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Hello everyone,

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A little bit of rain couldn't dampen our spirits for the first Spring BBQ of the season! Our CTTA food service was top notch this day. We had a new coffee pot for brewing Mark's Master Blend, and new grills for our BBQ. This was perfect for the special guest appearance of Grillmaster and CTTA VP Gary Zabenskie, who returned to the Grill for the first time in a few years to serve up delicious Costco Sirloin Burgers and Italian Smokies. It was great to have Gary & Katelon visit us from Alberta before departing on their cruise. Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy a day of trains and camaraderie.

We welcomed NEW member **Stew Vinnels** from Victoria, who pushed our active membership list up to **200 members** across North America (and 1 in Croatia) - wow!

Welcome also new Members **Ian Lyn** from Vancouver & **James Hummerston** from Surrey!

It's great to see so many members coming over regularly from Vancouver Island, and more guests travelling up from Washington State to join our meets!

As I write this, your President and member Gordon Hall have been busy at the Railway Museum of BC in Squamish running two weekends of Day out with Thomas! It's great fun and takes lots of Volunteer power to make it happen.

We are now accepting orders for new 'Built to Order' CTTA 50th Anniversary logo wear merchandise! Look for a separate email from me with the offerings available at great prices. This is a great opportunity to support your Club with some top notch attractive apparel.

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## 2023-24 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUNDAY JUNE 30, 2024

SUNDAY SEPT 29 (AGM)

SUNDAY OCT 27



May Door Prize Winners



First BBQ of the season tucked away from the rain. yeah Gary & Mike!

(didn't use the hot sauce from this tank car set)





From the sublime to ....  
 another sublime:  
 Beautiful MTH german mafei pacific  
 and 80 foot coach set ...  
 vs. M & M flying saucer Party Bus.  
 ...and then there was hot sauce!



## EVENTS:

June 15-16, Montreal (dorval)  
**THE MONTREAL MODEL TRAIN EXPOSITION**  
 Info: [montrealmodeltrainexposition.com](http://montrealmodeltrainexposition.com)

July 13-14\*, Burnaby BC \*+July 20-21, 27-28  
**BURNABY CENTRAL RR (BCSME)**  
 featuring **CTTA MODULAR LAYOUT** and much more.  
 Info: <http://bcsme.org>

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WAITING FOR THOSE LAYOUT PIX:  
 SHOW AND TELL US.

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



thanks **Mark Horne**  
 posting footage of 2816 crossing into  
 Mexico on May 30.  
 First steam engine to run in all 3  
 countries of North America.

At first I thought I was looking at a  
 model... model this!



an exceptional photograph.  
 I wouldn't want to walk  
 across that, let alone  
 ride a clanking train.  
 ...simply precarious mainline!



David Bonner visited the Illinois Railroad Museum outside Chicago.  
Thanks for the great photographs.  
(more pictures on CTTA Facebook page)



Thanks to **Ralph Spielman** who noted in March the 65th anniversary of this **Upper Canada Railway Society** excursion on the **Niagara, St. Catherines & Toronto Railway** on March 29, 1959, Easter, and the day before retirement of cars 623 and 83 of this historic interurban railway.



UPPER CANADA RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

Proposed itinerary for NS&T electric car excursion, Sun. 29 Mar/59  
All times shown EST

Lv. St. Catharines shops	10:10 am
Ar. C.N.R. Merrittion Station, meet CN #102 from Toronto	10:25
Lv. " "	10:40
Ar. Thorold station	10:55
Lv. " "	11:00
Ar. Welland station (stops at DeWitt Dam & Posthill)	11:00
Lv. " "	11:05
Ar. Welland station (Electric, 1 mile south of station)	11:45
Lv. " "	12:10 pm
Ar. Pt. Colborne station (side trip up spur to Cosmomeath)	12:30
Lv. " "	12:40
Ar. Humberstone (side trip up CNR interchange track)	1:00
Lv. " "	1:15
Ar. Thorold station	1:50
Lv. " "	2:10
Ar. St. Catharines, corner of St. Paul & Geneva	
... LUNCH	
Lv. St. Catharines	3:10
Ar. Lakeshore Road, Pt. Dalhousie (west)	3:30
Lv. " "	3:35
Ar. Junction with Pt. Weller line (stop at Martindale pond trestle)	3:55
Lv. " "	4:00
Ar. Pt. Weller	4:15
Lv. " "	4:20
...side trip down industrial spur to north side of Q.E. Highway	
Ar. Junction with Oranthen Sub.	4:45
Lv. " "	4:50
Ar. Pt. Dalhousie (east)	5:00
Lv. " "	5:05
Ar. CNR Merrittion station	5:35
Lv. " "	5:40
Ar. St. Catharines	5:55

Total time elapsed 7 hr. 45 min.

**Al Kielek** modified this Lionel Grain Elevator kit to represent the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. Nicely done.



**Don McKay** spotted this crane on the Crane AZ site: 'super crane for a layout?' A monster! on rubber tires.



WHERE LIONEL BEGAN:  
2 7/8" gauge  
VERY RARE of course.



sold in April for \$10,000.

photo and information courtesy of Stout Auctions.

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In July we'll be bringing our Modular Layout for a 3 weekend stint at the Burnaby Central Railway. I'll be looking for operators to help out running trains - and Thomas - for our engagement. This is one of the best opportunities we have to expose our Club to thousands of train lovers and recruit new members.

I hope to see you there, and at the June meet for our Summer Kick-off BBQ!

Kyle

## ***Pacific Great Eastern Railway Atlas 60' Baggage / Observation Cars***

The Canadian Toy Train Association is pleased to announce that Atlas has agreed to manufacture a baggage and an observation car in the Pacific Great Eastern Railway 60' paint scheme to match our PGE coaches. Only 50 of each car will be made. These very limited production "O" baggage / observation cars will be sold as a pair. Delivery is expected in late 2024. Artwork shortly.

The cost for the two cars is \$190 CDN (2 x \$ 85.00 + \$10.00 shipping = \$ 95.00)

Questions: email or telephone 604-761-1500



If you wish to order please complete the following order form and mail your payment (payable to "Mark Horne") to:

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

Name				
Address				
City		State		ZIP
Quantity	_____ Pairs			