



Train Collectors Association Western Division Newsletter

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2023 Saturday Meets:

July 22 - Arcadia Community Center
365 Campus Drive
Arcadia, CA 91007 Theme:
Made in the USA. 9 am - 2 pm.



Our Nation's Capital: July 4th, 2023

Aug. 26 - Arcadia Community Center
Theme: **Favorite Steam Locomotives.** 9 am- 2 pm.

Sept. 22 - Arcadia Community Center
9 am- 2 pm. **Fall Meet.**

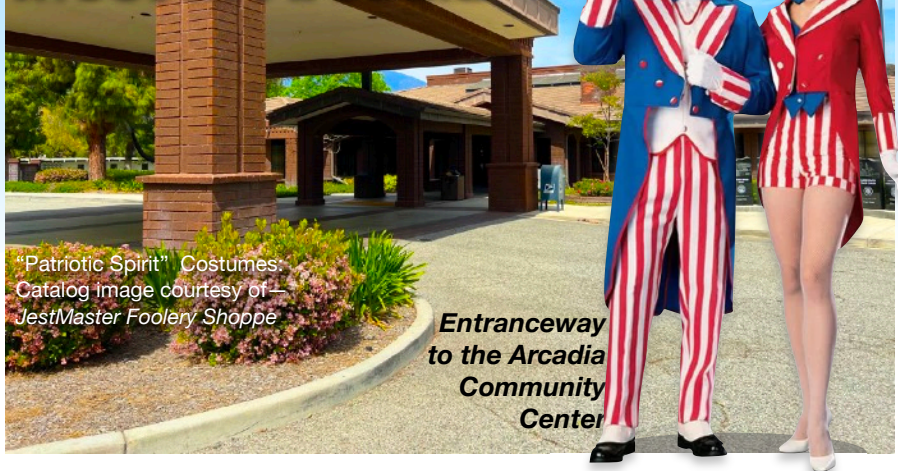
Oct. 28 - Arcadia Community Center
Halloween Meet. 9 am- 2 pm.

Dec. 9 - Arcadia Community Center
Holiday Meet. 9 am- 2 pm.



Coming: September 9 & 10, 2023; TCA Western Division will be exhibiting! Visit: www.unionstationla.com/happenings

"American Made Trains" at TCA Western's July Meet in Arcadia



"Patriotic Spirit" Costumes:
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Entranceway
to the Arcadia
Community
Center

JULY is the month in which we celebrate our Nation's birthday. So it is fitting that TCA Western Division should have as the display theme "American Made Trains" at its July 22 Meet in the Arcadia Community Center. Bring a vintage LIONEL, Marx, American Flyer or what-have-you and let's celebrate trains that are **Made in the USA!**



Have you visited our new location yet? It's the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007, from 9 am to 2 pm. The center is open to the whole family, regardless of age.

For our August 26 Meet, we return to the Arcadia Center. The theme is **Favorite Steam Locomotives**, for the hot & steamy summer months.

Our Arcadia Meets will feature a **LIONEL** test track, train layouts, a repair service, refreshments, opportunity drawings and an auction. Selling tables are for TCA Western members only. To reserve a free selling table, please send an email to info@tcawestern.org. All our remaining 2023 Meets will be at the Arcadia Community Center. *We look forward to seeing you!*



Arcadia Rotary Club-Arcadia Park Field of Honor

Visit www.ArcadiaFieldOfHonor.org or see Ken Chan.



"Last Stop: Burbank"

Photos: Roger Hill & Steve Waller

Our final Burbank Meet was held on May 20, 2023, in the Joslyn Adult Center on Olive Avenue in Burbank, California. The display table theme was the **Santa Fe Railway**.

Joslyn Center was a good location for Western Division, but it had two drawbacks: admission was limited to adults 55 & over only, plus a hard out-time at 12:30 pm, which made it difficult to have a fully-packed train meet.

If these issues can be worked out in the future, we could return to Burbank. In the meantime, it's onward to the Arcadia Community Center. (See article on page 1.)



Mike Stella brought a very rare LIONEL 6357-50 AT&SF caboose from the "Father & Son" (a.k.a. "Over & Under") HO/O gauge train set, built in 1960 only. Mike even showed us how to spot a fake!



—Roger Hill photo

May 20th TCA Western prize winners (from left to right):

Steve Waller, Joseph Caplan, Lew Stude, Susan & Jim Fredburg, Jon Lang, new member Mark Alkofer (\$100 bill winner), Greg Pulis, Harvey Tafel, Wayne Sheriff & Vern Schmidt.



Joseph Caplan



Roger Hill



A Lego City Train, built in under two hours!



In Memoriam: Myron R. Moore, TCA # 84-21271

Myron Moore was a longtime TCA Western Division member, living in the San Fernando Valley, before he moved to Michigan, to be closer to his family. There, Myron joined the Great Lakes Division. He passed away May 16, at the age of 81.



2012 TCA photo

TCA & TTOS Team-Up in Huntington Beach

Photos by John Bowman, Jeff Meyer & Steve Waller

TCA Western Division combined forces with TTOS Southern Pacific Division (Anaheim) to put together an amazing outdoor display of operating toy trains at the Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance classic car & motorcycle show. The Concours is located on the picturesque lawn of Huntington Beach Central Park, which lies adjacent to the Huntington Beach Public Library.

The idea was the brainstorm of **John Bowman**: include classic toy trains with classic cars. This combined show has been running several years now and 2023 had to be the best ever! Besides Mr. Bowman, we spotted the following Western Division members (in alphabetical order): **Steve Eastman, Denyse and Jeff Meyer, Glenn Olsen, Diane and Bill Senyak, Wayne Sheriff, Bob Spellmire, and Steve Waller.** Join us next year!



Steve Waller & Bob Spellmire



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Steve Markusic, Jeff Meyer and Wayne Sheriff



TCA Western Division President's Message

—by **Robert M. Caplan**, President - Western Division (TCA # HR 82-18679)



Greetings to all TCA Western Division Members—

I hope you're enjoying your summer! Plan to attend our Summertime Meets at the Arcadia Community Center. And, why not bring along a few friends? *The more the merrier!*

In June, the Train Collectors Association held a fabulous Convention in Burlington, Vermont. It was a super showcase for the New England Division, with amazing tours and many opportunities to find that elusive piece for the train collection.



At the Banquet, I had the honor to take part in a presentation for Western Division's own **Wayne Sheriff**, as he received the 2023 TCA National President's Award,

bestowed by TCA National President **Jay Zschau**. This recognition is given annually to a TCA member who has offered significant contributions to the hobby and to the Train Collectors Association. **Congratulations, Wayne!**



Larry Pearson, President of TTOS Southwestern Division, has cordially invited the Membership of TCA Western to attend the SWD annual picnic at the **Los Angeles Live Steamers** on Saturday, August 5th, 2023. The cost is \$8 per person (under 12 are free), with advance payment, received by July 29th. Reservation forms will be available at our July 22nd TCA Meet, or you can contact SteveWaller@tcawestern.org for a copy. If you'd like to volunteer at this event, please call Larry at (818) 848-2653, after 8:00 am.

Sincerely,

Bob Caplan

TCA Western Division President



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