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# Canadian Toy Collectors' Society



## DECEMBER 2024



## DECEMBER HOLIDAY SEASON RELATED TOYS



## MASTHEAD & COVER PICTURE:

**This Month's Masthead** salutes the men & women who make up the CTCS Membership and expresses thanks for their support this past year.

### The Cover (top clockwise):

an ornament with the Grinch climbing down a ladder with stolen toys by Hallmark 2024; a pickup truck with a snow-covered tree decorated with battery-operated mini LED lights by Hallmark; a G-gauge Christmas train with 2-8-4 "Berkshire" engine and 6 carriages; and LEGO ornaments of the Mandalorian and Grogu plus Harry Potter playing Quidditch, both with boxes, by Hallmark 2023.



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CTCS EVENTS:

Here are the meeting dates and competition themes for upcoming meetings. Meetings are held at the Etobicoke Olympium from 7 pm –10 pm.

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| <b>Jan 10, 2025</b>  | Lounge (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)<br><b>Theme:</b> Ford Models<br>(Tractors, Trucks & Cars)   |
| <b>Feb 14, 2025</b>  | Lounge (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)<br><b>Theme:</b> 1/18 <sup>th</sup> scale Sports Cars   |
| <b>Mar 14, 2025</b>  | Lounge (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)<br><b>Theme:</b> Bike Models  |
| <b>Apr 11, 2025</b>  | Lounge (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)<br><b>Theme:</b> Horse Drawn Buggies<br>& Wagons  |
| <b>May 9, 2025</b>   | Lounge (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)<br><b>Theme:</b> Toys with the letter C<br>(eg: C orgi, Chevrolet,<br>Conrad, Cord, Cadillac,<br>Convertibles,<br>Characters, etc)                          |
| <b>June 13, 2025</b> | Lounge (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)<br><b>Theme:</b> Motorcycles (in recognition<br>of Friday the 13 <sup>th</sup> Port<br>Dover Motorcycle Rally)<br>This is only Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> in 2025 |

Themes continued on next page. Some dates yet to be confirmed but will be published once they are available.

## July / Aug 2025

Possible Summer Boot Sale & BBQ during this time

**Sept 2025 Theme:** Trolley Car Related Toys

**Oct 2025 Theme:** Plastic Toys

**Nov 2025 Theme:** Military Toys (in recognition of the members of our past and present armed forces )

**Dec 2025 Theme:** Red &/or Green Toys



## CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING:

As usual, our December meeting was a social evening as we celebrated the upcoming Christmas holiday season.

The Social Committee consisting of Larry Stricker and John Shouldice, and assisted by Larry's wife Brenda, had arranged a delicious buffet meal for the evening. Members attending also brought items and desserts to compliment the meal.

A highlight of the evening were free draws for a large number of gifts supplied and wrapped by recently passed member Ed Tansley which were brought to the evening by Mike Chrus and his wife Mary as per Ed's wishes.

Our thanks to Larry, Brenda and John, as well as Mike and Mary and all the other members / wives who helped with room setup and cleanup.

## 2024 YEAR LONG DISPLAY COMPETITION RESULTS:

Our display competition year runs from Dec 1<sup>st</sup> of one year to Nov 30<sup>th</sup> of the following calendar year. This is so that we can award the year long prizes at our December Christmas Social evening.

Monthly display entrants are automatically entered in the year long competition. Aggregate monthly scores are used to determine yearly 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places and the winners receive a special framed certificate acknowledging their achievement.

For the competition year just passed the results are:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Larry Stricker Ancaster, Ontario  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Glen Robinson Ottawa, Ontario  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Michael Meik Etobicoke, Ontario

Congratulations to these 3 members.



## NOVEMBER 2024 DISPLAY RESULTS:

For the display theme of 'Games' there was only one entry, Congratulations to Larry Stricker for a 1<sup>st</sup> place win. His display had some common and some unusual games.



## DISPLAY VOTING DEADLINE:

**You are asked to submit your for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place votes** by email to [ctcsweb@hotmail.com](mailto:ctcsweb@hotmail.com). The aggregate score of the votes received will be used for the year long competition.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Votes for the December 2024 Monthly Competition must be received by Monday January 6, 2025.**

However, votes submitted by an earlier date are welcomed by the Editorial Staff



## DECEMBER 2024 DISPLAY ENTRIES:

For the month of December we had 4 displays for the theme of "**December Holiday Season Related Toys**". Thanks to the members who put together displays and entered the competition. As usual, the entries will also be automatically entered in the 2025 Annual Display Competition, the awards for which will be presented at our December 2025 Christmas Social. Enjoy this month's displays. Please don't forget to vote.

# DISPLAY #1



The Christmas Season brings out horse drawn vehicles, whether sleighs, wagons or coaches



Carved Wooden Horse pulling Sleigh with 2 Milk Cans  
(cans are shown in previous picture)  
by Luc Pelletire (Quebec, Canada)



Farm Hay Cart after delivering a Christmas tree by Britains (England)



Celluloid Santa in sleigh pulled by 2 reindeer (made in Japan)



Queen Elizabeth Coronation Coach by Matchbox Leslie Moko (England)



## DISPLAY #2



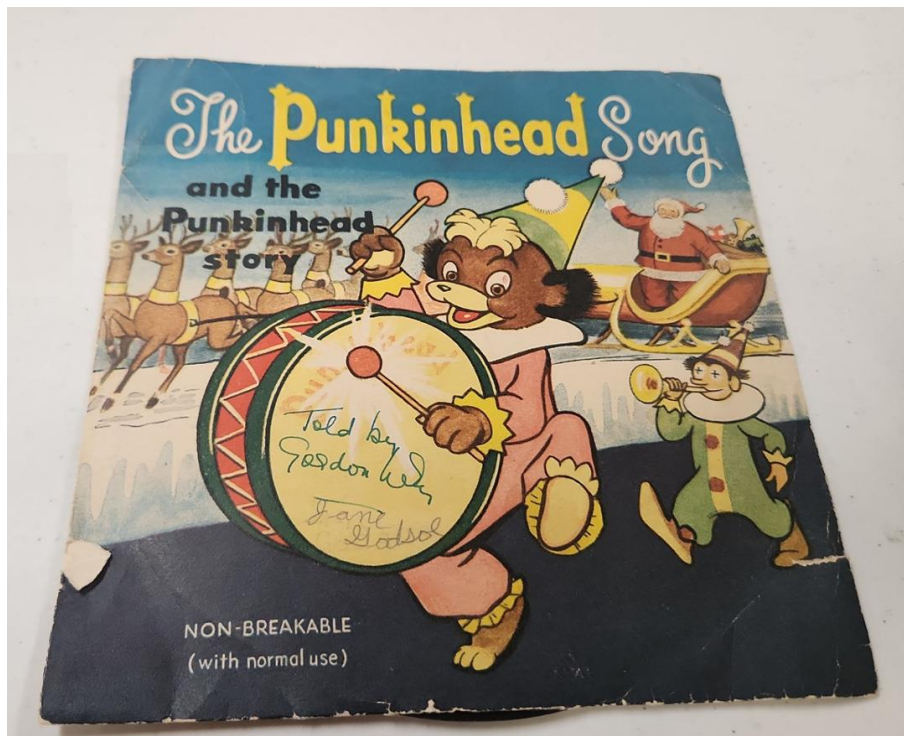
A selection of Punkinhead items well loved in years long gone by children at Christmas time



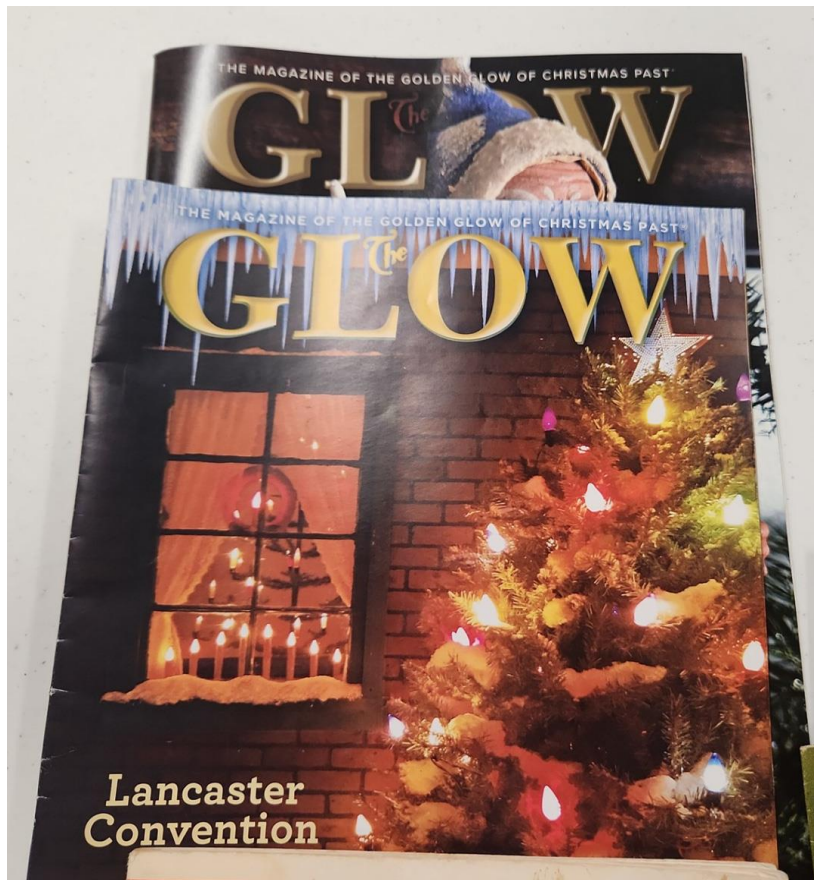
Punkinhead bear, so named for the tuft of hair on the top of his head



Colouring Books from Eaton's with drawings of items from the Eaton's sponsored Toronto Santa Claus Parade



A record with the Punkinhead song and story from the days before computers and on-line music



GLOW Magazines  
(as it says) "The Magazine of the Golden Glow of Christmas Past"



### DISPLAY #3



Sears 2000 Holiday Series (Taylor Trucks) Sears Santa Parade float



Christmas VW van with matching travel trailer (no name)



Left: 1993 Hallmark – 1956 Christmas Thunderbird  
Right: Christmas Fiat (no name)



Choir processing through village, East German wooden figures with box. - 1970



Left: a 'smoking' forester made in the Erzgebirge region of Germany (former East Germany). Circa 1995. Such figures are a specialty of the area.  
Right: a Nutcracker, made in China. (Copy of nutcrackers common to Germany)



## DISPLAY #4



Toy Company-Related Christmas Ornaments



1/18 scale "Holiday Hot Wheels 2001" model called 'Slightly Modified'





Front to Back.

50 Anniversary of MATCHBOX. Die-Cast Model of # 29-C, the Denver Fire Pumper Truck, and its replicated original box. Issued 2002.

HOT WHEELS. A set of 2 ornaments, featuring the original 1968 "DEORA" in Metallic Green and Red. Both were issued in 2000.

Disney/Pixar's Cars, featuring "Luigi and Guido: Race Fans!". Issued 2008.

TONKA 1961 Giant Bulldozer. Issued 2004.

TONKA 1955 Steam Shovel. Issued 2001.

TONKA 1961 Cement Truck. Issued 2002.

TONKA 1953 Dump Truck. Issued 2000.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 22, 2025

**2nd ANNUAL CHATHAM-KENT TOY SHOW AND SALE**  
**John D. Bradley Convention Centre 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**565 Richmond St. Chatham, Ontario**

March 2, 2025

**12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Group 25 Toronto**  
**Model Car & Slot Car Hobby Flea Market & NNL (Nameless National Luminaires)**  
**Franklin Horner Community Centre 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**  
**432 Horner Ave, Etobicoke, Ontario**

*Sorry the newsletter was a bit late this month*

*The Editor*