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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another month has gone by and it looks like the weather is finally going to change -- for the better I hope. Speaking of the weather, a special round of applause for all of our members that made it to the January meeting, it seems the only ones missing at the meeting were those who actually lived close. We had most of the island group, members from the valley, and members from Washington State make the trek to the meeting. It continued to snow quite a bit during the afternoon and the roads were challenging.

Regarding the Club Car,

Mark Horne has asked me to mention this: **To receive the special Canadian Division member price of \$ 60 CDN members must pay by March 1, 2008**". This incentive is so the division gets the money up front in order to pay Atlas. If you are going to order a car (or cars), please pay Mark at the February meeting.

A little news from Vancouver Island.....I was speaking with *Robin Dodson* and he has informed me that he will be putting one of his treasures up for auction. In 1990, Robin bought a train collection in North Vancouver and one of the pieces was a 1912 Bing Train Station. Robin says he has enjoyed it now for 18 years and it is now time for some else to enjoy it. Robin will be bringing the Train Station to our February Meeting for a little show and tell; I assured him that we would all enjoy the chance to see a real Tin Plate treasure. We have included a photo of the Station in this issue. ... *see page 5*

I haven't received any further information regarding the missing Canadian membership renewals or membership cards from National. I will be attending the Board of Directors meeting at the *Cal Stewart Meet in Santa Clara* next month; hopefully I can bring back some good news.

In this issue of the TTOS Canadian Flyer, Mark Horne has provided two images of the cars we are considering for our Division car for the 2010 Convention. We would like to have some discussion regarding this and if you have any suggestions outside of these two cars, please feel free to bring along your ideas accompanied with artwork.

Train show in Monroe, WA. was a success. There were a number of Canadian Division members in attendance. From what I gather, it looks like we may be taking our modular layout down next year to run trains.

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David Cook, President

2008

TTOS Canadian Division Meets

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TTOS ISLAND MEMBERS HAVE FUN

February 1,2 and 3, 2008

MODULAR DISPLAY AT THE HOBBY SHOW AT THE WESTSHORE TOWN CENTER MALL

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Vancouver Island Members of the Canadian Division of TTOS really know how to put on a show and get adults and children involved in all of the activities.

Bill Stephenson, Russ Etherington, George Hammond and Gary Walmsley at the repair table.

Action at the Children's Table

Thomas, Annie and Clarabel with the animal train: two giraffes and 12 horses aboard.

Gary Walmsley and *Bill Stephenson* replacing track sections on the inside mainline while the mixed freight on the outside mainline.

Union Pacific meets DT&I.

Bottom Right Photo: Mike Woodley with the Christmas Display under construction in his living room at the end of November. "I had not seen Meccano for over 50 years," says Mike, "but I discovered 5 sets for sale at a local toy auction one day recently so bid on one and got it for \$40. All the little wheels, nuts and bolts were missing but all the rest of the parts were there. I picked up a good supply of nuts and bolts at the local hardware store and I was in business. It took me two hours to build this bridge for our Christmas layout.

— Check out the TTOS Canadian Division Website for more photos of Mike's Christmas layout and the Island Members at play!

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*Photos
this page
by:
Mike
Woodley
Victoria,
B.C.*



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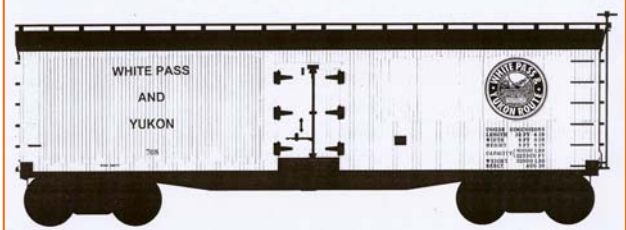
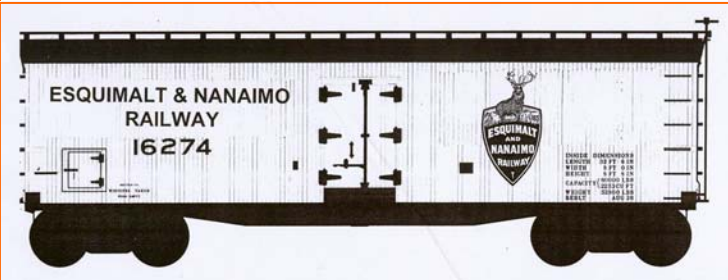
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2010 TTOS NATIONAL CONVENTION

As announced at the January meeting, the TTOS National Convention Venue has now been confirmed. Plan now to attend the TTOS National Convention right here in Metro Vancouver **August 2 –8, 2010**. The 2010 Convention will take place at the Sheraton Guildford Vancouver located at 104th Ave & 152nd St. in Surrey near Guildford Town Centre.

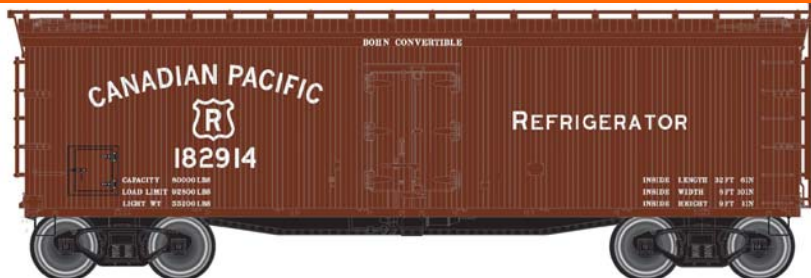


Your club executive are moving forward with plans for activities like layout tours and other railroad adventures and social activities. Mark Horne is chairing the Convention Committee. Sub-committees are now starting to come together.

Your input is both encouraged and appreciated. If you have a special area of interest or want to be part of the decision making process, contact Mark Horne with ideas for making the 2010 convention — only the second TTOS convention ever

held outside of the US — the largest and most financially successful event ever held anywhere. All TTOS Canadian Division Members will be involved — this is your club and it is our opportunity to show our US cousins a really good time. Tell us what you think about the two cars detailed here and proposed as our convention cars. Do you have other ideas that should be considered? If so, please forward ideas along with photos or designs for cars you would like to have considered.

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President's Message *continued from front page...*

Gail and I have only attended the Monroe show once and we had a great time. I'm sure that with our American members supplying the trains as they have in *Lynden*, we will have a fine outing.

While on the subject of shows held this month, I attended the *Mount Pleasant Lions Club Train Show* on the 10th of this month, it was a very small show but a big surprise was that *Central Hobbies* had two tables loaded with "O" Scale trains for sale. I did buy a couple of items and so did *Ray Palm* who was there with his wife *Dorene*.

There is one train show in March, it is in Kelowna on the 10th I know that *Bargain Bob* will be there and so will Gail and I — our children figure if there is a train show where they live they get to supply bed & breakfast. It might be interesting to see what the folks in the interior have to sell.

I hope to see as many members as possible out to the February Meeting.

Regards, David Cook, President

Allison M. "Al" COX Age 87, of Shoreline, WA passed away on February 10, 2008.

He was born in Ballard on June 7, 1920. Mr. Cox graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in accounting. He served in the U.S. Army in Alaska, Hawaii and Canton Island during World War II. Al worked as a self-employed certified public accountant and also operated a toy train dealership with his son John since 1960. He was a longtime member of the Train Collector's Association. Mr. Cox is survived by his son, John Cox & wife Suzanne, of Seattle and sister, Virginia Johnston, of Long Beach, Washington. Al was preceded in death by his wife, Irene in 1996. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, February 15, 2008 in Seattle, WA

ODDS & ENDS

BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKS 150TH ANNIVERSARY WITH HISTORIC TRAIN THROUGH THE PROVINCE

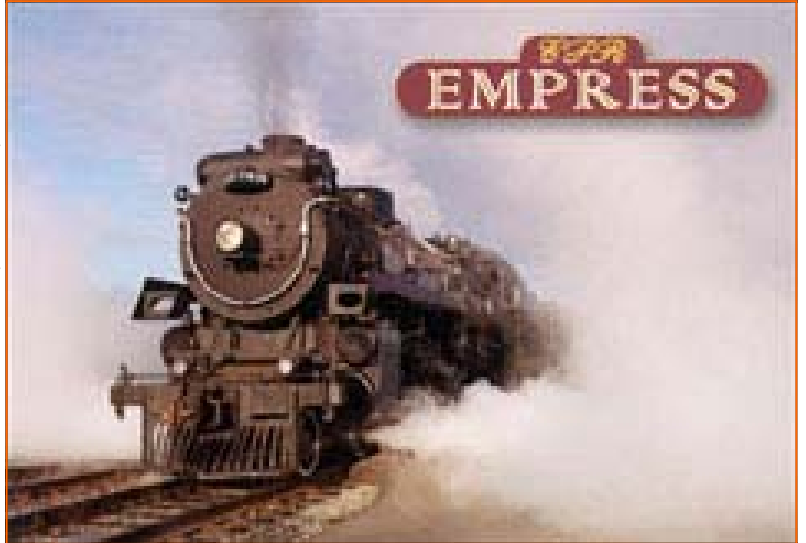
The CP 2816 Empress, a steam train that will lead the tour of BC in June as part of BC's 150th Anniversary celebrations. The train, including two vintage passenger coaches and a heritage baggage car converted into a rolling version of the Royal BC Museum's Free Spirit Stories of You, Me and BC exhibit;

Premier Gordon Campbell unveiled the CP Spirit of 150 Rail Tour by riding into the West Coast Express stop at Waterfront Station on the CP 2816 — the historic engine that will lead the tour.

The Empress was built in December 1950 in Montreal and is the only surviving Class Hib-Hudson type engine. More information and stories can be found on the website at www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca or train info is available on CP's website www.cpr.ca



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WHAT A BEAUTY!



ROBIN DODSON is selling this unique building....

He says, "I have decided to sell the jewel of my collection - a 1912 Bing station. I've had it for nearly twenty years, part of an incredible collection I bought out of a home in North Vancouver. It will be going on eBay in the next few weeks. I think some of our members may have seen this item, but many have probably not.

Only two have been sold world wide in the last ten years that I am aware of. I will bring it to the February meeting for show and tell. We will probably never see one like it again !

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Could it Happen Here?

Dozens injured as boy wreaks havoc by playing trains with city's trams

A POLISH schoolboy who turned a city's tram network into a giant toy by manoeuvring rolling stock using a TV-style remote control has been arrested after he caused chaos on the public transport system.

Adam Dabrowski, 14, described by teachers as a model pupil and an electronics genius, hacked into the public transport network in Lodz to change the track points derailing at least four trams and leaving dozens injured.

The teenager had also equipped himself with a hand-drawn map of city tram junctions.

He told police in Lodz in central Poland he had

changed the points on tram tracks across the city for a prank. But in one incident alone 12 people were injured.

The giant train set started operating at 1pm on Tuesday when a city tram driver tried to steer his vehicle on to right hand tracks, and found himself helpless to prevent it swerving to the left instead, seemingly of its own accord.

The rear wagon then swung off the rails and crashed into another passing tram, hurling screaming passengers to the floor.

Transport employees said they knew immediately that someone outside their staff had caused the accident.

Mirosław Micor, spokesman for Lodz police, said: "He studied the trams and the tracks for a long time and then built a device that looked like a TV remote control and used it to manoeuvre the trams and the tracks."

Mr Micor added: "He had converted the TV control into a device capable of controlling all the junctions on the line and wrote in the pages of a school exercise book the best junctions to move trams around and what signals to change.

"He treated it like any other schoolboy might a giant train set – but it was lucky nobody was killed.

"Four trams were derailed, and others had to make emergency stops that left passengers hurt. He clearly did not think about the consequences of his actions."

Dabrowski is to face charges of endangering public safety in a special juvenile court. So, could this happen here in Canada?



Below Left — Snow — about a foot of the cold wet white stuff most unusual for the Lower Mainland — covered the playground outside the TTOS Meeting Place but inside we were all fuzzy & warm... About 60 members & guests still managed to get to the meet and home again safely! Hopefully the February Meet will be like spring.



GORDON HALL's Christmas Layout

TTOS Canadian Division Member, Gordon Hall, from Surrey, BC had his O Gauge trains set up at Christmas at *Canada Place* next to the *West Coast Railway Association* mini-rail operation.



With the *Polar Express* movie playing IN 3-D upstairs at the CN Imax Theatre I set up a Polar Express train modified to match. I added a red taillight and snow on the roofs with sparkles that twinkle as the train moves, as in the

movie. I was not thinking of getting a Polar Express set for myself but thought it most fitting for this event! I picked up the train set at a discount house, and found some extra Fastrack at *Central Hobbies*, a PE diner from *On Track Hobbies*, and the Hobo car from *John Constible* at *Trestles N' Trains*.

I set up a poster listing the local Lionel hobby shops contact info. and a stack of business cards from each which disappeared quickly. Several people asked where they could get Lionel trains and I expect there were a few sales for these vendors. A few more introduced to Lionel trains! A Lionel catalogue on the table for display had several people surprised saying they did not know that



Lionel trains were still around and several older folks mentioned having them when they were kids, and recalling having Lionel displays around the Christmas tree and in store windows.

One of my older *K-Line* engines pulled the animated Lionel freight train set that I have decorated up with Christmas decorations, including some vintage Lionel hoppers. The Lionel circus animated cars I converted to Christmas theme with a Chase gondola adding toy soldiers, and the bobbing head car adding a snow man and new stickers on both.

I added various buildings, figures and blinking lights too just to add some glitz.

As the display would be running daily for 2 weeks 10 hours a day unattended; it had to work well and be reliable. The operation was a bit different -- as folks walked up a motion detector would trip turning the power on to the layout. The power pack is a MRC HO DC setup with momentum that slowly brings the volts up in DC.

I disconnected the smoke units and reverse units AC to DC conversions in the engines and wired the motors direct to the track and connected the tender and engine pickup together for added reliable power pickup. I removed the whistle from the tender and put this near the base of the layout with a door bell button on a post for folks to blow the whistle.

A Santa with train that sings with whistle and chuffing sounds was also on the floor near front of layout. Whenever folks walked by this would start up the layout and the sounds. When folks walked away the motion detector would trip after a bit and the trains got a rest between runs.

The display ran very well for the holidays with the odd cleaning. It was a real crowd pleaser!





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MEMBERS HAVE FUN AT JANUARY MEET



It was snowing and blowing outside, but members who came from as far away as Washing State, the Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island all had a great time and picked up some great toys to add to their collections at the auction and table sales.



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