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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, September 29, 2024

All members are hereby notified, in accordance with the bylaws, that the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Toy Train Association will be held on

Sunday, September 29 at 12:30pm

Charles Rummel Community Centre, 3630 Lozells Avenue, Burnaby.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

Here we are as Summer is winding down, Fall is looming and that means it's time to regroup again for our Annual General Meeting! Our June meet packed and we ate every scrap of food available. I am delighted to announce that the entire executive has agreed to stand for another term, and I am excited to serve as your President for my 4th year.

We kick off another season of operating and collecting toy trains and celebrate 50 years as an organization. I was very proud to deliver our very special, limited edition CTTA 50th Anniversary logo-wear merchandise, and present the first specially embroidered golf/polo shirt to Vancouver member Clark Gray, who's been with us for all 50 years! Thanks to everyone who supported this special project by buying this top quality CTTA clothing. You all look fantastic!

CTTA had a busy Summer filled with trains, starting with our 3 weekend run of our Modular Layout at Burnaby Central Railway with the BC Society of Model Engineers. This is a highlight of our operating season, with many members taking full advantage of the opportunity to run pre-war, postwar and modern trains with TMCC and DCS. Thanks to the Members who came out to runs trains on the layout for the first time! Our remote-controlled Thomas train ran non-stop the entire time to the delight of several thousand visitors and children.

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2024-25 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUNDAY SEPT 29 (AGM)

SUNDAY OCT 27

SUNDAY NOV 24

50 Years
**CANADIAN
TOY TRAIN**
ASSOCIATION
1974-2024

50th Anniversary Year ~ 1974-2024



incentive draw winners at the June meeting – you had to be there!




a row of incentive prizes.

BBQ master starting up.



50th Anniversary Year ~ 1974-2024


 P.3. **ATTENTION:**
 THE BEGINNING
 All **TOY TRAIN BUFFS!**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO ATTEND THE FIRST MEETING
 of a most interesting and worthwhile Club dedicated to
TOY TRAIN COLLECTORS & OPERATORS.

The FIRST Canadian Division of the
TOY TRAIN OPERATING SOCIETY
 (T. T. O. S.)

has just been sanctioned by the National Board of Directors
 in Pasadena, Calif. This Division will include both
 B. C. and Alberta for now, but will eventually be extended
 to include all of Canada! Our headquarters will be here
 in the Greater VANCOUVER area. I know that this will be
 good news for all of us, so please tell all your Collector-
 Operator friends to attend this very important formative
 meeting so that we can have a highly successful association!

PLEASE MAKE IT A DATE TO ATTEND THIS
 MEETING, TO BE HELD AT THE HOME OF
ALAN CRUICKSHANK
 107 EAST 8th AVE, NEW WESTMINSTER,
 or **SUNDAY, MARCH 31st '74**

TIME: 1:00 pm (until about 4:30 or so)

This is a FUN CLUB encompassing all phases of TOY TRAIN Collecting
 and Operating, and is essentially an "O" gauge organization but
 also including Standard ga., "S" ga., #1 ga., etc. (Lionel, Marx,
 American Flyer, Hornby, Ives, Marklin, Bing, Hafner, etc.)

* **BRING ALONG ALL YOUR EXTRA ITEMS, DUPLICATES, UN-
 WANTED "JUNK", NOVELTIES, ASSORTED RAILRODIANA, etc.
 FOR THE BIG TRAIN AUCTION!**

INFO PHONE 526-8165

The Original Organizing Notice for the Canadian Division (now CTTA)
 thanks **Martin Howbold**

EVENTS:

Oct 5&6, Lynden WA Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4
 Lynden Lions Model Train & Toy Show
 Info: www.lyndentrainshow.com

Nov 2&3, Vancouver BC Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
 Vancouver Train Expo
 Info: www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca

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WAITING FOR THOSE LAYOUT PIX:
 [YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE]

SHOW AND TELL US.

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



President Kyle Miller presents a 50th Anniversary golf shirt to founding member Clark Gray on behalf of the club.



Now Being Delivered!

Sold Out CTTA PGE steel reefer

stay tuned for other projects.



50th Anniversary Merchandise

very limited quantities still available. If you missed out, you might still have a chance to get some beautiful CTTA logo wear.

We have 5 Golf shirts and coloured T-shirts in a variety of sizes still available:

Golf \$45: 1L , 3 XL, 1XXL; 1XL with regular (non anniversary) logo

T-shirts \$20 - \$25: 6 Green (1 M, 2 L, 2 XL, 1 XXL), 5 Black (2 L, 2 XL, 1 XXL), 3 Yellow (2 XL, 1 XXL)

Caps \$20: 7

Send your enquiry to canadiantoytrains@gmail.com

First come, first served!

LYNDEN LIONS CLUB MODEL TRAIN & TOY SHOW

October 5 & 6, 2024

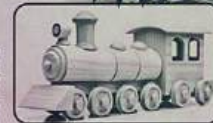
NORTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS

The Henry Jansen AG Building
 Lynden, Washington

Huge variety of model train & toy layouts, exhibits, and vendors.

ADMISSION

Adults.....	\$8.00 US
Seniors.....	\$6.00 US
Children (6-12)...	\$5.00 US
Under 6.....	FREE
Families.....	\$22.00 US
(up to six people)	



For more information visit our website at:

WWW.LYNDENTRAINSHOW.COM



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Lots to See!

Fun for all ages!



CTTA ran trains on the modular layout for 3 weekends in July at BCSME's Burnaby Central Railway in North Burnaby.



Trains indoors and out
and lots of Thomas action on the CTTA modular layout



CTTA at BCSME ...cont'd



and more
action from
our 3
weekends'



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CTTA also participated with the Greater Vancouver Garden Railway Club to take a 3-hour ride heading east on VIA Rail Train #2, The Canadian. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Our group of 50 had our own coach and Skyline dome! We got off in Agassiz and took a deluxe motor coach back to Vancouver. I think another tradition has been started!

At the September AGM, it will be time to renew your membership. This year's dues will be up by \$5, to \$25 annually - our first increase in many years. This is finally necessary to cover increased costs for everything from food, to rent and insurance.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM and again during the 2024-2025 season - sporting your new CTTA 50th Anniversary logo-wear!

Kyle

Re: Sold Out CTTA Stock Cars:



"Mark will be collecting payment of the PGE and NAR stock cars starting in September."



Rarely seen Harbourside view of the 2nd Vancouver CPR station; built 1898, replaced 1916.



Kyle Miller is at Train Mountain in Southern Oregon.



Carl Chancey shared the striking paint on this Mass Coastal Railroad caboose.



tell us more!
www.trainmtn.org

Flashback to 1954 with Gilbert American Flyer trains thanks *Martin Howbold*

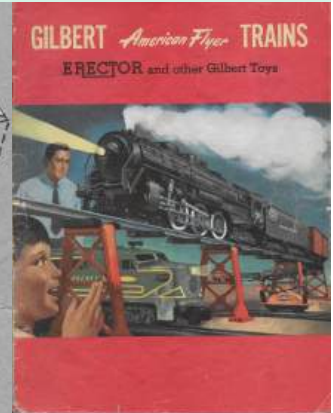
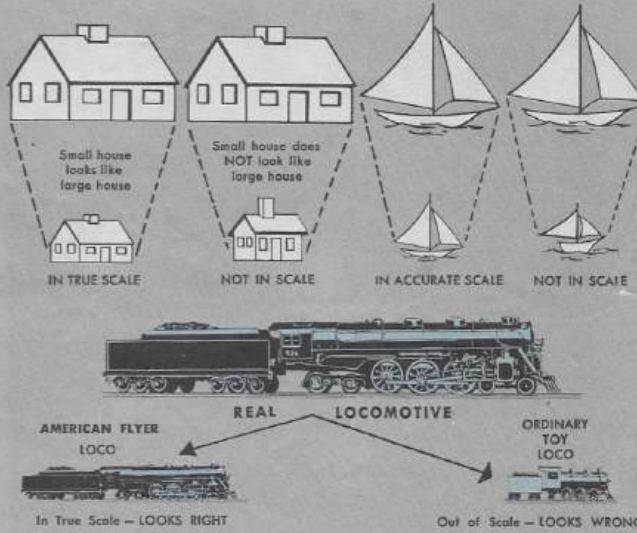
What Does SCALE MODEL Mean?

When you're buying electric trains ACCURATE SCALE is one of the most important things you should look for. It means, in a word, *realism*. The locomotive and each car should look like a perfect miniature of an actual train. They should not be too short or too high or too wide. They should be *just right*—and that means they must be SCALE MODELS.

Of all the electric trains manufactured in America today (with the exception of costly hobby equipment) only American Flyer trains are authentic scale models. Each 3/16-of-an-inch in an American Flyer is equal to one foot in a real train. They LOOK right and ARE right—not stubby and sawed-off in appearance, like ordinary "toy" trains.

The illustrations on the right show how various models in true scale compare with the same objects out-of-scale. The "wrong scale" objects look peculiar when compared with the "in-scale" miniature. Let this be a tip in your train buying: COMPARE American Flyer trains with ordinary makes and notice how overwhelmingly better they look because they are authentic scale models of America's real trains.

And remember: you can't buy a SCALE MODEL electric train unless you buy American Flyer!



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Complete with a Canadian Price List for 1954 (see pg 9)
and a lecture by A.C. Gilbert about scale trains...
(vs those nasty not-to-scale Lionel Trains?....)

STEAM or DIESEL—

No. K5357W

No. K5358W

PULL-MOR

No. K5363W

No. K5364W

NOTE: Locomotives shown on this page can be purchased separately, if desired. No. 558 "Chieftain" loco and tender measures 2 1/2" x 1 1/2". No. 4742 "Silver Rocket" Diesel loco measures 3 1/2".

These American Flyer Diesels have EVERYTHING!

No. K5408WT

No. K5469WT

No. K5374W

No. K5375W

NOTE: LOCOMOTIVES CAN BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY

Both the No. 4713 Diesel "The Chief" (3 1/2" long) and the No. 4778 "Silver Flash" (2 1/2" long) can be bought separately, if desired.

THE A. C. GILBERT COMPANY
New Haven, Conn. U.S.A.

CANADIAN RETAIL PRICES
on
GILBERT AMERICAN FLYER TRAINS

March 15, 1954

No.	Action	No. Ass. To Car. For. Wgt.	Standard Retail Price	No.	Action	No. Ass. To Car. For. Wgt.	Standard Retail Price
K5401T	Crescent Atl. Exp. Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 8	\$ 25.95	K5401WT	Silver Hawk Diesel A & B Exp. White Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 75	\$6.25
5006T	Silver Bullet Pull. CCOS w/ Trains	1 20	\$2.50	K5402WT	Silver Hawk Diesel A & B Exp. White Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 10	\$6.25
K5402T	Silver Bullet Pull. CCOS w/ Trains	1 9	\$2.95	K5414W	Chief Diesel Exp. A & B White Pull. Mot.	1 18	\$17.00
5111T	Black Diamond Atl. Exp. CCOS w/ Trains	2 31	\$5.95	K5415W	Chief Diesel Exp. A & B White Pull. Mot.	1 18	\$17.00
K5411T	Arrow Exp. Pull. Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 10	\$9.95	LOCOMOTIVES AND TENDERS			
K5412T	Arrow Exp. Pull. Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 10	\$9.95	293	Exp. Arrow Pull. CCOS E.C. Pull. Mot.	1 4	\$7.15
K5417T	H.M. Diesel Switcher Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 9	\$2.75	316	Exp. K.C. Pull. Mot.	1 4	\$1.50
K5418T	Black Diamond Atl. Exp. CCOS Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 12	\$9.95	328	Exp. K.C. Pull. Mot.	1 4	\$1.50
K5419T	Black Diamond Atl. Exp. CCOS Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 14	\$9.95	330	Exp. K.C. Pull. Mot.	1 5	\$1.25
5322T	Mountain Exp. Pull. CCOS w/ Trains	3 42	\$9.95	389	Exp. K.C. Pull. Mot.	1 5	\$1.25
K5422T	Mountain Exp. Pull. CCOS Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 13	\$3.00	395	Exp. K.C. Pull. Mot.	1 5	\$1.25
K5423T	Mountain Exp. Pull. CCOS Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 13	\$3.00	406	Exp. K.C. Pull. Mot.	1 5	\$1.25
K5424T	Silver Comet "A" Diesel Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 13	\$7.00	4013	Exp. K.C. Pull. Mot.	1 6	\$2.00
K5425T	Silver Comet "A" Diesel Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 13	\$7.00	4016	Exp. K.C. Pull. Mot.	1 5	\$1.75
K5426T	Mountain Exp. Pull. CCOS Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 15	\$4.25	4778	Exp. K.C. Pull. Mot.	1 5	\$4.25
K5427T	Mountain Exp. Pull. CCOS Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 15	\$4.25	TRANSFORMERS			
K5440T	Trail King Switcher CCOS Pull. Mot. w/ Trains	1 17	\$9.95	48	Transformer - 110V	6 29	\$5.00
K5441W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	118	Transformer - 110V	6 29	\$2.75
K5442W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	13	Circuit Breaker		2.50
K5451W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	EQUIPMENT			
K5452W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	21A	Indicator Glass	50 10	.75
K5453W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	22	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5454W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	23	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5455W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	24	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5456W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	25	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5457W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	26	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5458W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	27	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5459W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	28	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5460W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	29	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5461W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	30	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5462W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	31	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5463W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	32	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5464W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	33	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5465W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	34	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5466W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	35	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5467W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	36	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5468W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	37	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5469W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	38	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5470W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	39	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5471W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	40	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5472W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	41	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5473W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	42	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5474W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	43	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5475W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	44	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5476W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	45	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5477W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	46	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5478W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	47	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5479W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	48	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5480W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	49	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45
K5481W	Trail King K1 Pull. CCOS White Pull. Mot.	1 12	\$4.95	50	Indicator Glass	25 10	.45

Shayne Lovelace offers an alternate AI reality: [see link on CTTA Facebook Page, or search Youtube]

very cool retro futuristic passenger trains



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Synthsaga SciFi: 20th century retro TrainPunk - Arrivals & Departures - ,parallel dimension

AF Canadian Prices in 1954



Express Cars UK - Follow
1931 Wilov 35 Kapka was a Czechoslovakia small lot production car for rich customers only 150 were produced.

model this?

and for something completely different, strange auto designs are as common as strange toy trains.



Meanwhile, from another part of Japan, this early live action and animation on a toy train theme. <https://youtu.be/iYyeT9PMNXo?si=2cUoMeljn9VIL9jl>



meccano models of LMS Royal Scot and Frank Hornby's house courtesy of Vectis Auctions UK

