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Hello everyone,

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT #14

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful and very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and got to spend quality time with friends, family and loved ones over the Holidays. I'm sure many of you acquired or received something new for your train collection or layout.

Our December meet was quite exciting, mostly because it actually took place! The Vancouver area received two major snowfall dumps during the week, and sure enough, the morning of our meet, there was a major accumulation of over 15 cm of snow arriving on top of what we had already! Fortunately it tailed off before the meet. Since the food was ordered and there were a few confirmations that folks would come, I decided not to cancel the meet at the last minute.

We had an enthusiastic meet with about 25 folks making it out through the snow. Thanks Ed Stephens for coming from Hope, Peter for coming from Chilliwack, Sid and Olivia from Abbotsford, and the Island crew of James and Brian. Brian Beard brought us our delicious lunch!

The December meet featured lots of great raffle prizes for the Christmas draw. Two locomotives and lots of freight cars were awarded to lucky winners.

Thanks to Brian Driscoll on Vancouver Island for sending over a great donation of items for the Treasury Auction. An MTH CP steam loco converted to TMCC and a few scale steam tenders generated over \$600 from our small but eager group of Christmas shoppers!

Our Jan 21st Bus Trip to the Great Train Show - World's Greatest Hobby on Tour, is a GO! Please sign up if you haven't yet, it'll be a great day of model trains and lots of fun. We have 26 signed up so far and 30 riders is a break even point.

The Club presented our Driver Gil an early Christmas present, a \$150 gratuity in advance so he would have more train money to spend at the show.

I'd like to wish all members a very Happy and Prosperous New Year! I look forward to seeing you on the Bus Trip and at the January meet as we kick off 2023!

Kyle

*Flash — new Club Car page 7*



## 2022-23 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

UPCOMING DATES:

SUNDAY JAN 29 2023

SUNDAY FEB 26 2023

SUNDAY MARCH 26 2023





Christmas Raffle Winners: left: 3 present at the meeting. Right: photogenic exec members hold up absentee's prizes.



Door  
Prize  
Winners  
get the  
season  
rolling.

Gil receives  
his tip  
from a  
grateful club  
for his  
chauffeuring  
of the coming  
bus trip.



a snowy day  
put a dent in  
the turnout  
but a good  
time was had  
by those who  
came.







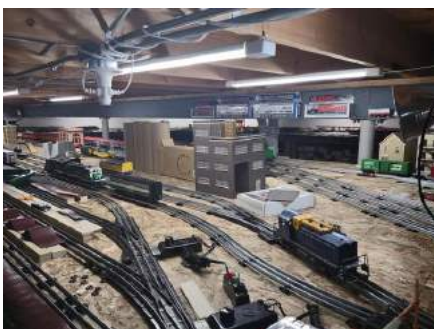
The December meeting featured an exciting donation to Treasury by **Brian Driscoll**, including a Railking switcher with added TMCC, and several near-scale tenders. Bidding was brisk, the winning bids appropriate.  
Thank You Brian!



**Mark Horne** in Europe: Some great 'oldies' in Leipzig and current trains in Dresden and Prague



**Douglas Harold A. Smith** sends holiday greetings with a taste of what's to come as he begins work on his train room. The Christmas layout features the PGE #51 hauling a brace of 'Angela Trotta Thomas' Lionel passenger cars.



**Brian Dziewinski** takes a break from building a brewery (Menard's + scratch build) to give his Burlington Blackhawk set a run through the evolving dream layout.



**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](http://nanaimotrainshow.com)

Sat-Sun April 15-16, Calgary AB  
**SUPERTRAIN**  
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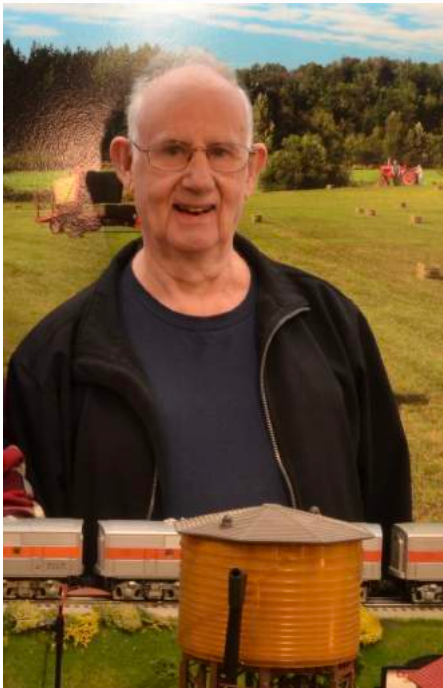
EDITOR'S CORNER (CHARLES REIF):**tweed day postponed**

Due to Gord Barrett's understandable absence in December, and the fact that only Sid Ball answered your editor's call, 'tweed day' may be tried again at some future date.

LET US SEE YOUR LAYOUT'S PROGRESS:  
SEND PHOTOS AND DESCRIPTIONS

## IN MEMORIUM

## NEIL WHITEHEAD



The Executive of CTTA announces with regret the death of long time member extraordinaire Neil Whitehead.

Neil was always willing to go to work for the Club, as Secretary of the TTOS Canadian Division back in 2000, and later as Treasurer of TTOS National. In 2017 Neil stepped forward to take on being Treasurer of CTTA, a position he held for 3 years. "Everything was in order when I took over," says current Treasurer Jim Barrett.

While his own collection and layout focused on classic postwar trains, Neil was very involved with the construction and wiring of the club modular layout. "He did a lot of the electrical work, and built electronic boards for the flashers," Neil Wilson recalls. Neil Whitehead has been a key member of the original team who have set up and operated the layout at train shows around the region.

Always willing to help out on anything trains, he had a long history and knowledge of the hobby. For example, Earl LaBounty recalls that Neil spearheaded the building of Earl's fine layout (see Canadian Flyer for June 2018) reusing the benchwork salvaged from an earlier layout Neil had built for the Gary Coleman TV show. In later years, Earl maintained a close friendship with Neil, as did other members of the club.

Neil will be missed. The club has sent condolences to Neil's family.

We have received news of the passing of former member Mike Brown of North Vancouver, who had been ill for some time and was in care. Mike's first love was aeroplane models, but members will recall some of the great 'show & tell's' Mike would bring to our meetings.



A Christmas Open House hosted by Patricia and Jim Barrett  
with tons of lights and good cheer!



A visit to the Nurnberg Train Museum

photos by Mark Horne



Richard Quatar shared a run of his MTH 2-8-0  
pulling a string of custom Canada Atlantic boxcars.

### Railway Tunnels in Western Canada

longest CP tunnel: Mount MacDonald Tunnel in  
Roger's Pass — 14.6 km built 1916.

longest CN tunnel: Willingdon Tunnel under Capital  
Hill BBY — 3.40 km built 1968. The longest mainline  
tunnel was only 0.85 km at Battle Bluff in 1912.

None of the mainlines of the Canadian Northern,  
Grand Trunk Pacific or Pacific Great Eastern required  
long tunnels. The CPR required the Spiral Tunnels,  
the Connaught Tunnel, and finally the Mount  
MacDonald Tunnel to conquer their Rocky Mountain  
and Selkirk Mountain Grades.

Mooka Station, Japan thanks Trainbook group  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mōka\\_Station](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mōka_Station)



A snowy airing for the Royal Hudson 2860 at the  
Railway Museum of B.C. in Squamish





*The North Pole Express got snowy days in December at the Railway Museum of BC*

Beautiful painted backdrops and scenery work in HO by a family team in Parksville



Els Schutte  
December 27, 2022 at 11:07 PM · 🌐

Train Track we are building together.....

We started in January 2022 with this one, we did everything ourself! Els is building all the mountains and makes the rocks and the Intrace of " Jurassic Park" Michael build all the houses and painted the backgrounds and does the landscaping.....great team!



Arthur Sheridan posted this great photo of BCE boxcars at work. Location?

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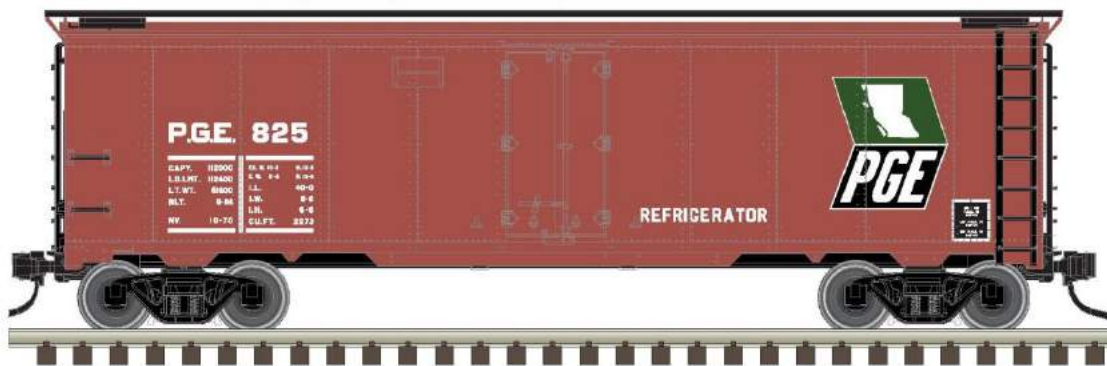
OUTFIT NO. 155

## ***Pacific Great Eastern Railway Atlas 40' Steel Reefer***

The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that Atlas is manufacturing a Pacific Great Eastern Railway 40' steel reefer in their Master line. This very limited production "O" gauge car comes in two road numbers in 3 rail. Delivery is expected in late 2023. Artwork to shortly.

The cost is \$ 75.00 + \$10.00 shipping = \$ 85.00 CDN

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