



# Train Collectors Association Western Division Newsletter



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## COVID-19 Sidetracks July, August Meets



July 4th Fireworks, near the tracks of Metrolink's San Bernardino Line in Claremont, CA. (Steve Waller photo)

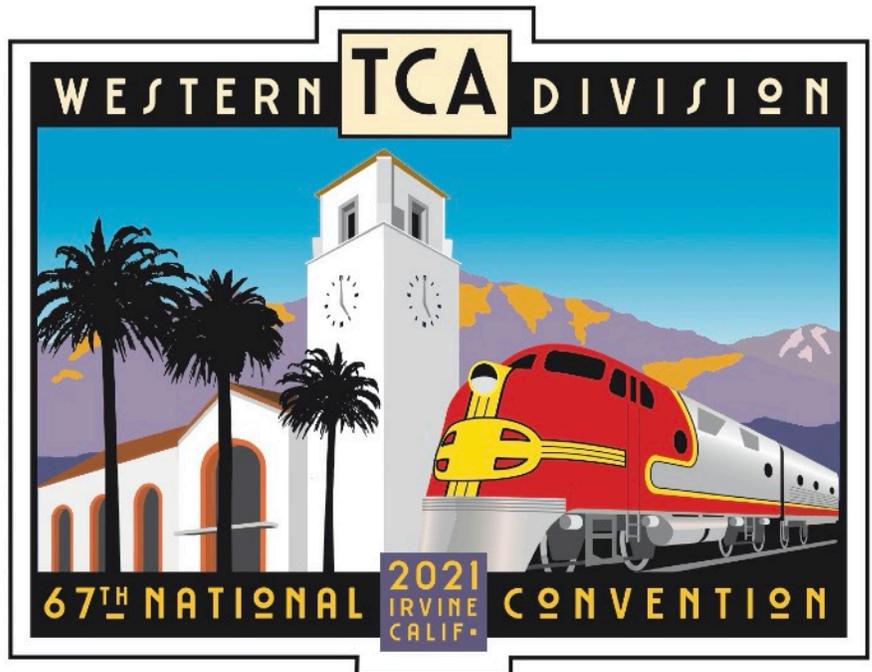
As we continue to fight COVID-19, TCA-Western will not be meeting until further notice, out of concern for the safety of our members. We are still hoping to resume in the near future, following local health guidelines. For updates, visit: [www.tcawestern.org](http://www.tcawestern.org).



### Convention Cars Revealed!

The entire suite of 2021 Convention Cars is now available to order. See order form inside this issue, or visit: <https://traincollectors.org/store/>

**HURRY! Early Bird discounts must end July 31, 2020.** Special thanks to Bob Caplan, Western Division V.P., for spearheading this project!



## The 2021 Convention Logo Story

By Harold Shapiro, TCA 2021 National Convention Co-Chairman

When TCA-Western Division began planning to host the 2021 TCA 67th National Convention, the committee knew they had to come up with some great imagery and branding to promote the event, so that TCA members from all over the country would want to come next June to beautiful Southern California. A decision was made to develop a logo that exemplified the rich heritage related to trains in Los Angeles and their importance during the golden era of transportation.

Committee members tossed around several ideas, and ultimately came up with a scene that depicted the beautiful California mountains and clear blue skies as a backdrop, had a few of our majestic palm trees, an image of the famous Los Angeles Union Station with its unique combination of Spanish Colonial Revival and Art Deco architectural styles, and of course, a highly recognizable Santa Fe F-3 diesel locomotive, in the colorful war-bonnet paint scheme.

We had the vision for this, but none of us had the skills to actually create a logo that would translate the vision to reality. So we undertook an effort to find a suitable graphic artist who could fully capture what was desired in an appealing and stylish way. (Continued on Next Page.)

Bob Nord  
Collection



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With the assistance of TCA-Western Division member Greg Pulis, who recommended a talented graphic artist in the Chico area, we were on our way to realizing the vision.

Alan Rellafor, a creative consultant with the Peterson Design Studio, had extensive experience, including having created design solutions that have earned national and international recognition. And to top it all off, Mr. Rellafor was a train fan!

Once we viewed samples of Alan's past work, we knew we had someone who would collaborate with us and could further inspire us to achieve game-changing results.

His design style incorporated elements of the 1920s & 1930s art deco era that we wanted, including heavy geometric influences, triangular shapes, zigzags, trapezoidal shapes, straight and smooth lines, as well as loud, vibrant, and even kitschy colors, with streamlined and sleek forms.

We went through a series of iterations to arrive at the final graphics, with each step in the process leading to the vision being ultimately realized!

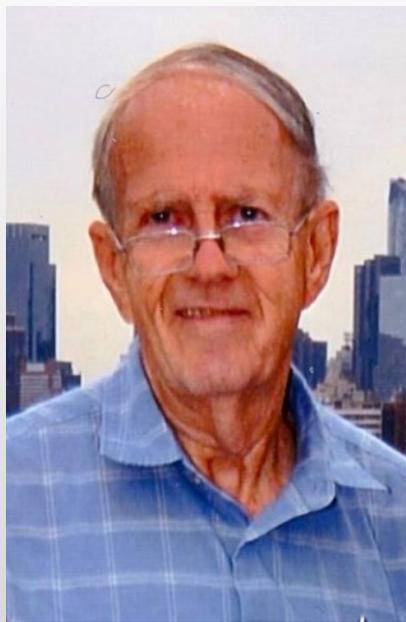
*(At left is the poster version of the Convention logo.)*

## Newt Derby, 1940-2020, TCA National President

**Newton Byron Derby**, age 80, passed away on July 9th, 2020 in Bryan, Texas, due to complications of COVID-19.

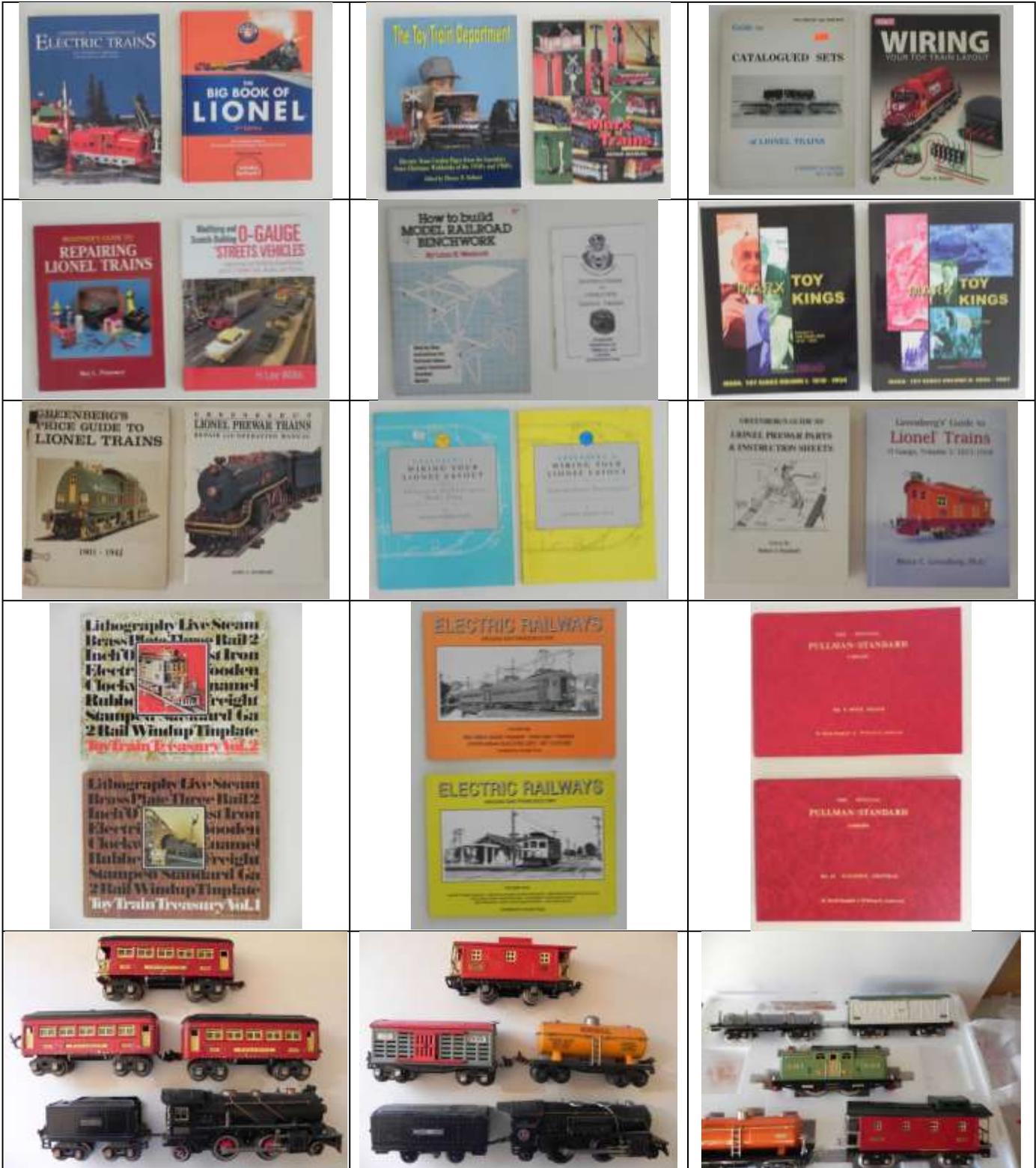
**Newt was born** in Burlington, Iowa to Philip and Mildred Derby. He is survived by his wife, Violet & his three daughters and their families. Newt graduated from the University of Arizona College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He spent the first part of his career working for the Southern Pacific Railroad. He was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers with Professional Engineer licenses in Arizona, California, Texas and Colorado.

**Newt was an avid train collector** and a leader within the Train Collectors Association, serving as National President in 2002-2003. He was heavily involved with TCA-Western Division's 2003 National Convention in Ontario, CA. He was also a proud member of the Boy Scouts of America from 1948-1969, where he achieved the Eagle Scout rank and mentored others as an Assistant Scout Master. He was highly educated, self-driven, detail oriented and a true friend. Newt was eager to mentor others with his vast knowledge of trains, home construction and repairing. He will be missed by all of us in TCA-Western Division who knew and worked with him.



# The Bob Nord Collection

TCA-Western Division is offering several items for sale to its membership from the late Bob Nord's train, toy and book collection. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please send an e-mail to: [info@tcawestern.org](mailto:info@tcawestern.org), or call Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975. This is just a sampling of the items! More photos can be viewed at: <http://www.tcawestern.org/nord.htm>. *Special thanks goes out to the Nord Family.*



The Bob Nord Collection, Part 2



Visit <http://www.tcawestern.org/nord.htm>



# TCA CONVENTION CARS 2021

## American Flyer S Gauge Cars: F. H. Hogue, Bald Eagle, and Yosemite Reefers

Inspired by actual original artwork for several California Produce Packing Companies, the magnificent colors on these three woodside reefers replicate historical advertising for produce that is locally grown throughout the "Golden State." Each car is available in 2 road numbers. Buy a 3-pack featuring one of each car to get special pricing. Save even more when you get both numbers of each car with the value-priced 6-pack.



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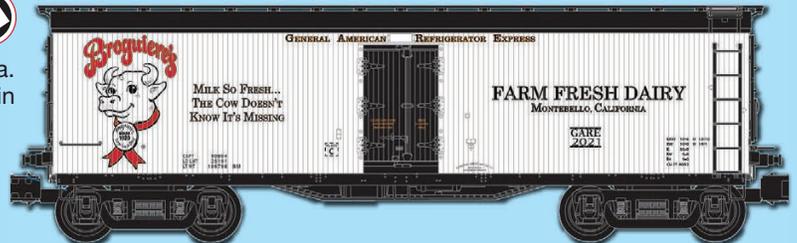
## MTH O Gauge Scale Lagunitas Brewing Company Trailer on Union Pacific Flat Car



This trailer features graphics based on an actual Lagunitas beer delivery truck. Nearing its 30th anniversary, Lagunitas Brewing Company was one of the pioneer breweries at the forefront of the modern micro-brew craft beer scene. They remain an industry leader. Riding atop a Union Pacific flatcar, this MTH Premier TOFC features the best of MTH operating characteristics.

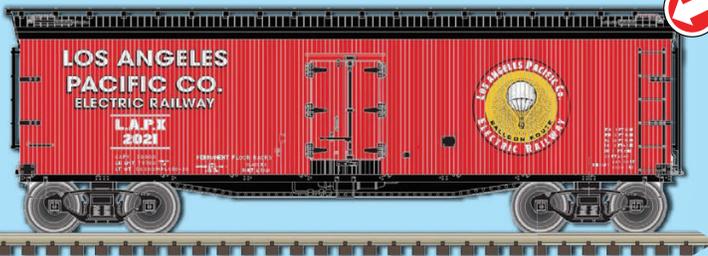
## Lionel O Gauge Scale Broguiere's Dairy Milk Reefer

The most famous milk in all of Southern California. Broguiere's Farm Fresh Dairy still packages their milk in classic glass bottles, just like you remember from when you were a kid. This Lionel Milk Reefer features the authentic Broguiere's cow graphic with a different tagline on each side of the car. This car features die-cast trucks, a removable roof, and a detailed interior with two simulated glass-lined milk tanks.



## Atlas O Los Angeles Pacific Co. Electric Railway O Gauge Balloon Route 40' Woodside Reefer

This Los Angeles Pacific Company Electric Railway 40' Woodside Reefer goes with the Pacific Electric Railways "Red Car" Interurban Trolley, famous for taking passengers to and from cities in Southern California. The system also carried freight and produce to markets and restaurants along several different routes. This classic Atlas 40' Woodside Reefer commemorates the famous Balloon Route.



## Lionel Traditional O Western Pacific 1954 and 6464-100 Boxcars

A MUST for Lionel Collectors! This "Holy Grail" was the most sought-after 6464 boxcar Lionel ever made. When originally cataloged in the postwar era, the first Lionel boxcar was actually numbered "1954" before Lionel switched to "6464" digits. Only a handful of 1954-numbered cars were made before the changeover. This never-before-offered 1954-decorated car was the precursor to the 6464-100 boxcar. As a companion, we're also offering a "reverse color" Orange Feather 6464-100. Both cars are *Made in USA*.



*All cars & artwork shown are pre-production; Actual models may differ*



# TCA CONVENTION CARS 2021

PLEASE NOTE **NEW** ORDERING DEADLINES BELOW

- |                       |   |                                 |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Different car options | 1) American Flyer S Gauge F.H. Hogue Melons Woodside Reefer   | Quantity ___ x \$69.95 = _____  |
|                       | 2) American Flyer S Gauge Bald Eagle Grapes Woodside Reefer   | Quantity ___ x \$69.95 = _____  |
|                       | 3) American Flyer S Gauge Yosemite Oranges Woodside Reefer  | Quantity ___ x \$69.95 = _____  |
|                       | 4) American Flyer S Gauge SET: Hogue/Bald Eagle/Yosemite 3-Car Set<br>(1 road number for each car)            | Quantity ___ x \$204.95 = _____ |
|                       | 5) American Flyer S Gauge SET: Hogue/Bald Eagle/Yosemite 6-Car Set<br>(2 different road numbers for each car) | Quantity ___ x \$399.95 = _____ |
|                       | 6) MTH O Gauge Scale Lagunitas Brewing Company Trailer on Union Pacific Flat Car                              | Quantity ___ x \$89.95 = _____  |
|                       | 7) Lionel O Gauge Scale Broguiere's Dairy Milk Reefer   | Quantity ___ x \$89.95 = _____  |
|                       | 8) Atlas O Scale O Gauge Los Angeles Pacific Co. Electric Railway Balloon Route 40' Woodside Reefer           | Quantity ___ x \$89.95 = _____  |
| Different car options | 9) Lionel Traditional O Western Pacific 1954 Orange Boxcar (Made in USA)                                      | Quantity ___ x \$89.95 = _____  |
|                       | 10) Lionel Traditional O Western Pacific 6464-100 Blue Boxcar (Made in USA)                                   | Quantity ___ x \$89.95 = _____  |
|                       | 11) Lionel Traditional O Western Pacific 1954 & 6464-100 Boxcars (Both)                                       | Quantity ___ x \$169.95 = _____ |

**Payments are processed when your order is placed. Car delivery times vary widely. For shipping updates, please check the Convention Car Committee articles in 2021 issues of the *National Headquarters News*.**

Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 5% Early Buy Discount (prior to 7/31/20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pennsylvania Residents Add 6% Sales Tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Remittance Enclosed** (Shipping & Handling included) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

★ For best service, we recommend ordering online at [traincollectors.org/store](http://traincollectors.org/store) ★

To Fax Orders: Fax this completed form to the TCA National Business Office at (717) 687-0742 (If you fax your order, DO NOT mail a copy to the TCA National Business Office)

To Mail Orders, send this completed form with your check or money order to:

TCA Department C  
 PO Box 248  
 Strasburg, PA 17579-0248

Payment: Make check or money order payable to "Train Collectors Association"

**Deadline: Faxes or internet orders must be received by midnight (EST) on September 30, 2020**  
**Mail orders must be RECEIVED by September 30, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ TCA # \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address (via USPS) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number     -     -     -

Check One: Visa  MasterCard  Amex  Discover  Exp. Date   -   CVV

Signature (*This form must be signed to be valid*) \_\_\_\_\_

# “Rare & Unusual Trains” to be Displayed on 2021 TCA National Convention Tours



“Rare & Unusual Trains” was our theme for last month, so Vice-President Bob Caplan shared some photos of a few prime examples from his collection. If you’d like a closer look, consider signing up for the bus tours at the upcoming TCA Convention. Besides Bob, several members will open their collections for touring in 2021. If you’d like to show off your trains, contact [info@tcawestern.org](mailto:info@tcawestern.org) for details.



## Breaking News:



# MIKE WOLF RETIRING

**M.T.H. Electric Trains  
will close in 2021**

**Mike Wolf** is the founder of M.T.H., formerly known as Mike's Train House. Mike will be closing M.T.H. on May 31, 2021. To learn more about Mr. Wolf's impending retirement, visit <https://mthtrains.com/news/658>. To see the final offerings from M.T.H. Electric Trains, click on <https://mthtrains.com>.

**This just in:** M.T.H. Electric Trains is closing next year. Mike Wolf, company founder, retires in June, 2021. However, he's offering M.T.H. up for sale, so, perhaps, it may continue.

**Mike has already announced** that a new technology company will continue to support M.T.H. DCS (Digital Command System) & Proto-Sound 3.0.

**For more than 30 years**, M.T.H. Electric Trains has helped push the "O" gauge hobby forward. Now, it's up to *Williams by Bachmann*, Menards and LIONEL, LLC to lead the way.

**Hot Tip:** Order your **TCA/M.T.H. LAGUNITAS Brewing Cars** now, before they sell out! (See Convention Cars on page 5.) These may be among the very last M.T.H. items to be produced. *Don't miss out!*

## JAX/TCA National Convention Postponed Until June, 2025

**Due to COVID-19 health restrictions**, Southern Division postponed the 2020 TCA National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. The contract is now being re-negotiated to book the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel for 2025.

### Upcoming TCA National Conventions:

**2021** - Irvine, CA (Western Division)

**2022** - Nashville, TN (Dixie Division)

**2023** - Burlington, VT (New England Division)

**2024** - Lancaster, PA (Eastern Division & Keystone Division)

**2025** - Jacksonville, FL (Southern Division)

**To volunteer for our 2021 Convention** in Irvine, CA, email [info@tcawestern.org](mailto:info@tcawestern.org). You may also contact co-chairmen Wayne Sheriff or Harold Shapiro. For more information on TCA National Conventions, visit <http://tcaconvention.org>.

## TCA-Western Wants YOU!



Ward Kimball  
illustration

**...to Volunteer for the TCA 2021  
National Convention in Irvine, CA!**  
Email: [info@tcawestern.org](mailto:info@tcawestern.org)

### From Bob Spellmire, Elections Supervisor:

*"Final ballots have been counted. I respectfully submit that the Officers & Directors have been elected to their two-year posts, running through June, 2022."*

### TCA-Western Division Officers:

**Steve Waller**, President & Newsletter Editor

**Bob Caplan**, Vice-President/Convention Cars/  
Auctions (Past National President)

**Wayne Sheriff**, Membership Secretary/Mailings/  
Treasurer (Past National President)

**Colette Shepard**, Recording Secretary

### TCA 2021 Nat'l Convention Co-Chairmen:

- Harold Shapiro & Wayne Sheriff

### TCA-Western Division Directors:

**Ken Chan**

**Steve Eastman** - Immediate Past President

**Rudy Felix**

**Jon Lang**

**Harold Shapiro** - Past President/Webmaster

**Bill Shepard**

**Harvey Tafel**

### TCA-Western Division Volunteers:

**John Abbe** - Sergeant-At-Arms

**Joseph Caplan** - Kid's Club Chairman

**Roger Hill** - Club Photographer

**Jeff & Denyse Meyer** - Operating Layout