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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There's just one month left before the *TTOS National Convention in Sacramento, CA.* (see details on page 2 or visit the TTOS National website www.ttos.org for complete details or to register). I know a number of the Canadian Division members are planning to attend. Maybe this is the year for you to see what really happens at one of the TTOS National events in advance of our own hosting duties for the 2010 convention here in Vancouver.

Counting Sacramento, this will be my seventh convention and I can honestly say that I have had a great time at all of them. I understand there are still some cheap flights available and some of the tours still have vacancies. It would be great to see a larger than usual contingent of Canadians in California next month.

This is the last Canadian Flyer edition for the 2007 – 2008 year which ends with our election of officers at the September meeting. I had a great time this past year as your president, and if the record attendance is any indication, our growing membership also had a great time.

I would like to thank *Gail* and the ladies who helped with the food this past year for all of their hard work. I know that having a good lunch made coming to the meeting a little easier for everyone.

I would also like to again thank *Gail* for her hard work on this publication. As usual Gail has the newsletter – all 16 pages of this online only edition done and is once again waiting for me to give her the completed President's Message. Special thanks also goes out to *Ernie Miller* for making sure that the newsletter gets onto our website and to the growing number of members who have contributed to the publication this year. I would encourage you all to send photos of your train deals, your collection or your layouts; stories or records of your visits to other people's layouts or museums or train adventures; technical or how to information about toy trains or ideas for stories. What would you like most to see more of in your club newsletter? Submissions are welcome. Send to gailferrier@shaw.ca or railroadnut@shaw.ca.

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President, David Cook — presents flowers of appreciation to Gail Ferrier who handles the "refreshments" at the monthly meets and produces the best club newsletter in the TTOS

2008

**TTOS Canadian
Division Meets**

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

**Doors Open 11:00
Meeting 12:30**

**Door Prizes,
Sale Tables,
Lots of Toys, &
a Great Auction!**

September 28 — AGM

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

President's Message continued...

We wrapped up this year with our World Famous Bar-B-Q, our friends south of the border prefer to call it a Cookout but either way it was great. Thanks to **Mark Horne, Gary Zabenskie** and **Gary Trapp** for their cooking skills. They did a fine job of serving up the hamburgers and dogs. **Mary** and **George Plant** supplied the strawberries again this year and as usual they all disappeared. Thanks to both of you for those wonderful **Ladner** berries. A special speedy recovery message is sent to **Martha Pernice** who tripped on the uneven pavement in the parking lot at the last meeting. Thanks to our own Firefighter, **Ed Stephens** for his first aid expertise.

I hope you have received your Canadian Pacific Woodside reefers by now. I received mine last week and they are a terrific car to add to any collection. Remember that the shipping costs are due and payable at our first meeting of the year in September. George will have a list of all the people who owe for shipping.

In talking with the other members of the Canadian Division executive, I believe that all of the present members of the board will be standing for re-election this year. A letter will go out to all members before the end of August as required by our bylaws informing everyone of the **Annual General Meeting** to be held the last Sunday in September – 28th.

I just received notice this afternoon that the function at **CN Rail's Thorton Yards** in **Surrey** will not be held this September. There was a mention of budgetary restraints to deal with at CN this year so the event has been cancelled. So, the next scheduled time our layout will be on display will be at **Cameron** in **November**.

I hope everyone has a great summer and if I don't see you in **Sacramento** next month, I hope to see all of you in September at the AGM. *Best regards, David Cook, President*

2008 TTOS NATIONAL CONVENTION



TTOS 2008 Convention Sacramento, California

August 10-17, 2008

The hotel is adjacent to Old Town Sacramento and the California State Railroad Museum
Sacramento Convention Center

The tours are sounding great including:

THE SKUNK TRAIN Sacramento to Fort Bragg located on the California North Coast where you will board the world famous Skunk Train. Built as a logging railroad, the Skunk Train travels through the majestic California coastal redwoods to Northspur.

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check TTOS National Website for complete details

www.ttos.org

MEMBERS ENJOY COMMARADERIE

At the Annual June Barbecue



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At the Annual June Barbecue



*The guys — **Mark Horne, Gary Zabenskie & Garry Trapp** handled the barbecue detail while the ladies (& their dogs) took the day off. Special thanks to Gail & David's daughter, **Shelby Wolfe** for taking all of the photos at the June meeting enabling the ladies to socialize!*



JUNE 2008 CLUB MEET



The meeting was called to order by President, David Cook who was ably assisted by VP Mark Horne, Treasurer George Plant and Secretary Charles Reif.

*Announcements included upcoming events, status of the club car deliveries and a reminder that elections will be held at the next meeting September 28. If you wish to nominate someone or stand for election yourself, please contact **Ken Warner** or **Frank Schmidt** for information.*

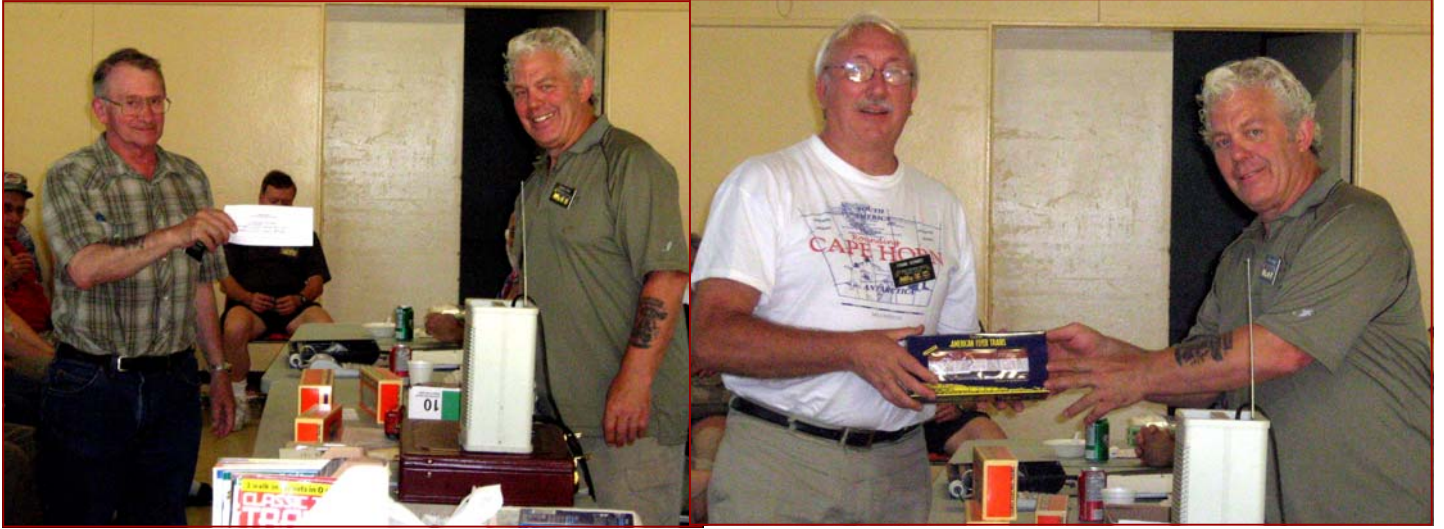
*Everyone was eager to start the Member Attendance Incentive Draws. **Bob Mitchell “Bargin’ Bob”** was the first of 14 winners this year — see photos on the following pages — Bob travels all the way from **Kamloops** every month— weather notwithstanding — and has not missed a meeting in years.*

One draw ticket is issued to each member for each meeting they attend throughout the year. You must be present to win.!

Special Thanks to Shelby Wolfe for all photos taken at the June Club Meet



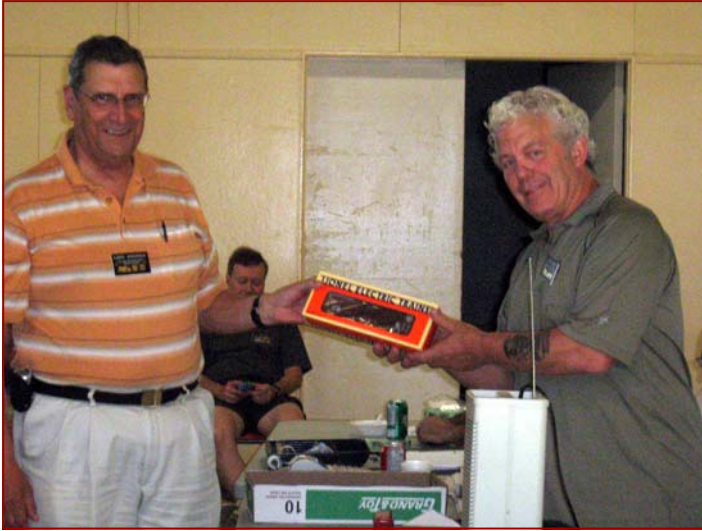
MEMBERS INCENTIVE DRAWS



CLUB INCENTIVE DRAWS Pictured with President, **David Cook** and the door prizes they chose — clockwise from top Left — **George Hammond** chose an auction gift certificate; **Frank Schmidt** went with a car, **Ken Kline** and **Carl Johnson** both chose Lionel cars and **George Plant** walked away with a Rail King freight car. Maybe it will be your turn next year!



MORE INCENTIVE DRAWS



*A total of 11 Incentive Draw Prizes were picked up at the June Club Meet — Pictured here with **President David Cook** and their chosen prize — Clockwise from top left — **Brian Wright, Ted Diakow, Clark Gray, Gary Walmsley** — all walked away with great prizes just for showing up at meetings.*



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A New Spin on Garden Layouts

By Mike in Victoria, B.C.

"I have always wanted a portable outdoor layout and today I built one using two Costco demo tables and two 4'3" sections of my 12' barge, all of which will fit in the car," writes **Mike Woodley**, TTOS Canadian Division member from **Victoria BC**.

With his backyard and the ocean as his backdrop, his record of the work in progress puts a whole new spin on Garden Train Layouts.



Upper Left— In the distance... Another cruiser coming in from Alaska for the evening in Vic.

Above — Outbound container ship for Asia - Olympic Mountains in Washington State in the background.

Left — These sailors motored into Gonzales Bay and dropped anchor for a while.



Right — Old Budda - the toy train man in action!
Below #210 Texas Special loco pulling my 3 operating cars: Log dump, coal dump and barrel car. # 2035 and tender standing by.



A New Spin on Garden Layouts



#210 Texas Special loco pulling my 3 operating cars: Log dump, coal dump and barrel car. # 2035 and tender standing by.



So, this was the first track plan. — .and here's the second track plan. There goes the same sailboat back to the Vic harbour. Tomorrow we are going to buy some material to make a nice full skirt for the table. # 2035 with the New York Central. I brought everything in for the night except for the track and tables.



COMING EVENTS

The 8th Annual Peachland Model Show

Great fun for the whole family

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Boats



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**Presented by the
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Saturday October 4th 2008 - 10:00am to 4:00pm

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Visitor Admission - \$2.00

Raffle Tickets 3/\$5.00

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COMING EVENTS

Central Okanagan Railway Company and the Okanagan Garden Railways

Peachland Model and Hobby Show - 2008

October 4th – 2008 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Peachland Community Centre – 4450 – 6th Street

Refreshments Available – Free Parking

Registration
Form

Name _____ Company / Club _____

Mailing Address _____

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Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

URL (your website if any) _____

Commercial Tables:

Full payment must be made at time of application.

Number of tables required: _____ X \$10.00 (If paid before September 1st)

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Do you require electricity? Yes _____ No _____

Note:

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Size of Display _____

Type of Display (Layout or ???) _____ Do you require electricity? Yes ____ No ____

Make Cheques payable to **Central Okanagan Railway Company**

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All applications will be dealt with on a *first come first served* basis. Cheques will be returned to sender if all tables are sold.

For more Information Please contact Don Wilson (250) 767-3441 or cell 864-2556 Email dw@idmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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06/26/2008

Since I first arrived at Lionel in late 2004, I've been intrigued with the idea of reissuing a series of affordable, authentic Lionel classic postwar engines and rolling stock, made only in conventional mode, and as true to their original condition and characteristics as possible.

I'm pleased to announce that in our next catalog, which will be released this August, we will be re-issuing the first in a three year series of the very pieces on which Lionel built its reputation for excellence, innovation and authenticity.

Our line of Conventional Classics engines will utilize the actual original tooling whenever possible and will be equipped with legendary Lionel Pullmor motors and the patented Magne-Traction system. Our authentic freight cars and passenger cars will feature postwar-style die-cast trucks. And true to their storied predecessors, they will be accurately decorated, utilizing authentic road names, the "LIONEL LINES" name, and the original "BUILT BY LIONEL" markings.

Best of all, the new Conventional Classics line will be moderately priced, and among the most affordable products we offer. To kick off the program, we're releasing four of your favorite sets...

#2124W Brunswick GG-1 Passenger set with Madison cars (1947)

#1562W Burlington GP-7 Passenger set with 2400-series cars (1956)

#2219W Lackawanna FM "Thunderbird" Freight set (1954)

#1484WS Hudson Passenger set with 2400-series cars (1952)

...plus these iconic add-on items:

"Sager Place" Observation Car - the perfect add-on to the GG-1 set

#2445 Elizabeth Coach - the perfect add-on to the GP-7 set

...in addition to these rare, memorable locomotives:

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#2338 Milwaukee Road GP-7 with orange band on cab

#2331 Virginian FM TrainMaster with yellow and black decoration

And this is only the beginning. Throughout the next several years, we will add to this new collection of Lionel favorites, all true to their historical predecessors and offered at prices that won't break the bank. We hope you'll agree...it's the perfect time to rediscover what first got you hooked on Lionel!

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Inside, Table Sales were brisk even with the barbecue outside — photos by Shelby Wolfe



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On a fine, sunny Sunday afternoon in mid July, 2008 about 15 members gathered in the lovely backyard garden at the home of members **Lois and Ken Lockley**. The occasion was to view their wonderful garden railway, see their O gauge train room, participate in an auction of items surplus to club needs, enjoy each other's company and talk toy trains

Photos by: Mike Woodley, Victoria, BC



Above & Right — The auction begins with a G gauge boxcar. Most of the items were various G gauge boxcars. The auction table was a portable O gauge layout built by **Mike Woodley**. (see story pages 8 & 9) The transformer, track, and rolling stock were not part of the auction.



Photo Above Right **Ken Bowman**, TTOS Canadian Division

Member at Large—Vancouver Island acting as recorder with **Russ Etherington**, TTOS member since 1975

Photo Left - auctioneer **Bill Stephenson**, **Ken Lockley**, **Don Matthews** and **Lois Lockley**.

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PARTY, VICTORIA



ISLAND AUCTION

There was one G gauge locomotive that brought in a good price...and a gas station that fetched \$6 from one excited grandfather.

This G gauge tunnel went for \$1 to the hosts, **Lois** and **Ken** - the only bidders. One member piped up and said - "Let's just give it to them for their great hospitality today," so that was agreed to by the auctioneer and all assembled.

Next up was this # 362 Lionel barrel loader from 1952-55. This did not go as the only bid was \$25 and the seller wanted a reserve of at least \$50.



Photo Right — Island Members

Back - L to R: **Mike Woodley**, **Ken Lockley**, **Don Matthews**, **Russ Etherington**, **Gary Walmsley**, **George Hammond**.

Front - L to R: **Jim Renfrew**, **Cliff Cox**, **Freddie Webb**, **Bill Stephenson**, **Ken Bowman**.

Host, **Ken Lockley** and two of his



Garden railway trains in action. This section of the layout is still under construction

It was a great afternoon enjoyed by all in attendance and several hundred

dollars was raised to further club activities.



**TTOS Canadian Division
The Island Guys**

Photos & Story by Mike Woodley

NOTICE OF ELECTION TTOS Canadian Division



As mandated by our TTOS society rules the Board of Directors for the Canadian Division of the Toy Train Operating Society gives notice that:

**The Election of Officers for 2008/2009
will take place at our**

**Annual General Meeting
Sunday, September 28, 2008**

Any member who wishes to stand for election to the board,
or nominate someone to stand for election, should contact our nominating committee,

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or

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MORE EVENTS



A Model Railway Exhibition

**Meet: Friday November 7, 2008
to Monday November 10, 2008.**

Public Show

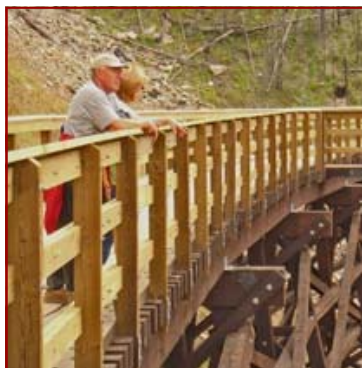
Saturday November 8, 2008
10 AM to 4 PM,
Sunday November 9, 2008,



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Victoria 2008
Model Railway Show
Sunday September 21, 2008
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
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MYRA CANYON TRESTLES RE-OPEN

The Historic Trestle Bridges of the Kettle Valley Railway

through the Myra Canyon just outside Kelowna, BC — which were destroyed by the **Okanagan** fires in August of 2003 have all been lovingly restored by an army of volunteers and \$17 million from the Federal Heritage Fund and the Province of BC.

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Did You See That Train?

When *Canadian Pacific 2816 Empress*

Steam Train pulled into the station that usually houses the shiny West Coast Express we were at the TTOS June Meet, but we here it was mobbed by old timers and kids as people lined up to tour the travelling museum from another generation.



If you saw the train as it toured the BC please send photos and your comments for use in the next edition of the Canadian Flyer. gailferrier@shaw.ca