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I would like to, first of all, welcome everyone back to a new year of toy trains. ... Collecting, trading and playing with the toys and sharing stories about our latest finds are part of what keeps us coming back for more.

I hope every one of you had a terrific summer. Some interesting things happened over the past couple of months, here in BC and down at the convention in Nevada as well.

Our Canadian contingent at this year was made up of *Bill Stephenson, Mark Horne, John Constible* and myself. *JP Johnson*

was supposed to be there, but I will let him tell the story about why he missed a great time south of the border.

While in Las Vegas, I was concerned that we would not make our room night commitment to the Riviera Hotel, but when all was said and done we had enough room nights to fulfill our obligation. While I have nothing against Las Vegas; I would just rather go somewhere else in August. A unique motivator for members staying at the Riviera Hotel was that for each night you stayed at the hotel you were awarded one \$5.00 "gaming chip"

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It's not just about arriving at your destination, but all the stops you can make enroute to and from a TTOS Convention that often make it an exciting journey. President David Cook discovered Caliente on his way home from Vegas this year.

MEETING DATES

September 25, 2005

October 30, 2005

November 27, 2005

All meetings take place at

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

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

Refreshments are served

President's Message continued...

These chips are real and they were produced with the help of *Lionel*. Lionel I might add was the only toy train manufacturer present at the convention. The "chips" come in two versions and I will bring them to the AGM on the 25th of September for a little show and tell.

For you folks who did not attend the convention this year, I would just like to say that you missed a great auction.

The TTOS convention in 2006 was supposed to be in Altoona, PA; but due to a couple of room challenges, we are now going to be holding the 2006 convention in **Costa Mesa, California**, the dates are from **August 14th through to the 20th**.

I spoke with *Carol Nissan* in the National Office and she said it was very close to Disneyland. I hope more of you will be able to make it to the convention next year. With Disneyland, Hollywood and all of the other Southern California tourist havens so close, a family vacation is a distinct possibility.

A couple of items from the TTOS National Office, *Carol Nissan* will be retiring at the end of this month. I know that all of the officers and members of the TTOS who have had business with the National Office will miss her presence. Carol is a dedicated lady and we should all wish her well in her retirement. I would like to give a warm welcome to *Jane MacFarlane*, who will be assuming Carol's duties and I am sure that we will all get to know her well in the coming years.

Meanwhile back here in Canada, work is progressing well on the modular layout; it seems that we are always trying to find ways of improving it. A work day was held at *Frank Schmidt's* house on August 28th. It will be a busy fall for the layout; we will be setting up in *Lynden, WA. Chilliwack* and at the *NMRA Show at Cameron Community Centre in Burnaby*. I cannot emphasize it enough gentlemen, and ladies, the layout belongs to you and if you want to run your trains at one of the shows we participate in, you are more than welcome to join in on the fun.

I would like to congratulate Mark Horne on a marketing job well done, I would also like to thank *Charles Rief, Martin Howbold, John Warlimont* and especially

Tom Modica for their participation in the project.

With out Tom we would not have had a place for Atlas to ship the cars to. We are completely sold out on the Canadian Northern Woodside Reefers. This is the second year in a row that we have sold out of our Fund Raising Cars. I know we are all looking forward to the next car, I am sure that it will also prove to be a winner. If you haven't bought any of the fund raising cars, you should give them a second look; these will prove to be a good investment over the next few years.

There will be a Membership Contest again this year, the member that brings in the most new members,

wins the Lionel Car. I will be bringing that car to our next meeting.

I have chosen the winner of the President's Award for this year; he is a very hard working



David Cook & John Constible waiting for their numbers to come up in the Chinese Auction at the Banquet, Saturday night in Vegas.

member and dedicates many hours to your club. The winner of this award will be announced at the AGM.

Speaking of the AGM... the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Division of the TTOS will be held on Sunday, September 25th, 2005 at the Charles Rummel Community Centre at 1:00 PM.

Please plan to attend. This is the meeting where you get to speak your piece about your club's activities and plans for the future... And elect your new Board of Directors. A slate of candidates appears on page 2 of this edition..

I hope all of you have a great Labour Day Weekend and I look forward to seeing some of you at Mark's on the 23rd and all of you at the end of the month.

Regards

David G. Cook, President TTOS Canadian Division

COMING EVENTS



**Lions Clubs
International**

Saturday October, 15 and
Sunday October 16, 2005
Mt Cheam Lions Club

Model Railroad and Hobby Show

Saturday, October 15, 2005 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday, October 16, 2005 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Admission: Adults - \$ 5.00 Seniors / Students - \$ 3.00
Family - \$ 12.00 Under 6 free accompanied by an Adult.
Operating Layouts, Commercial Displays & sales,
Food Services For more information: James Hill Mount Cheam
Lions Train Show Chairman,
Phone - 604-824-1757 Fax - 604-795-5046

Sunday September 11, 2005, CN Rail Open House / Family Days

Thornton Yard Shops,
13477 - 116th Ave., Surrey,
Noon to 4 PM.
Model Railroad Displays -- Working Railroad
Displays -- Train Rides -- Face Painting --
Community Displays -- Safety Displays --
Prize Draws - Hourly
-- Hot Dogs -- Pop
-- Popcorn

Free Admission



Sunday September 25th /05 10am - 4pm

British Columbia's Largest Annual Model Railway Show —

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre ,
3220 Cedar Hill Road Victoria, B.C.
Admissions: Adults \$5 - Family \$12 -
NMRA/PNR members - \$4 Children 10 and under FREE when accompanied by
an adult Sponsored by 7th Division, Pacific Northwest Region
NMRA (Canada)
Information Ted Alexis 250 595 -4070

Saturday October 8, 2005 9am — 4 pm

KAMLOOPS RAILWAY DAYS

Kamloops, BC Heritage C.N.R. Station "For the young and the young at
heart" **FREE ADMISSION**
Locomotive & rolling stock displays -- Free Train Ride & gifts for kids
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Planning the New Year?

Watch your TTOS Canadian Flyer for More Details on these events....

Sunday February 12, 2006

Mt. Pleasant Lions Club Railroad Show

Mt Pleasant Community Centre
3161 Ontario Street
Vancouver, B.C.
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Admission by Donation
For information or to book a table Call Alex at 604-
875-1837

Easter Weekend 2006

Spring Meet in Vernon

Vernon, B.C.

Watch for Details to be announced

Friday November 11, 2005 to Sunday November 13, 2005 TRAINS 2005

November 12th, and 13th **PUBLIC SHOW**

2005 will be the 23rd consecutive year for this train show.

The show is completely non-profit and is run entirely by vol-
unteers. Trains 2005 will have two main focuses: the meet for
registered show attendees, and the two day public show. This website is designed to outline all the ac-
tivities that are to occur over the 3 day meet/public show.

Visit the website for complete details www.bctrains.org

Things to do at the show! View operating layouts, attend interesting clinics on model railroading top-
ics, browse vending tables, get information on Railway Societies & Special Interest Groups, meet fel-
low hobbyists and visit the awesome KidzZone!



NOTICE OF AGM

Candidates
for Election of Officers
2005/2006

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Please note that at the 2005 AGM on September 25, members will be asked to vote on Revisions proposed to the TTOS Canadian Division Book of Resolutions / Policy.

See pages 5 & 6 in this newsletter for details.
Contact Mark Horne 604 987-8817
for discussion in advance of the meeting.

Did You Know?

All members can request access to the National TTOS online membership directory
www.ttos.org

Sure is an easy way to look up fellow members.

To get a login you choose a password. Your username is your TTOS Membership number... then phone or email the information to the TTOS office ttos@ttos.org.

Someone there will activate it and notify you.
Great idea... and it sure saves the trees
and eliminates postage.

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 2005/2006
will take place at our annual general meeting on:
Sunday, September 25, 2003**

Any member who wishes to stand for election to the board,
or nominate someone to stand for election, should contact our nominating committee,

**Ken Warner 604 434 5037
or Frank Schmidt 604 271 9290**

Canadian Division TTOS Book of Resolutions/ Policy

New Policies Proposed by the Committee: Mark Horne, Charles Rief, John Warlimont

The TTOS Canadian Division offers to assist a member of their family with the disposition of a collection at no cost. With an estate, there will be multiple groups of seven items interspersed with other members' sales, over on or several meets.

An inventory of Division property will be kept up to date by the treasurer and shall include all assets of the modular layout and all moveable property of the Island Layout acquired with Canadian Division Funds. Should the Modular or Island Layouts cease to be utilized, the executive will dispose of these assets.

Donations to the Modular or Island layouts may be disposed of by the layout groups without effect on present or future budgets, provided these proceeds be reinvested in the layouts.

Table sales will occur prior to the business meeting, which commences at 1PM.

Tickets for the Bus Trip will be sold to members first up to and including the meet prior to the Bus Trip. The Treasurer or his designate will maintain a list of members "paid up" for the Bus Trip and a wait list of non-members. At the end of this meet, tickets will be offered to non-members as space allows.

Christmas Raffle tickets may only be sold to division members in good standing with National, or a person on Nationals list of family members.

The June Incentive Draw is open to members only, tickets being distributed based on actual attendance at meetings, as kept by the Treasurer or his designate. Members must be in attendance to win an incentive prize and a member may only win one prize in the incentive draw.

Proposed revisions are in italics

4. The auction order shall be determined by draw by the vice-president. The draw being the first item of new business at each meeting. Anyone arriving after the draw will be accepted in order of arrival.

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4.5a Members are allowed seven items for sale and agents may only sell for the individuals who appointed them.

Members are allowed to offer seven items for sale and agents may only sell for the individual who appointed them. If more than seven items are for sale, a second session of seven will be permitted after all other sellers have had a turn.

4.5c Minimum opening bid on auction items is \$3.00. – No exceptions. minimum bidding increments is \$1.00.

Minimum opening bid on regular auction items is \$3.00, minimum bidding increments is \$1.00.

4.6a There is a 24 hour exchange period on all items auctioned during a club meeting. If an item is found not to be in the condition stated.

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There is a 48 hour exchange period on all items auctioned during a club meeting if an item is found not to be in the condition stated

4.8 Whenever “assortment/ junk boxes” are for sale at the auction, they may not be emptied. If the seller has provided a list of the contents, the auctioneer may read out the list. If not, the auctioneer may describe what he sees on top of the box.

Assortment/Junk boxes for sale at club auction will not normally be emptied. If the seller has provided a list of the contents, the auctioneer may read out the list. If no list is provided, the auctioneer may describe what he sees on the top of the box. Sellers are encouraged to label items for auction, particularly junk boxes and display them on the table to the right of the auctioneer prior to the start of the auction.

Items for table sales must be priced or marked for auction. Items marked for auction cannot then be sold at the table.

In accordance with the TTOS National Policy, all items that have been repainted/ repaired or restored must be so labeled.

6.0 Any expenditure in excess of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) requires the approval of the membership at the general meeting.

Any expenditure in excess of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) requires the approval of the membership at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

6.0b Any member on club business may claim expenses

Delete this section

6.0c The Canadian Division will cover expenses for one night's accommodation and meals for one day for the Division President, if attending a National Board of Directors meeting... Limited to a maximum of \$US \$250.00.

The Canadian Division will cover expenses for one night's accommodation and US \$50.00 for meals for one day for the Division President, if attending a National Board of Directors Meeting. limited to a maximum of \$200.00 US .

7.0 Requests for the Executive to intervene and or/ arbitrate in a matter between members must be in writing detailing the circumstances involved. Requests will be then discussed at the following Executive meeting and an equitable solution for all concerned will be made.

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10.0 The TTOS Canadian Division annual dues are delinquent as of March 1 of the current year. All payments received after March 1st are subject to a late payment surcharge of 50% of the annual dues.

The TTOS Canadian Division Annual dues are delinquent as of December 1 of the current year

Coming & Going ...

ONGOING ATTRACTIONS

Alberni Valley Heritage Network

Ride into history on the Alberni Pacific Railway.
A steam-powered adventure on the "No. 7
Locie", through the west coast forest to
the McLean Mill National Historic Site.
Wander the recently restored 1912 CPR Station
Details: www.alberniheritage.com

Railroad Museum in "O" Scale

Open weekends from 11 am – 6 pm
Hwy. 410 between Sumner & Bonney Lake
Phone 253 863 1633

Bellingham Railway Museum

1320 Commercial St., (in the Parkade)
Bellingham WA
Open Noon – 5pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Satur-
day
Admission \$3.00 Families \$5.00
www.bellinghamrailwaymuseum.org
chris@bellinghamrailwaymuseum.org

Railway Heritage Park,

39645 Government Rd. Squamish, BC
Home of the Royal Hudson
Open Daily 10 am – 5 pm
Admission \$8. Families \$23.00
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railway equipment 604 898 9336 www.wcra.org

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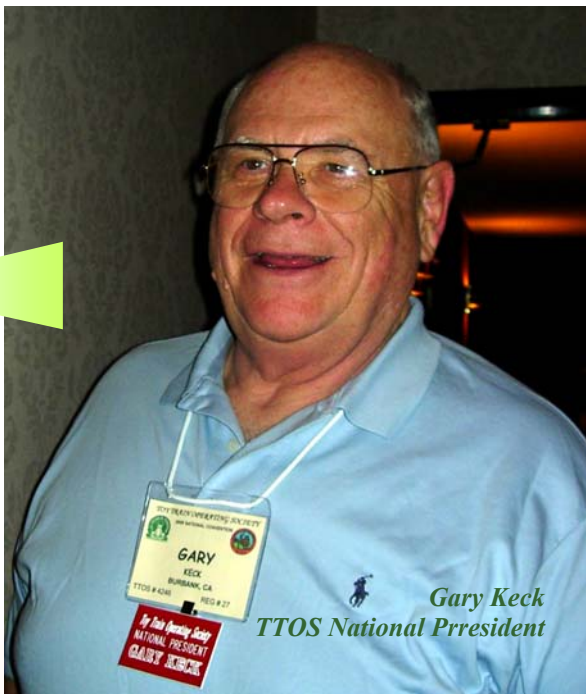
*A dinner cruise on Lake Mead where the tem-
perature at 11 pm when we returned to dock
was still hovering in the 90 F range and the
wind just never stopped blowing....*

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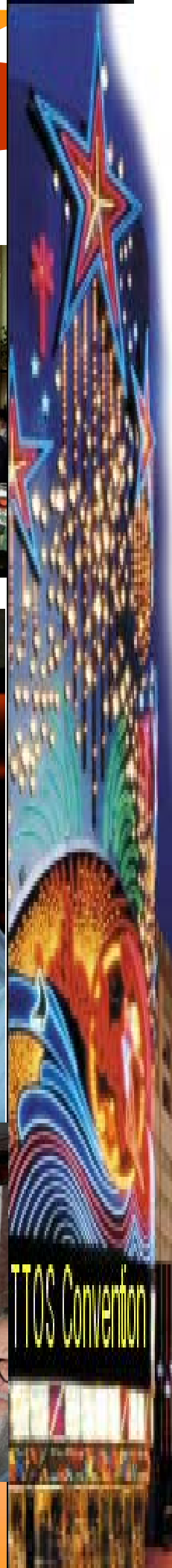
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BITS & PIECES

K-Line turns to bankruptcy court for protection



Mark Horne took these photos of exceptional layouts on the tour at the TTOS National Convention in Vegas in August.



What began as a seemingly amicable settlement between Lionel and K-Line over technology secrets has taken a left turn into federal bankruptcy court.

On Aug. 23, K-Line filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Earlier, both Lionel and K-Line reported that a settlement had been reached concerning a lawsuit Lionel filed against K-Line, accusing the company of wrongly incorporating Lionel technology into its products. Lionel reported that documents found on a computer taken from the home of one of its engineers, who has since been fired, showed that he was supplying K-Line with information about Lionel speed-control circuits, a starter-set transformer, and an entry-level sound system.

Following a reported settlement, first Lionel and then K-Line released press statements explaining the settlement. Lionel noted that K-Line would be allowed, by paying a royalty, to continue to sell the disputed products until Jan. 31, 2006, the end of K-Line's fiscal year. Lionel also reported that K-Line, its owner Maury Klein, and its Director of Engineering Bob Grubba would admit guilt. However, K-Line's statement presented the matter in a dramatically different light, and both parties returned to court.

According to court documents, Lionel sought, and on Aug. 22 was granted, a restraining order keeping K-Line from selling its remaining inventory of products containing the disputed technology. A day later K-Line filed for bankruptcy protection in its home state of North Carolina.

-Neil Besougloff

At the June Meeting



*Photos
this page
provided by
Ed Stephens*



John Constible above; taking a closer look at one of the items from table sales... Ed White on the right and George Plant... in the centre of everything always.... John and Bill below and our VP Mark Horne in action as auctioneer.... Come out on Sunday, September 25 and meet the whole gang... swap stories, trade toys and generally have a good time... PS There's always lots of good food.... See you then!





COMING EVENTS

Friday September 23rd at 7:00.
Whoop Hoo! Operating night at Mark Horne's house at 5574 Woodpecker Place, North Vancouver 604 987 8817
Come along, bring your toys and have some fun!
Thanks Mark!

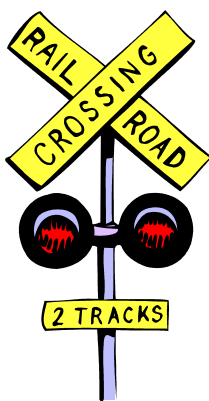
October 15th & 16th 10 am – 6 pm
Mount Cheam Lion's Club Annual Model Railway & Hobby Show
Heritage Park 441401 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack, BC (freeway exit #116)
Operating layouts, commercial displays & sales
Phone 604 824 1757 gdee@telus.net

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Sunday October 23
Victoria Toy Show
Mary Winspear Centre
2243 Beacon Ave., Sidney, BC
Admission \$3.00 Earlybirds 8:30 am \$20.00
Info 250 727 2403 or 250 385 4292
www.victoriatoyshow.com



Hey Gang!

Raffle tickets for the Christmas Draws will be on sale starting this month. Talk to Mark Horne at the meeting or call... 604 987 8817 to order.

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<<< Mark Horne & John Consible enjoyed the welcome reception at the convention in Vegas... but we're still not sure about the Bordello Car being examined by the guys on the right. >>>



Do you have stories about your collection that you would like to share with your fellow toy train enthusiasts?

— EVENT LISTINGS ARE FREE —

Let us help everyone to know what's going on in the area... Give us a call 604 931 4056 or drop us an email railroadnut@shaw.ca We will be happy to discuss a feature in a future edition of the TTOS Canadian Flyer.