



# Canadian Division TTOS Bulletin

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## MEETING INFO

- Sunday, September 28
- 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,  
an auction  
... refreshments are served...  
Your new board of directors will  
be elected September 28...  
Come exercise your vote!

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## Message from the President . . .

I hope everyone had a great summer, I know that I did.

First off, on behalf of the club, I want to congratulate **Neil Whitehead** on becoming the secretary for the National. He is the first Canadian to hold a national position. But, let's not stop there; Neil was also presented with the prestigious **Ward Kimball Award** as "Operator of the Year". Congratulations Neil.

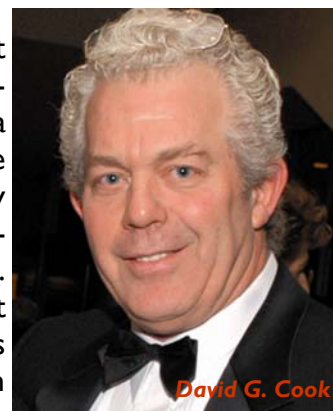
We are starting our thirtieth year of the Canadian Division of the TTOS. Some suggestions on how we could celebrate this event have been brought forward, but I would like to hear from anyone who might have more ideas.

members at the convention, and a great time was had by all who attended. The highlight for me was Warren Mizell's shop;

the wall of trains was impressive, however, it was his private collection of "Tinplate" that impressed me most.

**Charles Reif** and I got to spend a couple of hours with Warren on the Sunday morning before we left; he certainly has an extraordinary collection.

If you are ever in Denver, don't miss



David G. Cook

There was a good showing of Canadian



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued...

the opportunity to visit his store. I would also recommend a visit to the "Caboose" shop there. They have a very large selection of trains and parts.

Our meeting this month is going to be a very

busy one; we will be electing four members at large for which there are five members nominated. The vote for the "Name the Bulletin Contest" will be held and **George Plant** will be presenting the budget for your approval.

I hope the coming year is a good one for all of us. See you September 28. *David G. Cook, President*



*President, Tom Lawlor, presents the **WARD KIMBALL AWARD** for Operator of the year to Neil Whitehead at the banquet.*

## Neil Whitehead Acclaimed TTOS Secretary

At the TTOS Annual General Meeting held in Denver on Saturday, August 23, Neil Whitehead, Past President TTOS Canadian Division was acclaimed Secretary of the TTOS for the 2003-2005 term.

Other officers will be named after ballots are counted from the mail in votes this November! Watch your mailbox for details....It is imperative that you vote to ensure your voice is heard !

## OUR READERS WRITE...

Hello Folks

Stan Batynski, TTOS treasurer here.

I received the July 2003 Canadian Division Bulletin newsletter in Saturday's postal mail. I am impressed. It has lots of visual appeal - good color, good layout, lots of photos, and info & news. Well Done!

I understand that Neil Whitehead, David Cook, Martin Howbold, and Charles Reif will be attending the Denver convention. If one of you could bring some extra copies of this newsletter, I would like one for the Sacramento Valley Division Side Track editor and distribution to other newsletter editors. Also, how much did this cost to produce in what quantity?

Again, a good job! I will see some of you in Denver. Stan

## 2004 Convention City Named — Fresno, California

**S**tart making your plans now to attend the next convention. We thought we could take the AMTRAK there and back. It should be a real hoot! We all had a great time in Denver and made a real Canadian splash. We will want to build on that presence in Fresno in 2004 and then again in Vegas in 2005.

There's talk about New Orleans for the future and it has been suggested we might host the 2010 Convention here in Vancouver. We did such a great job the last time that everyone is keen to come again. With the 2010 Olympics there will be even greater interest in Vancouver... so let your executive here from you on this idea.

**T**he TTOS Canadian Division gratefully acknowledges the support of the following corporations who donated buttons, pins, fridge magnets, cut outs and other promotional materials that were made available at the Denver, Colorado TTOS Convention.

Undoubtedly the most popular item was the RR Crossing buttons with flashing lights courtesy of **the Rocky Mountaineer Rail**



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## AT THE AUCTION

from the estate of  
**John Smyly**

(a former Canadian Div. TTOS member)

there will be a mixture of:  
**Marx, Lionel,  
American Flyer &  
European Trains**

These items will be included at the auctions for the next few meets.

The first items from the collection will be offered at the September 28 meet.

Come early for a preview.

**Tours.... Thank You So Much!**

Running a close second in demand were the delightful cardboard trains from **West Coast Express**. We look forward to taking everyone on those excursions when our southern neighbours and train enthusiasts visit Vancouver.

Locally, my special thanks to **Mayor Jon Kingsbury** for the **City of Coquitlam** pins and golf shirts that were a hot item at the event. MLAs **Richard Stewart, Christie Clark, Karn Manhas** and **Harry Bloy** gave us the popular BC pins. The **Granville Island Train Museum** generously donated a



terrific video and golf shirt as a door prize.

We look forward to working with these companies and others to put together an effective campaign to bring TTOS members to BC.



## NOTICE OF ELECTION... TTOS Canadian Division

As mandated by our TTOS society rules, the Board of Directors for the Canadian Division of the Toy Train Operating Society gives notice that: **The Election of Officers for 2003/2004 will take place at our annual general meeting on: Sunday, September 28, 2003**

the Election committee nomination list includes :

FOR PRESIDENT	David Cook
FOR VICE PRESIDENT	Neil Wilson
FOR SECRETARY	Charles Reif
FOR TREASURER	George Plant

FOR MEMBERS AT LARGE

- 1) Ted Diakow
- 2) Tom Modica
- 3) Alan Cruickshank
- 4) John Warliamont
- 5) Bob Banford

*Any member who wishes to stand for election to the board, or nominate someone to stand for election should contact our nominating committee, **Neil Whitehead** 604 594 2532. or **Ken Warner** 604 434 5037*

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# *N*etworking to meet fellow toy train enthusiasts and source items for your own collection are the prime motivators to conference attendance



*5 Members of the TTOS Canadian Division attended the conference held in Denver Colorado in August.*

*We may be small in numbers but we made a big splash with pins and buttons and train cut-outs for everyone there.*

*Photos on these pages were mostly taken by David Cook and illustrate the good times and friendships to be had at these events.*







A

ttendees were kept busy at the many functions



# COMING EVENTS. .

## Mount Cheam Lion's Club MODEL RAILWAY & HOBBY SHOW

**Saturday,  
October 18, 2003**

**10 am to 4 pm**

**& Sunday,  
October 19, 2003**

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**Heritage Park 44140 Luckakuck Way Chilliwack, BC**

### Dayton Depot Days Festival

(oldest passenger depot in Washington State). Swap Meet etc.

**Saturday, September 20th**

Dayton, WA

### Great Edmonton Train Show

**Saturday, September 20th 10:00 to 5:00**

**Sunday, September 21st 10:00 to 4:00**

Mayfield Inn Trade Centre, 16615 - 109th Ave  
Edmonton, AB

### Pacific Rim International Model Exposition

**Friday, September 26th - Sunday, September 28th**

Lane County Fairgrounds

Eugene, OR <http://www.evmes.org/>

### Southwest Washington Model Railroaders

#### Great Model Train Swap Meet

**Saturday, September 27th 9:30 am - 3:30 pm**

Moose Lodge, 8205 N. E. Fourth Plain Blvd  
Vancouver, WA

### Kamloops Railway Days

Models, Memorabilia, Prototype Static Displays  
(including WCRA Steam Loci #16),  
and ex-CN #2141 operating

**Saturday, September 27, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

510 Lorne Street Kamloops, B.C.

### Calgary Rail Prototype Modelers Meet

**Saturday, October 4th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

Abbeydale Christian Fellowship Church, 1352 Abbeydale Dr. SE  
Calgary, AB

### 19th Annual International Train Show

**Saturday, October 4th 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Sunday, October 5th noon - 5:00 pm**

NW Washington Fair Expo Building  
Lynden, WA

### Great American Train Show

**Saturday, October 4th 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, October 5th 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**

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### Spokane Railroad Show

**Sunday, October 5th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Spokane Community College, Lair Student Activities Bldg,

Mission & Greene Sts Spokane, WA

### Calgary Model Railway Society Fall Mini Meet

**Sunday, October 5th 8:30 am**

Hospitality Inn Best Western, 135 Southland Dr SE

Calgary, AB

### Pacific Northwest Narrow Gauge Meet

**Saturday, October 11, 2003**

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, North Vancouver, BC

<http://members.shaw.ca/brown1706/NWNG2003.htm>

### The Tacoma N Scalers 16th Annual N-Trek Northwest N Scale Railroad Show and Swap Meet

**Saturday, October 11th 10am to 5pm**

**Sunday, October 12th 11am to 4pm**

Fircrest Recreation Center, 555 Contra Costa  
Fircrest, WA (Tacoma)

### 24th Annual Boomer Auction sponsored by South Bank Short Lines

**Saturday, October 18th 11:00 am**

St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage  
Dr SW Calgary, AB

### Pasco Swap Meet

**Saturday, October 18th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

County Christian Center, 5300 W. Sagamore 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

### 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 [acipphoto@scrimgeour.ca](mailto:acipphoto@scrimgeour.ca)

**November 22**

**ANNUAL BUS TRIP  
— GREAT AMERICAN — TRAIN SHOW**

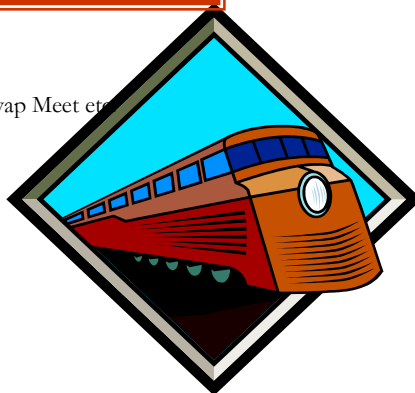
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**9th & Meridian, Puyallup, WA**

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### The 2003 TTOS Convention in Denver Colorado was well attended by members of TTOS and by five members of the Canadian Division.

The tours were great and to review some of them so you can see all the fun you missed I will start with Wednesday night's Dinner Theatre, where the evening's presentation was "**Annie Get Your Gun**" and the food was excellent. Well worth the time and money.

The following morning we explored the Georgetown Loop/Lebanon Silver Mine. This loop is famous in Denver and the surrounding area and everyone had a good time with the trains and the mining museum.

Later in the evening the layout tour included a stop at **Mizell Trains** to see his 'Wall of trains' and let me tell you there are a lot of trains of all gauges on that wall. David Cook took some pictures... I think one is included on the photo gallery page of the newsletter

**A Mile high Garden Railroad Society** member opened his yard to visitors and the trains ran and ran.

**Terry Johnson** opened his house to the visitors to experience his Standard Gauge and tinplate 'O' gauge layouts.

As usual the reception and silent auction gave everyone a chance to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends as members competed for the offerings. New and old friends alike enjoyed the evening.

The final tour took us to the **Colorado RR Museum and Coors Brewery**. The RR Museum featured some very interesting D&RGW pieces of equipment and a working HO scale layout. The Coors visit was a lot of fun as members got to try a few samples of unique brews all at the right price. FREE!

The Banquet was delightful and the Canadian Division was well represented and took away a very nice award but I know our President is talking about the awards and the National Officers Nominations in his message to you.

### The 2003-2004 Year ahead in TTOS Canadian Division.

I would encourage all members of the division to attend the Annual General Meeting on September 28th, 2003. This meeting kicks off the 30th year of the Canadian Division and of course this is the meeting where we elect our executive for the coming year and approve the operating budget for the year. There promises to be a lot of trains on hand for the auction so bring your 2003-2004 dues and some extra to bid on that must have item.. Discussion on the budget promises to be lively and your input is always welcome.

I hope to see you all at the Annual General Meeting on September 28.  
Neil Whitehead....Past President.

