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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our New Year 2025 was off to a great start, we had over 60 members again at our January meet. It's great to see the enthusiasm and participation of so many train lovers.

Over the Holidays, I was able to enjoy lots of time running trains and working on my layout, including some quality time with my Son running a train that was given to him when he was born in 1997. I hope many of you were able to enjoy some time enjoying your trains too.

Our January Bus Trip was the best ever, with 34 of us enjoying a jam packed 4-stop itinerary, finishing off a great day of train shopping with a delicious dinner and drinks at Acropolis Pizza in Everett.

Lionel kicked off the new year with a massive 2025 Big Book Catalog, featuring several new Canadian locomotives from CN and CP.

Mark Horne has shipped our latest pair of Club Cars to members, Atlas O Stock Cars for PGE and NAR, they are beautiful models. With the new American Government and tariff policies in place, it is likely we will scale back our Club Car production, at least for the next year, until we can determine the impact it will have on costs and pricing of Club Cars for members. Stay tuned on this! Our priority is making our Club Cars an affordable way to acquire top quality trains for collecting and operating.

Thanks again for your membership, continued support and participation in CTTA activities!

Kyle

2024-25 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS



meetings at Charles Rummel Community Centre, Burnaby
doors open at 11am UPCOMING DATES:
SUNDAY FEB 23, 2025
SUNDAY MAR 30, 2025
SUNDAY APRIL CANADIAN

CANADIAN FLYER

We enjoyed a great

'Happy New Year 2025' meet on Jan 26 at the Charles Rummel centre; it was a glorious day.





January

Door

Príze

Winners







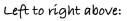












- Superb ACE Trains A4's show n' tell
- CTTA 50th Anniversary wear available (see website)
- Alvin, James and Isaac managed a great buffet lunch.











Jan 18: CTTA Bus Trip in 5 movements



1. on the bus at dawn





Martín Howbold incentive prize winners: James Kittson, Ian Kennett and Brian Kraus congratulations and thanks for joining the bus trip.

2. at the Great Train Show in Puyallup













Yes there were modern trains too!



EVENTS:

Feb 22-23, Monroe WA Washington State Model Train Show INFO: https://unwclub.com

Mar 1, 10-4 Yarrow (Chilliwack), BC Yarrow Community Model Train Swap Mt 4670 Community Street, Yarrow BC Info: James Hill yarrowtrainmeet@gmail.com

Portland, Oregon Mar 8, 9:30-3 Willamette Model R.R. Club Swap Meet Info: Roger Rees wmrcswapmeet@gmail.com

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I just had this posted to my page and thought some might be interested as it is local in Port moody and could be added to the Toy Train Event List I proposed as it is a Train Event



Sunday February 23rd, 2025

3 seating times 11am, 1pm & 3pm

\$20 per guest



in Feb 23 at 11 AM

Heritage Tea on the Train

2734 Murray St., Port Moody, BC, Canada, British Columbia V3H 1X2 Shared to Canadian Toy Train Association





























5. Acropolis Pizza, Everett





what a great CTTA bus trip, thanks to all organizers!

Don McKay reposted this neat housing solution. Why settle for a stainless steel kitchen?

Train room upstairs and live downstairs?





Photo courtesy of Robert Rider-Cashman - housing solutions



fine photo of the carriage level access to the Niagara gorge suspension bridge completed in 1855, 14 years before the Brooklyn Bridge in NYC (same engineer). P.S. that's the Niagara Gorge the bridge is leaping across.



Lovely post on this great Canadian website. Never seen back to back doubleheaders before.



CTTA's cattle cars by Atlas.

photos by Richard M. Schoen from the archives sent to us by Dave Cook



 Opening lineup at the 2001 TTOS Convention in Vancouver





2. and 3. Horsing around at a monthly TTOS meet, Burnaby BC



4. 5. and 6. Dave on a layout tour at TCA/TTOS joint meet in Aloha, Oregon

from a box in Dave's cupboard in Hamilton, by snail mail to Kyle in Vancouver, scanned by Kyle, assembled by your editor

Thanks to Carl Chancey for flagging this.

(drill baby drill...?)

The Inventor of the Rotary Snowplow Was . . . A Dentist?

Written by Leslie Smith, Staff Writer, BNSF Rail Talk

When your railroad tracks run through the northern half of the country, heavy snow is a given. For BNSF and our predecessors, the rotary snowplow is one of our best tools for clearing tracks after heavy snowfall. But did you know that the genesis of this titan can be traced to a dentist in the 1860s?

During the 19th Century, pioneers developing settlements in the West enticed railways to extend their reach into Canada, where land is covered with heavy snow for much of the year. Clearing snow from the tracks was an extremely dangerous job requiring a crude wedge plow that pushed snow to the side. The wedge's limitations became even more pronounced when confronting deep snow, which resulted in an obstacle that could only be cleared by human snow shovelers.

In 1869, Dr. J.W. Elliott, a dentist from Toronto, Ontario, devised the rotary snowplow concept. The machine unpacked snow using revolving blades and flat plates, then would catch the snow and throw it far from the tracks, unlike its wedge predecessor. Elliott never found investors for his project and his invention failed to get off the ground.

In 1884, however, Orange Jull from Orangeville, Ontario, revived Elliott's patent and improved upon its design by adding pivoting steel plates, chambers to catch snow and eject it away from the train, a steam engine, and a gear system to connect the engine to the plates.



from the January newsletter of the South Shore Model Railroad Club & Museum, Hingham, MA Roving Ralph Spielman was in Spain spotting USbuilt trains at the Madrid railway museum.



a Spanish Northern 3000V Alco/GE electric

Another US-Built 3000V



and a Talgo
3000V
train set—
loco built
in Delaware,
cars in
Berwick PA

tested on the
Lackawanna and
New Haven—
ended up in Spain
and ran
till the mid-70's

the last photo really shows how low-slung the talgo set is in comparison with the regular coach next to it.