



Western Division

Train Collectors Association

Newsletter



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July and August Meeting Dates

Saturday, July 28, 2001

Saturday, August 25, 2001

Our meets are held at the Senior Citizens Center in Arcadia. The address is 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in the Arcadia Community Park. This is a few blocks south of the 210 freeway, Santa Anita Exit.

Meeting times are 10:00 AM for sellers and 11:00 AM for members and guests. Tables are free to the sellers

Newsletter

Our newsletter is sent to over three hundred and fifty members residing in the Western Division boundary. We extend to you an invitation to come to our meets. We are moving forward for all of our plans for the Convention in June, 2003. There is still a lot of planning that needs to be accomplished.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND EXPERTISE TO CARRY THIS CONVENTION TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN EVERY AREA OF PLANNING, SUCH AS TOURS, TOUR GUIDES, TOUR ASSISTANTS, SOUVENIRS, WELCOME PARTY, REGISTRATION DESK, BANQUET, GIFTS, PRIZES, ETC.

WE NEED YOU – PLEASE GIVE JOHN PARKER, OUR CONVENTION CHAIRMAN A CALL AT 714-637-0952 TO OFFER YOUR SERVICES.

Even if you cannot come to our meets, we still need your help for the convention.

The MIDWEST DIVISION is having their convention in June 2002, in Chicago. They are setting aside tables for Western Division and our promotional materials to hand out for our convention in June 2003.

May meeting Highlights

Our May meeting was a classic, with plenty of Class Actors in attendance, even though we were in the middle of our first holiday weekend. WOW!

JOHN PARKER AND MIKE STELLA presented the facts and background information for our division to produce an O Scale WARD KIMBALL GRIZZLY FLATS STATION. This is one way that our division can raise funds to help with the convention expenses that we will incur. The costs of fronting

the \$3500.00 for the tooling was a concern to all of us present at the meeting.

Jim Ban came to the rescue and proposed that if the membership would vote to release twenty-five hundred dollars from the treasury, he would contribute one hundred dollars. THIS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND THANKS TO JIM FOR REALLY STARTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS ROLLING.

Members who have contributed \$100.00 or more, to date.

David Ashman
Jim Ban
Russ Lange
Dale Lange
C.A. Meyer
John Parker

Bob Spellmire
Mike Stella
Don Stotts
Dennis Taube
John Thousand

Chattanooga Convention

Several of our Western Division members were present at the convention in Chattanooga. It was good to see them there and share. It was a good convention. Plenty of things to do. For me, it was a pleasure to meet with all of the Division Presidents and National Officers, including our Operations Manager John Lupino, Secretary Sarah Reed, Treasurer Bill Miles, President Keith Arnold and President Elect Tom Jaworowski.

The National Board of Directors approved our members running for National Office. They are: Mike Stella for Vice President
Kurt Bondi for Secretary.

Please remember to give them your support.

Bob Spellmire performed his magic system for the order in which the names will appear on the ballot.

Your Past President, John Parker was well prepared to present our Grizzly Flats Station for pre-sell and he was pleased with the orders we received.