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 10, 2019

What a great time was had by all who attended the October, ’18 Fall Meet. We anticipate a very good showing at our 2019 Winter Division Meet. There will be raffle items and a Continental Breakfast with Fruits, Pastries, Drinks and the likes. No shortage of food here and lots of community and comradery. Hope you ‘save the date’ and come and join us.

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 Division Fall Meet!
Fun was had by all. Save the Date: March 10, 2019 and Come on Down!
I want to start off by saying we have a very wonderful train community in the PNWD. As you read through this latest version of the Logger I believe you will notice what I have been saying over the last six years, we have “great fellowship and comradeship”!

As we look forward to new elections for President, Treasurer and one Member-At-Large let’s keep in mind what qualifications it takes to fill these positions. Ask yourself, who, in our various chapters, can “fill the bill”?

We have had a wonderful run over the last six years and it is my time to “ride off into the sunset”. My takeaway from my tenure is one thing: Gosh, there are just some wonderful individuals I have met in our PNWD region. I consider you all to be my friends and I hope you feel the same way.

I look forward to still participating as a member and will help the new President in any way I can to make the transition smooth. But, with new leadership comes new ideas which will be welcomed.

Let’s make the Winter Division Meet another strong one. It is great that we can get together in “the middle” somewhere. We will be able to bring nominations to the floor. And, even if you cannot make it drop me an email with someone you might think worthy of consideration.

I attended the Christmas Parties in the Portland and Seattle Chapters this past December and boy was it fun. Smiles, Smiles and more Smiles. That’s what I am talking about. The one thing I’m disappointed, in my tenure, is that I did not get to the Boise Area. I know these folks are as cordial as anyone and their Facebook postings show their fellowship is TIGHT!

In this Logger, which I consider to be my best effort, everyone who participated did a wonderful job of getting the information to me ‘poste haste’. Thank you!

Also, please help us in the National TCA “Win Big” membership drive. Bringing new folks “into the fold” is a good thing. I hope to see some of you in Albuquerque for the National Convention.

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

Pacific Northwest Division Meet
March 10, 2019
Chehalis Moose Lodge
1400 Grand Avenue
Business Meeting @ 9:30AM
Coffee & Goodies Ready at 9:00AM
Legend has it that Jack French was a motorman (engineer) for the Puget Sound Electric (PSE) interurban that ran between Seattle and Tacoma. This interurban line ceased operation in 1928.

Later Jack had a home along Pacific Hwy 99 just north of Midway. He did cabinet work and dabbled as a small time junk dealer at this site. He operated Lionel ‘O” gauge trains and had a small three level layout located on the upper floor of his home. In the late 1940’s he purchased some surplus Lionel trains after the Christmas Holiday and put them up for sale in the front window of his home. At that time almost all the traffic between Seattle and Tacoma used Hwy 99. His sales were so good that he decided to go into selling Lionel trains as part of his other businesses.

His train business prospered and sometime later (early 50’s) he tore down his old house and built a new one but with an addition on the front for a store. His business continued to grow through the 50’s and by the early 60’s he decided to build a large addition for a 20’ by 50’ layout depicting the fruitful Kent valley. Much of the driving force for building the layout was to hopefully capture tourist dollars generated by the 1962 Seattle Worlds Fair. As visitors viewed the layout in operation, Jack would describe in detail both the history and culture of the valley with its dairy farms and agriculture of strawberries with three railroads bisecting it. A far sight from today. After touring this layout, visitors were directed to the basement where Jack displayed his extensive train collection along with other antiques.

Jack was a showman and he would use compressed air to operate his live steam toys and expound with stories and the history behind his trains. The reader must remember that in these days very little was known and a collector had only resources like the Hertz books, articles in Railroad Model Craftsman, old catalogs and sales list of items being sold by other collectors. One frequent story he told was that an auto dealer offered him a new car for his rare 1 gauge Marklin crocodile locomotive. Jack would smile and quip that if he had done that years ago, the car would be virtually worthless but this loco was now worth much more than a new car now.

He was friendly to all of us kids and would take time to show us how to do simple repairs. He also encouraged us to join TCA as his guest and served many a year as the auctioneer in our PNW TCA meets.
Business slowly declined through the 60’s and with his health beginning to fail he retired in the mid 70’s. In the 1980’s his remaining stock and other assets were auctioned and the layout was dismantled in preparation for sale of the property.

Some years later his sign was spotted in a California antique mall sliced down the middle to make two identical mired signs- price was $5,000 each. It was a captivating sign depicting a turn-of-the-century 4-4-0 with the inscription ‘French’s Train Show House” all in neon.

As a final note, Jack had purchased from the Asarco smelter a 0-4-0-saddle tank engine that sat outside his shop for years. He used its firebox as his burning barrel. It eventually went back to Tacoma and was displayed at Point Defiance Park in the Camp 6 logging exhibit and now resides in private ownership.

His shop was a joy to many of us boys in the 1950’s and dads driving past his shop must have anticipated the call to please STOP. It is difficult today to convey just how much toy trains were integrated into a typical boys culture in the 1950’s but it really was that way. The old saying is the ‘you can’t go back to your youth’ but I beg the question; ‘as collectors, did we ever really leave it?’.

Photos courtesy of Tom Carney, Billy Lowe, John O’Neal and yours truly.
On January 12 & 13 the Treasure Valley Chapter of TCA took their layout to the Great Train Show held at the Idaho Fairgrounds. We had a lot of “kids” go through our lines to get the wonderful experience of “being the engineer”. Maybe 500?

Although the show was not big by some standards, everyone had a wonderful time. Some of the vendors sold out and were hoping they could get product shipped to Puyallup in time for that show the following weekend.

A speedster got lots of attention. The Owner was asked many questions. He did his best to show people how to acquire one if they so desired.

The “kiddy car” was a huge success! This “car” was like a pedal car but the hands did the work instead of the feet. Cost $5 a shot with the line going all through the show. The owner said he was going to have to find a place to “stash” his money - what a problem to have.

We have some new members as a result of this show. They are welcome.

The Great Train Show indicated that they will be back next year.

We will welcome them!!
Division Election Update

There are upcoming officer elections. This year we will elect a new President, Treasurer and At-Large Director (Dennis Tichi) positions. We will take nominations from the floor at the March 10th Winter Division Meet. Or, just email me with someone you feel is qualified for any of the positions.

Seattle Chapter News

Glenn Raymond - President

It's been quite a Winter and Spring is just around the corner. The November meet featured any and all items related to the Pacific Northwest Division being 60 years old! December meet was our annual Christmas Party. We decided to have no meet fee. There was tons of food and lots of full tummies! We raised $449.00 in cash; had 50lbs of non-perishable food, and 50 lbs of used clothing donated by our members for the Fish Foodbanks! Hats off to everybody!! January saw an exciting presentation of Pre and Postwar American Flyer trains. What a thrill! February's topic will be Lionel Postwar transformers. We have been averaging 43 members per meet. There will be no March Seattle Chapter so plan to attend the PNW Division Meet on March 10th in Chehalis.

Enjoy the photo’s from the January, 2019 Seattle Chapter “American Flyer” Show & Tell Program. These programs have been well-run and super informative for our members. Thanks

Seattle Chapter 2019 Meet Schedule
February 10
April 14
May 12
July 14
August 11
September 8
November 10
December 8
Christmas Party

***Hours 8AM - 1PM***
The Portland Chapter had a successful Open House last November with over 60 members and the public joining us for a fun-filled afternoon. We even managed to gain at least one additional new member to us and the TCA as a whole! The December Joint TCA-TTOS Christmas Banquet had a very good attendance although because of demographics and developed collections. Along with great food there was a raffle and auction which is split by both clubs. There may be changes for next year to help to try to boost this part of the banquet as it is the primary way the local chapters get income. Our January meet was also well attended, so the monthly meets are starting off strong for 2019. Here’s to 2019! Peter Schuytema - President

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

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
“This year learn more about social media sites, and how they can provide fun and effective ways to send your own train experiences to others in our hobby.”

January 2019 has seen the Great Train Show converge at or near the areas where our three chapters are located. The use of the social media site FACEBOOK by our members at each of these shows has provided the opportunity to share experiences, get feedback and create additional interest and excitement within our hobby.

Our Division and each of our chapters have a FACEBOOK site: Treasure Valley: TCA - Treasure Valley Chapter, Portland: Portland Chapter TCA, Seattle: TCA - Seattle Chapter, TCA Pacific Northwest Division: TCA - Pacific Northwest Division. Each site also has our members posting their videos and pictures of the activities at TCA meets as well as regional train shows.

It is not only the FACEBOOK sites of our own Division that create interest, but other sites too - such as Lionel Toy Train Owners, Tinplate Toy Trains - which collectively provide our Division members with more information, historical data and additional ‘links’.

Along with the more immediate nature of FACEBOOK, our Division website www.traincollector.org provides a calendar of upcoming events, snapshots of important historical note, up-to-date information on the leadership of our Division, TCA National and Division membership renewal forms, members’ collections and links to TCA National and other train-related sites.

Social media is used by ALL of us each day in one form or another. Your desk-top personal computer, hand-held ‘smart phone’, laptop computer or notebook computer are all capable of reaching these sites at no cost: Please utilize these opportunities to be better informed about our hobby and to share your own hobby experiences with others!

My best,
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Seattle: TCA-Seattle Chapter
Portland: Portland Chapter TCA
Treasure Valley(Boise): TCA-Treasure Valley Chapter
Of the guests, many were comprised of families. We encouraged the kids to take hands-on command (and responsibility!!!) for running the various consists, and they did a remarkable job!!. The engagement by the kids, and their parents, is very encouraging.

Many PNWD members will be at the Monroe Train Meet. Dates are February 23rd & 24th. The meet is open to the public from 10AM-5PM on Saturday and 10AM to 4PM on Sunday. We all hope to see your smiling faces there.
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.

“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.
March 10, 2019 PNWD TCA Winter Division Meet
Registration Form
Chehalis Moose Hall 1400 Grand Avenue Centralia, WA
PRE-REGISTRATION SHOULD BE POSTMARKED BY March 3, 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
Orting, WA 98360

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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 AT 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: pschuytema@comcast.net

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 208 939-1338
email: 1995LGtrainZ@gmail.com

2019 Winter Meet in Centralia @ The Chehalis Moose Lodge 03/10/2019

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