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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a very busy fall for everyone. *Mark Horne* went to York which is the grand daddy of all train shows. Gail and I went to Cal Stewart in *Pasadena* and had a wonderful time. It was my first trip to *Cal Stewart* and it was amazing the amount of different trains available for sale. A couple of nice additions to my collection of Marx 6 inch tin boxcars were one of the highlights of the trip.

Randy Giroux, TTOS National Executive Director has assured me that he is catching up on the membership card issuing challenge. Randy says everything should be back to normal by the end of the year. He also assures me that no one's membership will lapse or be cancelled in the interval.

The *Chilliwack* show was a success (*Peter Tofield photos pages 7 & 8*) as was the *Cameron* show. (*Vies Szalanski photos page 6*). The set up at the Cameron show was a pleasant surprise for everyone, we had a dozen members show up for breakfast at Denny's and another six members were waiting for us at Cameron to help. This was the most members we have ever had and it was a pleasure to get everything done in relatively quick time.

A special thank you and round of applause goes out to *Neil Wilson* for his work on the layout. Neil has modified one of the modules so it can lift out and members can simply walk out from inside without having to crawl on their hands and knees. Neil also built two special viewing platforms (*see photos on back page*) for children to stand on and watch our trains. It has always been hard on the parents of children to hold their child up to see our trains, perhaps Neil's idea will catch on with other groups that have layouts.

This message will not reach those members that do not have a computer before Saturday but a reminder that on November 17th, the tour bus will leave *Frank Schmidt's* house at 6:30 am and will leave the *Campbell Store* at 7 am. The bus does not wait for anyone. Please be sure to bring the proper identification.

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Martin Howbold accepts his door prize from President, David Cook at the October meeting which drew 89 members and guests.

2007-2008 TTOS Canadian Division Meets

*All meetings take place
at Charles Rummel
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November 25

January 27

February 24

THE BRIAN & WENDY KELLY STORY



"My grandfather used to take me to the station to show me trains, and as a youngster I had a lot of *Hornby* 0 gauge clockwork, which I brought with me and still have, so the train passion goes back a long way," Brian told us when asked how he got started with "the world's greatest hobby – toy trains."

Brian Kelly was born in Belfast, N. Ireland, and came to Canada at age 6.



"For my first Christmas in Canada my Dad bought me a Lionel set, then every Christmas and birthday after that was another locomotive, another car, and the train set grew."

"As a teen I found an interest in girls and cars [not necessarily in that order] but I also began collecting trains of all makes and ages. I guess with my Irish background I still love Hornby, and British and European trains as well as North American style, so in my collection is *Hornby, Marklin, Paya, Basset Lowke, Elettren, Bing, Ferris, Robilt, Lionel, Marx, Am Flyer, Ives, Hoge*, and more. I have old trains in everything from early *Bing HO* and *N* right through *HO, OO, S, O, Standard, G*, you name it. It is a very eclectic collection."

In 1968 Brian went to work for *BC Hydro*, which later became *BC Transit*. In the 1980's Brian was the manager

of the North

Vancouver bus and Sea Bus system. That's when he met Wendy who was the mayor's confidential secretary. Later Brian moved to become a manager in Vancouver before an opportunity came to get out of the big bad city and move to *Kamloops* where he ran the bus system from 1995 until he retired earlier this year.

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THE BRIAN & WENDY KELLY STORY continued

Wendy and Brian both had a love for antiques opened their own in 1997 making it a new career for Wendy until Brian retired. As there was no hobby store in Kamloops at the time and with little retail business experience they took the plunge of combining Antiques and a Hobby Store. Fortunately it worked. The business has grown over the past ten years and is now the premier train store in the BC interior, with a good customer base and a large mail order base throughout central and northern BC and beyond.

Wendy says, “We carry lots of antiques and collectibles and rent space to antique dealers, as well as trains in **Z, N, HO, S, O,** and **G,** both new and used, and of course railway books, DVD’s, souvenirs,



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railway antiques naturally, and **Thomas** for the kiddies.”

“We have been established long enough that people will contact us to sell used trains and antiques in general, plus we keep an eye on antique shows, train shows which we always set up at, e-bay, and more,” says Brian. “New items come from our various wholesalers such as Walthers, H&D, etc. As my original love is 0 gauge we are one of the only stores west of Calgary that carry a large selection of S and O gauge by makers such as **Lionel, MTH, Weaver, Williams, S Helper, American Models,** and so forth. Like our other scales most of what we stock are Canadian road names but we do special order any railway a customer wants.”

Family wise Brian & Wendy have two sons in Vancouver and two grandchildren. Their daughter is now attending university.

Brian says his “other passion”, formed by a love of trains, antiques, history, and transit is the history of streetcars and interurbans in BC, mainly the BC Electric Railway. One of my roles at transit was company historian, and I have a large collection of early BCE photos, tickets, artifacts, models, and more. For the 100th anniversary of transit in BC I wrote a book on transit history, and another retirement project is to expand that book into a much larger fully detailed history of the BC Electric systems,” says Brian with enthusiasm.

A member of **TCA, TTOS, the Kamloops Model Railway Club,** and a director of the **Kamloops Heritage Railway,** which operates the steam loco #2141 on excursions, Brian is obviously into real trains as well as toys.

Visit Kelly's Kaboose in Kamloops or email bandwkelly@shaw.ca.

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TTOS CANADIAN DIVISION MEET



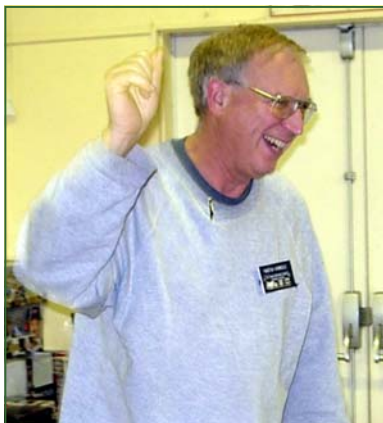
These members rarely miss a Meeting.

In October they were but a few of the 89 members and guests on hand.

*Top Row:
Martha Pernice;
Tom Modica with
Gary Trapp*



Centre Row: Gary Walmsley; Loren Smele; Fred Webb



Far Left: Martin Howbold is laughing because he fooled us all into thinking he would actually sell something at the auction.... But it was only a toy table that he will be delivering to Hope. It sold for \$3. Who's laughing now?

Left: Fred Nussli

November 25 is the TTOS Canadian Division Christmas Meeting.... Hope you can all make it. Buy extra door prize tickets from Mark Horne before the meeting starts... and enjoy the egg nog and great fun of being a part of the TTOS Canadian Division fun!



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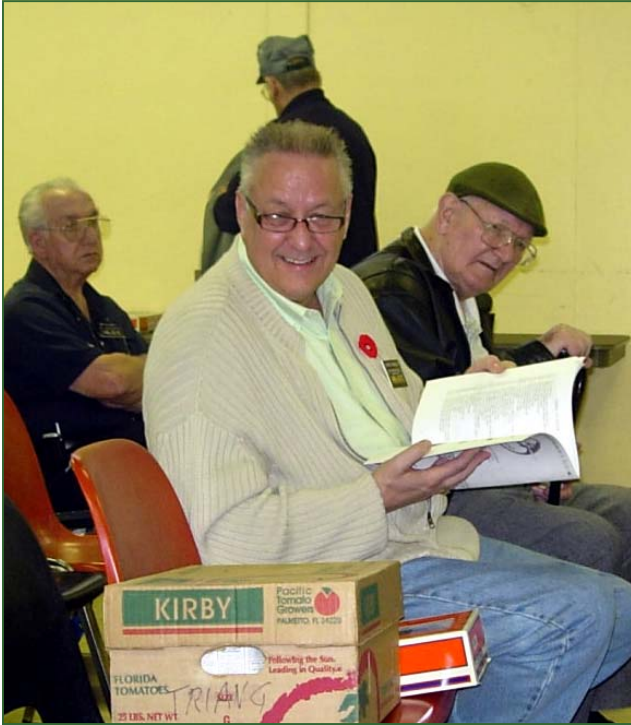
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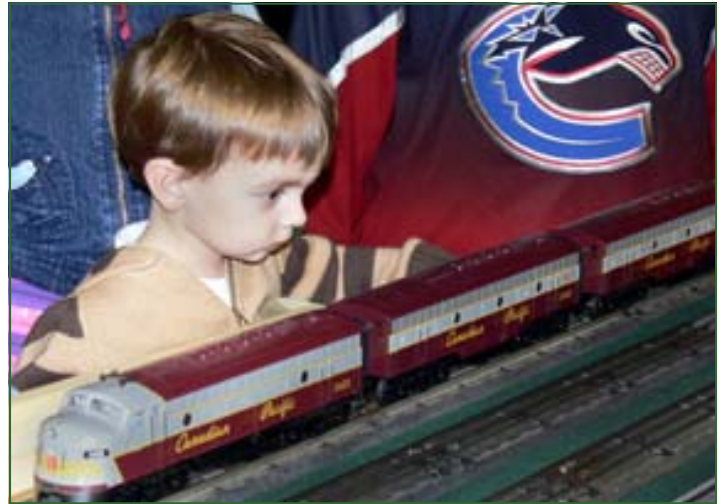
OCTOBER TTOS CANADIAN DIVISION



It's all about having a good time with guys and gals who share your passion and enthusiasm for the "World's Greatest Hobby" — collecting and operating toy trains and swapping stories about your exploits — great bargains, ebay successes and just plain old fashioned fun. Join us for the next TTOS Canadian Division Toy Train Operating Society Meeting November 25, 2007!



TTOS at Cameron Show



Above” David Cook with a Marx engine that everyone says was not manufactured in blue.... Looks original to us.

Cameron Rec Centre Train Show is always a good time for our members and the crowds this year covered all ages. Our layout is always a big hit with the kids because they can get up close and personal with the trains as they run the rails.... Birds eye views made even better with the new viewing platform.
At right: Gary Zabenski, Neil Wilson, Frank Teoli & Mark Horne in a photo labelled “Listen to the Teacher” by club member & photographer, Vies Szalanski



TTOS CANADIAN DIVISION in CHILLIWACK

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued from front page ...

Passports are the preferred identification but a Drivers license and Birth Certificate can be used. If you are bringing a lunch, please remember: NO FRUIT, NO MEAT AND NO DAIRY PRODUCTS. **Tom Modica** reminded us that there is a \$300.00 fine if you try to take those items into the USA. To keep things simple it would probably be best to buy your lunch in the USA. When we get off the bus to go through US CUSTOMS, Please take all of your belongings with you. If we all observe all the rules, it will save you and your fellow members much aggravation.

Mark is accepting money for next year's club car; **Loren Smele** was the first to pay for his cars and to take advantage of the fluctuating dollar. Now is a good time for everyone to reserve their cars.

The Christmas Meet is on the 25th of November and if the turn out of members at our past two meetings is any indicator, it is going to be a roaring success. Mark still has tickets for the raffle and you have all seen the prizes for this year and they look pretty good to me. You don't have to be there to win but if you are not there, and you do win..... I get to pick your prize.

Ester Evans, the wife of the late **Norm Evans** has indicated that she may be at our November 25th meet; there is still quite a lot of Norm's collection that has yet to be sold. It isn't a sure thing but we will definitely put out the welcome mat for Ester and her family.

Please remember to vote in this year's National TTOS Election, if you don't vote then you have no right to complain on how the organization is being run.

I am looking forward to seeing a record number of our members at the November 25th meeting.

Regards,

David Cook, President

Photos on pages 6 & 7 from the Chilliwack Train Show October 20, 2007 by Peter Tofield



***I**t's about toy trains and it's about people.... The buys and gals who want to have fun playing with toys remembered from their childhoods but often with the added 21st Century technology to operate them more efficiently.*

Your club has a fabulous modular layout and owns

many trains, but members also bring items from their personal collections to run at outings like the Chilliwack Train Show. We hope you will plan to join us at the next club outing.



TTOS CANADIAN DIVISION in CHILLIWACK



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**Watch this space for details about
TTOS Canadian Division
2008 Club Outings....**

TTOS CANADIAN DIVISION ANNUAL BUS TRIP

November 17, 2007

Don't miss the GREAT TRAIN EXPO at the Washington State Fairground. This great full day of activity includes reserved space on the chartered bus, the GTE Show, a visit to Eastside Trains and one or two toy train layout tours south of the border.

Sign up at the October meeting if space is still available.

E V E N T S & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAINS, TRAINS, and more



April 26 and 27

Explore operating layouts of many different scales, manufacturers' products, historical societies, hobby shops and other vendors, entertainment, education, and more! Participate in clinics for kids, beginning modellers and intermediate and advanced modelers, or try your hand at the modeling contests. Come for a while or

plan on spending the weekend!

Sponsored by the 4th Division, PNR, National Model Railroad Association (NMRA)

Come, see and participate in:

Layouts of all sizes — Vendors and Swap Tables — Hands on Activities for Kids — Railroad oriented entertainment — Railroad oriented educational activities — Clinics for beginning and advanced modellers — Modeling contests

Mt Pleasant Lions Club Model Railroad Show



Lions Clubs
International

Sunday February 10, 2008

Mt Pleasant Community Centre

3161 Ontario Street Vancouver, B.C.

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Admission by Donation

For information or to book a table Call Alex at 604-875-1837

2008 Western Rails

Sunday March 16, 2008.

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Cameron Rec. Center

9523 Cameron Street. Burnaby, B.C.



For further information:
westernrails@wcra.org or phone (604) 484-2791

Western Rails 2007 is a WEST COAST RAILWAY ASSOCIATION Event.

Details

Chilliwack Interchange www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com

PNR 2008 Convention

and show Thursday June 12 to **Sunday June 15, 2008.**

Public show Saturday, June 14, 2008 and Sunday, June 15,

Bachmann Buys Williams Electric Trains



Philadelphia's Bachmann Industries Inc. has added a third rail to its product offerings with its acquisition of O gauge toy train manufacturer Williams Electric Trains.

The new line will be branded "Williams by Bachmann." **Jerry Williams**, who has run the Columbia, Md.-based business for 35 years, is retiring, but will continue to advise, according to Bachmann Senior Vice President **Bud Reece**. **General Manager Larry Harrington** will be joining Bachmann as general manager of its "O" gauge division.

More details at www.bachmanntrains.com

RIDE THE IRON RAILS — 2008. FIRST WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY: 2nd & 3rd

United Northwest Model Railroad Club is proud to announce its 17th annual model railroad show and swap meet to benefit **EquiFriends**. I

t is hosted at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe WA. Building 100 ARENA) 50,000 sq ft building at the **Monroe Fairgrounds**.

Details www.unwclub.org

34th Annual Model Train Show at the Pacific Science Center—Seattle

January 19—21, 2008 10 am—6 pm daily

Train Layouts of all scales, Hands on Kids Activities
Sponsored by the 4th Division, PNR—NMRA

Details www.ttmtschow.com

SUPERTRAIN 2008

Saturday April 19 & Sunday April 20, 2008

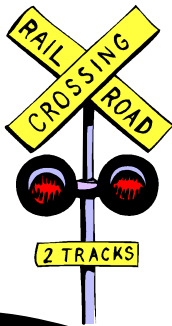
Calgary Soccer Centre,
7000—48 St., SE Calgary, Alberta

This show bills itself as "Canada's Best Model Train Show" — could be worth a looksee

Do you know of events or activities others might want to know about? Please send info and/or links to: gailferrier@shaw.ca

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