Train Collectors Association 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."

Dick Walters Retiring As President of the TCA-Seattle Chapter

After a number of years as President of the TCA–Seattle Chapter, Dick is passing the gavel or reins of the Chapter to new President Glenn Raymond. He has done a magnificent job and his enthusiasm to get the job done properly will be missed. He has been an integral part of the TCA–PNWD Board of Directors. You do not run across people like Dick very often and when you do it is the willingness to "get the job done properly" that amazes you. Dick will continue to aid the new President when needed as his thoughts will be key to a smooth transition.

Dick has taken on some other work for the Division which includes being Internet Co-ordinator. This entails website & Facebook presences and helping to co-ordinate with the Portland and Treasure Valley Chapters.

Dick is also involved in volunteer work with the church where he and Sandy give valuable time to help others in need. So it goes without saying that "He is a good Man!" He will be missed but still around. Thanks, Mr. Walters.
This year has been very good for the TCA–Pacific Northwest Division. Our membership has been stable and we have actually increased by a few. This is due to our membership spreading the word and enjoying the ‘community of train-fellowship’ at our respective local meets. For that I applaud all of you for a ‘job well–done’!

We have recently had division and chapter elections, and I thank you all for your participation.

We have had two division meets, March & June and both were well attended and fun was had by all. We had thoughts of pulling out of Chehalis but it is necessary for us to stay there. It is the half-way point for the Seattle–Portland groups and it would not be fair to move it unless the lack of attendance makes it so.

I will be heading to Pittsburgh for the National Convention in a couple of weeks and I do so proudly. You all have made me stay committed to ‘getting the job done’ and I wear the hat of President knowing you all have my back. I really want to emphasize how much your thoughts and ideas do make a difference. You can always email me with thoughtful ideas of how to make the club better.

It is my hope to get with Atlas and see about bringing the latest edition of the PNWD Club Cars to fruition. The suite of cars would be a vital money maker for our club and the national endowment fund.

Our annual commitment to TCA is going to the Endowment Fund(EF) Challenge put forth by METCA Division. We will be making a $1500 donation($600 from division and $300 each from chapters). These donations are being matched(up to $19,000) with an additional $25K from National for the EF. These funds will be used for items outside the annual budget which the committee deems warranted.

We will be having two GTE Shows(11/11-12/2017 & 01/20–21/2018) in Puyallup. We hope to have the Treasure Valley Layout there. Also, there is a GTE Show in Portland(01/27*28/2018). This will make for a very busy Winter Train Season. The division is hoping to have a row of members to themselves to help promote our great club.

Please remember to ‘like’ our respective Division and Chapter Facebook Presences. We would like to see them grow.

Remember, you can help us, by telling friends how great our train community is. Friends are always welcome as guests and hopefully you can help us gain new members. Thanks for being a part of our Wonderful Division.

The Best, Rick
Someone once said that ‘train season’ begins Labor Day weekend and ends on Easter weekend, though I really believe that the ‘season’ goes throughout the year. Interest at our meets has been VERY strong in 2017, with our recent April and May meet attendance seeing a full 30% increase from corresponding 2016 numbers.

A couple folks asked recently why I thought we have enjoyed such great attendance, and my answer was “because our great club offers so much FUN for our members and families!” That pretty well says it all: Moderate cost, consistent venue with good amenities, loads of trains for sale and above all the camaraderie and ‘good vibes’ surrounding the monthly gatherings.

As we go into our late spring and summer months, our annual Seattle Chapter officers’ election will have taken place at our June 11th meet.

During my 25–year membership in TCA I have held chapter or division office for 22 of those years and it was time to step down from elected offices, all of which I have enjoyed immensely.

I will continue to support the organization through my attendance, social media administration of division and chapter website and Facebook pages, and being auctioneer at both division and chapter meets.

Our now seated board is strong, knowledgeable and capable, and your support of them is a key ingredient to the future growth of our chapter.

We will have a GREAT summer train season this year and beyond!

On behalf of your Seattle Chapter board of directors,

Dick Walters, President

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**Division Election Results**

On June the 15th I received the results of the Division Election from Floyd. Thanks to all who responded(65%) and here they are: President – Rick Dunn; Treasurer – Matthew Graves; Member – At – Large – Dennis Tichi.

There will be a sale of past Division President Frank Geczi’s tools(and maybe trains) at The Flinchbaugh’s on June 24–25. Contact Dick or Barb @ 253 939–2228 or email: rflinchbau@aol.com.
As we enter the month of June and the traditional vacation season, we have still managed to keep attendance up at our Portland Chapter meets throughout the spring with lots of track time used up on the clubhouse layout and a considerable variety of items for sale from the members. It was nice to see a good attendance of Chapter members at the last Division meet and I think all would agree that all had a good time. It's election time again with both VP Lynn Nystrom and myself have agreed to serve another term (so hopefully the membership will agree). We're already gathering raffle items for the November Open House and the December banquet, as the official "train season" will soon be upon us. Although, for some of us, it's always "train season"!

Peter Schuytema  Portland TCA Chapter President

A Few Photos from Peter’s Train Room
Treasure Valley Chapter

Lloyd Gilkey
President

Treasure Valley TCA meeting May 20, 2017

We met at Jim and Sue Jones’ home for our May meeting about 12 noon. There was a very good attendance. A taco Bar was enjoyed by all that attended. The members brought the “fixins” and dessert while our hosts furnished the meat & taco shells.

We had a very nice day so sitting outside was a great pleasure that all enjoyed.

Our monthly meeting was held at Dave & Georgia Siehl’s place on Saturday, April 22 at 11 am. Our meeting was held early so members could go watch the 844 come into Nampa & Boise. We all had a wonderful time.

The 844 was built in 1944, the last of its kind before diesel replaced steam power. The 844 locomotive never officially retired and has been part of the Union Pacific fleet for 73 years. This historic locomotive has been to Boise a few times but not since 2010.

The 844 came to Boise from its home in Cheyenne, Wyo. And pulled into the Boise Depot around 5pm Saturday on a journey called the Boise Turn Special. A city celebration on Sunday will mark the 92nd anniversary of the iconic depot.

Some of Treasure Valley Chapter of TCA went as far as Gooding, Idaho to follow the train up to Nampa and then back to Boise. One member, Cliff Lang, said the train would be next to his property in Nampa. All the members were invited to go to his home to watch the 844 speed by.
I have attached pictures of the Harley Davidson Event that the Treasure Valley Chapter of TCA attended Saturday June 10, 2017 at Harley Davidson's store in Meridian, ID.

All of the guys did a wonderful job and enjoyed the day talking to train buffs as well as motorcycle buffs. Oh and there was a car show that they could talk to the "hot rod" car buffs. The adults enjoyed the trains as much as the kids did. Surprisingly, there were quite a few kids that went through the line. We have been invited to do this again at another date not yet decided.

Next weekend we are going to be at the Emmett Cherry Festival. I will send you pictures of that event also.

Ron & Karen Morris
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Portland Chapter TCA
Treasure Valley(Boise):
TCA-Treasure Valley Chapter
## 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  
email: pschuytema@comcast.net

### 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  
Contact: Glenn Raymond 253 576-7688  
email: trainbrane@comcast.net

### Treasure Valley/Boise
Meets held at various member places on a monthly basis.  
Contact: Lloyd Gilkey 208 939-1338  
email: 1995LGtrainZ@gmail.com

### Meetings
- **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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