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Welcome back! I hope everyone had a super summer, the weather really did cooperate for all of those outdoor activities. It's now time to get back to the indoor activities that matter — like running trains.

2009 CONVENTION REPORT I did attend the TTOS National Convention in Chicago this year a detailed report appears in this newsletter and I will make a presentation of the "TTOS National state of affairs" at our AGM on September 27.

CANADIAN DIVISION BOARD VACANCIES

We have a couple of vacancies on the board that need to be filled this year. Both **George Plant** and **Ted Diakow** are stepping down after many years of dedicated service. **James Cook** and **Alan Cruickshank** have been nomi-

nated for the position of Member at Large while **Neil MacKenzie** has been nominated for the position of Treasurer.

Neil Whitehead will be running the election and any questions you have about the election should be addressed to him.

BUSY FALL SCHEULE

Fall is going to be a busy one for train shows. A list of shows and displays appears on page 3 of this newsletter. If we have missed any. Please let Gail or myself know and we will update the list in next month's issue of the TTOS Canadian Flyer. The biggest, and what I think will be the most exciting show, will be the **Worlds Greatest Hobby Show** in **Puyallup** in November.

The Canadian Division will be taking part in this show



President, David Cook

with our Club Layout and our members in the USA will be supplying the trains. This is about as close to a big east coast show you are going to see in the Pacific Northwest and I would make sure that you plan to attend. All major manufacturers are going to be present.

Both **TCA** and **TTOS** will have booths and in general it is going to be **"THE SHOW NOT TO MISS"**. For those of you not going down for the weekend, I would recommend that you make sure that you pay for the bus trip early.

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2009 / 2010 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 27 -
AGM & Barbecue**

• **October 25—
Dress Up for
Halloween**

• **November 29
Christmas Meeting**

- **January 31**
- **February 28**
- **March 28**
- **April 25**
- **May 30**
- **June 27 — BBQ**

**Great Opportunities
to meet fellow toy
train enthusiasts!**

President's Message continued...

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Preference will be given to those who pay for their seat at the time of reserving their space. (Money Talks).

CLUB CAR SOLD OUT

I received word from **Mark Horne** that the **Canadian Northern (Quebec) Car** has arrived and already been shipped, everyone who ordered one should have received it by the time this newsletter arrives. Mark informed me that **Classic Toy Trains** gave us a beautiful photo in their magazine and consequently we are, for all intents and purposes, "SOLD OUT". I would like to thank everyone involved in the project and congratulate them on a job well done. This one project assures our club of being able to continue doing the things we like to do. (It keeps us in the style to which we have become accustomed).

I should remind everyone that our next meeting will be a BBQ. We missed having it in June but Mark and other volunteers we will be flipping burgers in the parking lot on September 27th.

ADDRESS-CHANGES

A quick reminder, if anyone has changed their address, telephone number or email address please let me know **IN WRITING** so I can change the clubs records.

AGM — I hope to see as many of you at the September 27th Annual General Meeting as possible.

Your Participation is necessary for our club to function properly.

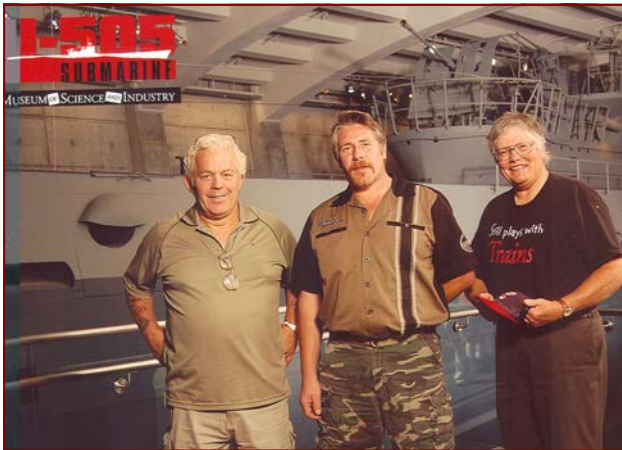


Let our club executive flip a burger (or hot dog) for you at the Meet September 27.

Regards,
David Cook, President



SIGHTS FROM CHICAGO



Above: TTOS Canadian Division President, **David Cook** with **Jim Strom**, President, Niagara Frontier Division and **John DeHaan**, President, Sacramento Valley Division — visited the U-505 Submarine at the Museum of Science & Industry.

Above Right: Proving he was there... David caught himself taking a picture of Chicago's EL Train



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Convention Report**September 5/2009****Prepared by David Cook, President, TTOS Canadian Division**

This past August, I attended the TTOS National Convention held in Chicago. I will try and cover all of the items and issues that concerned me and our division.

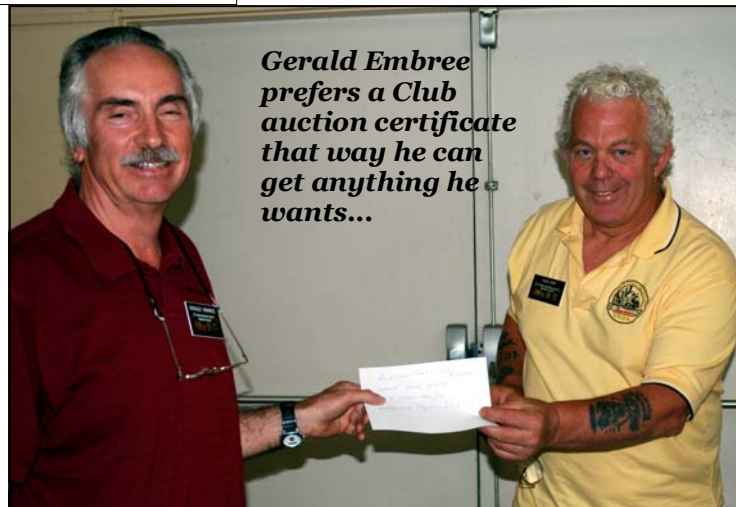
- **One of the first things that occurred when I arrived at the hotel in Chicago** was a couple –whom I had previously not met -- approached me and said they recognized me as the president of the Canadian Division and they could hardly wait until next year when they would be coming up to Canada to attend the 2010 convention. I told them that the convention was cancelled and they were truly disappointed. They hadn't heard that the convention was cancelled and if indeed you had the latest issue of the Bulletin; there was no mention that the 2010 convention in Vancouver was cancelled.
- **The BOD meeting the next morning**, August 13th/2009, was an interesting affair. One of the first matters on the agenda was to approve the minutes of the last two BOD tele-conference meetings that took place earlier in the year. The minutes from the April 18 meeting were finally approved after much ado; however, the minutes from the meeting on June 20th were not approved. According to TTOS rules all members of the board are to be invited to any BOD meeting. The meeting was called by Brian Fields, the National President. Larry Pearson, President of the Southwest Division was not invited to take part in the meeting. To add intrigue, the meeting was held "In Camera" meaning what we discussed was to be kept private. Now being as Larry Pearson was not invited, a clear violation of TTOS National rules, it turns out that the meeting was declared null and void. Brian Fields took full responsibility for that mistake.

The meeting continued with reports from the National Executives.

- **The Treasure's** report from Jim Selvius sounded very gloomy. Indeed, it appears that if the TTOS National continues to loose money at the present rate TTOS National will be bankrupt in about 2 years. The TTOS National is having a "Fire Sale" to try and sell the convention cars that haven't sold when they were issued in the past. Even if National sells all of the stock that they have on hand, the future does not look good.
- **The Executive Directors** report was just as gloomy. Membership in TTOS National is now just 4,202 members. That is a drop of about 6,000 members since I joined 10 years ago. If membership in the TTOS National continues to drop at the rate it has for the past 2 years, the organization will not be able to exist in its present format.
- TTTOS Executive Director, Randy Giroux presented the budget for the 2010 convention in **San Antonio, Texas**. I have never seen a budget quite like the one Randy presented. I honestly think he pulled the numbers out of a hat. If you recall, one of the excuses for cancelling the 2010 convention in Canada was the lack of a workable budget. I will bring a copy of his so-called budget to the September meeting for anyone to see.
- To make matters worse, **Randy Giroux's contract** was supposed to be up for review at this BOD Meeting, it seems that the National Executive approved the renewal of Randy's contract before the August 13th meeting. Is this legal?
- The long and the short of it is: if the TTOS National does not reverse the direction it is headed, it will cease to exist. The Canadian Division and most of the other divisions will continue to exist.



*Kyle Miller
with President
David Cook
had first pick
of Incentive
Draw Prizes*



*Gerald Embree
prefers a Club
auction certificate
that way he can
get anything he
wants...*



*Club Auction Certifi-
cates are always a
popular item with
Mike Brown (where's
your name tag, Mike?)*



*John Gaughan
chose this
Southern
Pacific Car*



*Keith Boswell
chose this
beauty*

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share? Email:
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*Above:
Bruce
Fowler
took this
gem
home*



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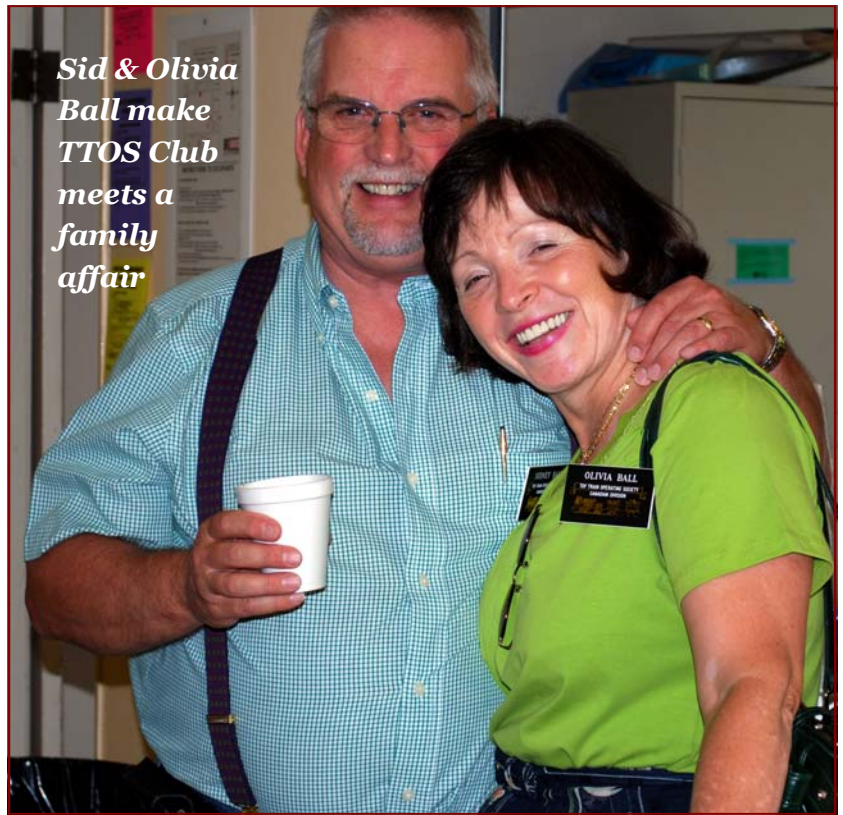
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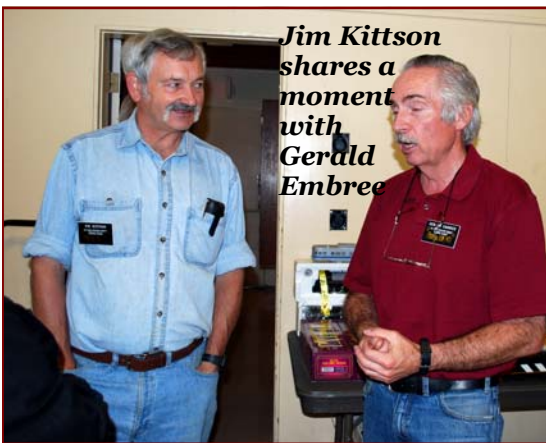
3 Amigos — Brian Asp, Robin Dobson, & President David Cook



Sid & Olivia Ball make TTOS Club meets a family affair



Jim Flett & Martin Howbold



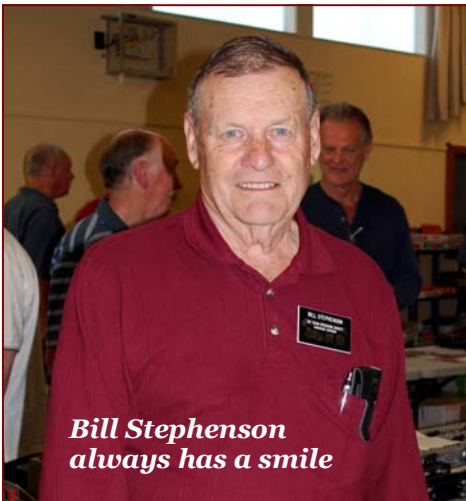
Jim Kittson shares a moment with Gerald Embree



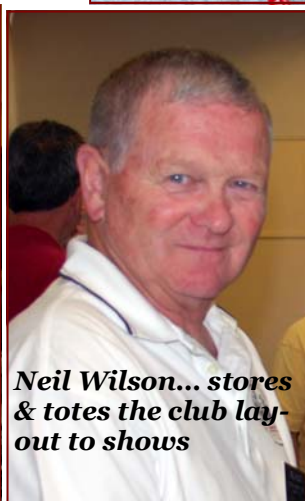
Kyle Miller & Frank Schmidt train buddies



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Bill Stephenson always has a smile



Neil Wilson... stores & totes the club lay-out to shows

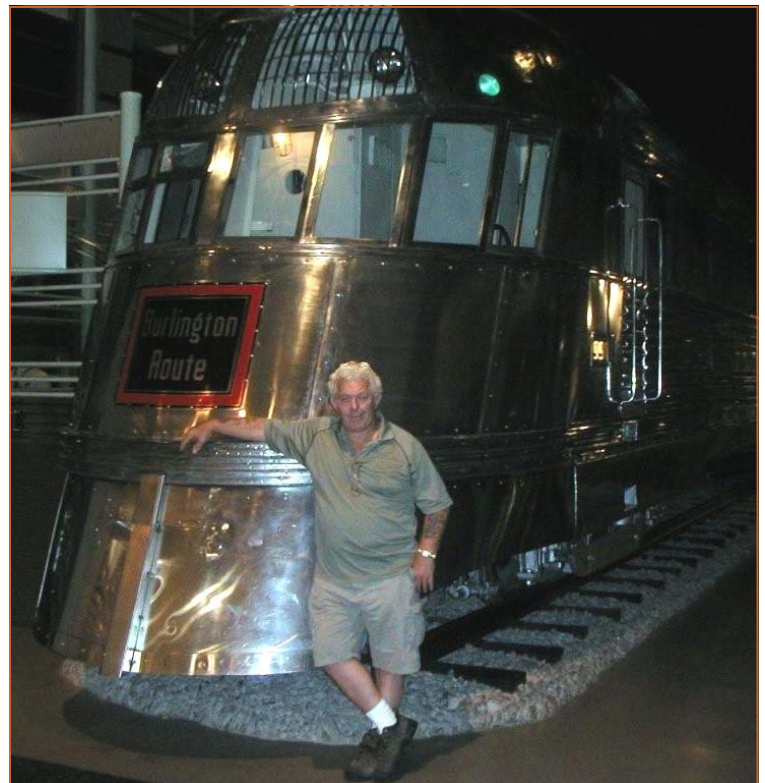
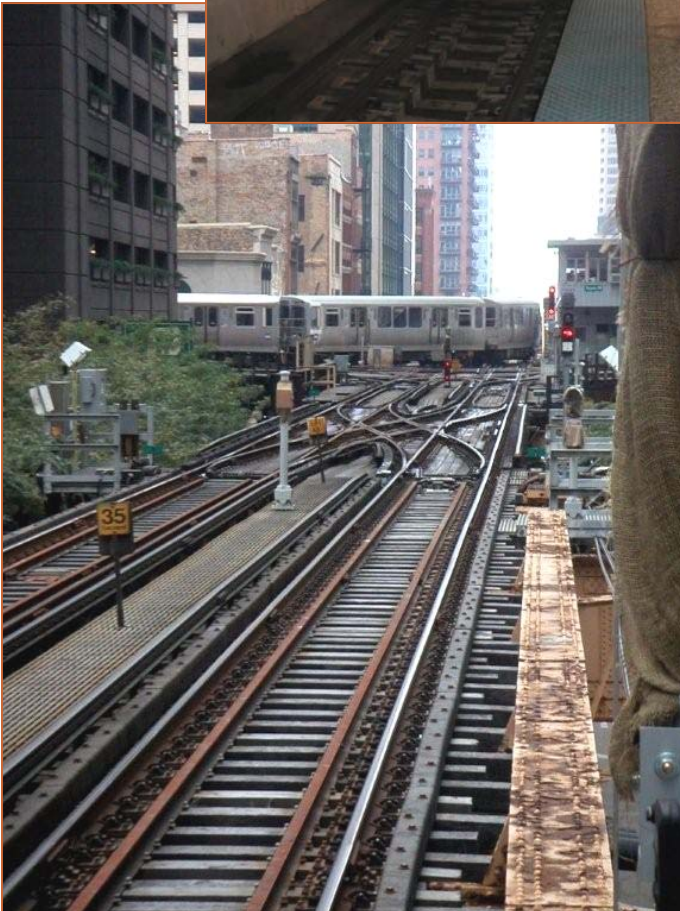


Ted Diakow & Tom Modica... do a great job on the registration desk



*The light
at the end of
the tunnel
really was
a TRAIN!*

Trains seem to be everywhere in Chicago... or maybe trains are everywhere in every city if you take the time to look around.... Transportation and moving people & goods are the lifeblood of any community. Trains are certainly cheaper than parking



Great Trains I would have liked to ride.... David Cook took these photos while in Chicago for the TTOS National Convention... August 2009 — there were some great sights to see, but none of them were on the “official” convention excursions.

EVENTS—SHOWS—ETC...

November 14, & 15 2009

10:00 - 4:00

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**October 3 & 4
Lynden, WA LIONS Club**



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

Western Washington
Fairgrounds
Puyallup, WA

**November 21
Annual Bus Trip**

TTOS Canadian Division
— Puyallup Show
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604 463 1006
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**November 29
TTOS Canadian Division
Christmas Meet**

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**Mt Cheam
Lions Club**

**Model Railroad &
Hobby Show**

**Saturday October, 17 9 am—5 pm
Sunday October 18, 2009 110 am—4 pm**
Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way,
Chilliwack, (Freeway Exit #116)

Information: James Hill Mount Cheam
Lions Train Show Chairman,
Phone - 604-824-1757
Fax - 604-795-5046
E-Mail qdee@telus.net

**Sunday September 13th
10 am—4 pm
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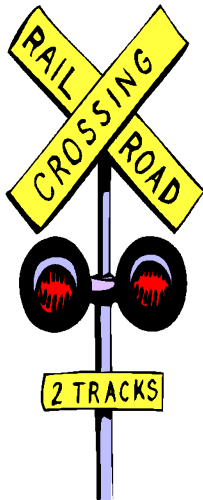


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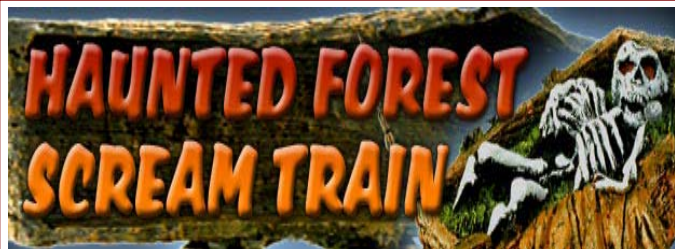
Election will take place at the AGM on Sunday, September 27. List of offices and nominated candidates at time of printing appears below. As allowed by our constitution, nominations may also be taken from the floor at the AGM.

President	David Cook
Vice President	Mark Horne
Secretary	Charles Reif
Treasurer	Neil MacKenzie
Members at Large	Nominees Are:
<i>Only Four to be elected</i>	
Tom Modica	John Warlimont
James Cook	John Wolfe
	Gary Zabenskie
	Alan Cruickshank

The position of Past President is not an elected position. The Member at Large for the Island is appointed by the President.

See you at the September 27 meeting.

Neil Whitehead TTOS Canadian Division Election Chair



Friday, October 16 to Saturday, October 31.

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