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I would like to welcome everyone to a new season of collecting toy trains. I hope you all had a great summer, by great, I mean finding more trains for your collections. I had a terrific time adding to my collection, what with all of the trains I bought in Fresno, CA. while I was attending the TTOS Annual Convention and the trains I bought on EBay.

The convention this year was an excellent affair; **Tami Jo Nix** and her husband **Fred Nix** spearheaded this year's convention and along with all of the other members of the Central California

Division put on a great show. The tours and trips were fun and everyone who chose to participate had a great time. . The hospitality room was quite the place to be between sessions. Besides the 4 dozen Molson's Canadian that I brought down with me, there was lots of California wine, fruit and nuts. Central California is similar to our Okanogan -- only much bigger.

One of the highlights at the hospitality suite was the night that **Mark and Laura Horne** told all of us there about their trips to **Jimmy Pattison's** place in Palm Springs (previously Frank Sinatra's compound) where Mark looks after the old blue eyes train collection. It was a very informative evening and everyone enjoyed the stories. Our Canadian contingent at the convention this year included myself, **Mark Horne** and Family, **Martin** and his wife **Leona**, **John & Mervi Warlimont** and **Bruce Fowler** with his wife and, of course, **Neil Whitehead**.

The silent auctions, the trading floor and the regular auctions yielded some great bargains for everyone this year. I personally brought back some interesting pieces of New Marx that **Jim and Debbie Flynn** of Ameritrains had donated to the TTOS for the convention. I also brought back the Convention Car the Smokey the Bear Tanker. This is the car that will go to the person bringing in the most new members this year. More details on the membership campaign will be discussed at our September Meeting.

I have already sponsored one new member for the 2004-2005 year but I am not including myself in this contest. The contest is only open to members of the Canadian division except the President. The only way our club can stay alive is through growth, we need new members to stay alive and healthy.

I hope to see as many of our current members as possible at the AGM on the 26th of September. Please plan to attend.

One last note, **please bring your valid membership card to the meeting.**

*Regards! David G. Cook, President*



TTOS President Gary Keck with Canadian Division President, David G. Cook, at the TTOS National Convention in Fresno, CA

### MEETING DATES

### **AGM**

**Sunday, September 26**

**October 31 & November 28**

**Meetings are held on the last Sunday of each month...**

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

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

## COMING EVENTS

*The following events are just a few of those we know about. If you have information or wish to have a Toy Train related event listed here, please send information by email to: [gailferrier@shaw.ca](mailto:gailferrier@shaw.ca)*

**Sept 26, 2004 Haunsa House Toy & Collectibles Show**  
Mississauga, Ontario Contact: Volker (905) 272-5597

**Sept 26, 2004 Woodstock Toy & Collectibles Show**  
Woodstock, Ontario Contact: Ian (519) 426-8875

**October 11, 2004 Kitchener Toy & Collectibles Show**  
Kitchener, Ontario Contact: Ian (519) 426-8875



**October 17, 2004**

**32nd Annual Canada's Greatest Toy Collector's Show & Sale**  
Skyway Trade and Conference Centre,  
Etobicoke (Toronto) Ontario 9 am - 3 pm  
Contact: Ed [ctcstoyshow@hotmail.com](mailto:ctcstoyshow@hotmail.com)

website: [www.ctcs.org/show.htm](http://www.ctcs.org/show.htm) (905) 851-9606 (evenings)

The Canadian Toy Collector's Society, with great pleasure, invites you to participate in our 32nd annual "Canada's Greatest Collector's Toy Show". Being the longest running and best established toy show and sale in Canada we have continually set the standard. Our show management team includes people with credentials and experience in the area of marketing, a very important ingredient when doing advertising and publicity. Last year our attendance approached 3,000 patrons. More details: <http://www.ctcs.org/show.htm>

**October 24, 2004**

**Woodstock Model Train Show & Sale**

Woodstock, Ontario Contact: Brent (519) 787-3280

**October 31, 2004 Woodstock Toy & Collectibles Show**

Woodstock, Ontario Contact: Ian (519) 426-8875

**October 3, 2004 Sun 10 – 5 Laval, PQ**

**Miniature Train Show**

3235 St. Martin Est. Contact: M. Piette 405-625-4230

**October 15 & 16, 2004-09-12 YORK MEET**

Friday 9 am – 5:30 pm Saturday 9 am – 2 pm  
York Expo Center, York, PA

**Saturday, October 16, 2004 10 am – 5 pm**

**Sunday, October 17, 2004 10 am to 4 pm**

**MOUNT CHEAM LION'S CLUB**

**ANNUAL MODEL RAILWAY & HOBBY SHOW**

Heritage Park 44140 Luckakuck Way,  
Chilliwack, BC (Freeway Exit # 116)

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(under 6 FREE when accompanied by an Adult)

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**Annual General Meeting Sunday, September 26, 2004 Doors Open Noon Meeting Starts 13:00**

**Charles Rummel Community Centre 3630 Lozells Ave., Burnaby, BC Canada**

## 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 2004/2005  
will take place at our annual general meeting on:  
Sunday, September 26, 2003**

**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  
or Frank Schmidt 604 271 9290***

## MORE COMING EVENTS

**October 16-17 2004 Sat & Sun 10 – 5**  
**Aberfoyle, ON**

**Aberfoyle Junction Model Railway Open House**  
 O scale layout located at #128 Brock Rd, 1.5km north of Hwy 401, Exit #299 (old #6 Hwy) just south of the town of Aberfoyle, Ont. For more info, contact Craig Webb at (905) 527-5474. I know that this is a long way from Ottawa but it really is a must see if you are down in that part of the province. Check out their website at [www.aberfoylejunction.com](http://www.aberfoylejunction.com)

**October 16-17 2004 Sat 11 - 5:30 Sun 10 - 4:30**  
**Ottawa, ON Railfair 2004**

Railfair is jointly sponsored by OVAR and the British Railway Modellers of North America (BRMNA). It is held at Algonquin College Woodroffe Campus.

**November 7, 2004**

**Kitchener Model Train Show & Sale**  
 Kitchener, Ontario Brent (519) 787-3280

**November 21, 2004**

**Kitchener Toy & Collectibles Show**  
 Kitchener, Ontario Ian (519) 426-8875



### Check out these websites:

Photos – Photos & More Photos of Toy Trains at shows in Toronto  
<http://www.boldts.net/TrainsModelShows.shtml>

Celebrity Toy Train Collectors/Modellers -- Did you know Johnny Cash had a toy train layout? This is a fun site to check out...  
<http://www.boldts.net/TrainsCelebs.shtml>

### TOY TRAIN RELATED BOOKS

*The Man Who Changed How Boys and Toys Were Made* by Bruce Watson, Viking  
 This is a chronicle of the very interesting life of A. C. Gilbert.

*Toy Train Memories* by John Grams,  
 A collage of new and old photos with a Christmas theme and toy trains. Nostalgia.

*Modern Toy Trains* by Gerry and Janet Souter, A short and somewhat imprecise history of toy trains from 1970 to present time. Beautiful photos.

*American Flyer Classic Toy Trains* by Gerry and Janet Souter, A coffee table book. Beautiful photos, but it is somewhat marred by historical inaccuracies.

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## BUSINESS FOR 2004 AGM

### NOTICE OF MOTION.

In order to update the Division Bylaws and better describe the duties of the Vice President I will be making the following motion at the Canadian Division Annual General Meeting to be held on September 26, 2004.

Moved that the Bylaws be corrected as follows:

#### Part 7 - Duties of Officers.

2. The Vice President shall carry out the duties of the President during his absence.

To read:

2. The Vice President shall:

- a) carry out the duties of the President during his absence
- b) maintain the Division Library including all Audio, Video and other published material owned by the Division.
- c) purchase the train related items necessary for the monthly door prizes, the Christmas raffle, and the yearly incentive draw.
- d) be the OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON for the Division.

For inclusion in the notice of motion section of the Agenda of the Canadian Division of the Toy Train Operating Society's Annual General Meeting to be held on the 26th of September 2004.

This notice is given to the membership by inclusion in the Division Newsletter, the Canadian Flyer, for the month of September, 2004.

Submitted by,



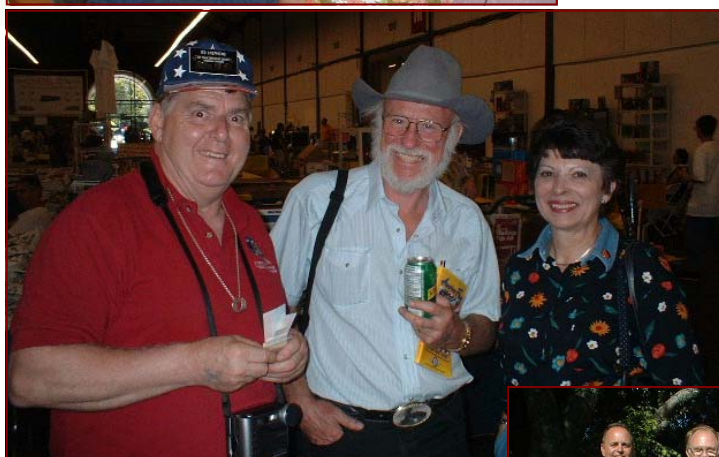
Neil Whitehead



## MEMBERS ON VACATION — SUMMER 2004



Fixing the American Flyer



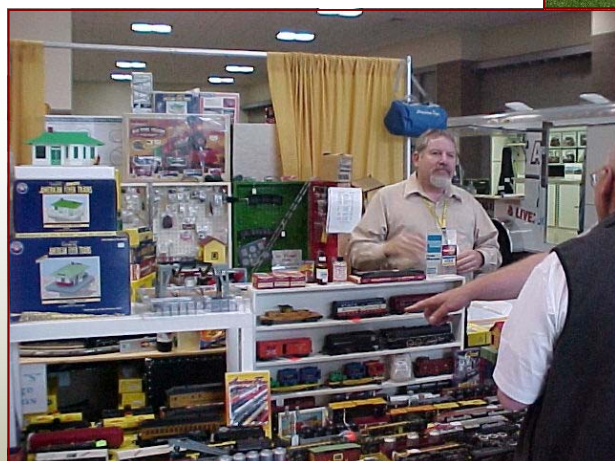
Edward with Ed & Barb, San Mateo CA



*Here are 2 Pics ..Of the National Meet that I told everyone about for 2 months ..It was in Seattle Wash ..*



**WOW !**  
**..165,000 sq ft ...of Trains**  
Many thanks to Ed Stephenson for these great photos.



*No matter where you go,  
you can always find trains!*



*A sense of humour really helps when you're  
a Canadian on the road touring America.*



# PHOTOS FROM FRESNO, CA CONVENTION



*Mark Horne and his family vacationed in Yosemite and attended the Convention in Fresno, CA — Lots of goodies, right Mark?*



*The smiling guy in the centre here is Arlen Hurt... editor of the TTOS Bulletin for many years.  
Below one of the displays at the fabulous trading hall.... Your President brought home a truckload of Marx stuff!*







Cartoons are from a delightful website <http://www.toytrunkrailroad.com/>



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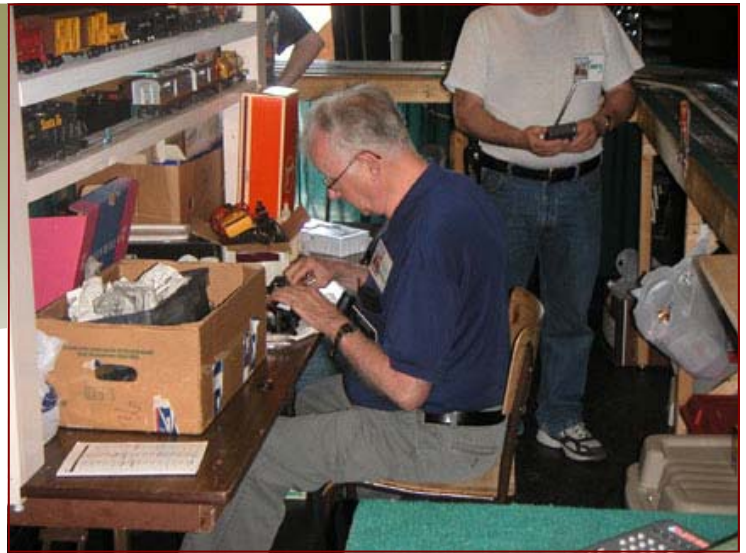
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***TTOS Canadian Division  
was well-represented at the  
Annual Fort Langley Train Days  
again this year.  
More of our members came out  
to play with the club's layout  
and many brought their own  
trains to run on the track as well!***

