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## *Operating and collecting toy trains*

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT #15

Welcome to 2023 and the 'New Train Year'! Our January meet was fully attended. It was great to see everybody back at our Meeting Hall again. (There was cream and sugar for the coffee.)

After a 3 year hiatus, our annual Bus Trip Adventure to the Great Train Show in Puyallup, WA, was back on! We had 33 Members and Guests on this year's trip, with Commander Gil Gillespie at the helm of our luxurious Perimeter Motor Coach. We departed on time, arrived early and had 4 solid hours shopping for trains and checking out the various layouts and displays. The 'no show' of the Manufacturers was the only disappointment. Most everyone found something to add to their collection.

The staff at Eastside Trains was delighted to see us and we emptied the bus into the store for a solid 'power hour' of more train shopping. Myself and others were delighted to pick up new pre-ordered Lionel Locomotives and repairs that had been completed.

Then it was off to a gourmet dinner of Brooklyn Brother's Pizza and pitchers of beer.

Thanks to James Cook, Tom Modica, Mark Horne and Gil Gillespie for making this year's Bus Trip the best ever!

I'm delighted to announce that CTTA will be a featured exhibitor with our Modular Layout at the 2nd Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show this March 18-19 in Squamish. Come to the show if you can and all are welcome to bring a train to run.

Those close by, see you again at the February meet!

Cheers, Kyle

## 2022-23 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUNDAY FEB 26 2023

SUNDAY MARCH 26 2023

SUNDAY APRIL 30 2023





**right:**  
 A mystery resolved:  
 whose initials were  
 on that ticket?  
 A Christmas draw  
 prize finds its way to  
 the actual ticket-  
 holder, and all's well.



**above:**  
 2 absentee Christmas draw winners  
 pick up their prizes in January.  
**right:**  
 January meet door prize winners.



### Grand Trunk Pacific Railway MTH 36' Woodsided Reefer

The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that MTH is manufacturing a Grand Trunk Pacific Railway 36' woodsided reefer in their Premier line. This very limited production "O" gauge car comes in two road numbers in 3 rail. Delivery is expected in late 2023.

The Canadian Toy Train Association member cost is \$ 85.00 CDN per car including shipping within the lower mainland and Vancouver Island.

Questions: email [mlhorne@shaw.ca](mailto:mlhorne@shaw.ca)



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City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>	ZIP	<input type="text"/>
Email <input type="text"/>					
Quantity	<input type="text"/>	36' reefers			



**Ralph Spielman** reports from the Amherst Railway Show [no snowstorm this year!]. Lionel was there with 'prototypes' (unfinished mogul and northern); a speeder; row houses from Custom Model Buildings; an 18" gauge diesel. sunny skies.



EVENTS:

Sat & Sun, Feb 25 & 26, Monroe, WA.  
UNITED NORTHWEST MODEL RAILROAD CLUB  
INFO: [www.unwclub.com](http://www.unwclub.com)

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  
INFO: [supertrain.ca](http://supertrain.ca)

EDITOR'S CORNER (CHARLES REIF):

**tweed day returns in march!**

wear your tweeds and a dash of green for St. Patrick on March 26!

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



Jim Barrett shows his PGE doodlebug, custom painted by Gordon Hall. a beauty.



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A mean machine seen at the Revelstoke Railway Museum.. what did it do? anything it wanted...



Sunday, Aug 13, 2023 from 10-4  
**RAILWAY DAY**  
PARKVILLE MUSEUM

Model Railways  
Displays  
Swap & Shop  
Music

**FUN!**

ADMISSION BY DONATION

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thanks Martin Howbold for this notice!



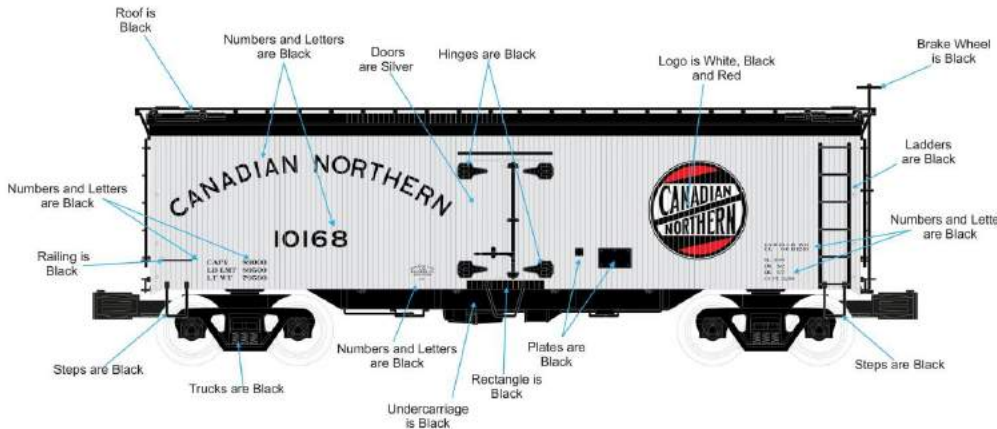
remembering Mike Brown: a 2009 "show n' tell" of big Japanese tin litho trains.

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CTTA modular layout honcho's **James Barrett**, **Gord Barrett**, **Martin Howbold** and **Gordon Hall** staged an "Electrical Workshop" at the Burnaby Central Railway to work out the bugs, with a fun ride on the 7 1/2" gauge Burnaby Central on a break. Other members visited, and **Keith Herndier** took his Stalin-era Soviet 0 gauge train for a spin. **James'** prewar Flyer freight consist weighed in at 10 cars.

Another view of the two new cars



*The bus trip is back, and it was a gas!*



*photos by Kyle Miller  
[see them all on the Facebook pages]*

*CTTA staged a pre-dawn raid towards Seattle and beyond in search of trains, more trains, and eventually pizza and beer. All returned safely, having left some trains on the table, but not the pizza.*



## David Cook's Marvelous Marx Custom Trains by david cook and kyle miller

David Cook is one of the CTTA's most prolific and serious collectors of vintage Marx Tinplate Trains. Most of us pursue the various pieces produced 'off the line' in beautiful, colourful lithography beginning in the early 1930's. Over the past few years, David has taken his Marx collecting to a new level, with unique kitbashed concept projects and custom painted and decorated restoration pieces that give his Marx Trains a whole new life, in livery that looks every bit as good as the originals.



## Thanks to David for sharing how this recent aspect of his collecting got started:

"I met Zolton Gyoker (we call him Tom) about 4 years ago. Tom answered an ad I had placed online, he came by my place and bought a few items from me. He also brought a couple examples of his custom work.

I was so impressed with his work that ever since then, we have been buying, selling and trading trains between us!

He specializes in customizing Marx trains, and is especially fond of the Marx Commodore Vanderbilts and Mercury engines. He likes to stretch engines from the original 4 wheel drivers to 6 wheel drivers. He has done some amazing work on Marx 333 diecast engines, stretching them to 8 and 10 drivers.

He is very fussy when it comes to paint. He has repainted a car 3 times just to get it perfect. He has done work for most of us train enthusiasts in Ontario, and now he is branching out and customizing Marx trains for people in the USA.

Tom is a fantastic craftsman and his reputation is growing on both sides of the border. I personally have a total of 26 of his custom engines. He has 2 more engines and 2 more passenger cars of mine on his work bench waiting for decals. Both Robin Dodson and I have trains made by Tom.

I'm delighted to say that Tom is a master craftsman and nothing goes out the door unless it is perfect.

He lives in Burlington, Ontario and can be reached on Facebook messenger. His specialty is Marx trains."

**David Cook**

