Our Winter of 2019 Division Meet was very-well attended. We had just enough tables for all to sell. The Board of Directors look forward to our ‘Get Ready For Summer’ meet in June. All who attended seemed to like the ‘Continental Breakfast’ and we will try to add something different at each meet.

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

 Scenes From The Spring Meet showing raffle items and Goodies!
Election ballots are out and please do your part in participating by returning in the SASE to Floyd ‘Nick’ Nichols (HE76-9553). As you can recall I mentioned I was “riding off into the sunset” in the last Logger. Well, that did not happen. I, along with Matt, will be running for President and Treasurer. We also have a nomination, Frank Donze, for our open Member-At-Large. Frank, many years ago, made the cover of the TCA Quarterly. While in the Coast Guard Frank had an opportunity to run a train around the North Pole of all places. Amazing!! Since retired Frank now works for the WA State Ferry System as an electrician. He enjoys the train hobby and collects Postwar Lionel, Prewar Ives, etc. Frank is involved with our Seattle Chapter and aids at the Division Meets.

We are having a very good year retaining membership and even adding a couple. Thanks to all who participate in chapter and division events. The division/chapter leaders are a very dedicated group of volunteers who, for the most part have regular jobs. Thanks to all of you!

We are ramping up our efforts on the PNWD Club Cars. We have designs into our TCA Car Chairman, Stu Rankin. We will have more on that very soon. It will be, more than likely, a suite of 4 Atlas Reefers. We are being aided by Jim Schell, who came up with the design a couple of years ago.

There are many things happening at National TCA in Strasburg, PA. Their website, www.traincollectors.org, is very user friendly and you can see all of the latest goings-on. The Library, led by Lori, has a mountain of information you can access. Also our own Dick Walters, who keeps our website, www.traincollector.org, pretty much up-to-the moment with help from our club friend Steve Flinchbaugh.

We are in the TCA Annual Appeal phase and the Division will be donating $1500 to the Endowment Fund($600 from Division and $300 from each Chapter).

I cannot stress enough the satisfaction it gives me and other board members, for all members being a part of our great PNWD organization. Take a look at the Boise Chapter page to see how they give back to the community. Cheers, Rick

TCA-PNWD website:  www.traincollector.org

Spring/Summer Pacific Northwest Division Meet
June 9, 2019
Chehalis Moose Lodge
1400 Grand Avenue
Business Meeting @ 9:30AM
Coffee & Goodies Ready at 9:00AM
**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

Just a reminder that we are attempting to gather a history of our club so if you have any old Logger Newsletters, correspondence, photos, memorabilia, newspaper ads, etc., etc., etc., please forward them to Dan McLain. He will be publishing interesting items here for all of us to enjoy. Donated items will be periodically sent to TCA National who is now maintaining chapter history files.

**RUSS HAFDAL**

Russ was an early and active member of our club who eventually bought and operated the hobby shop in Knott’s Berry Farm. Below are cuts from an old full page newspaper bio showing his collection in the early days of our club.

**Reflection from Dan:**

Another train meet, another table and there is yet another beautiful prewar American Flyer engine with the wheels and boiler casting crumbling. As I stand over such casualties it never ceases to amaze me that over years a small amount of impurities in the melt will migrate in this pot metal\* and congregate into to fault lines providing such forces as to tear a casting apart. Think of the internal forces needed to accomplish this. Tom Carney adds: The impurities seek out similar atoms and form large inclusions in the grain boundaries causing failure.

I will relate an experience that my good friend Elmer Gustafson (TCA charter member and longtime PNW TCA chapter member) told me eons ago. Seems that after countless years of searching for a nice Dorfan locomotive with a perfect casting, he finally found one needing only to be repainted. After stripping the paint he proceeded to go over to his laundry basin and wash it clean with hot water. Suddenly Elmer heard a large ‘POP!’ Bewildered he looked down at his hands and all that was left of his engine casting was a few small morsels of his beloved find. Looking around his room he found small chunks of metal everywhere that had become missiles apparently from the internal forces built up over the years suddenly cutting loose. Terrible loss but at least he was left with a good story to tell so I thought I would pass it on.

Note: The pot metal typically used was Zamak being made from a combination of Aluminum, Magnesium and Copper
Club History Photos, from the Seattle Times in the 1960’s of longtime TCA-PNWD member Russ Hafsdahl. Russ was also a Lionel Service Station/Dealer.
The Treasure Valley Chapter (Boise/Meridian) has been very busy this year.

We have donated a layout (see below photo) to the Children’s Museum in Meridian. This Museum is for children 2 yrs to 8 yrs. and must be accompanied by an adult. Adults have to have a child with them in order to attend. The project has been time consuming but fun. Hats go off to Ron Morris, Cliff Lange, Owen Farrar and Mike Peck for all their expertise.

In January, February and March we took our layout to the Boise Main Library, Ustick Library and Bown Library respectively. Bill Seader was our leader for this project. Great job Bill!!! Lots of kids went through our line to be “engineers”.

We had a meeting at Julie & Ted Thornton’s in January and Linda & Bill vonTagen’s in February. These were well attended and we had three new members join. Welcome!

On April 6 we had our meeting at Rich Murguritio’s. Rose and Rich put on a great train meet. Talk about lots of trains!!!! Hamburgers & chorizos were served with lots of salads and desserts. July 10 to July 16 takes our Chapter to Sandy, Utah for the NRMA show. We have been asked to participate; we are giving it a try. The event will be held at Mountain American Expo Center in Sandy, Utah.

While there we are planning to ride the Heber Train Provo Canyon Special. This should be a great rest from the six days of the show.

We have two more meetings; one at Robert Mancus April 28 and Dave Siehl May 18. Then we will be off for the summer.

Rest well deserved!!!

Karen
Hi everybody. The Seattle Chapter has been averaging 45 people at all of our meets. April’s meet saw 52 in attendance! It was great to see so many happy faces. We had around 45 tables set up that people could use to sell their goodies. We finally have a new contract for the use of the Lake City Community Center. Our rent went up, but we will hold the door fee at $8.00 for the foreseeable future.

The Seattle Chapter elections will be held at the May meet since there will NOT be a Seattle Chapter meet in June. I will be running for President, Scott Law will be running for Treasurer, and Randy Unger will be running for Secretary. Bob Washburn will not be running for vice president. As a result, we still need somebody to step up to the plate for Vice President. Please contact me if you are interested.

**THE MAY MEET WILL BE THE FIRST SUNDAY (MAY 5)**

***INSTEAD OF THE SECOND SUNDAY.***

The PNW Division elections will be upon us soon. Ballots will be sent to everybody in the division. Please be sure to vote and put your membership number on the envelope. No number = ballot will not count.

The “Show and Tell” educational portion of our meets continue to be a hit. In May we will be “What’s under the paint”. Postwar Lionel from the 50s and 60s will be featured. These cars all had badly damaged paint and were of little value. They provide some interesting insight into Lionel’s production methods. July will feature postwar Lionel transformers.

Please continue to visit the division website for all of the latest train shows and other information. The Facebook pages for the chapters are also a good source of information. If you are a Facebook member, there are several pages on or about Lionel and American Flyer trains. Most contain good information about collecting, restoration and modeling techniques.

Until next time,

Glenn TCA #93-38118  ph. 253 576 7688,

The above photo shows some of Glenn’s handiwork of stripping the paint off of postwar Lionel cars. It is amazing to see all the different colors of plastic that were painted over. The passenger cars you see were 2400 series green/grey from the 1940’s. Like I said Amazing!! When at York I saw this set of cars that were stripped and put back with chassis with their trucks and lighting.
As we work into spring, attendance remains strong for the Portland Chapter meets with members continually bringing a wide range of eras and manufacturers to run on the club layouts. At the March meet, Dick and Barbara Flinchbaugh visited and donated a handmade circus train to the chapter that they had won in the December Banquet Auction. I’m sure we will see this on the rails accompanying the popular electronic “mooing” train full of animated stock cars at the next open house!

Peter Schuytema - President

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

Photos from the March, 2019 Meet by Rob Cook

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.

Go Online to View all of the Happenings and register for the June 2019 National TCA Convention: www.TCACONVENTION.ORG
We have discussed the use of Face Book and our own website to both provide and retrieve information about TCA and other train-related materials, but we have not spent time here discussing security.

First, let me say that each and every one of you who are viewing this on your hand-held device or laptop computer or personal computer or note-pad is using a combination of different brands and different capabilities and different software. You each are using - or not using - dedicated security software which (hopefully) will permit secure receiving and sending of pictures and written information. Some of this dedicated security software is provided either free or for a subscription price by your Internet-provider, software originator, and Web-service or hardware provider.

Are you ‘covered’ for malicious acts that unscrupulous people want to use to get at your money? Well, electronic provisions will only go so far in doing so, and the rest is up to YOU.

There are plenty of after-market software companies who sell products to MINIMIZE these attempts to ‘hack’ into our information base, but nothing is as secure as knowledge of what to avoid.

I could spend a whole lot more time discussing this aspect of Social Media, but I suggest you go online to get tips (free!) from qualified sources (i.e., AARP, Consumers Report, major software manufacturers) who offer this information in far more detail.

Remember: “Don’t open a file that is sent to you if you don’t know who sent it” is probably the best and easiest thing to do to avoid real problems!

My best,
Dick Walters
Division Secretary and Internet/Social Media
E-mail walters1221@comcast.net

Facebook ID’s
PNWD: TCA-Pacific Northwest Division
Seattle: TCA-Seattle Chapter
Portland: Portland Chapter TCA
Treasure Valley(Boise): TCA-Treasure Valley Chapter
The meeting was called to order by Division President Rick Dunn at 9:45AM.

Minutes from the October 7, 2018 meet were read and approved by the members present.

The **Treasurer’s Report** was presented by Treasurer Matt Graves who reported a current checking account balance of $10,635.60 not taking into account the door fees or expenses for today’s meet.

Matt also reported that our current Division membership stands at the 2018 level.

Welcome back from ‘medical leave’ our Division Vice-President Mike Bowerman! Mike had successful open-heart surgery two months back and is recovering nicely now.

**Old Business:**
None

**New Business:**
June 9th begins the 2019 National Convention in Albuquerque, NM

TCA National 2019 Endowment Fund Gift from our Division will total $600; each chapter is responsible for donating $300 to same for a total of $1500. Rick explained in detail the workings of the fund, and that purpose for which the fund will better provide for the greater good of the entire organization.

Division Officer elections will be in June, and positions to be voted upon are President, Treasurer, and a Member At Large. Rick announced that he will not be seeking re-election, but will continue to support the new President and the organization by preparing the Logger. Those desiring to hold office should contact Rick for more information on the positions’ duties and responsibilities. Dennis Tichi is stepping down as a Member-At-Large and Frank Donze was nominated to take his place

Upcoming regional train show information was discussed and the members were informed that this information is also available on our Division website calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17AM

Respectfully submitted
Dick Walters
TCA PND Secretary
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/WIN BIG.

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.

Rare Item Seen At April, ’19 York

The York Train Meet, held twice a year, is a phenomenal place for friends to get together. It is also a place where you will see items that you never imagined existed. This is one of them.

What you are looking at is a briefcase that holds a Lionel Salesman’s Sample Set. This would have been taken around to Service Stations and Dealer’s to be a sales aid for their new line. This particular item is from 1937 and contains the latest gauge Lionel was producing. This is a “00” ga Salesman’s Sample Set. This is one of the rarest Lionel collectable items you could come across. It is quite stunning, to say the least!!
June 9, 2019 PNWD TCA Spring Division Meet
Registration Form
Chehalis Moose Hall 1400 Grand Avenue Centraia, WA
PRE-REGISTRATION SHOULD BE IN BY May 31, 2019

Member Name______________________________ TCA No._____________
Address:______________________________ Phone No: (______)______________
City:________________________ State:____ Zip:________________________
Spouses/Family Names_____________/_____________/_____________
Guests________________________/__________________/_____________
Member Signature:_________________________ Date:___/___/____

I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the Train Collectors Association(TCA) and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time. Specifically including all the rules and regulations of all TCA Committees and actions and rulings of all TCA Committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA member or at any TCA sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer’s original condition unless I have caused any such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.

Registration--------------- $  9.00
Tables-------$10/ea. # of tables(_____) x $10.00= $ _____

Grand Total   $ _____

Please make checks payable to: PNWD TCA SEND TO: Matthew Graves
Do Not Send Cash!! PNWD TCA TREASURER
15008 147th Ave E Orting, WA 98360

Meet Schedule
08:00 a.m. HALL SET UP WITH OFFICERS ONLY
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Coffee & Continental Breakfast for Members and Guests
09:00 a.m. Registrations and admission desk is open
Get sign-up sheet for live auction at the front desk
09:30 a.m. Membership meeting, short and lively
10:00 a.m. Trading Floor opens after membership meeting
11:45 a.m. Live Auction Begins

*******COFFEE WILL BE HOT AND READY TO GO AROUND 8:45AM*******
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
email: ppschuyma@comcast.net
See meet schedule on page 6

SEATTLE
Usually the 2nd Sunday of most months at Lake City Community Center/12531-28th Ave NE Seattle, WA. 8AM to 1PM
Contact: Glenn Raymond 253 576-7688
email: trainbrane@comcast.net
See meet schedule on page 6

TREASURE VALLEY/BOISE
Meets held at various member places on a monthly basis.
Contact: Lloyd Gilkey 208 850-9353
email: 1995L.GtrainZ@gmail.com

2019 Spring Meet in Centralia @ The Chehalis Moose Lodge
06/09/2019

2019 Summer Meet in Centralia @ The Chehalis Moose Lodge
10/27/2019