



Train Collectors Association Western Division Newsletter



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2019 Meet Dates

Jan. 26—New Trains for the New Year (done)

Feb. 16—Red Trains for Valentine's Day (done)

Mar. 23 Streamliners (done)

Apr. 27—Trains for the Cure, or Pastel Colors (done)

May 18 - Western Trains for the Sesquicentennial of the 1st Transcontinental Railroad

June - **dark:** TCA National Convention in Albuquerque, NM

July 27 - Red, White & Blue for the Hot Dog Social (Gala TCA-Western Homecoming at Arcadia Park, CA)

Aug. 24 - Tank Cars

Sept. 28 - Trolleys

Oct. 26 - Scary Trains for Halloween

Nov. - **dark:** TCA Members celebrate Thanksgiving

Dec. 14 - Holiday Trains for our Year-End Banquet; Grand Prize will be awarded.

2019 Grand Prize

This year's grand prize will be a 1950 **LIONEL 773 Hudson** steam-profile locomotive (w/light, smoke & Magnetraction). Plus, the correct 2426W die-cast whistling tender with six-wheel trucks!



Replica CPRR Jupiter locomotive No. 60 is ready to re-enact the driving of the Golden Spike at Promontory Summit, Utah.
(Photo courtesy of the National Parks Service.)

Western Trains Reign at TCA-Western Division

The Sesquicentennial of America's 1st Transcontinental Railroad is being commemorated at our next TCA Meet on Saturday, May 18, 2019. It was only 150 years ago that the Golden Spike Ceremony celebrated the joining of the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific Railroads at Promontory Summit, Utah on May 10th, 1869.

In keeping with the joyous celebration, our display table theme will be "Western Trains." So, you might bring a 4-4-0 old-time steam locomotive, such as a Lionel General or a Marx Wm. Crooks. Or perhaps you'd like to honor a Western Railroad, such as Southern Pacific, or Denver & Rio Grande Western, or even Western Pacific.

What signifies "Western Trains" for you? *Be creative!*

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RECENT RE-ENACTMENT OF THE GOLDEN SPIKE CEREMONY ON MAY 10, 2019 AT PROMONTORY SUMMIT, UTAH. REPLICAS OF CENTRAL PACIFIC'S JUPITER AND UNION PACIFIC'S 119 WERE BUILT BY DISNEYLAND CONSULTANT CHAD O'CONNOR AND ORIGINALLY DECORATED BY THE LATE TCA-WESTERN DIVISION MEMBER WARD KIMBALL (SINCE REPAINTED). PHOTO BY JEFFREY D. ALLRED.

Western Trains Arrive at May 18th Meet

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The TCA Western Division Meet will be held at the Arcadia United Methodist Church Hall, 400 West Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007. The Meet is about a half mile west of the Arcadia Masonic Hall, where the Southwestern Division train club congregates. The cross-street for the Church Hall is Holly Avenue. Park in the spacious lot on the west side of the Church. (Look for the yellow TRAIN SHOW sign.)

The Meet is open to Sellers at 9:00AM for setup, and doors open for Buyers at 10:00AM. The Membership Meeting starts at Noon. Coffee and doughnuts are FREE! Sandwiches are \$3 each or two for \$5. Soft drinks are FREE!

Western Division Members: bring "Western Trains" from any era to show on our Display Table and you will be eligible to win one of our Door Prizes. We have many other Opportunity Drawings, as well! Bring a train to run on our fabulous layout, or bring one in for repair!

Western Division will be dark in June for the TCA National Convention in Albuquerque, NM. On July 27th, we will return to our old hall in Arcadia Park for our 3rd Annual Hot Dog Social! More info to follow soon!



Huntington Beach Concours Car Show

Trains will be operating from 9AM-2PM at the HB Rod & Custom Car Show on Sat., June 1 and the Concours d'Elegance Classic Car Show on Sun., June 2nd. Train co-sponsors: TCA-W & TTOS-SP. For more info, go to hbconcours.org. Tickets are \$10; discounts available. Parking is FREE at the HB Public Library or \$1 nearby. Questions? Contact John Bowman at 714-235-1964 or jtbfluke@msn.com. Spend a beautiful day outdoors in the park, supporting a fine children's charitable cause!



WINNERS AT THE MARCH "STREAMLINER" MEET (L TO R): SYD MASON, BOB WRIGHT, DENYSE MEYER, ROGER HILL AND JIM KENNEY.



STREAMLINERS DISPLAYED BY (L TO R): GLENN OLSEN, WAYNE SHERIFF & STEVE EASTMAN. THE LAYOUT FEATURES TWO S.P. DAYLIGHT STREAMLINERS IN "O" & STANDARD GAUGES.



WINNERS AT THE APRIL PASTEL "TRAINS FOR THE CURE" MEET (L TO R): DENYSE & JEFF MEYER, JIM KENNEY, JOHN ABBE AND SYD MASON.



TCA-WESTERN DIVISION TRAIN MEET PHOTOS BY ROGER HILL & HAROLD SHAPIRO.

Big Boy Engine 4014 Under Steam Again

Union Pacific's huge Big Boy locomotive 4014 has been restored for the Sesquicentennial of America's 1st Transcontinental Railroad. No. 4014, one of eight remaining Big Boys (out of 25 built in the 1940s), had been on static display until 2014 in the RailGiants Museum at Pomona Fairplex in California. After 60 years dormant, this 4-8-8-4 is now the world's largest operating steam locomotive. For its premiere, 4014 met U.P.'s 4-8-4 Northern-type steamer No. 844 head-to-head at a great celebration in Ogden, Utah on May 10, 2019.



**A BIG BOY LEADS A LONG STRING OF BOXCARS
IN THIS VINTAGE UNION PACIFIC PHOTO.**

65TH TCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

ALBUQUERQUE
June 22 - 30, 2019

National Convention Coming Next Month

If you've never attended a TCA National Convention before, now's the perfect time! Albuquerque is a day's drive from Arcadia, CA or an easy trip by air or train. The Convention Hotel is located in Old Town Albuquerque, NM.

There are many tours to choose from, including the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad, the Nuclear Science Museum, an aerial tram, hot air balloons, and lots of great toy train layouts. For more info, check out the current TCA National HQ News, or go to www.TCAconvention.org. See you there!

Dave Otth's TV Show Gets Top Ratings

Dave Otth returned to TCA-Western's April Meet to present "*Ellery Queen: The Adventure of the Eccentric Engineer*" on our large video projection screen. Mr. Otth was contracted by Universal Studios back in 1975 to design & supervise the building of a Lionel Train layout for this TV series.

Dave provided some fascinating behind-the-scenes stories on the all-star cast and how the many memorable toy train scenes were captured. If you missed it, the train segments are available on YouTube, or you can see the complete "Eccentric Engineer" episode on www.DailyMotion.com/us.



**JIM HUTTON & DAVID WAYNE IN "THE
ADVENTURE OF THE ECCENTRIC ENGINEER"**