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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



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



January Door Prize Winners



Left to right above:
- 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



Martin 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

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

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 Don McKay **Don McKay** suggests:
Top contributor · 2d · 

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



HERITAGE TEA ON THE TRAIN

Sunday February 23rd, 2025

3 seating times
11am, 1pm & 3pm


\$20 per guest

POMO
MUSICIANS™

Sun, Feb 23 at 11AM

Heritage Tea on the Train

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

 Interested





S. 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?



I Love Trains 1d

Photo courtesy of Robert Rider-Cashman - housing solutions

Vintage railway stations, Round houses, Locomotives, coaches, cabooses of Canada ... David Muma - January 6 at 8:17AM
Twice the smoke
An Ontario Northland Railway (ONT) double-header train Extra North, led by #307 and #311 2-8-0 Consolidations, leaving North Bay, ON in 1948. - source Hugues W. Bonin collection



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



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.



CTTA's cattle cars by Atlas.

photos by Richard M. Schoen

from the archives sent to us by Dave Cook



1. 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 US-built 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.