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## President's Message:

## 2004 New Years Greetings !

I hope everyone had a good time over the holidays. While we may have been dreaming about a White Christmas, once the day was gone, West Coast residents really don't appreciate that cold stuff falling on our gardens.

With the exception of the snow and cold weather that hit our region over the holidays, the Cook-Ferrier household had a wonderful time with our family and friends.

Hope Santa was good to all of you and that you are now geared to get involved with the activities of the club as we celebrate our 40th year as an association here in Canada.

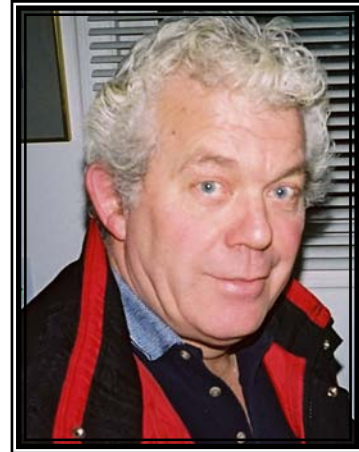
Please take the time to go over the order form for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Woodside Reefer on page 2. Orders for the car(s) should be in by the end of the month. This is a very special event for our division and I hope all of our members take this opportunity to participate.

The sale of *John Smyly's* collection of Marx and other tin etc. went well over the course of the last 3 meetings of 2003. I think that all of those members who collect Marx really enjoyed the three days of activity; however, I am sure that the Lionel collectors will agree that it was just a bit too much. It will be good to get back to the regular auctions and a little more variety.

I look forward to seeing everyone out at the January meeting on the 25th and I just know it's going to be a great year for us all.

Best Regards!

*David G. Cook, President*



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### MEETING DATES

**Sunday, January 25**

**Sunday, February 29**

**Sunday, March 28**

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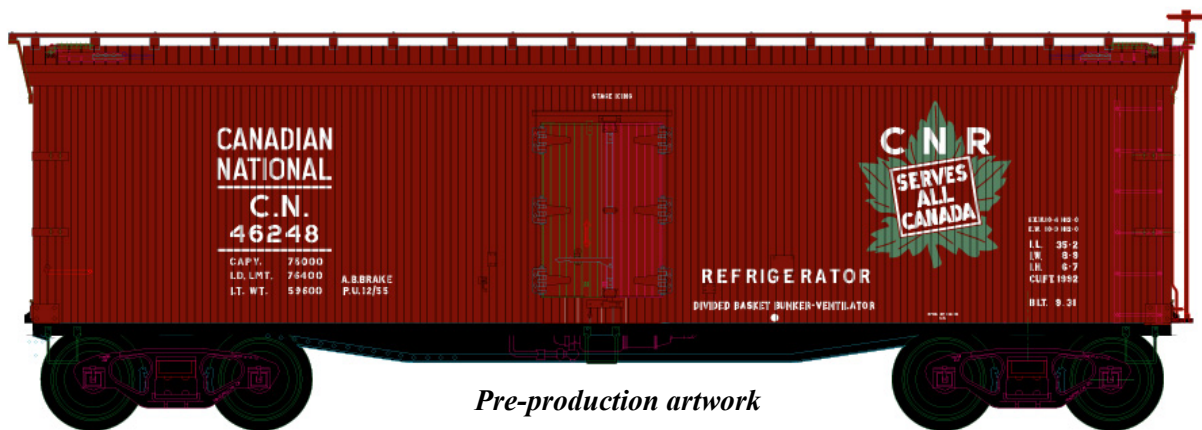
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# RAILWAY POEMS

by George A. Griffin, 2003

## 1941 CPR Night Music West Toronto Yard

Late-night sounds when the wind is right,  
A summer night, warm as only July can be,  
A small boy wakes and listens.  
There it is again, sound...abrupt, rough, heavy as  
drum-beats, sudden...  
Sound stops, but a rolling hollow,  
distant thunder noise...  
Then, sharp percussion again,  
Loud, then a series of lesser beats,  
Then, rough, abrupt, heavy sound...  
Rumbling, then it repeats again...  
On the edge of sleep he listens,  
The sounds are part of the night,  
Turns and drifts deeper and deeper  
into rest.  
The noise repeats again and again.  
There is a faint tang of coal smoke.



## Early September, 1958 East of Calgary CPR "Dominion"

We are going eastward into the night.  
There is background music to the ride.  
Wheels on rails, the click of rail-joints,  
And a slight swaying of the coach.  
Smells, oil, disinfectant,  
And the indefinable smell of air  
conditioning.  
I lie on my berth, too tired to read,  
Not tired enough to sleep---  
I pull up the blind, turn on the light, and  
look into the passing dark.  
A station passes, strange that the earth  
should move, and the train seem still.  
Lights, A man stands on the platform,  
Holds wicker hoops, passes out of sight  
On the moving earth.

**I** t was with great sadness that I  
said goodbye, on behalf of the  
Canadian Division, to *Len Gourley*  
last December.

It was moving to see so many members at the  
celebration of his life held in Delta last month.  
Len was a long standing member of our  
club who loved trains of all kinds.

Len gave generously to the club with  
donations  
to treasury at every meeting over the  
past 25 years.

Members may not be aware that Len  
truly was a cornerstone of our divi-  
sion. At almost every meeting Len  
brought trains to sell and bought

trains from fellow members.

Len enjoyed the hunt for the trains  
at train meets, conventions,  
garage sales and auctions.  
Len also loved the trading  
and selling of his trains  
(and other toys).

We have lost a fine man and a true  
friend.

I am sure that Len  
is already  
buying and  
selling trains with  
the other members  
who have gone  
before him.

by Mark Horne



*Len Gourley*  
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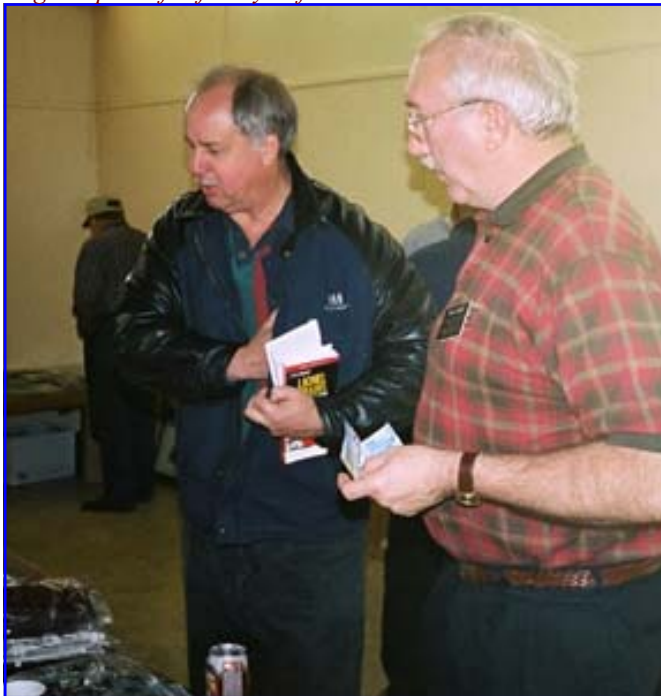




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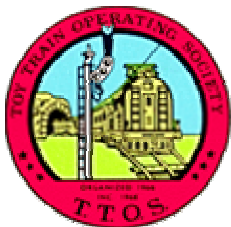


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**COMING EVENTS**

At press time, we had not received notice of events for January and February for the Canadian Division beyond our usual meetings. But everyone should be thinking about getting involved with activities planned for the spring, summer and fall... including the Train Shows at Cameron Rec Centre, Langley Train Days, the great events on Vancouver Island and some exciting meets just south of the border.

If you know of events which are of interest to club members, please send details to:  
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or phone 604 931 4056.



**From the desk of  
Neil Whitehead  
TTOS National Secretary**

**W**ell, the results of the TTOS election are in... and the following is a summation of the Officers for the term 2004-2005.

**National President**

***Gary Keck***

**National Vice President**

***Randy Giroux***

**National Secretary**

***Neil Whitehead***

**National Treasurer**

***Spencer Smith***

**Director-at-Large**

***Steve Latta.***

The elected officers will take over their duties at the March 26th meeting during the Cal-Stewart meet in Santa Clara CA. I hope you all received your January Bulletin and noticed the fine articles from members of the Canadian Division.

The division was responsible for one-sixth of the articles in the January Bulletin.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and the New Years is looking bright for you.

Make your plans to attend the National Convention in Fresno California this summer and support your National TTOS.

I received some Poems from George in Ontario and I would like to share them with you. (*see page 3*) I thought they were very descriptive and warranted sharing.

See you all at the meeting on the 25th of January.

*Neil Whitehead...*

Past President, Canadian Division

