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March 12, 1992

Dear TCA Western Division Members:

The meet for March is an "OPEN HOUSE MEET" to give others the opportunity of discovering TCA Western Division. We have advertised this meet in local press releases and at GAT shows and other club meetings. The meet is to be on Sunday, March 29, open to you TCA members and other sellers at 10:00 AM and then to the other Club members and Public at 11:00 AM. This lets you get set up and take care of your "in-club trading" before the public crush. For this meet, we are asking that you make a \$2.00 donation for each table you use; and so we can meet your table needs, we "Pre-sold" tables up to March 16. After that time, tables are on a first come basis. While there will be no entry fee for our members (and Seniors, because this is a Senior Center) we are asking a \$2.00 donation for all over 12 years who come in. The National TCA rules that govern our meets require that all sellers must comply to the TCA rules and regulations, especially in regard to restored and reproduced items. Our Standards Committee Member, Robert Caplan, will be at this meet to insure that restorations and reproductions are so marked. Remember you are responsible for maintaining TCA standards in all sales and you are responsible for the security of your trains. Know your buyer before you accept a check.

This OPEN HOUSE MEET is shaping up to be a bigger meet than I expected. Up to March 11, we had sold 14 more tables than we have at the hall, which will be covered through rental of extra tables. I was contacted by an out of state TCA member who is coming. Two parts dealers have signed up. Every local member of a train club that I talk to seems excited to come.

Until we see each other at the big OPEN HOUSE MEET, tell your friends to come visit us.

Bob Spellmire
Bob Spellmire, President

For those who want the year's schedule of our meets once again:

1992 MEETS ARE GENERALLY SCHEDULED FOR THE FOURTH SATURDAY

However, as of March 12, 1992, the schedule with variations (and comments) is:

OPEN MEET Sunday, March 29, at 10:00 AM for TCA members. Other Club members & Public at 11:00 AM.

Friday, April 24, at 6:00 PM (Lawn Bowlers Tournament takes Sat & Sun Since this conflicts with their scheduled meet, MTA will join with us)

Friday, May 22, at 6:00 PM (Sat. is MTA All Day Roundhouse Meet)

Now back to our Saturday Schedule

Saturday, June 27, at 11:00 AM (National TCA Convention weekend)

Saturday, July 25, at 11:00 AM

Saturday, August 22, at 11:00 AM

Saturday, September 26, at 11:00 AM

Saturday, October 24, at 11:00 AM (York Meet weekend)

Saturday, November 28, at 11:00 AM (Thanksgiving weekend)

Sunday, December 6, 12:00 Noon (Our Christmas Dinner Meet - members only)

If there are any changes in these dates and times they will be published in this news letter as soon as the change is known.

NATIONAL TCA CONCERNS

The time for presenting candidates for National TCA officers is coming up. Now is the time to make known your desire to run for one of the National Offices.

In June The National TCA board of directors meet, to make the rules that govern the organization. Western Division members (All National TCA members who live in Southern California and Southern Nevada, whether you pay local dues or not) are represented on the National TCA Board of Directors by Bob Spellmire, President of Western Division. Now is the time to let him know of any item you would like brought to the attention of the Board of Directors. You who get this mailing, because you paid your dues, should bring this matter to the attention of those who don't get this mailing. Any items should be presented in writing, so it will be better presented, and if more than one is presenting it, all should sign it. The more signatures it has, the more important it becomes.

TREASURERS REPORT**BY DALE LANGE**

Balance at the start of February	\$ 4,061.21
Income for the month	387.83
Expenses for the month	<u>586.50</u>
Balance at start of March	\$ 3,862.54

YOUR 1992 DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE.

You may pay your dues at the meet or by mail to DALE LANGE 1371 Cherry Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93065.

The TCA Western Division dues for 1992 are still only \$10.00, if paid before April 1, 1992. There will be a surcharge of \$5.00 after April 1, and the names of the unpaid will be dropped from the mailing list after May 1, 1992. Also, your National TCA membership must be currently in force for you to be a Western Division Member. These are two separate dues payments you must make. Your National dues are paid in the Quarter that you joined, while Western Division dues are paid in January.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT**BY RUSSELL LANGE**

We have 165 paid members at the end of February.

Our current mailing list has 399 names. Continuing auditing of our mailing list is expected to reduce the list due primarily to non payment of dues. Dues before May 1 is the requirement to stay on the list.

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT**BY TOM WATSON**

The Officers and Board of Directors met Wednesday evening, February 5 to plan the final details of our March 29 "Open Meet".

The Board also discussed the possibility of finding a new hall in which to hold our monthly meetings. We need to periodically examine other facilities for our use should we need to move. There are no plans to relocate at this time nor in the near future.

The board discussed the fact that interest in the auction at our last general meeting went away very rapidly after the sellers started to pass on almost all of the items. While we do not believe that the seller should give the merchandise away, we believe that the seller should take a reasonable offer. To keep from "killing the auction" the board of directors agreed to institute the "Three Pass" rule for our monthly auctions. Sellers at the auction will be allowed to continue after two passes, but will terminate their sales on the third pass.

The Next Board meeting was set for March 4, which will be reported in next month's news letter.

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Our TCA Western Division Meeting will be on **SUNDAY**, March 29, 1992, for this month. This is our OPEN HOUSE MEETING and the meeting will be open to all TCA members and other club members who have reserved a table at 10:00 AM and for the general public at 11:00 A.M. The exception to this rule is only for the PARTS DEALERS, who will be allowed to come in and set up their displays early, as long as one of the Division Officers is there to let you in.

PARTS DEALERS WILL BE THERE.

Our meetings are held in the Arcadia Senior Citizens Center, which is located at 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, Calif.. Between Duarty and Huntington Drive, on the west side of Santa Anita Avenue.

Once again, the kitchen will be operating under the cullinary expertise of Carol Stella.