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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 - March 4, 2018

Well the date is set and the new starting time, 10AM, is in place for the Winter Division Meet. We, the BOD, will be getting the hall ready for trading at around 8:30AM for sellers and people who get there early for a little 'kibitzing'. Since we will not be having breakfast or lunch the Division will be bringing sweets, fruit compote and drinks for everyone. If you are looking for breakfast or lunch there are some very nice places to dine in the Chehalis/Centralia area.

8:15AM	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
12 Noon	The Dick Walters Auction

Division and Chapter Elections Coming in June

It is coming up on Elections at the Division and Chapter Levels. It is my opinion that we need to have people stand up and be a 'volunteer' for positions that effect change or keep the 'status quo' (if it isn't broke why fix it) for our great Northwest group of TCA members.

This year, at the Division level we will be voting for the Vice President, Secretary and one Member-At-Large. We need to have some nominations, for the positions, at the March Division Meet. So think about doing your part to help keep the PNWD Board alive with fresh thoughts and ideas by maybe 'stepping-up'. We are on a very good 'track' and our Chapters are a great reminder of the friendships we enjoy.



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well, 2018 is flying by! It is two weeks away from another fun PNWD Division Meet. We have changed things around for all with no food being provided by the Moose and a later starting time. We hope this helps in increased attendance and gets us off on the 'right track'. The Seattle Chapter was kind enough to cease having Chapter Meets in Division Meet months so there will be no conflicts. Thanks to them for looking out for all of us.

The financial status of the Division is steady and we try to keep the Division Meet as a 'non-profit' get-together. If you can bring items you can't use for the Division Treasury part of the Dick Walters Auction that would be great. With the increases in facility usage we can always use your support to aid our Division Treasury.

This past, later part of 2017 and early 2018, saw the Division put together a booth with operating trains and facts about joining our wonderful organization. Many 'Thanks' to the Michael's, Bowerman & Finn, for their tireless effort in putting this together. And, also a big 'Thanks' to the volunteers who spent time in the booths operating and fixing problems as they arose. I know sometimes it is not easy to make time for these functions but seeing the children smile and talking to the parents is worth it. It is just fun when you get them before they are overtaken by the 'electronic age'! Again 'Thanks' to All!

I enjoy all of your postings on our social media sections and appreciate everyone's help in making this a successful venture. If you have anything you think might be of interest (item, photos, maybe share a sight on our hobby or trains in general) please do so. The more the merrier! A big 'Thanks' to the people who are tending to the various Chapter and Division Social Media.

I am looking forward to the TCA National Meet in Rhode Island in June. I hope a few of you can make it there as this is a very special part of the US of A. I have always been a history buff and doing a couple of tours and walking the area is good therapy. Plus seeing many of our fine national members and bragging about the Pacific Northwest is always fun. I will do, my best, to make the Division proud of my being there. It is an honor to be the spokesman for you.

So, let's get a good start on the Division scene by having a great showing of members at the March 4th Winter Meet. It will be a pleasure to see your smiling faces and enjoy your fellowship once more. Thanks for being a part of our Wonderful Division.

Yours in Trains, Rick

TCA-PNWD website: www.traincollector.org

Seattle Chapter News

Glenn Raymond - President



The February meet found lots of changes coming to the Seattle Chapter. The membership voted to change our hall rental times (meeting times) from 7AM-12 noon to 8AM-1PM. I talked with Lake City Community Center (LCCC) and there no conflicts with having a later start time. We also voted to eliminate Seattle Chapter meets during the months there is a division meet in hopes more people will attend Chehalis. We also voted to raise door fees to \$10.00 per meet to cover the new rental fees. We are still trying to get a rent reduction, but nothing to report yet.

LCCC is having an Easter egg hunt on March 31 at 10AM. They have requested all of the tenants have a table to show off what takes place at the center. I plan to take a few of my trains and display them on a table along with some TCA applications. If somebody else wants to come, please let me know. We won't be running trains and will only be there a couple of hours at most.

Members Running, Selling & Buying Trains! Oh, yes, there is always plenty of doughnuts and coffee. We all know this is a 'staple' at the train meet!

Our "show and tell" program will continue in April with Lionel Prewar trains. May will be either Ives trains or Lionel Prewar accessories.

Since there is no chapter meeting in June, due to the Division Meet chapter elections will be held in May with inauguration at the July meet. If you ever wanted to see your name in lights and make the big bucks, please consider running for office.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Chehalis,

Glenn

A friend of Glenn brought this wonderful Erector Hudson with Tender to the January Show & Tell. Go further into this Logger and see all of the wonderful other Erector Items brought

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

New - Please Review Below

Seattle Chapter 2018 Meet Schedule

- April 8
- May 13
- June - Division Meet
- August 12
- September 9
- October - Division Meet
- November 11
- December 9

Hours 8AM - 1PM



Portland Chapter

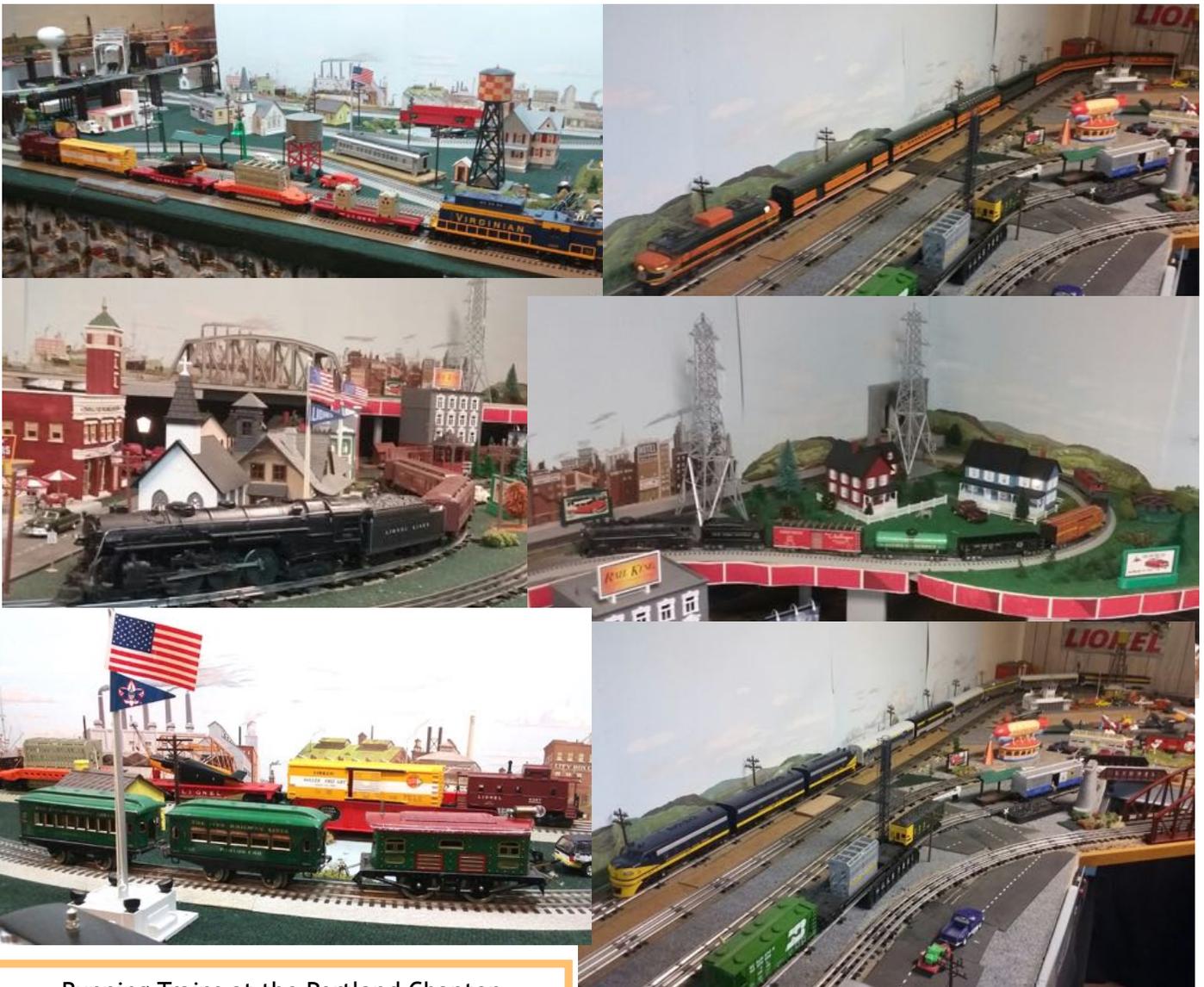
Peter Schuytema - President



Monthly meet attendance remained relatively strong through the end of 2017 and into 2018, especially when there weren't any conflicts with other shows. After a few years of declining attendance at the November Open House, the trend reversed dramatically with almost 100 attendees with lots of families! Likes on our Facebook page continue to increase which led into a much greater response to our paid ad this year. We're hoping that this base will keep attendance close to this level for a while. Clearly the move to the beginning of the holiday season was the correct one. The joint TTOS/TCA December banquet was also well attended with lots of good deals, food, fun and conversation to be had!

Peter

Action From The Portland TCA Chapter Clubhouse



Running Trains at the Portland Chapter Clubhouse - Every 3rd Sunday of the Month. Come One Come All!!!

Treasure Valley Chapter

Lloyd Gilkey - President



In January we did some repairs to the layout that were needed. This took several different days but we got it done and everything is working great!

January we took our layout to the Boise Library for the public to “run” the trains. We had a very good turnout - 200+. We have been asked back for next year.

We also had our monthly meeting at Ted and Julie Thornton’s. There was a great turnout of members. Ted & Julie always do a great job of entertaining us.

February we took our layout to the Ustick & Cole Library. This is a smaller library therefore we did not have as many “engineers”

March we will be at Bown Crossing Library with the layout and also have our monthly meeting at George & Linda Asadourian’s home.



TCA National Convention News

Where: Warwick, Ri
When: June 23rd-July 1st



The 2018 TCA National Convention is hosted by the NETCA Division. Joe Fanara, now President of the National TCA and his group of Convention Volunteers promise a ‘good time and FREE PARKING’ to all. It is right in the middle of New England and there is so much to do and see. Boston is a little over an hour away or maybe a trip out to Cape Cod. Sheila and I have traveled the area a couple of times and have found it very, very entertaining. The history of the Grand Old U.S. of A. starts here! With the convention held at the time it is it will be perfect weather to see the sights and sounds of New England. I am looking forward to this trip and all of the scheduled events. Be sure to keep up with all of the happenings in the TCA Quarterly and HeadQuarters News. You can also go on-line to www.traincollectors.org for the latest information. And, if you need updates you can email the office of the TCA: membership@traincollectors.org and talk to Amy.



TCA-PNWD Social Media

Dick Walters



One of the best uses of our Division website www.traincollector.org is in staying current on meet scheduling.

Recent modifications to both our Pacific Northwest Division and Seattle Chapter meets show this to be a valuable and relevant feature in keeping us all well-informed and up-to-date.

Our division and each chapter also has specific meet information - including dates, locations and contact information - noted in our website, as well as links directly to both our Division and Chapter Face Book pages.

The multi-month calendar at the bottom our website home page features not only our own Division and Chapter meet info, but also info on other relevant train-related activities and we encourage members to submit their input here - event, location and dates - so we can share with others.

As always, it works better for all of us if all of us can contribute for the 'good of the order'.

Have FUN, Kids!

My Best, Dick Walters



Pacific Northwest Division Meet
March 4th, 2018
Chehalis Moose Lodge
1400 Grand Avenue
Business Meeting @ 9:30AM
Coffee & Goodies Ready at
9:00AM



Upcoming Train Meets

February 24-25
March 4

UNW Model RR Club 26th Annual
TCA-PNWD Division Meet

Monroe, WA
Centralia, WA

Evergreen State Fairgrounds
Chehalis Moose Hall



A collection of Seattle Chapter Members Erector Sets brought to the January Show and Tell. It was PHENOMENAL! It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Thanks to all who brought their work.



Show & Tell is a wonderful way to increase attendance at our meets. It is a 'HOOT!'

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 on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Lake City Community Center/12531-28th Ave NE Seattle, WA. Doors open at 8:00AM Table Sales @ 9AM
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TREASURE VALLEY/BOISE

Meets held at various member places on a monthly basis.
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**2018 Winter Meet in Centralia @
The Chehalis Moose Lodge
03/04/2018**

**2018 Spring Meet in Centralia @
The Chehalis Moose Lodge
06/03/18**

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