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PRESIDENT'S

If you did not attend the March meeting, you missed out on a lot of trains and a great deal of fun! Very large attendance and a lot of auction items.

One of the three wise men from the east graced us with his presence -- Dave Cook dropped in from Hamilton. He misses our train shows and our weather.

Each paid up member in attendance received their beautiful new complimentary CTTA name badge and awesome coffee mug. The plan is not to mail the coffee mugs or name badges, so please attend an upcoming meeting and pick them up.

Thank you Peter for your work on the new badges; they are wonderful.

Due to a production problem, the gorgeous new club CTTA logo plaques were not available for purchase. You will be able to purchase these at the subsidized price of \$10 each at the April meeting.

Again, Dave Scott and his team of professional designers have done an amazing job. Thank you so much.

Also, yes there are issues with the web page and these are being addressed.

Those members who ordered the Weaver PGE trailer on flat -- it is now time to pay for them as they are being made now. Please either pay at the next meeting or drop a cheque in the mail to Mark. The cost is \$80 CDN which includes shipping. We require the payments as we need to pay Weaver.

A special thank you to Father John, Neil Mackenzie and our anonymous donor, for their generous donations to pay for the CTTA coffee mugs.

See you at the end of the month.

Mark

2014 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

all meets at Charles Rummel Community Centre, 3630 Lozells Ave.
Burnaby B.C. [doors at 11am, meeting 12:30]

UPCOMING MEET DATES:

APR 27, 2014

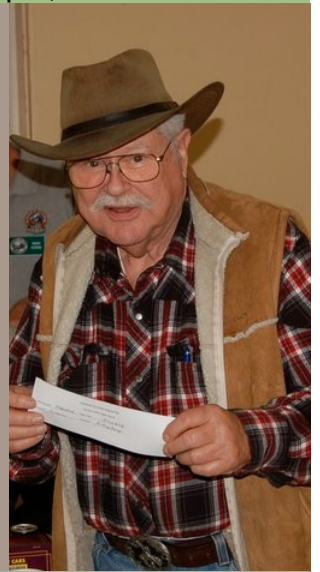
MAY 25, 2014

JUNE 29, 2014





March Door Prize Winners



Bob and Frank toast trains



Cliff and Bill and George sail in from the Big Island

Brian can't get John to smile

Neil & Earl and Brian are alright

Ted takes 5



from Tom Modica:

"when a railroader has too much time on his hands"

<http://www.trainfacts.com/trainfacts/?p=248>

Thanks to Martin Howbold for this old photo featuring our Grand Trunk Pacific reefer at work, somewhere in Saskatchewan.

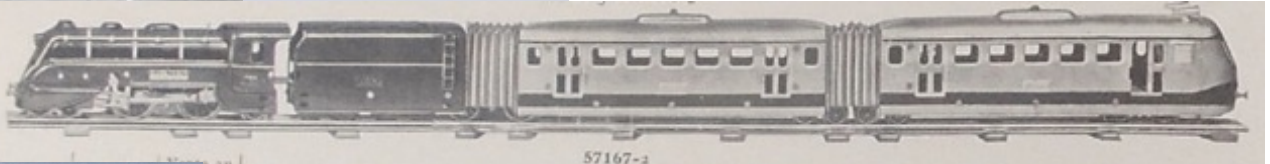


Original
Great Western
Railway of Canada
Main Station Toronto
circa 1870 (left)



Original
Tin O Ga. Station
by Issemayer
circa 1895
(below left)

JEP O GA.
french
1930's
electric



FOR SALE AT THE APRIL MEETING



Mark Horne will be selling the trains and buildings from a British 00 layout that was built by Peter Oldham, who has won many 00 awards. It appears to be largely home made trains but with extensive signal systems and electronics for the



KAMLOOPS MODEL RAILWAY DAYS

The 7th Division PNR Interior Spring Meet

May 1, 2 and 3, 2014 ***

Hosted By The Kamloops Heritage Model Railroad Club.

Sponsored By the 7th Division, PNR, NMRA and
Kellys Kaboose and Paleo Trains and Toys



info: paleotrains@shaw.ca

Welcome to Kamloops Model Railroad Days - the 2014 BC Interior Spring Meet. Again this year the show will be held at the Calvary Community Church Halls, 1205 Rogers Way, Kamloops, British Columbia. The facility is conveniently located about 1 block south of Highway 1 with easy access and parking.

More than 5000 square feet of Displays, Running Layouts and Vendors.

*****Public Show Fri May 2: 6-9, Sat May 3: 9-4**



upcoming

- Apr. 12-13, Calgary Supertrain
Sat+Sun, 9-5 www.supertrain.ca
- Apr. 20, Bellingham PNW at Bellingham Railroad Museum
12 noon - 4 Info: Tom Modica (see ad ---->)
- Apr. 27, Nanaimo 30th Vanc Island Spring Model 10-4
Railroad Show
Info: kj.rutherford@shaw.ca
- May 2, 3, Kamloops Kamloops Model Railway Days
Public Show: Fri 6-9, Sat 9-4
Info: Ken Klein 250 828-8776 Brian Kelly 250 377-8510
paleotrains@shaw.ca (see ad previous page)

TTOS MEETING -- APRIL 20, 2014

BELLINGHAM RAILROAD MUSEUM

\$5 meeting fee

DOORS NOON, MEETING 1PM

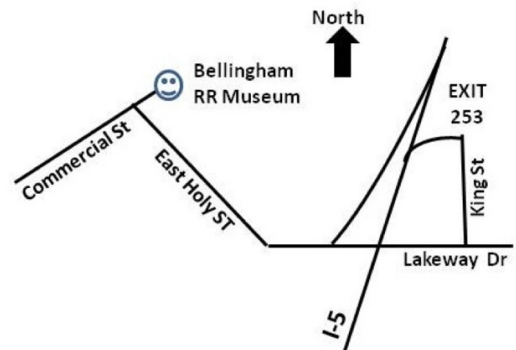
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please RSVP Tom Modica

by April 15

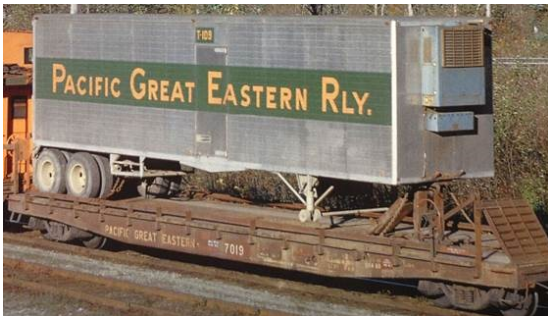
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Any info to Mike Venables

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Wanted

Looking for STANDARD GA. TRAINS
Lionel, American Flyer, Ives, Dorfan, etc.

(North American makes only)

Reproductions such as Mike's Train House, Bachmann, etc. are most welcome, and track too!

Contact Alan Cruickshank 604 524-0638
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EDITOR'S CORNER: THANKS TO PETER AND MARTIN HOWBOLD FOR THE GREAT PIX, FRANK SCHMIDT FOR THE BULAWAYO TRAIN MUSEUM ARTICLE, AND TO TOM MODICA FOR THE NEAT WEBSITE.

Bulawayo, Zimbabwe – The National Train Museum

By Frank L. Schmidt

When we were planning our Southern Africa vacation, a trip to see Victoria Falls was included. Why travel approximately 16000 miles from home and not see one of the great natural wonders of the world? From there followed the overnight train journey to Bulawayo. What is there to do in Bulawayo for a train enthusiast?



Bulawayo is home to about one million people, the second largest city in Zimbabwe but more importantly home to the 'National Railways of Zimbabwe Museum' formerly Rhodesian Railways. Zimbabwe was a former British colony known as Rhodesia as well as Southern Rhodesia. The railways were a means to develop the region and especially so when gold and diamonds were discovered in South Africa. To move goods to market an economical and fast route needed to be developed. Ox and wagon were the main means of transport so the building of the railways became an important link to export raw materials, move the region forward and promote the

expansion of British Imperialism.

Cecil John Rhodes was the right person at the right time to promote all of these. Fabulously wealthy from South African gold and diamonds (senior partner at DeBeers), Rhodes pursued his vision of an African transcontinental railway, the Cape to Cairo railway. Initially the railways were built privately in small sections to service industry such as mining and forestry for commercial profit. It was no easy task building railways in Southern Africa where financing was required and dealing with wild animals and killing diseases were great obstacles.

The National Railways of Zimbabwe Museum is located in Bulawayo just behind the Bulawayo Station in the district of Raylton. The museum has vintage steam locomotives and rolling stock on display outdoors as well as engines, coaches and other railway memorabilia stored in 2 old railway sheds. The South African Railways were famous for 2 railroad initiatives namely a particular type of locomotive, the Beyer Garatt locomotive

and 3 types of track gauges; the narrower gauge rail (2 ft centres), narrow gauge 3'6" and standard gauge all in the same system.

We took a taxi from our hotel to the museum and found the very friendly staff helpful in all respects. You could climb on any/all rail equipment, at your own risk of course, but great for photographs.

The museum has 3 of the Beyer Garatt locomotives in full original condition and about 3 more in a salvageable step. The 'Jack Tar' built in 1895 and the first loco to cross the Victoria Falls bridge is present along with approximately 7 other steam locomotives built from 1903 to 1954 and all British built. Saddle tank locomotives, steam locomotive with tender and Beyer Garatt are represented.



Inside our shed, is the gem of this museum – Cecil Rhodes' personal sleeping coach, all in magnificent original condition. As we were looking at this locked car, the museum curator, Mr. Gordon Murray approached us and was delighted to share the history of the car. Gordon opened it up and gave us a conducted tour inside. This car was built by the Pullman Car Company, USA, in 1899 to a luxury standard costing 2800 pounds sterling. Built in Chicago, disassembled and shipped to Cape Town where it was reassembled for use. This was bought by the De Beers Company for Rhodes exclusive use, travelling on the rail lines in the Southern Africa region. The coach has rich teak throughout with fine filigree carvings. The car comprises a dining lounge area at one end, bed and bathtub as well as 8 berths for guests and a separate cooking kitchen with cold box as well as sleeping quarters for the cook. This was a beautiful coach in great condition and the best part of the museum's exhibits. Did I tell you the cost of admission? \$1 US – a great deal!



A booklet at the museum titled "Iron Spine & Ribs" by Messers. Rod Burrett & Gordon Murray is available and well worth purchasing. Many thanks to Gordon Murray for his assistance at the museum, particularly with the Rhodes coach.



gordon hall reports:

Calgary hobby outfit seeks to crowdfund for series of MTH open platform CP.

<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/cpr-passenger-car-exclusive-from-mth>

<http://www.chinookandhobbywest.com/>

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/o-scale-canadian-pacific-64-woodsided-passenger-car>

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