



Western Division

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President's Message

Happy New Year Everyone!!!

In our December meet, we have seen another fine gesture of good will and generosity on the part of one of our members that produced a lot of happy young faces. John Thousand donated several starter train sets as raffle prizes for the children at the meet and were they ever thrilled. John could not attend the meet due to illness, but I can assure you John, everyone enjoyed their train set. Many thanks again for your thoughtfulness and generosity. We really appreciated it.

Our treasurer, Dale Lange has informed me that he is receiving several donations from members with their dues renewal. Our special thanks for your continued support.

I hope everyone has read the article in the current Quarterly by Steve Waller linking the Grizzly Flats Station with the Disney Connection. This is a great article by Steve, with lots of informative history about our past member, Ward Kimball and his ties with Walt Disney.

Steve Waller, along with Mike Broggie, also did an outstanding presentation and video of the Disney/Kimball connection at our December meet.

Your Officers and Directors for the year 2003 are:

President:	Russ Lange
Vice President:	Wayne Sheriff
Secretary/Treas.:	Dale Lange
Recording Sec.:	Steve Waller

Board of Directors:

Don McCutcheon	Les Cochran
Dennis Taube	Peter Searls
Ray Sugg	Kurt S. Bondi

Convention Co Chairmen:

John Parker	Wayne Sheriff
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Our past president and Convention Treasurer is Harold Shapiro.

Next TCA Western Division Meet

Saturday, January 25, 2003

Our first meet of the New Year starts at TEN AM in the Arcadia Senior Citizens Center, Arcadia Community Park. The address is 405 S Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, Ca.

Western Division Fund Raiser

A sleek looking and authentic Lionel 6464 style boxcar has been designed by Western Division member and past TCA National President Robert Caplan. The club is selling these boxcars as a way to raise funds to pay for the welcoming party at the 2003 TCA National Convention being held in Ontario in June.

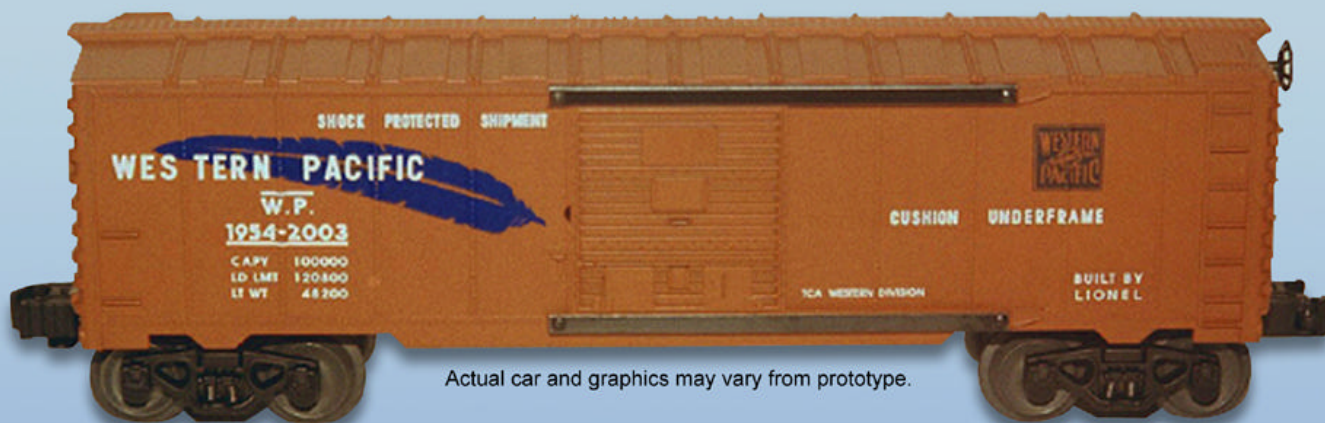
The car is reminiscent of the highly collectible and famous Lionel Post-war era 6464 series of cars. It is decorated with the Western Pacific road name and carries the number 1954-2003 to commemorate the first year of TCA's existence, as well as this important year, when Western Division plays host to the rest of TCA at the National Convention.

The car will be manufactured in very limited numbers and will become highly collectible and sought after over time. They are priced reasonably today at \$55 per car. But, when they sell out, you will have to pay much, much more to obtain yours. Shipping is scheduled to coincide with the convention in June 2003.

Bob has done a great job of designing not only this car, but all of the terrific 2003 TCA souvenir cars, including the 'California's Gold' Lionel Mint car.

Help support your division and order your Western Pacific 6464 car today! Use the enclosed order blank for ordering.

Limited Edition TCA Western Division Lionel 6464 Style Blue Feather



Actual car and graphics may vary from prototype.

Resurrected from the most sought after Lionel 6464 Western Pacific Box Car, this very limited edition has been on the drawing boards for the last 8 years and is now offered for sale. It proudly carries the '1954' after the prototype that started it all. Numbered 1954-2003 this car commemorates 49 years of TCA tradition. This Western Pacific Box Car has die cast sprung metal trucks with two operating couplers, metal door guides, and detailing reminiscent of the famous Lionel 6464 series of box cars from the 1950's post war era.

Delivery is planned to coincide with the TCA 2003 National Convention which will take place June 2003 in Ontario, California. Please order early to avoid disappointment. Cars are priced at \$55 each plus shipping. Add 8% sales tax for California deliveries.

Please reserve _____ Cars @ \$55.00 each \$ _____
 California deliveries add 8% sales tax (\$4.40 per car) \$ _____
 Shipping: USA - \$7.00; International - \$12.00 \$ _____
 Due to limited quantity, orders are taken on a first-come first-serve basis.
 Orders must be postmarked by April 2003. Total \$ _____

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Send check or money order payable to TCA Western Division to : R. Dale Lange, 1371 Cherry Ave.
 Simi Valley, Ca. 93065

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 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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