



Western Division Newsletter



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Upcoming Meet Notices

Western Division's next meet will take place on Saturday September 25, 2010 in the Arcadia Senior Center, located at 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, in Arcadia, California.

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 10AM 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 September will be 'Southern Pacific RR'. 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 also be the regular monthly raffle for WD members. A reminder that the WD BOD has deemed that to receive a raffle ticket, attending members must wear/display their 2010 membership badge.

The special membership raffle for this year is well underway. Up for grabs is a 1950 Lionel "O" gauge Hudson loco and tender with original boxes. Tickets are a mere \$20. Ticket holders will also have the opportunity to win a crisp \$100 bill at each meet between now and December. The Hudson will be given away at the December meet.

Western Division remaining meet dates for 2010 and display themes are: September 25th - Southern Pacific Rail Road, October 23rd - Military Trains, and December 18th - Holiday Trains.

President's Message

By Wayne Sheriff, WD President

Western Division has revised its Bylaws under the direction of TCA National. These Bylaws are subject to approval by vote of the Western Division membership. Those members with an e-mail address on file will receive an electronic copy of the revised Bylaws. You are requested to return the e-mail stating whether you approve or object to the revised Bylaws. Those members who do not have e-mail will receive a hard copy via US mail and a postcard to return with your vote.

Two key changes to the Bylaws include changing the election of officers and period of office from January 1st through December 31st to July 1st through June 30th, and provisions that will allow WD to start chapters within WD if there is interest. Several areas for potentially forming chapters would be Las Vegas, San Diego, and Hawaii. Membership dues will still be payable in December and cover the period of January through December.

If the Bylaws are approved, the election of officers will occur each spring. The current officer's terms will be extended until June 30th 2011. If the Bylaws are not approved, the election of officers will



Bob Lemberger set up a Standard Gauge layout at the July meet occur in October and the new officers will take office January 1st.

National has established the TCA Affiliate Development Committee to support divisions that want to start chapters. Establishment of chapters facilitates members who live in outlying areas of a division that cannot get to the usual meets to have a meet of their own and perhaps attract new members. Robert Caplan will represent WD at the committee meeting to be held at York this fall.

The TCA National Annual Appeal for 2009-2010 was a success. The \$25,000 target was reached and the Annual Appeal obtained its \$5,000 gift. The 2010-2011 appeal has a challenge to reach a \$50,000 target to receive another gift. If each member made a gift of just a few dollars to the appeal, National could pay off some debt. The current issue of the Headquarters News outlines this idea and has other news about expanding TCA through youth and their parents. I will be forwarding e-mail updates from National.

A reminder that at the October meet an auction will be held. Please bring those great items that you have been considering parting with.

Steve Waller will be setting up 'O' and 'O27' track for any member that would like to run trains.

July Meet Recap

By Robert Caplan, WD Recording Secretary

The display theme was: 'Convention Cars'. Bob Caplan shared his 2010 Baltimore TCA Convention Banquet car. Calvin Smith showed his LCCA Commonwealth Edison hopper. Dave Mabee showed off his 1974 Seattle Convention car.

Harold Shapiro displayed his TCA Western Division 1979 Mint Convention car. Jim Kenney shared a book autographed by A.C. Gilbert that he obtained at a TCA Convention. John Abee brought a 1986 New Orleans Caboose and REA reefer.



Bob Lemberger's impressive display of rare Ives trains

Ken Chan displayed a 1971 Mickey Mouse TCA Western Division Convention car. Larry Pearson displayed a TTOS prototype boxcar designed by and given to Ward Kimball for the TTOS 1973 Convention. Wayne Sheriff presented a B&O Speeder from the recent convention. Steve Eastman displayed 14 different Marx convention cars. Larry Pearson was awarded the prize for best display by obtaining the most applause from the viewing audience. Bob Lemberger set up a Standard gauge display and layout and many members ran their trains.



Harold's Mint Car Jim's Gilbert Book Bob's Banquet Car



Steve's assortment of Marx Cars



Mark Spears won the \$100. Door prize winners were: Ken Chan, Bob Lemberger, Bob Trimble, Calvin Smith, Tina Corsello, & Larry Pearson

August Meet Recap

By Robert Caplan, WD Recording Secretary

The August Display Theme was: 'Tank Cars'. One of the highlights of the display was Calvin Smith's Lionel Standard Gauge set with an unusual white tank car. Herb Mayer showed off an MTH 2009 club #515 tank car. Bob Spellmire presented an array of his tank cars.

Alvin Costa presented a TCA convention tank car. Dave Gabay showed an AIRCO tank car. Bill Grove displayed a selection of his tank cars.



Steve Waller set up a tribute to Betty & Ward Kimball with a G gauge replica of the Grizzly Flats RR

Steve Eastman showed his new Mexican Marx PREMEX tank car. Harvey Tafel presented his Lionel #615 collection. Robert Cesarone showed a tiny Märklin 'N' gauge tank car. Wayne Sheriff displayed a 2003 convention tank car. Dave Mabee showed off his North Western tank car (he has 13 of them in his set). With the loudest applause, Harvey Tafel was awarded the display prize.



Herb's MTH Tank Car Robert's Tiny 'N' Gauge



One of Dave's N & W Tank Cars Steve's PREMEX Car



Robert Lemberger won the \$100. Door prize winners were: John Parker, Harvey Tafel, Mario Libertore, Dave Otth and Jim Kroeger

In Memoriam

Bruce Manson, HR-69-2795, TCA's wonderful long time Quarterly Editor recently passed on August 10, 2010. May God Bless! Our thoughts and prayers go out to Anna Manson and the family members.