

NEWSLETTER OF

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The September meeting was a great way to start the new train year. Lots of trains, lots of members, and great prices on many trains made for an excellent meeting.

Thank you to everyone for firstly, approving the budget and the new meeting fee; and secondly, returning the board for another term.

There was good discussion around the cost of the meetings (food, rent, prizes etc) and the actual fee we were collecting. Everyone loves the food and other services we get at the meetings and agreed it was well worth the \$10.00. The executive will be looking at different ways to trim and save more money from the budget.

A special thank you to all the members who stood for office and will again help serve the club.

I just spoke with Atlas and they said the PGE tank cars should be shipped to us in November..... if you missed ordering contact me right away as I have a few 3 rail left.

I heard the Victoria meet was well attended but the bad weather may have hurt the overall attendance. A great show none the less.

Please come to the October meeting and be prepared to purchase a bus ticket for our November trip down south and to buy Christmas raffle tickets. See you at the October meeting. Mark

2011-12 TTOS CANADIAN DIVISION MEETS

all meets at Charles Rummel Community Centre, 3630 Lozells Ave.
Burnaby B.C. [doors at 11am, meeting 12:30]

UPCOMING MEET DATES:

OCT 30, 2011

NOV 27, 2011

JAN 29, 2012

FEB 26, 2012





Happy September Door prize winners Neil Wilson, Graeme Gorling, and Father John Eason



Fill-up time at Wakefield, Quebec

Martin, Ted and Neil await another exciting AGM
Eli Bryan hangs onto friend Geoff

Ed Santor and guest ready to sell





George and Pat rev up a standard gauge beauty. Gary T likes it.

Pat joins Gary Z and Bruce under the banner.



Gary, Neil, Neil & Katelon roll out the refurbished layout. And what a bridge!

LYNDEN WA.
OCT. 1



AN ALL-CANADIAN TOP TEN HISTORIC RAIL SITES: BRIAN TORCH'S LIST

1. right off the top --- "The Royal Hudson" (it pulled the royal train)
2. next --- "Othello" (Hope) [you can cycle it now! ed.]
3. "The Spiral Tunnels"
4. "Hells-a-poppin' Falls"its a bear to find...and not much to see when you get there*
5. "Craigellachie" [Canada's golden spike moment. ed.]
6. "The Angus Shops" Montreal ...
7. "Cranbrook" museum, intact turntable and roundhouse, historic trains. its worth the stop!

* Editor's Note: What the ? is Hells-a-poppin' Falls, I asked? Brian replied:

"My father, who worked on the canadian national for 35 years, told me about it. In the 30's and 40's the passenger trains would stop there. In the summer, it was a wet streak down the cliff... In the winter time, the train would go through the waterfall!

A superintendant would see this and put it on the tourist stop list! Of course, in the summer, it was a wetness on the rockface; but the trains would stop...

It was between Kamloops and Jasper. Probably between Blue River and Jasper. No body remembers it!!!"

OKAY, WHAT EXOTIC LISTS CAN YOU COME UP WITH?

THANKS BRIAN!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 15&16, Chilliwack --- Mt. Cheam Lions Club Model Railroad and Hobby Show. Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4
www.mountcheamlions.com

Nov. 12&13, Burnaby --- TRAINS 2011, Cameron Rec Centre,
 Sat & Sun, 10am-4pm, \$8 (seniors/youth \$4)
www.bctrains.org

Nov. 19&20, Puyallup, WA --- The Great Train Expo
 Sat & Sun 10am-4pm, \$7 (< 12 free) bus trip 19th

Dec. 4, Nanaimo --- Coots Meet (see advert ---->)



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Please send me pictures of your layouts, plus a 100 page thesis on your railroading philosophy! Do it now, no excuses!

Thanks to Peter for the AGM pix and Lynden Show pix, Brian Torch for his top 10 list.

visit ttoscanada.org

TOY TRAIN MEET

NANAIMO
 SUNDAY
 DEC. 4, 2011
 12:30 --
 4:30pm

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Dr. Klinker rides the TTOS into Burnaby

"Burnaby, you say?" your hard-headed good doctor queried into his 121 year-old sister's I-phone (while assisting her bustling dog-walking service in Kitsilano).

"Out on Government 'til you get to Lozells. It's easy," Mark promised.

Our drive in Hortense's Porsche Targa 911 was certainly nice, and as we arranged a pickup time, she dropped me near Charlie Rummel's front door and headed off to some mall.

Charles and Mark had promised not to mention that the good doctor was in the crowd; I was just one more large-eared olde youngster steamin' into a train meet.

What might have been a scintillating scene full of beautiful bargoons and awesome auction action seemed to degenerate into discussion after discussion about the weight of a feather on Uranus.

Now, your good doctor likes a bargain as much as the next technician, but before we plain got down to it, we had to quantify the type of feather, gram numbers per hundredweight, and then contrast that with the .000028 per gram differential of gravity on Uranus, factoring in the cost of a rocket mission there to drop a feather onto the micro-digital scale (that alone, would take hours) for a proper readout.

Luckily, the good doctor had enough of an appetite to amuse himself while processing all this high-tech talk, tic-toc, tic-toc. Finally the auction was on, only to realize I'd left my brief case in the Targa, with a measly fifty bucks or so in hand (what the hell is the exchange these days?).

Still, as large-eared TTOS seasoned youngsters like to say, there were plenty of good vibes. The food and drink was appreciated, smiles were plentiful, and the good doctor managed to sport away five very nice items for his fifty and chump change, true as true is. Like Schwarzeneger loves to groan: "Uhhhhhlll be beck!" for Hortense's next birthday bash, 'n maybe another looksee at the Burnaby TTOS...

[who knew the good doctor was amongst us?]



There's that pesky Italian bullet-nose loco again, this time in 1':1' scale. Parked in Rome for now.

Another way to look at a Canadian Top Ten:

B.C.:	Stoney Creek Bridge
Alberta:	viaduct near Lethbridge
Sask:	Royal Hudson at full prairie tilt
Man:	heading for Churchill
Ont:	station at Sioux Lookout (out there)
Que:	Exporail Museum, Montreal
NB:	the old "Intercolonial R.R" route
NS:	Dominion Atlantic's "Bluenose"
PEI:	narrow gauge pastoral charm, eh?
Nfld:	the newfie bullet (how she fly!)
Yukon:	HELP [they had paddlewheelers!!]
NWT:	Great Slave Lake Railway [CN]
Nunavut:	proposed Baffin copper mine r.r.!!!
**Top these! email your editor today!	



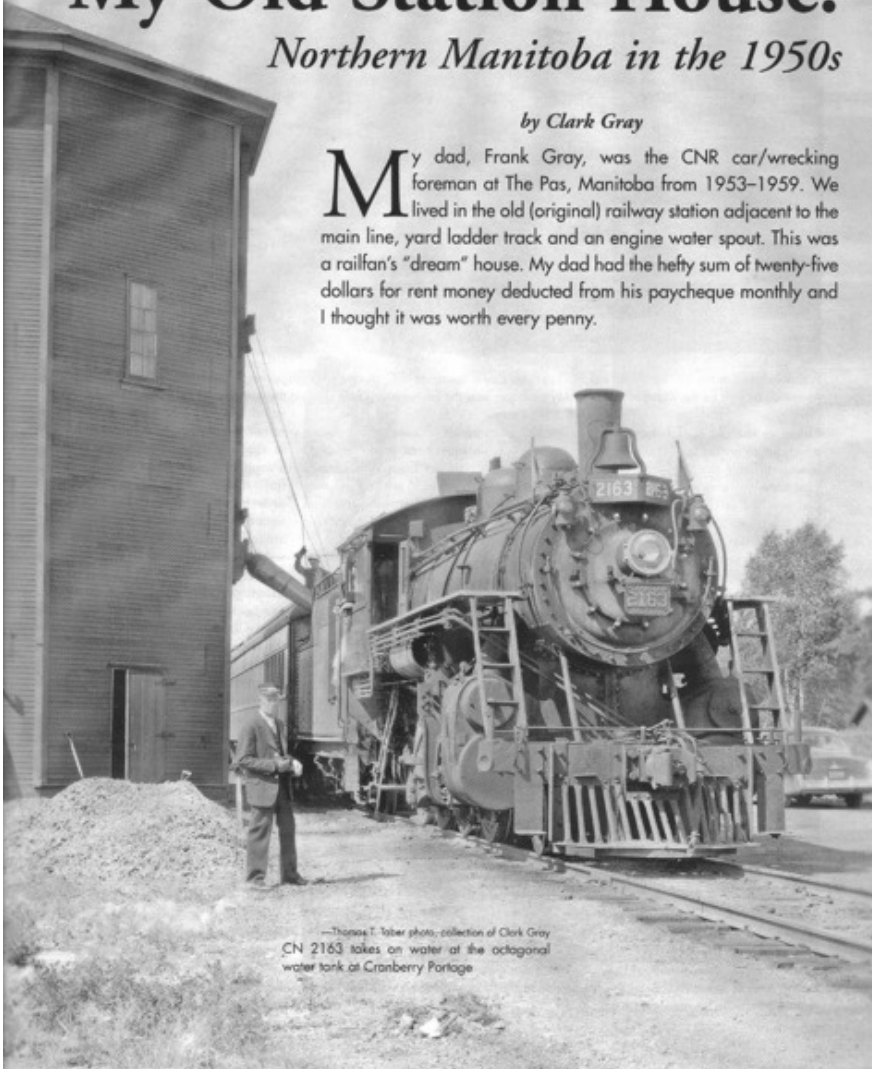
Jim Barrett's "show and tell" modern version of Lionel's prewar O gauge Blue Comet at the September meet. Not half bad, Jim.

My Old Station House:

Northern Manitoba in the 1950s

by Clark Gray

My dad, Frank Gray, was the CNR car/wrecking foreman at The Pas, Manitoba from 1953-1959. We lived in the old (original) railway station adjacent to the main line, yard ladder track and an engine water spout. This was a railfan's "dream" house. My dad had the hefty sum of twenty-five dollars for rent money deducted from his paycheque monthly and I thought it was worth every penny.



—Thomas F. Taber photo; collection of Clark Gray
CN 2163 takes on water at the octagonal water tank at Cranberry Portage

Sandheads Lighthouse
1884-1905 BC Archives

Le phare de Sandheads,
1884 - 1905,
Royal BC Museum,
BC Archives



Sandheads Light:
not your average cottage at the lake...

First page and station photo from Clark Gray's memoir article in CN Lines (CN Historical Society) a couple of years ago.

Thanks, Clark.



—collection of Clark Gray

Probably taken in the 1920s. When used in later years as a house, about half of the baggage-freight storage area to the left had been removed, as well as the wooden platform. My bedroom was the left-hand window seen on the upstairs level.