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February 6, 1992

Dear TCA Western Division Members:

The Saturday meet in January was well attended, filling all of the tables that were out. I estimated that there were about 80 people there, and counted 38 tables set up with trains on them. There are more tables, in the store room, that are available to us .

The displays drew quite a bit of interest. Ward Kimball showed the train "Der Adler" in HO, O, & 1 gauges, John Parker discussed the TCA "Chicago South Shore & South Bend INTERURBANS" purchased in conjunction with the 1991 TCA Convention in Chicago. They did not come up to expected quality, especially the color. Virginia Malloy presented her "Teddy Bear" and the Lionel No. 10 Standard Gauge Engine that her brother brought back from "A piece of junk", doing a very nice job.

Your Officers and Board of Directors have scheduled an "OPEN MEET" to give others the opportunity of discovering TCA Western Division. We have and will advertised this meet in local press releases and at GAT shows. The meet is to be on Sunday, March 29, open to you TCA members at 11:00 AM and then to the other Club members and Public at 12:00 noon. This lets you get set up and take care of your "in-club trading" before the public crush. For this meet, we are asking that you make a \$2.00 donation for each table you use; and so we can meet your table needs, we are "Pre-selling" tables. Contact our Treasurer, Dale Lange, (address above) for your table needs before March 16. After that time, tables will be on a first come basis. While there will be no entry fee for our members (and Seniors, because this is a Senior Center) we are asking a \$2.00 donation for all over 12 years who come in. The National TCA rules that govern our meets require that non-TCA members who want to sell at this meet must have a TCA member display and "sell" the items for them. Your cooperation with your friends is expected, but remember you are responsible for maintaining TCA standards in all sales.

Until we see each other again, tell your friends to come visit us.

Bob Spellmire
Bob Spellmire, President

For those who want the year's schedule of our meets:

1992 MEETS ARE GENERALLY SCHEDULED FOR THE FOURTH SATURDAY

However, as of February 5, 1992, the schedule with variations (and comments) is:

Saturday, February 22, at 11:00 AM;

OPEN MEET Sunday, March 29, at 11:00 AM for TCA members. Other Club
members & Public at 12:00 Noon.

Friday, April 24, at 6:00 PM (Lawn Bowlers Tournament takes Sat & Sun)

Friday, May 22, at 6:00 PM (Sat. is MTA All Day Roundhouse Meet)

Saturday, June 27, at 11:00 AM (National TCA Convention weekend)

Saturday, July 25, at 11:00 AM

Saturday, August 22, at 11:00 AM

Saturday, September 26, at 11:00 AM

Saturday, October 24, at 11:00 AM (York Meet weekend)

Saturday, November 28, at 11:00 AM (Thanksgiving weekend)

Sunday, December 6, 12:00 Noon (Our Christmas Dinner Meet - members only)

If there are any changes in these dates and times they will be published in this news letter as soon as the change is known.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We, the members, Board of directors and Officers of TCA Western Division welcome the following new members into the First and Oldest Division of any Toy Train Collecting Organization.

RODERICK COMUNALE	TCA No. 92-35050
MARK P. RASMUSSEN	92-35052
RANDAL STENE	92-35053
MICHAEL W. SMITH	92-35054
BRIAN T. FIELDS	92-35114
PAUL HORTADO	92-35115
PHILLIP J. STICKRATH	92-35122

We all look forward to help you enjoy collecting toy trains and accessories.

TREASURERS REPORT**BY DALE LANGE**

Balance at the start of January	\$ 3,840.75
Income for January	\$ 640.99
Expenses for January	<u>420.43</u>
Net gain for January	<u>220.54</u>
balance at start of February	\$ 4,061.29

YOUR 1992 DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE.

You may pay your dues at the meet or by mail to DALE LANGE 1371 Cherry Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93065.

The TCA Western Division dues for 1992 are still only \$10.00. Also, your National TCA membership must be currently in force for you to be a Western Division Member. These are two separate dues payments you must make. Your National dues are paid in the Quarter that you joined, while Western Division dues are paid in January.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT**BY RUSSELL LANGE**

We have 115 paid members at the end of January.

The January mailing list has been reduced from 495 names to 399 names. This reduction is the result of returned mail with no forwarding address, no such name in the National TCA Directory, and several years of non payment of Western Division dues. Continuing auditing of our mailing list is expected to reduce the list by even more due primarily to non payment of dues.

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT**BY TOM WATSON**

The 1992 Board of Directors held a meeting on January 8 to discuss the organizational issues for 1992. The following items were discussed:

Delinquency of members in paying 1991 dues and some of even non payment for several prior years. Special notices will be sent to delinquent members.

The Mailing Service was terminated and the processing of our mailing will be handled by members of our organization, who agreed to do such service for half the cost for the prior services.

The format and design of our News Letter was changed to what you are receiving now, eliminating the envelope as a cost factor.

The "OPEN HOUSE" meet for 1992 was scheduled for March 29, in the regular meeting hall -- the Arcadia Senior Citizens Center.

Yours truly, Tom Watson was appointed and confirmed as Recording Secretary.

The Next Board meeting was set for February 5, which will be reported in next month's news letter.

SATURDAY SATURDAY SATURDAY SATURDAY SATURDAY SATURDAY SATURDAY

Our TCA Western Division Meeting will be on **SATURDAY**, February 22, 1992, for this month. The meeting will be open to all at the official opening time of 11:00 A.M. The exception to this rule is only for the PARTS DEALERS, who will be allowed to come in and set up their displays early, as long as one of the Division Officers is there to let you in.

PARTS DEALERS , ATTENTION !!! SEVERAL PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMERS ASKED "WHERE ARE THE SATURDAY PARTS DEALERS?"

Our meetings are held in the Arcadia Senior Citizens Center, which is located at 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, Calif..

The theme for display for February is something that you can relate to "Washington and Birthday". (The man, the State, the City, your birthday, etc.)

NO TABLE FEES and NO COST TO SELLERS FOR THE AUCTION

Once again, the kitchen will be operating under the cullinary expertise of Carol Stella.