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Well, here goes Number 3. Did I say 3? As in Lionel #3? Or, as in a set of (3) State Cars? Ch well, I can dream, can't I?

A while back, your Editor dreamed that contributions for the Head-light would start to come in shortly. That dream was answered, by none other than our energetic Director, Mr. Jerry Rokos, as follows:

A New Number Found - - - and a Mystery Created

In response to an ad, I had a call from a lady, indicating that she had some old Lionel trains available. The price was reasonable, and they looked interesting, so I brought them home, and started really

looking at them.

There was some old Marx track, and a pair of pre-war Marx switches. There were some nice 1679-80-82 freights, with black journals. Next came 4 Lionel 1701 "027" coaches in red and aluminum, and a 1702 "Lionel Jr." Observation, all in original boxes. Then came a box marked "1703 Lionel Jr. Pullman," a number which doesn't appear on the Lionel Number List. The car looked like an Observation, but had a slot in the boat-tail end, and a latch coupler sticking through the slot, and fastened to the bottom of the car with the usual bent tab. Unlike the usual observation, it had no vestabule attached. Obviously, this set of cars was made to be pulled by a conventional Lionel Steam engine - rather than the 1700 electric power car shown in the catalogs. All the cars had nickel journals.... The bottom of the box held a 1684 loco with a 1689 tender, also with black journals. The motor frame was diseast metal, not a steel stamping. The locomotive would date in 1942. The owner insisted that the engine had come with the passenger cars and that the freight cars had been bought as extras. Could these passenger cars, last cataloged in 1937, have been sold in an uncataloged set in 1942? It seems unlikely. Besides, the owner said that the whole group of cars had been purchased about 1937 - much too early for the 1684. Yet, down at the bottom of the box was a 1940 Instruction Manual (with a 1941 reprint date), and a 1036

Transformer .... Perhaps part of the mystery can be solved by the original carton, which I found inside the cardboard box that the trains came in. The label says, "Set 8059 Passenger Train Outfit for "027" Track." Also on the box was a Scars price tag marked 2RL49, 59/43 and the price, \$10.89.... The set number does not match with anything that I can find in the Lionel catalogs. It would appear that this set was a Sears special....but what engine pulled these passenger cars?

In 1936, Lionel referred to their smaller sets as Lionel Jr. In 1937, the catalog designation was changed to "027." The 1701 coach and set boxes both referred to "027", whereas the 1702 and 1703 boxes were marked "Lionel Jr." This would seem to date the set at about 1937 - much too early for the 1684 engine.... (Con't on Pg. 3) May 1968 HEADLIGHT Volume 1, Mumber 3 So what pulled this long 6 passenger car set? Likely candidates would be the 1689 Commodore Vanderbilt, the 1668 Streamliner, or perhaps a

1688 Pennsy torpedo, or a 258 Grey.... Since the cars are unmarked, perhaps you unknowingly have this set - with an uncataloged 1703 Pullman and engine to match. Also, since these passenger cars come in other colors, does the 1703 exist in other colors? ---Jerry Rokos

We've heard several members comment on the many omissions of the TCA Lionel Number List. Certainly, the list leaves a bit to be desired, and we doubt that it will ever achieve the perfection that Lou Redman is striving for. That doesn't mean that we can't try. We were talking with a collector friend of ours, whose primary inter-

est is in Lionel, and we described a recent find. It was a car that our friend had heard rumors about, but had never seen. It did not

appear on the Lionel Number List. It apparently was one of those oddities that Lionel put together when they swept out the plant at the start of World War II. Cur friend was quite excited over confirming the existence of the car. It is nice to live in an area where there are a large number of collectors: we can exchange ideas, and learn more about our hobby. We are at some disadvantage in finding out what has been discovered in

the East. There is an easy enswer to this: the Lionel Number List.

And now for some GOOD NEWS from our PRESIDENT, Chet Willets: Our VIP Marty Folb has been able to arrange his schedule so that he will be able to properly compute the molecular structure of the 1969 West Coast Convention. As the Chairman, Marty deserves to receive the

enthusiastic support of all of us.

for June 24-27, 1971.

NOW for a PAID AD:

Frank W. Cox G. Edwin Demack Wesley F. Frye

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Lou Redman is seeking additions and corrections to the Mational Mumber List. Rather than griping about omissions, do something about it!

Share your knowledge with all of us - write Lou - and send a copy to the Headlight, so we can publish your additions. Do it today!

MEETING NOTES: Next home meet is Frifay, June 7th. Two (2) Charter Members have invited us into their homes - Ralph Pauly of Montebello, and Dick Thompson of Long Beach. Both men have developed large and interesting collections of primarily Standard Gauge, over the years. While neither man has things "for sale", both have a tremendous knowledge of trains which they are willing to share with you, and numerous examples of tin-plate for you to see....(Continued on Page 3)....

Marty is also destined to be the 1971 National Convention Chairman. We have requested meeting space and accommodations on the Queen Mary,

HEADLIGHT May 1968 Volume 1, Number 3 MEETING NOTES (Continued): If you haven't already signed up, give one of them a call to see if they might still have some room for you. (If you already have signed up, and now find that you won't be able to make it, don't forget to call your host to let him know). If your wife is interested in train talk, and wants to share your enjoyment of these collections, she is welcome (she should of course be on the sign-up list).

As many of you know, Western met in members' homes from the time of its formation in 1954 until 1965, when we grew too large for regular home meetings. While Rodger Young does provide space for train sales, as well as an opportunity to meet others and talk about trains, it doesn't provide much of an opportunity for someone to show off his collection, nor for you to enjoy it. Perhaps more importantly, it doesn't really give you an opportunity to get to know others well, and to enhance your knowledge of the toy train field by seeing what has been made. Home meetings, in small groups, with a minimum of sales, provides all of us with a non-competitive

welcome (she should, of course, be on the sign-up list).

issues: Vol. 1, Nos. 3, 7 Vol. 2, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Vol. 3, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 PRESIDENT CHET reminds us that the information contained in our local directory is the only info we had at the time of publication. Any discrepancies in info should be directed BY CARD directly to Marty Folb for an up-dated re-publication. It should also appear in the HEADLIGHT as well as in the National Quarterly.

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Chet Willets still needs everything listed in the last HEADLIGHT, plus the following: Lionel "072" solid-T-rail track (straight only); 6119 work caboose- if RED tray (need 3). Have for trade only on my wants: (3) ea. 700 E's, 227 switcher, Hiawatha 3-car set complete; 4-car 752 two-tone City of Portland (but need 4-car SILVER set in exchange for same); also have for trade only: (5) Mint post-war Manhattan, Madison & Irvington cars, and a set of AMT pass, cars.

\* Remember, only 25¢ a line.

Herbert G. Horley George L. Smith Robert E. Stern

George Hopkins- Eugene, Orc. Wilton Hill- San Francisco Joseph Kiester- San Diego

Remember the old BULLETIN? Well, Jerry Rokos has the following back

William Harris and G. E. Domack, III were also present, but did not signify intent. Not present due to extenuating circumstances: Richard W. Thompson and Ralph Pauly. Charter Membership was to be be offered to the following, as they lived too far away to be present: Russ Hafdahl- Scattle, Wash. Stanley O'Brien- Seattle " Stephen Stanley- Spokane " A. E. Scatwell- Portland, Orc.

Officers for 1954: Evan Middleton, Pres.
George L. Smith, Vice-Pres. O. E. Demack, Secy.-Treas. 1955: Same as above, as there was no mention of any election in the Hinutes. 1956: Frank Cox, Pres.
Ralph Pauly, Vice-Press.
Ed Demack, Secy.-Treas.

Dave Houlihan, Vice-Pres.
(Robert Bulkley elected 2/4/57 to fill vacancy

Ed Demack, Secy.-Treas.
(Herb Morley elected 6/17/57 to fill vacancy of Secy.-Treas.)

George Smith, Vice-Pres. Herb Morley, Secy.-Treas. Wes Frye, Public Relations (Publicity)

1957: William R. Jeffery, Pres.

of V-P)

1958: Mel Roberts, Pres.

1962: Russ Hafdahl, Pres.
Gordon Nesbitt, Vice-Pres.
Dick Wheeler, Secy.-Treas.
Wes Frye & Harrison Bemus, Editors 1963: Wesley Fryc, Pres. Al Shadler, Vice-Pres. Dick Wheeler, Secy .- Treas. Harrison Bemus & Gordon Nesbitt, Editors

Mel Roberts,

1964: Paul Applegate, Pres. Jerry Brown, Vice-Pres.

1965: Herb Morley, Pres. Gene Noller, Vice-Pres. Harrison Bemus, Secy. Ralph Pauly, Treas. Howard Davis, Director

1967: Dick Wheeler, Pres. Chot Willets, Vice-Pres. A Jerry Rokos, Secy.

Harrison Bemus, Secy.-Treas. George Sirus, Director

Gus Paterson, "Gordon Nesbitt, Editor

Wes Frye, Editor

Stan Anderson, Treas. Milton White, Director Edwin Warner, John Parker, Officers for 1968: Chet Willets, Pres. Bob Villars, Vice-Pres. William Groves, Secy. Stan Anderson, Treas.

A. New Hembers (full): Dr. Joseph Dillassa 1141 Roddy Dr. La Habre, Calif. 90631 John Heriford 828 Bonds St. Wilmington, Calif. 90744 William Fairchild John L. Seward 4353 Tulane Ave. Long Beach, Calif. 90808 13028 Budlong Ave. Gardena, Calif. 90247

> Col. Gordon F. Bragg 644 So. Valley St. Anaheim, Calif. 62804 He has about 50 post-war Lionel "O" & "O27" sets, plus some Std. Rec. by G. Nesbitt & H. Margrey. He LIVED on a RR in Colorado! Has

Robert Fincham, 2511 Do Salle, Laguna Hills, Calif. 92653.

atmosphere in which we can enjoy our hobby, acquaint ourselves with other collectors, and the trains which were made in the past. If you aren't going to home meetings, you are missing out on one of the most pleasurable aspects of train collecting with Western TCA. ---Jerry Rokos DON'T FORGETthe July 5th meet at Rodger Young. Bob Villars will preside in Chet's absence. WEAR BADGES and bring AUCTION ITEMS to both meetings.

A Somewhat Abbreviated History of the Western Division, T.C.A., with A Listing of our Past Officers The organizing meeting was held Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1954 in Monrovia, California. The following were present:

> William R. Jeffery Evan M. Middleton Richard O. Wheeler

The above signified their desire to become Charter Members.

G. E. Demack was appointed Acting Secretary by a consensus of opinion, and he in turn mode a Motion, seconded by Frank Cox and carried unanimously, that Evan Middleton be elected the first President of the Western Chapter of the Train Collectors Association. And thus our Division was born.... (Note: The National TCA was organized in 1954, and incorporated in 1957).... George Smith was elected V-P, and G. E. Demack became Secy.-Treas. No directors were noted.

Officers for 1959: Ralph Pauly, Pres.
Ed Miller, Vice-Pres.
Herb Morley, Secy-Treas. 1960: George Smith, Pres. Harrison Bemus, Vice-Pres. Herb Morley, Secy.-Treas. Wesley Frye, Public Relations 1961: Harrison Bemus, Pres.
James Kurten, Vice-Pres.

Dick Wheeler, Secy .- Treas

George Sirus, Gus Paterson, 1966: John Parker, Pres. John Herman, Vice-Pres. Jerry Rokos, Secy. Ralph Pauly, Treas. Hilton White, Director Mark Dees, Howard Davis

Ray Nelson, Director Ed Warner, " Jerry Rokos Fred Claassen, Editor All of the foregoing was extracted from the Minutes of the club meetings on file with the Secretary, and is presumed to be accurate. "Hoping this enlightens our newer members, and revives some fond memories for others."---Bob Villars

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Your Editor would like to express the sincerc appreciation of the

Joe Gillam's New Address: 13522 Castana Ave., Downey, Calif. 90242.

entire Western Division for this fine effort by Ir. Villars.

NEW MEMBERS:

B. Probationary Members:

He has about 60 sets ("0" and "Std.")- Recommended by Bill Keesec & Ed Warner H. Bernie Anderson 5641 Sherbourne Dr. Los Angeles, Calif. 90056

Ernest G. Norris 2249 Poinsetta Ave. "O" layout, some "S". Recomme Long Beach, Calif. 90056 by Chet Willets & Lee Harris. "O" layout, some "S". Recommended

Well, time to bank the fire for this run. Hoped you enjoyed reading it as much as I enjoyed putting it together and getting it to you. Remember, I welcome ads, contributions, suggestions and comments. --- Fred F. Claassen, Editor