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TCA Mission Statement

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Upcoming TCA - PNWD Division Meet

Chehalis Moose Lodge - 1400 Grand Ave, Centralia, WA

August 13, 2023

CHEHALIS DIVISION MEET SCHEDULE

9:00 AM HALL SET UP WITH OFFICERS & VOLUNTEERS ONLY.

9:30 AM HALL OPENS FOR SELLER SET-UP.

9:30 - 11:00 AM Breakfast will be served by Moose Lodge staff to members that have signed up and paid when submitting their pre - registration form.

10:00 AM Registration and admission desk is open - Coffee & Snacks ready.

Get BIDDER number and/or sign-up on the SELLER auction sheet at the front desk.

11:30 AM Membership meeting, short and perhaps lively.

11:45 AM Trading Floor opens after membership meeting.

The Auction start time is to be determined!

The PNWD Board of directors Election results are official for:

July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2025.

President - David Barth, Treasurer - Lincoln Sarmanian, Member at Large - Dennis Tichi

We have one more Division meet this year - November 12th, 2023

Mark Your Calendar: June 16–23, 2024

The 2024 Convention will be hosted jointly by two great TCA Divisions: Keystone and Eastern! These divisions will welcome you to Lancaster County, PA. only a short drive from where it all began for TCA: At Ed Alexander's barn in Yardley, Pennsylvania.





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DIVISION

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TCA PACIFIC NORTH WEST DIVISION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Spring Division Meet had a great turnout. We are looking forward to our August, Summer meet in a few weeks. Breakfast at our May meet was exceptional. The breakfast price will increase by one dollar, it is well worth it! Starting at our August meet, any member that brings a guest that is interested in our hobby, both the member and the guest will be treated to breakfast by the Division. It may be a small gesture, we need to do whatever is helpful to build our group ranks. Just let me know directly who's coming by the cut-off date stated on the pre-registration form. We all need to work together to increase our membership. Encourage people that you know or meet who have an interest, to be your guest at a Chapter or Division meet. Tell them what you like about the TCA. When they get the chance to EXPERIENCE what we do and why we do it, they will get a better understanding of our club and how we are organized. The below info can help explain the TCA. Looking forward to seeing you in Chehalis.

Your President, David

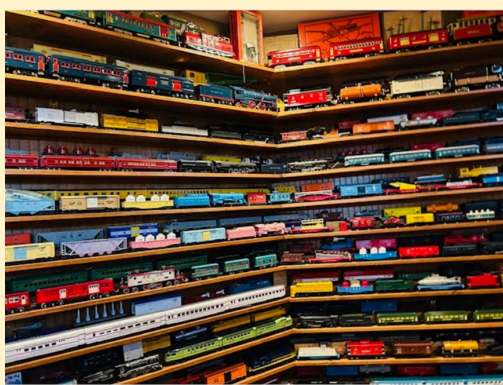
Benefits of Membership in the TCA: Founded in 1954 and currently having over 25,000 members worldwide, the TCA invites any person who collects or operates tinplate toy trains, who collects any items relating to tinplate toy trains, or professes a serious interest therein, may apply for membership. Our TCA Pacific Northwest Division holds several division and chapter train meets throughout the year for members and their families in the Seattle, Portland and Boise areas. The list of tangible benefits includes access to TCA member train events, plus free admission to the National Toy Train Museum in Strasburg, PA, as well as multiple exclusive publications. Being with like-minded collectors not only improves one's knowledge of toy trains, but also promotes and encourages the fellowship between members.

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Applicants for membership must file a membership application. Apply online at: www.tcatrains.org

In the spirit of promoting our TCA PNW Division I am arranging for a variety of shirts to be made with our colorful logo. Watch for a flyer with the info and order form. I will send it soon.

One of the benefits of belonging to the TCA is the camaraderie we have with fellow members in other Divisions and Chapters. I have enjoyed visiting TCA members home layouts and train rooms many times over my 39 years as a member. We get to share ideas and I always learn something new. On my recent trip to South Florida for a visit with my dear 96 year old aunt, I got a phone call from our esteemed David Dansky. I told David I was in West Palm Beach and he immediately suggested it would be wonderful if I could visit his long time friend and TCA member's home and see his magnificent toy train collection not far from where I was staying. David called his friend, Michael Salnick to tell him who I was and that I would very much like to meet him and to visit his train collection. Michael called me immediately and most graciously made time in his busy schedule to invite me over. He said he always likes to have fellow TCA members see his trains. It's hard to put into words the impression I got when I entered Michael's huge train room. The photos here only give you a taste of how magnificent his collection is. Michael's impressive layout and displays were professionally built by master craftsman and layout builder Richard Roman who came down from Pennsylvania to create it.



A TRIP TO A TRAIN SHOW

I flew to the TCA National Convention with a stopover in Chicago. I left beautiful sunny Seattle for the clouds, thunderstorms, and rain in Vermont. On June 26 I arrived in Burlington, VT. After all the ordeal of getting there about midnight, the hotel welcomed me with warm chocolate chip oatmeal cookies! I started off the next day with a tour on the Conway Scenic Railway in New Hampshire. A really beautiful ornate station. A scenic ride for sure. They had a nice collection of colorful prototype box cars of the local railroads and a well done HO model operating layout in the freight station.

The next day was the National Board meeting which I attended to represent our PNW Division.

Via Zoom - Rick Dunn, former Division president and David Barth, current Division president and I jointly proposed that TCA National cover 100% of the costs for all division presidents to attend the next National Convention which celebrates the **70th Anniversary of TCA**. The motion passed unanimously. That evening we had the welcome party and dinner with a live 16-piece band hosted by the TCA NE Division (NETCA). The Convention events continued with a bus trip to Montreal to visit EXPORAIL, the Canadian Railroad Museum. They have amazing equipment mostly indoors. I really liked this!

That evening was the fun dinner cruise and sunset on Lake Champlain also with live music.

Friday the toy train sales began with perhaps only 30 vendors. My favorite purchases were a couple of Winross 1/64th scale diecast trucks, one, a very early production flatbed truck in an original bubble pack and the other a limited edition semi-truck especially made for Kodak film Co..

During the convention, two local Vermont TCA members, Mike O'Connor and Nick Hardin, had a special, awesome display of the complete collection of Gilbert American Flyer 3/16th scale, O-Gauge trains.

That evening there was a layout tour, one of them had a nice 3-rail O-Gauge layout where the owner being a bridge engineer, included many nice bridges. The other was the NW Vermont HO model RR club layout.

A beautiful scenic display about 30' X 30' which was fun to operate. It turns out one of the guys is an S-Gauge enthusiast and has an S-Gauge layout at home. He also helps maintain the American Flyer S-Gauge layout at the Shelburne Museum in VT. (The Shelburne family were friends of A. C. Gilbert. They asked him to build the original AF layout at the museum).

Saturday was a bus trip to the ski town of Stowe, VT, a quaint little town. There I met up with a couple friends and they in turn introduced me to one of their friends who is the grandson of the Chittenden family who designed the Seattle Ship Canal locks.

That evening was the closing banquet. At the dinner I presented our \$2,500 donation to the TCA National Endowment Fund. A percentage of the profits from the sale of our special run Yakima Valley Fruit Refrigerator cars funded this donation.

Sunday I enjoyed the steam Cog Railway train up Mount Washington, the highest point in New Hampshire.

Even though it is only 6,288 feet in elevation, it is noted for having the most severe weather in the country and (the highest wind velocity ever recorded by humans at 231 mph).

All in all, it was a wonderful time and I was impressed by how friendly and uncrowded it was in Vermont. It was clean and there were no homeless folks on the streets.

I highly recommend you take time out and go to some of these National Conventions. It is a great place to meet people who share our common interest in the train hobby. It is an opportunity to learn new things and make new friends.

TCA PNWD VP Don Miholovich railroadman10@aol.com Cell & V/M: 206-551-0162

Convention photos from our VP



Flying by Mt. Rainier with Mt. Adams in the distance.



Conway Scenic Railway station.



Beautiful F-Unit pair at the Conway Scenic RR.



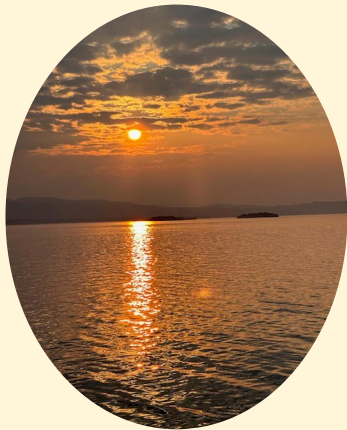
16 piece band at the welcoming dinner.



EXPO RAIL Train museum, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.



Dinner Cruise on Lake Champlain with our fellow TCA Convention attendees.



Sunset on Lake Champlain from the dinner cruise boat.



Don presenting the \$2500 check from PNWD to National Pres. Jay Zschau for the Endowment Fund at the National Banquet.



TCA National Board meeting at the 2023 Convention in Burlington, VT.



American Flyer Layout at the Shelburne Museum in Burlington, Vermont.



Poster made from pictures of an actual train collection of a TCA Member. This was on display in the convention trading hall.



A small part of the collection of American Flyer 3/16\" scale O-Gauge trains from Mike O'Connor & Nick Hardin that were on display throughout the convention.



Our Steam Cog Railway train on Mt Washington getting water for our trip up.

MORE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

Once again, I have made arrangements with the Moose Lodge to have breakfast served hot at our Summer meet.

- **Breakfast Details:**
- Date: Aug 13, 2023 - Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
- Where: In the dining room at the Chehalis Moose Lodge in Centralia
- Price: \$9 per person
- **Menu:**
- Plated - 2 eggs, scrambled, breakfast meat, hash browns, toast, muffins, or biscuits, butter, jam, juice and coffee.
- Once again we need a headcount in advance. The goal is 20 pre-paid sign-ups!
- There is a section in the registration form to **check off & pre-pay** for breakfast reservations.
- The deadline for breakfast sign-up is August 4th 2023 for the August 13th meet.
- Breakfast is only available for pre-paid. (*No breakfast at the door.*)
- Tickets will be given to those who have prepaid when you check in at the door.
- Give your ticket to the kitchen staff when you're ready to eat.
- **As always, the club will provide coffee & cookies in the main hall.**

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PNWD CHAPTER UPDATES

PORTLAND

Meets are usually held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at Aloha Mall Basement. Tualatin Valley Hwy. & SW 185th Ave, Aloha, OR. All meets start at 9:00 AM.

Contact - Peter Schuytema, Chapter President for details at pschuytema@comcast.net

SEATTLE

Chapter attendance continues to recover from the bad old days of covid, and there are certainly plenty of trains! Future Seattle Chapter meets and Show and Tell themes: Sept. 10 - Clockwork Trains, Oct. 8 - Passenger Cars, Dec. 10 - Holiday Items.

We gather at 9:00 AM at the Shoreline Senior Center, 18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline WA 98115. The Senior Center is part of a large School District compound, look for the TCA sign(s). Door fee \$10.00, tables free.

Contact - Randy Unger, Chapter President for details at forestforge@hotmail.com

After six years of dedication, Glenn Raymond concluded his outstanding service as Chapter President. He'll continue as an active member and may now actually have time to play with some trains!

BOISE

Treasure Valley Chapter: Currently there are no meets listed.

For info. Contact: Phil Myers, Secretary 208-939-8077 jpmymersmsmyers@q.com



AUGUST 13, 2023

PNWD TCA Summer Division Meet Registration Form Chehalis Moose Hall 1400 Grand Avenue Centralia, WA

Meet Schedule

9:00 am HALL SET UP WITH OFFICERS & SET-UP CREW ONLY.
9:30 am HALL OPENS FOR SELLER SET-UP.
9:30 - 11 am MOOSE LODGE Hot BREAKFAST (RSVP BELOW).
10:00 am Admission Desk is open.
11:30 am Membership meeting.
Trading Floor opens after membership meeting.

Our Live Auction will commence at a time to be determined!
(Auction sign-up sheet will be at the front desk)

*******COFFEE WILL BE READY TO GO AROUND 10:45AM*******



PRE-REGISTRATION DUE BY August 4, 2023

Member Name _____ TCA No. _____

☐ Family ☐ Guest - Names: _____ / _____ / _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone No: () _____

Member Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the Train Collectors Association (TCA) and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time. Specifically including all the rules and regulations of all TCA Committees and actions and rulings of all TCA Committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA member or at any TCA sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and, in the manufacturer's, original condition unless I have caused any such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.

Member Registration \$ 5.00

Tables-----\$10/ea. # of tables (_____) x \$10.00 + \$ _____

Sales table requests without pre-payment are subject to availability.

Breakfast pre-payment DUE with completed form received by August 4, 2023

Breakfast is served 9:30 - 11 AM. (_____) x \$9.00/ea. = \$ _____

**Registration and meal reservations are non-refundable after the due date.

CHECK Total** = \$ _____ Ck# _____

Please make checks payable to:
MAIL TO: →

Do Not Send Cash

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INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL DELAY REGISTRATION

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Reminder

Members must be up to date on
their National and Division dues for
each year they attend Division or
Chapter meets
as per TCA National Bylaws

NOTE:

**DIVISION DUES
FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
AT ALL DIVISION MEETS.**



UPCOMING TRAIN MEETS

Aug. 13, 2023: TCA Train Meet at the Chehalis Moose Lodge in Centralia, WA.

Sept. 3, 2023: Aloha Mall TCA/TTOS Club house layout open house 11am – 2pm.

Sept. 9, 2023: Longview, Kelso & Rainier Model RR Club Train Show at Three Rivers Mall, Kelso, WA.

Sept. 30, 2023: Great Train Swap Meet at Battle Ground High School. Battleground, WA.

Oct. 7 & 8, 2023: Lynden Train show.

Nov. 11, 2023: Boeing Employees Model RR Club Swap Meet at Kent, WA.

Nov. 12, 2023: TCA Train Meet at the Chehalis Moose Lodge in Centralia, WA.

Dec. 06, 2023: Polk County Fairgrounds, Railroad show and swap meet, Rickreall, OR.

4th Sundays: Except July & Aug. The Canadian Toy Train Association meets in Burnaby, BC.