



# Train Collectors Association Western Division Newsletter

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**Holiday Meet: Sat, Dec. 9, 2023**  
**10 AM - Meet; 9 AM - Setup**

**Dec. 9** - Arcadia Community Center  
365 Campus Drive  
Arcadia, CA 91007

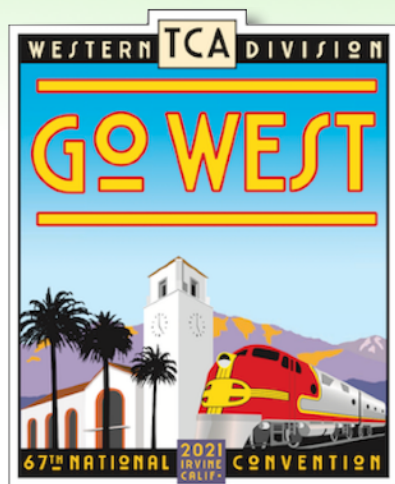
**Potluck luncheon: 11:00 AM**

Last Name begins with:

A - L = desserts, N - Z = salad/sides

Theme: **Operating Cars**

**Jan. 27** - Arcadia Community Center  
10 AM - Meet; 9 AM - Setup  
Theme: **New Year/New Trains!**



This poster from our 2021 Convention won a Silver **Graphis Award** for Alan RellaFord Design. *Congratulations!*

## TCA WESTERN HOLIDAY PARTY



**All TCA Members** and their families are invited to the TCA Western Holiday Party. *Come celebrate the season with your train collecting family!* The Meet will include a special sit-down pot-luck luncheon. The club will provide beverages and sandwiches (Roast Beef, Turkey, Ham & Chicken).

We ask members whose last name begins with **A thru L** to bring a dessert, and members whose last name begins with **M thru Z** to bring a side dish or salad. While the Meet is intended to be a social event, there will be some trading tables available, and the usual display theme and operating layouts will be happening. The theme for December is **Operating Cars**. "Show & Tell" is after lunch.

This event includes not just WD members, but any and all TCA National members that have not yet joined Western Division. You are welcome to attend this holiday function and introduce yourselves, so we can get to know you. For those that are not actual paid Western Division members, we only ask that you RSVP to [info@tcawestern.org](mailto:info@tcawestern.org), with the number of persons in your party, so we can have sufficient food. **Continued on page 3...**

### Broguiere's Flatcars with DIVCO Milk Vans For Sale!



Purchase them at our local Western Division Meets (**no shipping fee**) or visit [www.tcawestern.org](http://www.tcawestern.org) to order.



Extra DIVCO vans (boxed) are available!



SEPT 9&10 2023  
[www.unionstationla.com](http://www.unionstationla.com)

**L**OS ANGELES Union Station's "Train Festival" was held over two days, starting on Sat., Sept. 9th. TCA Western had hoped to have an exhibit there, but we canceled so that members could attend the *Celebration of Life* for Steve Markusic (TCA #97-46113), who passed away on Aug. 13th at the age of 68. Steve was a tireless worker at our 2021 National Convention in Burbank, as well as the *Muzeo Express* Holiday train event in Anaheim. We send our condolences to his wife Cathy and daughter Carolyn, who regularly attended TTOS-SP Meets with him. Steve had planned to volunteer at the 2023 "Train Festival," so we dedicate these photos on the next two pages to him, which were taken on the day following his services.



Steve Markusic



This Z scale cracking plant was a crowd pleaser.

[www.groups.io/g/ZoCal](http://www.groups.io/g/ZoCal)



Photos by Roger Hill



LA Union Station  
**TRAIN FESTIVAL**  
*"In the Station"*



Union Pacific Big Boy and UP Gas Turbine in Z scale.



Southern California Traction Club - HO

<http://www.trainweb.org/socaltractionclub/>



HO subway platform.



Orange County Module Railroaders

1970s Amtrak passenger train in HO  
<https://ocmr.us/>

More...

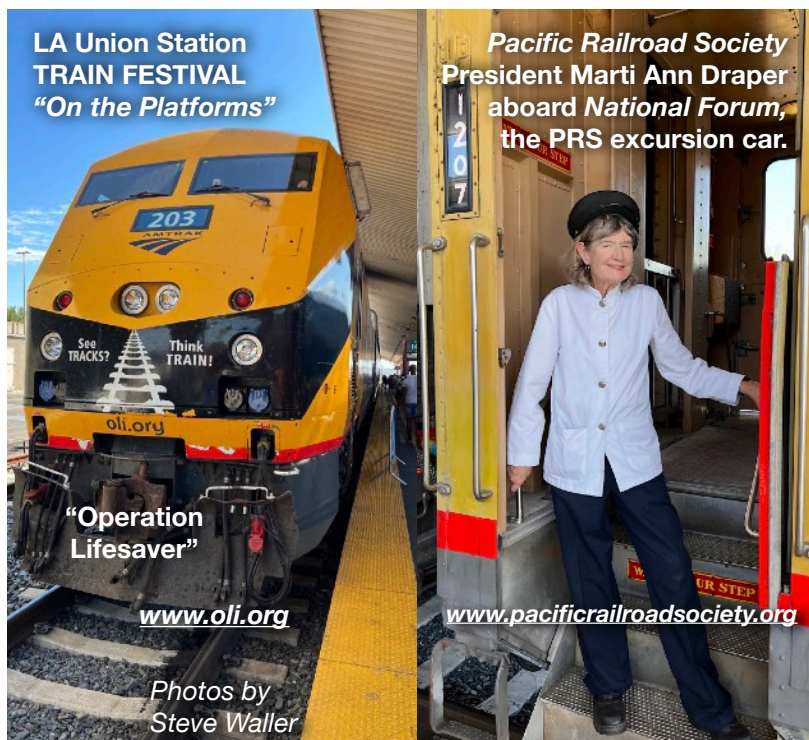
## Train Collectors Association Western Division



**70th Anniversary Box Car**

## Celebrating Western's 70th Anniversary!

Multiple road names available, each with a commemorative brass plate. Features **LIONEL** 6464-type box cars, made from 1993 to 2005. These cars have metal frames, metal door guides, die-cast trucks & operating knuckle couplers, packed in a specially-marked **LIONEL** original box. Cars offered to Western Division members only. for sale and pickup at our December 9th Holiday Party, plus the **Upcoming 2024** Saturday Meets: **January 27th, March 2nd, March 30th, April 27th, May 25th, July 27th, August 24th, September 28th, October 26th and December 21st.** Selling hours are 10AM to 1PM. (Dates & times subject to change without notice.) Cars are priced at **\$54.24** each. Please visit Mike Stella's table.



LA Union Station  
TRAIN FESTIVAL  
"On the Platforms"

Pacific Railroad Society  
President Marti Ann Draper  
aboard National Forum,  
the PRS excursion car.

"Operation  
Lifesaver"

[www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org)

[www.pacificrailroadsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailroadsociety.org)

Photos by  
Steve Waller



ATSF 5704 in restored bicentennial colors.  
(LAUS photo)

[www.socalrailway.org](http://www.socalrailway.org)



Santa Fe  
No. 3751  
Steam  
Loco.

[www.sbrhs.org](http://www.sbrhs.org)



Metrolink's commuter fleet.

[www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com)

## Holiday Party - continued from first page.

The doors open at 9 AM for setup and the Meet starts at 10:00 AM; lunch begins at 11:00 AM. The Meets typically end around 2 PM. Parking is free, and is located in the lot in front of the entrance door.

The membership opportunity drawings and Annual Membership Grand Raffle Prize (1950 Lionel 'O' gauge Anniversary Set with #2023 Union Pacific ALCO locomotives and matching passenger cars) will be conducted and awarded at this Meet, which features a free repair clinic & special surprises!

TCA members are admitted free; please wear your current membership badge and show it at the door when you enter the hall. Any non-member train enthusiasts are welcome to join the club at the December Meet, in order to participate in the Western Division Holiday Party festivities.



There is no charge for use of trading tables for sellers but you must be a member in good standing of TCA in order to have a trading table. To reserve a sales table at the Meet, send an email to [info@tcawestern.org](mailto:info@tcawestern.org).

Any member of Western Division, who was current in their dues for 2023 or paid the \$10 initiation fee, is exempt from paying any dues in 2024. Non-division members wishing to join Western Division will be required to pay the \$10 initiation fee.

Visit our website, [www.tcawestern.org](http://www.tcawestern.org), for any updates. For more info, contact Jon Lang, TCA Western President, at (310) 871-8315 (voice or text).



**Don't forget! TTOS-SP Super Meet: Fri., Dec. 15th (evening) & Sat., Dec. 16th (daytime) at Brookhurst Community Center, Anaheim. Visit [www.ttos-sp.org](http://www.ttos-sp.org).**

# President's Message: TCA Western Division

—by **Jon M. Lang**, President - Western Division (TCA # 02-54092)



**Jon Lang,  
President**

**G**REETINGS to TCA Western Division members & to all train enthusiasts!

We're all looking forward to the holidays and I hope you can join us at our December 9th Party. We will be awarding the LIONEL 50th Anniversary train set (shown in the upper

right photo), so you don't want to miss out! Please see all the details, starting on the front page of this Newsletter.

We have a lot of exciting things planned for the New Year 2024. We'll be celebrating the 70th Anniversary of TCA National & Western Division, too, the first division of TCA. The 70th National Convention will be held in June at

Lancaster, PA. Visit the Convention website [www.tcaconvention.org](http://www.tcaconvention.org) soon for updates.

We are also offering a Western Division 70th Anniversary boxcar in 2024. See page 2 for all the details.



With heavy hearts, we send our condolences to the family of Robert (Bob) Spellmire, TCA # HR 75-8039, who passed away at the age of 97, on November 21, 2023. Bob was a 2021 recipient of the TCA National President's Award, one of our club's highest honors. Bob led our Division from 1981-1983 and again from 1991-1993. He was currently serving as our Elections Supervisor. Please keep his son Jim Spellmire (TCA #77-11575) and family in your thoughts this holiday season.

*- Jon Lang*



**Bob Spellmire**



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**Jon Lang** - Western Division President

**\*OPEN** - Vice President & Recording Secretary

**Wayne Sheriff** - Treasurer, Membership Sec. & Past Nat'l President/Nat'l President's Award 2023

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**Roger Hill** - Western Division Photographer

**Robert Spellmire\*** - Elections Supervisor / Past President / Nat'l President's Award 2021

