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Upcoming Meet Notices

Western Division's February train meet will take place Saturday, February 28th, in the Arcadia Senior Center, located at 405 S. Santa Anita Avenue in Arcadia, CA.

To get to the meet, exit the 210 Freeway at Santa Anita Ave. Drive south about half a mile and turn right into the Arcadia Park parking lot. The hall is located next to the lawn bowling area. Look for the Western Division Sign.

The doors open at 10 AM for setup, trading and selling. Please visit the Western Division website, at <http://www.tcawestern.org> for more information and a map!

The display theme for February will be, "Trains I Love." Show off an item and facilitate the transfer of knowledge on collecting toy trains with your fellow members. There will be a separate raffle prize drawing held for all those members who display items.

There will be the regular monthly prize raffle for the membership. As announced at the January meet, the Grand prize raffle this year is the Lionel Postwar Classics GG-I Madison car set and the Burlington Diesel with red strips silver car set. Ticket holders will have a choice of one with the second drawing for the remaining set. A crisp \$100 bill will once again be given away to one lucky eligible member who purchased a 2009 Raffle ticket.

Western Division Meet dates for 2009 are: February 28, March 28, April 25, May 30, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, and December 19. There are no meets held in June or November.

President's Message

By Wayne Sheriff, WD President

Believe it or not, we are celebrating our 55th year as Western Division, the oldest and first division in TCA. A lot has happened to promote the hobby, encourage participation and fellowship within our Division. Thanks to all that have made the Division the success that it is!

We wrapped up another successful year with our Holiday Meet. We had a very well attended meet with many prizes. Thanks to Manny Gonzalez and Nancy Cochran for the exceptional effort in putting on the Meet. Also thanks to all who participated in the pot-luck.

Cal-Stewart held in November was another success. Our Division had an interactive display that was a big hit for all kids. In addition, we participated in the Boy Scouts Merit Badge program at Cal-Stewart thanks to Dave Otth and Jon Lang.

The January Meet was well attended despite the rain. We started selling the new raffle tickets for our two Lionel Postwar Classics. We are pleased to welcome Fred and Joanne Albers from Portersville, and Greg and Lynette Hahn from Riverside as new members to Western Division. Western Division looks forward to your participation in our Division activities.

We have started meeting with the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library with regards to installing the layout next November. The dates will be November 14th 2009 through January 10, 2010. The

layout will start a week sooner so not to interfere with Cal-Stewart. This also means that we will have to start the setup process a week sooner.

Do to an action that we had to address, I took time to review our total website (www.tcawestern.org). If you have not done it or do not have a computer, go to the local library but do it. It is a remarkable document! Included in the website is the total history of Western Division dating back to the beginning on September 1954. All former Presidents are listed and most of the former officers. TCA's founding is also included in that infamous barn in Pennsylvania. Not only is there Division news, but under tips section, a remarkable history of trains and their manufactures. Our "Webmaster" Harold Shapiro has spent a lot time assembling the information and it sure is worth reviewing. Thanks Harold for another great job!

Just a reminder that the TCA National Convention will be held in Scottsdale, AZ this June. Registration and tours are going fast! It's an easy day trip from here. Details are in the latest Headquarters News or on our website with the link to the convention website. Don't let an opportunity like this pass you by.

If you interested in winning some money, checkout the latest Headquarters News article about the National Membership Drive. At all the train shows we visit, we find people that are into trains but have no direction at what and where to find more information on trains. This is a great opening for asking them to join TCA and Western Division.

I would be remiss if I did not "Thank" all the Members, Officers and Volunteers for making 2008 a very successful year. We look forward to another exciting year.

December 2008 Meet Recap

By Steve Eastman, Secretary



December's theme was "Holiday Trains".



John Abbee showed a boxed Lionel PRR Set. Jim Kenney displayed an uncataloged Department Store Lionel #262 passenger set. Mario Liberatore showed a custom Lionel flat car with Santa and his Elves and a Lionel Display Steam Engine. Herb Mayer

brought a Hornby passenger set. "Three of the cars had the same name as his wife".



Bob Lemberger showed some tin lithograph train Christmas tree ornaments. Bob Nord displayed a New Marx Trains, White Rock Island Loco and Tender with a Marx M10005 set. Bill Grove shared his pre-war Lionel Santa handcar. Les Cochran showed us the newly released Lionel Santa Watchman and Santa's Toy Shop.



Bill Clausen showed a 1973 Lionel Christmas Boxcar. Greg Pulis displayed a Dolly Toy Co. #212 eight piece Christmas Village (in its original box) and a Bing 1920's mechanical hand car. Steve Eastman displayed a Model Power Santa's Christmas Train set that was all made from Marx molds. Bob Trimble showed a Utah Quarter car, a custom Smurf LGB handcar, and a Lionel GG1 that belonged to his wife.



Mark Spears had a Lionel Mr. & Mrs. Clause hand car. The Drawing winner was John Abbee who selected a Lionel Santa Fe passenger car. Drawings were held for ladies and kids gifts and Jackson James won the kids raffle for the Bachman Grinch set. The \$100.00 Bill Winner was C.A Meyer! Raffle winners were;



John Abbee (Toy Fair boxcar), Jim Dykier (Lionel switches), Greg Pulis (Lionel billboard set), Howard Bishop (Lionel Station Platform), Herb Mayer (Lionel bank), and Rudy Felix (Lionel Rio Grande Switcher). Dave Mabee won the raffle for the Lionel Hudson!

January 2009 Meet Recap

By Bob Caplan, Secretary

The January theme: "New Trains For the New Year".



Dave Mabee showed off his Lionel New Haven Passenger Set. Steve Eastman brought a Marx Santa Fe "No Band" #1095 Diesel. Steve Waller brought an Atlas metal passenger station made in New Jersey, and a Lionel #201 Engine with front windows. Bob Caplan shared a Lionel #6445 Bank Janelco Junior Achievement Car, Harvey Tafel brought out a Lionel #253 Dark Green/Orange made in 1929. Neil Mayer shared his 2008 Macy's Boxcar. Herbert Mayer brought his 2008 Teddy Bear; John Abbee brought an Amtrak #300 UP by MTH. Larry Pearson presented his reissued Lionel Flying Yankee. Gregory Pulis brought a Pre War German Wind up Automobile. Bob Nord shared a painted Trestle by his wife. Bob Trimble brought a handmade B unit. Dave Gabe shared is steamer. Calvin Smith brought a Marx #999 Steam Engine, and Al Vargas his Santa Fe #2343 F-3 Unit. Larry Pearson won a Lionel Log Car for his display item.



The Raffle Winners were: Manny Gonzalez (Lionel Platform), Harold Shapiro (#8701 Pen. Combo Car), Greg Hahn (A box of FasTrack), Robert Cesarone (Lionel Toy Fair Car), and Dave Mabee won the \$100 Monthly Prize!

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