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Upcoming Meet Notices

Western Division's **Holiday Train Meet** will take place on Saturday, December 19th, in the Arcadia Senior Center, located at 405 S. Santa Anita Avenue in Arcadia, CA.

Members are asked to prepare and/or bring either a side/salad dish or a dessert dish to share. Members whose last names begin with the letters **A thru L** are requested to provide a **side dish or salad** and members whose last names begin with the letters **M thru Z** are requested to bring a **dessert**. Please prepare dishes sufficient in size to accommodate a large group and please bring serving utensils. The club will provide plates, napkins, and plastic ware.

To get to the meet, exit the 210 Freeway at Santa Anita Ave. 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 Western Division Sign.

The doors open at 11 AM for setup, trading and selling. Please visit the Western Division website, at <http://www.tcawestern.org> for more information and a map.

The display theme for December will be, "**Holiday Trains**". Show off an item and facilitate the transfer of knowledge on collecting toy trains with your fellow members. There will be a separate raffle prize drawing held for all those members who display items.

There will be the regular monthly prize raffle for the membership. The special raffle this year has 2 items that can be won - a Lionel Postwar Classics GG-1 with Madison car set and a Burlington diesel with red stripe silver car passenger set. A crisp \$100 bill will once again be given away to one lucky eligible member who has purchased a 2009 Raffle ticket. January is the next Auction Month.

Western Division remaining 2009 scheduled meet is: December 19. No meet held in November. 2010 meets are: January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23, and December 18th.

President's Message

By Wayne Sheriff, WD President

The National elections are now history and the new President Elect is Paul Edgar, Vice President is Carol McGinnis, Secretary is Christie Wilson, and the Treasurer is Bill Kotek. For the Investment Committee Fred Hunter was elected. Congratulations to all the new officers that will take office on July 1, 2010. The By-Laws were passed and the fiscal year is now be July through June.

For the first time in three years we have a balanced budget. It took a great amount of effort by our National Board of Directors and a lot of belt tightening but it was done. Not everyone will be happy but if you do not have money, you must stop spending. What a great job done under the direction of Clem Clement, National TCA President.

The Nixon Library "**A Holiday of Trains**" exhibit is well underway, opening on November 16th. It will run through January 10, 2010. The project has a very interesting array of old trains and accessories dating back to 1900. This year we will also have an interactive layout for the kids and they can push buttons to

make things happen. An added plus this year is that we have **Ward Kimball's "Chloe"** at the Library. It sure looks good next to the Presidential Helicopter.



It's time for Western Division Elections. Enclosed is the ballot for officers and board of directors. Please send in your ballot to Bob Spellmire.

If you have not already purchased your raffle ticket for the two train sets to be raffled off in December, be sure to purchase your ticket at the December Holiday meet.

We will have a table at the Cal-Stewart meet November 21st and 22nd. If you have an hour to spare we need your help to man the interactive layout.

On a personal note, I thank all members that voted for me in the recent TCA National Election. I was very gratified with the reception and interest. Thank you all!

September Meet Recap:

By Robert Caplan, WD Secretary

Vice-President Manny Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 12 noon. He reminded the members present to vote National before the deadline passes. Harold Shapiro stated that he has been asked by the TCA National Library to conduct taped interviews from members that have information on toy trains that can be contributed to the History of Model Railroading. He asked if there was anyone who would like to be interviewed. Herbert A. Mayer asked if there was anyone who did not want to have his wonderful web page of photographs sent to them to contact him. Bob Caplan updated the membership on the Standards Committee Report to include the Standards Committee as part of the Hosting Division for National Conventions.

Display Theme:

"Box Cars with advertising"



Display Theme: "Orange Trains"



Al Vargas's Airrex Boxcar Bob's RARE Swift boxcar Calvin's Baby Ruth boxcar



Bob Nord's Tobacco reefers Harold's Sloppy Joe's Boxcar Harvey's Baby Ruth cars



John's billboard Hoppers John's ATSF Reefer Leslie's Golden Medal Milk reifer



Robert's JPL Boxcar Robert's LGB Container cars Steve Eastman likes Marx



Door prize winners

Dave Maybee won the \$100

October Meet Recap:

By Robert Caplan, WD Secretary

President Wayne Sheriff welcomed guests and Manny Gonzalez asked members to bring a dish for the "Pot Luck" Christmas Meet on December 19, 2009. Robert Lemberger announced that the Nixon Grand Opening will occur on Monday November 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Larry Pearson stated that the November Cal Stewart Meet will be in the new hall and hotel reservations can still be made. Wayne Sheriff called for 2010 TCA Nominations. Wayne Sheriff was nominated for President. Manny Gonzalez was nominated for Vice President. Robert Caplan was nominated for Secretary. Jim Kenney was nominated for Treasurer. All members that are serving on the 2009 Board of Directors will be placed on the 2010 ballot.



Harvey's 2652 etc. variations Harold's TCA Caboose Larry's 3243 Ives



Calvin's Lionel 202Set Bill Groves's 1890/1922 Car Bob's 603 & 604 Cars



Robert's Pittman Work Car Bob's 3243 Ives & Texas Tank Dave's 1700 Set



John's Orange Collection Mario's 1927 Set Box Harry's SP Daylight



Dave's Airco Cars

"Orange and more Orange!"



Larry Pearson was the winner for his Display
Winners for the raffle were: Bob Nord won K-Line Soo Line Box Car. Manny Gonzalez won a Lionel Toy Fair Box Car. Ray Sugg won a K-Line Box Car. Michael Donovan won the \$100.