



# Western Division Newsletter



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## Upcoming Meet Notices

Western Division's next train meet will take place on Saturday, January 29, 2011 in the Arcadia Senior Center, located at 405 S. Santa Anita Avenue in Arcadia, CA.

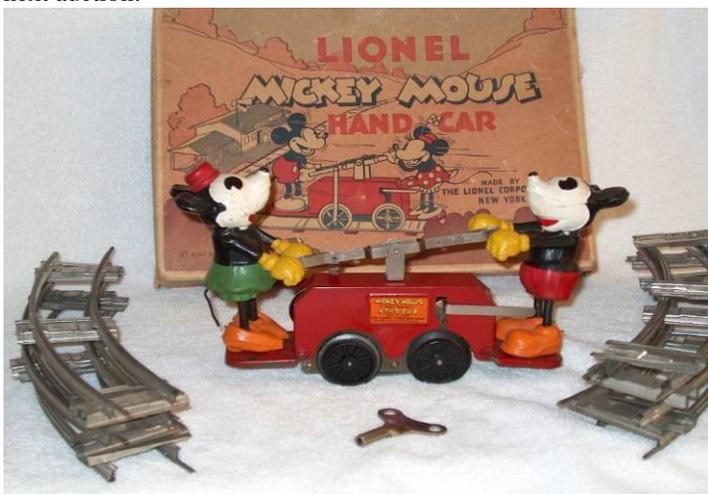
To get to the meet, exit the 210 Freeway at Santa Anita Avenue. Drive south about half a mile and turn right into the Arcadia Park Parking lot. The hall is located next to the lawn bowling area. Look for the Western Division Sign.

The Doors open at 10 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 January will be: "New Train for the New Year." Show off an item and facilitate the transfer of knowledge on collecting toy trains with your fellow members. Thank you for sharing your trains with the club members for 2010.

Our display themes and scheduled meets for 2011 are: Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, (New Train for New Year); Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> (Trains I Love); March 26<sup>th</sup> (Clockwork & Pull Trains); April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Why Did I Buy That?); May 21<sup>st</sup> (Santa Fe Railroad), July 23<sup>rd</sup> (Disney Trains); Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> (Motorized Units); Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> (Maintenance-of-Way); Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> (Orange & Black Trains); and Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> (Holiday Trains).

The regular monthly raffle for the membership will be held. To participate in the monthly prize raffle, each member must wear their membership badge. This year's "Grand Raffle Prize" is an original boxed #1100 Mickey Mouse Handcar with red base made from 1935-37. Tickets are \$20 each! Ticket holders will have the opportunity to win a crisp \$100 bill each month. January is the next auction.



## President's Message

*By Wayne Sheriff, WD President*

The holiday season has passed and we are moving into 2011. The December meet was a great success! Many thanks to Manny Gonzalez, who headed up our party team and Jean Henderson Gonzalez along with Nancy Cochran. Thanks to all the other people that helped set up and take down everything.

All tickets were sold for the boxed Lionel 733 Hudson and tender that the club purchased from Dave Kalmbaugh. The winner just happened to be Dave. Thanks to Tim and Dianne Simendinger for the Lionel Back Shop that was raffled off as a fundraiser.

National Standards Committee has reminded all divisions that a "Certificate of Compliance" be in place to ensure that TCA is not inadvertently violating any trademark laws, are authentic, and represented accurately. All vendors and/or table holders selling or displaying reproduced parts, boxes, and paper products are required to display the Certificate of Compliance at all TCA sponsored functions. Applications will be available at the meets.

Your Board of Directors has approved an operating budget for 2011 which is available at the meet. With the loss of membership this past year makes income for the budget challenging.

Enclosed is the letter and envelope for 2011 dues. The Board of Directors does not want to increase the dues of \$15 per year any time soon, however, if membership and/or income doesn't improve, it may be necessary next year. If you have an E-Mail address, please include it to receive your Newsletter via E-Mail vs. hard copies to save printing and postage.

We are looking to support the following shows: Great Train Expo, January 22, 23, 2011, Brea Railroad Days is Pending, and the Big Train Show May 21, 22, 2011. Mike Donovan's new interactive layout will be in use soon. Members are requested to spend at least an hour manning the booths.

The National News is being sent out at this time. Check for the planned activities for the June National Convention in Sacramento. Monthly, I receive a call or E-Mail from members around the country about things they have seen on our web-site. Many thanks to Harold Shapiro, our webmaster, for doing such a great job!

We have been approached again by the Richard Nixon Presidential Library about a train display next Christmas season. We will be meeting with them soon to start the process.

## December Holiday Meet Recap

*By Robert Caplan, WD Recording Secretary*



*Steve Eastman and Bob Nord created an Operating Marx train display.*

The display theme was: "Holiday Trains". What a Great Holiday Meet we had! We had an outstanding variety of food with a big

crowd of TCA Western Division Family Members. We had a fantastic Display too! Steve Eastman shared with us two tunnels. The first was a very rare "Boxed" plastimax tunnel and the other was a tunnel that we all need more information to identify. Jerry Johnson displayed his Christmas set. John Abee brought some Winter houses. Greg Pulis displayed a rare trolley and a rare Voltamp 2" gauge (1915) locomotive. Bob Nord displayed his home made Santa train. Robert Trimble displayed a rare Marx Observation car. The winner for the display was Bob Nord.



**Jerry Johnson**

**John Abee**



**Richard Keppel showed his steam engine display.**



**Greg Pulis**

**Robert Trimble**



**Joseph Caplan at work. Need Track?**



**The business meeting. Everyone seems to be thinking**



**The ladies were all winners.**



**Steve Eastman**

**Bob Nord**



**The Door prize winners were: Bob Nord, Jerry Johnson, Jim Kenney, Greg Pulis, Mario Liberatore, Robert Cesarone, John Abee, Howard Bishop, Vincent J. Garguilo, and Bill Shepard. Steve Eastman won the Lionel Back Shop. Steve Eastman won the \$100 and Dave Kalmbaugh was the winner of the 1950 #773 Hudson and tender! By the way, Mario was 90 in December!**