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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a good Easter. Only three more meetings before summer. I think the older I get, the faster time flies.

The meeting in March was great, as usual. Mark sold more of Frank Horne's 6464 Boxcar collection, the prices seemed pretty good.

I really surprised myself that day...I only bought one item and that was some wide radius Marx track. Our members will have to start bringing more Marx tinplate items to the auction, start cleaning out those cupboards guys; withdrawal doesn't look good on me.

I do have a question for all of our members. Does anyone still fix trains? Does anyone still kit bash? One way to get rid of some of your "JUNQUE" is to bring it to the auction. You probably won't get rich but your JUNQUE will be in someone else's house, not yours.

I would like to thank **David Scott** for bringing the samples of logoware (clothing items with a TTOS Canadian Division logo that he designed) to our last meeting. I think on the whole everyone really liked what David was showing. The club executive will have discussed the direction we want to go with by the time the April meeting is held and I will share that information with you. I know several members including myself have placed orders with David. If you have not seen the shirts that David has to offer, make sure you are at the next meeting. (some photos are on page 5)

A few of our members are off to train shows in other parts of the world. I know that **Charles Reif** and **Frank Schmidt** are visiting the York show and **Bruce Fowler** is off to England for the Hornby Convention.

While I am talking about conventions, the **TTOS National Convention** is in **Chicago** this year. I regret that I will not attend. I hope that some of our members will be able to make the trip. Oh well there's still Cal-Stewart and York.

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David Cook, President Canadian Division & Bill Weed, President Pacific Northwest Division at joint meeting in Bellingham — April 5

2009

**TTOS Canadian
Division Meets**

**All meetings take place
at Charles Rummel
Community Centre
3630 Lozells Ave
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**Doors Open 11:00
Meeting 12:30**

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**April 26
May 31
June 28 Annual BBQ
September 27
October 25
November 29**

"Play with trains... Being grown up is highly overrated"

Bellingham April 5, 2009



April 5— joint Canadian Division / Pacific Northwest Division meeting at the Bellingham Train Museum brought out a number of members including Alvin Rayes & his family . . . Geared to all ages, the kids have their own, eye level, interactive table as well as viewing platforms around the central layout. Right—Bruce Fowler acted as auctioneer Left—Fred Dodds gave us a l i t t l e history of the Museum development and funding



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ODDS & ENDS & EVENTS



Harry Wright – November 2008

HARRY WRIGHT

It is with great sadness we inform you of the recent death of long-time TTOS Canadian Division Member Harry Wright Sunday, April 12, 2009

Harry was an engineer with Hillcrest Lumber & a relief engineer on the weekends at the railroad museum in Duncan.



Harry at the Throttle
photo by Vies Szalanski

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued from front page*

I received word from **Brian Driscoll** today that **Harry Wright** passed away on Sunday, April 12. I didn't know Harry well but I do know that he had one of the best jobs ever! Harry was an engineer with Hillcrest Lumber and did relief work running the logging train at The Duncan Logging Museum. We will miss him.

At the March meeting I announced that the National Executive had cancelled the 2010 convention in Canada. Reasons given were the economy and the fact that US Citizens will need a passport to re-enter their country. The economy argument might get some mileage in some circles but the passport issue is to me a lame excuse. The cost of the passport seems to be an issue in the USA but a US Citizen only pays \$100. for a passport that is good for ten years. A very reasonable cost for the convenience of being able to travel.

We had obtained permission from the White Pass & Yukon RR to use their logos and produce a Woodside Boxcar for the convention. We sent a cheque for \$500. (USD) to pay Lionel for the prototypes in "O" Scale and "S" Scale. National did not sign the contract within the forty-five days allotted by Lionel. Subsequently, Lionel cancelled the terms of the contract. The new contract raised the minimum cars we had to order, raised the cost of the cars and also raised the shipping costs. Questions were asked of National about the number of cars that have been selling these past few years ... and to make a long story short, what with the poor sales of recent cars, it would have been financially impossible for the Canadian Division to reap any rewards from the efforts of producing a "Division Car". National has returned our cheque and it is a closed case.

On a happier note, The Pacific Northwest Division hosted a meet in Bellingham WA. Those who attended had a great time and to boot it was a beautiful day for the drive down and back. A thank you to **Tom Modica** for hosting a great meet. >>>

1st Annual Vancouver Island Logging Modellers Meet

Saturday, June 13, 2009 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
McLean Mill National Historic Site Port Alberni, BC
Mill Tours, Speeder Rides, Clinics, Model Displays & Contests (Popular Vote) Sunday Tours of Alberni Pacific Railway Facilities (if enough interest)
Admission - \$ 20.00 Cash For further information:
Phone Ken Rutherford (250)724-4698

Saturday, June 6 & Sunday

June 7, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
West Coast Railway Heritage Park
39645 Government Road,
Squamish, BC Tickets - \$ 20.00
For Tickets & Info 1-888-222-6608.
<http://www.ticketweb.com/thomas.html>



Saturday, June 13 & Sunday June 14, 2009

8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
West Coast Railway Heritage Park (as above)

Central Hobbies has renewed their support. In exchange, I think it would be helpful if Canadian Division members would drop in to Central Hobbies, introduce themselves as TTOS members, take a look around and support Central Hobbies whenever possible. While I am on the topic of supporting our advertisers, why not drop in and say hello to all of them. A little goodwill goes a long way in these times.

I hope to see a large crowd at our April meet.

Regards, David Cook, President

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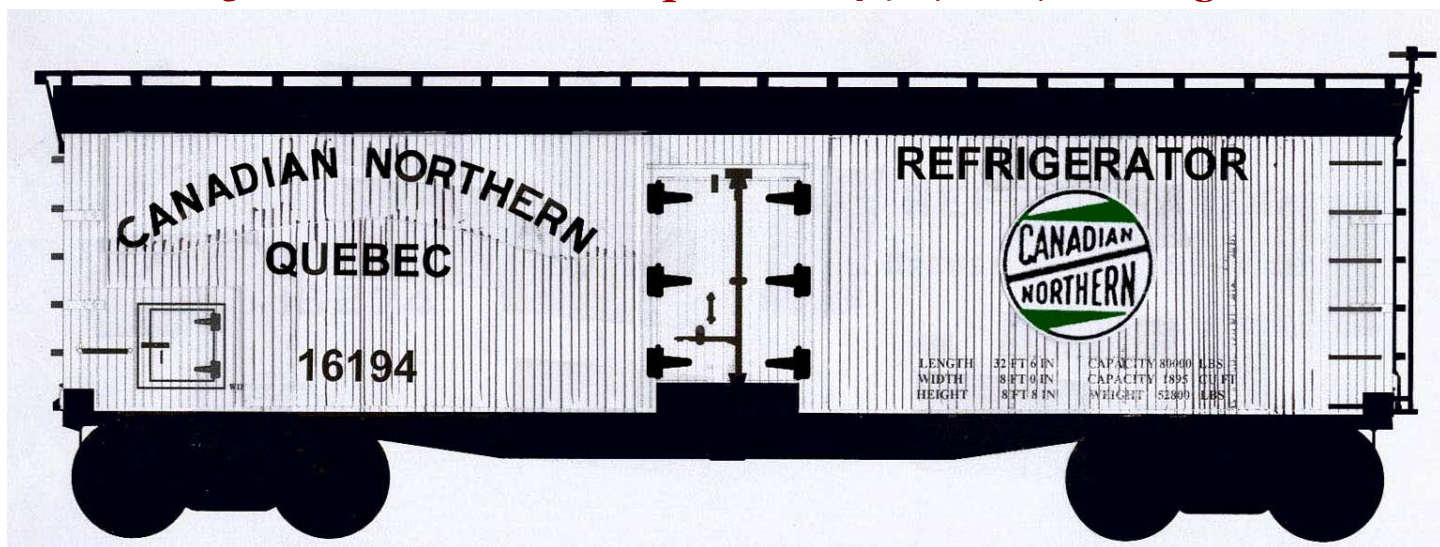
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Canadian Division Logoware Ideas



Thanks to David Scott
Details at the next meeting



Door Prize Winners

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*Upper Right:
Clark Gray*

*Bottom Right:
Brian Wright*

Right: George Plant

Left: Russ Etherington

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Enjoy the village and lunch on your own 11:30 AM

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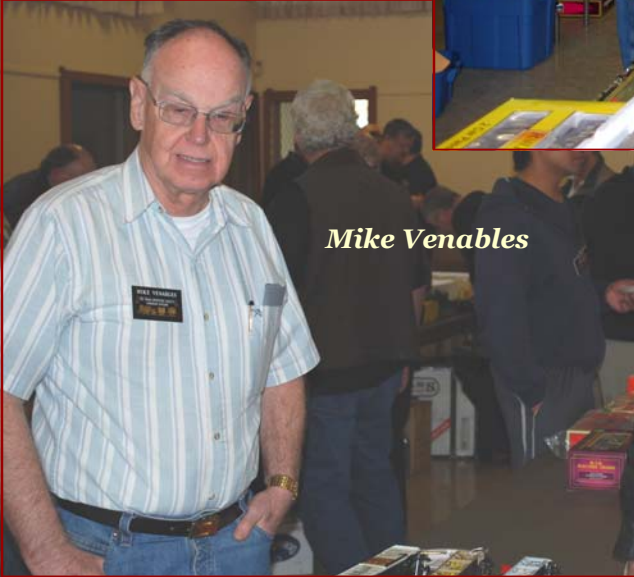
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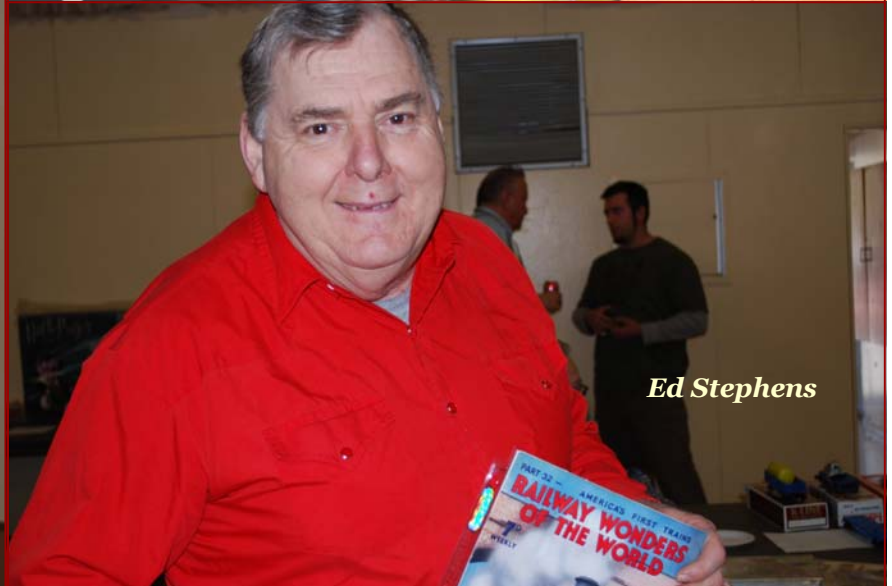
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Mike Venables



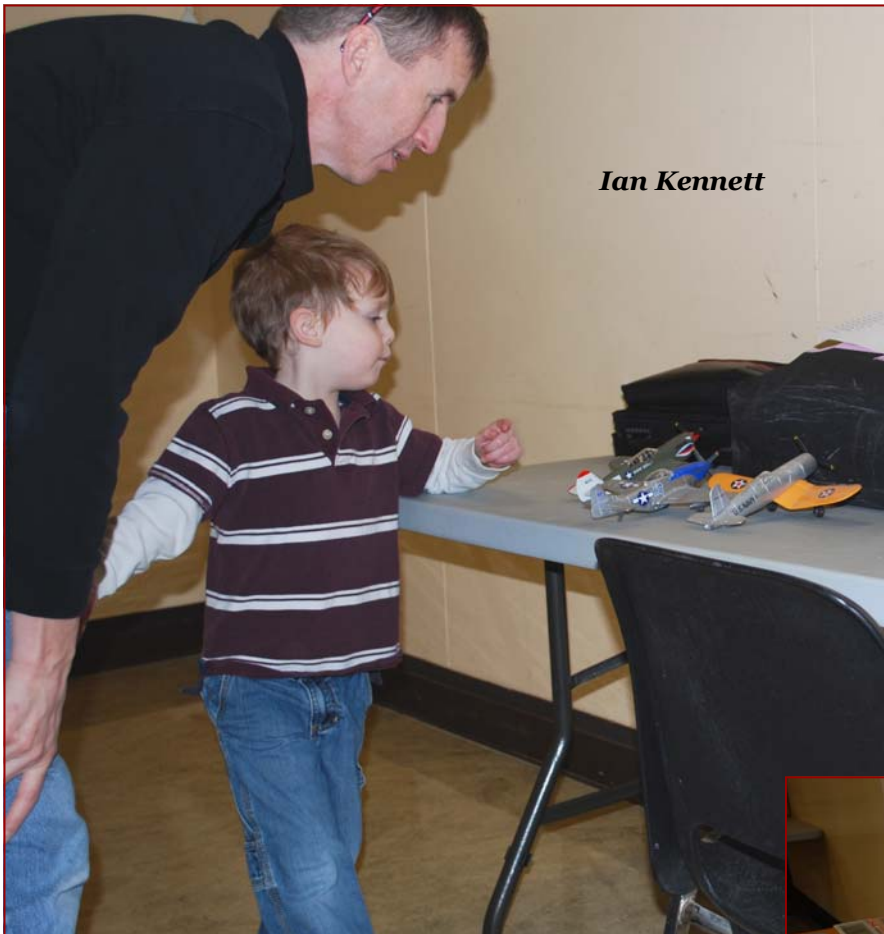
Doug Hagerman



Ed Stephens

***Clockwise from top left:
The food is always great at Canadian Division Meets. Everyone frequents the table sales area for an hour or more before the meet ... during intermission... for great show & tell & sales. Ed Stephens is always on hand... Doug Hagerman and Mike Venables is always looking for bargains.... See you all April 25.***

MORE CLUB PHOTOS



Ian Kennett



JP Johnson



Brian Driscoll



*Future Generation for Toy Train Enthusiasts....
Ian Kennett with his son...*

Top Right: JP Johnson

*Just one lot of toy trains for sale at the monthly
club meets*

MORE CLUB PHOTOS

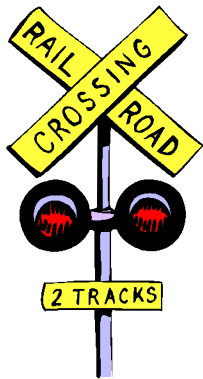


Katelon & Gary Zabenskie

*For some club members... attending meetings is an event for the whole family...
Above: Katelon & Gary Zabenskie with their loveable pup... Below: Bargain Bob calculates a price while Vies Szalanski & Gordon Hall prepare to negotiate with wallet in hand*



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Above Left: Alvin Rayes & John Constible talk toys! Nice to see more ladies coming out to the meetings.... Doug Crowdy & his wife are pictured



Far Left: Peter Toefield & a friend... Below Left: Charles Reif & Vies Szalanski exchange ideas... Below Brian Wright chats up other toy train enthusiasts.



Always more photos online: www.ttoscanada.org

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