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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CTTA returned to a freshly renovated Charles Rummel Community Centre for our 2023 Annual General Meeting. It was great to see 63 members, including a big batch from 'The Island' come out to our first meet of the Toy Train Season. Our Fall BBQ was a hit as burgers and smokies flew from the grill thanks to our Grill Masters.

I am delighted to announce that your entire Executive has been returned to serve the Club for another year! I'm honoured to be starting my 3rd year as President and it's a privilege to have such great friends and colleagues with me to grow the Club.

Treasurer Jim Barrett and I attended the Annual Volunteer Celebration Dinner hosted by the City of Burnaby Parks & Rec Division the Friday before our meet, and we enjoyed a 1st class buffet dinner while enjoying the company of other organizations, city staff and politicians.

The CTTA engine is firing on all cylinders as we finished a busy Summer of train shows and modular layout operations, and we're gearing up for more fun heading into the Fall, with the Lynden, WA., show in early October, and the flagship Vancouver Train Expo in early November. Our annual Bus Trip to Puyallup, WA is a GO for Jan 20 and you can sign up NOW.

I look forward to seeing more members at the shows and helping us with the Modular Layout in the months ahead. Come on out and have some fun supporting the Club and running trains!

Kyle



THE CANADIAN

2023-24 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUNDAY OCT 29

SUNDAY NOV 26

SUNDAY DEC 17



September door prize winners





cheers to the BBQ crew, from all the eaters!



Martin Howbold reports that he has finally got his work bench cleaned up, and washed for the second time in 60 years. While it was clean he opened up the boxes of some 3rd Rail stuff purchased over the last year.

The first picture is the Milwaukee Road Westinghouse Quill E-15. 3rd Rail did a beautiful job on this 2 rail model. The other items are the UP M10,000 and the NYC 1948 20th Century observation car. Interesting to note that the UP "little zip" has a smaller cross section than the E-15 and the NYC passenger car.



Charles Reif researched this little tin Japanese floor train that turned up at a club meeting. The word 'Ajiago' on one side of the coach appears to stand for the Ajiago Super Express train of the South Manchurian Railway founded when Manchuria was annexed by the Empire of Japan.

The little red locomotive bears no resemblance to the actual Manchurian loco (B&W photo), but in fact models the late 1930's Japanese streamlined C53.

The little red train appears to be late 30's vintage.





David Cook has produced these custom beauties revising Marx freight cars.

(The green BCRail tank car is S gauge adapted to Marx trucks and couplers)



James Cook's latest project: "A rather fanciful version of a wooden road bridge. Roughly modelled from memory of a bridge in Harrison Mills. Still a bit of a fantasy. Well it is O gauge after all. Thanks to Larry Setterfield for the end piers."

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SUN NOV 5, 2023 • 10AM-5PM

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EVENTS:

Sat Oct 14 10-4 Cloverdale BC
CLOVERDALE MODEL TRAIN & HOBBY SHOW
INFO: [ctta website](#)

Sat/Sun Nov 4, 5 Vancouver BC
VANCOUVER TRAIN EXPO
INFO: www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca.

EDITOR'S CORNER (CHARLES REIF):

SOMETHING TO SAY? SOUND OFF!

WHAT'S YOUR LATEST PROJECT?

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

CTTA ZOOM MEETING SEPTEMBER 17/23

Sixteen CTTA members, ranging from the west coast of Canada to Ontario, Quebec, New England, New York and Virginia, attended the zoom.

President **Kyle Miller** welcomed members to this pre-AGM zoom. All members will shortly be receiving Treasurer Jim Barrett's yearend financial statements and proposed budget. As a preview, Kyle noted that dues for the coming year remain at \$20, with the possibility of a rise in the 2024-25 year.



Kyle reviewed the summer outings of the club modular layout at Burnaby Central and CN Family Day, and previewed Lynden WA in October and Vancouver Train Expo in November. Running trains for the public gives a special pleasure to the volunteers as well as for families and all the kids lining up to run Thomas.

With the trend of closing hobby shops, Kyle was happy to announce that *Central Hobbies* of Burnaby has been reborn not far off as *Intercity Trains* in Langley. Grant Miles was able to announce a new shop in Smith Falls, Ontario, called *The Train Store*.

In Mark Horne's absence, Kyle gave the update on Club Cars.

David Bonner (of Fairfax, Virginia) asked if CTTA plans to do an MTH CN F7? Kyle replied that member **Gordon Hall** is pursuing getting Menards to do a Canadian run of their model.

David then asked what we were planning to do in the future in club cars. Kyle noted that **Mark Horne** has a wish list of 2 or 3 projects, and that we are all still waiting for MTH to do the crane tender, so we can piggyback a PGE tender. For reasons of economy, CTTA only does cars that the manufacturers are already committed to producing in a given year.

David noted that MTH is making billboards, and why not order some in Canadian names? Several other members liked this idea.

Member Activities and Show n' Tell:

Dan Gory showed his project to create an extended Galley Dome car (see CTTA Facebook). New truck side frames made by 3-D Printing. Dan's been learning new software to do the job.

Carl Chancey rode the current Acela from Boston to Bloomington Delaware recently, and can report that Amtrak has greatly improved its meals, having hired a professional chef. The new Acela sets are parked in Philadelphia and not likely hit the rails until early next year as they work out glitches. Carl has a reservation first class on the first run. Kyle put on screen a photo that Carl had sent of a beautifully restored New Haven locomotive. Dazzling.



It was noted that Lionel has redone the Classic Acela sets, having dropped the tilting and other problem features from the first edition.

Kyle recalled riding CN's TurboTrain when a young man — it was a great experience.

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Ralph Spielman plans a visit #3 to CTTA Vancouver in the spring. Last weekend he was in Los Angeles for a Union Station train festival. Santa Fe 3751 4-8-4 was one of the stars as it was steamed up to the station, with a great vantage point on the Cesar Chavez Bridge. Featured were another SF steam loco 5704 (not operating) and equipment from Amtrak and Metrolink, and a couple of private cars. Ralph will be at York, and also planning to go up to Rochester NY and into Ontario.

James Cook reported that the layout in Courtney is progressing and he is running trains. James showed his newly finished highway bridge / overpass, 32" long. (see also page 4).



Charles Reif showed an Intercolonial Railway reefer that he made a few years ago featuring another famous Moosehead and the motto: "The People's Railway". Intercolonial was another predecessor road that ended up as part of CN. He wondered if there would be enough interest for it as a club car?

Terry Berg having moved up to Kelowna in time for this summer's forest fire incursion, he is still at the general renovating stage and may need a couple of months to get to the train room. He was evacuated during the West Kelowna fire so that was a slowdown.

Doug Smith up in Vernon they didn't have fire trouble, but smoke and high temperatures. Also still doing upstairs reno's, so planning to get to the trains in the Fall and Winter.

Dave Emmington wanted to remind the club members of the October 14 Cloverdale train show, mostly HO, but you never know.

Grant Miles recommended the 7 1/2" ga. Strathroy Model Railway, a half hour west of London, Ont. (see their website). Grant is himself doing a module for a 3 rail 00 British layout.

Grant asked if anyone has access to a K-Line GG1 Manual — he has the loco but no instructions. Ralph just sent Grant a link to an O GA Forum discussion of the K-Line GG1, which may help. Grant will be at York with **Ian Clarke** again in October.

Tom Eccleston has praise for **Brian Driscoll** for a great repair on a Williams 611 that Tom had bought at York; the motor had seized up. also thanks to James for the 611 video he sent. Health problems for Tom and his wife hopefully will be successfully resolved.

David Bonner asked how Canadians feel about the CP—KCS merger. Staying non-political, Kyle noted the imminent running of the CP 2816 Empress Hudson from Canada to Mexico on the newly tri-nation line.

David noted he is active with the National Capital Trackers in the DC area (living in Fairfax, VA), and has run his scale stuff. As he does not have room for a layout at present, the Trackers are a great opportunity to run his larger locomotives.

Gary Zabenskie has sent Kyle some pictures of the new layout in Lethbridge AB. Hope to see soon.

Kyle has been running CN on his layout, including a custom painted NW2 (upper track).

IN CLOSING, Kyle thanked everyone who attended and participated in the zoom.





CTTA at the Lynden Lions show Oct. 7 & 8



Other layouts and modellers at the show and lots of shopping opportunities.

<- Lionel's girls train from 1957

Barbie in full splendour ->

<- 100 yr old tinplate - no touching



old and new trains all about.

Star Trek Barbie! -> who knew?

a missile launcher and a queen's coach headed <north.



and in the end, it's all about the joy of Thomas for the kids to run on CTTA's pike.