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Monthly Meet Notification

The first Western Division toy train meet of the new millenium will be held on **Saturday January 22, 2000** at the *Arcadia Park Senior Citizen's Center, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006* (Santa Anita exit off of the 210 freeway, then head south).

Hall doors will open at 10:00 AM for sellers only to enter and begin setting up their tables. Each seller is allowed to use a maximum of two tables for free. We also ask that a suitable table covering be used by all sellers, to protect the tables (and your valuable trains) from damage. A reminder that NO trading is to take place until the hall opens for all members. And no members, except sellers and officers are allowed into the hall during set up.

The hall will be open for members and guests to enter and for trading to commence at 11:00 AM.

Since this is a new year, a new century and a new millenium, the display theme for January will be "something new". This can include any recently acquired antique toy train item in your collection or a newly released model of a modernistic train. We are all anxious to see what's new in the train hobby, so if you have a train item that is high-tech and designed for the new century, please bring it for the display.

In carrying on the new tradition established in 1999 (the last century, that old millenium!) once again, a special prize will be awarded to the most interesting display and the new story that goes along with it.

The business meeting will begin at 12:30, and it will be followed by the auction. Raffle prizes will be awarded to those present (that have winning tickets of course!).

Western Division 2000 schedule of train meets is as follows:

January 22 nd , 2000	February 26 th , 2000
March 25 th , 2000	April 22 nd , 2000
May 27 th , 2000	July 22 nd , 2000
August 26 th , 2000	September 23 rd , 2000
October 28 th , 2000	November 25 th , 2000
December 10 th , 2000 – Holiday meet	

2000 Officers & Board of Directors

Elections for Western Division officers & directors were held prior to the November 1999 meet. The terms of office are for a one-year period. The results are as follows:

President:	Harold Shapiro
Vice-President:	Russ Lange
Recording Secretary:	Peter Searls
Membership Sec./Treasurer:	R. Dale Lange
Board of Directors:	Roy Bell
	Kurt Bondi
	Robert Caplan
	Les Cochran
	John Parker
	Dennis Taube
	Jerry Blaine

December 1999 Meet Recap

There were approximately 25 members and guests on hand for the 'Holiday Party' meet. Sandwiches, cookies and punch were served by the club in celebration.

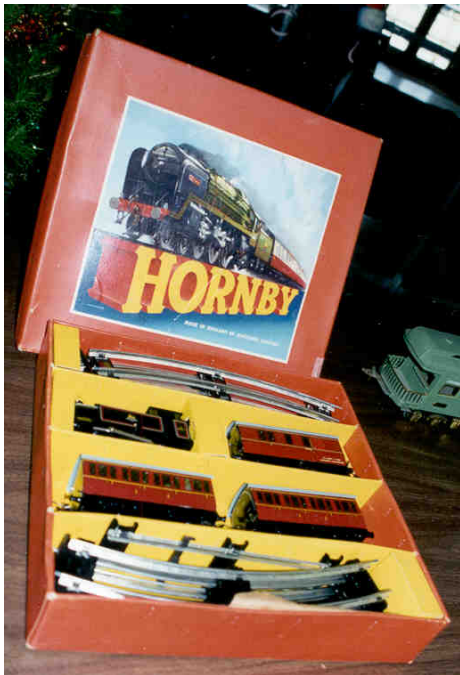
The display theme was 'Christmas Treasures'. Emmert Stouffer displayed an AmTrak #924 engine with four Coca-cola cars: #'s 68407 (1993), 641708 (1992), 6447 (1990), and 648702 (1991). Emmert purchased the locomotive as this year's present to himself.

Dick Wheeler brought an Ives locomotive #3243R, a 4-4-4 which was just like the one he had received for Christmas as a child, in 1922. He replaced the original in 1949 for the grand sum of \$10. Dick also displayed cars #180 (club), #181 (parlor) and #182 (observation).



Dale Lange listens as Dick Wheeler tells the story of his 3243R.

Yours truly, Dave McCulley, brought a post-war Hornby 'O' gauge wind-up set. This early 1950's set was brand new and still in its original box.



Dave McCulley's as-new Hornby wind-up

The sales tables had some interesting items available. This included a #439 control board, and #263E locomotive with Vanderbilt tender in grey. There was also a new Meccano Erector set and a well-worn 'S' gauge #556 locomotive and cars for restoration. Also observed were a Marx Army locomotive with tender and a Marx Mercury set in brass.

On the layout, Kid's Club member, Darrell Calvillo ran a Gilbert 3/16 'O' gauge #570 Hudson followed by a yellow hopper, green gondola, a searchlight car, a box car, a Shell



The layout in action

tank car, and a lighted caboose. The cars were from 1939-41. Darrell also had a 1939 Atlantic on the siding waiting its turn to run.

Raffle prizes were taken home by Dale Lange, Harry Chortanian, Henry Voskian, Jerry Butler, Dave McCulley, and C.A. 'Neal' Meyer. All ladies in attendance received a special door prize.

Respectfully submitted by Dave McCully

President's Corner

First off, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. Secondly, I would like to thank the Western Division members who served as officers and board members during 1999. Without your assistance and donation of energy & effort, 1999 would not have yielded the success that Western Division enjoyed.

To the new officers and directors, I lay down a challenge: Let's make 2000 an even more successful and enjoyable year for Western Division. I hope we can continue to broaden the membership base and spread the good word about this hobby that we all love throughout the new millennium.

The 2003 TCA National convention is only three years away. Western Division will host it, here in Ontario, Ca. Now is the time to begin organizing the committees that will facilitate putting the convention activities and events together. There is much planning to do, and I call on all Western Division members to lend a hand. We want to put on the kind of National convention that will have the rest of TCA in awe of our division.

Robert Caplan, who is the Convention Car chairman, has asked that if anyone has any ideas or designs for the 2003 convention cars to please call him or e-mail him with those ideas. You may also forward any ideas to me as well. Bob's e-mail is rmcstrains@aol.com, mine is harold.shapiro@nbc.com. If you don't have e-mail, Bob can be reached via telephone at 818-563-4745.

Western Division is also looking for a unique design for the convention logo. This logo becomes a key feature of not only the convention cars, but all communications, publications and merchandise associated with the 2003 convention. If you have any designs or ideas, please contact either myself or convention chairman, John Parker. John can be reached at 714-637-0952.

Volunteers are the key component in making this event successful. We will need bodies to coordinate registrations, tours, the banquet, prizes, transportation, security, and fund raising, just to name a few. If you have experience in any of these areas, or feel you would like to step forward and fill one of these roles, please let us know who you are as soon as possible.

Thanks for your participation!

Your President, Harold Shapiro

Upcoming Events

February 6th, 2000 – Great America Train Show at Los Angeles' Union Station. For more info call 415-461-6844.

February 11th, 12th & 13th, 2000 - TCA Nor-Cal Division Cal-Stewart meet in Santa Clara, CA. For more info call registration Chairperson Karen Rodgers at 650-878-5811.