



TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION WESTERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER



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2016

MEET SCHEDULE

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

January 23 – New Trains

February 27 – Favorite Train

March 26 - Trolleys

April 23 – Train Wrecks

May 21 – Santa Fe

June: no meet

July 23 – Convention Cars

August 27 – Tank Cars

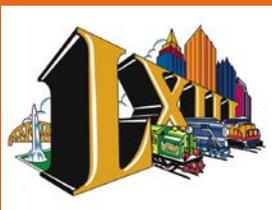
September 24 - Streamliners

October 29 – Orange & Black

November: no meet

December 17 – Holiday Trains

TCA NATIONAL CONVENTION
PITTSBURGH, PA
June 24 -July 2 2017
Fort Pitt Division



NEXT MEET ON OCTOBER 29

SHOW AND TELL THEME IS “ORANGE & BLACK”

As always, the Division’s train meets will take place at the Arcadia Senior Center, located at 405 S. Santa Anita Avenue in Arcadia, California.

To get to the meet, exit the 210 Freeway at Santa Anita Avenue. Drive south about half a mile and turn right into the Arcadia Park Parking lot. The hall is located next to the lawn bowling area. Look for the sign. The doors open at 10AM for setup and trading. Show and Tell starts at noon.

Please visit the Western Division website, at <http://www.tcawestern.org> for more information and a map.

From The President’s Desk

Hate to start off with sad news, but our friend Dave Gabay passed away a few weeks ago. Dave has been a TCA member since 1998, as well as a member of both local TTOS divisions. He had suffered from Parkinson’s disease for years, but remained very active until a few months ago. We offer our condolences to his family.

Did you enjoy the auction at the September meet? What??? You weren’t there? Not many were, but the auction went well. Some interesting items from the Ralph Pauley collection, some items from the club as well as some member items were auctioned off. The net result was a decent day for the Pauley family and almost \$400.00 back to the club.

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[The President's Desk Continued](#)

We plan on having another auction in October; this will be the last on this year. We hope to auction the clubs layout that has been used for a number of years at Cal-Stewart and other train shows. This will be the last big item to dispose of so the club can get out of our storage facility.

We still have a couple of the trolleys that were committed for, but not picked up yet. Please make arrangements to do so. We also still have a few extras to sell, so see me or Jon Lang at the meet.

Another reminder, yearly dues will be due in December so please be prepared to pay on time.

The Big Yearly Raffle is coming up at the December meet. A few more tickets remain for this beautiful Standard Gauge 400E Blue Comet Passenger set. Get your tickets before they are gone. Also, the 2017 Big Raffle prize has been selected. It will be a Lionel JLC Hudson with the display base and Plexiglas cover. More info to follow.

Keep in mind the Holiday meet is coming up. Notices will be sent out requesting side dish and desert items.

Please come on out to the meets. It's no fun without you.

Steve Eastman

President, TCA Western Division

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TCA 2015 Convention Trolleys (NYC-Coney Island & NJ-Palisades Park)

Back in May, TCA National offered our division some leftover 2015 convention trolleys at a discounted cost. We only had a few days to act so we took orders at the May meet and sent out an email blast.

The trolleys have arrived and are available at the meets. For those of you that ordered but were not there, be sure to pay and pick yours up at the next meet. In addition, a few extras of each were purchased and will be available on a first come-first served basis.

2016 GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE STANDARD GAUGE BLUE COMET BY LIONEL CLASSICS

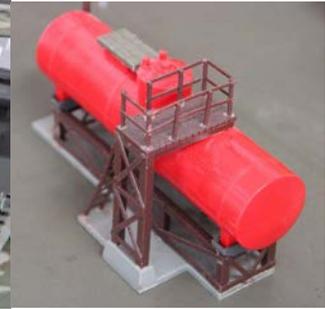


THE WINNER OF THE COMET WILL BE DRAWN AT THE DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY. THERE IS A \$100 CONSOLATION PRIZE DRAWING AT EVERY MEET!
A limited number of tickets are available at \$20 each. See Treasurer Jon Lang at our monthly meet for tickets.

Pictures from the August Meet “Tank Cars”



More Pictures from August



Cal-Stewart Meet 2016
Pomona Fairplex

November 18th thru the 20th
Celebrating Our 44th Event Occurrence

For information about the upcoming Cal-Stewart meet visit:
<http://cal-stewart.org/cal-stewart.htm>

Bruce Lazarus, *Registration and Tables* (818) 225-1710

I Had One of Those...

by Jan Athey, TCA Librarian

Between 1953 and 1956 Lionel offered a novel Model Railroad Printing Kit designed to help boys plan their first layout or estimate track requirements to expand existing layouts. Track stamps in the kit were scaled to $\frac{1}{2}$ to an inch of the actual layout. Boys could use the kit to build simple 4 x 8 foot layouts or employ their imaginations to create fanciful layouts with switches, crossings and spurs going all over the place.

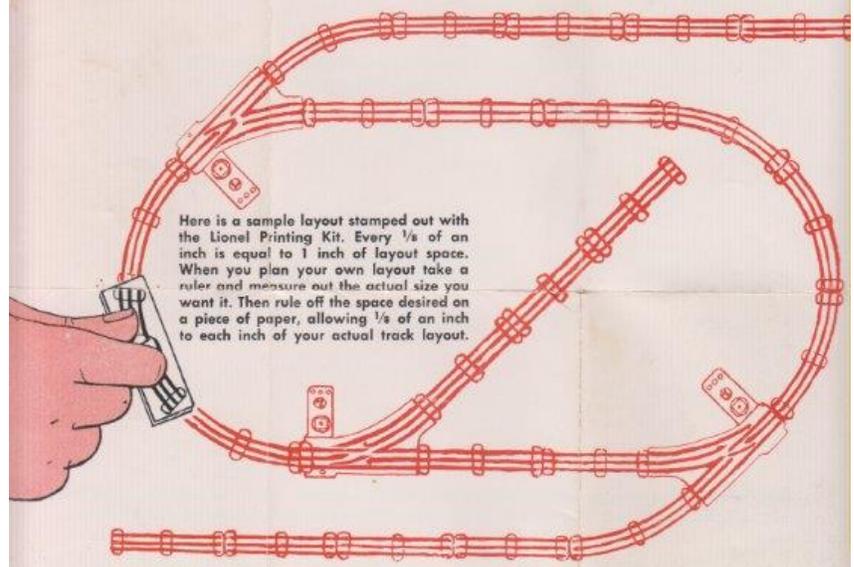
The Lionel Model Railroad Printing Kit contained a plastic sheet with stamps for straight and curved track, crossovers and switches. It included a ring-shaped holder that fit on the back of the track stamps plus an ink pad.

Were you one of those kids who had fun with the Lionel Printing Kit which could be obtained from dealers together with a red and white instruction sheet from the hobby store? Ads for kits could also be found in *Model Railroader* and *Railroad Model Craftsman* as well as on Lionel accessory booklets and instruction sheets. If you grew up in the 1950s and the printing kit is familiar to you, we would love to hear about the fun you had designing your layouts of the future!! Send responses to Jan Athey at ref-library@traincollectors.org or NTTL/TCA, PO Box 248, Strasburg, PA 17579.



LIONEL *Track Layout Printing Kit*

A new way to plan your first layout or to estimate track requirements to expand your pike. Track stamps in the kit are scaled to $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch to an inch of your actual layout.



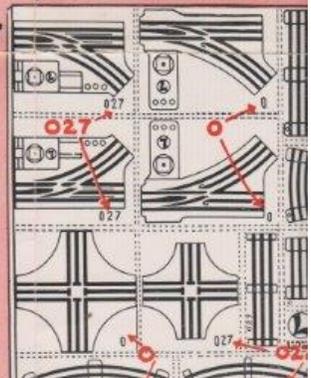
Here is a sample layout stamped out with the Lionel Printing Kit. Every $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch is equal to 1 inch of layout space. When you plan your own layout take a ruler and measure out the actual size you want it. Then rule off the space desired on a piece of paper, allowing $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch to each inch of your actual track layout.

Quick - Easy Planning Kit Helps You Make Exciting LIONEL Track Layouts

Your Lionel Track Printing Kit contains the following:

1. A plastic sheet (shown at the right) which has stamps for straight and curved track, crossovers and switches. In the case of "O" gauge track, the sheet includes half sections. The sheet is scored so that you can just snap off track sections as desired.
2. The track stamps in this kit are scaled to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the actual size of Lionel track. The plastic sheet includes stamps for both "O27" and "O" gauge track. Note: Each track stamp is marked to show whether the gauge is "O27" or "O".
3. A ring-shaped holder that fits on the back of the stamps as shown below.
4. An ink pad.

To start your track planning, get a big piece of paper and just rule out the overall size of the space you expect to use for your layout ($\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch to an inch). The plan above gives you an example of how to do it. It may be a good idea to draw your plan in roughly with a pencil before you start stamping. Now you are ready to begin. Be sure to match your stamp marks closely at each end so that your finished plan



**TCA Western Board of Directors meeting
Saturday 8/27/2016 at 9:15 am**

Directors Attending:

Steve Eastman (President)
Bob Nord (Vice President)
Jon Lang (Treasurer/Membership)
Stephen Waller (Recording Secretary)
Wayne Sheriff (Past Nat'l President)
Bob Caplan (Past Nat'l President)
Harold Shapiro (Past Div. President)
Jim Kenney (At-large Member)
Ken Chan (At-large Member)

Directors Absent:

Manny Gonzalez (Past Div. President)
John Parker (Past Nat'l President)

Remaining 2016 Meets:

Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Dec. 17 (Holiday Meet)

Scheduled 2017 Meets:

Jan. 21, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22, May 20, June (dark),
July 22, Aug. 26, Sep. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. (dark), Dec. 16 (Holiday Meet)

I. TCA-W doesn't have the guaranteed use of the West Room at the Arcadia Community Center for our monthly layout. At the present time, the Saturday Morning Yoga Class has priority. The yoga class will use the room only during inclement weather. We may need to use the North Room (with the fireplace) for our monthly layout. Ultimately, the West Room will be remodeled by the city. The club will pursue getting permission from the city to use a cabinet (or purchase one for our use) in the newly-remodeled room.

II. The host for our website (www.tcawestern.org) is now Go Daddy. The changeover was spearheaded by Harold Shapiro. Overall costs are lower using Go Daddy. With our new host, free email addresses will be available for club members, which will end with @tcawestern.org. An electronic version of the By-Laws needs to be uploaded to the website. We could use a new video uploaded of our monthly train layout.

III. Promotional flyers—Wayne Sheriff has 50 each of two different styles. We will use at Cal-Stewart and the Great Train Show. Show table needs helpers to relieve the volunteers periodically. Larry Carpenter will schedule the TCA-W table at the shows, when he does the same for the TTOS-SP table.

IV. 2017 TCA-W Big Raffle—need an unusual item for next year. Should it be "O" or Standard Gauge? Tinplate or modern?

V. Storage rental is currently paid thru May 2017 at Mt. Olive Storage. Our president's goal is to end the use of the storage facility at that time. To achieve this, items in storage will have to be auctioned by the club, moved to a new cabinet in the West Room or stored by members. The idea of building an outdoor shed at the Arcadia Senior Complex has not been addressed at this time.

VI. Holiday Meet is scheduled for Dec. 17, 2016. Bob Nord is looking into having gift cards as prizes. What kind of sandwiches shall we have this year? Volunteers are needed.

VII. Help is needed in the kitchen on a monthly basis. Any volunteers? Coffee, donuts, sandwiches and cleanup.

VIII. TCA-W membership renewals are scheduled for December, 2016 for the calendar year 2017. Jon Lang prefers to handle with letters & envelopes. No email renewals, please!

IX. Treasure's Report submitted by Jon Lang. We need a new club Treasurer/Membership Chair/Greeter, as Jon Lang's care-giving responsibilities will not allow him to continue in this role.

X. Newsletter—Bob Nord. Could use some ads on the website to subsidize.

XI. Layout in September will be handled by Jeff Meyer & Robert Carlson.

XII. Non-member sales tables set up outside? To be determined...

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen J. Waller
Recording secretary 2016-2018

9/22/2016