



Western Division

Train Collectors Association Newsletter



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Monthly Meet Notification

TCA Western Division's next train meet will be held on **Saturday November 25th, 2000** 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). Visit our Internet web site at <http://www.tcawestern.org> for a detailed map.

Hall doors will open at 10:00 AM for sellers only to enter and begin setting up their tables.

The hall opens for members and guests to enter and for trading and festivities to commence at 11:00 AM. There will be a special auction at the November meet.

The holidays are upon us. There are less than 45 shopping days until Christmas. The first day of Chanukah is December 22nd. Our November meet falls 2 days after Thanksgiving. In honor of all these holidays the display theme for this meet will be holiday trains or accessories. Bring an item to display that reflects the joyousness and celebration of the holiday season.

We will continue with the practice of awarding a special prize to the person chosen to have the most interesting display and the best story to go with it.

The auction will begin at 12:00 noon, and the business meeting and the raffle will follow. This month's auction will be a special one. We ask each member to bring at least one item for the auction. This item should be worth around \$30. 10% of the proceeds from these auction items will go towards the funding of our annual Holiday Party. Members are also encouraged to donate items to the November auction to help the division raise funds. John Parker will be bringing an additional quantity of parts from the Ralph Pauley collection for the auction as well.

Western Division's Holiday Party train meet is December 10th, 2000.

October 2000 Meet Recap

The October meeting was well attended with some twenty sales tables and fifty members and guests present. Fraternization and socialization was at an all-time high. Many Western Division members who had not attended meetings in a while were on hand. It was great to see David Gabay, Ed and Cindy Largay, and Carl St. Angelo.

The meeting started with a bang, with an auction of some of the many parts and spare components from the estate of the late Ralph Pauley. Our auctioneer was Vince Gargulio, who pulled



Auctioneer Vince Gargulio pulls bids from the crowd.

cash from everyone's pockets, including \$100 for a K-line B&O 'O' gauge five-car passenger set, \$80 for a Lionel #362 barrel loader still in the original box, and \$160 for a #263E in pieces for a restoration project. Roy Bell claimed the latter.

Seen on the sales tables were some interesting collectibles including a very early Ives Jupiter wind-up loco. There was also lots of new merchandise, including a Marx 20th Century Limited set, with five

cars and some Fleishman HO locos and cars, as well as a 1986 Lionel Service Station Santa Fe Work Train set in a sealed box. A Williams Great Northern EP-5 with six wheel trucks was also available. Lloyd Burland had his usual array of brand new command control equipped Lionel and MTH 'O' gauge merchandise.

The display theme for the October meet was "Scary Trains" or "It's orange, as in pumpkins/Halloween". This brought out a ghost train belonging to Cheryl Shapiro, consisting of a Lionel 'O' gauge orange #248 box electric engine, terra-cotta #529 Pullman and a terra-cotta #530 observation car, with some very interesting passengers.



Ghost train and other display items at November meet

Don Goldberg displayed a very nice collage of Lionel accessories catalogue pages that he put together on poster board.

Russ Lange showed his Ives wide gauge #3236 box cab electric. This was manufactured only one year, 1930, with orange cab and black frame, and sold by Lionel. Russ reported that he acquired the engine from the stock at the old Knott's

Berry Farm train shop. Les Cochran brought an 'O' gauge orange, white and black Illinois Central geep which he explained was the original purchase that got him into collecting toy trains.

John Parker showed an Ives #3255R cadet blue electric loco and 3 matching passenger cars circa 1927 (made one year only). A very unusual piece that he recently acquired at York.

Bob Trimble, who refers to himself as "the old cheapskate" because he loves to come up with inexpensive and clever ways to 'accessorize' had, several things to show us. His orange Lionel boxes contained an early rheostat and a billboard kit. On another table he set up a small street scene using Hasbro PlaySchool plastic houses he finds in thrift shops. An orange and black Lionel 'O' gauge #2350 New Haven rectifier glided by this scene pulling an orange Milwaukee coach.



Russ Lange

Les Cochran

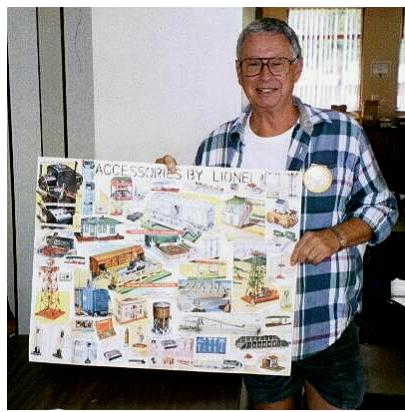
Bob Trimble

Robert Caplan, who belonged to the Lionel Ambassador's Club, showed a special 'O' gauge gift boxcar made for and given to the 100 ambassadors. Robert also showed a Lionel stock certificate in orange which had belonged to Lawrence Cowen and bore Cowen's signature and hand written date from when it had been redeemed. Robert had just picked up this item at his recent October trip back east to the York meet.

The prize for best display, a TCA Museum re-opening coffee mug went to Cheryl Shapiro for her clever and fitting 'ghost train'. Cheryl donated it back to the club and it was auctioned off. It sold for \$18 to Dennis Taube.



The JAD Lines Hiawatha rolling along in the back room.



Don Goldberg and his collage.

The backroom rails were buzzing with 'O' and wide gauge trains of various vintages. This included a State set and a Williams #256 blue 'O' gauge box cab pulling a variety of vintage freight cars. An orange and black trimmed JAD Hiawatha standard gauge streamliner pulled the Lionel Classic cars Colorado, California, Illinois and New York. Thanks again to the Keppel's (Richard and Richard), and to Darrell Calvillo for shepherding the construction and operation of the layouts.

Business Meeting: Nominations for year 2001 Western Division officers were in order, and the following were made:

For President: Russ Lange and Robert Caplan

For Vice President: Kurt Bondi and Steven Waller

For Membership Secretary: Dale Lange

For Recording Secretary: Peter Searls

Board Members nominated were: Michael Jenkins, Dennis Taube, John Parker, Don McCutcheon, Don Gatts, Les Cochran, Bill Shepard, and Ernie Renn. (7 will be selected). Ballots will be included in the November newsletter. They should be mailed to Bob Spellmire by December 10th, or they can be handed in-person to Bob at the November meet or at the December Holiday Party. Mail Ballots to:

Robert Spellmire – TCA Election Supervisor

515 12th Street

Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Raffle winners included Darrell Calvillo - Lionel Maxi Stack, Ernie Renn - K-line 'O' gauge die cast TCA Museum 4-bay hopper, Don McCutcheon - Lionel 'O' gauge TCA Museum boxcar, Bob Trimble and Darryl Brewer - TCA Books "Lionel, Standard of the World"



Don McCutcheon

Darrell Calvillo

Ernie Renn

Introductions: Western Division member Jay Keely was introduced as the new regional Lionel Sales representative, and a first time guest, Bob Paul who was brought by Henry Voskian.

Submitted by Dave McCully

Schedule of Western Division 2001 meet dates:

January 27th, 2001

February 24th, 2001

March 24th, 2001

April 28th, 2001

May 26th, 2001

July 28th, 2001

August 25th, 2001

September 22nd, 2001

October 27th, 2001

November 24th, 2001

December 16th, 2001

All meets are the 4th Saturday of every month, except December, when we meet on Sunday the 16th for our annual Holiday party. There will be no divisional meeting in June 2001. The TCA 47th annual National Convention will be held June 24th – 30th, 2001 in Chattanooga, TN.