



Train Collectors Association Western Division Newsletter

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Upcoming Meets:

May 20 **Burbank Joslyn**
June 24 **Nat'l Convention**
July 22 **Arcadia Center**

May 20 - Joslyn Adult Center Meet
1301 West Olive Ave., Burbank,
CA 91506 from 9 am-12:30 pm.
Theme: "Santa Fe Railway."

June 24 - July 2 - National Convention
in Burlington, Vermont. For info:
www.tcaconvention.org/ (No
Western Division Meet in June.)

July 22 - Arcadia Community Center
365 Campus Drive
Arcadia, CA 91007, Theme:
"Trains Made in the USA."
9 am- 2 pm.

Aug. 26 - Arcadia Community Center
365 Campus Drive
Arcadia, CA 91007
9 am- 2 pm.

Sept. 22 - Arcadia Community Center
Fall Meet. 9 am- 2 pm.

Oct. 28 - Arcadia Community Center
Halloween Meet, 9 am- 2 pm.

Nov. - No Meet in November.

Dec. 9 - Arcadia Community Center
Holiday Meet, 9 am- 2 pm.

Broguiere's Flatcars & DIVCO Trucks Available!



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information on shipping options.



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Western
Division!**

Steve Waller
photos



TCA Western's Amtrak Pacific Surfliner Excursion

ON Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, TCA Western Division took an Amtrak day-trip excursion to the beautiful Southern California beach town of Santa Barbara. Our conveyance, Train 765, departed from Union Station at 9:13 am. (The photo above was taken about ten minutes before departure time.)



Steve & Diane Eastman, and Jeff & Denyse Meyer, were the first Western Division members to be seated on the train. Jeff and Denyse were celebrating their 37th wedding anniversary, so there was a party atmosphere right from the start.

Steve Waller took a Metrolink train from Claremont at 7:20 am and joined the party in Los Angeles. TCA Western Division President Bob Caplan and his son Joseph got on at the Burbank Airport platform, while Tom Watson joined us at the Van Nuys stop.



Joseph Caplan photo

We arrived in Santa Barbara just before noon and strolled to the nearby Bluewater Grill for lunch (above, right). Each member of our party got a raffle ticket and a winner was chosen by picking a random number. Luck was with Steve Waller, who won a Broguiere's Dairy flatcar with DIVCO milk trucks, as seen at far left. For more coverage of our trip, see page 4...

Our next **Burbank Meet** will be on the 3rd Saturday of this month, May 20, 2023, in order to avoid a conflict with Memorial Day weekend.

The display table theme will be the **Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway**. We are honoring the inauguration of their famous *Super Chief* between Chicago and Los Angeles, in the month of May, 1936.

The Train Meet in Burbank runs from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Free parking in rear. Refreshments will be available and we plan to have a toy train auction.

Joslyn Center is open to adults, age 55 or over. Admission is \$2 for non-members, while members enter free, with a current badge. Be sure to check in at the front desk in the lobby in rear. Google map it [here](#).

To reserve a sales table, email info@tcawestern.org. The tables are free for TCA Western members.

May 20th will be our last Meet at Burbank for the foreseeable future. To learn more, see article about the Arcadia Community Center on the next page.

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**Coverage of the Burbank Meet in March...**



**Glen Grisham**

**Robert Cesarone**

**Mike Stella**

**Larry Pearson's repair clinic**

**March door prize winners (L to R): Bob Caplan, Cheryl Shapiro, Mike Stella, Harold Shapiro, Jim Dykier, Roger Hill, Jim Kenney & Jon Lang.**

*Photos by Steve Waller & Roger Hill*



# Our New Home in Arcadia!



**T**CA Western Division's 2nd Meet in our new location at the Arcadia Community Center was another blockbuster hit! Glenn Olson's Facebook initiative is bearing fruit. We saw some new faces in April and hope to see more at our next Arcadia Meet on Saturday, July 22, 2023. The theme in July will be "Trains Made in the USA," in honor of American Independence Day.

**After our successful Arcadia Meets,** it became clear to the TCA Western Board of Directors that the Arcadia Community Center would help us achieve our goal of growing the club. We could meet for up to six hours in Arcadia, instead working within the 3.5 hour time-limit at Burbank. Also, there is no age limitation for young people in Arcadia, as we found at the Joslyn Adult Center. The new location is modern and spacious, and will be more suitable for larger-size gatherings.

**The Arcadia Community Center** is located at 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. The Community Center will be open to all ages, and again this month, admission is free for the entire family.

**Visit Larry Pearson's train repair clinic** and enjoy our great toy train layouts. Refreshments available, *plus* we plan to have an auction! For your convenience, we will have a **LIONEL** test track. To reserve a selling table, please send an email to [info@tcawestern.org](mailto:info@tcawestern.org). Tables are free for TCA Western members. *Come and see our new location!*

**Directions:** The Arcadia Community Center is best reached by exiting the 10 or 210 Freeways and turning onto Santa Anita Ave. Drive toward the Santa Anita Golf Course. Turn west on Campus Drive, then turn right into the Center's parking lot, just prior to reaching Huntington Drive and Holly Ave. Google map it [here](#).



## **April Door Prize Winners** (left to right):

**Larry Pearson,  
Jim Kenney,  
Rudi Felix,  
Bob Caplan,  
Jeff & Denyse Meyer,  
Steve Eastman,  
Jon Lang,  
and Lynn Loufek.**

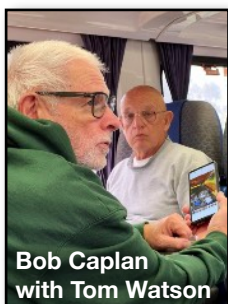




# TCA Western Division President's Message

—by **Robert M. Caplan**, President - Western Division (TCA # HR 82-18679)

## Greetings to all TCA Western Division Members -



Bob Caplan  
with Tom Watson

Can you believe it is already May, 2023? On May 20th we will have our last train show at the Joslyn Adult Center in Burbank. Next month, it's onward to the spacious Arcadia Community Center. This hall is much larger than any of our previous locations. We'll meet there for the rest of 2023.



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Our **Amtrak Pacific Surfliner Excursion** to Santa Barbara on March 12th was fantastic! Just traveling along the coast was so serene and beautiful. The restaurant had an outstanding seafood menu.

Many of our members took a walk on Stearns Wharf afterwards and indulged in some ice cream and shopping. *We had lots of fun!*

In June, get ready for Burlington, Vermont, at the TCA National Convention. This is going to be a showcase for the New England Division, with amazing tours and an opportunity to find that elusive piece to add to your train collection. For more info, visit [www.tcaconvention.org/](http://www.tcaconvention.org/) (There's no Western Division Meet in the month of June.)

We are sending condolences to TCA member Wayne Sheriff on the passing of his beloved wife Cynthia, during a medical procedure last month, at the age of 84. Our sympathy goes out to the entire family.



Sincerely,

*Bob Caplan*

TCA Western Division President



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