

Keeping Track Newsletter



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Get to know George Werderich and his new Youtube channel!



George Werderich's Uncle Greg said it best, "George likes to talk about everything, but mostly trains." George just smiled and nodded his head when he heard his Uncle describe him this way and is not hard to figure out why. George was just 19 days old when he



attended his first TCA meet and 5 weeks old when he attended the 2005 National TCA convention in Seattle. He has been going to train shows ever since. Model trains are in George's DNA. Both George's father and his grandfather are self-described "train brains". George's grandfather, also George, has been a member of the TCA in the Midwest Division for over 41 years and George's father, Wally, close to 25. George is a fixture at Midwest Division TCA meets, members guess that he has probably been close to 100 TCA meets and events. As member of TCA Teens, George is particularly proud that this summer he also became a junior member of the TCA.

George is 13 years old and lives in Yorkville, Illinois. Yorkville is located just a few miles from the nation's railroad hub, Chicago. The BNSF's main line (the old Burlington Route) runs right through Yorkville and the UP's main line runs the next town over. The Prairie State Railroad Club, where George runs his 7 ½ gauge live steam train, is close by too. Waking up to the sound of the early train running through town, trains are often literally the first thing on George's mind when he gets up. And he loves it.



George loves all model trains, but likes O gauge best. The scale trains made by Lionel, MTH, Weaver, and Atlas are his favorites, but postwar Lionel holds a special spot in his heart as well. One of George's favorite parts of the hobby is operating trains. Luckily, through the TCA and the Midwest Division, George routinely attends member open houses and is often invited to run trains. He is also active in the Midwest Division's Modular Layout Group and loves to share his love of the hobby and the TCA at the shows they set their layout up at. That said, his grandfather's layout, featured in TM's Lionel Nation, Part 5, is still his favorite. Taking inspiration from those TM videos, George has been sharing his love of trains and the TCA through his **YouTube channel, GFW Trains**.

Great Lakes Division's Independence Meet



National Toy Train Museum NEWS!

**Opening Day this year is
Saturday, March 30th!**



**Join us for Open House
Free admission all day on
Wednesday April 10th!**

TRANSPORTATION DAY in the Desert Division

For the second time in less than a month we participated at a schools "Transportation Day", this time at our host church Shepherd of the Valley Preschool. February was a rather rainy and windy month and we didn't know until the last minute if it was a go or not. The school decided to host the event as planned and a cool and very foggy morning greeted us as we setup the trains.

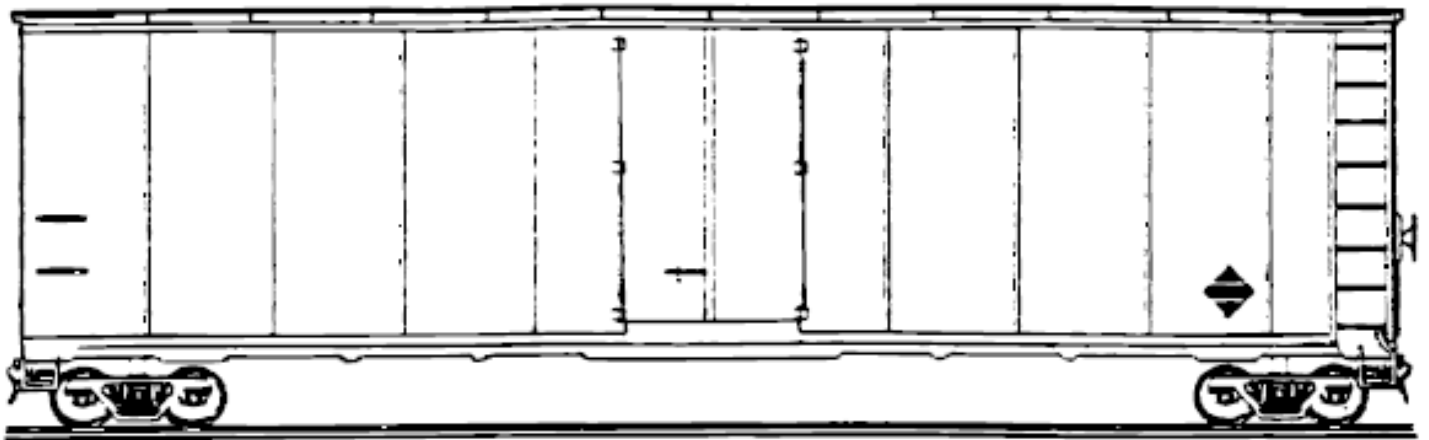


Because of a logistics problem we were unable to use the trailer this time, but things worked out perfectly as we set two of the tables that we normally use for table sales at the meet side by side, laid down a playmat and ran two sets of Lionel Fastrack down for the trains. A handful of buildings later and the trains were running for the children to enjoy. Thank you to our engineer for the morning, Katie Elgar for manning the table. Heavy rains the day before didn't deter the little one's from enjoying the train table we set up for them Brewster is racing to catchup to the speeding Santa Fe freight train



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