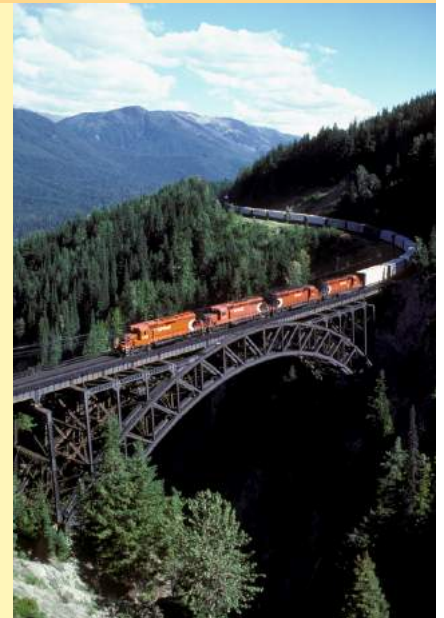


FIRST THE CPR
NOW **MIKE MUNK**

cpr stoney creek bridge
left: first right: second

below: Munk layout
left: first right: second
in the works

the challenge: double track
bridge over double track.
stay tuned.



james cook notes the latest copy of THE WHEEL REPORT from Tom Belfroy of Toy Train Workshop of Cumberland Ont. It contains an interesting history of MTH. Write James for a pdf. copy at jhcook@telus.net. [too big to go in the newsletter]

robin dodson notes a New York Times article of July 6, 2020 about the **Tshiuetin Railway** in northern Quebec, ..."the first railroad in North America owned and operated by First Nations people..." running between Schefferville and Sept-Îles. [Good words and pictures]



Sakai (Japanese) from the late 1940's
before they got into imitating Marx.

The couplers are trash, but the locomotive runs
like a dream **c. reif collection**

gavin senft has the following to say about a July 18 visit to the West Coast Railway Heritage Association's home in Squamish B.C. [Gavin Senft photos]

'Had a great day up at the WCRHA today. Saw Kyle and Gordon working. Got to see several interesting pieces, such as the BCE 70 Tonner, PGE no.2, RDC's No. 33, 21 and 14. Got to go into the cab of 561 as well, even has the original MLW dials. Also got a cab ride in 33, was definitely a highlight. They tend to sway at low speeds, which is very fun. I also picked up a builders plate off CN 1003, built August 1958 on it's A-1-A trucks. All in all, a worthy trip even with the heavy traffic (would be less with a train).'

[more pictures on facebook]



Old No. 2

Old Paint

New Paint



tom modica shared this post from American-Rails.com of this classic O. Winston Link photograph on the Northfolk and Western at Waynesboro, Virginia in 1955.

Makes me want to dig out my J and model the scene.

And speaking of modelling the scene, here's our own **mark horne's** photograph of one of those pesky BCE /Hydro steeple cab electrics.

Haven't got around to building one yet. Has anyone else?

