



# Western Division Newsletter



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## Upcoming Meet Notices

Western Division's next train meet will take place on Saturday, March 26, 2011 in the Arcadia Senior Center, located at 405 S. Santa Anita Avenue in Arcadia, CA.

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 10 AM 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 March will be: "Clock Work and Pull Trains." Show off an item and facilitate the transfer of knowledge on collecting toy trains with your fellow members.

Our display themes and scheduled meets for 2011 are: March 26<sup>th</sup> (Clockwork & Pull Trains); April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Why Did I Buy That?); May 21<sup>st</sup> (Santa Fe Railroad), July 23<sup>rd</sup> (Disney Trains); August 27<sup>th</sup> (Motorized Units); September 24<sup>th</sup> (Maintenance-of-Way); November 5<sup>th</sup> (Orange & Black Trains); and December 17<sup>th</sup> (Holiday Trains).

The regular monthly raffle for the membership will be held. The Board of Directors has made the decision that to participate in the monthly raffle, each member must wear their membership badge. This year's "Grand Raffle Prize" is an original, boxed Number 1100, Mickey Mouse Handcar with a red base made between 1935-37. Tickets are only \$20 each and selling fast! Ticket holders will have the opportunity to win a crisp \$100 bill to be given away to one lucky eligible member at each Western Division meet.

April is the next auction!

**Wayne S. Sheriff is on the Ballot for National President Elect. Be sure to Vote!**

## President's Message

*By Wayne Sheriff, WD President*

Now that the National By-laws are in place, it is time for National election of officers to be in place July 1, 2011. The ballot will be in the March Headquarters News. Please take the time to vote. The last election, which included changing the Bylaws, only had 4,766 ballots returned out of almost 30,000 members. That is not a very good representation of member participation. I would be happy to talk to you about the candidates if you have any questions.

At the Western Division level, we have established a nominating committee to present a slate of candidates for Western Division to take office in July 2011. These include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Members of the Board of Directors. In addition to the above, we have positions for Newsletter editor, Newsletter publisher, Webmaster, Refreshments Chairman, Meet setup and takedown Chairman, monthly Layout Chairman, and Train Show layout Chairman. The slate will be presented during

our March Meet. If you are interested in participating as an officer in Western Division, please contact Bob Caplan, Manny Gonzalez, or me.

In spite of the rain, The February Meet was very well attended. We even ran out of donuts and sandwiches! Steve Waller made a very interesting presentation on the train layout that belongs to the club. It was donated with another to Western Division for the 2003 National Convention "Kids Club" room. Tickets for the Mickey Mouse hand car raffle are selling well. Be sure to pick up yours for \$20 each. They will not last long.

It is hard to believe that TCA is 57 years old. Remember when you joined? Planning is already underway for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The first item is the LOGO for the 60<sup>th</sup>. In the January HQ news, suggestions for the LOGO are made. It is requested that you comment on them or make suggestions for items that may be included in the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibit.

Just a reminder, don't forget about the TCA National Convention in Sacramento this June. Be sure to make your reservations. It looks like a great time for all.

**REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES AND VOTE!**

## January Meet Recap

*By Robert Caplan, WD Recording Secretary*



*Steve Eastman ran his elevated Marx set with cardboard scenes.*

The display theme was: "A New Train For A New Year". We had quite a few interesting display items. Steve Eastman showed off an English Furgerson made Stop & Go Signal. Robert Caplan brought a 2010 Lionel "Dealer Appreciation" boxcar. Mario Liberatore showed off his HO Daylight Set. Leslie Cochran displayed a Hershey switcher, Hershey freight cars, his new Marx F Unit, and a Lionel #115 station given to him from his wife as a Christmas present. Larry Pearson showed us a beautiful Orange American Flyer Wide Gauge lithographed passenger set. Fred Abers showed off a wooden train. Dave Gabay brought Blue and Yellow Lionel Alco Santa Fe AA Units. Calvin Smith showed this Winner lithographed locomotive with a Winner Lines lithographed station. Bob Spellmire told a story about his model of the Queen Mary and talked about his Christmas Open House for a MG Auto Club. Al Vargas brought an unknown 5405 locomotive. John Abbe showed off a battery operated flashing signal and a pair of silver 2023 Lionel Alco AA units.



Larry Pearson



Bob Spellmire



Leslie Cochran



Steve Eastman



Prize winners Don Gatz, Dave Mabee (\$100 winner), Tina Corsello, Robert Cesarone, Steve Eastman Display winner, Carl St Angelo and C. A. Meyer.

## February Meet Recap

By Robert Caplan, WD Recording Secretary



Stephan Waller showed off one of the two Kit Works layouts the Club has!

The display theme was: "Trains I Love". Steve Eastman showed off his rare Gray (Not Black) Marx 666 Santa Fe plastic locomotive and tender. Wayne Sheriff brought a Wabash 700 passenger set. Calvin Smith brought his 1654 Lionel 2-4-2 Scout locomotive. Dave Gabay showed us a 8977 Lionel 0-6-0 B6 Engine and Tender, which is his favorite! David Mabee displayed a 9700 Lionel Happy Valentine's Day boxcar. David Otth showed off the Lionel ES44AC Boy Scouts of America locomotive. Greg Pulis brought a French JEP made "SNCF" locomotive, Hornby

Tank Car, and a Bing French/Canadian Crossing Sign in English and French. Mario Liberatore showed off his Hallmark Santa-Fe F-3 diesels. Robert Caplan brought a pink 6464-625 Lionel N&W hopper. Robert Spellmire shared his "Love of His Life" Talking San Francisco trolley. Robert Trimble showed us his Chicago Line Toy Company, (assembled in USA) foreign made, flat cars with foreign made loads.



Robert Spellmire



Robert Trimble



Robert Caplan



Mario Liberatore



Greg Pulis



David Mabee



Prize winners Calvin Smith (Display Winner and Raffle Winner), Mario Liberatore, Robert Caplan, Steve Eastman, Dave Gabay, Ramon Garcia, Mike Donovan, Greg Pulis, Jim Kroeger, Dave Mabee, Ken Vaughn (\$100 Winner and Raffle Winner).