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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are into the second month of 2004, celebrating the 30th year of the TTOS Canadian Division. So far it's been an excellent year. The sale of the Anniversary Woodside Reefer car is going well. I hope all of our Canadian Division members participate in our 30th Anniversary celebrations by purchasing at least one Woodside Reefer – the funds raised help the club cover our expenses – like hall rental for our meetings -- Mark tells me we have had several orders of the car from the US as well..

Please order early and order often, the 29th of February is the last day to order and we (*speaking for the entire membership*

I hope) would like to see a sellout of this run.

This brings up the matter of the next meeting on February 29/2004.

There will be a **Special General Meeting on February 29/2004.**

The meeting is being called so the membership can discuss and vote on whether to spend the money and go forward with the order for the Woodside Reefer Anniversary Car.

A couple of our American neighbours, **Heather Pierce and Bruce Fowler**, came up for our January meeting. Several of our members brought along guests and one guest



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even asked for a membership application. Keep up the good work. Bring all your friends and relatives out to your club functions. Let them know how much fun and good fellowship is involved with your hobby. Encourage them to get involved. Our club always needs new members.

One important item has come up regarding the settling of accounts at the end of our meetings. I would like to ask all of you to give **George Plant** a little more room to breathe when he is trying

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MEETING DATES

- **Sunday, February 29**
- **Sunday, March 28**

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

- **Doors Open 12:10**
- **Meeting Starts 13:00**

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President's Message continued...

to settle up the accounts. It got a little intense last month and with a new auction computer person, who was doing his very best, there was a bit of confusion that took George a couple of days to work out.

We offer a special thank you to *Gillian* for the "Valentine's Goodies" at our last meeting.

For those of you who missed the last club meeting on the 25th of January, the club executive made a decision last month to allow *Martha Pernice* to join the Canadian Division as a "Special Member".

The idea was put forward by *Neil Whitehead*, a long time friend of Martha & Jim Pernice. The motion was voted on by the executive and passed unanimously.

What is a "Special Member"? A special member does not have to belong to TTOS National in order to belong to the Canadian Division. For her continued support of our division, let us all extend a very warm welcome to our "Special Member" Martha. While it is still a bit early ...it's never really too soon to get those trains tuned up for a workout. We have the *Cameron Rec Centre Show* coming up on the *14th of March* and it would be great to see more of our club members running **their trains on their club's layout**. We are fortunate that our club owns a 20' X 20' layout with 5 separate tracks that we bring out to various public functions throughout the year. There is lots of room for everyone inside the square and a great opportunity for show and tell about your proudest acquisitions.

I look forward to seeing you all at the February 29th meeting.

regards! David G. Cook, President

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Cobourg Model Train Show
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- **March 13-14 Sat 11 - 5 Sun 10 am-- 4 pm**
Toronto Model Railway Show
Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Rd. For more info please contact Gord Billingham 416-536-2894.
Check the website at: <http://torontoyork.tripod.com/Modelshow2004/2004Model.htm>
- **March 13 & 14**
WESTERN RAILS Cameron Show
Cameron Rec Centre
(across from Walmart at the Lougheed Mall)
Burnaby... your club has a display & you can run your trains on the club tracks for two days! Come out & have fun!
- **March 20 -21 Sat 11 am -5 pm Sun 10 am -4 pm**
Kingston Rail-O-Rama Show
Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, 53 Yonge St. Kingston, Ontario
Presented by Canadian Railroad Historical Association
Contact: Hubert Hogle (613-354-2607, hogles2@yahoo.ca)

- **March 21 Portland Chapter Meets**
at the Aloha Mall, OR
Call Tom Steeves 503 644 2325
TTOS Operating sessions are on the first Sunday of each month... Bring your trains to run!
- **March 26, 27, 28**
31st Annual Spring CAL-STEWART MEET
Santa Clara Convention Center
- **April 17 (10 am—5 pm) & 18 (10 am—3 pm)**
Fraser Valley Antique & Collectible Club's
12th Annual Antique & Collectible Show
Queens Park Arena, New Westminster, BC
Toys, Railroad Stuff, Signs, Tins, Bottles, China etc..
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- **2004 GREAT WESTERN TRAIN SHOWs**
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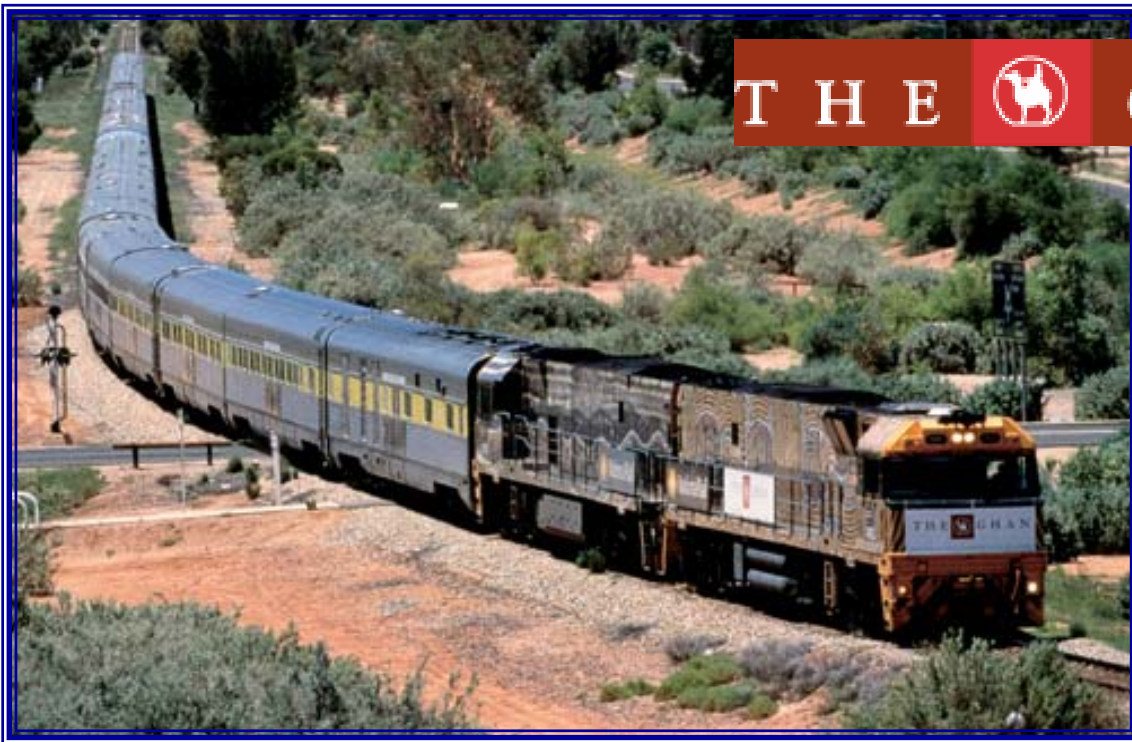


**Our January Meeting was a great success....
Enjoyed by both young & old alike...
A fabulous auction & delightful lunch**



**Join us Sunday, February 29
Bring Your Toys for Show & Tell
Or set up a table to buy or sell !**





THE GHAN

**Adelaide -
Alice Springs**

“We’ve just got to go to Australia now,” says TTOS Canadian Division President, David Cook

The Legendary Journey Into the Heart of Australia

Great Southern Railway, owners and operators of The Ghan, were thrilled to officially launch the legendary train’s 2,979km inaugural transcontinental journey from Adelaide to Darwin.

The Ghan, departed Adelaide’s Keswick Rail Terminal on Sunday 1 February, and arrived in Darwin Tuesday February 3rd. It is the longest passenger train in Australia’s history. Well over 1 kilometre in length, The Ghan has two locomotives and 43 carriages with a total mass of more than 2000 tonnes.

Great Southern Railway, Director of Guest Services & Marketing, Anthony Kirchner said, “We’ve planned for the extension of The Ghan to Darwin over the past two years.”

“The Ghan has long been regarded as one of the world’s great train journeys, and the extension of the journey will further enhance its status.”



Ticket sales on The Ghan Inaugural Journey surpassed \$15 million. The Ghan regular journeys commence from 8 February 2004. Fares one way per person between Adelaide and Darwin start from \$198 for a Red Kangaroo Daynighter Seat (Adult \$440), and \$1,183 for a Gold Kangaroo Sleeper (Adult \$1,740) which includes all meals

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The Indian Pacific and The Overland trains provide convenient connections with The Ghan in Adelaide

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Transcontinental Journey
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*From the Desk of Neil Whitehead
TTOS National Secretary*



Very soon spring will be upon us and it will be time for the Train Shows.

In March (13th & 14th) the *Cameron Show* will be held. The modular club will be at the March Cameron show and we need as many volunteers as we can get. Come out to the show and give us a hand.

Bring your trains and run them on a large layout. We have an American Flyer 'S gauge' loop and we welcome 'S gauge' modellers and their trains. There is also a 'Standard Gauge' loop for those who specialize in the larger three rail trains.

Later on this year in June the *Langley Train Days* will be held in Old Langley. It's never too early to start planning activities...

Let us know at the next meeting if you are planning to help us on the Saturday set-up or on the Sunday operating session.

Last Sunday, the 8th of February, I went down to the *Pacific Northwest Division* meet in Everett. The meet was held at the house of *Alan & Judy Hutchison* and their hospitality was second to none. I was made welcome and met some of the members of that division and spent time admiring Alan's three level layout. Alan has a great track plan and he has put in a "stop at the station" trolley system that was a lot of fun for the viewer. The double bridge at the front of the layout was very impressive and added a lot of operation.

One of the pleasures of belonging to an organization such as TTOS is meeting other people and seeing their layouts and getting ideas and incorporating them into your layout and enjoying the fun of operating. Next time there is a meeting of the Pacific Northwest Division, a group should go down and see these operating layouts or layouts in construction, just to get ideas for your own layout and of course to meet other people in TTOS and to enjoy their hospitality.

I hope you are making your plans to go to *Fresno* for the annual convention this year. It promises to be interesting with a lot of great tours.

Yosemite is a garden of waterfalls and great vegetation...a sight worth seeing. Amtrak runs through Fresno and one of the enjoyable trips to California is the West Coast Flyer down through Seattle, Portland and on to Fresno.

See you at the February meeting.

Neil Whitehead,

First President TTOS Canadian Division

