



Western Division

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September Meeting 2002

You are invited and most welcome to come to our September Meet, Saturday, September 28, 2002. Bring your trains, grab a table and be ready for action, starting at TEN A.M. Our tables are free and available for the sellers to use. We will also have door prizes and snacks available for our members.

Our meets are held in the Senior Citizens Center, in the Arcadia Community Park, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, Ca. This is just a few blocks south of the 210 freeway, Santa Anita Avenue Exit.

Members of Western Division

I send out several hundred newsletters each month to all of our members in Western Division. We miss seeing some of you at our meets, if you are one of them, please get on track and chug in for the September meet and enjoy the benefits of your club and your membership.

Display theme for September

September is Western Division's 48th anniversary as a co-founder of the Train Collectors Association. What would be more appropriate than to bring and share that special item that stirred your interest to become a train collector, or the story you may have, to share with the members.



Convention Planning Committee completing final drafts.

beautifully repainted in red, white & blue by Steve Latta, of Nostalgia Train Works. Bob's train took the prize for best display this month.

Door prizes included—

- LIONEL 6-16982 BC Rail Bulkhead Flatcar
- LIONEL 6-29215 Monon 6464-style boxcar
- LIONEL 6-29215 Canadian Pacific boxcar 6464-398

Also, there were three TCA "Standard of the World" hardback books and some LIONEL 2002 Volume 2 catalogs. Among the winners were Mike Galante, Don Stotts, Artie Farkas, Don Goldberg, Brian Fields and C.A. Myers.

The door prize tickets were selected by John Abbe's daughter Michelle (age 9 1/2) and Russ Lange's grand-daughters Kelli Miller (age 8) and Caitlin Miller (age 5). Bob Caplan awarded TCA Kid's Club buttons to all the young ladies who assisted.

A delicious smell from the kitchen was evidence of the volunteer labor of Jane Lange and Brittany Giorgio, who made sure that there was plenty to eat and drink. The chili-dog combo was a particular favorite.

Russ acknowledged two donations from the Pacific Northwest Division to our club—

- LIONEL 6-52077 TCA Great Northern Hi-Cube boxcar
- McCoy No. 95 Seattle Main Street Diner (Std. Gauge)

Vince Garguilo presided over our auction. Bidding was hot and heavy at times, but when all was said and done, member Don McCutcheon (of K-Line trains) walked away with the items time and again. Good bidding, Don!

Russ Lange adjourned the meeting, to be immediately followed by the TCA Western Division Board Meeting.

- submitted by Steve Waller, Recording Secretary

Miscellaneous Items of Interest

The Board of Directors for National has approved the hiring of a publicity firm to attract new members to the club.

Election of Officers for Western Division is coming up soon. If you are interested in doing more for your Division, contact Bob Spellmire or Russ Lange in order to place your names in the process for nomination and approval.

Do not forget to support your Western Area members on the National Ballot. Your vote counts, Make it work.

TCA Western Division Membership Meeting

By Steve Waller, Recording Secretary.

Saturday, July 27, 2002

After an hour of congenial buying and selling, TCA Western Division President Russ Lange called the Business Meeting to order at 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 27, 2002 at the Arcadia Park Senior Citizen's Center in Arcadia, California.

Russ recognized Harold & Cheryl Shapiro for their help in copying the full-color July club newsletter. Among many newsworthy items, it contained information on the TCA National Convention that will be held at the Ontario, CA Convention Center, July 23-29, 2003, hosted by TCA Western Division.

Russ asked for a moment of silence for our beloved member Ward Kimball, CM-HR-31, who died on July 8th at the age of 88. An impromptu display table had been set up with items remembering Ward. On exhibit were animation cells, toys, record albums, posters, photographs, letters, magazines and, of course, trains—all of which related to Ward.

Several members told stories about Kimball, including Don Goldberg, John Parker, Emmert Stouffer, Brian Fields and many others. Steve Waller played a 78 RPM recording of "Wabash Blues" by Kimball's jazz band, the Firehouse Five, Plus Two. The train-themed song appropriately reflected our sadness, while remembering the exuberant spirit of Ward.

Discussion was opened regarding the next scheduled Western Division meeting on Saturday, August 24, 2002.

Unfortunately, the date conflicts with the TTOS-SW Division picnic at the Los Angeles Live Steamers. It was decided that our meet will begin at 9:30 a.m., to allow members to attend both events. The TTOS picnic will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 and advance reservations are required.

Bob Caplan showed a prototype for the beautiful 2003 Western Division Club Car, a LIONEL 6464-style Western Pacific blue feather boxcar. It will be numbered 1954-2003. Only 700 pieces will be offered for sale, at a price of \$55.00, with all proceeds benefiting Western Division.

Our display table theme was "red, white & blue", honoring the Fourth of July holiday. Mike Jenkins brought a Standard Gauge MTH crane and a TCA stock car that were painted in patriotic colors.

Bob Spellmire brought an Ives 1930 National Limited set.



Trains for sale

Our 49th TCA Convention Progress

By John Parker, Convention Co Chair

Wayne Sheriff and I have been putting a lot of time into the Convention Schedule and write up as it will appear in the TCA National Newsletter detailing all the tours, Hotels and costs for the various bus trips, lunches and dinners. The careful detailing of all of this, plus checking out the various tour locations has taken considerable time and effort. At this point we have twelve tours planned including a Dinner Cruise on Newport Bay that should be very popular. Given that at St. Charles, a number of our TCA members played golf, we have scheduled a Golf outing at Empire Lakes. For the ladies, we have planned a luncheon and guided tour of the Historic Mission Inn at Riverside. As you know, we have expanded to three bus loads to the San Sylmar Nethercutt Collection. This is a tour that is centered on Classic Automobiles and is limited to 50 persons. I would urge our local members, if they have not seen it, to find the time in the next few months to visit the Nethercutt so as to be aware of it. We will complete the form Convention schedule in the next couple of weeks and it will be published in the Members mail in January.

Support Your Division – How?

By attending and supporting your Division meets.

By ordering our Western Pacific Convention Car., the order form is enclosed.

Order the Grizzly Flats Station, which is also a fund raiser for our convention as is the Convention Car.

Visit our Web Site: <http://www.tcawestern.org>

Thanks see you on the 28th. Russ Lange