



Train Collectors Association Western Division Newsletter

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Sept. 9th & 10th - Sat. & Sun.

TRAIN FESTIVAL 10 AM-6 PM

Los Angeles Union Station

800 N. Alameda St.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

2023 Train Meets (Saturdays)

10 AM - public; 9 AM - set up

Sept. 23 - Arcadia Community Center

365 Campus Drive

Arcadia, CA 91007, Theme:

Military & Space Trains.

Oct. 28 - Arcadia Community Center

365 Campus Drive

Arcadia, CA 91007, Theme:

**Mechanical Trains &
Mechanical Accessories.**

Dec. 9 - Arcadia Community Center

Holiday Toy Train Meet

Theme: **Operating Cars.**

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 to order.



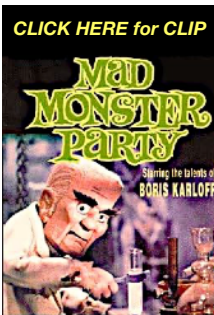
DIVCO Vans are available separately!



U NION STATION's **TRAIN FESTIVAL 2023** is coming up soon! The dates are Sat. & Sun., September 9th & 10th from 10 AM - 6 PM. The address is 800 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. *Travel direct via Metro Rail, Metrolink or Amtrak!* See the historic full-size railroad equipment, including the big steam Santa Fe locomotive **No. 3751**. There will be HO, N-gauge and Z scale trains in operation. Visit their website at www.unionstationla.com for more information.

Our September 23, TCA Western Division train show will boast a toy train swap meet, plus two operating layouts, a LIONEL test track, available refreshments, a toy train repair service and a toy train auction, if needed. The Sept. display theme is **Military & Space Trains**. Questions? Please email us at info@tcawestern.org.

Our current Meet starting time is



10:00 AM for the public; doors open at **9:00 AM** for members' setup. We finish around 1:00 PM, unless there's a big auction, which can go till 2:00 PM or later.

The Oct. 28th Meet features a **"Mad Monster Party"** for Halloween! Baron von Frankenstein, from the 1967 **Rankin-Bass** film (see poster at left) will be giving out tasty candy to TCA Western trick-or-treaters & guests. Costumes admired, but not required! The Oct. theme: **Mechanical Trains & Mechanical Accessories.**



July Meet at the Arcadia Community Center



Larry Pearson's 1935 LIONEL 1065E Distant Control Railroad.



SP "Kodachrome" paint scheme.

ATSF Blue Goose.

Brand new Canadian Pacific F7 in Standard Gauge by Jim Waterman.



Lucky winners in July!



A great toy train layout!

Train layout by Steve Eastman and Denyse & Jeff Meyer.



Jim Kenney

Larry Pearson's Free Repair Clinic



Glenn Olsen takes the mic.



Theme: "American Made Trains"

Harold Shapiro



New member Keith Jefferies pulls the winning ticket!



Layout by Glenn Olsen.

Never too young to get started!

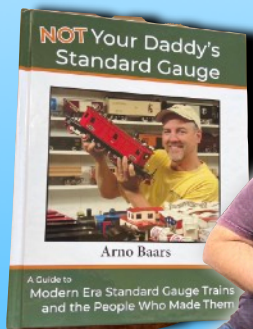
Photos by Roger Hill, Harold Shapiro & Steve Waller

Big Auction at Western Division's August Meet

Photos by Roger Hill & Harold Shapiro



Jon Lang presides over his first meeting as Western Division President on August 26, 2023.



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TCA Western Division President's Message

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



**Jon Lang,
President**

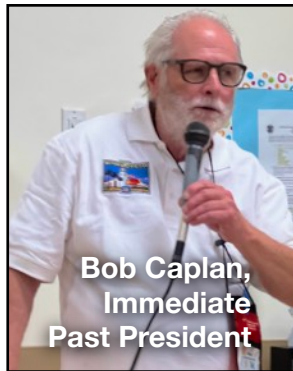
I wish to extend my hand to TCA Western Division Members & to all Train Enthusiasts!

The year 2023 is fast coming to its end, with the New Year 2024 just around the corner. Since the pandemic started, Western Division has gone through many changes. In fact, we will need to have a special election soon to fill the vacancies of TCA Western Division Vice President and Recording Secretary.

As many of you know, Bob Caplan has been dealing with health issues lately, and felt he could not continue in the President's position. Hence, as Vice President, I now move into that job.

I personally want to wish Bob a speedy recovery and thank him for his many accomplishments. Mr. Caplan has helped to keep this division healthy and strong during these challenging times.

Bob, thank you for your interest, outstanding service and dedication to TCA Western!



**Bob Caplan,
Immediate
Past President**

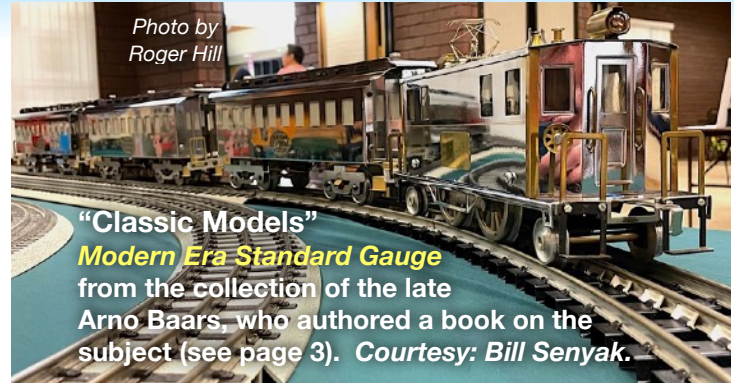


Photo by
Roger Hill

"Classic Models"
Modern Era Standard Gauge
from the collection of the late
Arno Baars, who authored a book on the
subject (see page 3). *Courtesy: Bill Senyak.*

I wish to express to each of you a very **special invitation** to attend one or more meetings this year. We would like to meet you, and hear about your interests. Come, enjoy our fellowship!

Bring a friend with you who might also have an interest in trains (even if small), particularly if the drive is long. Our location and meeting dates are listed on the front cover. Trading table use at our Meets is free to TCA members. Email info@tcawestern.org.

I look forward to seeing and meeting with you personally. Please, come visit and say hello!

Sincerely,

Jon Lang

TCA Western Division President



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