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President's Message:

Here it is again, Christmas Time, or is it too early for most of you to be seeing the ads on TV telling you that your wife would love a new dishwasher or vacuum cleaner for Christmas. How could so many retailers be so wrong? We all know that our wives would love a nice new engine with *Protosound*.

I guess that's why we all go down to Seattle in November to do our Christmas shopping early and beat the rush.

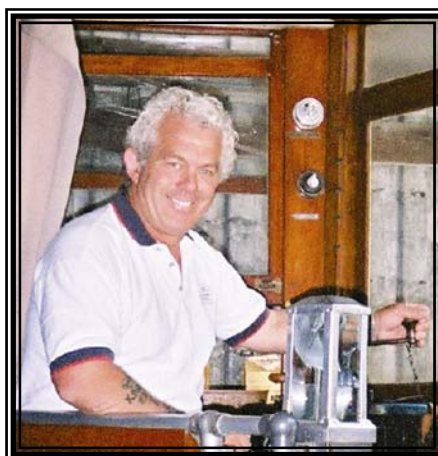
On a more serious note, the past year has been a very good year for our club. Several things have changed, like the name of our newsletter for one.

The club layout now has more track and we can run "O", "S" and Standard gauge all on the same level. If that's not enough excitement for you...we now have a "Caboose trailer" to haul the modular layout from meet to meet. This change alone is a treat for all of the guys that remember having to bring two sections and then take them home again and store the pieces until the next meet.

I have only been involved in the layout for less than a year and it was a pain in the neck to have to load the sections into the car etc... etc... etc... The addition of our "Caboose Trailer" to our already large selection of rolling stock is welcomed by everyone involved with the modular layout.

Many thanks to **Neil Wilson** for spearheading the caboose project and again to both Neil Wilson and **Neil Whitehead** for the extra time and effort that was spent on the modular layout.

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David G. Cook, President

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MEETING DATES

Sunday, November 30
Sunday, January 25

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

Doors Open 12:10
Meeting Starts 13:00

**Door Prizes,
Sale Tables,
Lots of Toys
... a great auction**

refreshments are served...

President's Message *continued...*

For everyone who missed the October club meeting, I want to once again acknowledge, **Charles Reif's** outstanding contribution to our club's productivity this year.

Although the club has never done this before, I elected to present Charles with a new honour that I hope will become a club tradition. I have called it "The President's Award" Charles was surprised when I presented him with an engraved pocket watch as a token of my appreciation for his dedication to our club.

Charles has shown an unwavering commitment to the club and in my first year as President, assisted me tremendously. Thank you again Charles and congratulations on a job well done!



Charles Reif accepts the new President's Award from TTOS Canadian Division President, David Cook

You will note that this month's newsletter is a little short on the coming events....

If there is anything happening out there, please let us know and we will get it into the next edition. .. and/or update the online edition.

Also, we are always looking for articles

from members...

We have had a lot of comments on the stories we have printed in previous issues and look forward to sharing more about our members and their collections in the New Year.

The meeting on the 30th of this month should be a good one. In addition to the big Christmas raffle and excellent food, there is the remainder of **John Smily's** collection to be auctioned. Good luck to all of you that have purchased tickets on

PRESIDENT'S AWARD



This is the pocket watch presented to Charles Reif for his outstanding contribution to the TTOS Canadian Division 2003

your auctions. I hope that Santa leaves a little something special under the tree for you this year!

It may be a bit early, but I would like to wish everyone a **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

Sincerely

David G. Cook, President

**DON'T MISS
IMPORTANT CLUB INFO...
MAKE SURE WE KNOW
HOW TO CONTACT YOU!**

MEMBERSHIP LIST UPDATE . . .

It's always great to have a handy list of people you can call for a second opinion... People who are knowledgeable about your hobby because it's their passion too!

That opportunity for contact is just one reason we all belong to the TTOS.

Sometimes we meet someone at a meeting and we just can't remember their name... that's where a list of members can really help. The challenge is that as people move about they sometimes forget to let us know how to reach them, so our list

becomes outdated and newsletters bounce back and we cannot reach out because we have no phone number.

Please take a moment to make sure that the information contained in the Membership List, that accompanies this month's newsletter, has your information correctly listed.

If something is missing — like your phone number, TTOS number or you now have an email address, please let us know by sending a note via email to: railroadnut@shaw.ca or by phone 604 931 4056

or by returning the form below to:
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TRAINS FOR KIDS . . .

“Trains have played a big part in Canada's history. Discover Canada's train stories from the people who were there!”

This is the introduction to a very unique website I discovered recently that was geared originally for children, but I found it fascinating. It's not about Toy Trains, but it piqued my interest. Here are just a few of the topics the site covers. I encourage you to take a look at some very special Canadian Train moments.

Famous Moments -- The first trains in Canada, how the train helped put down a rebellion, hitching rides on the rails -- these are just some of the stories found in this section.

Building a Railway -- Rock slides, blasting accidents, scurvy, sunstroke, frostbite, wild animals, swamps, high mountains -- such dangers were all in a day's work for those who built Canada's railways



Knights of the Steel Rails -- Meet some of the important people in Canadian train history who just happen to have the title "Sir" before their name.

Special Trains -- Imagine visiting your dentist or having your classroom on a train. That's just what some children did. Discover these special trains and other unusual trains in this section.

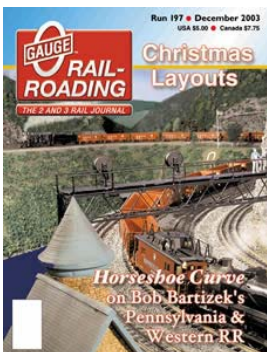
Yikes! -- This section is amazing, surprising, amusing and filled with just plain yucky train stories. And they're all true!

Books & Links -- Want to know more about trains and Canada? You can read other fascinating stories by choosing from this list of books and links to websites.

Educational Resources -- Attention teachers! Suggested curriculum-based activities, using primary-resource material provided from the website, will help your students learn more about Canadian History

www.nlc-bnc.ca/trains/kids

CONNECTIONS



Since you may have a little down time in the coming weeks... no meetings until the end of January ... so there is lots of time to work on your hobby and catch up on

your reading. You might want to check out some of these websites for information and the very latest stuff about Toy Trains.

TCA E-Train Newsletter
www.tcamembers.org

Classic Toy Trains
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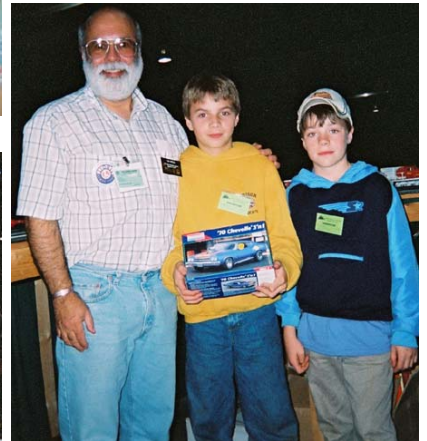
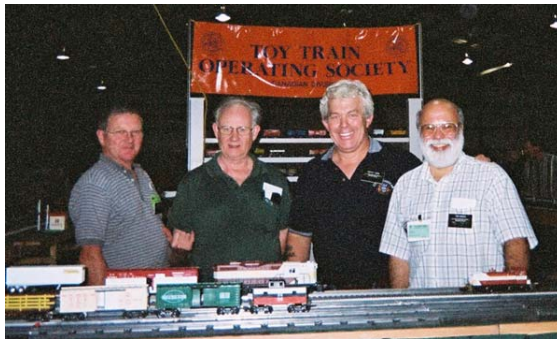
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Meanwhile, we'll be working on a functional website... check it out online

www.railroadnut.com



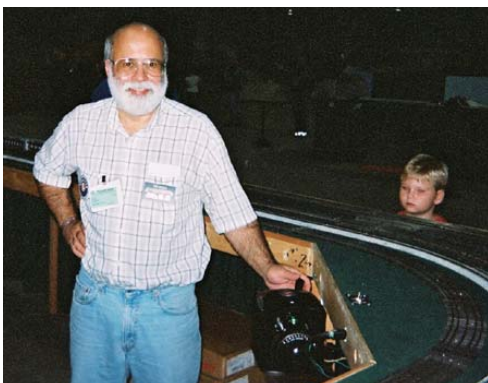
Our Club in Action at the Chilliwack Show... We had a great time at the two-day event...



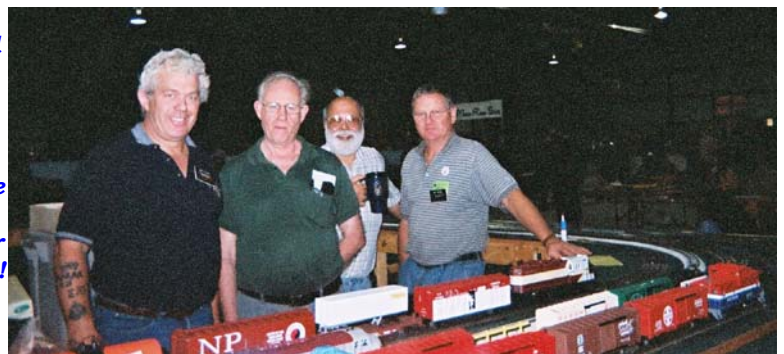
*Get more involved in
your club!
We have a great layout
& trains to run...*

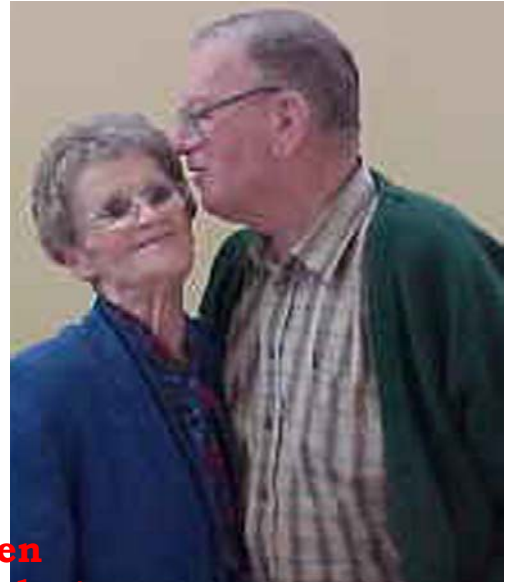


*Plan to join us next time ... and bring some of
your own trains to show off!*



*When all
is said
and
done...
It's all
about the
Kids...
Whatever
their age!*





Surprise!

These lovebirds have been together so long they've lost count.... Congratulations... and many more !!!

Len & Mary



Patricia Shaw



Come out to your club functions. You could find yourself pictured in the next edition of the TTOS Canadian Flyer

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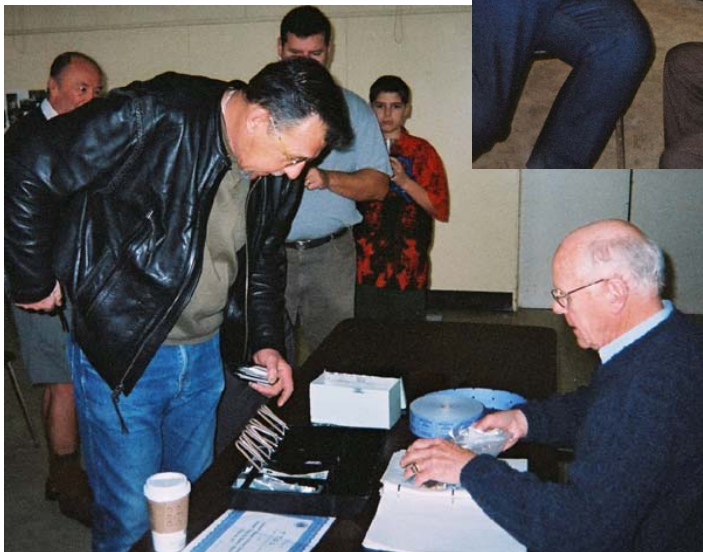
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**Something for Everyone
at our monthly train meet . . .**

**November promises
to be even better...**



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Edward G. Stephens*



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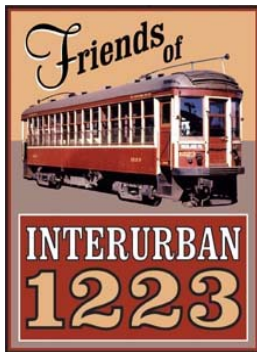
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**More...
from the
Burnaby
Village
Heritage
Museum**

The Friends of Interurban 1223 logo, makes an eye-catching

graphic on T-shirts, sweatshirts and tote bags. Kids love the junior T-shirts with the interurban cartoon character "Urby". T-shirts sell for \$15, sweatshirts for \$25, "Urby" T-shirts and tote bags for \$14 each. **Call to order: 604-451-0061.**

Visit with Father Christmas, take in a vaudeville comedy and tour the historical buildings including the general store, a blacksmith's shop and many more. Crafts, schoolhouse story time, Christmas baking in the farmhouse and children's entertainers, choirs and exhibits are featured.

www.city.burnaby.bc.ca



During the week-end of November 8th and 9th the members of the Canadian Division of TTOS set up the modular layout at the Cameron Centre in Burnaby. Standard Gauge, S. Gauge and of course Post war and new Lionel, K-line and Williams were running at different times. One of the unique units that was present was the

**FROM THE DESK OF
NEIL WHITEHEAD**

30th Anniversary 'BAT TROLLEY' owned and built by **Charles Reif**. As the trolley circled the layout the bats spread their wings and flew up and down to the delight of many young visitors. A good attendance by members of the division made for a great variety of trains running on the layout. To all those who brought trains to run on the layout, a hardy Thank You.

On Saturday the 22nd of November members of the Canadian Division will board a bus and head to the GATS in South Seattle. The day will include a visit to **Eastside Trains**, paid admission to the GATS in South Seattle and visits to Layouts and collections in the Seattle area and finally a stop for a tasty dinner in Mount Vernon before heading home. Just a reminder to those on the trip who buy items in the US and that is to expect to pay the 14.5% HST on your return to Canada. Also please remember to bring proper identification for entry to the US. A Passport or a Birth Certificate and photo ID is now required for US entry. The meeting of the Canadian Division will be held on November 30th at the Charles Rummel Centre and not in December as has been the practice in the past. This meeting features the ever popular Christmas Raffle and tickets will be on sale at the meeting.

The "Stealing Christmas" Layout that I have told you about has been restored and will be on display at the **Burnaby Heritage Museum at Canada Way and Dear Lake Ave.**

Bring your children or Grandchildren to visit 'Ole Saint Nicholas' (a 1930's style Santa) and watch the Christmas 'SOUTHERN' Passenger train, pulled by a 'SOUTHERN' Berkshire, in action.

This being the Yule Tide season

I wish you all a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Neil Whitehead.

Past-President, Canadian Division

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