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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Autumn rain finally caught up with us but that didn't dampen our enthusiasm or appetites for our final BBQ lunch of the season at our October meet! We enjoyed another packed meet with over 60 members in attendance. It was great to see members from Vancouver Island and Washington State join us for another great day of buying, selling and talking trains!

We welcomed 3 new members at the meet and 1 at Vancouver Train Expo.

Welcome **Dan Bailey** of Anacortes, WA, and new BC members **Rick Stobbart** of Maple Ridge, **Allan Taylor** of Westbank and **Bob Elliott** from Lake Cowichan.

We enjoyed a great weekend with our layout in Lyden in October and Mark and the CTTA crew came home from the TCA York, PA meet with more suitcases full of treasures.

CTTA was proud to be a feature exhibitor with our large modular layout at the annual Vancouver Train Expo this past weekend. This is one of the biggest shows in Canada and we ran Thomas and members trains non-stop for 2 days. We had several folks drop by with old Lionel trains for us to check out or questions to be answered. Thanks to our operating crews who filled the tracks with Pre-war, Postwar and modern MTH & Lionel!

Gordon Hall also set up his large kid-centric multi-loop layout to the delight of hundreds of Children who eagerly controlled dozens of trains and accessories.

Mark Horne was finally able to share the 'Big News' for the Club Car program. Our long awaited PGE Crane Tender is now available to order from MTH! This car goes with our PGE Crane issued in 2018. Don't miss out!

Kyle

## 2024-25 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUNDAY NOV 24

SUNDAY DEC 15

SUNDAY JAN 26, 2025





Door Prize  
Winners  
at  
CTTA's  
October  
Meeting -  
and plenty  
of trains  
and BBQ





## YORK 2024

below: Jim Barrett shows off his York finds at the October CTTA Meeting. He's even gone British!



below:  
more finds  
amongst the  
York group:

from diecast to  
British and  
European trains,  
and some super  
finds in boxed AF  
S gauge and  
Kusan O gauge  
postwar F units  
and more.



Thanks to  
Phil and Ralph  
for  
the photos



## EVENTS:

Vancouver Train Expo is past: see photos in this issue.

Jan 18-19, Puyallup WA

Great American Train Show

Jan 18, CTTA BUS TRIP to Puyallup,

Burien and Kirkland.

see notice page 6.

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WAITING FOR THOSE LAYOUT PIX:

STILL WAITING...

DOESN'T ANYONE DO LAYOUTS?

KIT BASH TO SHOW? STORY TO TELL?  
SEND PHOTOS.

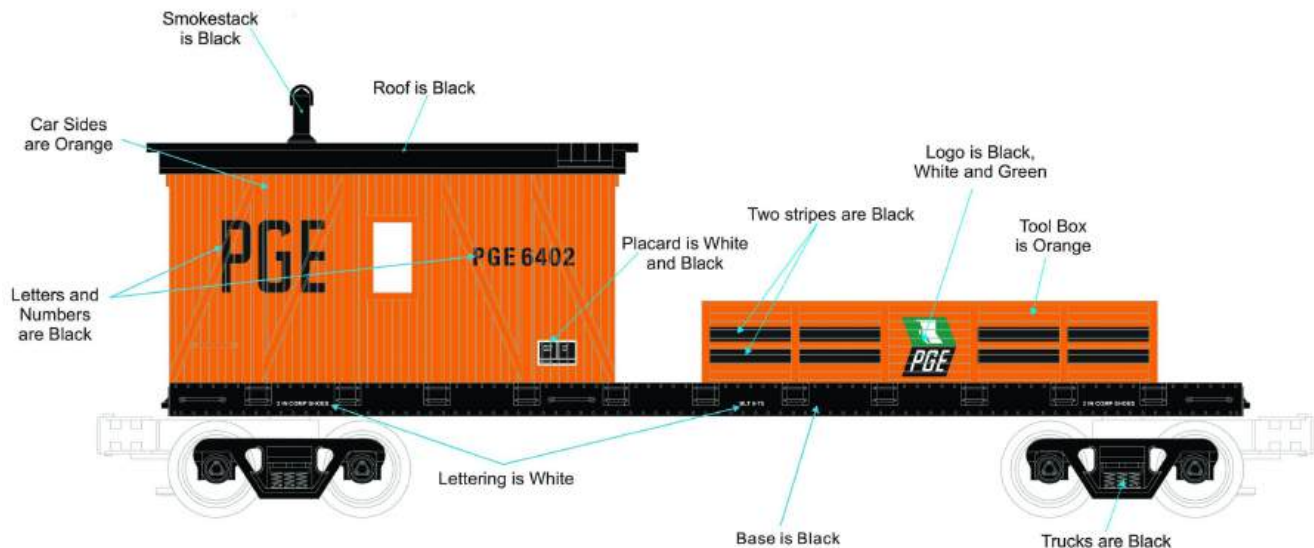
**The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that MTH is manufacturing a Pacific Great Eastern crane tender in their Railking line.**

The Pacific Great Eastern crane tender will go along with our previously produced PGE crane.

This very limited production "O" gauge car comes in two road numbers in 3 rail.

Delivery is expected in 2025.

The Canadian Toy Train Association member cost is \$ 85.00 CDN per car including shipping within the lower mainland and Vancouver Island. With the drop in the Canadian dollar this is a real deal for our members.



If you wish to order please etransfer to [MLHORNE@SHAW.CA](mailto:MLHORNE@SHAW.CA) or mail your payment (payable to "Mark Horne") to:

Canadian Toy Train Association  
c/o Mark Horne  
16266 – 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Surrey, BC  
Canada V3Z 6Z3



### In Memorium - Fred Webb

The Executive are sad to report the passing of Fred Webb in Victoria. He will be remembered for his smile and sense of humour, with always a story or two to tell.

Former sailor and retired jetties supervisor at CFB Esquimalt.



Ralph Spielman sent in these photos of NJ Transit's locomotive painted to promote Black Heritage in New Jersey.

Also shown is a version done up for Atlas Trains.

Part of NJ Transit Heritage Festival in Hoboken

Thanks Ralph





## Your bus awaits

Gil says 'yes' to driving once more.  
Do you say 'yes'?

Its a great trip and a great deal!  
Your club subsidizes as a member  
benefit, so why not benefit!

Join in and tell your friends,  
we need 35 - 40 riders  
to keep the bus trip going in future.

### **Bus Trip 2025**

Come join us for a great day of trains and comradery

**January 18, 2025**

\$90.00 all inclusive

Departs: Campbell River Store – 6:30am

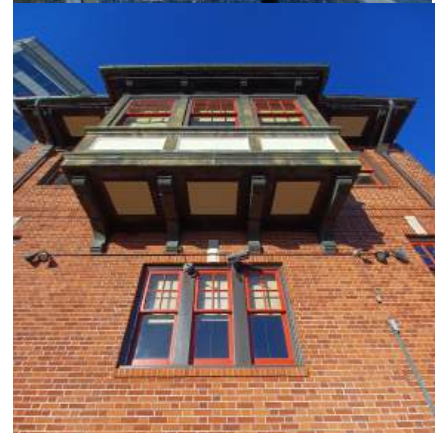
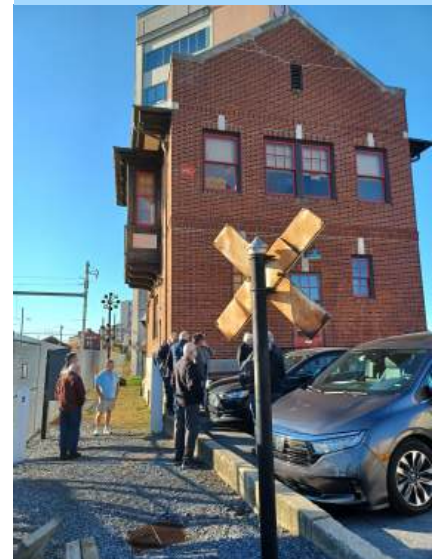
Returns: Campbell River Store – 8:30pm

*Campbell River Store: 790 176 St, Surrey BC V3Z 9S6. Open 24/7*

*Parking available, \$10.00 for the day. Park around back on the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue side*

- Bus
- Tim's on board for breakfast
- Great American Train Show at Washington State Fairgrounds, Puyallup (entry paid)
- Electric Train Shop, Burien WA.
- Eastside Trains, Kirkland WA.
- Dinner: Brooklyn Brothers Pizza, Everett WA.
  - All you can consume Pizza and Beer between 5:00pm and 6:30pm
- Call James for any questions or booking a ride:
  - 778-554-1110
  - jdcookaq@outlook.com

The York group visiting the ex-PRR interlocking tower in Harrisburg, PA  
Thanks to Harrisburg Chapter NRHS (National Railway Historical Society)





# CTTA at Vancouver Train Expo





## More Train Expo

