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online edition... check it out
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I would like to start off by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I hope all of our members and families had a good Christmas and a safe holiday.

Our club is going into its thirty-first year. If anyone has any ideas on how we could mark the occasion please let myself or anyone of your executive members know. All of your ideas are important and welcome.

The last major toy train function of 2004 was an open house at the home of *Jim* and *Joan Flett* in Pitt Meadows.

A good number of our Canadian Division Members took advantage of their hospitality and to use the old phrase “a good time was had by all”.

Jim has a superior collection of “O” Gauge brass engines and when his layout is finished I hope that Jim and Joan will allow us all the opportunity to come back to see the finished product.

His collection of old cars and “hotrods” was also a treat for all to see. I can’t help but wonder where Jim finds the time to devote to both trains and cars.

Time is running short for ordering this year’s Club Car, January 30th is the last day to take advantage of the special price of \$55.00 US or \$70.00 CDN for the Canadian Northern Woodside Reefer. See details inside! Last year’s car was a sell out and we hope that everyone takes advantage of the chance to acquire what will definitely become a collector Car.

The car comes in two numbers and you can order them with either three rail or two rail trucks.

Don’t let this chance pass you by!

I would also like to remind everyone of the “Membership Contest”. This is an easy way to get a free Lionel Tanker.

I hope to see all of you at the January meeting.

Regards,



President David Cook shows off one of his Christmas Presents — a Marx flat car loaded with a model

MEETING DATES

January 30, 2005

February 27, 2005

March 27, 2005

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

Doors Open 12:00 Meeting 13:00
Door Prizes, Sale Tables,
Lots of Toys, a great auction —
Refreshments are served

Toy Train News from Abroad

Hi David:

I would like to wish you and your family all the best in the New Year. Please extend my regards to the Club members at the next meeting.

Here are a couple of photos I took today (Jan 9, 2005) at a train/toy show at the **Benn Hall** in **Rugby**. Some of the local European collectors may recognize the address. It's where the **Barry Potter Auctions** (Vectis Auctions) are held.

This was not an auction but a toy /train show; mostly



trains, not much in toys. There will be a Vectis Auction on January 29 which I'll be attending. If Frank, Charles or any other Euro guys see anything they like on the Vectis website, www.vectis.co.uk, get them to let me know and I'll put in a bid or two if they want. My email address is vszalski@hotmail.com

There's lots of **Hornby**, some **Bassett Lowke**, and some smaller European stuff available. The prices are outrageous. It is hard to believe that the Hornby stuff we get at our meets in Canada has to cross the ocean and still be available at

much lower prices than here. For example, a run of the mill Hornby car will be priced at about 35 pounds. That's about \$85 Canadian dollars.

Everyone at the Club would laugh out loud and long at the idea! Tell the guys they have no idea how good they have it.

Cheers Vies

Motion for Expenditure

Depending on Cars sales, a motion may have to be made at the January 30th meeting to use the TTOS Canadian Division Funds for bridge financing to pay for the cars.

Last year at this time we had enough sales that bridge financing was not necessary.

If you have any questions please bring them up at the meeting on January 30..

David Cook President
TTOS Canadian Division



O GAUGE?! WHO'D EVER BUY IT?! IT'LL NEVER HOLD THE TRACK PROPERLY... AND HOW CAN KIDS' LITTLE HANDS PUT THAT TINY STUFF ON THE TRACK?!

ALL ABOARD!

Don Evans, Executive Director of the West Coast Railway Association says \$500,000. is all that is needed to put the Royal Hudson back on the rails.

He is hoping that the train will carry the Olympic Torch on it's last stretch to start the 2010 Olympic Games in Whistler.

"It can be a heck of a promotional instrument," he enthuses. "...chug the Royal Hudson in and make your announcement... if you want to draw a crowd."

The train can be ready by 2006. The train's leaky tubes and flues will be replaced, her firebox replaced and she'll be building up a good head of steam.

So far the association has raised \$170,000. That's enough to start work on the restoration in February or March.



March 19, 1977 - 2860 on Great Northern track in Surrey, BC leaving Fraser River bridge on promo trip to the U.S. Courtesy West Coast Railway Association www.wcra.org

A big boost came from Western Economic Diversification Canada.

The group is hoping to find a major corporate sponsor to fund the balance needed to complete the job.

We're looking forward to having the Royal Hudson ready to carry TTOS delegates when your club hosts the 2010 TTOS Convention.

Mark your calendar for the first week in August 2005, when we will celebrate with another national convention. This time we travel the **"Goldfield Route"** to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Motels for Train Watching: A list by state & province of motels that have views of tracks to enable train watching <http://home.att.net/%7Eroadrailer/MotelsIntro.html>

It's never too early to start planning your trip to the next TTOS Convention. We've been to Vegas before and there are trains galore in Nevada and neighbouring states.... Drive down to take in all the operating steam trains or take the AMTRAK out of Vancouver or fly ... however you want to go... you've just got to be there this year!

Coming events

February 5-6, 2005

Train show, Monroe, WA.

At the fair grounds.

March 13, 2005,

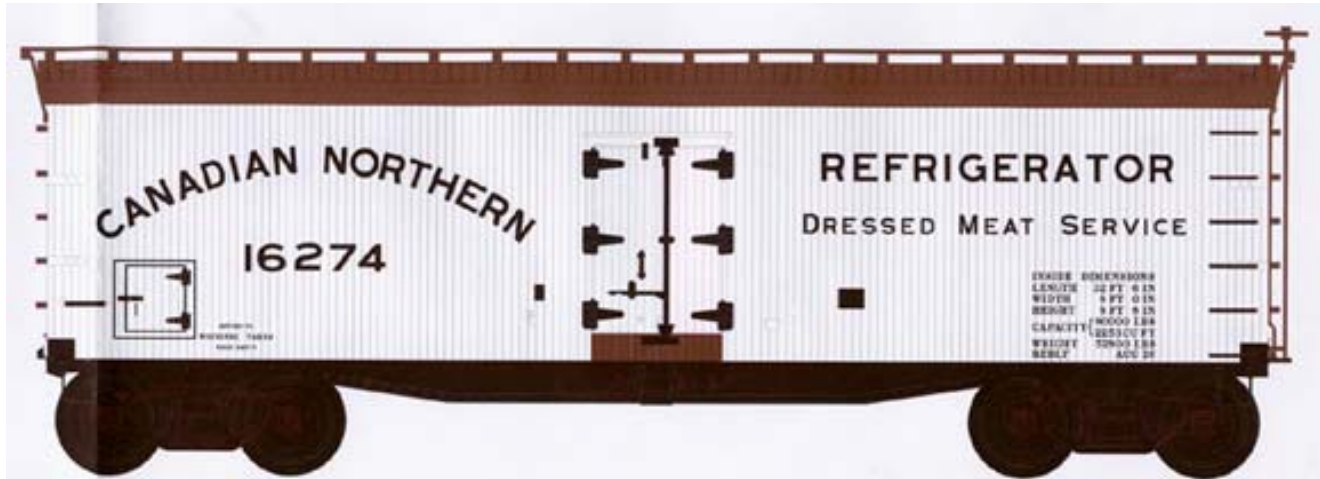
Train show, Cameron Community Centre,

Our club has our modular layout at this event and new blood is always welcome. Your club layout can accommodate "O" gauge, "S" gauge or Standard gauge trains. Bring your trains and join us for a great time.

If anyone has any information regarding train shows or toy show please let Gail or myself know at 604-931 4056 or gailferrier@shaw.ca or railroadnut@shaw.ca.

Atlas O

Canadian Northern Railway 40' Woodside Reefer



Atlas O is manufacturing a prototypical 40' woodside reefer in the Canadian Northern Railway colours for the Canadian Division TTOS. This very limited production "O" gauge reefer is available in two numbers in both two and three rail. Production is scheduled for Spring 2004 with delivery in July 2005.

**Special pricing for Canadian Division members is \$ 55.00 US
or \$ 70.00 CDN if paid by Jan 31st.**

Shipping extra; if shipped.

All cars will be shipped from Washington State.

Questions: email mlhorne@shaw.ca or telephone 604-987-8817

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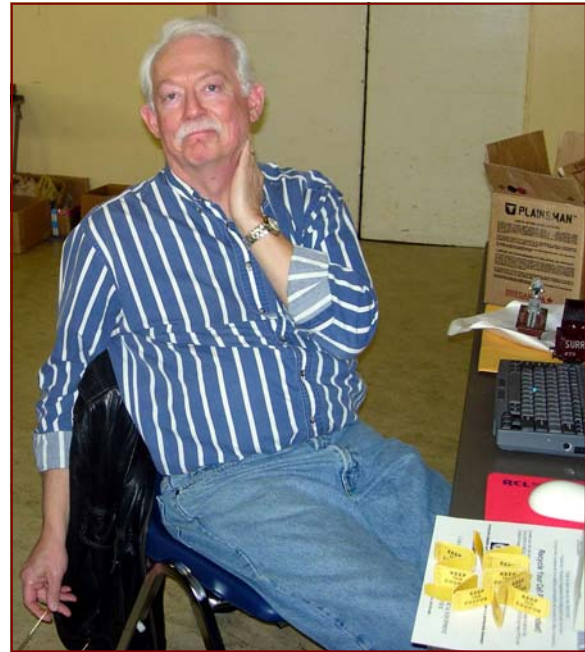
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AT THE DECEMBER CLUB MEET



December is always party time at the TTOS Canadian Division. The season seems to bring out good will in everyone...

All the regular guys come out and then some new friends drop in to make for a really good auction and table sales. It's a mix & mingle affair ... as we swap our Christmas Toy Train Stories from the past.



MORE CLUB MEMBERS AT PLAY...



VP, Mark Horne presents Gillian with a little token of appreciation for our monthly lunches



We all want to thank Bob Mitchell for bringing Nell to our monthly meetings... She is a real swell addition to our club membership. HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

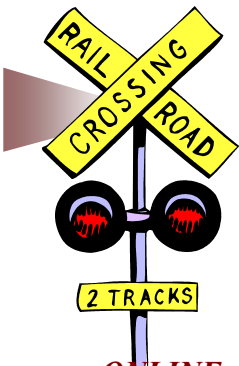
Jim Flett Opened his home to show us his toys!



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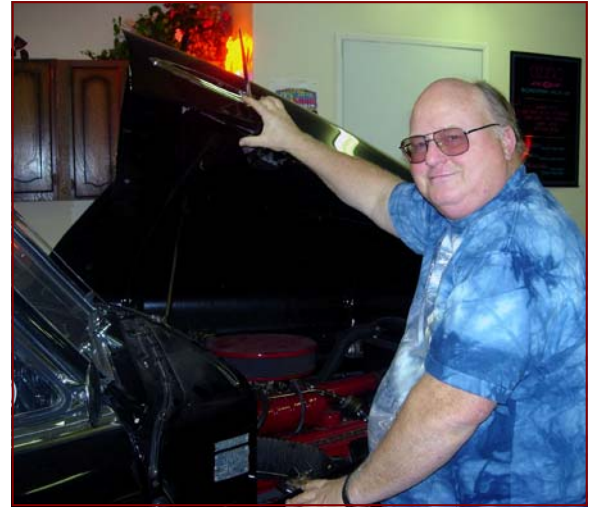
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*When Jim Flett invited
TTOS Canadian
Division Club members
to an open house in
December we had no
idea about the extent
of his collections.*

*A good time was had by
all and the most expressive
thing we can say is
"WOW!"*

