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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February has us in the heart of Winter, but our CTTA meet was as packed as usual! Thanks again to all the active members who come out to support the Club, buy trains, bring trains to sell at our meets and participate in our auctions. A special thanks to those who have donated items to our Club Treasury! It's really been helping our bottom line and keeping Treasurer Jim Barrett happy.

This month CTTA will be showcasing our Modular Layout at the Sea-to-Sky Model Train and Hobby Show in Squamish, BC. We'll be 'double heading' it, with our huge display layout running 5 tracks of trains, featuring the ever popular kid-controlled Thomas train, and Gordon Hall's multiple loop display full of more operating trains and accessories that kids can enjoy. A huge thanks to Gordon, who coordinates the show as Registrar, manages all the exhibitors and vendors, and puts in countless hours setting up the show and the activities that go with it. I'll be busy myself running trains on the layout, selling from the Museum Gift Store and possibly even driving the 'Big Red' CN Speeder! I hope to see as many CTTA members as possible taking advantage of the opportunity to come out, enjoy the show, and run some trains! Our layout will stay up at the Museum through the opening on April 18th and the Buddy and Friends Children's festival event in May.

March has seen cross border shopping and travel take a hit, as political uncertainty especially affects those of us close to the Canada-USA Border. For us Canadians, It's nice to hear so many members sharing positive comments and sentiments about the Club, its members, and the strength of our international friendships. We look forward to better days ahead!

The clocks have sprung ahead, the days are getting longer and that means we have more daylight hours to enjoy and play with our trains. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Train Show and at our March meet!

Kyle

2024-25 CANADIAN CLUB MEETS

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

SUNDAY MAR 30, 2025

SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025

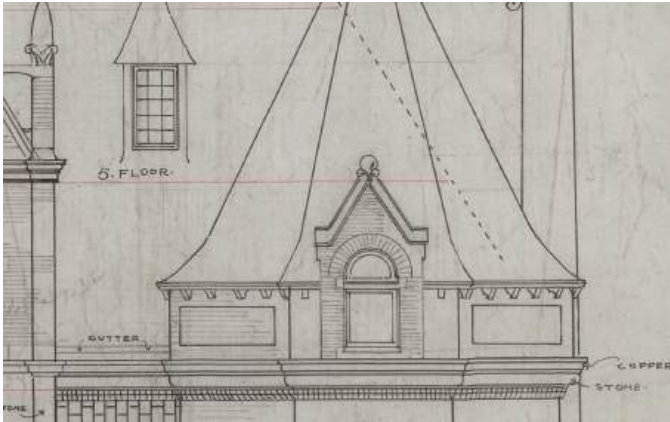
SUNDAY MAY 25, 2025





February Door Prize Winners





Dylan Bohaychuk *Dylan Bohaychuk builds* ...
 4h · 🌐

Finally, finally got sheets of something special I have been attempting to acquire for quite some time. Second BC building I've done, but likely my largest (barely) to date. Working on the digitals now, and will be 3d printing each station section as its completed (maybe an optional flag overlay to match the supplied photo?). Its going to be one seriously large O scale build at 4ft long, and almost 3ft tall....



Vancouver's second CPR station

Dan Gory
 February 16 at 4:10 PM · 🌐

Dan Gory update ...

Well, because me being me, I just had to do a little tweaking! Two new prints still on the supports. Once I get them off I can better judge how they will look, but so far so good. I have had to make compromises for the giant coupler so they are fudged a bit here and there.



Left: Dan's loco with the 3D printed pilot (adjusted for large coupler)

One more go — to get tread plates on the steps (see nearest pair showing perforated treads — now that's detail!)



Left: painted and ready to mount.

below: the many versions on the way to near perfection.



Dan Gory's GMD1 nears completion

EVENTS:

March 22 & 23, Squamish BC
Sea to Sky Model Train & Hobby Show
 Railway Museum of British Columbia
 Info: wcra.org

April 5 & 6, 9am-5pm, Calgary AB
SuperTrain 2025
 Info: supertrain.ca

April 5 (10-4pm) & 6 (10-2pm), Chehalis, WA
Lewis County Model Train Show
 Info:

April 13, 10am-4pm, Nanaimo BC
Nanaimo Model Train Show, Beban Park
 Info: nanaimotrainshow.com

May 4, 12-3pm, Nanaimo BC
COOTTS MEET, Oliver Woods Centre
 Info:

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Bernie Ehnes
4d · 🌐

thanks Bernie Ehnes

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A little while back I had asked about train shows listing, and received many good responses. I just found trainshows.net, a great list from now till next January. Super train in Calgary is listed but I don't see a listing for a Vancouver show. Did they miss it?



great resource! check out the calendar map for shows in your area.

Museo del Ferrocarril de Madrid

Last month we featured photos from Ralph Spielman from his visit to this museum.
 here's a further look at the museum (courtesy Tripadvisor)

The Railway Museum is located in the old station of Delicias, which opened in 1880 by king Alfonso XII and Queen Maria Cristina, is one of the most significant examples of the "iron architecture" of the nineteenth century. This monumental building is the site of the Museum since 1984, and it includes one of the most complete collection in Europe of historical materials railways. It also provides an information service and conservation of documentary heritage through the Railway History Archive, Library and Documentation Centre.



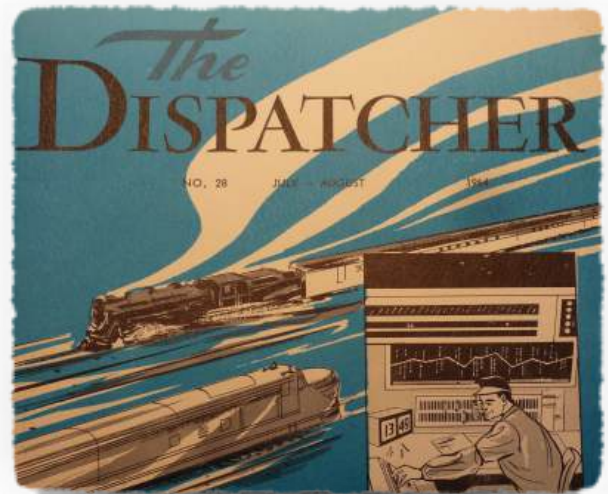
Mike Munk plans a harbour corner on the new layout.



Great to touch a bit of ocean.



another Pacific Electric photo from Ralph Spielman, contrasting the streetcar with an interurban. Love the circle windows! you can see the operator in the window.



Beyond Memory Lane?

In the July/Aug issue of the newsletter of the 7th Division of the PNW Region, NMRA, a number of local 0 gauge railroads were mentioned:

Sasquatch Central - the Rickety 'O' Line
North Vancouver

Little Canadian Pacific Railway
Victoria

Alexander's Old Time Show
Vancouver

Burnlake & Northern
North Burnaby

B.C. Electric Ry. Co.
Burnaby

Ontario Pacific
Vancouver

Triple O R.R. Club - 0 gauge & high rail
North Burnaby

and for the S gaugers
Sicamous Shuswap & Southern
Vancouver

Everybody named their railroad:
Have we?

Looking for some names!

I know 'Reif Railroad - the rocky route'
isn't very exciting.
I can do better. And you?