



Western Division Newsletter



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Upcoming Meet Notices

Western Division's next train meet will take place on Saturday, July 23, 2011 in the Arcadia Senior Center, located at 405 S. Santa Anita Avenue in Arcadia, California.

To get to the meet, exit the 210 Freeway at Santa Anita Avenue. 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 10AM 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 July will be 'Disney Trains.' Show off an item and facilitate the transfer of knowledge on collecting toy trains with your fellow members.

Our display themes and remaining scheduled meets for 2011 are: August 27th (Motorized Units); September 24th (Maintenance-of-Way); November 5th (Orange and Black Trains); and December 17th (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 Lionel #1100 Mickey Mouse Handcar with red base, made between 1935-37. 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 in good standing each month.

President's Message

By Manny Gonzalez, WD President

I'd like to open by personally thanking Wayne Sheriff for serving the last few years as president, and to welcome our newest members Bob Nord and Mark Spears. The Board of Directors (BOD) appreciates all the support you, the members, have shown us in the past, and we look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

As summer progresses and travel plans unfold, there will somehow always be trains in the mix. In fact many of you have recently returned from the National Convention in Sacramento, and honestly, does it get any better than that? After all, it's really about the people we meet, and the memories we share! People & Memories are not a bad combination.

In Ending, here's to that next great acquisition, and we'll see you at the upcoming meet.

TCA Convention Report

By Wayne Sheriff, WD Past President

Western Division was well represented at the outstanding TCA Convention in Sacramento. Over 20 WD members participated in the tours, trading, and convention activities. A significant action approved by the BOD was eliminating the two signature requirement for new members. This will be on the next ballot for the membership to approve. The other significant item was that the

BOD approved a balanced TCA National budget. There is a proposal in review to establish an Endowment Fund to insure funds are available to maintain the TCA Museum. The 2012 convention will be held in Atlanta.

May Meet Recap

By Robert Caplan, WD Recording Secretary



Display theme items at May meet.

The display theme was: "Santa Fe Railroad". We had quite a few interesting display items. Bob Nord showed off his Santa Fe War Bonnet F-3. Bob Spellmire brought a Lionel motorized Fire Car which qualified because it's RED. Calvin Smith showed this #8976 Santa Fe locomotive and a Santa Fe Rail Road placemat map from Harvey's Restaurant.

Dave Gabay showed off his Santa Fe Alco double AA units. John Whitmeyer shared a very interesting story about the RDC Santa Fe units that were built and showed off one he created from two Bud cars put together so that it had the proper eleven windows. Jim Kenney brought a very large Aristo-Craft GEU25B. Mario Liberatore shared with us a Lionel #2383 Santa Fe F-3 AA. Robert J. Cesarone showed a very interesting foreign made Santa Fe F-3 in 'S' gauge. Steve Waller brought a Santa Fe billboard and Lionel Santa Fe 0-27 passenger cars numbered #2404, #2405, and #2406.

Steve Eastman showed off a fantastic Marx Santa Fe F-3 toy, boxcar, and caboose. John Parker brought a prized pre-war American Flyer tinsplate passenger and baggage car he purchased at York. Les Cochran showed off his #28502 Santa Fe Engine.

Bob Trimble brought an Atlas F-9 with matching caboose along with a Santa Fe Timetable. Harry Chotanian Showed off his Santa Fe conductor's hat. Mike Jenkins shared some of his many train lanterns that he owns.



Bob Nord



Bob Spellmire



Calvin Smith



Steve Eastman



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Mike Jenkins



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Mario Liberatore



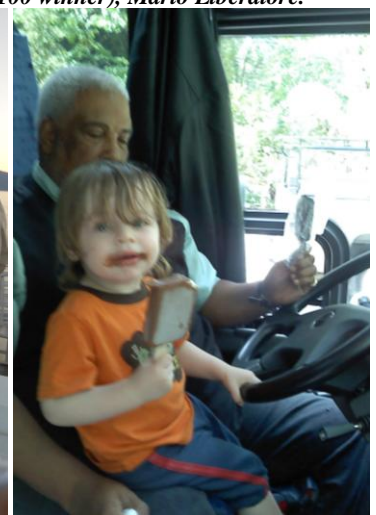
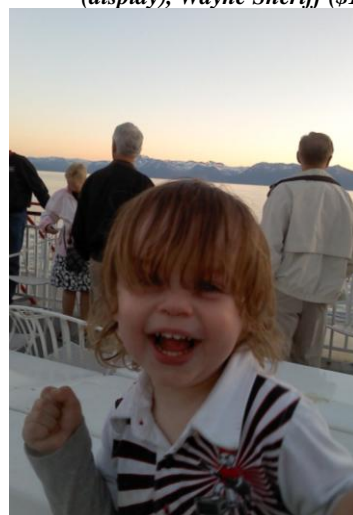
Prize winners: Bob Nord, Calvin Smith, Ken Chan, Jim Kenney (display), Wayne Sheriff (\$100 winner), Mario Liberatore.



Les Cochran



Dave Gabay



The T.C.A. National Convention at Sacramento was a BLAST!!!!