



Western Division

Train Collectors Association

Newsletter



Volume 45, No. 10

November 1999

Monthly Meet Notification

The next TCA Western Division toy train meet will be held on **Saturday November 27, 1999** at the *Arcadia Park Senior Citizen's Center, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006* (Santa Anita exit off of the 210 freeway, then head south). This is our last train meet of the millennium.

As always, the hall doors will open at 10:00 AM for sellers only to enter and begin setting up their tables. Each seller is allowed to use a maximum of two tables for free. The hall will be open for members to enter and trading to commence at 11:00 AM.



A sampling of the October display.

The October Halloween display of orange train items was terrific. There were more orange items on display than we had red items at the February Valentine's meet.

In honor of Veteran's Day, November's meet display theme will be military train items and wartime manufactured train products. This can include military trains representative of any war. Or the specialized trains manufactured during wartime periods. Anyone have a Lionel paper train? Or a Flyer Civil War train?

Once again, a special prize will be awarded to the most interesting display and the 'war story' that goes along with it. An auction will be held after the business meeting, and the usual great array of raffle prizes will be given away.

Western Division 2000 schedule of train meets is as follows:

January 22nd, 2000	February 26th, 2000
March 25th, 2000	April 22nd, 2000
May 27th, 2000	July 22nd, 2000
August 26th, 2000	September 23rd, 2000
October 28th, 2000	November 25th, 2000
December 10th, 2000 – Holiday meet	

Holiday Train Excursion

There are still plenty of seats available for the Sunday, December 12th, 1999 TCA Western Division Holiday Party excursion train ride. Western Division has chartered the Overland Trail 1949 Parlor car. We will be celebrating the holidays in style aboard this unique and historically significant private railcar as it is pulled down the coastal route as part of the regularly scheduled Amtrak San Diegan run.

Members may board or disembark the train at any of the 5 additional Amtrak stops between Los Angeles and San Diego. Tickets are \$68 per person. There will be two trips down and two trips back. You have the option of riding the train all day long. Or you can go down on the morning run and return on the late morning run. Or you can return on the evening run. Or you can go down in the afternoon and return in the evening. For those TCA members who live in the San Diego area or the southern part of Orange County, you might want to ride the train in the opposite direction. A continental breakfast will be served on the morning trip down to San Diego. Dinner will be served on the evening trip back to Los Angeles.

A timetable has been included in this newsletter mailing for your reference. If you are interested in taking the excursion ride, send your check in the proper amount to TCA Western Treasurer Russ Lange, 28 E. Dufacek Drive, Wofford Heights, CA 93285. Please support Western Division and join us for this special event!

2000 Officer's Election Nominations

The following persons were nominated for serving on the Western Division Executive Board for 2000. President: Harold Shapiro; vice-president: Russ Lange; Recording Secretary: Peter Searls & David McCully; Membership Secretary/Treasurer: Dale Lange; Board of Directors: Roy Bell, John Parker, Kurt Bondi, Steven Waller, Lesli Cochran, Mike Jenkins, Chuck Baird, Dennis Taube, Howard Bishop, Myron Moore, and Robert Caplan.

A ballot has been included in this mailing. Please fill it out and mail it back to TCA Elections Supervisor Robert Spellmire, 515 12th St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648 before the November 27th meeting.

October 1999 Meeting Recap

The Display Table: John Thousand had a huge assortment of orange equipment. He brought a Dorfan PRR boxcar, a Lionel Jr. #1680 Shell tank car, an American Flyer wide gauge #4022 machinery car with two cast iron tractors, a #4017 orange sand car, a pre-war Lionel 'O' gauge 0-4-0 electric loco with Pullman #529 and observation #530. He also displayed an Ives pre-war 'O' gauge 0-4-0 #3253 pulling #130 buffet, #129 sand car



John Thousand's Flyer Machinery car with tractors

and #132 observation. He also showed a 1930 Winner set #1010 and Pullman #1011, orange tin plate with green roof as well as an American Flyer wide gauge 1928 #4654 pulling two Bunkerhill Pullman and a Yorktown observation. Last, but not least John had a "Victoria Line" HO set from Australia, made by Powerline.



John Thousand



Ray Nelson

Ray Nelson displayed some old trains he had rescued with loving restoration, including an American Flyer wide gauge #4654 loco with Pullman and baggage. He also showed what appeared to be wide gauge Ives Pullman cars with a Lionel baggage, all repainted to match as well as an interesting orange and green 'O' gauge Lionel set on Marx trucks.

Ray Nelson's modified Flyer #4654



John Parker showed a very small pre-war, four wheel American Flyer tin plate coach he had found at the recent York Meet that matched the baggage car he had found earlier in the year. Both are difficult cars to find.



John Parker's York find.

Ward Kimball reminded us of the old postcards of the turn of the century designed to entice Northerners out of the cold climes. Some showed giant apples, oranges and blackberries on railroad cars in trick photographs. Ward set three large oranges on a Buddy 'L' flat car to illustrate.



Ward Kimball's post card display

Bob Spellmire, who believes "toys should be played with no matter what their age", brought a Marx wind-up Bunny Car. One enhancement: the Easter basket had a witch's head in it. Bob also gave us a tip for repairing broken bunnies: white glue and whiting mixed into a paste.



Bob Spellmire's wind up bunny – It's still going!

John Trimble exhibited a mint Lionel #1813. On his sales table he also showed an orange Pittman work trolley, a Meeco flatbed work trolley with Pittman trucks, and a David O. King 1/2 open 1/2 closed trolley with Wagner trucks.

On the rails of the layout we saw Harold Shapiro's 'O' Lionel #726 c. 1946 and 3 green Pullman cars c.1948. Darrell Calvillo ran his grandfather's beautifully restored American Flyer wide gauge #3243 c.1927 pulling a nice consist of sand car, cattle car, box, hopper and caboose.

Submitted by Dave McCully