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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome 2024!

Our first Club meeting of the New Year came hot on the heels of our Annual Bus Trip to the Great Train Show in Puyallup WA. For the first time, we made a stop at the Electric Train Shop, which proved very popular, before our traditional stop at Eastside Trains! 30 riders enjoyed a great day in Rock Star style and comfort as we finished our day at Brooklyn Brothers Pizza for dinner.

Our newest members, first time riders and all of our guests advised they had a great time and were very impressed with our outing!

This meet featured another batch of trains from Neil Whitehead's Collection, and his wife Jean and daughter Laurel joined us as well. They were very appreciative of the Club's support, and I thank Neil Wilson, Dave Scott & Earl Labounty for collaborating with the family to ensure Neil's trains would continue to run and bring joy on members' layouts for years to come.

Sadly, as I write this report, I have learned that our beloved Member and Choo Choo Doctor Gerry Shaw has passed away after a brief battle with cancer. Gerry was a Cornerstone of our Club. His presence was a highlight of any of our meetings, and all of us always looked forward to circling around him, looking for something interesting, old or new, to add to our collections. My deepest sympathies and condolences go out to his wife and daughter. To them, thanks for everything he has done and everything he has been to our Club and its Members.

Kyle

2023-24 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUNDAY FEB 25 2024

SUNDAY MAR 31 2024

SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2024





January meeting and
door prize winners





Meanwhile, Gord Barrett has a line on trading for this, the rarest Airex car.



Some OO and HO trains and buildings at the meeting



And meanwhile, scenes from the bus trip to the Great American Train Show



James Cook organized another great bus trip. kudo's James!



EVENTS:

Sat/Sun Feb 24, 25 Monroe, WA
 UNITED NORTHWEST 31ST WA. STATE TRAIN SHOW
 INFO: www.unwclub.com

Sat/Sun Mar 23, 24 Squamish, BC
 SEA TO SKY MODEL TRAIN AND HOBBY SHOW
 INFO: www.wcra.org

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LET US SEE YOUR LAYOUT'S PROGRESS:
 SEND PHOTOS AND TEXT DESCRIPTIONS
 KIT BASH TO SHOW? STORY TO TELL?

More Scenes from the *Great American Train Show* in Puyallup WA - there be trains!



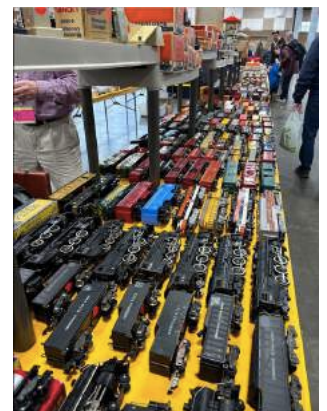
But Wait!
 There's More!

Back to the bus
 and onward
 to two train
 shops



Then off to all you
 can eat pizza
 and beer
 in Everett.

It was a great day,
 and the most trains
 you'll see in about
 500 miles!





And on the way home...

Carl Chancey shared the start date for the tri-nation 2816 tour: April 24 from Calgary.



Andy Fletcher Custom Trains

a day ago · 🌐

Great to hear CPKC Railway announce today that Canadian Pacific's H1b 4-6-4 #2816 🇨🇦 will start its tri-nation tour 🇨🇦🇺🇸🇬🇧 in Calgary, Alberta, on April 24, and ... See more

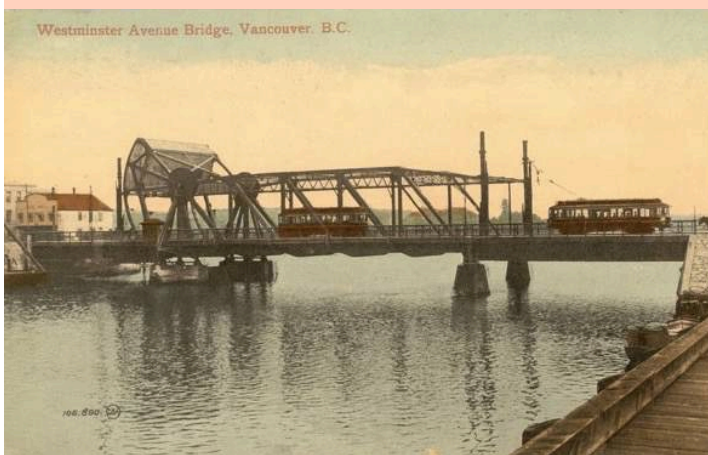


John Constible sent along a couple of pages from the 1953 Lobaugh catalog.

Impressive Scale 0 at a premium!

(\$325 for a built-up 2-rail version).

Dan Gory found this postcard image of Main St. before east False Creek was filled in.



A bascule bridge in Vancouver!?



John Hudson

Before 1913 when the Grandview cut was dug. All the fill was used to fill false creek. Main st today.

Gerhardt Klan found a 1979 inaugural LCAC CN green door boxcar recently, and says apparently only 35 were made.



CTTA will be archiving the full output of the Lionel Collectors' Association of Canada, including photos, soon to appear on our website.

IN MEMORIAM

GERRY SHAW

prepared by Kyle Miller



It is with a sad and heavy heart that I must share the news that our beloved Gerry Shaw passed away after a brief battle with Cancer that we all thought he would win.

On behalf of all members of the CTTA, I wish to convey our deepest sympathies and condolences to his wife Patricia and daughter Michelle.

Gerry was a Cornerstone of our Club, and one of its longest serving members. His presence was a highlight of any of our meetings, and all of us always looked forward to circling around him, looking for something interesting, old or new, to add to our collections. His tables were always full with an infinite variety of Lionel and postwar goodies. At auction time, he never missed an opportunity to buy more trains that belonged in his collection or that had potential to be brought back to operating condition again.

At local train shows, Jerry was always a popular stop amongst vendors with his vast inventory of classic Lionel Trains, parts and accessories. Many of us turned to Gerry as a first resource anytime we needed advice, a part, or a classic Lionel train.

As the Choo Choo Train Doctor, he was critical to keeping our treasured old trains running and fixing them up and tirelessly and cheerfully repairing everything with his expertise and skill. He was always eager to share his expertise, offer an operating tip, and took the time to help everyone who asked.

Thanks to Gerry's Family for everything he has done and everything he has been to our Club and its Members.

Many members have offered up their fond memories of their friendship with Gerry, and I wish to thank everyone of you who did so.

Gerhardt Klann: I always enjoyed talking with Gerry and his wife. They always came out to the Edmonton and Calgary train shows with their full booth of o gauge stuff. He will be missed!

John Warlimont: I am without words, what a shock.

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Martin Howbold: Boy, I did not expect that! Sad news indeed. His last gesture to me was giving me a repro box for the Lionel Western Pacific F-3 from 1953. He had purchased the box 10 years ago in anticipation of me finding the F-3s in my basement archeological dig. At least he held them before the meet and returned them to my custody. In the last years I have been purchasing parts for repairing various "mid century" Lionel locomotives. Gerry had taken over the Choo Choo Shop from Jim Peranice, RIP, who I also purchased parts and my prewar O gauge American Flyer 4-8-4 and three heavyweight passenger cars. With Gerry gone, it is the passing of an era.

Jim Barrett: Knew him from the PNE days. First guy I met!

Tom Modica: Gerry was a cornerstone of our meetings.

Chuck Laws: He will be greatly missed. He helped me a lot over the years, and I enjoyed visiting him and his lovely wife. Sorrowful times.

John Wolff: Very sad news. Bought my first trains off Gerry. Always a smile from him and Patrica. I was just over to his house a few weeks ago. I enjoyed dealing with Gerry.

Robin Dodson: That is sad news, indeed. Gerry was a unique personality with his knowledge of trains and his killing sense of humour. Always willing to offer advice but never boastful about his knowledge. My condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed.

Graham Gorling: What a shock, a cornerstone for sure.

William Priestly: What a shock for all, Gerry was a good friend, repairing trains for me and I bought lots from Gerry. I live 5 min from Gerry and visited his home dozens of times.

James Cook: Very sad and shocking to read about the passing of Gerry. He was a very talented guy in a number of ways and not just trains. He will be missed.



Prewar: Big Brother - Little Brother



Postwar Brother - Prewar Brother



Prewar Lionel - Postwar Sakai

CTTA Zoom Sunday February 11



Vancouver members Kyle Miller, Doug McLeod, with Jim & Gord Barrett hosted the quarterly ZOOM Meeting for members across the US and Canada on Superbowl Sunday. 20 members attended a lively meeting and were updated on the Club's finances, Club Car Program and show schedule. All members had the opportunity to share the latest news on their projects and local shows.



Canadian Toy Train Association

Ivan Dow · 13h ·

from Ivan Dow

Classic O scale 1950's Lionel layout at Montreal Model Train Exposition



2024 Montreal Model Train Exposition is
June 15/16

David Bonner

1d ·

Hey guys! The newest car from the CTTA arrived here in the DC area recently. Really beautiful and unique.



New Club Car out of the box.
thanks David Bonner

Who
Done
It?

clockwork,
0 ga.
027 rails
on
cardboard
backing.
any info?
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