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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings train lovers!

It was great to see everyone at the April meet, which was very well attended with lots of trains to buy and sell. Thanks again to our members and guests who travel up from Washington State and across from Vancouver Island to attend our meets. It was a long day for you all!

After this meet it was my pleasure to host David, Don and Ed from the TCA PNW Group over to my place for a few good hours of running trains on my layout. I've recently completed the work to add the MTH DCS System to my existing TMCC/Legacy set up and I'm proud to say, everything worked great! The group departed my place and then headed over to Mark Horne's for another running session on the way home.

I'm excited to announce that in May, Club will be offering up NEW logo-wear apparel to celebrate our 50th anniversary this Summer! Don't miss this chance to get some top quality CTTA gear, which will be 'Built to order'. Golf shirts, T-shirts, caps and jackets will be available at cost. Production samples will be available at the May meet and order forms sent to all Members in the US and Canada.

I hope many of you have been able to follow the journey of 'The Empress', CP Hudson #2816, as she travels the CPKC network from Alberta to Mexico city and back. It's amazing to see such a fabulous 20 piece train steaming at speed.

We'll kick off the Spring and Summer season with our first BBQ of the year at the May meet. Rumour has it celebrity chef and CTTA VP Gary Zabenskie will be at the grill. I hope to see you there!

Kyle

2023-24 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUNDAY MAY 26, 2024

SUNDAY JUNE 30, 2024

SUNDAY SEPT 29 (AGM)





April Door Prize
Winners.

below:

Lots of coffee.
Lots of Postwar.
James spans the gap.





Another tweed day behind the door prizes.
 Lovely Lionel boxed prewar set;
 Mark auctions tin; Martin never settles for only one.



Kyle Miller invited TCA Pacific Northwest train brothers Dave, Don and Ed over to run trains on his layout after the club meeting. So much fun, he even bought the TCA PNW t-shirt.



Robin Dodson
 Top contributor · 4 days ago ·



Robin Dodson attended the Great British Train Show in Brampton, Ontario as a seller. Robin says the first day was good, the second much lower attendance.

ah, the old country!
 a charming scene one can stroll into,
 as seen at the Great British Train Show.

EVENTS:

May 22-24, burnaby BC
NMRA MODELLERS' MEET (not a train sale)
 Info: nmra.org

May 26, st. thomas ontario
ST. THOMAS MODEL TRAIN SHOW & SALE
 Elgin County Railway Museum
 Info: ecrm.ca

June 15-16, montreal (dorval)
THE MONTREAL MODEL TRAIN EXPOSITION
 Info: montrealmodeltrainexposition.com

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WAITING FOR THOSE LAYOUT PIX:

SHOW AND TELL US.

KIT BASH TO SHOW? STORY TO TELL?



James Cook details an Atlas Signal Tower:

1. painting, weathering and railing details enhance the out-of-box product. →
2. (below) interior switch array painted up, chimney brickwork aged. (vs. as comes)

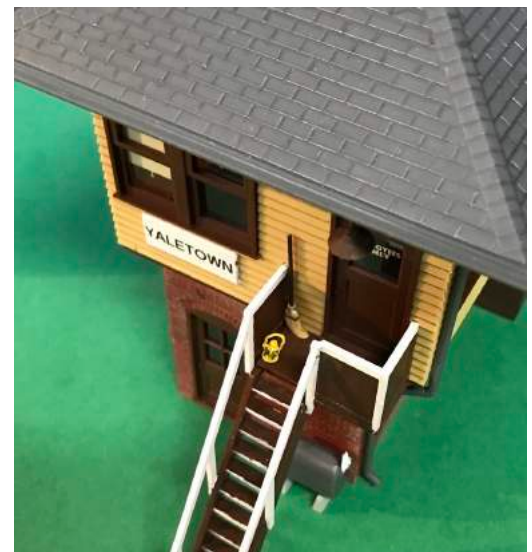


3. chimney mortar in place.

4. flat roof painted to simulate a tar roof. →

5. the tank under the stairs was painted, and a tap and gauge added.

6. renamed 'Yaletown'.



7. broom and lantern ready at the door.



Kyle Miller (and friends) checked out VIA Rail's 'The Canadian' last weekend at their Tourism Challenge Open House. Stainless Budd equipment from the 1950's still going strong.

above: inside and outside the domed observation car.

below: kitchen and dining spick and span.

bottom: full dome car up and down.





And not your average old coach seating!

shown:
Yoho Park observation dome car;
Louise dining car;
Skyline Dome car 8512;
deluxe Economy Coach 8102



Mike Munk tested out his construction toy finds after the meeting.



a short-haul mogul concoction



Don McKay reposted this great image of a PGE gas motorcar seen in North Vancouver in 1923. Not the McKeen car. Not the later Budd car.



built by Hall-Scott Motor Company of San Fran.
original post by David Muma



Vintage railwaystations, Round houses, Locomotives, coaches, cabooses of Canada

Elcamino Pasztor · 16 hours ago · 🌐

<https://www.realtor.ca/.../101-strawberry-avenue...>

train station for sale! →
you can be the happy owner of
acres of farmland and
a nifty train station
with huge attached train layout room.
perfect for clubs.
location: Manyberries, AB
[~85 km south of Medicine Hat]



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A Sorry Kit-bash Story (as found)
so you have this old Hafner CP coach
but you don't have any freight cars
but you do have tin snips...



Leaving Calgary — great overcast photo on 'Fans of the CPKC Empress 2816' [posted by Julie Hutchinson]



And in Bensenville, IL, Standard Gauger supreme Dave Corbett gets a personal tour from the engineer. photo Leon Sweet



Those were the days!
thanks Leon Sweet for the advert.



And just in time to commemorate the Empress's journey, a boxcar from RMT available through hobby stores