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## TCA Mission Statement

*"To develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history - Tinplate Toy Trains - through research, education, community outreach, fellowship, establishment of collecting standards, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of collecting and operating toy, model and scale trains."*



## **TCA - PNWD Division Meet - Chehalis Moose Hall - October 7, 2018**

After the success of our June "Summer" meet we will be keeping the look the same. There will be some great door prizes and raffles for all to enter. We will be bringing a birthday cake, sweets, fruit compote and drinks and more for everyone. If you are looking for breakfast or lunch there are some very nice places to dine in the Chehalis/Centralia area.

8:00AM	HALL SET UP WITH OFFICERS & VOLUNTEERS ONLY
8:45AM	HALL OPENS FOR SELLER SET-UP
9:00AM	Registrations and admission desk is open - Coffee & Rolls Ready Get BIDDER OR SELLER sign-up sheet for live auction at the front desk
9:30AM	Membership meeting, short and lively
10:00AM	Trading Floor opens after membership meeting
11:30AM	The Dick Walters Auction

## Celebrating 1958-2018 or 60year Anniversary of the TCA - Pacific Northwest Division

We are celebrating the 60th Birthday of the PNWD at the Fall Meet in Chehalis. One of the oldest TCA numbers, still living, belongs to William 'Billy' Loew, CM174. Billy has been a member since 1958. He was raised in Tacoma and had a 45yr career at the U of W School of Dentistry. He is a regular participating member at all the Seattle Chapter Meets. Billy got his 1st train in 1941 or 1942.



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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DIVISION

TRAIN COLLECTORS  
ASSOCIATION

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the PNWD I put together a little collage for our members. I hope you enjoy. With the 2019 TCA Nat'l Convention being in New Mexico it should be very easy for a few of our members to get together in Albuquerque.

This Summer was very busy for the Dunn Household. It started with a very successful meet in Chehalis. Then it was off to Rhode Island for the TCA National Convention in Warwick, RI. It was hosted by then President Joe Fanara and the NETCA Division. It was OUTSTANDING! We enjoyed the sights of places we would never have gone to and, to me, the most important aspect of being a TCA Member. That's the community of fellow collectors and the comradery that comes with it. Oh, yes, there were 3 days of successful BOD meetings, too. I can tell you we are on a wonderful "track" financially but we need to get more people involved in our wonderful community!!! I know I sound like a broken record, but it has to be YOU, yes YOU, who can make a difference and show people how much fun our community is.

To help us, in our cause to promote the club and get new members, a committee at National led by Jim Burke has come up with the "Win Big" Promotion. Please go to page 9 for details. Everybody wins with this because we get NEW, like-minded train enthusiasts to join our wonderful club.

Dick Walters is doing a great job of updating our website [www.traincollector.org](http://www.traincollector.org). For the latest in PNW area train meets please use his postings sent in by our members. You, too, can be a big help in letting us know 'what's happening'!

Also, Glenn has been doing a heck of a job in promoting the member learning experience at the Seattle Chapter Meets. His, and other members 'show & tell' on various parts of the train collecting community have been very well received.

So, in closing, "Thanks" for being a TCA Member and a part of our wonderful train community. See You in Chehalis, Rick

TCA-PNWD website: [www.traincollector.org](http://www.traincollector.org)



The above Ives Co Set, from the late 1920's, was part of the Seattle Chapter's August, 2018 Show & Tell. Each Seattle Meet has a theme. November's Theme is "PNWD Club Cars".



# TRAIN COLLECTORS QUARTERLY

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DIVISION ORGANIZING MEETING

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Top picture, Front Row: Two of Clint Smith's sons, Russ Hafdahl, Ted Ahlberg's son, Dutch Ottenbacher, Dr. Champaign, Bill Loew Sr.  
 Second Row: Elmer Gustafson, Bill Loew, Mrs. Russell, two guests of Russell's, Ralph Russell, Bill Bouma, J. Michel, Stan O'Brien  
 Back Row: H.H. Brinkdopke, George Houle, Clinton Smith, John Resch, Jack French, Ted Ahlberg, Paul Karsmoe, Chas. Sipe, Otto Tanner

Pacific Northwest Division of the TCA Celebrates 60th Birthday

Minutes from the 03/09/1958 Organizational meeting

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DIVISION ORGANIZED

The organizing meeting for this division was held in the train room at the home of Russ Hafdahl, Sunday afternoon and evening, March 9, 1958.

Active TCA members that attended were Jack French, Elmer Gustafson, Bill Loew, Stan O'Brien, John Resch, and Russ Hafdahl. Those who indicated they would join TCA at once were Bill Bouma, Dr. D.A. Champaign, Martin Ottenbacher, George Houle, Charles Sipe, Ted Ahlberg, Clinton Smith, Paul Karsmoe, H. G. Brinkdopke, Ralph and Mrs. Russell, Otto Tanner.

Other prospective members in attendance were John Beaufort, J. Michel, and Bill Loew, Sr. Guests brought total present to 27. Members and guests came from Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, Olympia, Tacoma, Kent, and Tenton. Active TCA members who approved formation of the division, by mail or phone, were Steve Stanley, Levi Sutton, Mel Firestone. Others approving were Dr. Gaw, John Comer, Mr. Flegel and son, and Sonny Sipe.

A brief history was given of the TCA, with many questions and answers. A letter was read from Lou Redman about name, etc. for our new division. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously carried that we form the P.N.W. division of the TCA. This decision on the name is due to 'Northwest' alone being associated with Minnesota, Wisconsin, etc.

A motion was made and carried that

local dues would be \$2.00 per year. A motion was made and carried that election of officers would be held at the next meeting, April 20, at Elmer Gustafson's, local dues to be payable at that time. All the above of course if approved by National.

Much time was spent discussing collecting in general, and in viewing Hafdahl's collection. A very lively auction was held, with Dutch Ottenbacher as auctioneer.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Hafdahl and sons, including a cake made special for the occasion. Complete set of pictures were taken by the able Dutch Ottenbacher, to be made available for National, and interested members.

Enthusiasm demonstrated at this meeting was tremendous. Train races were held, Stan O'Brien winning the prize. John Resch was especially introduced as a manufacturer of std parts. Elmer Gustafson showed his fine AF replacement headlight hoods. John Beaufort drove his beautiful 1909 Model T Ford. The last two members left at 10:30, with one, Ted Ahlberg, facing a two hundred mile drive. It was a long day but all agreed that it was one of the best days they ever spent.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Russ Hafdahl  
 Acting Sec'y.



AUG 1958

1958 PNWD Picnic at Centrailia, WA

## SOME CONVENTION & FUND RAISING ITEMS IN THE PAST 60 YEARS



Over the past 60 years we have had great success with our Convention Car offerings. These are very instrumental in helping the Division & National TCA funding. These offerings would not have been possible without the tireless dedication of our predecessors and some current members. The PNWD Conventions have always been successful because of their dedication. For those still with us and those who have passed our 'hat's off'!!



McCoy Manufacturing PNWD Convention Cars



Over the first 50 years of the Division, McCoy Manufacturing, of Kent, WA, was very instrumental, not only in the Division but Nationally with TCA and the manufacture of Toy Trains. Bob Sr., Margaret, and Bob Jr. were tireless in their efforts to produce items which became collectable and put their name out to all of us. They were just great contributors to our cause. Both Bob Sr. and his very sweet bride, Margaret are sorely missed. I believe Bob Jr. is in the Spokane area.

All Aboard for the Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of our wonderful Pacific Northwest Division inception. It all started in 1958 and look at us now. Come on down to Chehalis and have some fun with all of your friends in the trainworld. We look forward to seeing lots of friendly faces.

Division Election Update

Thanks to all of you PNWD members for your response to our yearly elections. The newly elected officers are: Vice-President—J. Michael Bowerman; Secretary—Richard ‘Dick’ Walters and Member-At-Large—Steve Ramsdell. A huge ‘shout-out’ to Floyd ‘Nick’ Nichols for handling the balloting with ‘aplomb’.

Seattle Chapter News

Glenn Raymond - President



60 years! Man, that's a long time! I was 6 years old when the Pacific Northwest Division was formed. A lot has changed in our world since then, even the collecting of toy trains. Think about it. The three main players in toy trains, Lionel, American Flyer, even Marx were still selling a lot of trains and accessories. Nobody could have really seen what the future held, but as we know, it wasn't pretty. By 1970, Lionel had licensed the train division to be made by Model Plastics Corporation, a division of the cereal giant General Mills. American Flyer was out of business with the name and molds now being owned by its main competitor, Lionel. In 1972 Marx was sold to Quaker Oats who struggled with it for a few years and it too was gone. There were lots of new comers along the way, but most of them are now gone as well.

During all of this time PNWD was holding meetings, new friendships were being made and used trains were being bought and sold. I don't have any numbers about membership over the years, but our division is holding steady in numbers.

I joined TCA in 1993 and never in my wildest dreams did I think I would ever be Seattle Chapter President. Along the way, I've met a lot of REALLY cool people, learned a lot about Lionel trains and even started sharing what I know with others.

The Seattle Chapter is thriving and I encourage everybody to bring a guest and come to the November meet at Lake City Community Center. We will be displaying and talking about almost every car the PNWD has ever issued. It should be a fun time! Table setup will be at 8am with trading starting about 8:15am. Door fee will be \$8.00.

There will be no Seattle meet in October. Please attend the Division meet in Chehalis. More information is in this Logger.

I hope to see you all in Seattle, Glenn

Seattle Chapter 2018 Meet Schedule  
October No Chapter Meet Due to 10/07/18 Division Meet  
November 11  
60th Anniversary PNWD Club Cars Show  
December 9  
Christmas Party  
\*\*\*Hours 8AM - 1PM\*\*\*



Let me introduce, to those who do not know Dan, Dan McLain. Dan volunteered to be the Historian of our club and we all said “yes”. He is a “Train-Guy” like not too many others. Versed in manufacturers, gauges & you name it. Dan, from time to time, will be posting articles for the Logger and maybe even a ‘free-lance’ between editions.

PNWD Historian  
Dan McClain - TCA74-6203

Portland

Peter Schuytema - President



The air has turned cooler and leaves are starting to fall, which can only mean one thing: train season! For many of us its always train season but its not competing with summer weather and vacations. The past few months at the clubhouse have been a bit slower but still relatively active for those who do come by. The flyers are at the printers and the raffle items have been procured for our upcoming 19th Annual Open House following our November chapter meet at 12-4 PM on Sunday, November 18th. We'd also like to note that this year, the joint TCA-TTOS Christmas banquet is on a different weekend this year due to a schedule conflict at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. The banquet will be on Sunday, December 16th instead. Some of you may note that is the same day as our chapter meet, so we will not be having a Portland Chapter meet in December.

Peter

All chapter meets held at the Aloha Clubhouse(Aloha Mall) located at 185th and Tualatin Valley Highway intersection @9AM.

Meet Schedule  
September 16, 2018  
October 21, 2018  
November 18, 2018  
December 16, 2018

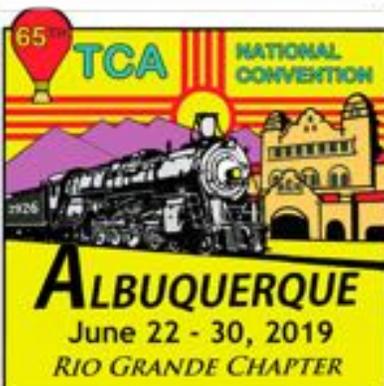


Treasure Valley Chapter

Lloyd Gilkey - President



2019 TCA Convention Update



The 65th National TCA Convention will be held in Albuquerque, NM. This will be hosted by the Rio Grande Chapter of the Desert Division. I am personally looking forward to going back to Albuquerque. This mile-high city has moderate temperatures, compared to Phoenix. If you have never visited Albuquerque, this is a great opportunity to attend the convention and see this beautiful part of our great country.

Elaine and Scott Eckstein of the Rio Grande Chapter, are the co-chairs for this convention, and have several interesting tours planned. The TCAConvention.org website will be updated shortly with information about the hotel (Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town) and all of the planned tours.

2019 Convention cars can be ordered until August 31, at a 5% discount. Visit <http://tcamembers.org/offers> to place your order. Don't miss the chance to purchase a Glowing Mint Car or other unique O, S and Standard gauge cars in available in this car suite.

TCA-PNWD Social Media



Dick Walters



Train season is now in FULL SWING, and upcoming local meets have been advertising in communities where these will take place. The opportunity here is to get this information onto our website where it can be made available to all who may have an interest in attending, and that is where YOU come in!

Our website [www.traincollector.org](http://www.traincollector.org) can only provide this information to all our members if we receive it; the more information we receive represents that much more information we provide.

**My request is this:** When you know of local train shows coming to your area, please notify me - or another Pacific Northwest Division board member - of the event, date(s), times of day, location, cost and event contact information as you may have it available. We want it to appear on our website to everyone just like you would want to see it yourself if you are interested in attending.

Don't worry about 'duplicating' someone else's input as it is better than not getting the information to us in the first place!

Please check our division website home page for both TCA and other train meet information, as we have both specific events and a multi-month calendar posted.

Thank you: YOUR division needs YOUR input!

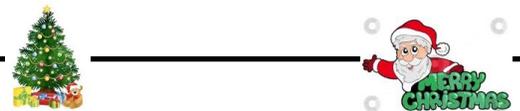
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Pacific Northwest Division Meet  
October 7, 2018  
Chehalis Moose Lodge  
1400 Grand Avenue  
Business Meeting @ 9:30AM  
Coffee & Goodies Ready at  
9:00AM

Facebook ID's  
PNWD: TCA-Pacific Northwest Division  
Seattle: TCA-Seattle Chapter  
Portland: Portland Chapter TCA  
Treasure Valley(Boise): TCA-Treasure Valley Chapter

2018 Upcoming Train Meets

The GTE show will be in 3 Northwest Cities in January, 2019:  
01/12-13/2019 Boise, ID Expo Idaho/Fairgrounds  
01/19-20/2019 Puyallup, Wa WA State Fairgrounds Event Ctr  
01/26-27-2019 Portland, OR Portland Expo Center



Portland Chapter/TTOS Joint  
Christmas Banquet & Train Meet  
Date: 12/16/2018  
Where: Monarch Hotel  
Clackamas, OR  
Contact: Al Merris  
Email: [spacie89@centurylink.net](mailto:spacie89@centurylink.net)



**WIN  
BIG**  
**MEMBERSHIP  
CAMPAIGN**



Subject: Great Opportunity for Division Members and Our Division To Win.

Hello Fellow TCA Members of the Pacific Northwest Division,

At our 2018 TCA June BOD meeting in Rhode Island, your BOD unanimously voted to launch an exciting New Member Drive where all TCA members and Divisions can “WIN BIG”. I am excited to announce that the TCA “WIN BIG” New Member Drive has launched in September. Be sure to check the full details in the color ad spread on pages 46 and 47 of your September, 2018 National Headquarters News. Check out how simple it is! Details will also be on the TCA web site at: [traincollectors.org/WINBIG](http://traincollectors.org/WINBIG).

Here’s an overview of our “WIN BIG” New Member Drive:

- All members will earn chances to select the top-of-the-line MTH or Lionel Big Boy of their choice when they help sign up a new member.
- Members helping three new members signing up will earn a one year ‘paid-in-full’, FREE, TCA membership, PLUS a bonus.
- Your Division can win. The Division signing up the largest number of new members AND the Division signing up the largest percentage of new members will EACH earn the chance to pick the Big Boy locomotive of their choice.

“WIN BIG” is designed to be a multi-year effort with exciting new opportunities to win each year. Now all we need is your participation. Where are those new members?

Here are a few ideas:

- First, we believe prospects are attending our meets and just not getting the full TCA story; so let’s talk up the TCA. Invite a table visitor to join. Have sign-up forms, on your table, with your signature already on it!
- Next don’t overlook your relatives that are interested in your hobby and your friends at work or wherever. Invite them to a TCA Division or Chapter meet. Invite them to join in the fun. Maybe help them select a starter set for their upcoming Christmas Tree!!
- Third, don’t overlook friends that collect cars or guns etc. Often there is crossover with trains. They have the collecting bug, and they just might have their first train in the closet. Invite them to a TCA meet with you. Then invite them to join. This all may seem like a “Full Court Press”\*, but we all benefit when there are many more Train People out there.

\*Named after a play in basketball, it means to aggressively put the moves on someone. To not give up on trying to get someone until you actually get them.

When you participate, you can “WIN BIG”; your Division can “WIN BIG”, TCA will “WIN BIG” and the next generation of TCA new members will “WIN BIG” when they experience what we have come to value in TCA.

## DIVISION & CHAPTER MEET SCHEDULES

### PORTLAND

Held the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Aloha Mall/18631 SW TV Highway at the corner of SW185th Ave/Aloha, OR  
9AM to 1AM Meeting and Auction  
Contact: Peter Schuytema 503 363-5831  
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### SEATTLE

Usually the 2nd Sunday of most months at Lake City Community Center/12531-28th Ave NE Seattle, WA. 8AM to 1PM  
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See meet schedule on page 3

### TREASURE VALLEY/BOISE

Meets held at various member places on a monthly basis.  
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**2018 Fall Meet in Centralia @ The Chehalis Moose Lodge  
10/07/2018**

**2019 Spring Meet in Centralia @ The Chehalis Moose Lodge  
??/18**

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