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30 YEARS IN CANADA
1974—2004**

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Happy birthday to the Canadian Division of the TTOS !

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It was thirty years ago this month that a group of Canadian train enthusiasts started the Canadian Division of the TTOS.

Sadly, there are only 4 of the original group remaining to tell the stories. **Walter Halls, Clark Gray, Larry Setterfield** and **Allan Cruickshank** are still active. They should write their memories of the "good old days". Gentlemen, we salute you for starting something that has provided us with many new friends and countless hours of enjoyment.

It is my hope that all of our members will attend the March 28th meeting. We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the formation of our division with a cake for the occasion and a special commemorative token for each member in attendance.

In light of the sales that have already been made, your executive decided to increase the number of Woodside Reefers that we will order from Atlas from 152 to 176. At the present time we have orders for 133 cars, which leaves us with 43 to sell. It seems that this project has gone well right from the start and a warm thank you and congratulations for a job well done is due to **Charles Reiff, Martin Howbold** and especially **Mark Horne**, for their hard work on this project. I would be remiss if I didn't also mention **George Plant**, he is the man who keeps track of the numbers and we need men like that to keep things straight.

One sad note this month -- one of our founding members, **Art Schroeder** passed away on March the 5th. It seems ironic that he should pass away only weeks before the celebration. Allan Cruickshank and I attended the memorial service.

The Cameron Western Rails Meet is history for another year. The next opportunity to run trains on the club layout will be at Langley days on June 19-20. The opportunity to run your club's large layout at these public events is just one more benefit of belonging to the TTOS Canadian Division. Take advantage of the fun and see what the rest of your fellow club members are collecting and running.

I would like to remind you all that the newsletter belongs to all of you and it is a good way to advertise your wants and items for sale at no cost to you.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on March 28 for the celebration of our 30th anniversary. I know it will be a fun time for all.

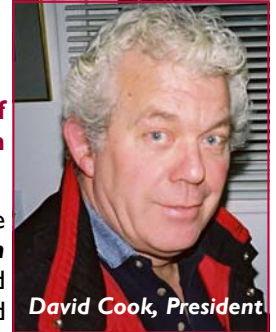
Regards ! David S. Cook

OUR FIRST MEMBER PROFILE — continued on page 5



In a continuing effort to help members get to know other members, your club is pleased to PRESENT the first in our series of TTOS Canadian Division Member Profiles.

Every member is eligible to have their home layout showcased in this series... YOU COULD BE OUR NEXT PROFILE . . .



David Cook, President

MEETING DATES

Sunday, March 28
Sunday, April 25
Sunday, May 30
Sunday, June 27

All meetings take place at
Charles Rummel Community Centre
3630 Lozzells Ave Burnaby, BC
Doors Open at 12:00
Meeting Starts 13:00
Door Prizes, Sale Tables,
Lots of Toys, a great auction —
refreshments are served

COMING EVENTS ...

Vancouver Island MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

Sunday, APRIL 4, 2004

Beban Park Rec Centre
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10 am—4 pm

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JUNE 19—20

FORT LANGLEY RAILWAY DAYS

We all had so much
fun last year!
Plan to bring your
trains out for
show and tell or
just come and run
your club's cars...

Mark Your Calendar

For the first weekend in
August of 2004, celebrate
another national conven-
tion, in the heart of Cali-
fornia's Central Valley, at
the front door to
Yosemite, Fresno,
California.

Our 2004 Convention
Fresno, California
August 3-7, 2004.

April 16 10 am—4 pm
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Upcoming events and Editorial
Submissions welcome for the
TTOS Canadian Flyer
send to: gaida@abouthomes.com



TTOS Canadian Division Caboose

This is how we store and
transport our club's layout
from meet to meet...

Many thanks to **Neil Wilson**
who worked so hard to make this
possible with assistance from
Neil Whitehead who stores the
caboose in his carport.

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CANADIAN RAILROAD TRIVIA ...

It was the Great Canadian Dream... a railroad linking the country from west to east.

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many lives. Yet, it also laid the foundations of the country. This series traces the railway's incredible story, from its construction and its role in immigration, to the emergence of the first towns along the route and the part the railroad played in telecommunications.

Who was Edward Mallandaine?

The 17-year-old boy who watched **Donald Smith** drive the last spike, had come to the **Kicking Horse Pass** to fight in

the Northwest Rebellion. But the fight was over by the time he arrived.

Edward stayed and started his own business. He rode a pony between **Eagle Pass Landing** and the town of **Farwell**, delivering supplies and newspapers to the workers on the railway and picking up mail and orders. He made money doing this throughout the summer and until the railway was finished, at the beginning of November 1885.

Edward went on to become **Col. Edward Mallandaine**, magistrate and politician of



Who was Edward Mallandaine?

The boy standing behind the man with the hammer in this famous photo of The Last Spike

KID'S STUFF

OnLine

Trains have played a big part in Canada's history. Discover Canada's train stories from the people who were there. Visit the delightful website for kids that's all about trains.

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/trains/kids/index-e.html>

Over the years, trains have carried cargo of all kinds and served many different purposes, including bringing essential services to remote communities and amusement to big cities. Circus Trains, Library Trains and even Dentist Trains were big players in Canadian History.

Books

If you prefer the written word, here are a couple of great books recommended for the pre-teen age group.

The Kids Book of Canada's Railway and How the CPR Was Built, by Deborah Hodge, illustrated by John Mantha. Toronto: Kids Can Press, ©2000, 48 p. Ages 8 to 12

A Ribbon of Shining Steel: the Railway Diary of Kate Cameron, by Julie Lawson. Markham, Ont.: Scholastic Canada, ©2002, 204 p. Ages 9 to 12

For More Information visit www.nlc-bnc.ca or write: National Library of Canada 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N4 Canada

CONSIDER THIS

The average child witnesses more than 100,000 acts of violence and 200,000 advertisements on commercial TV by the time they complete elementary school.

Introducing children to a hobby, like building a model railroad and/or operating toy trains can help our children to experience positive, non-violent and valuable life lessons.

IN MEMORIAM ART SCHROEDER 1928 — 2004

It is with great sadness we note the passing of one of our club's founding members. Art Schroeder was respected and admired and will long be remembered for his early contributions to the organization and promotion of the TTOS Canadian Division



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TTOS CANADIAN DIVISION ON VANCOUVER ISLAND A REAL CROWD-PLEASING SHOW & TELL

photos submitted by Marius Voss.
that's his granddaughter Molly below



From the Island,
Bill Stephenson at
left with layout.
Nice shirts guys!

and the little doll here was all decked out
in the latest RR fashions for those in the know...

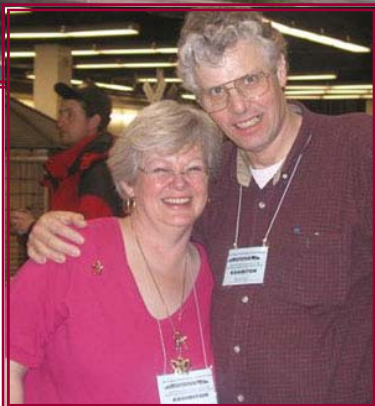


Above: Molly always has a great time playing with
Grand Dad's toys.... Below: Gary Walmsley &
Russ Etherington do a little playing too.



Above: Fred
Webb & another
member man the
Island layout.

Congratulations
to Bargain Bob
Mitchell —
pictured here with
Nell Sarrasin, his



high school sweetheart. The two plan to wed next
summer in Kamloops on the Heritage Train.
The show was a great success and the hall was filled
with children of all ages looking for some real fun
and games.



Member Profile — JOHN CONSTIBLE

The year was 1953 — a young boy’s eyes light up when he receives a new toy... it’s a Lionel Train... and so begins a life-long fascinating hobby — collecting & operating Toy Trains.

The story behind the story is a tractor trailer load of Lionel slated for delivery to toy stores in Toledo, Ohio — overturns and the cargo is spread throughout the teamster union members. John’s father was just one of the workers who was able to take home toy trains for Christmas that year.

John says that he had two other brothers and some of that set got misplaced over the years, but he was able to reconstruct it, as he remembers, and now has the “original set” and several thousand other trains to play with on his 900 square foot layout... or lined up on the floor to ceiling & wall to wall ever changing display shelves.

John says he has almost everything Lionel has made over the years. Last year he started a new wall of Toy Fair Cars, including the “I LOVE STATE” cars and the Spirit Collection. “I am now down to these 4 cars. Any help would be appreciated. Also, 9747 C & O, 9762, 9778, 9790, some NETCA & METCA cars.” His new goal is to collect Standard Gauge.

John still prizes his *Lionel 773* (that’s the one manufactured in 1950 – the year he was born) and his *Hiawatha* made in 1938. It should be running in a couple of weeks if the parts arrive.

Generally speaking, “If I am here, there are trains running on my layout,” John says. “You’re welcome to drop by any time and check it out.”

John started collecting long before he joined the TTOS Canadian Division about 10 years ago. His recommendation for those new to the hobby, “Research before you buy. New toy train enthusiasts always pay too much,” he says. “Go to your library, search the

John is one of the lucky collectors who still has his boyhood collection in tact — and an ongoing passion for collecting and playing with his toys!



Photos by: David Cook



At the February 29 Canadian Division Regular Monthly Meeting in Burnaby



Left: Ian Garton talks with Gary Zabenskie

While Martha Pernice shares a cup of coffee with a friend on the



Left: Martin Howbold, Jack Munroe, Gary Wamsley and Marius Vos sign it at the Division meet desk with our treasurer, George Plant and Vice-President Neil Wilson on duty.

Below: Allan Cruickshank and Ken Bowman with Roger Fisson & JP Johnson.



Photos by: David Cook

*Do you know everyone in these photos?
Would you like to get to know them better?*

*Come to the March 28th Meeting
Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the
TTOS CANADIAN DIVISION*



Above: Jim Barrett and Ian Kennett

Right: Neil Whitehead, Neil Wilson, John Warlimont and Tom Modica



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From the Desk of Neil Whitehead — TTOS National Secretary



Neil, at home with his layout...

In the March issue of the **TTOS Bulletin** there is an enclosure describing the events, times, and dates of the activities at this year's National Convention.

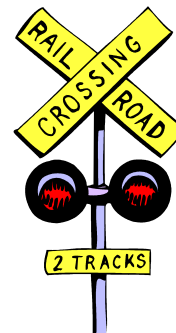
The convention for 2004 is being sponsored by the Central California division of TTOS. Judging by the information in the convention program, it looks like this convention is offering a lot of interesting and fun things to do.

Closely examine the Convention document and select those trips and tours you are interested in, then fill out the registration form and send your registration and the money for the registration and the tours to the convention committee. Then make plans to join the National TTOS and its executive at the convention.

The Conventions are the best way to meet other members of TTOS and share your hobby interests with someone else, and gain knowledge. Come to the Convention and renew old acquaintances and make new friends.

Join me, the TTOS executive and the Division Presidents in Fresno (Gateway to Yosemite) for a great time and lots of table sales. The welcoming reception and Silent Auction is a lot of fun and some of the Auction items are, at times, rare offerings.

Support your Toy Train Operating Society National Officers and your Division Officers by attending this convention and meeting other people with a similar interest. *Regards! Neil Whitehead*



... THEY LIVE ON IN OUR MEMORIES ...

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the TTOS Canadian Division, we wish to acknowledge and remember those members who are no longer with us; but who contributed to the vision and the success of the club over the years.

Jim Douglas

Doug Harmon

Ernie Penney

Ron Meyer

Arnold Gorling

Dr. John Folkins

Ted Hough

Dudley Davidson

Ernie Wong

George Nelligan

Jim Perinice

Dr. William Small

John Smyly

Heinz Korn

Gerry Holmes

Bob Banford

Len Gourley

Art Schroeder

** Our sincere apologies to the families of any member whose name we have missed **