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Well here we are a month into our new year and we already have one train show under our belts.

The show in Chilliwack was a good time for everyone who participated. I would like to thank the members who showed up to run their trains on both days of the show. Those present were: *Neil Wilson, Neil Whitehead, Gary Zabenskie, Tom Modica* and his two grandsons *Kenton* and *Lucas Arendse, Mark Horne* with his son *Malcolm, Ed Stephens* and myself. If it hadn't been for Ed we would not have had any American flyer running. A good time was had by all!

One of the highlights of this year's show was *Bob Mitchell* and *Nell Sarrasin* win for the "Best of Show" award for their display. Congratulations to both of you!

Along the same *TRAIN* of thought, our club is participating in the train show on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November at the Cameron Community Centre. We are setting up on Saturday afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup> and many hands make light work. If you have some time, your help setting up the layout would be greatly appreciated. Keep in mind, those who help set the layout up get a sneak preview of the trains for sale by the vendors setting up their tables. I have made deals on setup days, and you could too!

The bus trip to GATS is coming up in November, It usually sells out quickly. We always have a fantastic time so make sure you reserve your seat. Remember that you need two pieces of ID to cross the border into the USA and to get back into Canada. One of the pieces has to be "photo" ID.

Invite your family and friends to the next TTOS Canadian Division. We are having a membership contest this year, the person that brings in the most new members wins the "*Smokey the Bear Tanker*". So, bring them out for a test drive. Application forms will be available at the next meeting or you can download one from the TTOS National website, [www.ttos.org](http://www.ttos.org). One last item I would like to mention, please be sure and patronize our newsletter advertisers. They have taken the time and effort to help support our activities so let's do the same for them.

I hope to see all of you including the offshore group at this month's meeting on October 31.

*Regards! David G. Cook, President*



*Lucas & Kenton Arendse (Tom Modica's grandsons) with President David G. Cook — running trains on the TTOS Canadian Division Club layout at the Chilliwack show October 15, 2004*

#### MEETING DATES

**October 31, 2004**

**November 28, 2004**

*This will be our Holiday Meeting  
Extra Door Prizes & Loads of Fun*

All meetings take place at  
**Charles Rummel Community Centre  
3630 Lozells Ave Burnaby, BC**

**Doors Open 12:00 Meeting 13:00**  
**Door Prizes, Sale Tables,**  
**Lots of Toys, a great auction —**  
**Refreshments are served**

# COMING EVENTS

*The following events are just a few of those we know about. If you have information or wish to have a Toy Train related event listed here, please send information by email to: [gailferrier@shaw.ca](mailto:gailferrier@shaw.ca)*

**October 11, 2004 Kitchener Toy & Collectibles Show**  
Kitchener, Ontario Contact: Ian (519) 426-8875



**October 17, 2004 32nd Annual Canada's Greatest Toy Collector's Show & Sale**  
Skyway Trade and Conference Centre,  
Etobicoke (Toronto) Ontario 9 am - 3 pm  
Contact: Ed [ctcstoyshow@hotmail.com](mailto:ctcstoyshow@hotmail.com)  
[website: www.ctcs.org/show.htm](http://www.ctcs.org/show.htm) (905) 851-9606 (evenings)  
The Canadian Toy Collector's Society, with great pleasure, invites you to participate in our 32nd annual "Canada's Greatest Collector's Toy Show". Being the longest running and best established toy show and sale in Canada we have continually set the standard. Our show management team includes people with credentials and experience in the area of marketing, a very important ingredient when doing advertising and publicity. Last year our attendance approached 3,000 patrons. More details:  
<http://www.ctcs.org/show.htm>

**October 24, 2004 Woodstock Model Train Show & Sale**  
Woodstock, Ontario Contact: Brent (519) 787-3280

**October 31, 2004 Woodstock Toy & Collectibles Show**  
Woodstock, Ontario Contact: Ian (519) 426-8875

**October 3, 2004 Sun 10 - 5 Laval, PQ Miniature Train Show**  
3235 St. Martin Est. Contact: M. Piette 405-625-4230

**October 15 & 16, 2004-09-12 YORK MEET**  
Friday 9 am - 5:30 pm Saturday 9 am - 2 pm  
York Expo Center, York, PA

**Saturday, October 16, 2004 10 am - 5 pm**  
**Sunday, October 17, 2004 10 am to 4 pm**  
**MOUNT CHEAM LION'S CLUB ANNUAL MODEL RAILWAY & HOBBY SHOW**  
Heritage Park 44140 Luckakuck Way,  
Chilliwack, BC (Freeway Exit # 116)  
Admission: Adults \$5. Seniors/Students \$3. Family \$10. (under 6 FREE when accompanied by an Adult)  
Operating Layouts, Commercial Displays & Sales  
Contact: James Hill 604 824 1757 [jdee@telus.net](mailto:jdee@telus.net)

**October 16-17 2004 Sat & Sun 10 - 5 Aberfoyle, ON**

**Aberfoyle Junction Model Railway Open House**  
O scale layout located at #128 Brock Rd, 1.5km north of Hwy 401, Exit #299 (old #6 Hwy) just south of the town of Aberfoyle, Ont. For more info, contact Craig Webb at (905) 527-5474. I know that this is a long way from Ottawa but it really is a must see if you are down in that part of the province.  
Check out their website at [www.aberfoylejunction.com](http://www.aberfoylejunction.com)

**October 16-17 2004 Sat 11 - 5:30 Sun 10 - 4:30 Ottawa, ON Railfair 2004**

*Railfair* is jointly sponsored by OVAR and the British Railway Modellers of North America (BRMNA). It is held at Algonquin College Woodroffe Campus.

**November 7, 2004 Kitchener Model Train Show & Sale**  
Kitchener, Ontario Brent (519) 787-3280

**November 21, 2004 Kitchener Toy & Collectibles Show**  
Kitchener, Ontario Ian (519) 426-8875

November ???? Cameron Rec Centre

**November 20-21, 2004 GATS**  
Great American Train Show  
**TTOS Canadian Division Bus Trip (Nov. 20)**  
Tacoma, Washington, USA  
Western Washington Fairgrounds  
9th & Meridian  
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Email: [j\\_e\\_war@hotmail.com](mailto:j_e_war@hotmail.com)  
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## ME A C U L P A

*In last month's Canadian Flyer page 5 I incorrectly listed the member photos as Stephenson It should, of course, been Ed Stephens*  
**OOPS ! I'M SORRY**

# The Magic of Toy Trains

The California State Railroad Museum at Old Sacramento State Historic Park unveiled its all-new exhibit, *Small Wonders: The Magic of Toy Trains*.

The new exhibit features some 1,000 vintage toy trains, six interactive displays, and a magnificent operating toy train layout in its 3,300 square feet.

The donation of an extensive and internationally recognized collection of 20th Century toy trains, Buddy "L" riding toys and railroad-related artefacts was made to the California State Railroad Museum, along with a generous cash donation to assist with its care and display.



Collected over some four decades by Mr. Thomas W. Sefton, a prominent San Diego banker, the collection is considered one of the finest of its kind in the United States.

**Thomas Sefton TTOS#189 was an early TTOS member** who's collection included some 7,000 toy trains and a variety of accessories, such as locomotives and railroad cars from such companies as **Buddy L, Ives, American**

**Flyer, Marklin, Marx, and Lionel.** They are featured, along with accessories such as depots, bridges, and tunnels, human figures, street lamps and railroad crossing signals, homes, and other trackside structures.

*The new exhibit is permanently displayed at the California State Railroad Museum at Old Sacramento State Historic Park.*

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## Photos from AGM September 26, 2004



*Even though the Island guys were busy with their big show in Nanaimo, there was a good turnout for the TTOS Canadian Division Annual General Meeting.*

*Above left: **Ed Stephens** with **Roger Frisson**,*

*Centre: **Martin Howbold** talks about an upcoming event,*

*Above Right **Alan Cruickshank** never misses a meeting even when he has just had knee surgery*

*Left: **George Plant** was re-elected to the position of Treasurer. He came dressed for the occasion.*

*Below: Some of the people in attendance during the business session of the AGM.*





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## Toy versus Model Trains



*Outgoing Vice-President, Neil Wilson, received the 2004 President's Award for his outstanding contribution to the TTOS Canadian Division. President, David Cook, presented the special pocket watch at the September AGM*

When Marklin, Ives and Lionel started producing electric trains at the turn of the 20th Century, the product was intended as a toy. The original electric trains were massive things that could withstand tremendous punishment. That is why so many remain to be collected by hobbyists today. Those original trains looked real enough for children. Since the average person had more contact with the railroad then, "realism" was a matter of odd details and accessories. Adults saw trains as a potential hobby, but they wanted more realism, and if that meant sacrificing durability, so be it! Since the hobbyists' trains were for adults, there was no need to sacrifice detail for durability. Here came the conflict of "quality." Toy makers wanted to produce a toy that was made to withstand the rigors of children. They wanted to make them last. That meant more "play value" and less realism. Adult hobbyists wanted scale miniatures with the correct detailing. Their models were for adult hands only, and would not need to endure rough handling. Durability could be ceded in favour of realism. Thus, the quality of the toy maker was play value, while that of the modeller was realism. The controversy continues to this day and is one of the reasons the TTOS exists. We want to play with our toys!

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**October 8, 2004** - M.T.H. Electric Trains has published its 176-page catalogue contents featuring the 2005 Volume 1 O Gauge and 36-page Tinplate Traditions product lines online [www.mthtrains.com](http://www.mthtrains.com)



**T**wo all-new steam locomotives and two all-new electrics and one all-new diesel locomotive have been added to the M.T.H. Premier Line in 2005.

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<http://www.mth-railking.com/newsdetail.asp?artid=180>

Consumers on the M.T.H. mailing list will receive their 2005 Volume 1 O Gauge and Tinplate Traditions catalogs along with a brochure on the first M.T.H.

HO steam locomotive via U.S.P.S. 3rd Class mail service the week of October 24th. You can find more details on our entry into HO

<http://www.mth-railking.com/newsdetail.asp?artid=187>



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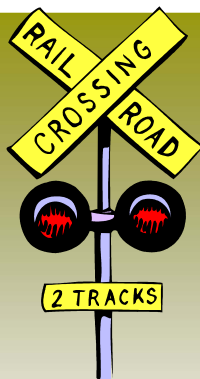
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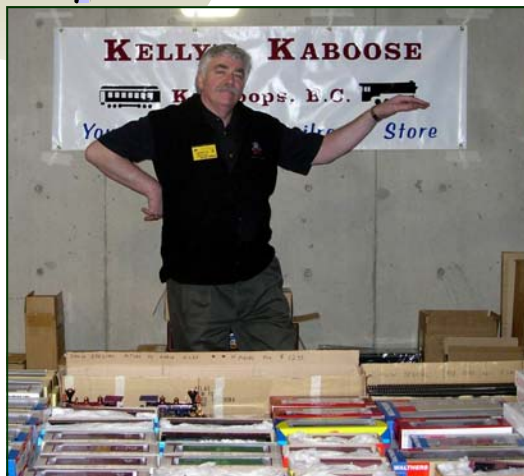
# Chilliwack Train & Hobby Show

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Above: **Ted White**, is part of the organizing team for the Mount Cheam Lion's Club which hosts the annual event.

Left: **Brian Kelly**...A new advertiser from Kamloops,

Great toys were on display throughout the buildings, but TTOS Canadian Division Club members **Bob Mitchell** and **Nell Sarrasin** (pictured below right) received the prestigious "Best of Show Award" for their presentation

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