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President's Message

Welcome back all members. This coming year should prove to be even better than last year. If things go as scheduled, we should pass the magic number of 100 for membership. The Canadian Division is one of the fastest growing divisions in the TTOS and we should all be proud of those who helped us reach this milestone.

The next 3 months are going to be very busy for all of us. On the September 24th we will hold our AGM as part of our monthly meeting. We have some crucial items to discuss at that time and of course our elections are held at that meeting. On the 7th and 8th of October we are taking part in the Lynden Train Show, On October 14th and 15th we are at the annual Lions Club event in Chilliwack and on November 11th and 12th we are at the Cameron Community Centre.

I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to help out with setting up and the most important part... come along for the fun of running your club's trains or bring along your own for boasting privileges.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the CNR Open house on September 10th. We all had a great time and hopefully we attracted some new members.

Gail and I did attend the TTOS annual convention in Costa Mesa in August. We took two weeks and drove down making stops in Sacramento — the museum there is absolutely fabulous and Fresno to pick up some great bargains from Roy's Toys in Clovis and spent a few days at Disneyland as well. The weather during the first week was very hot but it did cool off considerably while at the convention. *(Editor's note.... Oh yeah, right David.... It went from 107 F to 95F... much cooler!)* The deals were great, at least for the kind of trains I collect. Mark Horne won an engine in one of the raffles and I won a 1978 mint Convention car. I'm not sure if Martin Howbold won anything during the convention, you'll have to ask him... but I think I can say we had a good time...

The tours were terrific, Gail and I went on every one



David Cook, President —
Making friends with the
"conductor" at the Sacramento
Train Museum

All meetings take place at

**Charles Rummel
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**Doors Open 12:00
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a Great Auction!

**September 24
AGM**

October 29

**November 26
CHRISTMAS Meeting**

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TTOS 2006 CONVENTION

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offered except the Knots berry farm trip. I had to attend the Executive meeting so was unable to go. Apparently though, it was a super tour, it was a behind the scenes look at the maintenance facilities for all of the trains at Knots berry farm.

We met some wonderful people at the convention; we had some good times with Judy and Bill Spaulding and Tom Sleeves of the TTOS PNW Division and my very good friend Jerry Pals from Iowa.

Next years convention is in Altoona, PA and from the reports I am getting it looks like it will be the biggest convention yet.

One last item, there will be a membership contest this year. I will be offering a TTOS Convention Car to the member who sponsors the most new members. My congratulations to Brian Driscoll and Bruce Fowler for their efforts in promoting our club, both men deserve a round of applause.

I'm looking forward to this year and I hope we can make 2006/2007 the best season ever. See you September 24th

Regards, David Cook, President



Above: David & Gail on board the Wild Goose — converted minesweeper once owned by John Wayne — on the TTOS dinner cruise with Gerry Pal and new friends from Minnisota.

David with Margaret McCoy & Gwen & Steve Latta Taking a break at the San Diego toy train museum.



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Travelling 2006



Gwen Latta, Bill Spaulding, Nancy Swan, Judy Spaulding & David



The San Diego train trip at the 2006 TTOS National Convention was great fun... the layout museum was awesome... and to think it was the brainchild of a group of teenagers.... Who are now about 60 years old.... The architecture of the old train station made us all feel right at home and.... David, naturally found some trains to buy at Frank The Trainman!



Gerry Pal with David Cook & Nancy Swan



If you're going to California, plan on a trip to the Sacramento Railway Museum. It is absolutely one of the best. We particularly enjoyed the Canadian National car that was set up with sound and motion emulating the train trips of our youth in Ontario, Canada. If you can't get there before 2008 do plan to attend the 2008 TTOS National Convention which will be held there. Plan to think cool. It was 107F in August.

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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 2006/2007
will take place at our Annual General Meeting
Sunday, September 24, 2006**

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

**Ken Warner 604 434 5037
or Frank Schmidt 604 271 9290**

Did You Know?

All members can request access to the National TTOS online membership directory www.ttos.org Sure is an easy way to look up fellow members. To get a login you choose a password. Your username is your TTOS Membership number... then phone or email the information to the TTOS office tos@ttos.org.

Someone there will activate it and notify you.

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Includes a village with Bank, Television sta., Church, Service station w pumps, etc; Hobby and Craft store. also people figures, baggage and baggage wagon etc. It is switched at each end of the outer oval with electric switches to accept an addition to the layout(which I abandoned). Operating schematic is imprinted on the control panel face. layout is wired for two transformers if you wish to operate each oval independently. One small transformer included.

Ken Warner 604 434 5037

TTOS at the CNR OPEN HOUSE



DOWN AT THE RAILYARDS

A great time was had by about 3,000 visitors at the Canadian National Railway yards on Sunday, September 10.

Club members operating the layout at the event included: Tom Modica, Neil Wilson, Gary Zabenskie, Charles Reif, Kyle Miller & his son, Martin Howbold, JP Johnson, Bob Garten, Peter Toefield, Doug Crowdie, Frank Schmidt, Frank Teoli, Neil MacKenzie & David Cook.

Next opportunity to play with your club layout is October 7 & 8 in Lyndon.



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JERRY CALABRESE COMMENTS ON LATEST MTH LAWSUIT

Dear Friends,

The least favourite part of my job is commenting on legal issues, but I thought it was important to set the record straight from the outset and confirm that Lionel has, again, been sued by MTH.

Yesterday, despite its prior statements to the contrary, MTH sued Lionel for alleged infringement of its smoke and speed related patents, seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief. MTH also asked the court to pre-emptively rule that its own trains do not violate four of Lionel's patents, or to declare our patents invalid. Lionel does not believe that it infringes MTH's patents and intends to vigorously contest these claims and defend its patents, which pre-date the MTH patents in question.

We're disappointed that MTH has again decided to resort to litigation at this time, especially since the alleged smoke and synchronized speed related patent infringement issue was already filed in the bankruptcy court as a \$17 million secondary claim, and would have had to be resolved before Lionel could emerge from bankruptcy, in any case. There are a lot of possible explanations as to why MTH chose to bring this action now, but I'll refrain from interpretation or speculation.

What I do know for sure is that last week the Federal Court of Appeals, in Cincinnati, heard our arguments about why we believe the MTH judgment against Lionel was wrong and should be thrown out, mandating a new trial.

Obviously, there are no certainties when it comes to the decisions of courts, but based on the tough questions the judges asked the MTH lawyers, we're cautiously optimistic of a favourable decision.

Based on their newest legal action, I'm beginning to think that MTH's perception of last week's oral arguments may be the same as our own.

As I've repeatedly said, I'd prefer that the rivalry between MTH and Lionel be settled in the court of public opinion, by consumers who vote with their purchases, and not the courts of law. Having said that, please be assured that we're determined to handle both at the same time. Despite the additional burden and expense caused by this new MTH lawsuit, neither Lionel's business nor its commitment to making and selling the best possible model trains will be disrupted. Thanks again for your continued support.

Jerry Calabrese



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Oct 7 & 8. **The Lyndon Train Show**

Lyndon Fair Grounds,
 Lyndon WA

Your club will be setting up the modular layout. We need as many members as possible to come out and join the fun.

Details: Tom Modica
1 360 738 3842

Sunday, October 22, 2006 **Victoria Toy Show**

Mary Winspear Centre
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 Admission \$3.00 Earlybirds
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Sunday, September 24, 2006, **2006 Victoria Model Railway Show**

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 3220 Cedar Hill Road
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Layouts, Vendors, Displays. Food service.
10AM to 4PM

Admission: Adults - \$ 5.00 Family - \$ 2.00
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Vendor tables: \$ 35.00. For table information contact: Ted Alexis (250) 595-4070.

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 9523 Cameron Street
 Burnaby, B.C.

Meet: Friday November 10

Public Show:

Saturday November 11, 2006: Noon to 5 PM,
 Sunday November 12, 2006: 9 AM to 4 PM.



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International

Sunday February 11, **2007** **Mt Pleasant Lions Club** **Model Railroad Show**

Mt Pleasant Community Centre
 3161 Ontario Street, Vancouver, B.C.

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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