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Well, just one more meeting and this year will be done! 2009 has been a very up and down year for the TTOS Canadian Division. Sadly, we lost some good friends but we also gained new members too.

I am sad to report that **Brain Asp** lost his battle with leukemia and passed away this month. We will all miss Brian and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

October & November have been very busy times for our club. The Canadian Division has taken part in two shows in October, one in **Lynden, WA** and the other in **Chilliwack**. As I write this letter, we are right in the middle of the annual Cameron Show and the following week we will have transported the Club layout to Puyallup to participate in the **"Worlds Greatest Hobby Show" on the 21st and 22nd**. This show will be the largest outing

that the Canadian Division has ever taken part in and it will indeed be a weekend of fun and excitement.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has helped with the layout, whether it was setting up or tearing down or just running trains and talking to the public. I would like especially to thank the core group, **Neil Wilson (Chief Engineer)**, **Gary Zabenskie** and **Neil Whitehead** for their dedication and spirit in keeping the layout running. Some of our members travel up to 100 miles one way just to

help. It doesn't go unnoticed gentlemen and again, Thank You.

Bill Weed and I, plus some volunteers from the PNW Division will be manning the TTOS National Booth at the show. **Don Kyle**, the National Vice-president who's duties have included taking care of the National Booth was unable to make the journey from Las Vegas to the PNW area so Bill and I will give it a go. *continued on page 3*



TTOS Canadian Division VP, Mark Horne, Gail Ferrier, TTOS Canadian Division President, David Cook, Judy & Bill Spaulding with his layout at their WA home on November 1, 2009

2009 / 2010 TTOS Canadian Division Meets

**All meetings take place at
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**• November 29
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- **January 31**
- **February 28**
- **March 28**
- **April 25**
- **May 30**
- **June 27 — BBQ**

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*Above Kaitlin Zabenskie, Bill Weed
President PNWD & Tom Modica*

*Below R— Bill Weed, Mark Horne,
Neil Whitehead & Bruce Fowler*



*Kids are always excited by the sight of toy
trains blowing smoke!*



*The Canadian Division
supplied the layout and the
PNW Division brought their
trains out for the day in
Lyndon, WA*

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*Just hanging out and having fun...
PLAYING WITH TOY TRAINS*



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President's Message

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I should also mention that **George Burmiester** from the PNW Division will be setting up a Standard Gauge Layout at the show. Look for it!

I have negotiated a 25% discount on the clubs admission tickets for this event. As Mark Horne and I have said in the past, "This is the biggest show you will ever see in the Pacific Northwest and you really don't want to miss it."

The bus still has a few vacancies; you can call **James Cook at 604.948.1443 or Cell: 604.328.8723** to reserve your seat. The cost is \$40, this includes the following: \$1 towards your coffee break, transportation to the show, admission into the show, transportation to Eastside Trains, transportation to the casino for diner and then transportation home. A very reasonably inexpensive day, if I do say so myself.

Mark Horne has asked me to remind everyone that the **Bellingham Bay Boxcar** is selling extremely well and if you want one you should be making a point of paying for the car at our next meeting, the 29th of November. The car is available in two numbers and it looks like this car, like all of our cars, will be another winner. Since the Canadian Division started having cars made for us by Atlas O, we have sold out every series. Good management on Mark and Company's part.

A Personal Note, as some of you know, Gail and I celebrated our 29th Wedding Anniversary on November 1st. It just happened to coincide with a PNW Division meeting being hosted by our good friends **Bill and Judy Spaulding in Bothell, WA**. It wasn't the first time Gail and I have gone to a train event on our



anniversary, we were at Cal-Stewart 2 years ago on our 27th Anniversary. To make a long story short, Bill & Judy had a cake for us and everyone celebrated with us. We

did go to see A Chorus Line at the Vancouver Centre for Performing Arts on November 6th and we saw Irving Berlin's White Christmas at the Stanley Theatre on November 7, our gifts to each other.

One last reminder, the meeting on the 29th of this month will be our **Christmas Party**.

Mark has raffle tickets available for sale before the meeting. Make sure you have all the tickets you need. Being as you purchase the tickets, you can win as many times as your tickets are drawn with this raffle.

We gained 7 new members at our last meeting and the reported attendance was 81 warm bodies present. Hopefully we can anticipate a similar number for this coming meeting. I hear that the ladies have some special home made goodies planned for lunch and I know of some very interesting items are going to show up for sale and for the auction so make it a plan to be there.

Best regards for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

— David Cook, President

**Don't Miss
The Bus!**

**November 21 & 22
World's Greatest
Hobby Show**

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**November 21
Annual Bus Trip
TTOS Canadian
Division**

**— Hang with the
Gang at the World's Greatest
Hobby Show**

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Below: Vendors at Cameron Show



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— or news of an event or special deal? Let us know for the next edition of the TTOS Canadian Division Canadian Flyer.

FUN EVENTS — NOT JUST FOR KIDS!

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DO YOU LIVE ON VANCOUVER ISLAND?

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9am to 4pm Saturday December 5
 10 am to 3pm Sunday, December 5

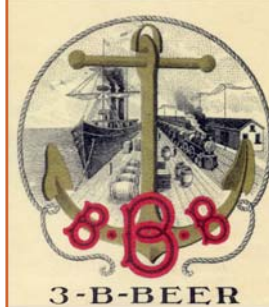
Cost : \$30.00 per 8' Table
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Set up: Friday Dec 4 6pm to 9 pm Saturday
 Dec 5 7am to 9 am Sunday Dec 6 8 am to
 10 am Tear down: Sunday Dec 6 3 pm to 5:30
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Admission is \$4.00 per person
Kids under 12 free

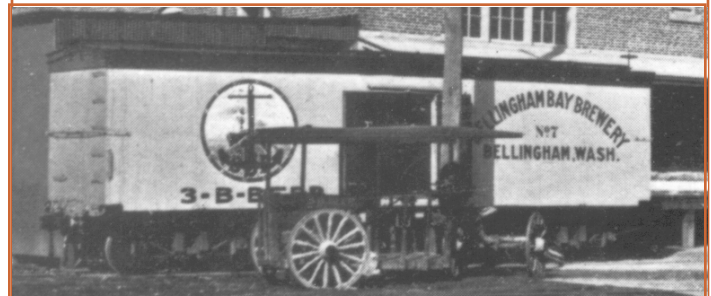
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CAMERON SHOW ...

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*Above Left:
this guy usu-
ally has a cam-
era in his
hand... it's Pe-
ter Toefield*

*This little guy
was really
seriously get-
ting into these
toy trains*



*above
right he
makes it
look as
much fun
as riding
a roller
coaster !*

*Left:
Mark
Home &*

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MORE FUN AT TTOS MEETS...



Lily not impressed

Did you ride one of the "Halloween Trains" this year? If so, please send us photos and reviews to post on the club website :

www.ttoscanada.org



Above: Ed Stephens is our real live Firefighting Hero — Olivia Ball with Flapper Gail Ferrier — Kaitlyn Zambenskie with Flapper Gail Ferrier Below: David Scott (should get an Award for his "Train Related" outfit — Ray & Doreen Palm.... You know she is one of the good witches, right?

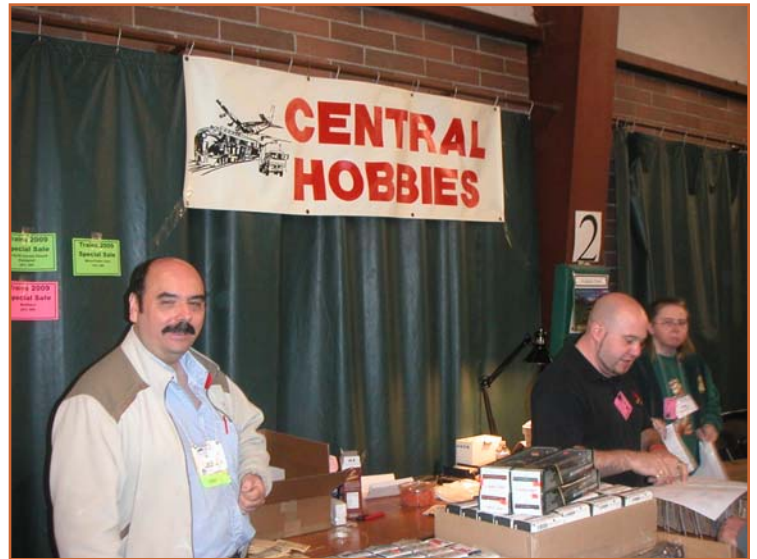
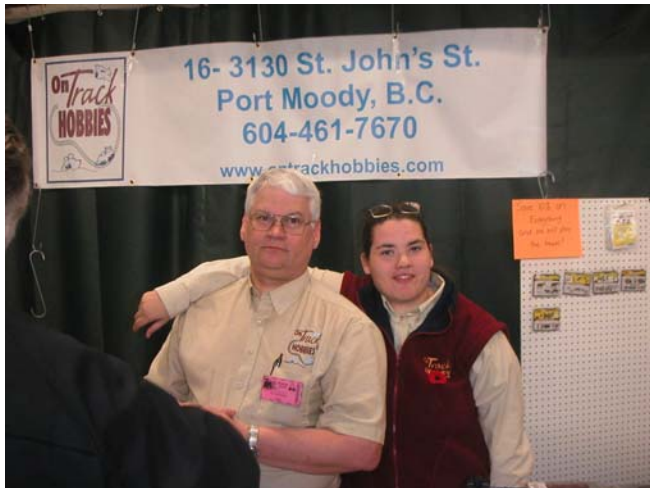


TTOS CANADIAN COSTUME ACCOLADES — NEXT YEAR MAYBE YOU WILL DRESS UP!

Doreen and **Gail** continued the tradition they started last year by dressing up for the October meeting. We hope more of you will take up the challenge... We might be able to find a fun prize if 10 or more people show up in costume. Unfortunately the only folks who made the effort this year are pictured above!

MORE FUN AT Toy Train EVENTS ...

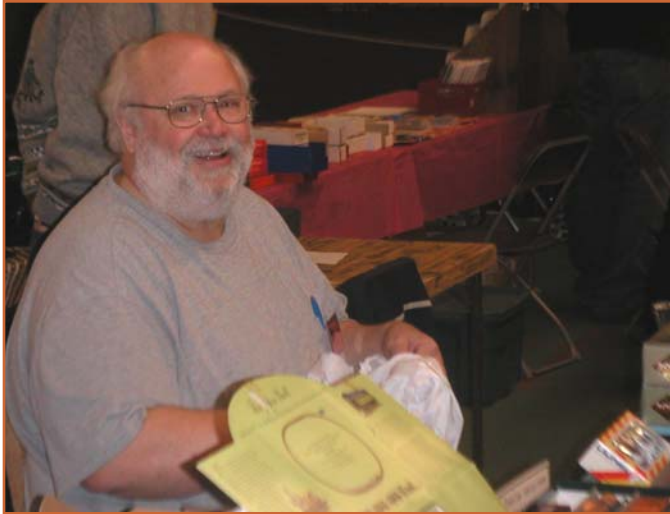
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Cameron WAS A BIG SUCCESS THIS YEAR! Our lay-out was front and centre when you got in the door... we even made the front page of the Burnaby Now newspaper. All of our advertisers had display space and there were oodles of kids — both young and old — to oooh and aaah over our trains... check out the little video clips of trains running on our layout at this show. They're online at www.ttoscanada.org

MORE FUN AT Toy Train EVENTS ...

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The joy and wonder of the world's greatest hobby — collecting and playing with toy trains — is that it brings together people of all ages, all sexes and all races to have fun and forget the worries of the world for whatever period of time you can manage.

TTOS members and our advertising supporters are always eager to spread the word and to make time to explain how things work for the younger set.



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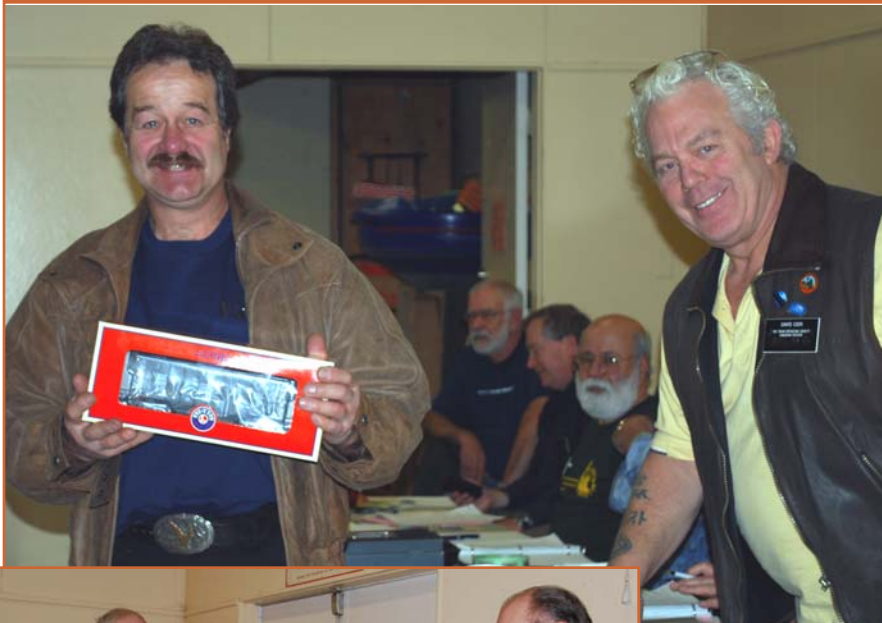


If a picture is worth a thousand words then these photos, taken by our President at the recent Cameron Train Show, are telling some really great stories.... Like ... “Having a great time... Wish you were here!” picture postcards of multi-cultural—multi-generational — folks coming together because of our hobby... TOY TRAINS.... Have you played with your toys lately? You club layout is a feature of local events like this several times a year... Hope we see you all out next time... just bring along a train or two of your own and run it around the TTOS Canadian Division layout and watch as the eyes of the attendees light up! Watch for details coming soon...



MORE FUN AT Toy Train EVENTS ...

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MORE FUN AT YOUR CLUB MEETS ...

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Now that George Plant and Ted Diakow have stepped down from the BOD they have time to browse the tables at club meets...



OK I give up, Charles Reif... What kind of Dancing with the Stars program have you been watching?



Bill Spaulding comes all the way up from Seattle for our club meets.

81 members & guests attended the October TTOS Canadian Division Club Meet

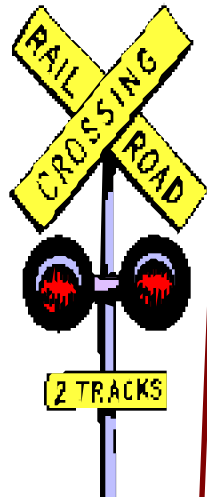


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