Train Collectors Association Western Division Newsletter

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Celebrate the New Year 2020 with a Big LIONEL 2020 Steam Turbine!

Photo by Steve Waller

Start the New Year Right! On Saturday, January 25, 2020, TCA-Western Division will be having a one-day Opportunity Drawing to award a gorgeous LIONEL No. 2020 Steam Turbine. We also have the matching 2020W whistle tender. ***Enter to win!*** Purchase chances for the 2020 for $5 each, or 5 tickets for $20.00. This is a members-only event; if you aren't up-to-date on your 2020 Western Division dues, you can re-join at the meet; it's still only $20.00. We have TCA National Membership applications available, also.

TCA-Western Train Meets are held at the Arcadia Park Activity Center, 405 South Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006, next to Lawn Bowling. Website: *www.tcawestern.org*. Our January Display Theme will be **"New Trains for the New Year!"** (These can be brand-new, or new-to-you.)

Set-up starts at 9AM; doors open at 10AM. Come early and enjoy free doughnuts & coffee. Door prizes; no-fee selling tables; toy train layout, sandwiches, auction & more! ***Join us!***

Photo by Harold Shapiro

Larry Pearson offers *gratis* toy train repairs, while you wait! (Parts extra, of course.) In addition, Harold Shapiro will be selling his **TCA-Western 2020 Calendar**, as a fundraiser for next year's TCA Convention in Irvine, CA. The calendar covers many of the great toy train manufacturers!

"Santa Claus Meets The Grinch" at TCA-Western's December 14th Party!

Joseph Caplan gets Grinched!

Steve Eastman & Steve Waller "Don't you love Toy Trains for the Holidays? "

The Grinch takes control of the ZW transformer, to the astonishment of Larry & Anne Young.

Kathy & Syd Mason with TCA friends, enjoying the Holiday Potluck!

The Grinch crashes an Abbe Family reunion:

with Wha, John & Michelle.

C.J. Nord (right) donated the LIONEL 773 (on table) for our Grand Prize, on behalf of the Nord Family.

Denyse Meyer offers tickets to Greg Pulis (L) and Bob Caplan.

Everybody is a winner, even Santa Claus (holding loco in rear). Santa won the LIONEL 773!

Photos by Roger Hill & Harold Shapiro

Holiday Layout Tour is Fun for All!

During the last few days of 2019, Denyse Meyer organized a Holiday Layout Tour for our friends at TTOS-SP Division in Anaheim. Two of the tours were at the homes of TCA Members, as shown here…

TCA-Western Division Past President Steve Eastman has a very creative toy train layout that is always changing! He had an open house on Friday, December 27th.

Some of the tinplate trains run on his self-made, dual-gauge, 5-rail track, which can accommodate "O" or Standard Gauge.

Two days later, on Sunday, December 29th, TCA-Western Division Past President Bob Spellmire opened his home to guests.

Bob has a huge layout room, with Standard and "O" Gauge trains.

There was a new layout, dedicated to the memory of Bob's son George Spellmire. Western Division members worked hard to finish this "S" Gauge pike, including Jon Lang, Bill Senyak, Steve Eastman and his grandson Ethan Mora. Thanks to Denyse Meyer and everyone who helped on the Holiday Layout Tour!

TCA 2021 National Convention Planning

Next year's TCA National Convention, to be hosted by Western Division in Irvine, CA, will be held from June 19th to June 27th, 2021. Much of the planning must be finished by this June, so we can present our intentions at the 2020 TCA Jacksonville Convention. In particular, bus tours need to be locked-in at that time. If you want to help, please come to our Board Meeting on Saturday, January 25th, right after the Meet. We need your involvement! We will be touring the Hotel Irvine toward the end of February; exact date to be announced soon.

Roger Hill photo

"Trains I Love" is Theme of Upcoming February Meet

The theme for our Saturday, February 22, 2020 Meet is "Trains I Love" or **Red Trains,** in honor of **Valentine's Day.** That topic is wide-open, so bring something to share!

Bill Senyak (left) brought a pre-war 249E to the club last year, which is usually found in gray. But, this one was rusty, so he ran it through the glass-bead blaster in his workshop. Then, Bill used a "rattle can" of red spray paint to give it that rosy sheen. Bill tells us that restoring a locomotive like this gives him even greater pleasure than collecting original pieces. Nice job! ❤

Muzeo Holiday Express Must End Jan. 26, 2020!

Muzeo Express winds up its 5th Annual run in Anaheim, CA on Sunday, January 26th. The exhibit is joint project of TCA-Western Division & TTOS-Southern Pacific. Experience nine operating model train layouts, running on "O" gauge, HO, Std. gauge, and G-scale track. Plus, enjoy the extras, like Ward Kimball's Grizzly Flats hand car, the newly-restored Disneyland Mine Train car and the Harvey Girls exhibit. **Hours:** 10AM to 5PM, Wed. thru Sun. Admission: Adults $10, Senior/Military/ Student $8, Kids (4-12) $7. Located at: MUZEO, 241 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805. Visit *www.muzeo.org*. For more info, see Wayne Sheriff, Steve Eastman, or Bill Senyak.

Muzeo Department Store Layout, designed & built by Bob Lemberger.

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Presents an Extra-Special Opportunity Drawing…

LIONEL No. 1100

Mickey Mouse Hand Car

Includes the Original Box!

Produced by Lionel from 1934 to 1937

*Coming Soon to the **Arcadia Park Activity Center***
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Join us at any of our regular Monthly Meets! For info:
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Grand Prize to be awarded Sat., Dec. 12, 2020 at the TCA-Western Holiday Meet. (Winner need not be present to win.) Must be a TCA Member to enter.

TCA 6-Month Trial Membership Available Now for $20.00. *JOIN NOW!*
Entries also eligible to win a $100.00 cash prize at every Meet you attend this year!

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LIONEL No. 2020 to be Awarded on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020!

Doors Open 10AM. Prize will be Awarded at the Completion of our Noon Membership Meeting. *Must be present to win!*

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Tickets are $5 each or 5 tickets for $20. Must be a TCA Member to enter the Opportunity Drawing.
Join TCA-Western Division for just $20! Trial Membership in TCA National is just $20 additional!