



# TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION WESTERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER



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## MEET SCHEDULE

### MARK YOUR CALENDERS

January 21 – New Trains/New Year

February 25 - Circus Trains

March 25 - Accessories

April 22 - Rio Grande Railroad

May 20 – Military Trains

June - no meet

July 22 – Action Cars

August 26 – Hard-to-find

September 23 – Factory Errors

October 28 - Halloween

November: no meet

December 18 – Holiday Trains

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



## NEXT MEET APRIL 22, 10AM

SHOW AND TELL THEME IS “RIO GRANDE RAILROAD”

Coffee and Donuts graciously provided free

by BOB CAPLAN

Sandwiches available for purchase

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

April 2017

Spring is upon us. First, I want to wish you all a very Happy Easter. Please take advantage of this his celebration of birth and enjoy the occasion with you families.

Next big happening of Spring is York. If you are able to go, be safe and enjoy, then come back and regale us with stories of your treasures.

This month our show and tell theme is Rio Grande. Not much Rio Grande in tinsplate, but I do have a couple pieces to share. Bring you goodies, I look forward to seeing them.

As usual, I need to thank those that help us keep the club and meets flowing and trains running.

Nominations for the Officers and Board of Directors is coming up. We need some new members. I just did a quick search on our fabulous web site and the existing leaders have been on board for an average of 12.8 years. That is way too long to not have others be willing to help. This average is actually a bit low because the web site only gives details starting in 1997.

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## The President's Desk Continued

Some have been serving since the mid 80's. Think about that when we ask for nomination. Ask your existing Officers and BOD members about what is required. I think you will be surprised at how little time many of the positions require. Probably averages less than an hour a month.

Please come on out to the meet, it's not the same without you.

Steve Eastman  
President, TCA Western Division

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



Both are bumper-controlled forward and reverse, operating LED headlights, interior lighting, silhouettes on windows, and two adjustable trolley poles on roof.

Back in May last year, TCA National offered our division some leftover 2015 convention trolleys at a discounted cost. The trolleys have arrived and are available at the meets. For those of you that ordered, 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 for \$70.00 each.

### Email Addresses Available

If you would like your very own TCA Western Division email address, something like:

[ogaugegeek@TCASWestern.org](mailto:ogaugegeek@TCASWestern.org), then contact Harold Shapiro at [hshapi@hotmail.com](mailto:hshapi@hotmail.com). 25 addresses are available free from our web site provider.

### TCASWestern.org is online 24/7

If you haven't gone to our website lately it will be worth your while to check it out. We have a first- class web site with tons of toy train information and fascinating club history.

### Upcoming Events

April 19 - 23 – Pacific Coast Region/NMRA Convention, Bakersfield

April 27-29 – TCA Eastern Division Spring Meet, York PA

May 6-7 - Railroad Days, Fullerton

June 24-July 2 TCA National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA



Carette tin steam loco, tender, open car, coach and baggage car circa late 1800's

### Quarterly Auctions

At our January meet your Board of Directors voted to hold an auction once per quarter. Empty out your closets and bring your trains to sell. Make room for more stuff. There are no buyer or seller premiums at our auctions.

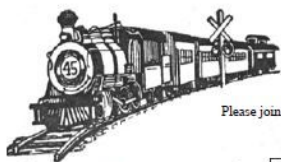
February, May, August, October are the planned auction months.

# 2017 GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE O GAUGE HUDSON BY LIONEL

LIONEL #6-18005  
NEW YORK CENTRAL 4-6-4 J1-E HUDSON STEAM LOCOMOTIVE  
W/ DISPLAY CASE



**THE WINNER OF THE HUDSON 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.**



2017 Meeting Dates:		
Jan 27	May 26	Sep 22
Feb 24	Jun 23	Oct 27
Mar 24	Jul 28	Nov 17
Apr 28	Aug 25	Dec 15

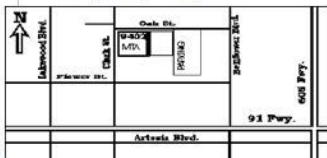
For information call  
Larry Garrett at 714-893-2979  
Bruce Engelbach at 562-925-7797

We are a diverse group (all ages - men, women & kids) of toy train collectors, rail fans, and modelers of all gauges (Z to the real Locomotive).  
Our meetings feature historical slides and videos, usually of actual Railroads.

## MTA

Model Train Association  
"The Friendly Club"

Please join us for our meetings at the Womens Club of Bellflower  
9402 Oak Street (Clark and Oak)  
Friday Evenings at 7:00 pm



## Southwestern Division Monthly Train meets

Table Sales-Auction-Test Track-Operating Layouts-Some Parts-Books  
50/50 Drawing-Repair Clinic-Snack Bar

**Sundays 2017:** Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12\*, Apr. 2, May 7, June 7\*  
July 9, Sat Aug. 5 Picnic, Sept. 10\*, Oct. 1, November Cal-Stewart\*\*\* Dec. 3\*

\*Open House Meets \*\*\*Cal-Stewart Info to be announced

Sellers & Members 10 am — Tables \$5.00 each

Public 10 am: \$5.00 per adult — Children under 21 free with paid adult  
50/50 Drawing 11:45 am — Auction begins 12 Noon

Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 West Duarte Road, Arcadia 91007  
210 Fwy, So. Santa Anita Ave., Rt on Duarte Rd.

Entrance on left — **Plenty of Free Parking!**

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Info: Call Larry Pearson (818) 848-2653 mornings after 8 am or [www.ttos-sw.org](http://www.ttos-sw.org)



Unique Art Lines Circus Train with Jewel-T Lithographed Animal Cars #1950 0-4-0 Locomotive and Red Caboose



# At the February Meet the theme was CIRCUS TRAINS



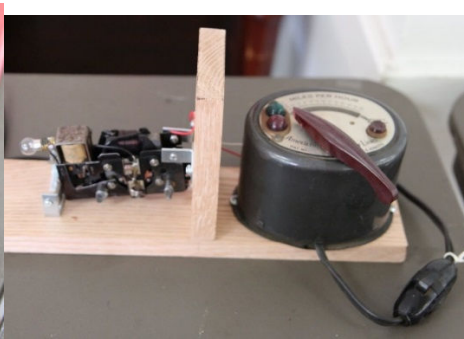
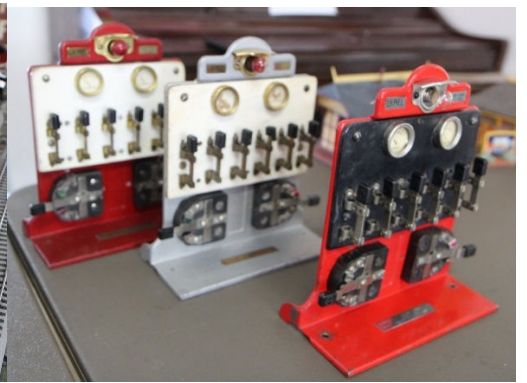
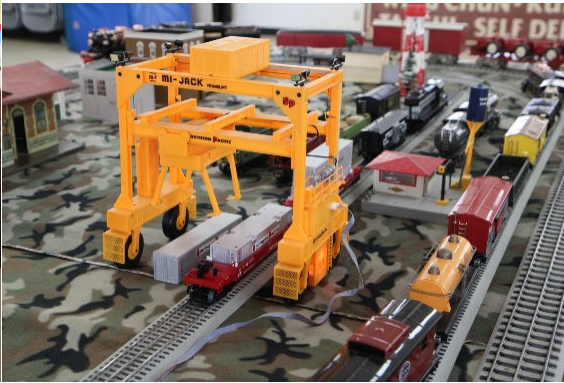
**All photos in this issue by Roger Hill**

Roger is going to miss the next few meets so we need a volunteer to take pictures!





## At the March Meet the theme was ACCESSORIES



March's Raffle prize winners



## The History of Western Division

TCA Western Division will celebrate its "63rd Anniversary" in 2017. The Train Collectors Association was founded in Yardley, Pennsylvania in July of 1954. The first meeting was held in the barn of noted rail historian Ed Alexander. In the same year, collectors on the west coast met and organized the first division of TCA - the Western Division. The organizing meeting was held Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1954 at the home of Dick Wheeler, 801 Oakdale Road, in Monrovia, California.

The result of these two meetings was the formation of the Train Collectors Association (TCA) with Burton Logan being the first president of National, and Evan Middleton serving as President of Western Division. Western Division was the first TCA division formed.



TCA Western Division Founders in 1954:  
(from left) George Smith CM59, Dick Thompson CM63, Edwin Demack CM 15, Ralph Pauly CM 45, Frank Cox CM 13, Evan Middleton CM 2. Photo taken by Herb Morley CM 43.



Herb Morley, CM 43, in 1955 riding the last of the #5 carline in southwest LA. Herb served as President of TCA National 1961-1962 and as President of Western Division in 1965.

The following were present at the meeting in Monrovia that formed Western Division:

Frank W. Cox	William R. Jeffery	Herbert G. Morley
G. Edwin Demack	Evan M. Middleton	George L. Smith
Wesley F. Frye	Richard O. Wheeler	Robert E. Stern

These people, along with the following became the Charter Members:

Richard W. Thompson - L.A., CA	Ralph Pauly - L.A., CA
Russ Hafdahl - Seattle, WA	George Hopkins - Eugene, OR
Stanley O'Brien - Seattle, WA	Wilton Hill - San Francisco, CA
Stephen Stanley - Spokane, WA	Joseph Kiester - San Diego, CA
A. E. Seatwell - Portland, OR	

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