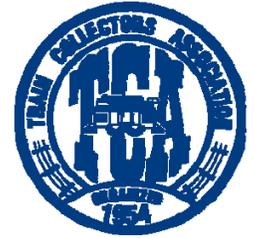




Western Division Newsletter



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Upcoming Meet Notices

Western Division's next train meet will take place on Saturday, January 23, 2010, 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 January will be: 'New Train for the New Year.' Show off an item and facilitate the transfer of knowledge on collecting toy trains with your fellow members.

Thank you for previously sharing your trains and thoughts with club members for 2009. To streamline the proceedings this year we have established new display theme ground rules:

1. Please display trains and items that are directly related to the monthly theme.
2. Be brief and informative with your presentation.
3. The display prize will be awarded by members' applause, as in years past (not by drawing a ticket).
4. No sales pitches.

Our display themes and scheduled meets for 2010 are: January 23rd (New Train for New Year), February 27th (Valentines /Red Trains), March 27th (Passenger Trains), April 24th (Real or Fake?), May 29th (Red, White, and Blue), July 24th (Convention Cars), August 28th (Tank Cars), September 25th (Southern Pacific Rail Road), October 23rd (Military Trains), and December 18th (Holiday Trains).

The regular monthly raffle for the membership will be held. The Board of Directors has ordered that to participate in the monthly prize raffle, each member must wear their membership badge. This year's "Grand Raffle Prize" is an original boxed 1950 Lionel #773 Hudson and tender. Tickets are only \$20 each! Ticket holders will have the opportunity to win a crisp \$100 bill to be given away to one lucky eligible member.

President's Message

By Wayne Sheriff, WD President

The holiday season has passed and we are getting into the new 2010 year. The December meet was a great success! Many thanks to Manny Gonzalez, who headed up our party team, that included his wife, Jean Henderson Gonzalez along with Nancy Cochran. This was a great team effort.

The layout display at the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library was well attended. The Library has indicated that we will not be going back for 2010. Thanks to Robert Lemberger, Mike Donovan, Manny Gonzalez, Jim Kenney, Stephen Waller, Herbert Mayer, John Parker, Steve Eastman, Harold Shapiro, and Jon Lang for their efforts with the construction of the Nixon layout.

It is time to pay your 2010 TCA Western Division dues. The Board of Directors has decided to keep the dues at \$15 annually. Enclosed with this mailing is a dues renewal form and an addressed envelope to be sent to Jim Kenney, Treasurer.

Western Division had a booth at the Great Train Expo held at the Anaheim Convention Center the first weekend in January. The interactive layout was the hit of the show with adults as well as with their children. We were able to talk to many of the children's parents about TCA and invited them to become TCA Western Division members. Thanks to Mike Donovan, Herbert Mayer, Jim Kenney, Robert Lemberger, Frank and Jacob Perez, who all helped at the WD booth.

The World's Greatest Hobby show, at the Long Beach Convention Center will be held on February 13th and 14th, 2010. The show has allocated space for Western Division's interactive layout and we will need help from the membership to assist at the booth. TCA Western Division will also be at the Brea (formerly Fullerton) Railroad Days Show the 1st of May and again at the Big Train Show in June.

We have received a notice from the National Office that the deadline for ordering 2010 convention cars has been extended from December 31, 2009 until January 31, 2010. You can order online or by mail.

It is time to plan your travel to the TCA National Convention being held in Baltimore this June. If you check out the Headquarters News for January you will notice that some tours listed are limited to a set number of people. Don't wait, make your plans now! It's a great area of the country to visit and a great time for a train convention. The new national officers that were elected this past September will take office during the convention festivities.

Holiday Party Recap:

By Robert Caplan, WD Secretary

If you did not get a chance to attend our Holiday Party on Saturday, December 19, 2009 you missed a great event! We had fellowship, fun, with great food! What a nice way to end 2009! Below are photographs that marked our party.

Display Theme: "Holiday Trains"



*Jim Kenney's Rare
American Flyer Wide Gauge*



Bob Caplan's musical toy train



Robert Trimble's Hallmark GG-1 Calvin Smith's push-pull Xmas train



Dave Mabee's Christmas Boxcar David Gabay's Lionel Watchman's Shack



Herb Mayer's ETS Logging Set Steve Eastman's Christmas boxcar.



John Abbe's Christmas Caboose Les Cochran's D56 Xmas Trolley



Dave Mabee won the \$100 bill and the Grand prize winners were Bill Clausen who won the Lionel GG-1 Set and Dave Mabee who won the Lionel Freight Set.



Enough food to feed an army!



Children played with trains too!



Don Gatz

Diep Mustille

Andrew Bowman



Cynthia Sheriff

Nancy Cochran

Mary Abbe



Collette Shepard

Tina Corsello

Valerie Bishop



Zak Mustille

Joseph Caplan

Michelle Abbe



T. C. A. 2010 Western Division Officers

L to r seated: Bob Caplan - Secretary, Manny Gonzalez - Vice President, Wayne Sheriff - President, Jim Kenney - Treasurer. Standing: Directors - Harold Shapiro, Steve Waller, Mike Donovan, John Parker, Steve Eastman, Bob Lemberger, Jon Lang, Herb Mayer

Photographs by Herb Mayer