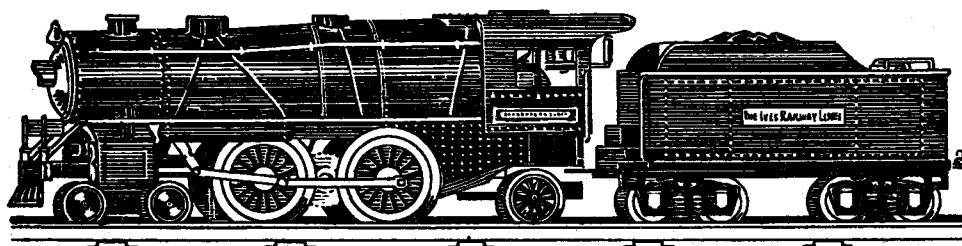


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

First of all, my sincere thanks to all for according me the honor of being your President in 1971.

With the guiding hands of our officers, and the active participation of ALL our members, our organization cannot help but become the Southern California Mecca for Toy Train Collectors!

And please bear this in mind when at some time or other, you may be asked to serve on a committee. For any organization to survive and prosper, it must have the cooperation and willingness of each member to do his bit, however small.

So let's make it All-for-One-In-'71 -- and that One is the Western Division!

Nick Grippe

The Headlight is issued monthly, and will contain news items, want ads, gripes, comments, and more.

For the present, and until further notice, want ads will be published free. Limit of 30 words on each ad. News items, want ads, etc. will be accepted by the editor at each meeting for publication in the following month's Headlight.

Meeting Notice . . .

The January meeting of the Western Division will be at Rodger Young Auditorium, 936 West Washington Blvd., Los Angeles.

The Date: Friday, January 8 (the second Friday because New Year's Day being on the first Friday). Time: 7:00 p.m.

Portland Convention Slides . . .

A very interesting slide presentation of the 1970 Pacific Northwest Convention will be given by our own Marty Folb at the January meeting. He will also show slides of some of the collections which he photographed while in the Northwest.

Marty is an excellent photographer, and the clarity of each picture is amazing.

WHEN ? JUNE 24 - 25 - 26 - 27

WHERE ? THE ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER

WHAT ? WHY, THE TRAIN COLLECTORS 17TH NATIONAL CONVENTION, OF COURSE!

AUCTION TIME !!

The ingredients of a good auction are --

1. A large variety of goodies.
2. Eager buyers.
3. A good auctioneer.

We have all these ingredients. Let's put them together at each meeting. Everybody benefits -- the seller, the buyer, the club. There will be an auction at the January meeting, and some very choice items are slated to go under the auctioneer's hammer. Not literally, of course! So dig down through your unwanted items -- State cars, 400E's, Prosperity Specials, etc., and bring them to the Auction.

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Membership Applicants . . .

Seven applicants for membership in the Western Division will be voted on at the January 8 business meeting. They are:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Interest</u> |
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| Jerry Butler | Standard Gauge in Lionel-Ives-Flyer |
| Lyle Cain | Standard Gauge in Lionel-Am. Flyer |
| Luther Critzer | Collects and operates Lionel-Flyer Pre-War; also Post-War 'O' and 'S' |
| George Gilliland | Lionel-Am. Flyer 'O' Gauge 1938-1970 |
| Bob Liebman | Lionel 'O' & Standard Gauge 1930-1957; also Scale HO |
| Bob Putney | Lionel 'O' & Standard Gauge; also Trolleys and Scale 'O' Gauge |
| Neil Stein | '2' Gauge & Standard-Lionel and Am. Flyer & Ives; also Carlisle & Finch - Voltamp - Boucher |

Looks as if Standard Gauge is heavily favored by the above applicants. Wonder why "The Big Four" ever discontinued making the 'Big Ones'??

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Re Dues . . .

1971 Dues are now due and payable. Our secretary, Clyde Easterly, will accept your \$5.00 at the January meeting. Don't delay... be prepared to Pay! 1971 National Convention Registration Fees will also be accepted (\$15.00). It is strongly rumored that this is ONE Convention that nobody will want to miss. Need we say more?

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Sergeant-At-Arms . . .

Our Sergeant-At-Arms, Dirk Brown, has many duties and responsibilities. Among them are greeting members and guests, seeing too that no unauthorized persons enter the meeting room, maintaining order, setting up tables and chairs when required, projection equipment, etc., and assisting at auctions.

Dirk also handles our monthly raffles and door prizes. He is looking for an able assistant... so anyone interested, please see Dirk.

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NATIONAL TCA CONVENTION NEWS

Way back in 1968 enthusiastic Train Collectors in Southern California determined they wanted a NATIONAL TCA CONVENTION here in 1971. Now, over two years later, with commitments made, plans formulated, and a great deal of work already accomplished the 1971 Convention is nearly at hand.

The dates are JUNE 25th and 26th, 1971 at the great new ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER adjacent to Disneyland. In addition numerous activities are planned at the DISNEYLAND HOTEL, our Convention Headquarters.

National interest in collecting toys and trains has led to the phenomenal growth of TCA membership these past few years. This, combined with a Convention site at a major tourist attraction, says this will be the largest meeting of Train Collectors we have ever seen on the West Coast. Building interest on the Eastern Seaboard, witnessed at various regional meets, says we will have many guests from Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Already a chartered jet flight from Newark has been well booked, much in advance with fares paid . . . for more than 150 people!

Mark the dates on your calendars, and plan to be with us commencing Thursday evening, June 24th through Sunday, June 27th, 1971 for the best time you've ever had Train Collecting!

John Parker - Convention Chairman

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NOT THE FIRST . . . BUT THE SECOND FRIDAY IN JANUARY . . . is the day for the Western Division Meeting . . . JANUARY 8, 1971 at Rodger Young Auditorium, 936 West Washington Blvd. - Los Angeles.

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