



Canadian Toy
Collectors' Society



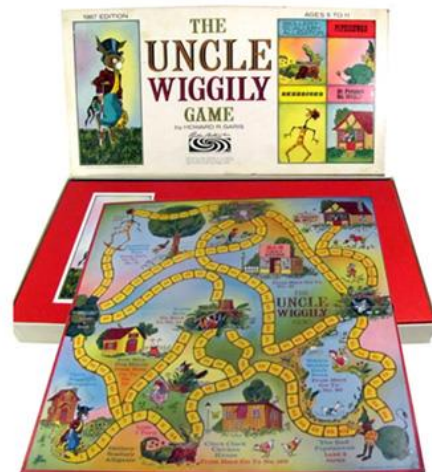
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LEST WE FORGET

NOVEMBER 2024



GAMES



MASTHEAD & COVER PICTURE:

This Month's Masthead honours all Canada's Veterans and Active Service members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Cover

From Top clockwise: a plastic bowling set with box by Fisher Price; a 'Jeu de Course' Horse Racing Game by M. J. and C^{ie}, France (circa early 1900s); an 'Uncle Wiggily' Board Game by Parker Brothers (1967); a 'Game of Life' Board Game by Milton Bradley (1977); and a Wooden 'Skill Roll' Bowling Game (unknown mfgr)



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CTCS NEWSLETTER: is published a minimum of 10 times per year. A coloured version is sent to all active members as an Adobe pdf file.

Non-members wishing to purchase a pdf copy can arrange to do so by contacting the Editor through the Society's email address: ctcsweb@hotmail.com



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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Monthly meetings are held at the Etobicoke Olympium from 7 pm –10 pm. A listing of meeting dates, location and display themes is also available on our website at https://www.ctcs.org/met_dat.htm

December 13, 2024 CTCS Monthly Meeting and Christmas Social

- **Confirm Attendance**

The Lounge, Etobicoke Olympium,
Toronto 7 :00 pm – 10:00 pm
Display Competition Theme:
**December Holiday Season
Related Toys**

January 10, 2025 CTCS Monthly Meeting
The Lounge, Etobicoke Olympium,
Toronto 7 :00 pm – 10:00 pm
Display Competition Theme:
**Ford Models (Tractors,
Trucks & Cars)**

February 14, 2025 CTCS Monthly Meeting
The Lounge, Etobicoke Olympium,
Toronto 7 :00 pm – 10:00 pm
Display Competition Theme:
1:18th scale Sports Cars



PRESIDENT'S REPORT PRESENTED AT AGM:

It has been a good year for the Canadian Toy Collectors' Society as we continue on our road to recovery and sustainability after the difficult Covid 19 years. All this would not have been possible without the great support from your Board of Directors and the Executive with our advisors and volunteers running the club with enthusiasm and professionalism for your benefit.

I would like to thank Larry Stricker Vice President, Roger Pride Treasurer, Claus Gunzel Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary Harold Whitwell and Charles Thornton Director at Large. I would also like to thank Des Barnes for the wonderful monthly newsletter, and his most valued advisory support role as well as Larry Stricker, monthly display organizer .

We had another successful Toy Show with increased attendance thanks to Claus Gunzel, Toy Show Manager and Dave McCallum which also attracted some new members. We loved their enthusiasm and cheerful demeanour and are sad they will be retiring this year. I would like to thank Harold Whitwell for taking over the membership secretary role from Gary Fry and running this task so well.

The club acquired some rare and interesting obsolete Canadian Toys for the Toys R Us/ CTCS Canadian Toy Collection and Des Barnes has stepped into the role of club archivist and collection organizer/custodian taking over from Zelda Reich. We are very grateful to our sponsor Doug Putman who stepped up and provided additional funds in 2024 to acquire more obsolete Canadian toys to add to the collection. We look forward to seeing some of it displayed in the new London Children's Museum in 2025.

We had a wonderful Christmas Party last year organized by Larry and Brenda Stricker and John Shouldice and were delighted at the generous raffle gifts provided by the late Ed Tansley who passed away this year. We sadly lost some other members, Bill Pollock a long- time member and toy enthusiast, and Rod Peak. Bill's family recently donated his collection to the club in his memory which we will receive shortly.

I would like to thank Larry and Brenda who also hosted a terrific BBQ and Boot Sale social at their farm in July which was very well attended (and it didn't even rain this year).

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The club is now on solid financial ground having reduced its overhead by not having to pay for collection storage and higher insurance costs and, with Claus's help, managed to even invest some surplus funds into GICs keeping a reserve for the future.

We look forward to meeting the new members, planning new events and carrying on the passion for toy collecting and display. Finally I would to thank the members that come out of the second Friday of every month to participate in the meetings and displays, talk toys and enjoy the company of fellow collectors. We always welcome the membership's input, comments, ideas and want to grow and develop as the source for Canadian Toy Collectors.

Tony Reich
President CTCS



CTCS 2025 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

CTCS Membership runs from January 1 to December 31 and must be renewed each year.

For the past 2 years no membership fees have been charged. However, in order to help defray the annual costs associated with membership, the Board of Directors has decided to initiate a small membership fee for 2025. Senior Membership will be \$25.00, Family Membership (2 adults at the same email address) will be \$40.00 and Junior Members (7-9 years old and accompanied by a Senior Member) FREE.



ATTENTION DINKY COLLECTORS:

The following message was received from CTCS member Gerry Whitaker who came across an interesting store during his travels.

"Any Dinky Toy collectors may want to check out a Fonthill, Ontario store called Deja Vu. Some very nice mint and boxed pieces to be found.
website: www.dejaviewantiques.ca"



MODEL TIRES FOR SALE:



Corgi, Dinky, Minic, Marklin, Matchbox, Mebetoys, Politoy, Spot-On, CIJ

Contact: David Tozer
Shop: www.dinkyclub.ca
Email: service@mtrservicescorp.com
Mobile: 905 570-4101

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:

The following email message was received via the CTCS email address:

Hello, my name is Brian Rea. I live in Edmonton, AB.

I wonder if you can help me locate a seller who might have the "CORGI AA36909" Junkers Ju 52, D-2600, 1:72 scale plane for sale?

I can be contacted at brianrea@telus.net



Rack N' Roll Bowling Game with box by Ideal

SHIRTS FOR CTCS MEMBERS:

At last month's meeting, member Stephen Meinhardt followed up on a previous proposal that we get shirts with the CTCS logo for sale to members.

Stephen has investigated the manufacture and costs for both T-Shirts and Polo Shirts. A notice to all members outlining shirt options and how you can obtain a shirt will be sent to all members.

OCTOBER 2024 DISPLAY RESULTS:

For last month's display competition we had 7 members enter the category of 'Aircraft Toys'. The result of the voting was:

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| 1 st | Patrick Flynn | Etobicoke, Ontario |
| 2 nd | John Shouldice | Etobicoke, Ontario |
| 3 rd | Claus Gunzel | Waterloo, Ontario |

Honourable Mention

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| Glen Robinson | Ottawa, Ontario |
| Larry Stricker | Ancaster, Ontario |
| Beverley Jarvis | Grimsby, Ontario |
| Charles Thornton | Mississauga, Ontario |

NOVEMBER 2024 DISPLAY COMPETITION:

This month we only had 1 in-person exhibit for the theme of 'Games – any type'.

We are analyzing why more displays were not entered and the results of that analysis will be utilized to help determine future display themes.

If you have any ideas for future display themes please relay your suggestions to Larry Stricker by email at lstricker1948@gmail.com, by phone to (905) 981 2506 or speak to him at any monthly meeting.

CTCS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL *(confirm attendance)

The committee of Larry & Brenda Stricker and John Shouldice are hard at work with arrangements for our Christmas Social which will be held on Friday December 13 from 7 pm – 10 pm in the 2nd floor lounge at the Etobicoke Olympium. Members are invited to bring their wives.

In order that the committee has an idea of numbers, you are asked to confirm your attendance and number of people by Friday December 6. Confirmation can be done either by phone to Larry at (905) 981-2506 Or by e-mail to Brenda at bstricker50@gmail.com

CTCS will be providing a refreshments and a buffet but members attending are asked to bring cake, cookies or other desert items to supplement the buffet.



NOVEMBER DISPLAYS:

DISPLAY #1



A Selection of Games Played At The Table



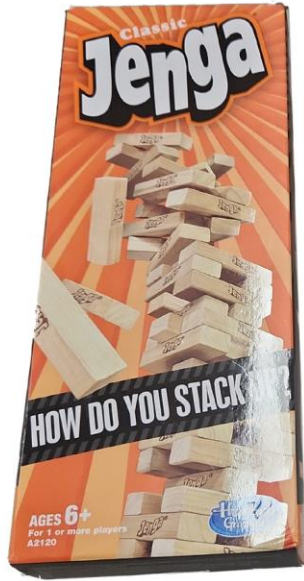
Left to Right: Pop-O-Matic Trouble by Hasbro
Connect 4 by Hasbro



Wooden Ball Drop by Horizon Group USA Inc (made in China)
(Ball is dropped in top left and comes to rest in cylinder.
Cylinder rotated by means of the two square ends, dropping ball into cylinder
Ball rolls down the two ramps and exits opening at right front)



Ron Brugal Domino Set (with unopened stacks of dominos)



Left to Right: JENGA by Hasbro Gaming (USA);
Get Wild UNO (double deck with customizable wild cards) by Mattel



AREA TOY / TRAIN SHOW INFORMATION

Dec 1, 2024 **10th Toronto Toy & Nostalgia Show (Christmas Edition)**
Montecassino Hotel & Event Centre
3710 Chesswood Dr, Toronto, Ontario
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Mar 2, 2025 **Group 25 Model Car Builders Club**
12th Annual Model Car & Slot Car Hobby Flea Market
Franklin Horner Community Centre
432 Horner Ave, Etobicoke, Ontario
9:30 am – 2:30 pm
for more info contact: bmcArthur@sympatico.ca

Mar 23, 2025 **IPMS Hamilton Modellers Club**
HertiageCon
Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum
9280 Heritage Rd, Mount Hope, Ontario
9:00 am – 4:00 pm



REQUEST FROM AUSTRALIA:

The following communication was received from a gentleman in Australia.

If you can provide any information, please contact him at the email address listed at the end of his message.

Greetings from Australia!

I am hoping you could assist in my search for information about and illustrations of a toy I had in the late 1950s /early '60s. It was a steering wheel-and-dashboard outfit, almost entirely of plastic construction, that could be attached to the dash/glove box of an actual car, and was similar, in basic concept at least, to this modern one-piece wooden toy at the right below



Toy steering wheel and column shift lever_1978
(NB: in the attached jpg image, the suction cap is 'out of shot', attached to a door or wall.)



modern one-piece wooden toy

The one I had was much more sophisticated and realistic. I cannot recall the product name ('Junior Driver' or something like that?), but I am certain that it was made in Britain, probably by Merit or Chad Valley or one of the other renowned toy companies of the day. The plastic steering wheel, which was mounted on a hard-rubber steering column with splines along its length, had a movable column-shift gear lever. That component was EXACTLY like the item seen in the left-hand image above – except for the colours. Marketed in Australia circa 1978, but without the elaborate dashboard component, the toy in the left-hand image was almost certainly manufactured in somewhere like Hong Kong, probably using the same moulds/dies used to produce the steering wheel/gear lever component of the British toy I had.

The gear lever could be 'shifted' to three positions – up, middle and down – held in each with the aid of raised detents and a light spring. When pushed, the central horn button emitted a squeaky sound.

Despite extensive searches online and in various vintage toy publications I have failed to locate even the briefest mention or illustration of the steering wheel/dashboard toy described above. Therefore, I shall be grateful if you could please give me any information about this toy. Or point me in the direction of someone else who may know. My interest in this toy is only for nostalgia's sake, not from any desire to purchase one. Any information, pictures, publicity material, etc you could show me would be gratefully received.

I look forward to your reply.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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Well That's All For This Month

The Editor