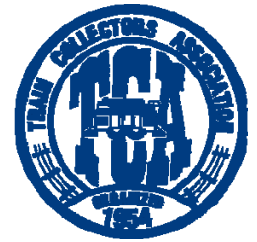




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Upcoming Meet Notices

Western Division's July train meet will take place on Saturday, July 25th, 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 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 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 July will be, "Licensed Products". 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.

Western Division scheduled meets are: August 22, September 26, October 24, and December 19. No meet held in November.

President's Message

By Wayne Sheriff, WD President

We are back from the 55th Annual TCA National Convention that was held in Phoenix and hosted by the Desert Division. It was a great place to celebrate Independence Day. It was also another great opportunity for TCA members to get together for trading and fellowship. Western Division was well represented and we even had the opportunity to meet WD members that do not have a chance to regularly attend Division meets.

The major item of business to come before the National Board of Directors was the revision of the By-Laws. Revision of the By-Laws was required as a result of laws passed by the US Congress, such as the Patriot Act, and the Homeland Security Act. The By-Laws committee has been working on these for three years under the direction of Robert C. Hazlett, Jr. and his team: James J. Burke, Jr., John H. Carlisle, Newton B. Derby, Glen MacKinnon, and William J. Kotek. A major item within the By-Laws is the changing of the fiscal year from November 1 to July 1. Another change was to separate the policies from the by-laws.

As a result of the fiscal year calendar change, moving forward, all incoming National officers and committee chairmen will take office following each annual convention.

The National Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the change to the By-Laws and strongly suggests to each TCA member to approve the By-Laws revision when it appears on the September ballot. This change, in my opinion, should not cost any additional funds.

The effect of changing the fiscal year will mean that elections of officers will occur in May of each year. To cover the one time only period of November 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, it was necessary for

the board to extend the term of office for all current officers to July 30, 2010.

Nominations for the next slate of TCA National officers were announced. Those nominated are: President-Elect, Paul Edgar (Keystone Division), and Wayne Sheriff (Western Division); Vice President, Katie Elgar (Desert Division) and Carol McGinnis (Eastern Division); Secretary, Christie Wilson (Desert Division), and Treasurer, William Kotek (Southern Division).



TCA National BOD Nominees (Left to Right) William J. Kotek, Christie M. Wilson, Carol R. McGinnis, Katie Elgar, Ronald Stowell, Wayne Sheriff, and Paul F. Edgar.

Now that National has updated their by-laws, Western Division will do the same. The By-Laws committee, under the direction of Mike Donovan, will start the process and we expect to have them ready for WD elections.

As of this publication, WD is still in negotiations with the Nixon Library for the winter layout display at the library. The proposed dates are November 14, 2009 through January 31, 2010.

May Meet Recap

Display Theme: Union Pacific Railroad



Calvin Smith:
Lionel UP Alco

Robert Cesarone:
Marx UP Caboose

John Whitmeyer:
Restored Streamliner



Bob Trimble: Salvaged Papers



Steve Eastman: Marx UP Caboose

April Meet Recap

Display Theme: Flat Cars with Loads



John Parker: Marx UP Boxcar

Harold Shapiro: Lionel UP Caboose

Les Cochran: UP Loco & Slug



Bob Nord



Robert Trimble



Harry Chortanian: UP Alco



Ken Chan: UP Caboose



Harold Shapiro



Harvey Tafel



Steve Waller: UP Spike



Jerry Johnson: UP Passenger Set



Jim Kenney



John Abbe



Mario Liberatore



Mike Donovan



May Meet Raffle Winners: Ken Chan, Harold Shapiro, Frank Perez, Les Cochran (\$100 Winner), and Zak Mustille.

In Memoriam

Submitted by Bob Caplan

James M. Sattler 73-5436, Honolulu, Hawaii has recently passed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He was a good friend and will be missed by all. His legal advice to the National Standards Committee over the last 30 years was pivotal to the Association.



April Raffle Winners: Bob Nord, Rudy Felix, David Gabay, Zak Mustille, Harvey Tafel, and Michael Donovan was the \$100 Winner.

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