



# TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION WESTERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER



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2014

## UPCOMING MEETS

September 27th

October 25th

November - no meet

December 6th - Holiday Party

The Show and Tell theme for  
SEPTEMBER is  
MAINTENANCE OF WAY –  
WORK TRAINS



## NEXT MEET SEPTEMBER 27 – 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY

To celebrate Western Division's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the club will be offering FREE pizza, cake and coffee at the September meet.

As always, the Division's train meets will take place at the Arcadia Senior Center, located at 405 S. 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 sign. The doors open at 10AM for setup and trading. Show and Tell starts at noon.

Please visit the Western Division website, at <http://www.tcawestern.org> for more information and a map.

## WESTERN DIVISION ELECTIONS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Manny Gonzalez, President

Bob Nord, Vice-President

Jon Lang, Treasurer

Ken Chan, Membership / Recording Secretary

Mike Donovan, Member at Large

Steve Eastman, Member at Large

Jim Kenney, Member at Large

Herb Mayer, Member at Large

Steve Waller, Member at Large

John Parker, Standing Member (Past National President)

Bob Caplan, Standing Member (Past National President)

Harold Shapiro, Standing Member (Past Division President)

Wayne Sheriff, Standing Member (National President-Elect)

## 2014 GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

Grand Prize raffle tickets for the 1934 Mickey Mouse Hand Car Set are **sold out!**

The Grand Prize winning ticket will still be drawn at the December Meet and the winner need not be present. The \$100 consolation prizes will still be drawn at each regularly scheduled meet through December.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hey, we're turning 60! September 2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the TCA's Western Division. That's a pretty rich history of not only celebrating toy trains, but of the people whose love and passion for them has kept it going. By any measure this is a pretty amazing milestone - especially in a world where (increasingly it seems) things just aren't around for very long anymore. So let's all join together in saluting this remarkable point-in-time, for indeed this is a special one.

Manny Gonzalez



### 2014 DISNEY TROLLEY RAFFLE

Western Division will be raffling off 3 O-Gauge Disney trolleys by **Pride Lines Ltd.** at the December meet. Tickets will be available at every Meet at **\$10 each.**

Only **one prize per winner** and the first winners will get choice of colors. This is a separate raffle and is not connected to the Grand Prize Raffle. There is no monthly \$100 consolation prize associated with this raffle.

### 2015 TCA NATIONAL CONVENTION



For information on the 2015 TCA convention, visit <http://www.tcaconvention.org> or read about it in upcoming TCA National publications

## STANDARD GAUGE MODULE ASSOCIATION



### ATTENTION STANDARD GAUGE FANS

The Standard Gauge Module Association (SGMA) has a big presence back east but has no West Coast chapters. This request is just a feeler to determine the feasibility of starting a West Coast chapter. See their website to get an idea of what they do.

<http://www.sgma.us/>

If I get enough positive feedback, I will set up a meeting to discuss the pluses and minuses and determine if it would be practical to move ahead.

Contact me if interested.

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# PHOTOS OF THE JULY MEET

## THE THEME WAS “BEST BUY / WORST BUY”



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to work the Western Division show layout at upcoming train shows. We only need a few hours of your time. Contact Wayne Sheriff 714-504-9261.

CAL-STEWART, Ontario Convention Center, November 22 and 23

GREAT TRAIN EXPO, Anaheim Convention Center, January 10 and 11 2015

**PHOTOS OF THE AUGUST MEET**  
**THE THEME WAS**  
**“BOXCARS”**



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