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## Operating and collecting toy trains

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CTTA Members enjoyed a fabulous colourful fall day for our October meet! We fired up the BBQ for the last time until Spring and enjoyed more grilled goodies before also enjoying our trains.

By all accounts the YORK, PA show provided everyone with full suitcases of great buys and treasures found to bring home!

As I write this, the CTTA just finished a full weekend of operating fun as the Vancouver Train Expo returned for the first time in 4 years. The public returned with enthusiasm, and our modular layout was a Show favourite, as Junior Engineers ran our Thomas Train non-stop for two days! There was a noticeable eagerness for the show organizers, historians, museum colleagues, sellers and train club operators to be together again, networking, reconnecting and sharing a love for real trains and model railroading.

I would like to send a special thanks out to the members who have stepped up this past year to help with the food, meal services & BBQ's at our meets; to set up, transport the layout and operate trains at the Train Shows, and to enthusiastically engage with the public to ensure families and kids have a great time when we're around!

Membership renewals are coming in strong - thanks to those of you across Canada and the US who have quickly renewed so far! If you haven't yet, please do so right away. Your annual dues support the operation of the Club and the Club Car Program.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our November meet!

**Kyle**

## 2023-24 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

**SUNDAY NOV 26**

**SUNDAY DEC 17**

**SUNDAY JAN 28 2024**







Oct 29 on the west coast  
CTTA Meeting at Charles Rummel Hall, Burnaby BC  
the BBQ was up and running - Last of the season



Great Bridges



October Door Prize Winners



→  
Big Big  
Loco's  
&  
Old Time  
Auto's





**Bus Trip 2024**

Come join us for a great day of trains and comradery

**January 20, 2024**

**\$90.00 all inclusive**

Departs: Campbell River Store – 6:30am

Returns: Campbell River Store – 8:30pm

Campbell River Store: 790 176 St, Surrey BC V3Z 9S6. Open 24/7

Parking available, \$5.00 for the day.

[Park around back on the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue side]

\*Comodius Bus

\*Tim's on board for breakfast

\*Great American Train Show at Washington State Fairgrounds, Puyallup

\*Electric Train Shop, Burien WA.

\*Eastside Trains, Kirkland WA.

\*Dinner: Brooklyn Brothers Pizza, Everett WA.

[All you can consume Pizza and Beer between 5:00pm and 6:30pm]

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Canadian Toy Train Association

David Cook · 8 hours ago · 🌐

**David Cook, Robin Dodson and Zoltan Gyoker at Kitchener Train Show**



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David Cook · 9h · 🌐

A new addition to my collection. Zoltan put this together for me. We used 2 A/F Streamliner passenger cars, one K-Line Dome, and one Marx B&O Diesel motor. Lots of JB Weld and hard work made this come together. Thanks Zoltan, I appreciate the work you do for me.



David Cook shows new Zoltan creation



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Mark Horne · 59 minutes ago · 🌐

A more unusual item I acquired at York. An "O" scale unpowered "B" unit built in Mexico. The body is entirely die cast. Now I have to hunt for the matching "A" unit.

**Mark Horne finds Mexican Scale O at York**



Our Robesonia

6 days ago · 🌐

the 'Rocket Express' monorail at Wanamaker's dept store in Philly circa 1950's



vs. the Eaton's 'Toyland Treasure Train', introduced on Nov 17 1945, pulled by a scale model CN 6400.

## IN MEMORIUM

Ken Lockley writes:

George Hammond (Dec.6 1940-Nov.5/2023) Long time member of the Victoria CTTA and TCA passed away last Monday. George will be remembered by the Victoria group for his continual support of our activities as well providing transport to the Burnaby meets for many years. Farewell to another "Collector."



## EVENTS:

Sat/Sun Jan 20, 21 Puyallup, WA

THE GREAT TRAIN SHOW

INFO:

Sat Jan 20 is CTTA Bus Trip (details on page 3)

Sat/Sun Feb 24, 25 Monroe, WA

UNITED NORTHWEST 31ST WA. STATE TRAIN SHOW

INFO: [www.unwclub.com](http://www.unwclub.com)

## EDITOR'S CORNER (CHARLES REIF):

WHAT'S YOUR LATEST PROJECT?

LET US SEE YOUR LAYOUT'S PROGRESS:  
SEND PHOTOS AND TEXT DESCRIPTIONS  
LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING  
AND WHY YOU ARE DOING IT?

KIT BASH TO SHOW? STORY TO TELL?



nov 4  
nov 5





CANADIAN FLYER

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NOVEMBER 2023

More scenes of  
Vancouver Train Expo



old friends and new



vendors and layouts  
in many scales





York October 2023: this year's mob at the TCA museum



train collecting is a hungry business!



and thirsty!



and painful packing at the end!



mark & jim with some of their finds

