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On the cover: The Odyssey is the ship TCA members and their guests will take up and down the Boston Harbor and waterfront—an opportunity to relive important national history and see beautiful current shoreline vistas all at once. Come cruise with us on Thursday evening, June 28! Also featured is the Kid’s Club Tour, which will be enjoyable for all ages! We will tour the Mystic Seaport and Mystic Aquarium on Thursday, June 28. See National Historic Landmark watercraft, tour a 19th-century village setup, and then discover the beauty and mystery of underwater worlds housing a variety of exotic marine animals.

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64th TCA National Convention

to be held in Warwick, Rhode Island,
this year—from June 23 to July 1!

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Hello Fellow Members!

I find it a bit difficult to write to you this time around as it will be my final letter to you in this publication. In June, I will step down and you will have a new President take over this job for the following year. Rupert Campbell, who is now President-Elect, will become President for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. I am completely confident in his ability to carry on where I leave off.

It has been a very active and productive year for us at National. We have had numerous tasks to conquer and problems that unexpectedly arose—and we have succeeded in overcoming all of them. I am sure that you are already aware of many of them. As the year went on, I informed you of various successes as they were occurring. Also, if you have read the minutes of all the BOD meetings that took place, you are up to date on what has happened as we ventured through the past weeks and months.

As I leave, I know that TCA is very stable financially. We have investments that can do nothing but grow as we continue to develop as an organization. I also know in leaving that we are fortunate to have a staff at the National Business Office that works like a fine-tuned clock to keep our Museum, Library and office up-to-date and organized.

I have really enjoyed my year at the helm and I did the best job that I could for you, the members. However, I will not go away, as I will continue to do what I can to help our club grow and prosper. Together we will keep this organization the best toy train organization in the world.

Our membership numbers for the past year have been pretty stable, as the more noticeable drop from a few years ago has slowed. We are hopeful that these numbers can turn around even further based on incentivized membership programs currently in development.

A new membership drive you may find exciting is in the planning stage, and hopefully will be in place by the fall of 2018. It is called “Win Big” (as in "Big Boys"), and there will be large prizes awarded to the Divisions, Chapters, and individual members who recruit the most new members. This incentive-based campaign will be the beginning of a new start for the TCA Chapters and Divisions, and everyone in TCA. It signals the launch of a positive outlook for the years ahead, and can help turn the TCA membership in a positive direction.

I would like to give my thanks on behalf of the entire membership to all of the volunteers who donate their time to help better the TCA, whether it is at local chapters or divisions or at our National level. Thanks to all of the volunteers at our national headquarters who make it possible to have the greatest toy train museum and library on the planet. I would like to also mention again that you can do your part for TCA by offering a little of your time to your local chapter, division or at our headquarters. Please—if you will volunteer to do what you are capable of, the local directors and officers will not turn you down.

And as always, all my best to you and for you!

Joe Fanara

National President has not been the only “TCA hat” Joe has worn for the past year. Joe has simultaneously served as Co-Chair of TCA’s 2018 National Convention, coming up this June in Warwick, Rhode Island! This following the usual terms as National Vice President and National President-Elect, while also spending time as President of the NETCA Division! Thanks, Joe! We wish you all the best—and hopefully some REST—in your future endeavors!
National Business Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. When contacting the National Business Office for any reason, please have your TCA number handy for quicker reference in our database.

Reference Library Hours: Please call ahead to confirm before visiting (717-687-8976, ext. 108).

Current Dues Structure: $50 for yearly membership; $2 for family member cards; $20 for First Class to mail your National Headquarters News in an envelope.

Remember TCA is one of the Charities you can select when making purchases on Amazon. Every little bit helps!

TCA NATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

“Thanks” to all who made their voices heard by voting in TCA’s 2018 National Election—especially those who threw their hats in the ring as candidates. The process can’t work without the participation of voters and candidates!

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Here, we pay our respects to TCA members who have recently passed away. If you know of the passing of a member who hasn’t been listed, please let us know so we can update our records and inform their fellow TCA members.

Marciniak, Gerard D., 92-36506, Cheektowaga, NY
McCoy, Shawn, 82-17231, Robesonia, PA
Merritt, Stanley S., 72-4892, Huntington, NY
Myers, Harry E., 92-36468, Williamsport, MD
Owens, Winfred R., 13-69369, Odenville, AL
Pendegast, Charles W., 84-20559, Longwood, FL
Rammling, Karl, 66-1685, Ellicott City, MD
Rinck, John B., 92-34735, Indianapolis, IN
Russell, Fred D., 91-34043, Sidman, PA
Smith, Brian K., 08-62751, Mount Jewett, PA
Spence, James J., 65-1382, Westminster, MD
Summers, Guy G., Jr., 72-4765, Springfield, VA
Swartz, Harold J., 65-1273, Galloway, NJ
Tice, Howard L., 64-1076, Oradell, NJ
Travitsky, Arnie, 86-23376, Altamonte Springs, FL
Waltman, George S., 70-3374, Honesdale, PA
Windman, William S., 85-22511, Danville, CA
Williams, Edward C., 62-786, Penfield, NY
Zappacosta, Gary, 75-8577, Temple, PA

Becker, Ronald W., 01-53404, Temple, PA
Brouillette, Victoria, 79-13978, Eden Prairie, MN
Cotner, Scott W., 75-7533, Watsontown, PA
Craig, Charles E., 89-28734, Mentor, OH
Danowski, Norbert, 97-45313, Sterling Heights, MI
Drost, Jerry, 85-21882, Superior Township, MI
Forsythe, Edward M., Jr., 98-48062, Lewistown, PA
Gaddes, William M., 90-31112, Nesquehoning, PA
Gerow, Thomas A., 76-8984, Cary, NC
Harrington, Russell, 85-22474, Baltimore, MD
Heid, Warren B., 60-433, Saratoga, CA
Hogg, Ronald R., 83-18970, Ellicott City, MD
Hogg, Thomas F., 09-63968, Cranston, RI
Johnson, James H., 14-69704, Wittman, AZ
Keon, Thomas, 93-36588, Centerreach, NY
King, Donald S., 84-21684, Bristol, CT
Krochmal, Frederick S., 85-22109, Vienna, VA
Lewis, T.C., 66-1555, Leesburg, FL

In Memory Of
Let’s Get Ready to … SAVE

The Convention Car suite will soon be announced for TCA’s 2019 convention to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. By the time the next issue of the National Headquarters News comes out in September, the early/advance ordering discount period will already be over. What? You want to take advantage of the discount for ordering your cars early? Don’t worry, you can, but it’s up to you to make that option available for yourself. To get the early buy discount, order online in July or August. Just remember, you need your TCA User ID and Password to access the online store where the discount will be applied. If you don’t know your User ID or Password, go to the March 2018 issue of the Newsletter to see the instructions on how to get your access info.

Don’t worry, we will remind you when the Convention Cars are ready for early-buy-discount ordering; the TCA will send you an email. But that’s only if you’ve provided TCA with your email address. If you haven’t provided the National Office with your email address, there’s no way they can notify you that it’s time to save money. Note: If you’re already receiving our TCA eBlasts (“On Track with TCA”), we already have your email on file and you do not need to do anything further.

To recap, to get the early buy discount on your 2019 TCA Convention cars, make sure you’ve done these two things. While they’re related items, they are two distinct and separate steps:

- Provide the NBO with your email address so they can send you the eblast email announcement
- Activate your TCA ID and TCA Password for member-only access to our website

If you don’t have an email address but you ordered any of last year’s cars, we’ll mail you a reminder.

While we’re talking about 2019 Convention Cars, we’ve taken some steps to accelerate the delivery time of many of the offerings—everything from producing more of the cars in the USA to pre-ordering a fixed quantity of cars to allow the manufacturing timeline to mesh with our desired delivery dates. Getting these better delivery dates requires you, our members, to order as soon as the cars are announced. Some items won’t be produced in unlimited quantities and thus won’t be available for last-minute ordering at the deadline, but instead will be first come, first served.

Members often wonder about the delivery schedule of convention cars from recent years. Below are tables covering the most recent years of TCA’s special car offerings!

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<td>2018 Lionel O Gauge Heinz Pickle Refrigerator Line Box Car</td>
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The study of Lionel couplers is an essential tool for understanding and dating Lionel production. Between 1923 and 1942, Lionel probably manufactured tens of millions of parts. Among the most important were couplers. Couplers had to be easy to use and not cause operating problems. Low-cost manufacturing was very important to the bottom line.

Lionel’s introduction of the latch coupler in 1923 was a major innovation. As with most major innovations, significant changes soon occurred in 1925 and 1928. The final version was sold with trains through 1942.

In 1935, Lionel introduced the box coupler, intended as a more realistic coupler. Changes were made in 1940 and again in 1941.

Growing interest in realism and a strong interest in remote coupler operation led Lionel engineers to develop the box coupler. Box couplers were readily fitted for remote coupler operation. Box couplers were also compatible with latch couplers. Left, Type 1 box coupler, 1935-39 with two top ridges. Center, Type 2 box coupler, 1940, with simulated lift pin and long vertical plate. Right, Type 3 box coupler, 1941-42, without a simulated lift pin and short plate or no plate. All were made in both manual and electrically operated versions.
Les Trains—Jouets de France

The National Toy Train Library has catalogs, books, and other information written in various languages, such as French. In our European Manufacturers files, we have catalogs of French manufacturers, such as JEP and Jouef. Other examples include a 1913–1914 Jouets Märklin catalog and a 1931–1932 Trains Hornby catalog.

A number of the French books in our collection were written by Clive Lamming, a French railroad historian and author. Examples of titles in the library’s collection include:
- Encyclopédie du Train-Jouet Français
- Hornby: Les Trains Français en O et HO
- JEP 1902-1964: Les Plus Beaux Trains-Jouets de France
- Objets du Train à Collectionner
- Trains-Jouets de Collection

Along with being a prolific writer, Clive has also been involved in the world of motion pictures, serving as a technical consultant for the movie Hugo, which takes place in a Paris train station.

Find these resources and more at the National Toy Train Library.

BOOKPLATE CLUB

We are inviting all members to remember the Bookplate Club when making up their gift lists for holidays and special occasions throughout the year. This is a very special way to honor someone while helping TCA build its reference library at the same time. You may donate funds towards the purchase of one or two books (or more) in honor of someone special for addition to the library’s collection. A bookplate will be permanently placed in the book(s), and an acknowledgement card will be sent to the recipient notifying them of your thoughtful gift. You will also receive a letter acknowledging your donation. All book titles will be selected by the library. Please contact Lori Nyce, TCA Librarian, if you are interested in learning more about the Bookplate Club.

NEW BOOK

We have a new addition to the reference library. Bruce Greenberg donated a copy of his recently published book, Greenberg’s Guide to Lionel Trains O Gauge, Volume 1: 1915–1928. It has been added to the library’s collection of Greenberg’s guides. On your next visit to the library, don’t forget to check out this new book. Thank you, Bruce!

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Research done by the Reference Librarian and/or Committee Members

First 30 minutes (PER MONTH): Free Free

If additional research time is required: $15.00/hour $35.00/hour

(You’ll be notified in advance of estimated costs in excess of the free 30 minutes)

Faxes

1 to 4 pages: $2.00 $3.00

5 to 8 pages: $3.00 $4.00

Wiring Diagrams, per sheet + postage $1.00 $1.00

Lionel 313 Bascule Bridge Packet—ppd $7.50 $7.50
# Calendar of Meets

## Divisions
- **Rocky Mountain**
  - John Gardberg, Show Coord.
  - July 28–29, 2018
  - November 24–25, 2018
  - March 2–3, 2019
  - Forney Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd
  - Ranch Events Complex, Larimer Cty Fairgrounds
  - The Denver Mart, 451 E. 58th Ave.
  - Denver, CO
  - Loveland, CO
  - Denver, CO

- **Southeastern**
  - William A. Allen III, Secretary
  - December 1 & 2, 2018
  - 9:00 AM
  - NC State Fairgrounds
  - Raleigh, NC

- **Southern**
  - Michael Powell, Treasurer
  - September 15, 2018
  - 9:00 AM
  - Lake Nona Middle School
  - Orlando, FL

- **Western**
  - Steve Eastman, President
  - May 19, 2018
  - All meets start at 10:00 AM
  - All listed meets held at:
    - Church of Good Shepherd—400 W Duarte Rd
    - Arcadia Senior Center—405 S Santa Anita Ave
    - Arcadia Senior Center—405 S Santa Anita Ave
    - Arcadia, CA

## Chapters
- **Bluegrass**
  - Harry Overtoom, Meet Chairman
  - 859-619-7730
  - h3409o@gmail.com
  - None listed; Contact Chapter Meet Chairman for details

- **Casey Jones**
  - Len Burke, Secretary
  - 901-490-2438
  - caseyjoneschaptertca@gmail.com
  - June 2, 2018
  - October 6, 2018
  - December 1, 2018
  - All meets start at 9:00 AM
  - All listed meets held at:
    - St. George's Episcopal Church
    - 2425 S. Germantown Road
    - Germantown, TN
    - (Zip: 38138)

- **Central Indiana**
  - Bob Pasztor, Meet Chairman
  - 317-804-5201
  - k_pasztor@hotmail.com
  - November 3, 2018
  - November 24–25, 2018
  - 9AM TCA
  - SAT: 9:30–4
  - SUN: 10–3
  - Indep. Nazarene Church, 5152 Hornet Dr.
  - Lake County Fairgrounds, 889 S. Court St.
  - Beech Grove, IN
  - Crown Point, IN

- **Central Missouri**
  - Charles Madinger, Secretary
  - 636-745-9463
  - cmadinger@centurytel.net
  - None listed; Contact Chapter Secretary for more details

- **Central Texas**
  - see website for more info: [http://tca-centraltexaschapter.org/](http://tca-centraltexaschapter.org/)

- **Detroit-Toledo**
  - none listed

- **Gulf Coast**
  - Carl Olson, President
  - 281-277-7630
  - carlolson23@comcast.net
  - None listed; Contact Chapter President for more details

- **Gulf Wind**
  - Jack Grill, President
  - 850-994-7226
  - mp748point31@bellsouth.net
  - None listed; Contact Chapter President for more details

- **Heart of America**
  - Mike Bartley, Secretary/Treasurer
  - 913-541-8831; mikebartley54@hotmail.com
  - Please refer to our website ([www.tcahoa.org](http://www.tcahoa.org)) for complete information about TCA HOA Chapter Activities

- **Lake Erie**
  - John Twarog, Secretary
  - 330-273-6404
  - tcalakeerie@gmail.com
  - May 5, 2018
  - November 24, 2018
  - All meets listed run 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
  - All meets held at:
    - UAW Hall (Parma)
    - 5615 Chevrolet Blvd.
    - Cleveland, OH
    - (Zip: 44130)

- **Louisiana**
  - Sheila Osburn, Secretary
  - 985-626-1768
  - anderburn@aol.com
  - November 3, 2018
  - All meets listed run 9AM – 3PM
  - First Baptist Church Gymnasium
  - 325 East Pine Street
  - Ponchatoula, LA

- **Magic Valley**
  - Rick Nelson, Meet Coordinator
  - 256-771-1672
  - rnelson898@aol.com
  - October 27, 2018
  - 9AM–3PM
  - Jaycees Building
  - 2180 Airport Road SW
  - Huntsville, AL
  - (Zip: 35801)

- **Music City**
  - Vic Petrone, Treasurer
  - 615-646-2232
  - petrone.v@comcast.net
  - December 8, 2018
  - 9:00 AM
  - Tennessee State Fairgrounds
  - Creative Arts Building
  - Nashville, TN

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**Check out our Museum!** [www.nttmuseum.org](http://www.nttmuseum.org)

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<td>September 8, 2018</td>
<td>9am–4pm</td>
<td>Lone Star Division meet</td>
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<td>208-939-8077</td>
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<td>Phil Myers, Secretary</td>
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<td>Bob Wilmesherr, President 513-910-0829 <a href="mailto:bobwilmesherr@att.net">bobwilmesherr@att.net</a></td>
<td>November 10, 2018</td>
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<td><strong>Portland</strong></td>
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<td>Peter Schuytema, President 503-363-5831 <a href="mailto:pschuytema@comcast.net">pschuytema@comcast.net</a></td>
<td>September 15, 2018</td>
<td>9:00 AM swap; 10:00 AM mtg.</td>
<td>Los Altos Christian Church; 11900 Haines NE Pumpkin Meet Toy Train Show</td>
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<td>Greg Palmer, President 505-898-3840 <a href="mailto:mchele@nmia.com">mchele@nmia.com</a></td>
<td>December 1, 2018</td>
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<td><strong>Sacramento-Sierra</strong></td>
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<td>Home layout: Mike Walter</td>
<td>Fort Worth, TX</td>
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<td>September 8, 2018</td>
<td>9am–4pm</td>
<td>Lone Star Division meet</td>
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<td>Home layout: Howard Kimpel</td>
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<td>November 23-25, 2018</td>
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<td>Children’s Layouts: Home for the Holidays Festival</td>
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<td>Dover, NH (Zip: 03820)</td>
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<td>282 Durham Road</td>
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<td>All listed meets held at American Legion Hall</td>
<td>Cincinnati, OH (Greenhills)</td>
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<td>Bob Wilmesherr, President 513-910-0829 <a href="mailto:bobwilmesherr@att.net">bobwilmesherr@att.net</a></td>
<td>November 10, 2018</td>
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<td>11100 Winton Road</td>
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<td>All meets start at 9:00 AM</td>
<td>All meets held at: Aloha Mall Basement at the corner of Tualatin Valley Hwy &amp; SW 185th Avenue</td>
<td>Aloha, OR (Portland area)</td>
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<td>Peter Schuytema, President 503-363-5831 <a href="mailto:pschuytema@comcast.net">pschuytema@comcast.net</a></td>
<td>September 15, 2018</td>
<td>9:00 AM swap; 10:00 AM mtg.</td>
<td>Los Altos Christian Church; 11900 Haines NE Pumpkin Meet Toy Train Show</td>
<td>Albuquerque, NM</td>
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<td>October 28, 2018</td>
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<td>Sheraton Uptown Hotel: 2600 Louisiana N.E.</td>
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<td>Greg Palmer, President 505-898-3840 <a href="mailto:mchele@nmia.com">mchele@nmia.com</a></td>
<td>December 1, 2018</td>
<td>9 AM – 2 PM</td>
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Bob (81-16938) and Mary Ann Nichelini
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- Iron Works Tavern (American)
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- Moe’s Southwest Grill (Mexican)
- Not Your Average Joe’s (Casual American)
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- TGI Fridays (American Restaurant/bar)
- The Shanty (Farm Fresh American)

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- Belmont Park (hiking & walking trails)
- Roger Williams Park Zoo & Carousel Village
- Conimicut Point Park & Beach
- Biomes Marine Biology Center
- La Gondola Providence (Gondola rides on the Providence and Woonasquatucket Rivers)
- Roger Williams National Memorial
- Warwick Mall

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