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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter Holiday!

Our March meet took place on Easter Sunday, a gorgeous day, with the Cherry Blossoms outside bursting with brilliant pink blooms. Thanks to Father John for saying a few words to bless us all and to remind us of the reason we celebrate!

The attendance was a little lighter than usual, as expected, so I want to thank all of you who took the time to join us. Thanks to Alvin and James for providing us a delicious deli-style 'make it the way you like it' buffet lunch.

CTTA recently participated in the 3rd annual Sea-to-Sky Model Train & Hobby Show in Squamish. Our layout and Thomas the tank Engine were a popular draw as always! Thomas ran non stop and we ran a mix of pre-war, post-war and modern trains all weekend.

This year's show was extra special. The Museum staff and volunteers had all the operating equipment available, so show attendees could ride the Mini-Rail train, a Logging Railway shuttle bus type Speeder and - the highlight of the weekend - runs with our BC-21 Budd Car onto the CN Mainline for a ride a few miles North and South of Squamish.

I hope those of you on Vancouver Island get to enjoy the Nanaimo Train Show and the upcoming COOTTS meet in April. See you at the next meeting at the end of April!

Kyle

## 2023-24 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2024

SUNDAY MAY 26, 2024

SUNDAY JUNE 30, 2024





March Door Prize Winners →

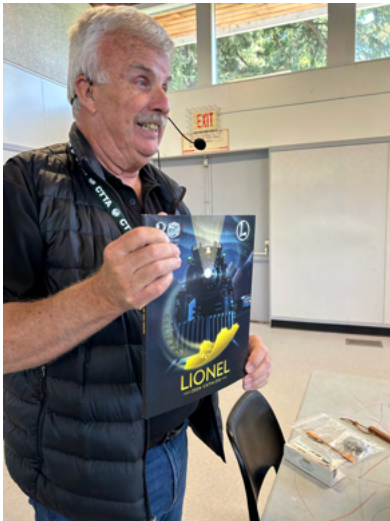


Spring has sprung and so has Tom Modica's Porsche



Brand New Food Crew?





a double modal score.  
and a spooky blue Lionel...



it was that big?



Show n' Tell by Jim Barrett:  
prewar Gilbert American Flyer  
3/16" O Gauge  
(the precursor of Flyer's postwar S  
gauge and Marx's postwar 3/16th"  
O gauge).



and they made a  
handsome  
version  
of the J3a  
Hudson.



# Sea to Sky Model Train and Hobby Show

at the Railway Museum of British Columbia, Squamish BC

**Railway Museum of British Columbia** · Follow  
19h · 🌐

Thanks to our operating crews and volunteers for a great day out on the track with our BC-21 RDC Budd Car! Engineer Devon and Conductors Dylan, Kirby and Bob. On board Chrissy and Kyle. #visitrmc

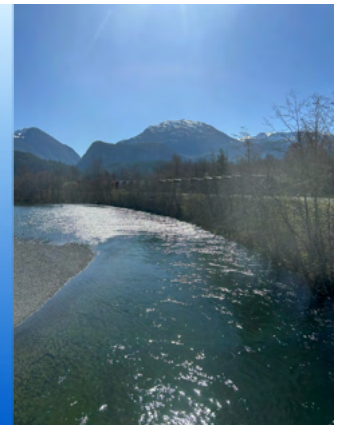
**1. Great  
Outdoors  
at the  
Museum:**

**... rides of  
all kinds!**

**thanks to all  
the  
volunteers.**



**a ride on the  
Budd Car  
takes you  
places...  
up and  
down  
stream along  
the Squamish  
River**



**and some of  
the  
volunteers...**

**see more  
photos on  
the facebook  
site.**



**2. Great Indoors: Trains among the trains...**



**and a rare chance to view the club modular layout in its full glory.**



Our Saturday operating crew! Brian, Mark, Keith, Rocky, Kyle Jim, Ed.



**with multiple layouts  
and chances to  
run trains.**



*P.S. someone model this?*



EVENTS:

Sun April 14 Nainaimo, BC  
NANAIMO MODEL TRAIN SHOW  
INFO: [www.nanaimomodeltrainshow.com](http://www.nanaimomodeltrainshow.com)

Sat/Sun April 20, 21 Calgary, AB  
SUPERTRAIN 2024  
INFO: [www.supertrain.ca](http://www.supertrain.ca)

Sun April 21 12-4pm Nainaimo, BC  
COOTTS meet Oliver Woods Community Centre  
INFO: 6000 Oliver Rd.

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WAITING FOR THOSE LAYOUT PIX:  
SHOW AND TELL US.  
KIT BASH TO SHOW? STORY TO TELL?



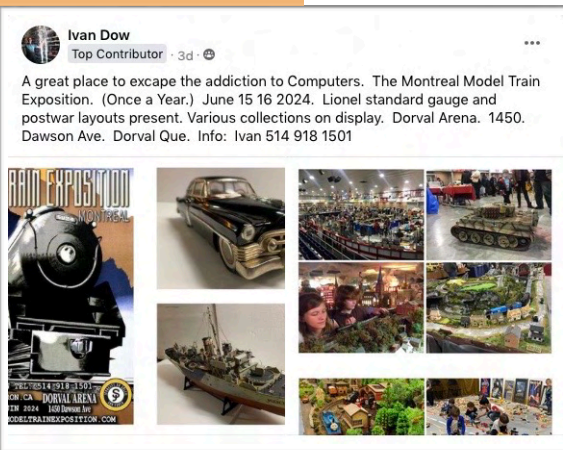
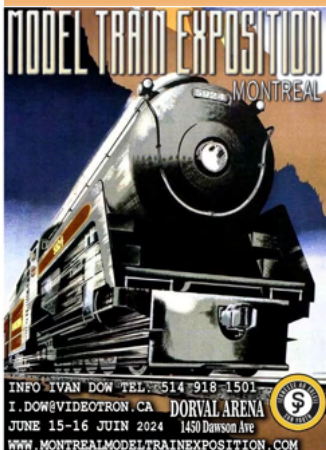
Othello:  
a BC Parks update on the Othello Tunnels: closed since the 2021 atmospheric river damaged bridges and tunnels. 30 sites require significant repairs. A portion of the trail will open in July 2024.



News from the East 1) David Cook and Robin Dodson at the Kitchener Train Show March 17



News from the East 2) Ivan Dow shares news of the Montreal Model Train Exposition June 15 & 16.



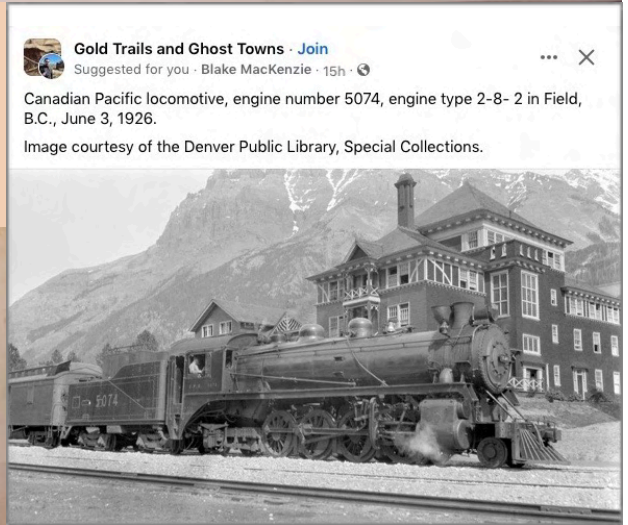
A new Marx convert? super!

David Cook and Wayne Harrison. Wayne a recent convert from Lionel to Marx.





Scenes on the Kicking Horse and at Field: hand-tinted photos and a reminder of the great CPR Field Hotel, long gone.



**A RARE CANADIAN FLYER**

An American company called Hafner made the coaches marked 'Canadian Flyer' to create a train for north of the border. Train sets with these coaches were made for several years, and featured in the Eaton's catalogues in 1921-24. But almost all the sets came with a tender marked 'Overland Flyer', Hafner's American brand name. This tender marked 'Canadian Flyer' is very rare.

for more info see

**A History of Prewar Toy Trains Made for Canada**

by Frank Schmidt and Charles Reif

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And speaking of Flyers...  
The Marlborough Flyer steam excursion train does a regular run between Blenheim and Seddon NZ  
thanks Joel for the tip

