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President's Message

by Russ Lange, TCA Western Division

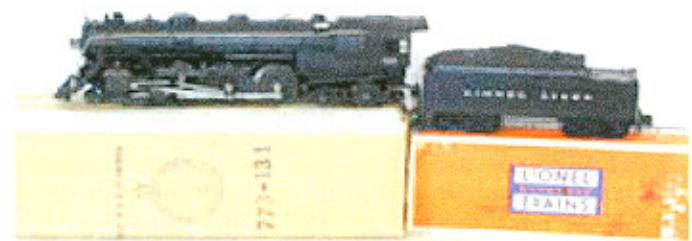


Our next meet is scheduled for **Saturday, September 27th** in the Arcadia Senior Center, located at 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in Arcadia. To get there, exit the 210 Freeway at Santa Anita Ave, drive south 8/10ths of a mile and turn right into the parking lot. Doors open at 10 am. Our membership meeting begins at noon. Please check our web site, tcawestern.org, for more info and a map!

A **Free Lottery Ticket** will be our gift to folks who bring trains for sale. Remember that our tables are *free* and available on a first-come basis. We will be having an auction, too.

"**Buyer's Goof**" is our theme for September. Bring that piece you recently purchased and now wish you hadn't. Be prepared to tell us about it! A prize will be awarded for the best display.

There will be a meeting of the **Board** right after the regular meet this month. *Get more involved with your club in 2004!* Nominations for Officers and Directors will be held during our October meet.



The **LIONEL Hudson Raffle Tickets** are almost gone! Be sure you get yours at our September meet. This is for the 1950 version of the No. 773 in original boxes. There were only 100 tickets offered at \$25 per ticket, so your odds are fantastic!

-- Russ

August Meet Report

by Steve Waller, Recording Secretary

There was plenty of action at the August meet, in spite of the fact that it was prime vacation time for many families. We spotted a number of interesting items for sale on the tables...

Phil Zisakis had an outstanding selection of Lionel, including a No. 260 with chugger, a 2360 GG1, a 726RR Berkshire, a 682 Steam Turbine, a 773 Hudson, a 1665 steam switcher, and an A-B-A set of NYC F3s with aluminum cars. Wow!



Norm Kinney had some unusual Hafner trains (see photo) that garnered a lot of interest. Ernie Renn brought a table-full, including a set of Stephen Girard cars. John Parker was selling a nice American Flyer 4-8251 PA passenger set, along with lots of postwar Lionel items.

Door prizes were won by Les Cochran and Phil Zisakis. Phil selected the Lionel 6-17251 BNSF 50' modern boxcar, while Les picked the Lionel 6-17916 CB&Q Unibody Tank Car. *(continued...)*

August Meet Report (continued)

The display theme for August was something "recently purchased". Bob Caplan, Steve Waller and Robert Trimble participated.



Mr. Trimble was the winner, with his giant red caboose. Maybe he'll bring it again this month for the "Buyer's Goof" display!

Jane Lange had the kitchen operating, serving refreshments for the hungry railroaders. Bob Caplan was our auctioneer, fresh from his triumph at the TCA National Convention auction.

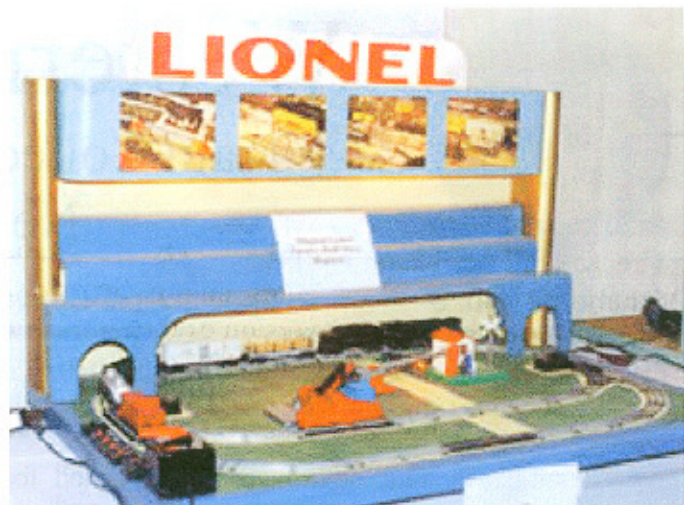


John Parker (center) and Wayne Sheriff (right) were given awards for all the effort they put into co-chairing the Convention in June. This was an event we'll be talking about for years to come. Way to go, guys!

Convention Corner

by Steve Waller, 2003 Display Chairman

The Train Collector's Association 49th National Convention, held in June 2003 at the Ontario, Calif. Convention Center, was by all measures a huge success. Let's take a moment to look back at a few memories...



Mark Gaffner brought a several original Lionel dealer layouts to Ontario. This is the D-10 from 1949, known as the "Kodachrome" layout.



Cheryl Shapiro admires the world-class collection of toy trains assembled by Ward & Betty Kimball. The Kimball family honored Ward's memory by giving the TCA Convention their full support.



Richard Keppel, Jr. & family set up a fantastic floor layout in Trading Hall A. This is the Standard Gauge roundhouse, just one corner of the display.

In the coming months, as space allows, we will publish more images from the 2003 Convention. If you have any photos or video to share, please contact Harold Shapiro at (818) 986-9975 or email him at info@tcawestern.org.