

# The Flywheel



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## Coming events

ATA Board Meeting  
ATA "Christmas Potluck"

27 January 2015, 7:00 p.m. in the Canora  
21 February 2015 at Atchelitz Hall

## The year in review

2014 has to have been one of the best years we've had at ATA. Many members worked very hard to bring as much improvement to the site as we did last year. We put a new sign on the highway west of Chilliwack featuring a Case steam "tractor" and we are planning to put another on the eastern side of the city. We also put a new "Pioneer Village" sign on top of the Canora. Joining the Farm Circle Tour got us into their brochure and into the Chilliwack tourism pamphlet. This led to more people visiting and being directed to our site. We hope to open to the public 5 days a week starting in May. This will, of course, require more volunteers on Fridays and Sundays.

A real first in 2014 was the moving of the Minter Gardens car show to ATA in July as the Fraser Valley Classic Car Show. Over 100 cars showed up and the event was a great success. The number of people living in Chilliwack who came into the Museum and said they had lived here all their lives and had never heard of us was quite astonishing.

As a result of the car show, we will have a Mini car meet here in 2015 as well.

We lost Casey Van den Dorpel and Steven Savich in 2014. Both of these fine people will be sorely missed.

## Christmas Potluck

The Christmas Potluck will be held at the Atchelitz Hall (in the basement, *not* up the stairs!) on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Details to follow in the February issue.

## Around the Site

Yes, there is activity here and there at the A.T.A. site; it is very positive and productive. Every shop has been busy.

The back of the Pioneer Building has been reorganized and now looks really good! Thanks to Ron Finnigan, Bill Priestly and Bill Smith, among others. The Train Station has been painted and upgraded to a high class show building. The base for the model train layout (O scale of course!) has been built and there are two tracks now able to run trains!



The Machine Shop is usually a beehive of activity with something always being restored. The Quonset has been busy with the servicing of the Oliver 60 and with getting our Allis-Chalmers operational. This latter is a recent donation. The large forklift is finally getting some attention.

The old sawmill site is now full of tractors and other equipment.

The woodpile is shrinking. We will be looking for splitters, pilots and chucks.

The Walker Shop has always been busy with painting and woodwork, and one of our carriages is currently being restored.

Although we were not able to put the pink tractor in the Chilliwack Christmas parade because of a time change, Richard Laffere did a great job of decorating it, even attaching a Christmas tree with lights to the trailer. It looked great with all the pink lights near the fence at the front of the site.



All of the vehicles have had their anti-freeze checked and are all set up for winter. Ron Finnigan had a great time at Columbia Valley with the Oliver 60 and thousands of Christmas trees.

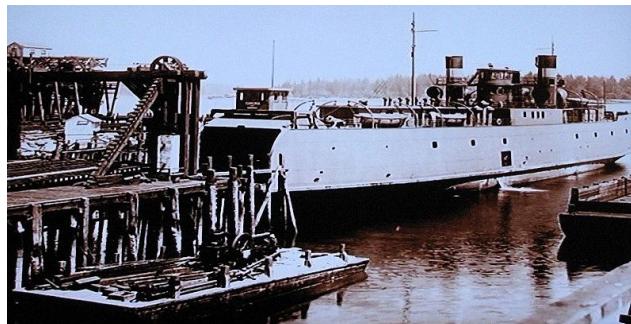
### Annual General Meeting

The ATA's AGM was held on November 11th last year. The new Executive consists of the following:

President	Stuart Vanderkooi
Vice-President	Ray Ramey
Treasurer	Gordon Jackson
Secretary:	John Black
Directors:	Richard Laffere, Deborah Dempster, Fred Giesler, Dwayne Huseby, Donna Wurst, Mark Lawrence.

### A little note about the Canora

Recently I came across a couple of references to the steamship Canora -- source of our Canora engine! According to the newsletter of the Canadian Toy Train Association the Canora started to be built as a ferry for the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway. When the company was taken over by the CNR on December 20th 1918, the CNR decided not to provide passenger service from Vancouver Island to the mainland; instead they decided to only do freight service. So the Canora (named from CANadian NOrthern RAILway) went into refit and by 1919 was in service in its new role.



(from West Coast Ferries Forum - <http://ferriesbc.proboards.com/thread/8184/cn-shi>)

In the March/April 1978 issue of *Narrow Gauge and Shortline* magazine, it was noted that the Canora "was known as a dirty ship ...She used coal as fuel...it was difficult to keep her clean. The gallery...was infested with "man-eating" cockroaches."

On You Tube there is a colour film showing the Canora coming into port and a CN steam engine unloading it:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2mIUv9eAv#>.

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