

# TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

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June 10, 1992

Dear TCA Western Division Members:

Your Board of Director's met June 9th and I have the following to report to you about Western Division.

Please read the Secretary's report for information about the OPEN MEET scheduled for September 26, 1992.

Because of the conflict of our November meet with one of the commercial train shows, your board of directors felt that the attendance at our meet would be very low. Also, the meet was scheduled to be the week after the Cal-Stewart meet and only one week before our big Christmas Party meet. Considering all of these factors, the decision was made to GO DARK for November.

The April Board meeting decision of opening the meeting Hall TO ALL (Parts Dealers excepted) at the announced time, with the business meeting to be one-half hour after the hall opens, was a success at the May meeting and will be continued. At the time of the business meeting all are asked to pause for those few moments and then go back to unpacking, selling, or whatever after the short business meeting. again I remind you that the General Membership business meetings are short, because any business you want to bring up needs to be presented to the Board of Directors Meeting first. Generally all you get are announcements.

At the time of OUR June meet, I will be in St.Louis, at the TCA National Board Meeting, followed by a train convention. Once again, Tom Watson will chair the Western Division meet for me. Also Robert Caplan has been nominated for the office of National Vice President. You are all strongly urged to VOTE FOR HIM when you get your ballots.

I and several of your Board members plan to bring some good stuff and junk for the AUCTION at the JULY 25th meet. You are encouraged to also bring some things for the auction, preferably something to let go at no reserve, and lets get the auction going again. We all need to help.

Until we meet again and compare our trains, remember to let all of your neighbors know that you are interested in that old toy train in the attic.

Bob Spellmire, President

**TREASURERS REPORT****BY DALE LANGE**

Balance at the start of May	\$ 4,713.75
Receipts for the month	102.14
Disbursements for the month	<u>173.46</u>
Balance at start of April	\$ 4,642.43

The projected expenses and income for the rest of the year does not indicate the need of increasing the dues for next year. They will stay at \$10.00 and when you consider that there is no entry charge at the monthly meets, The First Division of TCA, Western Division, is the best bargain around.

Also, you are reminded that your National TCA membership must be currently in force for you to be a Western Division Member. These are two separate dues payments you must make. Your National dues are paid in the Quarter that you joined, and several of you receive your National Dues Notice in June.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT****BY RUSSELL LANGE**

Due to other commitments, Mr. Lange could not be at the June Board Meeting to make his report. However, Western Division membership is at 295 paid members and growing as fast as you bring your friends in.

**RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT****BY TOM WATSON**

The Officers and Board of Directors met Tuesday evening, June 9, to discuss plans for our upcoming "OPEN MEET", scheduled for Saturday, September 26, in the Arcadia Senior Citizens Center.

Tables for the meet are available for \$3.00. Please call Dale Lange (805) 581- 3061 to reserve tables in advance. THERE IS A CUT OFF DATE OF FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18, TO RESERVE TABLES. There is a limit of 2 tables per seller or 4 tables per parts dealer.

Doors to the meet will open to the general public at 11:00 AM. Sellers and Western Division TCA members will be able to enter the hall at 10:00 AM. Sellers will be limited to members of TCA, TTOS, Valley Toy Train Club, and MTA, and must agree to abide by all rules of TCA.

A donation requested at the door for the open to the public meet will be \$2.00 for adults, and children free.

Announcements have been sent to the various magazines that require long lead times for publication. local papers will be contacted as the time nears. A single sheet flyer announcing the meet is in preparation and should be ready in the near future for distribution at other train clubs and shows.



**SATURDAY MEETING      SATURDAY MEETING      SATURDAY MEETING      SATURDAY MEETING**

Our TCA Western Division Meeting will be on **SATURDAY**, June 27, 1992, for this month. The meeting hall will be open for all to come in at 11:00 AM. The exception to this rule is only for the PARTS DEALERS, who will be allowed to come in and set up their displays early, as long as one of the Division Officers is there to let you in. The business meeting will start, on time, at 11:30 AM.

Our meetings are held in the Arcadia Senior Citizens Center, which is located at 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, Calif.. Between Duarty and Huntington Drive, on the west side of Santa Anita Avenue.

The Theme for the June display is "Cute Trains". Ask your Wife/Girlfriend/Husband/Boyfriend (as applies to you) "What is the cutest train in my collection?" and bring that train.

We are now back on our Saturday schedule for the rest of the year.

Once again, the kitchen will be operating under the culinary expertise of Carol Stella.

The schedule of our meets for the rest of the year are:

**1992 MEETS ARE GENERALLY SCHEDULED FOR THE FOURTH SATURDAY**

Saturday, June 27, at 11:00 AM (National TCA Convention weekend)

Saturday, July 25, at 11:00 AM

Saturday, August 22, at 11:00 AM

Saturday, September 26, at 11:00 AM (OUR NEXT OPEN MEET)

Saturday, October 24, at 11:00 AM (York Meet weekend)

Saturday, November 28, MEETING CANCELED

Sunday, December 6, 12:00 Noon (Our Christmas Dinner Meet - members only)

If there are any changes in these dates and times they will be published in this news letter as soon as the change is known.

The next Western Division Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 1992 at 6:30 PM at the Coral Restaurant in Burbank. Any interested member of TCA Western Division may attend and present his or her new business items to the Board for consideration. The Coral Restaurant is located at 3321 Burbank Blvd. in Burbank. If you are planning to attend a board meeting, please phone our secretary Tom Watson no later than Monday, so he can alert the restaurant as to how many are coming. While it is not mandatory for you to do so, the board eats dinner at this meeting (Each pays his own tab).