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PRESIDENT'S REPORT #16

Our February meet was another surprise Winter Wonderland! For the 2nd time in 3 meetings, here in Vancouver we received over a foot of snow overnight just before the meeting. But like last time, we persevered and made it through, including members from Vancouver Island! Thanks to everybody who came out and to Brain Beard for arranging a great lunch.

On March 5 I hosted a ZOOM meet for the North America membership, the first one of 2023. Thanks to the 25 members who joined in! We were lucky to have 2 new members join the club the day before they were able to attend the ZOOM meet. Welcome Ian Clarke from London, ON and Joe Bolton from Leominster, MA.

The CTTA is proud to be operating our Club's Modular Layout at the Sea to Sky Model Train and Hobby Show at the Railway Museum of BC in Squamish, home of the Royal Hudson #2860, Saturday March 18 & Sunday March 19. Gordon Hall has been going flat out organizing the show and getting a full roster of exhibitors and vendors. We are looking for an operating crew to help out both days. Bring a train of yours to run, or help us run the CTTA trains! Come on out if you can, to support the Show, the Museum and the Hobby!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as we can at the March meet on the 26th. Hopefully we won't get another foot of snow!

Cheers, Kyle

March 26 marks the return of

Tweed Day

wear your tweeds and something green

2022-23 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUNDAY MARCH 26 2023

SUNDAY APRIL 30 2023

SUNDAY MAY 28 2023



Canadian Northern Railway MTH 36' Woodsided Reefer

The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that MTH is manufacturing a Canadian Northern 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



If you wish to order, please complete the following order form and mail your payment (payable to "Mark Horne") to:

Canadian Toy Train Association
c/o Mark Horne
16266 – 26th Avenue
Surrey, BC
Canada V3Z 6Z3

Name				
Address				
City		State		ZIP
Email _____				
Quantity	_____ 36' reefers			



February 25
a sunny day in Monroe WA for the
United Northwest Model Railroad Show.



topped off with pizza in Everett, and home before the snow.

EVENTS:

Sat/Sun March 18/19, Squamish BC
2ND SEA TO SKY MODEL TRAIN & HOBBY SHOW

INFO: wcra.org

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):

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

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Dave Walker

January 30 at 9:14 AM · 🌐

Yep, never let 'em tell ya it ain't prototypical...
<https://www.catskillarchive.com/trextra/3rail.html>



FROM ORIGINATOR OF A 3-RAIL O-GAUGE AND HO-GAUGE SYSTEM AT FULL SCALE.
ENTER RAIL REPRODUCTION OUTSIDE OF THE NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

Yes there are 3-rail prototypes in the big world. Thanks **Dave Walker**.

Arthur Sheridan

January 22 at 6:29 AM · 🌐

Photo: Canadian Pacific Railway Mail Car No. 1 at Yale, 1884. Revelstoke Railway Museum Collection, P-3502.



Normand Jaquemot

January 21 at 5:20 PM · 🌐

From the Revelstoke Railway Museum. Found on another group.

Thanks **Arthur Sheridan** for this great photo of an early CP mail car. It would make a good model



March 5 Zoom ...cont'd
 left: the wheel of fortune draw.
 below & right: video of CN & PGE
 mikados on **Kyle's** layout; PGE
 coaches by **Gordon Hall**.



Making custom runs of Canadian cars and locos has become popular:
 Grizzly Breweries by E-Z Catch; 2 CN NW-2's by George's Trains; Canadian Apples by MTH itself.



These are NOT CTTA projects:
 Contact the sponsor
 organizations if you are
 interested.

Order the MTH Canadian Apples
 car through your local hobby
 retailer.

Mark Horne reported on his visit to Miniature World in Hamburg — truly stunning. **Ian Clarke**, who has been there and is going back soon, agreed that a long day was not enough to take it all in.

Ralph Spielman reported on his recent visit to two 3' gauge railroads in Ireland, and a 2' 11 7/8" railway in Stockholm. One of the Irish roads hauled peat to fuel a power station.

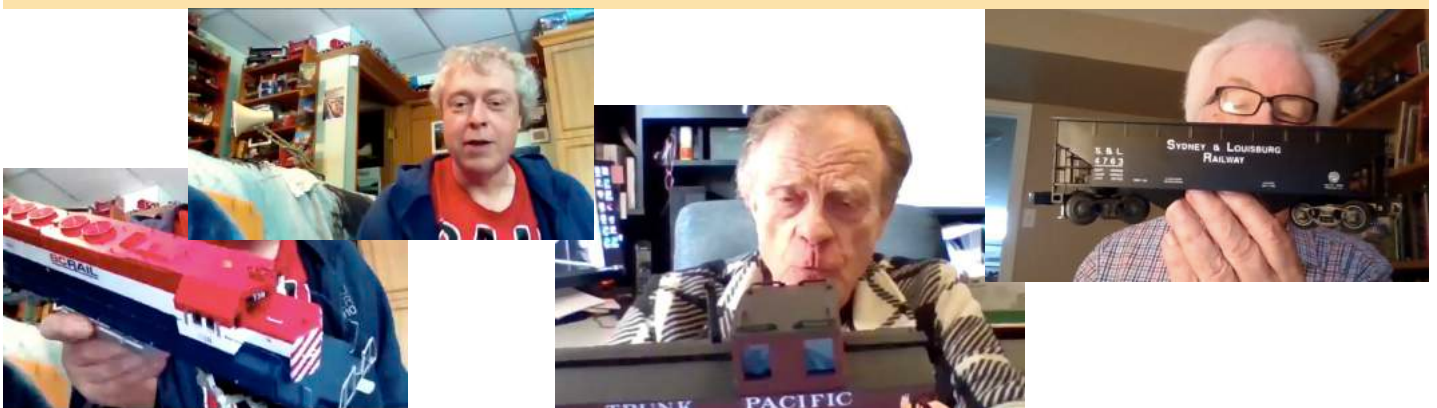
Members sharing recent projects or acquisitions included:

Gordon Hall making colourful schemes,

Tom Ecclestone with a Grand Trunk Pacific caboose customized by a friend,

and **Grant Miles** showing 2 Sidney and Louisburg hoppers by Buffalo Creek Graphics who are closing up shop. Your editor missed getting a screen shot of **Richard Guitard's** pair of VIA F-units.

[PS. Screen shots are tricky to catch, please send photos for full exposure.]



*Interventions by charles reif
full repaints and rebuilds are beautiful things,
but sometimes all that's needed
is a little intervention.*

*Great Slave
Lake work
car:
a bit of
overpainting
and decals if
the colour is
right.*



what to do with that junker coach
body - bridge it!



*Marx CP:
a Sakai
301
electric
motor and
a bit of
filing.*



yet another scheme for CN NW2's
(or are they NW1's?)

*a postwar red tin
caboose fitted to a Lionel
motorized unit = a
boxcab electric loco;
a chopped cabooselet;
a gang car motor
powers
a rail inspection car.*



26477 CPR HORSE CAR #272007 AGINCOURT ONT. SEPT. 1969

JIM PARKER PHOTO

No horsing around here! was it a
converted baggage car, or what?
love the barn doors!



*another Sakai 301 motor powers an unpowered AHM
Casey Jones kit locomotive.*

*April 2 —
Nanaimo Train Show update*

*Organizer Chris Sundstrom reports
a near sellout of tables for the
show, and twelve layouts booked.*

should be a good one again.

*March 18/19 —
Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show
with CTTA's modular layout!*