



Western Division Newsletter



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Upcoming Meet Notices

Western Division's Annual **Holiday Train Meet** and pot-luck will take place on Saturday, December 18th, in the Arcadia Senior Center, Located at 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in Arcadia, California.

Members are asked to prepare and/or bring either a side/salad dish or a dessert dish to share. Members whose last names begin with the letters **A thru L** are requested to provide a **dessert** and members whose last names begin with the letters **M thru Z** are requested to bring a **side dish or salad**. Please prepare dishes sufficient in size to accommodate a large group and please bring serving utensils. The club will provide Sub Sandwiches, plates, napkins, and plastic ware in addition to coffee and punch.

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 11:00 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 December will be, 'Holiday Trains'. Show off an item and facilitate the transfer of knowledge on collecting toy trains with your fellow members. There will be a prize awarded to the best display item, as voted on by the attending members.

There will be a holiday prize raffle held for the membership, including a special item - an original Lionel Back Shop in box that was donated by Tim and Dianne Simendinger. The 2010 special raffle prize - the 1950 Lionel 'O' gauge Hudson loco and tender with original boxes - will be awarded at the meet as well. And the final crisp \$100 bill for 2010 will be given away to one lucky eligible member who has purchased a 2010 Raffle ticket.

Western Division 2011 meetings (subject to change by the county) are: January 29th (January is auction month), February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd, May 21st, July 23rd, August 27th, September 24th, November 5th, and December 17th.

President's Message

By Wayne Sheriff, WD President



Betty Kimball. This was made on behalf of Western Division to commemorate everything that Ward and Betty did for us over the years. You can view the presentation video on the TCA website at <http://www.tcamembers.org/netvision/kimball.htm>. In addition to the brick, Western Division made a \$200 contribution to the Museum Endowment Fund in Ward and Betty's name.

Western Division membership voted approval of the bylaws changes and National has also reviewed and accepted the bylaws.

At the recent fall open house held at the TCA Museum, Robert Caplan made a presentation of a walkway brick to honor Ward and

TCA's Executive Committee has approved the slate of candidates for National office. They are: Carol McGinnis and Wayne Sheriff for President Elect; Robert Obara, Pat Halpin, and Katie Elgar for Vice President; Christie Wilson for Secretary; and Bill Kotek for Treasurer. The elections will be held in the spring for offices effective July 1, 2011.

Western Division will have its interactive layout at the upcoming Cal-Stewart meet. WD members are asked to spend a few hours working the layout with us. Richard Keppel will also be displaying his large floor layout. Jon Lang and Dave Otth will be leading the Boy Scout activities at Cal-Stewart.

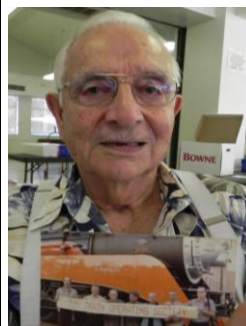
Mike Donovan is in the process of building a new interactive layout which will be easier to move and set up. The new layout will be used for the first time at the Great Train Expo to be held January 22 and 23, 2011 in Anaheim.

September Meet Recap

By Robert Caplan, WD Recording Secretary



The display theme was the 'Southern Pacific Railroad'. Steve Eastman brought a complete post-war era SP Marx set in 'O' gauge. Harry Chotanian had an HO gauge Daylight engine that reminded him of his childhood days. He also shared an old photo of him and several other TCA members standing next to the real SP Daylight. Robert Cesarone shared with us an audio CD on which he can be heard playing railroad songs on a banjo.



Jim Kenney displayed a small plastic molded figure in an engineer outfit named 'Lionel Kit' that was actually an infrared remote control



used to run a Southern Pacific engine - by rotating its head! Les Cochran displayed an SP passenger car and explained to us the various color schemes Southern Pacific used on their passenger cars when he worked for them.

John Abbe brought a Lionel SP full dome car and a hopper in 'O' gauge. Jerry Johnson displayed an SP freight set and an SP Snowplow in 'O' gauge. Also on display was Jerry Blaine's 'G'

gauge SP GP9 engine. Bob Trimble displayed several Trolleys and documentation and noted that Pacific Electric was owned by Southern Pacific. Jerry Johnson's display received the loudest applause and he won a new Lionel 'O' gauge red Hand car.



Les Cochran

Jerry Johnson

Bob Trimble



Steve Eastman won the \$100 bill. Door prize winners were: Linda Spears (Dept. 56 House), Ken Vaughn (Dept. 56 House), and Al Vargas (Dept. 56 House). The new Lionel catalogue winners were: Tim Simendinger, Harold Shapiro, Les Cochran, Bob Spellmire, Bob Trimble, Mark Spears, Joe Petrasek, Dave Otth, Richard Keppel, Jim Nelson, Mario Liberatore and John Abbe.



Ray Sugg brought in a large amount of Southern Pacific trains and ran them in the back room.

October Meet Recap

By Robert Caplan, WD Recording Secretary

The October display theme was: 'Military Trains'. Bob Spellmire created a nice display of a Troop Train complete with Army and Navy personnel using a Lionel #726 loco and tender with 3 Irvington passenger cars and several metal military figures. He also had a rare 'O' gauge Lionel #6651 USMC Cannon car. His presentation won the prize for the display and he chose a Trolley.



John Abbe had a 'Lion Roars' that featured Lionel Military items. He also displayed a #6175 rocket car, #6413 Mercury capsule car,



#3665 new and old Minuteman missile cars, and a #3419 Helicopter launching car.



Jim Dykier

John Abbe



Steve Eastman showed off his Marx #5 wind up roll over Tank lifted by an Army soldier. Harry Chortanian shared his Lionel #41 motorized Army engine and WWI lead army soldier.

Steve Eastman won the \$100 bill. Door prize winners were: Rudy Felix (Mickey Mouse House), Manny Gonzalez (Steam Passenger Set), Jon Lang (Victorian House) Cheryl Shapiro (A scarecrow with buzzing crows flying around), and Robert Lemberger (Victorian House).



October Raffle winners

Steve Eastman set up a highly animated and spooky Halloween layout complete with two Marx 'O' gauge tinsplate train sets running around two ovals and several operating accessories.

