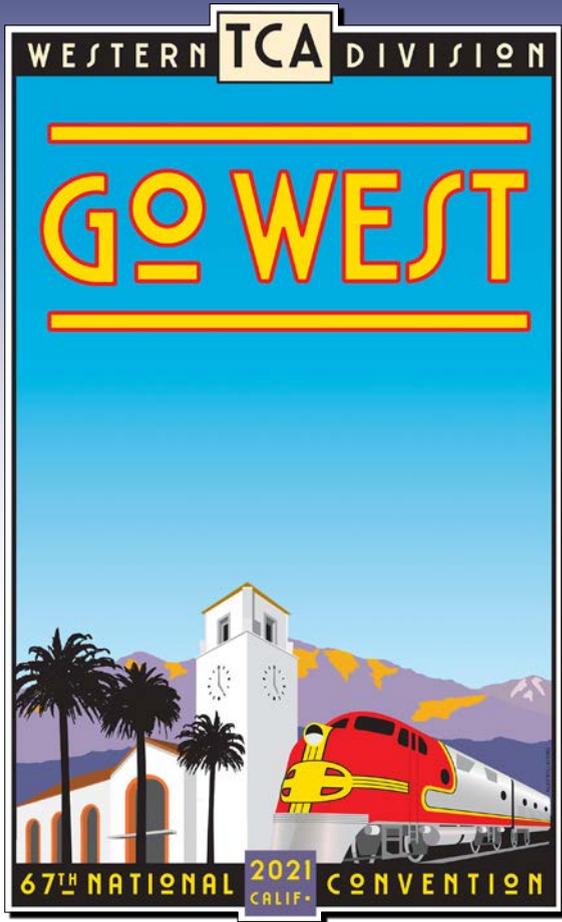


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2021 TCA NATIONAL CONVENTION EVENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 8/18/21	THURSDAY 8/19/21	FRIDAY 8/20/21	SATURDAY 8/21/21	SUNDAY 8/22/21
#1. Southern California Railroad Museum (formerly OERM) 8:00AM – 5:00PM	#4. Knott's Berry Farm Train Barn 9:30AM – 4:00PM	#8. Amtrak to Downtown Los Angeles Union Station Tour, Olvera Street & Angels Flight 8:30AM – 3:30PM	#12. Museum Row: Petersen, Page, La Brea Tar Pits, LACMA, AMPAS 9:00AM – 5:00PM	#15. Amtrak Pacific Surfliner to SD & Balboa Park Museums 8:30AM – 7:30PM
#2. Disneyland Theme Parks Drop Off/Pick up 9:00AM – 5:00PM	#5. Nethercutt Museum 9:00AM – 4:00PM	#9. Beverly Hills & Hollywood Blvd. 9:00AM – 4:00PM	#13. Amtrak to San Juan Capistrano Mission 8:30AM – 7:30PM	#16. L.A. Live Steamers, Walt Disney Barn, Griffith Park Travel Town 9:00AM – 4:00PM
#3. J. Paul Getty Museum 8:00AM – 5:00PM	#6. Warner Bros. Studio Tour 8:00AM – NOON	#10. Autry Museum 9:30AM – NOON	#14. Huntington Museum, Library & Gardens 9:00AM – 4:00PM	Final Tour Pricing has not been fully determined as of press time. The pricing should be set when tour registration starts on May 17, 2021
Welcome Party 7PM – 10PM	#7. Fillmore & Western Railway Murder Mystery Dinner 5:00PM – 10:30PM	#11. Home Layout Tours 6:00PM – 10:00PM	Banquet 7PM – 10PM	

GO WEST.

This is the theme for TCA's delayed 67th National Convention. Despite the many challenges faced by the Western Division's convention committee, planning for this event has continued and the new dates will be **August 18–22, 2021**. The location is Southern California and the host division has planned some exciting activities for those willing to venture west and attend. The format for this year will be a bit different from previous conventions, as the duration has been shortened a bit and a few of the traditional convention agenda items will not take place.



The host hotel will be the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel. This is a 4-star rated hotel located directly across the street from the Burbank International Airport. The hotel is providing a special room rate of **\$149 plus tax per night for TCA members**.

This Marriott has 488 modern rooms located in two towers. Hotel amenities include an outdoor dining experience and lounge as well as an on-premises, full-service Daily Grill restaurant, 24-hour room service, two swimming pools, a fitness center, a free airport shuttle and pet-friendly rooms. The quoted TCA member rate is good for a standard room with either 2 double beds or a single king-size bed featuring Marriott Revive bedding.

These oversize rooms feature 32" flat screen TV's, mini-refrigerators, ergonomic chairs and advanced plug & play workstations.

For those who wish to spend more time in Southern California, the hotel will offer this same nightly room rate to TCA members 3 days prior and 3 days after the Convention. Other larger rooms are available for an upgrade price. They also have ADA-compliant rooms. Convention attendees will need to book their hotel reservations directly with the hotel via a special web link. This is a Marriott chain hotel and anyone who is a member of their Bonvoy loyalty club will receive Bonvoy points and credits for their stay so long as they provide their Bonvoy membership number at time of registration. The hotel can provide cribs upon request at no charge. The hotel can also supply rollaway beds for \$10 per night, but this can only be in King rooms (no double rooms as that would be a violation according to the fire marshal). This hotel has ample RV parking for \$100 per night. The hotel also provides a free shuttle service to and from the nearby Metrolink Train Station per request.

The Marriott hotel has a 15,000-square-foot convention facility and meeting center on the premises that will be utilized for the Wednesday night Welcome Party, for the Friday



and Saturday marketplace/trading hall, and public displays, and for the Saturday evening banquet. The parking rates will be \$18 for overnight, but free during the daytime (7 a.m. until roughly 11 p.m.).

The host hotel is located in Burbank, CA, conveniently near many famous local attractions including Universal Studios Hollywood, Warner Bros. Studios, NBC Television Studios, the North Hollywood Arts District, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Grauman's Chinese Theater, Griffith Park Observatory, and the Los Angeles Zoo. This part of Los Angeles is an ideal base for exploring and discovering a multitude of Southern California's attractions, shopping and dining establishments. The Burbank International Airport is serviced by Alaska Airlines, Delta Connection, United Airlines, JetBlue Airlines and Southwest Airlines.

2021 CONVENTION TOURS *Several tours to unique venues in the area have been planned for each of the 5 days of the convention.*



WEDNESDAY ♦ 08-18

Wednesday starts off with 3 tours. The first is an all-day trip to the Southern California Railway Museum in Perris, CA. Tour attendees will have the opportunity to explore the West's largest collection of railway locomotives, passenger and freight cars, streetcars, interurban electric cars, buildings and other artifacts dating from the 1870s. They can ride streetcars, interurban electric cars, and trains on the Museum railway and visit the Museum's collection of more than 200

streetcars and railway vehicles to experience the early days of electric, steam, and diesel railway transportation in and around Los Angeles. The last of the famous Pacific Electric Railway Red Cars are housed at this museum. The Pacific Electric was the largest electric railway system in the world in the 1920's and was an integral part of the expansion and development of the city of Los Angeles and its suburbs.



The Museum also houses the narrow gauge Grizzly Flats collection of late Walt Disney Animator and TCA Past-National President and member Ward Kimball. You can also check out the Middleton

Museum, which displays the old-time technology and nostalgic items of yesteryear collected by TCA founding Charter member #2, Evan M. Middleton, in two full-size Pullmans.

GETTY MUSEUM



Another tour offered on Wednesday will be to the nearby J. Paul Getty Museum and Getty Center. The \$1.3 billion Center opened to the public on December 16, 1997 and is well known for its art collection, architecture, gardens, and panoramic views overlooking Los Angeles and the Pacific Ocean. Tour attendees are transported to the Center, which sits atop a hill, via a three-car, cable-pulled hovertrain people mover system. The Museum features pre-20th-century European paintings, drawings, illuminated manuscripts, sculpture, and decorative arts; and photographs from the 1830s through present day from all over the world. In addition, the Museum's collection at the Center includes outdoor sculpture displayed on terraces and in gardens and the large Central Garden designed by Robert Irwin. Among the famous artworks in the collection on display is the Vincent Van Gogh painting *Irises*.



Wednesday's third tour will be bus transportation to Southern California's most famous theme parks, Disneyland and the Disney California Adventure, where dreams come true at the happiest place on earth! Also available for visiting on this trip will be the Downtown Disney shopping district. The Disneyland Park features classic attractions such as *It's a Small World*, *Pirates of the Caribbean* and the *Haunted Mansion*. Newer attractions such as *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge* and *Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance* are also a must see. Another special offering for visitors is *The Grand Circle Tour*, which provides a behind the scenes look into Walt Disney's love of trains and locomotives.

◆ WELCOME PARTY ◆

The highlight of Wednesday's activities will be the Welcome Party, held in the evening at the Burbank Marriott's Academy Ballroom in the convention center and hosted by Western Division. The session will start out with a cash bar and socialization, as TCA members who have travelled from all over the country will have a chance to catch up with old friends, and meet some new ones too! Attendees will

dine on a gourmet buffet menu designed by the hotel's executive chef and served up by hotel staff consisting of two different salads, three sides, two protein items and 1 vegetarian offering. Chefs Choice Dessert Buffet of individual desserts, and mousse cups and Starbucks® Coffee & Tazo Teas, bottled water & soft drinks are included. Cost per person for the Welcome Party will be \$70. After dinner, we will conduct a silent auction of 60 highly collectible and rare train items.

THURSDAY ◆ 08-19



Thursday will be another full day of tours, and the load-in/set up day for the trading hall/marketplace as well as for the operating layouts and public displays. The first tour is a very special and limited one. 48 lucky attendees will get a behind the scenes tour of the Knott's Berry Farm train barn and roundhouse. Knott's Berry Farm is the home of two authentic turn-of-the-century C-19 2-8-0 "Consolidation" type steam locomotives built by Baldwin Locomotive Works and one of the 4 famous Galloping Goose gasoline-powered motor cars that rides on railroad tracks. The Ghost Town & Calico Railroad is a 3 ft (914 mm) narrow-gauge heritage railroad and amusement park attraction that runs within Knott's Berry Farm.



The locomotives and most of the other equipment of the Ghost Town & Calico have been restored to their original liveries of Colorado's Rio Grande Southern Railroad and Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroads. After the tour, participants will dine at the famous Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant. Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant first opened in 1934 with Mrs. Knott and her children serving the first customers in their tea room. The restaurant has grown over the years into one of the largest in California, but the classic fried chicken dinner is still made the same way today using Mrs. Knott's recipes.

Another tour offering on Thursday will be a visit to the Nethercutt Collection and Museum. The Nethercutt Collection features rare collectibles ranging from mechanical musical instruments and antique furniture to the true heart of the collection: over 250 American and European automobiles dating from 1898 to 1997. Founder J.B. Nethercutt spent a lifetime establishing this collection of historic importance. Unique to automobile museums, each car on display is attentively serviced and maintained to remain as drivable as when the vehicle originally rolled off the showroom floor. On view are various Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance winners and cars once owned by movie stars, royalty and other notable personalities.



Nethercutt Collection / Museum

Opened in 1971, The Nethercutt Collection is a not-for-profit educational institution and a resource for automobile enthusiasts, historians, students and scholars. The entire collection is displayed in two beautifully appointed exhibit facilities. Housed in the Museum is the Nethercutt Automotive Research Library and Archives, one of the world's top automotive research facilities. Just steps outside the Museum are a splendidly restored 1937 Canadian Pacific RR Royal Hudson steam locomotive and a 1912 Pullman private railcar—#100 California, custom built by Pullman in Chicago, Illinois for Clara Baldwin Stocker the eldest Daughter of local RR Pioneer "Lucky" Baldwin.



Another Thursday adventure is a tour of the nearby Warner Bros. Film Studios. This behind-the-scenes Studio Tour brings you closer than ever to the entertainment you love. You'll explore one of the busiest working studios in Los Angeles that has been entertaining the world for over 95 years. Highlights of this tour include a two hour guided session and a 1 hour self-guided session.



You will see the backlot and sound stages as well as a costume museum featuring wardrobes from such film series as the Harry Potter franchise and the DC Universe films. A visit to the famous Central Perk set from the TV show Friends and the living room from the TV series The Big Bang Theory is also part of this amazing tour.

Thursday's highlight will be an evening murder mystery train ride and dinner at the Fillmore & Western Railroad. Attendees will embark on an evening Murder Mystery train adventure. Complete with a delicious dinner, hearty laughs and some less-than-



serious sleuthing. Help solve a murder! Or simply sit back & be entertained as the scenery rolls by. Only adults 18 & older permitted on the Murder Mystery Dinner Train tour.



Fillmore & Western Railway Company (Short Line Enterprises) was founded in 1967. Between 1967 & 1972, the company bought, sold and traded locomotives, passenger cars and freight cars (mostly of 19th century origin). The majority of the equipment was acquired from the property departments of 3 major movie studios: MGM, Paramount & 20th Century Fox. This activity, combined with Short Line's experience in buying, selling and evaluating railroad equipment led to the company's emergence as one of the foremost appraisers in America of rolling stock and other railroad related items. It also focused the company on its long-term path of providing movie trains for the film industry. For the TCA murder mystery tour, the participants will have their own dedicated train.

FRIDAY ♦ 08-20

♦ TRADING HALL / MARKETPLACE ♦

Friday will be the first day the trading hall/marketplace for TCA members and public displays will be open. These activities will take place in the Marriott convention center Academy Ballroom and foyer. Trading tables will be available to reserve when registration opens. 6' tables will cost \$30 each or \$100 for 4 tables. The hotel is providing the tables and the table cloths. Sellers should provide their own table covers to cover their items. Sellers will be required to either provide a valid seller's permit or will be required to present a signed casual seller's form, signifying that they only sell a few things once or twice a year, in order to comply with local state laws for sales tax collection. Without such forms, tables will not be assigned to sellers. No exceptions.

TCA members who do not pre-register for the full convention and wish to get access to the marketplace and member auction may pay a fee of \$15 for a single day or \$25 for both Friday and Saturday. These members should still pre-pay and submit these fees via credit card when they register on-line or submit payment by check using US mail and a hardcopy Convention registration form that will be available via download using the TCA Convention website when it becomes available on May 17, 2021.

The display theme for the convention is "Western Manufacturers." The public display will have rare toy and model trains exhibited that have been produced by the likes of Bob McCoy, Rich-Art Manufacturing/Dick Mayer, Rollin Lobaugh Scale Model Trains, Model Engineering Works, United States Toy Train Company (USTTC), Varney & Sirius Trains, The Thorley Hoople Toy Company, JAD Railway Lines, Jerry Brown Trains, John A. Daniel Railway Lines, and Kemtron. Several operating layouts in multiple gauges will also be exhibited. A member's auction is planned for Friday afternoon in the trading hall, and guest lectures and presentations will be conducted in the public display area on both Friday and Saturday.

There are four Friday tours. Beginning with a train ride on the Amtrak to downtown Los Angeles' famous Union Station where attendees will embark on a walking tour of this historic building. Built in 1939, Los Angeles Union Station is the largest railroad passenger



terminal in the Western United States and is widely regarded as “the last of the great train stations.” The station’s signature Mission Moderne style makes it one of L.A.’s architectural gems.

The station was commissioned in 1933 as a joint venture between the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe railroads and was intended to consolidate the three local railroad terminals. The Metro Art Moves tours cover historic Union Station art, architecture and spaces not generally open to the public, including the Historic Ticketing Hall. Additionally, the tours explore artworks located in the Gold Line Portal, Union Station East and inside the Metro Headquarters Building.



After the Union Station visit, tour participants can walk across the street to visit Olvera Street and the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument and Museum on Olvera Street, or walk to nearby China Town, The Walt Disney Concert Hall, Music Center, or ride Metro one stop to LA Live/Grammy Museum, Grand Central Market, Eli Broad Museum, Historic Bradbury Building, Pershing Square, or L.A.’s Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA).



As well, a short walk to the Angel’s Flight funicular would afford a nice ride up the hill on this classic LA landmark. The 118-year-old funicular takes passengers on a short ride between Hill Street and Grand Avenue on Bunker Hill. Originally opened in 1901, Angels Flight®—the world’s shortest railway—has given more than 100 million rides on its hillside track. This tour does require some walking, so those taking this tour should be prepared.

The Burbank train station is located approximately ½ mile from the Marriott Burbank hotel, directly across the street (a 9 minute walk). The hotel shuttle will be available to transport tour attendees to/from the train station that require assistance, however the tour at Union Station and the visit to downtown Los Angeles will require some walking. It is suggested that those who are not completely mobile or capable of walking a fair distance should not take this tour. A highlight option on this tour will be the opportunity to have lunch at the Original Philippe’s famous French dip sandwich shop down the street from Union Station.

Another tour being offered on Friday will be a ride to the Beverly Hills area for a stroll on the famous Rodeo Drive shopping area, and after an hour or so, a short drive over to Hollywood Boulevard, to the famous Grauman’s Chinese Theater and the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



The third Friday tour will be a visit to the Autry Museum of the American West in nearby Griffith Park. The Autry Museum of the American West is dedicated to exploring an inclusive history of the American West. Founded in 1988 by actor and businessman Gene Autry as “Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum” to explore and share the comprehensive story of the American West and its multiple cultures and interpret its significance. Its Griffith Park collection includes 21,000 paintings, sculptures, costumes, textiles, firearms, tools, toys, musical instruments, and other objects. The museum presents a wide range of exhibitions and public programs, including lectures, film, theater, festivals, family events, and music, and performs scholarship, research, and educational outreach. It has two sites and attracts about 150,000 visitors annually.



The final tour on Friday will take place in the evening hours and is the traditional home layout tours.



Saturday is the final day of table trading in the marketplace. This will also be the only day the trading hall will be open to the public. Public access to the trading hall will cost \$20 per person. All trading will cease at 2:00 PM so that sellers can pack up their items and clear the hall no later than 3:00 PM. Once fully cleared, the Academy hall will then be prepared and set up for the Saturday evening banquet and auction.

Saturday also brings three new tours. One will be to Los Angeles' Museum Row on Miracle Mile. Miracle Mile is a stretch on Wilshire Boulevard between Fairfax Avenue and La Brea Avenue that has five major Los Angeles museums—all next door to each other: L.A. County Museum of Art, La Brea Tar Pits/George C. Page Museum, Craft Contemporary Museum, The Petersen Auto Museum and the brand new Motion Picture Academy Museum. The area is also within an easy drive or bus ride to The Grove and Farmers Market. You can walk from Wilshire and Fairfax (near Petersen's Auto Museum) to Third Street and Fairfax (Farmer's Market) in about 10-15 minutes.



The Petersen Auto Museum's exterior, located at the corner of Fairfax Avenue and Wilshire Blvd, is a work of industrial art. Architecture Magazine declared the building to be one of the most significant and unforgettable structures in Los Angeles – and an appropriate home for the impressive collection of automobiles it contains. The Peterson features automotive themes and exhibits. Hot rods, super cars, celebrity automobiles, land-speed record cars, futuristic cars, antique autos, concept cars, movie cars, popular classic cars, motorcycles, artwork and sculpture can all be found here. Exhibits cover topics such as automotive history, technology and aesthetic designs. For an extra fee, the Peterson offers a special tour of the private vault containing another 250 vehicles from around the world.



The La Brea Tar Pits Museum (formerly called the Page Museum) is a showcase of the best fossils, animals, and plants that have been pulled out of the tar pits here – including mammoths, mastodons,

saber-toothed cats, pumas, giant ground sloths, dire wolves, and more. Visitors experience the Ice Age come to life with the Ice Age Encounters show. Outside you can actually walk around the La Brea Tar Pits where tar is still bubbling, and the active fossil excavation sites to see what excavators have uncovered recently. The La Brea Tar Pits is part of the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County.

The Craft Contemporary Museum (formerly CAFAM) hosts a changing display of vibrant exhibitions, family programs, film screening, and artists' talks. The museum is dedicated to domestic and international folk art and contemporary craft, and often includes work by undiscovered artists. Craft Contemporary Museum is directly across the street from the La Brea Tar Pits.



The anchor of Museum Row is the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art. It houses a collection of over 100,000 pieces of art including paintings, sculptures and unique experimental art forms (once they had a miniature potato farm on display!)



LACMA includes art forms that represent the diverse cultures of the Los Angeles area, featuring collections from Asia, Latin America, India, Europe, and American art. The museum is comprised of several buildings, each of which is a mini-museum: the Ahmanson Building, Broad Contemporary Art Museum, Art of the Americas Building, the Hammer Building, the Pavilion for Japanese Art, and the Lynda and Stewart Resnick Exhibition Plaza. There are outdoor sculpture exhibits that are free to view, including a very nice collection by Auguste Rodin in the B. Gerald Cantor Sculpture Garden, the Suspended Mass art sculpture by Michael Heizer on Reznik North Lawn and the Urban Light lamppost exhibition large-scale assemblage sculpture by Chris Burden located at the Wilshire Boulevard entrance.



There are several options for dining all along Wilshire Boulevard, and a vast assortment of L.A.'s trendy food trucks park on this stretch

during lunch hour. LACMA offers two indoor/outdoor cafe-style restaurants and some snack carts for refreshment and there is an upscale Italian restaurant located in the Peterson Automotive Museum.



Another Saturday Tour offering will be a ride on Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner down the California coast to the San Juan Capistrano Mission. Mission San Juan Capistrano was permanently founded by Father Junipero Serra on November 1, 1776, as the seventh of 21 missions the Spanish established in California to expand the territorial boundaries of Spain and to spread Christianity to the native peoples of California. Starting in the 1870s and throughout the early 1900s, artists, photographers, and visionaries took interest in California's missions. Today the Mission and its gardens are a cultural destination experience, a place of inspiration, education, and preservation and serves as a vibrant place of ongoing learning, and retrospection.



The historic Downtown area of San Juan Capistrano also offers the opportunity for tour attendees to discover the Los Rios Historic District, see the new retablo in the Mission Basilica (just north of the historic Mission), or shop in the nearby antiques stores. There are also several local dining opportunities at any one of the great downtown family friendly restaurants within walking distance of the Mission.

Saturday's other tour offering will be a visit to the Huntington Museum Library and Gardens in San Marino, California, established by Henry E. Huntington and Arabella Huntington in 1919. In addition to the library, which contains rare volumes such as an original Gutenberg bible, the institution houses an extensive art collection with a focus on 18th- and 19th-century European art and 17th- to mid-20th-century American art. Thomas Gainsborough's *Blue Boy*, c.1770, is one of the famous paintings contained in this collection.



The property also includes approximately 120 acres (49 ha) of specialized botanical landscaped gardens, most notably the "Japanese Garden," the "Desert Garden," and the "Chinese Garden" (Liu Fang Yuan). On September 5, 2019, The Huntington kicked off a year-long celebration of its centennial year with exhibitions, special programs, initiatives, a special Huntington 100th rose, and a float in the 2020 Rose Parade in nearby Pasadena, California.

Henry Edwards Huntington (February 27, 1850–May 23, 1927) was an American railroad magnate and collector of art and rare books. Huntington settled in Los Angeles, where he owned the

Pacific Electric Railway as well as substantial real estate interests. In addition to being a businessman and art collector, Huntington was a major booster for Los Angeles in the late

19th and early 20th centuries. Many places in California are named after him including the cities of Huntington Beach and Huntington Park, as well as Huntington Lake. Henry Huntington was the nephew of Collis P. Huntington, one of The Big Four, instrumental in creating the Central Pacific Railroad (later part of the Southern Pacific), one of the two railroads that built the transcontinental railway in 1869.



Henry Huntington worked with his uncle, holding several executive positions under him with the Southern Pacific. After Collis Huntington's death in 1900, Henry Huntington assumed the senior Huntington's leadership role with Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in Virginia. He later married his uncle's widow, Arabella Huntington. The Huntington Mansion, built in 1915, is also located on this property and a tour of it is part of the attraction.

Saturday's final event will be the Banquet and Auction held in the Marriott Academy Ballroom. A cash bar and cocktail hour will begin in the foyer at 6 p.m. and the hall will open for dinner ceremonies at 7 p.m. There will be table prizes for each seated guest and a gourmet meal prepared by the hotel's executive chef.



Attendees will choose from 4 chef-prepared and staff-served main course entree choices: AIR: Grilled (Gluten Free) Garlic & Rosemary Glazed Chicken Breast, Honey Baby Carrot, Chive & Smoked Potato Mash, Natural Jus; SEA: Broiled Herb Atlantic Salmon (GF) Garlic & Parma Risotto, Cipollini Jam, Chili Dusted Haricot Vert Creamy Citrus Reduction; LAND: Braised Flank Steak, 6hr Sous Vide Flank Steak, Caramelized onion & blue cheese mash potato, Bacon Marmalade, Crisp Brussel Sprout, Herb Jus; and VEG: Spiced Cauliflower "Steak" (GF, VG), Saffron & Curry Spiced Charred Cauliflower, Seasonal Veggie Ragu, Parsnip Puree, Pickled Golden Raisin & Pine Nut Sauce. The starter will be a plated Chopped Baby Gem, Driscoll Farms Strawberry, Drake Farms Goat Cheese, Pecans (GF, V) salad with Champagne & Creamy Ranch Dressing served on the side. A Chocolate Crunch Hazelnut (Flourless, GF, V) Chocolate Mousse Cake With Butterscotch Espresso Crunch will be served for dessert. Freshly brewed Coffee, hot or iced Tea and Dinner rolls and butter will also be included. Cost per person for the Banquet is \$90. The after-dinner auction will feature several unique one-of-kind items.



Sunday is the last day of tour offerings. This will include one of the featured full-day tours—a train ride on the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner down the magnificent California Coast to San Diego, with destination options that include the SD Balboa Park Museums: San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Spanish Village Art Center, S.D. Natural History Museum, SD Museum of Man, SD Museum of Art, Botanical Building, SD Zoo, Balboa Park Miniature RR, Alcazar Garden, SD Automotive Museum, SD Air & Space Museum, SD American Indian Cultural Center, Fleet Science Center, Japanese Friendship Garden or the Comic-Con Museum. Tour attendees may alternatively choose to visit the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum and memorial.



The Pacific Surfliner is a 350-mile (560 km) passenger train service serving the communities on the coast of Southern California between San Diego and San Luis Obispo. Many portions of this route actually hug the Pacific Ocean and afford riders fantastic views from the cliffs and beaches that the line traverses. The beauty of the panorama presented is realized the most at sunset. The Pacific Surfliner operates thirteen daily round trips between Los Angeles and San Diego.

The route is the successor of the San Diegan, a Los Angeles-San Diego service that began operations in 1938 by the Santa Fe Railway. It had been one of the Santa Fe's premier routes until Amtrak took over operations in 1971. To better reflect the route's extent, it was renamed the Pacific Surfliner in 2000. The route is named after the Surf Line, which now comprises the route's busiest section from Los Angeles to San Diego. The Pacific Surfliner uses push-pull trainsets with a diesel locomotive at one end and a cab car at the other. A typical six-car set has a business class car, three coach cars, a coach/café car with food sales on the lower level, and a coach/baggage/cab car equipped with coach seating, a checked baggage space on the lower level, and engineer's operating cab.

Tour attendees will board the Pacific Surfliner at the Hollywood Burbank Airport Train Station located directly across the street from the



Marriott Hotel. They will disembark the train at San Diego's Santa Fe Depot. Travel time on the Pacific Surfliner is anticipated to take four hours and 15 minutes each way.

Shuttles will be available for tour attendees to take the 3 mile ride to Balboa Park, where they will have 3 hours to visit their choice of museum venues. The USS Midway Museum is within walking distance (.4 miles or 9 minutes) from the Train Station.

Balboa Park is home to 17 different museums and cultural institutions that provide an enriching and encompassing look at the human experience from multiple points of views. Tour attendees will need to decide which venues they wish to visit in the limited time they will be in the park. There simply is not enough time to visit them all! TCA members interested in taking this tour may wish to consider purchasing a one way train ticket, and plan to find accommodations to stay longer in the area, and even perhaps to fly home from the San Diego Airport, instead of travelling back to Burbank to fly home.



The Museum in Balboa Park that may be of most interest to TCA members is the San Diego Model Railroad Museum (SDMRM), which spans over 27,000 square feet with displays, operating trains, trestles, and tracks. This is the world's largest operating model railroad museum. Dedicated to preserving the heritage of railroading, the unique museum has a series of miniature representations of California railroads, in O, HO, and N scales, including four enormous scale and model layouts of Southwest railroads. In addition, the SDMRM features a Toy Train Gallery with an interactive Lionel layout for children and state-of-the-art theater lighting. The SDMRM features both indoor and outdoor exhibits and programming for all ages.



The Museum of Photographic Arts (MOPA) in Balboa Park is one of only three independent museums in the nation dedicated solely to the lens-based medium, and aims to inspire, educate and engage through the innovative collection and presentation of photography film and video. Exhibitions are presented in English and Spanish with work from the museum's archive as well as from contemporary artists. The museum also stores a permanent collection of nearly 9,000 images. The Edmund L. and Nancy Dubois Library strengthens the permanent collection with more than 24,000 items all related to photography. First founded in 1974, MOPA opened at its current facility in 1983. Over the years, MOPA has collected thousands of photographs that currently reside in the museum's permanent collection, which includes photographs that span the history of photography. It includes collections from film maker Lou Stoumen's estate as well as the entire Nagasaki Journey: The Photographs of Yosuke Yamahata, August 10, 1945, by Yōsuke Yamahata.

The Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park features more than 100 interactive exhibits allowing visitors of all ages to explore and investigate the wonders of science and innovation. The center is also home to the Eugene Heikoff and Marilyn Jacobs Heikoff Giant Dome Theater, providing an IMAX film adventure that shows the wonders of the planet—and beyond.



The San Diego Air & Space Museum in Balboa Park is one of only a handful of air and space museums in the country to be an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. The San Diego Air & Space Museum is home to a collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft exploring the history of flight. The collection includes a flight-worthy replica of Charles Lindbergh's *Spirit of St. Louis*, the actual Apollo 9 Command Module, and the only real GPS satellite display in the world. View artifacts from the Wright Brothers, Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Wally Schirra and other aviation and space pioneers.



The San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park features more than 80 historic autos and motorcycles and offers visitors a unique look at the most prized and unique vehicles of the 20th century, including the one-of-a-kind Louie Mattar's 1947 Cadillac as well as one of the finest motorcycle collections on the West Coast.

The San Diego History Center in Balboa Park is one of the oldest and largest historical organizations on the West Coast and one of the only institutions dedicated to the heritage of a major American metropolitan region presenting dynamic, engaging exhibitions that highlights what makes San Diego unique as well as the region's emerging role in the 21st century.



MUSEUM OF US

The San Diego Museum of Us in Balboa Park is housed in the historic California Building with its iconic California Tower and has been educating and entertaining visitors from around the world for more than 100 years. The museum offers a variety of unique, interactive exhibits that cover a vast range of human history and culture from beer to cannibalism to monsters to secrets. In addition, the museum will soon be offering guided tours of the California Tower, where visitors can learn about the history of Balboa Park while taking in a 360-degree view of San Diego.

The Veterans Museum & Memorial Center in Balboa Park is dedicated

to showcasing the history of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine and honoring those who have served. The Veterans Museum & Memorial Center is a civic institution that offers permanent, rotating and visiting exhibits of patriotic, military and war-related memorabilia, artifacts, photographs and other artwork.



The San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park (The NAT) has something for everyone - from rattlesnakes and flesh-eating beetles, to dinosaurs and fossils, to a pendulum that proves the earth is spinning. The museum offers unique, interactive exhibitions on five different floors and features a giant-screen theater with daily showings of 2D and 3D films, as well as rotating exhibitions that bring nature to life. It even has its own botanically inspired escape room.



The Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park represents the connection between San Diego and its sister city—Yokohama, Japan. It offers visitors a unique experience through its bonsai exhibit, a moon-viewing deck, beautiful black pine trees, azaleas and ornamental plants such as camellias, magnolia, wisteria and cherry blossom trees. Other attractions housed in Balboa Park include Alcazar Garden, Balboa Park Gardens, Balboa Stadium, Ballet Folklorico Aztlan, Bea Evenson Fountain, Botanical Building, California Quadrangle, Casa de Balboa, Casa del Prado, Centro Cultural de la Raza, El Prado Complex, Ford Building, George W. Marston House, House of Charm, House of Hospitality, House of Pacific Relations International Cottages, Mingei International Museum, Moreton Bay fig, Morley Field Sports Complex, Old Globe Theatre, Plaza de Panama, San Diego Art Institute, San Diego Hall of Champions, San Diego Velodrome, San Diego Zoo, Spanish Village Art Center, Organ Pavilion, Starlight Bowl, Timken Museum of Art, Veterans Museum and Memorial Center and Zoro Garden.



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The USS Midway Museum is a historical naval aircraft carrier museum located in downtown San Diego, at Navy Pier. The museum consists of the aircraft carrier Midway. The ship houses an extensive collection of aircraft, many of which were built in Southern California.

The second and final Convention tour offered on Sunday for those who want to stay close to Burbank will be to the Travel Town Museum located in nearby Griffith Park, with a stop next door at the Los Angeles Live Steamers and the Carolwood Pacific Society Walt Disney train Barn.



Travel Town Museum is a railway museum that was first dedicated on December 14, 1952. The history of railroad transportation in the western United States from 1880 to the 1930s is the primary focus of the museum's collection, with an emphasis on railroading in Southern California and the Los Angeles area. The railroad museum portion contains 43 full-scale railroad engines, cars and other rolling stock. In addition to the Museum's rail yard and barn housing the retired RR equipment, Travel Town features its own operating 16 in (406 mm) gauge miniature railway that traverses two circles around the museum grounds. This railway originally ran a train known as the Melody Ranch Special, which was once owned by Gene Autry. Its namesake originates from the Gene Autry film Melody Ranch.



The original passenger coaches are now covered and the original steam engine (which was vandalized beyond economical repair) has been replaced with Courage, a chain-driven internal combustion motor housed within a façade representing a steam locomotive. This railroad is one of three miniature railway train rides within Griffith Park. The others are the 18 1/2 in (470 mm) gauge Griffith Park & Southern Railroad located elsewhere in the park and the 7 1/2 in (190.5 mm) gauge miniature railway at the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum located next door to Travel Town.



The Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum (LALSRM) is a non-profit public-benefit corporation founded in 1956 by live steam enthusiasts for the purpose of educating the public about railroad history and lore, and to promote live steam and scale model railroad technology.

In 1956, all of the model locomotives were steam-powered, hence the name "Live Steamers". Over the years, gasoline-powered models of diesel locomotives and battery-electric locomotives and trolleys have also become popular.



The Museum operates a 7 1/2 in (190.5 mm) gauge miniature railway on which these locomotives pull trains that the public can actually ride on. The Museum also has multiple smaller gauge railroad layouts for members' usage in 4.75" gauge, 3.5" gauge, elevated 1 gauge, and g-scale. In addition to live steam layouts, the Museum also operates a stationary 19th century steam plant every 3rd Sunday with a variety of vintage restored steam appliances.

The Museum also hosts exhibits related to Walt Disney and his passion for trains, including a full-size barn once located on the rideable miniature Carolwood Pacific Railroad that he built in his Holmby Hills backyard. The Carolwood Society, a separate entity from the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum, provides volunteers to host the Disney-related exhibits. Walt Disney's Carolwood Barn served as his personal workshop building and creative space for his miniature Carolwood Pacific Railroad, and was loaned to the City of Los Angeles by the Walt Disney Family Foundation in 1999.



In addition to the items on display inside the barn, the combine car from the Disneyland Railroad's original Retlaw 1 passenger train, and a miniature train station once owned by Disney animator Ollie Johnston, are on display adjacent to the barn. There are three running layouts inside the Barn: ① A G-scale model of Ward Kimball's *Chloe*, ② An O gauge Disney/Lionel display, plus ③ An HO representation of Disneyland's (now defunct) "Mine Train" attraction.

There are a whole host of other attractions located in the Southern California area that may be of interest, and Western Division encourages TCA members attending the Convention to stay a bit longer, or come a bit earlier, and take their time to explore these venues. Some ongoing activities that are worthy of mention include Los Angeles' Dodgers baseball Stadium for an August evening game, or perhaps a visit to the Six Flags® Magic Mountain amusement park. Nearby Griffith Park also features an equestrian center where one can go horseback riding on trails located in the park. Or the Griffith Park Observatory (rated the #1 best thing to do in LA by Family Destinations Guide) features a fully operational Planetarium and several scientific displays, including a working Tesla Coil, and panoramic views of all of Hollywood and Downtown LA. Griffith Park also is home to 3 public golf courses if you care to get in a round while you are here. Santa Anita Park is a Thoroughbred racetrack located about 12 miles away from Burbank in Arcadia, California, and offers some of the most prominent horse racing events in the United States.

There are plenty of local alternative dining options available for Convention attendees who wish to get out of the Marriott hotel and explore LA's culinary culture. These include (all within a 6 mile radius): California Pizza Kitchen, P. F. Chang's China Bistro, Morton's The Steakhouse, Granville Café, Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant, Outback Steakhouse, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Buca di Beppo®, Hard Rock Café, Saddle Ranch Chop House, Wasabi Sushi & Japanese Cuisine, Wolfgang Puck's LA Bistro, Picanha Bar-B-Que, Wokano Asian Fusion, Ghindi Thai, and Bob's Big-Boy Drive-in restaurant just to mention a few.

The only typical convention events that have been left off the schedule for this year's TCA Convention are the Board of Director's

Meeting, the Annual TCA Membership Meeting, and the Kids Club activities.

Registration for the 67th TCA National Convention will be open starting **May 17, 2021**. Only TCA members, their spouses, significant others, companions, dependent children and probationary members may register to attend the National Convention. All members of TCA must pay the full registration fee of \$50. Guests of TCA members (no TCA member may be a guest) may participate in all activities, including the train marketplace during the times open to

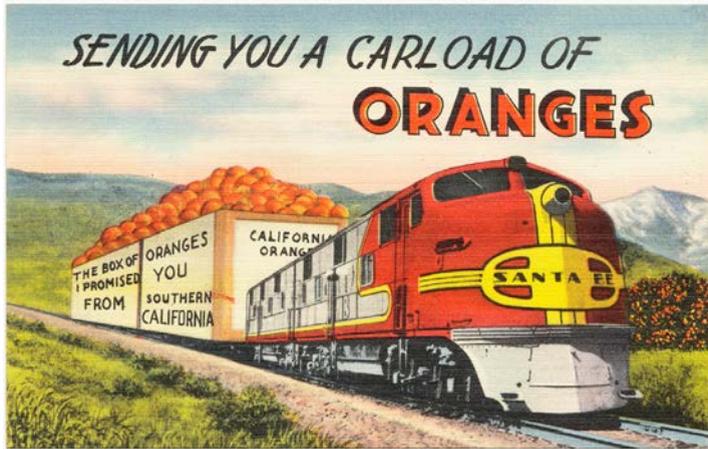
the public. Guests must pay the Guest registration fee (also \$50). Badge and event ticket pickup is in person only (no mailing) at the on-site registration desk during the hours that will be published in the final Convention schedule. Members will be asked to review the contents of their Convention packages at time of pickup, and must provide a signature confirming receipt.

At the time of writing this document, in order to meet publication deadlines for the *National Headquarters News*, final pricing for all tours has not

been fully determined. All final tour ticket pricing will be furnished when the TCA Convention registration website goes live on May 17, 2021. TCA will not have the ability to accept new registrations on-site, and encourages all members who are planning on attending the Convention to pre-register.

Please note that as of this writing, there are regulations in place in California that would prohibit a large gathering to occur due to the Covid 19 pandemic. It is hoped that these restrictions will be removed by August, when the Convention is scheduled to take place.

TCA Western Division is looking forward to welcoming all of the TCA membership to the 67th National Convention in Southern California August 18-22, 2021



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