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April 9,, 1992

Dear TCA Western Division Members:

The "OPEN HOUSE MEET" in March was a blast. We had an "ALL TABLES" meet, with a total of 84 tables of sellers, and 195 "Donation" attenders over and above the TCA members. There was no room for an auction area. The business meeting consisted of a welcome announcement to all present. Your Board of Directors and Officers are to be commended for their time and efforts in bringing this meet to the success that it was. I wish to also thank all of those who helped with the physical jobs of setting up the hall and cleaning up afterward. We picked up five members, four new and one returnee.

This meet was such a success that your board of directors voted to have an other one like it for our Saturday September 26, 1992 meet. Start planning now to come.

I wish to apologize to those who felt left out on ordering tables because the March News Letter was mailed on the 22nd noting the cut off date of the 16th for pre-ordering tables. The Cut off date of the 16th was published in February News Letter and announced at the February meet. The cut off time was to allow us to rent tables needed and the mailing date is to get the notice, as a reminder, to the members in the week of the meet.

Your Board of Directors has voted to start a policy of opening the meeting Hall TO ALL (Parts Dealers excepted) at the announced time, with the business meeting to be one-half hour after the hall opens. At the time of the business meeting all are asked to pause for those few moments and then go back to unpacking, selling, or whatever after the short business meeting. They are short, because any business you want to bring up needs to be presented to the Board of Directors Meeting first. Generally all you get are announcements.

I'll be in York for this meet, and next month, will give you a blow by blow account of the tussles for trains back there.

Bob Spellmire
Bob Spellmire, President

The schedule of our meets for the rest of the year are:

1992 MEETS ARE GENERALLY SCHEDULED FOR THE FOURTH SATURDAY

However, as of April, 1992, the schedule with variations (and comments) is:

Friday, April 24, at 6:00 PM (Lawn Bowlers Tournament takes Sat & Sun
This is also York Weekend.

Since this conflicts with MTA's scheduled meet, MTA will join with us)

Friday, May 22, at 6:00 PM (Sat. is MTA All Day Roundhouse Meet)

Now back to our Saturday Schedule

Saturday, June 27, at 11:00 AM (National TCA Convention weekend)

Saturday, July 25, at 11:00 AM

Saturday, August 22, at 11:00 AM

Saturday, September 26, at 11:00 AM (OUR NEXT OPEN MEET)

Saturday, October 24, at 11:00 AM (York Meet weekend)

Saturday, November 28, at 11:00 AM (Thanksgiving weekend)

Sunday, December 6, 12:00 Noon (Our Christmas Dinner Meet - members only)

If there are any changes in these dates and times they will be published in this news letter as soon as the change is known.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We, the members, Board of directors and Officers of TCA Western Division welcome the following four new members and one returnee, into the First and Oldest Division of any Toy Train Collecting Organization. These are the members who joined at our OPEN MEET.

JOHN FRANK CARTELLI

3554 Bell Avenue

Bell CA 90201

GLEN PERRY HARRELL

3959 E. 3rd Street

Long Beach, CA 90814

GWEN LATTA

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Escondido, CA 92033

GARY ZARUBICK

1043 Promontory Place

West Covina, CA 91791

ERIC G SOLIS

4052 Sterling Way

Baldwin Park, CA 91706

We all look forward to help you enjoy collecting toy trains and accessories.

NATIONAL TCA CONCERNS

The time for presenting candidates for National TCA officers is NOW.

The April meet is the time to make known your desire to run for one of the National Offices. Tell Tom Watson, who will be conducting this meet. The Names must be presented to the National Secretary in May.

TREASURERS REPORT**BY DALE LANGE**

Balance at the start of March	\$ 3,862.54
Receipts for the month	1,729.11
Disbursements for the month	<u>1,244.31</u>
Balance at start of April	\$ 4,347.34

YOUR 1992 DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE BUT STILL PAYABLE.

You may pay your dues at the meet or by mail to DALE LANGE 1371 Cherry Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93065.

The TCA Western Division dues for 1992 are \$10.00, with a surcharge of \$5.00 for payment after April 1. The names of the unpaid will be dropped from the mailing list after May 1, 1992. Also, your National TCA membership must be currently in force for you to be a Western Division Member. These are two separate dues payments you must make. Your National dues are paid in the Quarter that you joined, while Western Division dues are paid in January.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT**BY RUSSELL LANGE**

We have 214 paid members at the start of April, of 533 National TCA members who live in our Division boundaries.

Our current mailing list has 363 names. Seven members responded, by paying their dues, out of 39 delinquent members receiving a special mailing notice on February 25. Another Special and Final reminder letter is being sent to 148 delinquent members.

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT**BY TOM WATSON**

The Officers and Board of Directors met Wednesday evening, March 4 to finalize plans for our March 29 "Open Meet".

Joe Lovi volunteered to join Robert Caplan as Western Division's representatives on the Standard's Committee of TCA/National. Charles Dargan brought up the sad fact that all clubs—including ours—have experienced a growth in the number of thefts occurring during meets. Our board of Directors recommends that all of our members watch not only their own tables, but also the tables and goods of your neighbor. TCA has no room for those who take merchandise without paying for it.

The National Board Meeting in June is not that far off. Members are encouraged to submit proposals that should be brought to National TCA Board. Members are also asked to consider the upcoming election for National Officers and who should be nominated by Western Division.

The Next Board meeting was set for April 1, which will be reported in next month's news letter.

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Our TCA Western Division Meeting will be on **FRIDAY**, April 24, 1992, for this month. This is a JOINT MEETING WITH MTA because we had to change our meeting to conflict with their scheduled meet. The meeting hall will be open for all to come in at 6:00 PM. The exception to this rule is only for the PARTS DEALERS, who will be allowed to come in and set up their displays early, as long as one of the Division Officers is there to let you in. The business meeting will start, on time, at 6:30 PM. MTA will bring their famous "Raffle" with them and invite us to participate by buying tickets and winning prizes.

Our meetings are held in the Arcadia Senior Citizens Center, which is located at 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, Calif.. Between Duarty and Huntington Drive, on the west side of Santa Anita Avenue.

Once again, the kitchen will be operating under the culinary expertise of Carol Stella.