



TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION WESTERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER



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2017

MEET SCHEDULE

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

January 21 – New Trains/New Year

February 25 - Circus Trains

March 25 - Accessories

April 22 - Rio Grande Railroad

May 20 – Military Trains

June - no meet

July 22 – Action Cars

August 26 – Hard-to-find

September 23 – Factory Errors

October 28 - Halloween

November: no meet

December 18 – Holiday Trains

GREAT TRAIN SHOW
POMONA FAIRPLEX
July 8/9 2017



NEXT MEET JULY 22, 10AM

HOT DOG POTLUCK

The club will provide hot dogs & drinks.

Please bring a side dish, snack or dessert to share
SHOW AND TELL THEME IS “ACTION CARS”

Steve Waller will give a presentation on the AMERICAN FREEDOM TRAIN

As always, the Division’s train meets will take place at 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 sign. The doors open at 10AM for setup and trading. Show and Tell starts at noon.

Please visit the Western Division website, at <http://www.tcawestern.org> for more information and a map.

From the President’s Desk, June 2017

Need to start with a reminder that there is no meet this month. June is National Convention month, so hope to see a few of you in Pittsburgh. I’m looking forward to going to my first TCA National Convention.

We will meet again in July. The show and tell theme will be action cars. We will have a pot luck with hot dogs, so think about what kinds of side dishes you would like to bring. Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided as well as some drinks. We really hope you come out and participate. We’d like to make it an annual event.

On June 3 & 4, Jeff Meyer, Bill Senyak and I set up a large Standard Gauge operating display at the Huntington Beach Car Show. Had a great time and shared our hobby with thousands of viewers. Thank you to Wayne Sheriff and Glenn Olsen for also supporting, talking to the viewers and handing out literature for both TCA & TTOS.

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The President's Desk Continued

The next show we will be doing is the Great Train Show, July 8 & 9 at the Pomona Fairplex. Again, we could use some volunteers to do the greet and meet. It sure takes a big load off the operators. Should be a lot of fun.

Please come on out to the meet, it's not the same without you.

Steve Eastman

President, TCA Western Division

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TCA/TTOS Standard Gauge Layout at the 2017 Huntington Beach Car Show:



2017 GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

LIONEL #6-18005

NEW YORK CENTRAL 4-6-4 J1-E HUDSON STEAM
LOCOMOTIVE W/ DISPLAY CASE



THE WINNER OF THE HUDSON WILL BE DRAWN AT THE
DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY.

THERE IS A \$100 CONSOLATION PRIZE DRAWING AT
EVERY MEET!

A limited number of tickets are available at \$20 each.
See Treasurer Jon Lang at our monthly meet for tickets.

Southwestern Division Monthly Train meets

Table Sales–Auction–Test Track–Operating Layouts–Some Parts–Books
50/50 Drawing–Repair Clinic–Snack Bar

Sundays 2017: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12*, Apr. 2, May 7, June 7*
July 9, Sat Aug. 5 Picnic, Sept. 10*, Oct. 1, November Cal-Stewart*** Dec. 3*

*Open House Meets ***Cal-Stewart Info to be announced

Sellers & Members 10 am — Tables \$5.00 each
Public 10 am: \$5.00 per adult — Children under 21 free with paid adult
50/50 Drawing 11:45 am — Auction begins 12 Noon

Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 West Duarte Road, Arcadia 91007

210 Fwy, So. Santa Anita Ave., Rt on Duarte Rd.

Entrance on left — **Plenty of Free Parking!**

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Info: Call Larry Pearson (818) 848-2653 mornings after 8 am or www.ttos-sw.org



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Model Train Association
"The Friendly Club"

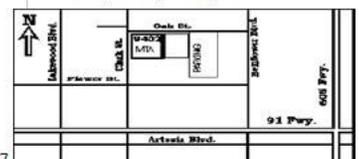
Please join us for our meetings at the Women's Club of Bellflower
9402 Oak Street (Clark and Oak)
Friday Evenings at 7:00 pm

2017 Meeting Dates:		
Jan 27	May 26	Sep 22
Feb 24	Jun 23	Oct 27
Mar 24	Jul 28	Nov 17
Apr 28	Aug 25	Dec 15

For information call

Larry Garrett at 714-893-2979

Bruce Engelbach at 562-925-7797



We are a diverse group (all ages - men, women & kids) of toy train collectors, rail fans,
and modelers of all gauges (Z to the real Locomotive).
Our meetings feature historical slides and videos, usually of actual Railroads.

Email Addresses Available

If you would like your very own TCA Western Division email address, something like:

ogaugegeek@TCAWestern.org, then contact Harold Shapiro at hshapi@hotmail.com. 25 addresses are available free from our web site provider.

TCAWestern.org is online 24/7

If you haven't gone to our website lately it will be worth your while to check it out. We have a first-class web site with tons of toy train information and fascinating club history.

HOLIDAY LAYOUT PHOTOS WANTED

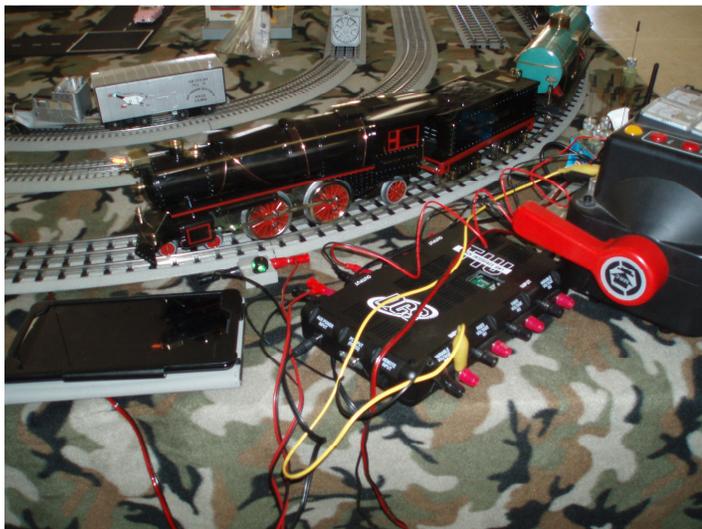
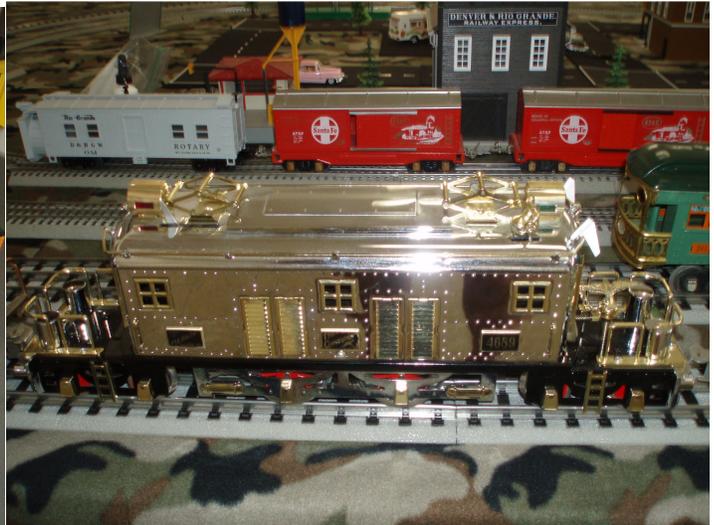
Your editor would like to publish photos of TCA member's special holiday layouts in the upcoming October and December issues. The unavailability of time travel means we can only show last year's layouts in this year's issue. If you have some nice digital photos from previous years, email them to: TheReverendBob@Verizon.net

One or two pictures is sufficient. Don't flood my inbox with pictures. Flooders will be disqualified.



ACE 'O' LNER Teak Corridor 1st Class Side Corridor Coach, 3rd Class Side Corridor Coach & 3rd Class Passenger Brake

At the April meet the theme was RIO GRANDE RAILROAD



At the May meet the theme was MILITARY TRAINS



Endowment 2017 Update:

As of April 1, 2017, you have been most gracious in your donations. We would like to acknowledge and recognize those who have given to our support.

National:

W. Brown C. Brown S. Eastman J. French

Western Division:

H. Balkin W. Brown C. Brown M. Donovan S. Eastman R. Hill
A. Huegil J. Lang L. Pearson F. Perez R. Prusinowski B. Nord
D. Mabee D. Smith B. Skpellmire A. Tichian M. VanDyke S. Yamamoto

The Board appreciates your consideration, as we know there are many worthy charities that ask for your help. THANK YOU!

From the archives of TCASWestern.Org ACE Electric Train Company Ltd. of London

History

ACE Electric Train Company Ltd. of London was originally created as a partnership between Andries Grabowsky and Alan Levy in 1995 for the purpose of distributing 100% of the 'O' gauge tinplate model trains manufactured by Andries Grabowsky and his ACE Far East Company based in Thailand. This partnership proved to be highly successful as in the first ten years of operation they sold fourteen series of British styled tinplate coaches, three series of British styled tinplate locomotives, and three series of British styled die-cast locomotives. The die-cast locos were models of the Class A4 streamlined 4-6-2 locomotive whose prototype was designed by Sir Nigel Gresley in 1935 for the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER), the A3 Pacific Flying Scotsman of the LNER, and the Great Western Railway (GWR) Castle Class 4-6-0. The prototype A4 streamliner named 'Mallard' holds the record as the fastest steam locomotive in the world.

Andries Grabowsky of the Netherlands had been involved in the production of toy trains since the early 1990's. In 1993 Grabowsky acquired the rights and tooling of the famous Swiss manufacturer [Darstaed](#) from Marcel Darphin with the intention to revive 'O' gauge tinplate train production that had almost completely disappeared from the European market. Until that time Grabowsky had manufactured Dutch model trains in HO scale, two of which won the prize of Model of the Year at the Nuremberg Spielwarenmesse in 1991 and 1992. Alan Levy was a co-founder of the London Toy and Model Museum along with his first wife Narisa Chakrabongse Levy. Narisa Chakrabongse Levy was the Great granddaughter of King Chulalongkorn of Siam, who was depicted in the play "The King and I". Allen Levy also

established New Cavendish Books which publishes books on toy trains. He is also the author of the books "A Century of Model Trains", and "Brilliantly Old Fashioned, The Story of ACE O Gauge Trains". New Cavendish published information rich books on toy trains such as the distinctive coffee table book "The Trains on Avenue De

Rumine", and the comprehensive "The Hornby Gauge O System". In the summer of 1995 a first agreement was made between Levy and Grabowsky in St. Mawes. The plan was for Grabowsky to design and manufacture the line of British styled 'O' gauge model train products and Levy would sell them. A company originally called Allchem Trains Ltd



ACE 'O' E/2 LNWR 4-4-2 Tank Engine



ACE 'O' GWR 4-6-0 Caerphilly Castle Loco for 3-rail

changed its name to the now familiar ACE, at Levy's recommendation. The name is an anagram of the initials of Allen, Charlotte and Emily Levy. Charlotte and Emily being his current wife and youngest daughter.

The first locomotive ACE Trains produced was the E/1 based on the original [Hornby](#) clockwork powered 4-4-4 initially produced in the 1920's. This locomotive was made on the recommendation of Ron Budd, a well known respected collector and founding member of the Hornby Railway Collectors Association (HRCA). Ron felt that the UK market would be very receptive to the idea of a replica Hornby 4-4-4 as an electric 'O' gauge locomotive. A Hornby model was supplied by Ron Budd and artwork for this first project was done by Les Horton. The E/1 was released in April 1996 heralding the return of coarse scale 'O' gauge in Britain. The tinsplate E/1 series of 4-4-4 tank locomotives were produced both in British and French liveries along with a series of compatible tinsplate passenger coaches. ACE trains intent was to develop trains that would have been a logical extension of the Hornby line had Hornby continued to produce 'O' gauge tinsplate trains into the 21st Century. It was a huge success, ushering in a revival of interest in British Tinsplate. Andries Grabowsky of the Netherlands had been involved in the production of toy trains since the early 1990's. In 1993 Grabowsky acquired the rights and tooling of the famous Swiss manufacturer [Darstaed](#) from Marcel Darphin with the intention to revive 'O' gauge tinsplate train production that had almost completely disappeared from the European market. Until that time Grabowsky had manufactured Dutch model trains in HO scale, two of which won the prize of Model of the Year at the Nuremberg



ACE 'O' Caledonian Railway 4-4-4T E1 Tank



ACE 'O' gauge E/1 4-4-4 Tank Loco



ACE 'O' GWR 4-6-0 Caerphilly Castle Loco for 3-rail

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ACE 'O' LNER Georges Carette 4-6-2 A4 Loco and Tender

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ACE production was moved from Taiwan to Madras, India in 1996 where the C1 suburban passenger coaches and Electric Multiple Units (EMU's) were made. Once it was decided to manufacture the A4 Gresley locomotive, India did not prove to be the ideal location and in January 2000 the entire manufacturing facility was moved to Bangkok, Thailand where a great number of sophisticated Taiwanese manufacturers had settled. The rugged die-cast bi-motored Gresley A4 and A3 locomotives were top of the line and rapidly became famous because of their very high tractive power and reliability.



ACE 'O' ex-LNER N2 0-6-2T for 3-rail

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