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Here we are with the last monthly meeting for the 2004-2005 is fast approaching.

The membership contest will end on Sunday, June 26. I want to remind those who sponsored a new member this year to make sure that I have your name for the draw. No one sponsored more than one new member so I will be drawing a winner from the list of sponsoring members. New members are the life blood and key to survival for all organizations. If you promote our hobby our club will still be here in another 30 years. Good luck to everyone who participated!

Our Canadian Northern Woodside reefers arrived the first week in June. Cards being shipped via USPS were left on June 4, those cars being shipped UPS will go out on the 11th of June.

I must admit that this is a beautiful car, the detailing is excellent... Doors that slide, hatches that open and close and railings are all outstanding features. If you don't have one of these cars in your collection, you are missing out on a super deal. There are less than 20 cars left out of the original order of 200, and I am told that cheques are in the mail for 4 of the 20. If you want to add one of the Canadian Northern Woodside Reefers to your collection, you should act quickly. This car, as well as the previous reefer, is sure to appreciate in value very quickly.

This being the last issue of The TTOS Canadian Flyer I just want to remind all of our members to support our advertisers. These dealers have supported our TTOS Canadian Division in our endeavor to produce a quality newsletter and we in turn should support them.

I would like to remind all of our members that the newsletter belongs to all of us. If you have anything you would like to see published or discussed in this newsletter, please let either Gail Ferrier or myself know. This is your newsletter!

I have had several members ask about an updated membership list. A new membership list should be ready by the first meeting in September.

Remember the incentive draw is this month, you do have to be there to win a prize. I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing as many as possible of you in Las Vegas for the TTOS National Convention in August. *Regards, David Cook,*



President David Cook & his grandson Connor... now 4 weeks old... Grandpa is looking to find him a train for Christmass from the TTOS Las Vegas Convention this August.

MEETING DATES

June 26, 2005

September 25, 2005

All meetings take place at

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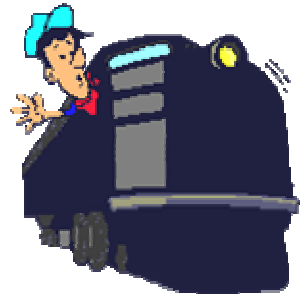
CLIMB ABOARD THE TRAIN OF LIFE



*Some folks ride the train of life looking out
the rear, Watching miles of life roll by, and
maring every year.*

*They sit in sad remembrance, of wasted
days gone by, and curse their life for what it
was, and hang their head and cry.*

*But I don't concern myself with that,
I took a different vent, I look forward to
what life holds, and not what has been spent.*



*So strap me to the engine, as securely as I can be,
I want to be out on the front, to see what I can see.*

*I want to feel the winds of change, blowing in my face,
I want to see what life unfolds,
as I move from place to place.*

*I want to see what's coming up, not looking at the past,
Life's too short for yesterdays, it moves along too fast.*

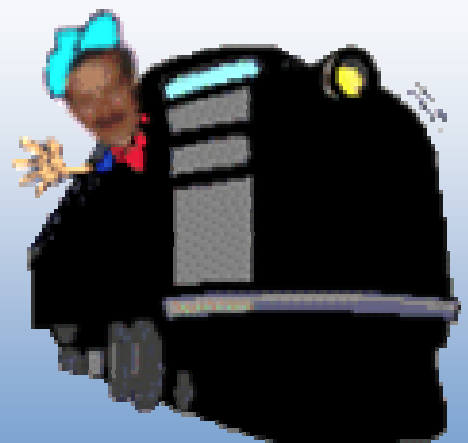
*So if the ride gets bumpy, while you are looking back,
Go up front, and you may find,
your life has jumped the track.*

*It's all right to remember, that's part of history,
But up front's where it's happening, there's so much mystery.*

*The enjoyment of living, is not where we have been,
It's looking ever forward, to another year and ten.*

*It's searching all the byways, never should you refrain,
For if you want to live your life, you've gotta drive the train!*

~author unknown~



MEMBER PROFILE



Bill Stephenson, TTOS Canadian Division Member from Sooke, BC has been avidly collecting toy trains and train related memorabilia since the mid-seventies.

Although, like many of us, he had a toy train set — a gift from his father, when he was about eight, it had long since disappeared when he happened upon some toy trains at a garage sale.

He joined the TTOS in 1979 and while he won't put a value on his collection, he admits to having 60 engines, more than 250 feet of track and a wide assortment of model engines, cars and all kinds of miniature structures in his little train shack out back.

Many antique toy collectors have been frustrated with the challenges of making repairs to bring their models back to full functioning order. This is not a problem for Bill, who is an expert mechanic, and has the tools to work on the toys so many of us played with as children. Fortunately for the rest of us, he also repairs items from other peoples' collections restoring them with exquisite attention to detail.

Bill is a Canwest Mall regular and sets up a festive toy train annually for the Holiday Trade. There is a great deal of satisfaction in this day of electronic wizardry to see the look of wonder and amazement in the eyes of young children as they hear the clickety clack of the railway tracks and watch the old toy trains in action. Often it is the reflective look in the eyes of the parents as they too recall a simpler time and possibly their own toy trains that makes it worth all the time it takes to set up and operate.

On May 29th, 2005 Bill Stephenson was featured in the weekend edition of the Times Colonist, a Victoria, BC newspaper.

Of course they talked about his days as a Sooke Volunteer Fire-fighter as well as his toy train hobby. With 57 years of service, Bill is quite possibly BC's longest-serving Fireman.

Bill, You're still

*When there is a
Toy Train Event on
Vancouver Island,
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will be there!
Photo October 2004....
3 guys are Cliff Cox,
Bill Stephenson &
George Hammond*



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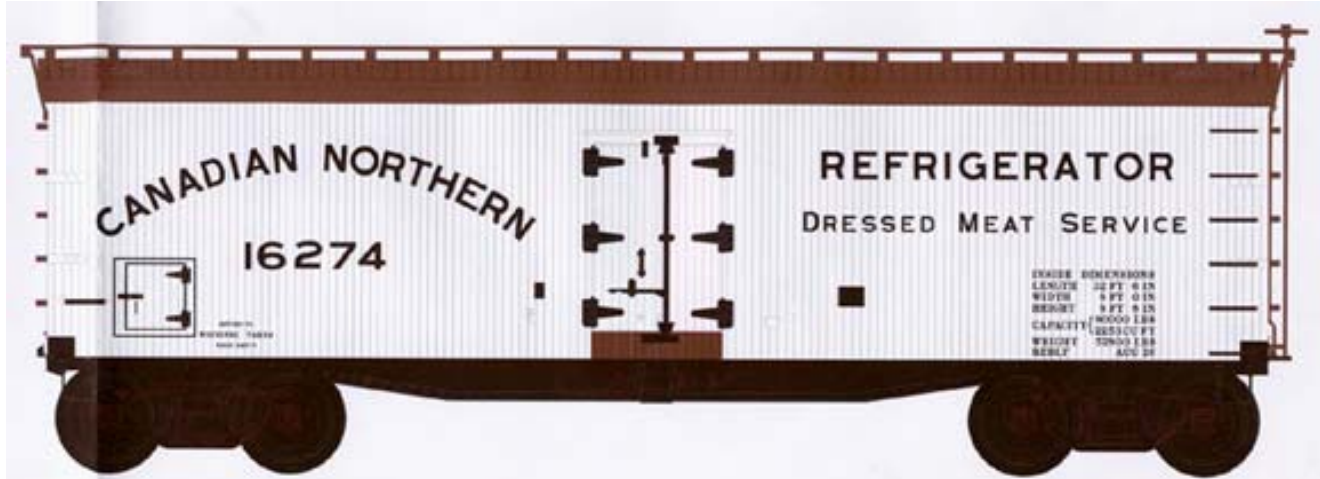
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Shipping extra; if shipped.

All cars will be shipped from Washington State.

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

Colour Pre-production artwork shown on page 2 TTOS Canadian Flyer, November 2004 Edition.

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Toy Train Operating Society 2005 National Convention

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The poster measures 15 ¾ inches x 21 inches and has the LV&T route map on one side. The other side has original LV&T advertising, schedules, and a history of The Goldfield.



- There will be raffles and a bid auction in the **Trading Hall**.
 - **The Welcoming Party Silent Auction** will feature some great items coming out of the TTOS archives.
 - **The Convention Banquet** will feature a silent auction during the Cocktail Hour.
 - After dinner, you can expect to see some great items at the **Bid Auction**.
 - As mentioned in the chip page, we are gathering as much **documentation on the gaming chips** as we can get. This material will be organized into a historical set of information on each gaming chip and auctioned.
- Artwork and prototypes** for the Las Vegas & Tonopah convention boxcars, the AC Gilbert milk tank car, and the transparent boxcar will be auctioned.

Gaming Chip Incentive The conditions below are not difficult to meet; they are actually pretty easy to meet. The intent is to provide an incentive for TTOS members to attend the Las Vegas – 2005 convention and to reserve rooms at the Riviera Hotel. If we meet our room night obligation, we get the trading hall and meeting space for free. If we don't meet our obligation, we have to pay for the trading hall and meeting space. The gaming chips are the first of their kind; don't miss out on this opportunity to get some of them. For easy identification, the “TTOS Chip” has the TTOS logo and the Steam Engine graphic. The “Lionel Chip” has the Lionel logo and Diesel Engine graphic. Final graphics of the chips may vary slightly from the illustrations in this brochure.

1. **Age** - You must be age 21 or older to obtain a gaming chip. NO EXCEPTIONS!
2. **TTOS Membership** - You must be a current TTOS member in good standing and registered to attend the TTOS 2005 Convention. You must be the member whose name is on the TTOS convention registration form as the registrant.
3. **Riviera Hotel Registration** - You must be a Riviera Hotel registrant at the Toy Train Operating Society Convention Rate.
4. **Number of Nights Lodging** - You must have paid for at least two (2) nights lodging at the Riviera Hotel, up to a maximum of five (5) nights at the Toy Train Operating Society Convention Rate. For verification, TTOS will receive a daily hotel registration roster of those that have paid for Toy Train Operating Society Convention Rate lodging at the Riviera Hotel.
5. **The Award Schedule** – Gaming chips will be awarded based on the following schedule.



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August 2 — 6, 2005



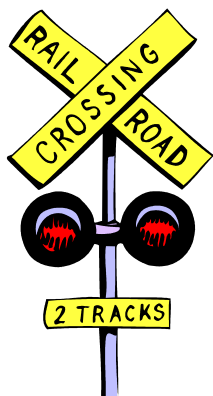


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Saturday June 25th, 9 am – 6 pm

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