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Train Collectors Association

"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 1, 2017

Your BOD is preparing for another great time at the Chehalis Moose Hall. Of course, we say 'Chehalis' knowing it is in Centralia at 1400 Grand Avenue. There will be great food, drawings for both the members and ladies in attendance, and a raffle to raise some monies for the division. We are keeping costs down even though we are now paying a higher rent fee. We feel it is important just to 'break even' on these get-togethers.

We will begin with breakfast being served at 7:30AM while the sellers are setting up. The business meeting will start around 9AM. The table sales will start at around 9:30AM and lunch will be served at around 11:45AM. There will be the usual lively auction with auctioneer Dick Walters performing with his 'train-crew'.

So please make plans to attend and keep this sight viable as a venue to meet. It is very important for you all to do your best to get there for the life of the division meeting at the 'mid-point' between Portland and Seattle.

Dick Walters Taking On The Task of Internet Fusion



Since Dick retired as Seattle Chapter President he has been busy bringing the Facebook Pages of the Division and Chapters together. He has also been working on our web presence at www.traincollector.org into the present day. It was very out-dated and is now taking a different look with a more modern feel. You can get much information about not only our division but other TCA Division sites with just the click of your mouse.

The BOD thanks Dick for his continuing involvement in trying to improve the experience of our division membership.

If any member has something of interest to post on Facebook sites you will have to 'join' the group. We can accomplish many things with this presence and it is a fun way to share our 'train' experience. So "like" all of the Facebook entities: TCA-Seattle Chapter; Portland Chapter TCA; TCA-Treasure Valley Chapter; and TCA-Pacific Northwest Division!



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we head into the Fall Season in the Northwest we get to do many 'indoor' activities. For TCA-PNWD members that is family, football and trains. I look forward to a very good Fall and the 'get-togethers' with fellow club members. Our Chapter meets are always fun at the different area venues but, to me, the meets for the Division are a big reason for membership. To see the faces 3-4 times a year and talk trains, family and what-ever is very rewarding to me.

The Michael's, Bowerman and Finn, are building a layout for use at the GTE Shows for the Division and Seattle Chapter. It will have Standard Gauge, O Gauge and S Gauge loops. We will be needing help to man the booth and verse those coming to the show of our great club. This is important for the longevity of the TCA. Most of us are 'seasoned' citizens and youth is so important for us to 'keep the toy train adventure' alive.

The dates for the Puyallup GTE shows are Nov. 11-12, 2017 & Jan. 20-21, 2018. The Portland GTE will be held on Jan. 27-28, 2018. So along with the Holiday get-togethers this should be a very, 'turkey-like' stuffed toy train season.

As you noticed on the front page, Dick Walters, Internet Guru, has taken a very pro-active position with the division and it is 'welcomed with open arms'. It is our intention to enhance the internet experience for the members and for others who are not informed of our purpose of continuing the 'toy train' experience. Your input is welcomed and you can reach Dick at walters1221@comcast.net.

The Summer Pittsburgh TCA National Convention was great. We had a great experience. The business meetings were very productive and the City was quite nice. A job well-done by the Fort Pitt people for their hard work. We did make our Division/Chapters donation to the Endowment Fund. With all of the Division's doing their share and the METCA Division & National TCA having matching funds, it brought the investment up to around \$65K Hats off to all of us!!!

It will be a pleasure to see your smiling faces and enjoy the community of the TCA-PNWD at Chehalis on the 1st of October. Hopefully you will be able to make it and share your stories with all of us. It is about trains but the social side of our hobby is what makes it very special to me. Bring a guest and introduce them to our experience. It would be great to see new faces.

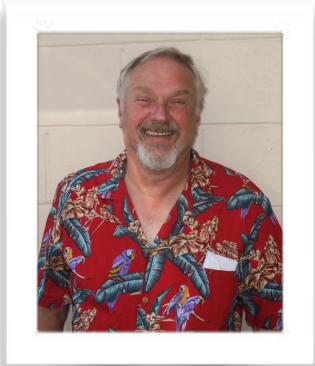
Thanks for being a part of our Wonderful Division.

Best Wishes, Rick

TCA-PNWD website: www.traincollector.org

Seattle Chapter News

Glenn Raymond – President



First off, please let me introduce myself. I'm Glenn Raymond, the new chapter President of the Seattle Chapter. I've been a member of TCA since 1993. I was Vice President of the Seattle Chapter last year. I received my first train set when I was about 10. I got the Marx set and my brother got the Lionel set! Now I have them both. I took a break from trains during high school, but reentered the train world around 1970. The rest as they say is history. I currently focus mainly on Postwar Lionel, but also dabble in Prewar and MPC/current production.

In chapter news, we currently average about 45 members attending meetings. We are currently searching for a new home (hopefully not) due to building operation issues. Hopefully these will be resolved soon and we can continue to meet at the Lake City Community Center.

We've added a new "feature" to our meets where members bring items from their collections and give a talk about them. Recently we had a enlightening talk about the Girls train and all of the associated cars. We've also had talks on Lionel "air canisters", Lionel cable reels, Plasticville trees and lots of others.

Please feel free to come visit, our door is always open for visitors especially from other chapters or divisions.

Mark the 2nd Sunday of the month for a great time at the Seattle Chapter

Glenn



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!

Portland Chapter

Peter Schuytema - President



After a long hot smoky summer, I think we are all looking forward to the cooler fall weather and the semi-official "train season." Chapter meet attendance has held steady allowing for a steady flow of a wide variety of domestic and foreign, postwar, prewar, and modern era trains running on the clubhouse layouts. We've had a number of guests from other TCA members (not division members) to a member of the Desert Division who brought a poster promoting the 2019 TCA National Convention in Albuquerque (which looks to be a great location!). The November 19th Open House preparations are underway with flyers going to the printer and the procurement of raffle items for this event and the December 3rd joint TCA-TTOS banquet.

Peter

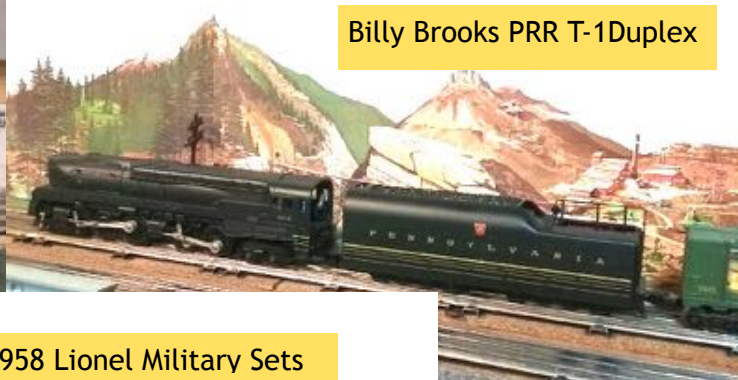
Doughnuts/Train Meet? - Oh Yeah!



Ray Gallahan's Lionel 44 Special



Lynn Nystrom's Lionel PRR F3 Set



Billy Brooks PRR T-1 Duplex



Rob Cook's 1958 Lionel Military Sets

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

Treasure Valley Chapter

Lloyd Gilkey - President



On August 18 our Chapter met at Mark Flitton's for the most enjoyable day any train enthusiast could ever have. We rode Mark's trains!!!! Mark has 26 acres to run these wonderful trains.

The ladies brought potluck dishes to add to the chicken sandwiches that Mark and Debbie furnished. Add great conversation to all of the above and you have an exciting and memorable Saturday afternoon.

Bill Seader took the above group picture of the ones he could round up. Great bunch of individuals.



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 Amv.

From The Internet/Social Media Desk

The past few months has seen much activity in updating our division and chapter Internet and Social Media sites.

Beginning with 'cleaning up' of our own www.traincollector.org website, much has been accomplished in bringing the contents and links up to date and offering an easier way to navigate the TCA "information highway".

Our homepage now provides the means by which you can access our division and each chapter Facebook page directly with a single click (be sure to 'like' to stay in the loop), as well as identifying our division and chapter meet information.

Under "Links" in the left column, you now have one-click access to a multitude of divisions and chapters' websites around our country. This can be especially valuable for those who may be travelling and desire to visit other TCA train meets as well as seeing how they are 'doing business'.

Soon to be updated will be the "Our History" link in the left column, which gives a detailed history of the Pacific Northwest Division founding and subsequent highlights from the past 60 years.

Stay tuned here. More will be added and improved upon to make your Pacific Northwest Division website an easier and more interesting place to visit for your toy train experience.

My best to you all for a great Fall of train collecting and hobby fellowship!

Dick Walters



Puyallup GTE Train Show Nov.
11-12, 2017 & January 20-21, 2018
Portland GTE Train Show - Jan. 27-28,
2018



Other Train Meets & Happenings this Winter

October 07-08	Lynden Train Show	Lynden, WA	
December 02	Railroad Show & Swap Meet	Rickreall, OR	Polk County Fairgrounds
December 03	Joint TCA/TTOS Christmas Banquet	Portland, OR	Monarch Hotel
December 10	Seattle Chapter Christmas Party	Seattle, WA	Lake City Community Ctr.
February 24-25	UNW Model RR Club 26th Annual	Monroe, WA	Evergreen State Fairgrounds
March 4	TCA-PNWD Division Meet	Centralia, WA	Chehalis Moose Hall



Very unusual items seen at the recent Seattle Chapter Meet. The 4 pictures of Oga Marklin are turn-of-the-century(20th) and are superb original items.



Facebook ID's

- PNWD: TCA-Pacific Northwest Division
- Seattle: TCA-Seattle Chapter
- Portland: Portland Chapter TCA
- Treasure Valley(Boise): TCA-Treasure Valley Chapter



This wonderful photograph was sent to me by Kevin Quinn, President of TCA METCA Division. It is taken at the Hoboken Train Station on September 11, 2017 showing the tribute to the Twin Towers, across the Hudson River. To me it is about as moving and telling of a story there can be. As I write this I am getting goosebumps. Pray to God it never happens again!

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 9a.m. to 1p.m. Meeting and Auction
Contact: Peter Schuytema 503 363-5831
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SEATTLE

Held the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Lake City Community Center/12531-28th Ave NE Seattle, WA. Doors open at 8:30a.m. Table Sales @ 9am
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TREASURE VALLEY/BOISE

Meets held at various member places on a monthly basis.
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**2017 Summer/Fall Meet in Centralia @ The Chehalis Moose Lodge
10/01/2017**

**2018 Winter Meet in Centralia @ The Chehalis Moose Lodge
03/04/2018**

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