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PRESIDENT'S REPORT #13

Hello everyone,

Christmas is upon us, can that really be true? I'm already fully into the Christmas Spirit as I volunteer on the North Pole Express trains running at the Railway Museum of BC in Squamish. Our Vintage CN & CP F-units pull a consist of vintage coaches. This year we're privileged to receive two glass-top observation coaches courtesy of the Rocky Mountaineer.

Gordon Hall has his annual Christmas Displays going at the Railway Museum and at Bear Creek Park. Thanks as always Gordon for making the CTTA look good wherever your trains go!

Our November meet marked a few major Milestones. First, it was the 10th anniversary of our existence as the fully independent Canadian Toy Train Association. Our Club continues to grow in strength and in numbers! Second, we had three new Members join us at the meet. Finally, your club now has 200 active members!

Welcome aboard:

Christopher Allen - Surrey, BC

David Bonner - Fairfax, VA

James Davies - Coquitlam, BC

John M. Hyde Sr. - Bozrah, CT

Wes James - Surrey, BC

Brian Beard took on lunch service for our November meet and we were served delicious cold cut deli sandwiches on fresh baked croissants with delicious bakery treats for dessert from Costco. Thanks Brian, we'll be doing that again!

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December 18 is 'Tweed Day' (see page 4)

2022-23 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

meetings at Charles Rummel Community Centre, Burnaby B.C.
doors open at 11am UPCOMING DATES:

SUNDAY DEC 18

SUNDAY JAN 29 2023

SUNDAY FEB 26 2023





November
Door
Prize
Winners
←



←—A quiet little visitor takes
in the meeting.

Custom paint by former member
J.P. Johnson ———>



A very pretty piece from
the amazing Menard's



Great to see in-the-box Lionel
from the early 1950's — some with
the original paper wrap



IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that the Executive of CTTA announces the passing of
FRANK SCHMIDT
long time member and friend to many.



Frank first arrived at the club in the guise of a serious American Flyer S gauge collector. He then switched to collecting British and European 0 gauge, in particular Hornby and Marklin. An interest in German 1 gauge trains followed. And in the last couple of decades, an intense interest in toy trains made for Canada.

Frank made himself knowledgeable in which ever collecting field he was pursuing. Years after parting with the bulk of his S gauge collection he was still one of the go-to guys for information on S gauge Flyer. With Hornby, Frank became a member of the Hornby Collectors Society in the UK, benefiting from the latest information and access to sellers and parts. Memberships in the Train Collectors Association in the US, and the Train Collectors Society in Britain followed. Along the way, Frank generously shared the information he had acquired.

As a collector, Frank knew what was out there, knew what he wanted, and had the focus and patience to go after it. He aimed for the best, whether it be a boxed Hornby Princess Elizabeth or a Lionel 700E (or 700K) Hudson. He rarely settled for less than the best condition possible, whether in Hornby or Marklin or whatever caught his eye. And in one case only, when he knew he couldn't get what he wanted, he commissioned an excellent copy to be made.

Your editor had the privilege of collaborating with Frank on a book about Prewar Canadian Toy Trains (titled "Canadian Prewar Toy Trains"), arising from our shared interest. Through doing the book, we moved from competitors to supportive enthusiasts. All the while, Frank continued to acquire rarities to round out his collection of 'Canadian' toy trains.

Along the way, Frank supported the club, joined the volunteers on the club layout crew at many public events, and acted as the nominating committee head for several years. A long time club member and a great friend to all, Frank will be sorely missed. Our sincere condolences to Anne and to all Frank's family.

EVENTS:

Sat January 21, Puyallup WA
WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY TRAIN SHOW
 CTTA BUS TRIP (SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS)

Sun April 2, Nanaimo BC, 10-4
NANAIMO MODEL RAILWAY SHOW 2023
 INFO: nanaimotrainshow.com

Sat-Sun April 15-16, Calgary AB
SUPERTRAIN
 INFO: supertrain.ca

EDITOR'S CORNER (CHARLES REIF):

December 18 is tweed day

Gord barrett and your editor have decreed that december 18th is 'tweed day' and will appear in tweed jackets for a bit of Christmas elegance.

WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS WITH UNDER-UTILIZED TWEED CLOTHING TO JOIN US.

NO RSVP REQUIRED

ASCOTS WILL BE MADE WELCOME



Dave Walker of Thunder Bay ON has shared his 'non-surgical redecoration' of a Lionel Alaska RR #701 Mikado to represent the CN 3465, an older Canadian Northern locomotive that survived into the 1920's. Still a work in progress.



<--- Zoltan Gyoker offers vinyl strikers of all 8 Marx prewar CP coaches, and the Tender, to wrap over common Marx cars. Reasonably ingenious! Contact info on request.



Dylan Bohaychuk shared his custom built (3D printed) Canadian Northern Big Valley, Alberta station at 1:48. A beautiful piece of work.



A visit to Sid and Olivia Ball in Abbotsford

photos by Kyle Miller



Reconstruction underway on one end of the layout, watched over by Mt. Baker.



Scratch-built structures are a feature.



Show and Tell: Gord Barrett's special #54 custom-weathered PGE Consolidation from Mr. Muffin including custom details. An unweathered PGE #51 is at the rear.



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It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I had to announce the passing of a long time CTTA member, collector, author, toy train expert and dear friend to many of us, Frank Schmidt. Frank and Anne travelled all over the world and enjoyed train travel and rail adventures wherever they went. Frank then 'wrote it up' and shared his stories and pictures with us all. I will feature Frank's stories for all on the Web site again immediately. Please enjoy a few more train rides with Frank.

The time is NOW to sign up for our Bus Trip January 21st to the Great Train Show and World's Greatest Hobby on Tour in Puyallup, WA. It's a big long day but it's packed full with fun, trains and food!

Our December 'Bonus' meet takes place on Dec 18, and has become a new tradition. This is our 3rd. I hope to see you there!

Kyle



Eaton's Christmas ride-on train 1940's/50's in Toronto. Where is it now?



The real 6400 preserved at Canadian Science & Technology Museum in Ottawa.



Mark Horne just received his custom custom consolidation in Esquimalt & Nanaimo paint. Something special.



Ken Locksley used scrap bits from Jim Sutherland's sign shop to make these Algoma Central covered gondola cars.