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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's December and time to get started with the decorations, Christmas is only weeks away! I know I'm looking forward to some Holiday time running trains, I hope you are too. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Holiday Season, and a personal thanks for being part of the CTTA.

Thanks to those of you from across Canada and the US who were able to gather with me for another online Zoom meeting! Our November in-person meet was busy and well attended, at the tables, auction, and the lunch table. Great to see so many members coming out! Our 'bonus' December meet is Sunday the 15th and there are lots of prizes to be won, wherever you are, as long as you have a ticket!

The new MTH Stock Cars for PGE and NAR are on the way. For those who ordered these CTTA Club Cars, Mark Horne promises a Happy New Year!

In Squamish, at the Railway Museum of BC right now, we are running the North Pole Express Christmas train with vintage 50's equipment, CN FP9A #6520 at the front with CP FP7A #4069 behind. Gordon Hall has a huge O Gauge display going with our CTTA banner, and I'm hosting rides on our RMBC private CP Business Car 'Alberta'.

Here's to a great 2025! Our New Year starts with our annual Bus Trip to Puyallup, Burien and Kirkland, WA. Hope to see you there.

Kyle

2024-25 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUNDAY DEC 15

SUNDAY JAN 26, 2025

SUNDAY FEB 23, 2025





Continuing to sell the Neil Whitehead estate.



November Door Prize Winners



Another meeting with great attendance and plenty of train action.





Door Prizes, Auction Surprises, and a couple of show 'n tell's



After visiting the ex-PRR interlocking switch tower (left), the York group also toured the Harrisburg Power Director's Office, where power distribution was managed on the whole electrified main line from Philadelphia to Harrisburg. Again thanks to Harrisburg Chapter NRHS for the tour.



EVENTS:

Jan 18-19, Puyallup WA

Great American Train Show

Jan 18, CTTA BUS TRIP to Puyallup,
Burien and Kirkland.

see notice pages 5!

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WAITING FOR THOSE LAYOUT PIX:

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

Halloween at ExpoRail Canada's National Railway Museum



Delson, Quebec
hosts
Canada's
National Railway
Museum
with
a host of
beautifully restored
equipment indoors,
and many
candidates for
restoration
on the grounds.



As Halloween was
nigh, a ghostly
time to visit.

One hopes our friend
below was not
planning to take
VIA Rail, as
your editor was
about to do.





Martin Howbold wants YOU
for CTTA bus trip Jan 18 2025

This is a great bus trip of trains,
comradery and fun so please join us!

Please contact our trip coordinator
James Cook at 778-554-1110 or
jdcookag@outlook.com to sign up.

See you on the bus, Martin Howbold

Get on Board to the Puyallup Train Show Incentive Draw

Fellow members who are trying to make up their mind on going to the Puyallup Train Show, either no longer and get on board our "Party Bus" chauffeured by our own Gill Gillespie. As in the past, this trip is a great opportunity to see all sorts of model trains in all scales. There are many vendors and parts dealers for those needing a special part, tool or rolling stock. Remember that your trip ticket includes the show entry fee.

To top that off we will go to The Electric Train Shop and Eastside Trains both shops having new and 'pre-enjoyed' trains and there are bargains to be found. To finish that off, dinner of all the pizza and beer you can consume.

To encourage people to get on board, I am offering three door prizes of \$10, \$15 and \$25 which will help reduce the \$90 Cdn. cost (which is a bargain price) of the bus trip. Myself and the club executive are not eligible for the prize draw, so this greatly increases your chance of winning. Prizes will be drawn on the bus on the way south after the complimentary coffee and goodies have been provided.

BUS TRIP January 18, 2025

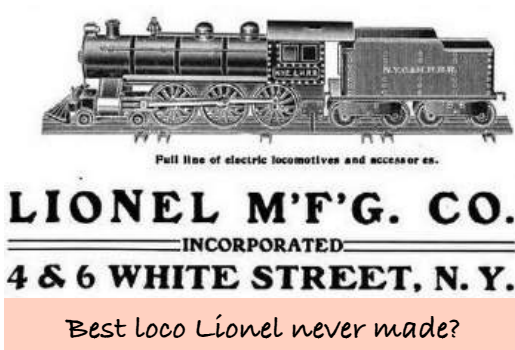
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Parking available, \$10.00 for the day. Park around back on the 8th Avenue side.



CTTA
ZOOM meeting
Sunday Nov 17
2024

videos & reports
by Kyle and Mark,
with
member updates



Kyle reported on the club's summer activities, on the Sept AGM, on membership and financials, and on the recent Lynden WA and Vancouver TrainExpo shows attended by CTTA's modular layout group. Mark reported on the status of current and pending club cars.

Member Updates:

1. Gary & Katelon Zabenskie: waiting for snow in Lethbridge, putting up the Christmas Layout next week.
— promised to send pictures —
2. Gilles Beaudoin: doing Christmas at the Museum (ExpoRail) takes up train time these days. Was happy to meet visitors Kyle in June, and Charles in October.
3. Carl Chancey: asked if anyone has the new Lionel Base III (looks like the Hell's Gate Bridge); costs US\$500.
—will be going to Springfield Jan 25-26, 100's of vendors including the manufacturers.
—locally in Boston area, the South Rail project is at the testing stage, will bring commuter trains from Boston to New Bedford, with economic development.
—further afield, the Brightline project will run a 248 mile high speed train from LA to Las Vegas down the middle of an existing highway in 2 hours and 10 minutes.
4. Gordon Hall: busy setting up the 16'x32' Christmas layout at RMBC Squamish and has wired up and painted up a model of the CP Holiday Train (+ see photos pg 7).

Gordon talks to teens, invites them in to learn how to set up and run trains, some kids are into 3D printing and are making parts, they get engaged. They are now able to run the layouts at Burnaby Central and RMBC when Gordon is away.



5. Dan Gory: the GMD1 project has used up a lot of materials, required a new 3D printer* and a lot of software to learn. *Gone to filament type because its more robust than the resin type. Coming along, slowly.



6. Donald Hedervare: In Minnesota, doing repairs on 50 year old trains.
7. Billy Brooks: In Oregon, just absorbing the good ideas.
8. Ralph Spielmann: calling in from the SF airport waiting for a plane.
9. Mark Horne: York trip this year was good, 12-14 folks, same amount of sellers, fewer buyers.
10. Tom Modica: visited Jersey Highrailers; they are losing their lease! huge job to relocate.
11. Pip Spall: Huntsville ONT, rode the Agawa Canyon in August, toured the locks at Sault St. Marie.
12. Terry Berg: almost done the basement reno, then can start the layout.
13. Allen Taylor: in Westbank, runs lionel and also garden railway (member of the vancouver club).
14. Doug & Pauline Smith: in Vernon, snow last night, so won't be down to CTTA meets till spring.
15. Doug MacLoud: celebrated his 81st birthday Nov. 5 (Happy Birthday Doug)
16. Gord Barrett: went down to the Boeing show in Seattle, getting into Hornby trains.



Didn't get one of the PGE steam loco's to go with the upcoming PGE passenger cars? Never fear, old 562 seen here pulling the train off the wharf at Squamish circa 1955.



This year's Christmas layout set up by **Gordon Hall** at the Railway Museum of British Columbia. Part of the festivities with the full size North Pole Express.



Union Pacific Railroad (UP) · [Join](#)

Warren Johnson · 1d ·

Maintenance of Way Wednesday. UP 903037 and tender 902207 is a steam derrick. They are preserved at the Eccles Rail Museum in Ogden, Utah. November, 1986.



If the PGE crane tender is not enough, do you have a spare vanderbilt tender lying around?



Gordon Hall's fabulous Christmas Train CP loco and bandstand car all lit up at RMBC Squamish. (discussed on pg 6)



A late October journey on The Canadian



Toronto to Georgian Bay, up past Sudbury with a snowy stop in Capreol on day one.



Day two: Joys of the observation car in the north woods, a cool sunset and late into Winnipeg.



Day three: sunrise and sunset from the glorious dome car, with scenic stops waiting for freight trains.



Day four: sunrise in north Alberta and the first sight of mountains...

on The Canadian (continued)



Into Jasper, where the station and park headquarters survived the fire. saw whole blocks reduced to rubble.



Through Yellowhead Pass, past Mt. Robson in the distance, and down to the Fraser at Valemount.

In 1967, when I took the CN supercontinental on this same run, they stopped the train at a viewpoint so we could all get out and take pictures of the Monarch of the Rockies. Now VIA Rail is a tenant, and CN would never sanction a stop unless it was to let their freight trains pass.



pitch black
from before
Kamloops
until early
morning at
Pacific Station

a long run down the North Thompson river as dusk gathered.



all the way
in cabin D
car 15,
—>
a
memorable
address.



The End
of a great journey