

COOTTS ISLAND NEWS

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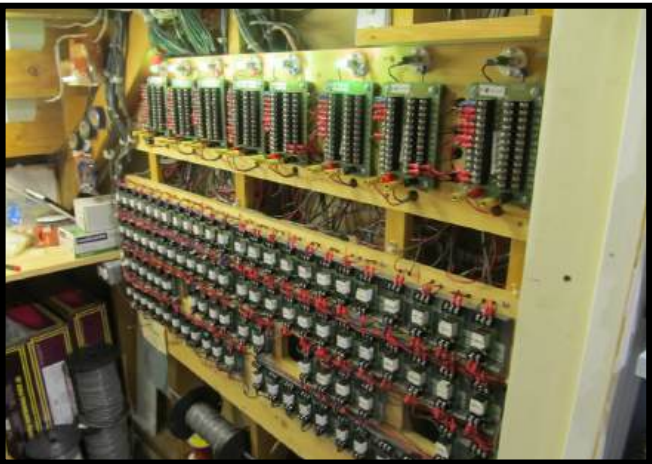
One of the important aspects of this publication is highlighting new members to the Island CTTA and introducing a new member to the Island members of COOTTS. We are lucky to have a new face attending the last Cootts Meet and also the May meeting of the CTTA in Burnaby. Stewart Vinnels has been building his Toronto, Buffalo and Hamilton layout for a number of years and I hope the pictures do justice to the remarkable aspects of his layout. It's a floor to ceiling setup with five levels. Plexiglas, ready rod, are some of the building materials in use as well as conventional wood construction.

Gargraves track and Ross Custom switches are in use and Powered by MTH rolling stock and train control system.

Back in Febuary, Russ E. and myself had a visit and tour of Stewart's T.B. and H. Railroad.
Here are a few pictures



Stew giving Russ the latest building details, believe me there is lots to see on this project. Currently the track laying is complete.



Stewart has put many hours into creating a lot of railroad in a small area. The wiring is really extensive and would test my memory for sure. The use of plexiglass has kept an airy feel to the room. He's capturing the 1950's early dieselization period, with "GP-9 and GP-20's look. Most of his rolling stock is MTH and engine units are custom painted by an expert. The picture to the left shows the TB&H livery which was around till the early 1970's.

COOTTS, APRIL 21/24:

We had a better attendance in our April Cootts Meet. There was some active buying and selling and a good feeling about the gathering. Jim S. did a great job with the auction. Brian Driscoll provided three locomotives at various stages of repair. Randy bought the best of the three. Russ came away with the other two.



We also had two door prize winners. Barry Parrington from Hornby Island and Glen Gray from Gabriola Island. It was sure great to see these guys make time and effort to come !!!!



You have all seen this guy at Train Shows and many Cootts gatherings. It's hard for me to pass up the opportunity to say what a great contributor to our hobby Brian is. When I look back on our 14-15 years of Cootts Meets and if Brian is there, then there is a greater chance of a really good meet. He missed this last meet but still provided us with the locomotives mentioned on page 3. Those items made for a most interesting auction. When Robin Dodson created COOTTS, Brian Driscoll and Larry Dinsdale were most supportive.



VICTORIA CTTA MEMBERS SUMMER LUNCH JULY 23/24: Ten of us met at our home for a pizza lunch. Romeo's made the delivery on time and we had four variety's to choose from. We finished the meal with watermelon and ice cream bars. Garden gauge trains were running during the event and there was a little buying and selling taking place .

Members present;

Russ E., Jim R., Dick B., Ken S., Gary W., Ken B., Stewart V., Ken L., Andre A., and one, guest Ian.

Some members were holidaying and also some were working.

Nine of us for the mid week function.



SEPTEMBER 15, 2024	2024 VICTORIA TRAIN SHOW, MARY WINSPEAR CENTER SIDNEY BC. 10 am-4pm.
OCTOBER 19-20, 2024	CHILLIWACK TRAIN AND HOBBY SHOW
NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2024	VANCOUVER TRAIN EXPO. AT PNE GROUNDS
NOVEMBER 3/24	COOTTS MEET 1-4 PM OLIVER WOODS RECENTER NANAIMO BC.
JANUARY 18-19, 2025	GREAT AMERICAN TRAIN SHOW PUYALIP WA. FAIR GROUNDS

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