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May 10, 1992

Dear TCA Western Division Members:

There was no Board of Director's meeting in May, so there is very little to report to you about Western Division.

Our mailing list is now trimmed to 292 names and addresses. If one of your friends complains to you of not receiving the mailing, the first thing is to determine is if they have paid the Western Division dues.

Once again I announce the following action taken at the April Board meeting:

Your Board of Directors has voted to start a policy of opening the meeting Hall TO ALL (Parts Dealers excepted) at the announced time, with the business meeting to be one-half hour after the hall opens. At the time of the business meeting all are asked to pause for those few moments and then go back to unpacking, selling, or whatever after the short business meeting. The General Membership business meetings are short, because any business you want to bring up needs to be presented to the Board of Directors Meeting first. Generally all you get are announcements.

I was in York at the time of the April meet, held with MTA as our guests. Tom Watson chaired the meet for me and he reports that the meet went well. Also the nominations for National TCA offices was made at the meet. Robert Caplan was nominated for the office of Vice President and has accepted. John Thousand has declined the nomination for President Elect.

As to the York meet, for those of you who did not go, the prices that I saw seemed high to me. However, on checking back with some sellers after their choice pieces were sold, I found that they went for 75% to 80% of the asking price. The high priced beat up pieces were still there as the meet closed. The No-reserve Auction produced some very good prices for the items. Overall, the merchandise at the York meet wasn't any better than what we see at the local Cal-Stewart meet, only there was more of it. That's my impression, but I'm sure there are some who will disagree with me.

Bob Spellmire, President

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Our TCA Western Division Meeting will be on **FRIDAY**, May 22, 1992, for this month. The meeting hall will be open for all to come in at 6:00 PM. 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. The business meeting will start, on time, at 6:30 PM.

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.

The Theme for the May display is "Any train that is not Lionel, Ives, or American Flyer". Of course, if you have a new item that you can't wait till next month to share with the rest of us, bring it for display.

This is our last Friday Meet for the year. Next month we are back on our Saturday schedule.

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