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From the President



David G. Cook, President

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First, a thank you to the membership for re-electing me to a second term as your President. The past year has been a big learning curve for me, but it has also been a lot of fun and I have made some wonderful new friends. Your new board is listed below. Please call on your directors at any time with questions, ideas and suggestions for the club.

Our last meeting saw some long overdue changes regarding the membership dues structure. Our annual dues and meeting dues were increased for the first time in twenty years. TTOS Canadian Division Dues are now \$15. per year and to attend the monthly meetings, including a delightful lunch is just \$5. I wasn't around back then to verify the exact time but twenty years is a long time.

Also, a committee was named to investigate options for a 30th Anniversary commemorative car. The committee is *Charles Reif, Mark Horne & Martin Howbold*. Call them if you have any suggestions.

The other change was the name of our newsletter; I want to congratulate *Ken Warner* for submitting the winning name, the *TTOS CANADIAN FLYER*. I hope he enjoys the Denver convention car which was the prize for the winning name. It was really difficult to narrow down the selection from the many entries we received. Many thanks to *John Constible* and *John Warlimont* for serving on this committee.

I would also like to congratulate *Bob Merrison* of *Coquitlam* for winning the door prize at our *Langley Days* show. Bob does have Lionel trains so maybe he will be back and join our club.

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MEETING DATES

Sunday, October 26
Sunday, November 30

*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...*

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TTOS Canadian Division Names the Newsletter



Congratulations to: Ken Warner who previously published the Divisions "Car Barn". Ken was the winner of the Denver Convention Car for the NEW newsletter name "The TTOS Canadian Flyer"

**All Aboard
Annual Trip to
Great American
Train Show
November 22**

President's Message continued...

I would also like to welcome our newest members **Jack Monroe** and **John Wolfe**. It seems that our new members cleaned up on the door prizes this past month, **Lorne Smele** and **Jack Monroe** were the winners of the door prizes at our last meeting.

One last congratulatory note is in order. Our club as a whole deserves a hearty congratulations on the sale of **John Smiley's** collection at auction. There was a lot of interest at the last meeting and in case you missed it, there are still two more sessions to go selling John's collection at our monthly auctions. Just one more reason to attend every meeting.

There is also a sad note to pass on to the membership this month. Our newly elected MAL **Bob Banford** passed away 2 days after he was elected to the board. Bob was not a member of the club for very long but he was an active participant especially at our auctions.

Bob's passing created a challenge for the executive. We could have left the position vacant until the next AGM or we could appoint someone to fill his place. Your executive opted to appoint **Alan Cruickshank**, a previous board member to the open position. We will need all the help we get with our 30th Anniversary Year.

Check out the extensive calendar of events for October/November on page 6 of this issue and I understand there are still a few spots left for the bus trip to GATS. Don't miss out it's always a great time.

See you on the 26th of October

Sincerely

David G. Cook,
President



Winner of draw from the Fort Langley Train Days... Bob Merrison from Coquitlam was presented with the coveted train by our Vice-President, **Neil Wilson** at the September Meet



At left, Vancouver Island TTOS Members — at the Show on the Island in September These guys have a great layout and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun showing off to the community.



The West Coast Railway Heritage Park is developing into a major tourist attraction and is home to Western Canada's largest heritage railway collection, including the world famous Royal Hudson. The expected visitor count for 2003 is 35,000. The Heritage Park is now open year round seven days a week.

The West Coast Railway Association (incorporated 1961) is a charitable non-profit society and owner of Western Canada's largest heritage railway collection. The West Coast Railway Heritage Park in Squamish, the WCRA's major project, is being developed through private fundraising.



Royal Hudson Restoration Plans

While Royal Hudson #2860 enjoyed its new public life as a primary attraction at the Heritage Park, efforts began to assess the work required to return her to steam. After careful review by many steam experts, it has been determined that the current boiler can, in fact, be repaired and the estimated costs for this work plus the

re-bricking of the firebox is \$500,000. This has been set as the target for the first phase restoration, and should allow the 2860 to return to steam operation for a period of at least ten years.

Plans are to then generate further funding while the engine operates again under steam, for a future major overhaul project estimated to cost up to \$2 million. This would be done in the 2012 time frame, and would then render the engine operable for at least another

50 years.

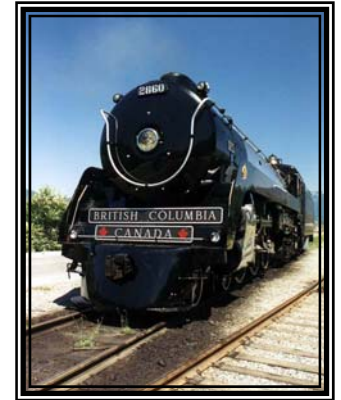
The Future

Royal Hudson #2860 is now secure and faces an exciting future. As part of Canada's second largest collection of heritage railway rolling stock, she has a place of prominence at the head of the WCRA's collection. With a full service restoration shop on site, her future looks bright. And, WCRA's self supporting business model assures her preservation for future generations.

Plans are to use the Royal Hudson #2860 on specialty rail tours (something the WCRA has 40 years of experience with) starting in 2005 and also for the classic engine to play a major role in the planned 2010 Winter Olympics as both a promotional vehicle as well as a unique transportation service during the Games themselves.

It is important that the era of steam railroading in Canada be preserved, and an operating steam locomotive is the only way to truly appreciate this era of technology and what it meant to the development of our country... and Royal Hudson #2860 is the lead part of that story.

www.wcra.org



**ROYAL HUDSON
WILL BE RIDING THE
RAILS AGAIN SOON**

The steam locomotive remains the most fascinating machine ever developed by man, and draws crowds wherever it goes.

Royal Hudson #2860 will remain a prime example of this technology for millions to enjoy.

Read the complete story about the Royal Hudson on the West Coast Railway website

<http://216.121.104.22/udson/index.htm>

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COMING EVENTS. .

West Coast Railway Heritage Park
Presents
"HOBGOBLIN EXPRESS"



Come ride the 3km miniature railway through a field of pumpkins & displays

October 25 to October 30
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
October 31 4 pm to 6 pm



\$4 per person \$15 per Family of 5

604-898-9336

Pasco Swap Meet

Saturday, October 18th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
County Christian Center,
5300 W. Sagemore Rd.
turn west from 395 about 10 miles nor
of Pasco, WA

6th Annual Maple Valley Operating Model Train Show

Saturday, October 18th 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, October 19th 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Gracie Hansen Community Center,
27132 SE Ravensdale Way Ravensdale, WA

6th Annual Rail Ale Dinner & Auction

Saturday, October 18
6 pm Preview Auction
Items 7pm Dinner &
Auction
Cost: \$50. per person
includes GST, hors d'oeu-
veres, gourmet 3 course
dinner & special Rail Ale
samples with each
course... available online
at www.wcra.org or
www.squamishchamber.com



Victoria's Fall Camera Swap 'n Shop

Sunday, October 26th
Regular Admission 10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Early Bird Admission from 9:30 am
Sandman Hotel 2852 Douglas St. (at George)
Victoria, BC aciphoto@scrimgeour.ca

Vancouver Cameron Train Show and Swap Meet

Sunday, November 9th Regular Admission 10:00 - 4:00
Early Bird Admission from 9:00
Cameron Recreation Centre
9523 Cameron Street Burnaby, BC
<http://whistlerinns.com/camerashow/>

Trains 2003

Meet: Friday, November 7 to Monday, November 10 2003
Public Show: Sunday, November 9: 9 AM to 4 PM
Cameron Recreation Center
9523 Cameron St. Burnaby, B.C. <http://www.bctrains.org/>

Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club Annual Swap Meet

Sunday, November 8th 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave N Kent, WA

Great American Train Show

Saturday, November 15th 11:00 - 5:00
Sunday, November 16th 11:00 - 5:00
Oregon Convention Center,
777 NE Martin Luther King Portland, OR

Pacific Science Center Show

November 28th through 30th
10:00am to 6:00pm each day
Pacific Science Center, at Seattle Center,
corner of Denny and Broad Seattle, WA
<http://www.4dprn.org/PSCshow.htm>

November 22 ANNUAL BUS TRIP — GREAT AMERICAN — TRAIN SHOW

Western Washington Fairgrounds
9th & Meridian, Puyallup, WA
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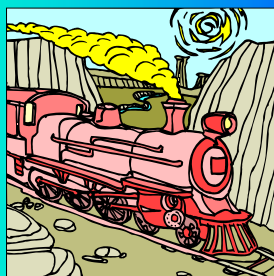
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New Feature Coming Next Edition

TTOS MEMBER PROFILE



Profile includes 2 or 3
photos ... one of the member and one
or two of the toys he (she)
collects...or the home layout or whatever...

This is a great opportunity for members to get to know everyone in the club...Every Life has a Story...we invite you to **SHARE YOUR STORY...** Use this form as the basis for your submission then mail it (or email it) with your photos to:
David Cook , TTOS Canadian Division President railroadnut@shaw.ca or 1016 Stewart Ave., Coquitlam, BC V3K 2N6

Member Name _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Why I collect toy trains: (keep it simple 25 0 40 words maximum) _____

My favourite toy currently is: _____ Because (35—50 words)_____

I got it (where when why how...) _____ Other things I do... or hobbies etc... _____



The guys in our Island Group have a fantastic layout which they take to all the Island Shows...

The children's layout always commands a great deal of attention The kids (future Toy Train Operators I am sure) cant' get enough of it!



TOY TRAINS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND..... A really good show !



Toys and model train layouts are the order of the day when the Island Guys come out to play... Don't miss the next show!



WOW!

The layouts on the Island are fabulous! Now we know what they have been bragging about all this time... The Vancouver Island communities seem to appreciate them as well... attendance was over the top we hear.

Well Done!



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From the Desk of NEIL WHITEHEAD,

Just a reminder that the Division's Modular Layout will be at the ***Chilliwick Train Show*** on the 19th of October.

Come out and support your division and the members that work hard to keep the modules in operating condition. Bring your trains, either 'O' gauge, Standard gauge, or 'S' gauge and have a good time operating. The O in TTOS stands for OPERATING and not the scale most members model in... as in "O" scale.

At the October meeting we will be updating you on the ***Cameron Train Meet*** and of course our ever popular Bus Trip to the GATS (the Great American Train Show) in Seattle. **ALL ABOARD FOR THE FUN STUFF!**

Neil Whitehead...Past President
Canadian Division...National Secretary.



A MEMBER PASSES...

Bob Banford

Members of the Canadian Division of the TTOS executive were shocked to learn, just days after our AGM, that Bob Banford, elected as a Member at Large, had suddenly passed away.

Bob, a lifelong avid collector joined the club a year ago but was geared up to actively participate in the group.

While Bob had been hospitalized earlier in the month he felt well and agreed to stand for election to our board of directors. He will be missed. "Celebration of Life Service." It is being held at the de Wolfe Masonic Centre, 2660 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam, @ 2 PM on the 24th of October, 2003.

