



Train Collectors Association Western Division Newsletter

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"Celebrating 72 Years"

"The 1st and Oldest Division"

Arcadia Community Center

365 Campus Dr., Arcadia, CA, 91007

(at Huntington Drive & Holly Ave.)

9 am - Setup crew

10 am - 2 pm - Meet

2026 Meets & Themes:

Aug 22 - Smaller scale trains

Oct 17 - Scary trains

Dec 19 - Larger scale trains

Win a LIONEL GG-1
Passenger Train Set
No. 2144W from 1948



Details on page 4...

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.



Extra DIVCO vans (boxed) are available!

TCA Western Division Elects Ray Villaseñor as President



—Steve Waller photo

RAY VILLASEÑOR has been elected as TCA Western Division President for a two-year term, ending in June, 2028. Elections Supervisor Ken Chan recently announced the results. The outcome for club officers were as follows:

President: **Ray Villaseñor**

Vice-President: **Greg Pulis**

Membership/Treasurer: **Jon Lang**

Recording Secretary: **Bob Caplan**

The following Directors-at-Large were elected: **Rick Dunn, Rudy Felix, Larry Pearson, Steve Waller & Tom Watson.**



Our next train meet will take place on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at the beautiful and spacious Arcadia Community Center. The theme is **Smaller Scale Trains**. That could be: **S, OO, HO, N, Z** or **????**

We will have the regular assortment of deli sandwiches, coffee, and doughnuts available. Soft drinks & snacks can be purchased at the break room vending machines on the north side hallway for \$1.25. Cash, credit cards, Apple Pay, etc. are now accepted.

We will have trains for sale, free train repairs, and an operating toy train layout. Don't miss our fantastic **Opportunity Drawings!** (See page 4 for details.) We will also have a toy train auction, if needed.

The meet doors open at 9 am for sellers' setup, and we officially begin at 10 am, typically ending around 2 pm, with free parking in front. There is no charge for sellers to use our trading tables, but you must be a member in good standing of the Train Collectors Association. Reserve your trading tables now by emailing: info@tcawestern.org.

TCA Western Division's May 23rd Train Meet



Ray Villaseñor (left) and son Sebastian



Military & Space trains were the theme.



The Fisher family found the perfect Father's Day gift for Dad.



Larry Pearson fixes a whistling tender at our free TCA Repair Desk.



Red, White & Blue on the Display Table



Club layout by Denyse & Jeff Meyer and Steve Eastman



Cootie Attack!

Photos by Steve Waller



Steve E. won the \$100 bill.

Rocco Telese, Steve Eastman, Bob Caplan, Denyse Meyer, Ray & Sebastian Villaseñor and Greg Pulis won.

TCA 72nd Nat'l Convention: Grapevine, TX



TCA Convention Hotel
in Dallas

June 22 - 27, 2026



UP 4018 Big Boy at the
Museum of the American
Railroad in Frisco, TX.



LIONEL boxcar
collection on display



Toy Train
Marketplace



Rick
Dunn
& Harold
Shapiro
at our
Broguiere's
Milk Van
table.



TCA National
Board of Directors
Meeting



Newly-elected TCA
National President
Harold Shapiro
with gavel.

Photo by Cheryl Shapiro



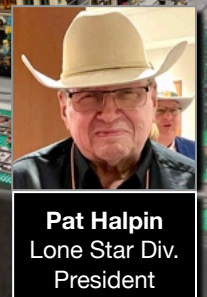
Setting up for
the banquet...

Other Western
Division members
present were
Jerry Rindone, Bill
Sivley, Jim Spellmire
and Drake Whitlock.



LEGO Trains
on the layout.

Thanks to Pat Halpin
and the entire Lone Star
Division for making the 72nd Nat'l
Convention such a great success!



Pat Halpin
Lone Star Div.
President

TCA Western President's Message: August, 2026



Ray Villaseñor

The TCA Western Division elections are history now & I greatly appreciate your confidence in voting for me, as I look forward to a two-year term as your Western Div. president. Many of you know me as the proprietor of SoCal's newest brick & mortar train store:

Golden Spike Railroad. If you've never been by, I hope you'll come see us at *Golden Spike Railroad*, 1247 Enterprise Court, Corona, CA 92882. See www.goldenspikerrailroad.com online or telephone (951) 338-9008. When you visit, ask about our TCA members' discount.

If you have any input on new things you'd like to see for our club, I hope you'll let me know. I have some new ideas, too, which I covered in the August 1st Meet Notice email. *Let's talk!*

On August 22nd, we will have trains for sale, free train repairs by Larry Pearson, and an operating toy train layout. We'll also have a toy train auction, if desired. Don't miss our fantastic *Opportunity Drawings!*

This year's Grand Prize Drawing is one of our most popular ever! *Enter to win* a **LIONEL** No. 2144W Madison-type 3-car passenger set with a 2332 Brunswick green GG1 locomotive, made in 1948 (see photo, right). You also get a chance to win a \$100 bill at each meeting. The more tickets you buy, the greater your chances to win!

You must be present to win the \$100 bill, but for the set drawing in December, you need not be on the premises. Tickets are only \$25 each and it's limited to just 100 tickets. Current WD members can buy tickets in person or order them by email.



We are still in the planning stages for a Western Division excursion via Metro Rail to the Pacific Railroad Museum in San Dimas. We had to postpone it from August, due to a scheduling conflict. But rest assured, we will arrange to do it after one of our upcoming meets. Watch our future Western Division announcements for more information.



At our upcoming October Meet, the theme will be **Scary Trains**. There will be Halloween Trick or Treat candy that will be distributed at noon. *Halloween costumes admired, but not required!*

The next newsletter will be our Holiday number, to be delivered prior to the December meet. We plan to provide the Holiday meal, with potluck items rounding out the menu. *Is it ever too early to get into the Holiday mood?*



Keep on Trackin'...

- Ray

Ray Villaseñor

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Bob Caplan - Recording Secretary/Past President

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Please visit www.tcawestern.org/membership.htm
Print out & mail the form, or join at the next meet.
Visit the TCA Nat'l website: www.tcatrains.org/

