TCA Pacific Northwest Division

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LOGGER

TCA Mission Statement

"To develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history - Tinplate Toy Trains - through research, education, fellowship, establishment of collecting standards, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of collecting and operating toy, model and scale trains."

Upcoming TCA - PNWD Division Meet

Chehalis Moose Lodge - 1400 Grand Ave, Centralia, WA

September 20th, 2026

PNWD CHEHALIS FALL 2026 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

NOTE: $5.00 DOOR FEE - PRE-REGISTRATION IS NO LONGER NECESSARY.

10:00 AM Registration, admission desk and floor trading are open.

Soft drinks and snacks are ready.

There will be a membership meeting and auction.

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

11:30 AM A brief Membership meeting will be held followed by the Auction.

The Auction start time is to be determined!

2027 DIVISION DUES RENEWAL FORMS ARE ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS LOGGER. AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEET.

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***REMINDER:** All members must be **SURE** that your TCA National dues are up to date. Your National membership must be **CURRENT** to participate in all Division and Chapter activities.*

TCA PNWD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter Autumn and begin the end of the year train season our upcoming TCA PNW Division Fall meet should be the perfect starting place to buy, sell and trade trains and accessory items.

Here's some highlights from the June meet. We had a nice turnout and some great deals were made. There was live action on the 0, S and Standard gauge loops of track. A brisk auction was held led by our new Division Auctioneer, Ray. And lots of door prizes were given out by our new Division Secretary, Toby.



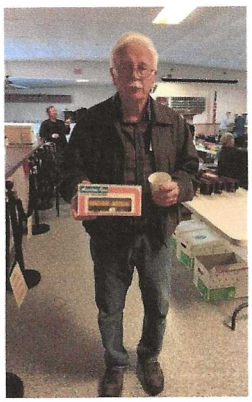




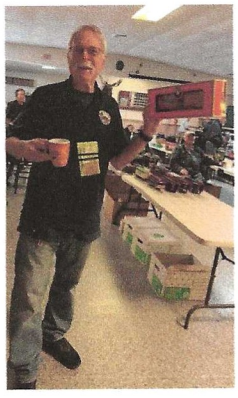














MORE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After our June Division Meet, Don, Lincoln and I visited our longtime PNW Division retiring Secretary, Dick Walters. We presented him with an engraved crystal plaque to show the gratitude of all our members and to honor his service to the TCA and the PNW Division for his wonderful dedication in support of our organization for so many, many years.

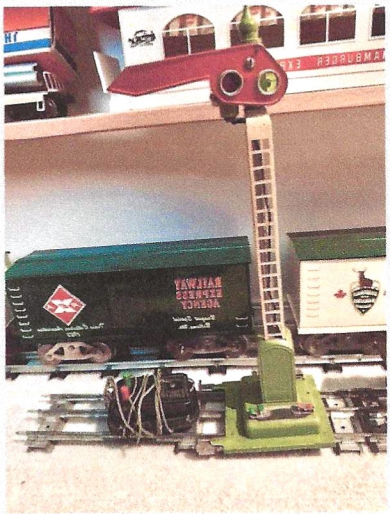
Dick and Sandy worked tirelessly over several years to organize, promote and host the 2005 TCA National Convention in Seattle.

We had a very nice visit with Dick and Sandy. Dick assured us that he was just retiring from being the Division Secretary and that he will always be a strong supporter of the TCA and our Division. He has been very helpful in guiding our new Div. Secretary, Toby Ensign in the duties of the office.

Dick took us on a tour of his train room and shared his immense knowledge of our hobby, including stories of the McCoys and the McCoy train factory.











VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you ever thought about going to a National TCA convention? You should! I had a great time in June in Dallas going as the representative from our PNW Division. The Hyatt Regency Hotel was a nice upscale home-base for our event. The convention planners included fantastic tours to several beautiful home layouts and places like the John Wayne Museum, Gone with the Wind museum, a train ride on the Grapevine Vintage Railroad (when was the last time you rode behind a pair of FL9 diesel locomotives?), the Museum for the Dallas TV show, and the Museum of the American Railroad in Frisco, TX (which includes Big Boy 4018, Centennial 6913, one of two surviving Santa Fe Alco PA's, GG1 4903, just to mention a few!

It was a "Texas-sized event" and there were so many places to go, people to meet, things to see and do! It was a great opportunity to get out and see stuff. The basic itinerary was well planned out for us. I can't emphasize enough that it's just a lot of fun to associate and be with people who have the same interests. You can make good friendships and you get ideas for your own layouts. You will see trains and accessories that you never saw before, things that you didn't think existed even if you're an aficionado collector. You could join the fun at the 2027 Convention proposed to be in Pittsburgh, PA.
Don Miholovich
Vice President TCA PNWD



Don at the Grapevine, Texas operating Vintage RR & Museum. Locomotive #771 a 2-8-2 Mikado, (B&O & UP called these MacArthurs after WWII)



Official Convention photos with Don at the center delivering our PNWD'S donation to the TCA Endowment fund.

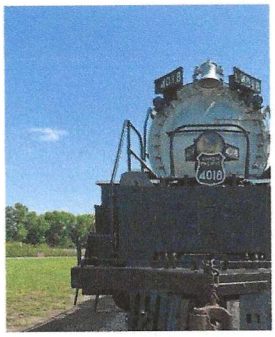


EMD FL9 locomotive # on the Grapevine Vintage RR on the head end of our train ride to the stockyards





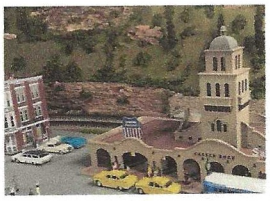
Grapevine Vintage RR Station station across the tracks from the main Grapevine RR Station



BIG BOY



Santa Fe Alco PA





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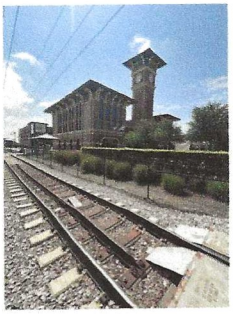
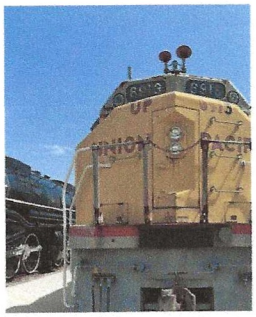


Grapevine RR Depot (Not sure about the 3rd Rail, any of you Lionel buffs know?)



Centennial 6913



PNWD CHAPTER UPDATES

PORTLAND CHAPTER

Attendance for the Portland Chapter meets has been steady with good attendance through late spring and into summer. Next up will be our annual open house which will be held on Sunday, November 15th with preparations starting soon. Lastly, since the next Division meet is on our normal meet day, the September Portland Chapter meet will be a week later on the 27th.

Meets are usually held on the 3rd Sunday of each month, except on Division meet months.

Meets are at Aloha Mall Basement.

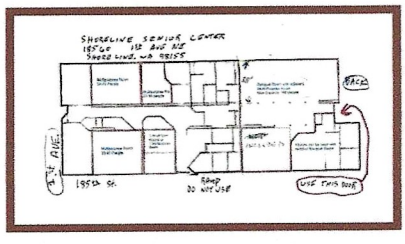
Tualatin Valley Hwy. & SW 185th Ave, Aloha, OR.

Meets start at 9:00 AM. Peter Schuytema, Chapter President for details: *pschuytema@comcast.net*

SEATTLE CHAPTER

At our last Seattle Chapter Meet we discussed the email Scam going around asking members to send money to help pay PNWD bills using Board members names to make it look real. Primarily, the discussion was to inform members who don't have email. Everyone was advised to contact TCA National for more details. Other than that, we had another good meeting with great member turnout. Our next Seattle Chapter meeting is Sunday October 11th, 0800-12 noon.

Find us here



Everyone is welcome.

We are located in the rear of the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Senior Activity Center, 18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline, Wa. 98155.

Feel free to contact Dennis Tichi (Chapter President) For any details.

email: *Goofytrainman@msn.com* Cell 206 919-2086

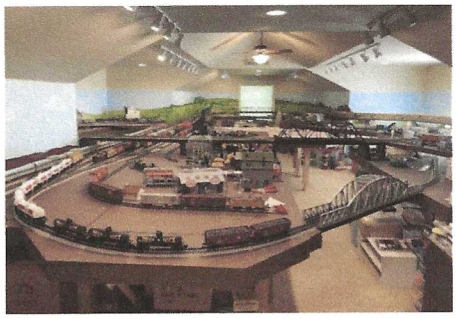
BOISE CHAPTER

The Treasure Valley Chapter of the PNWD (a/k/a Boise Chapter) holds monthly meetings at different member homes unless replaced by a significant event (Festival of Trees, out-of-town show, 1:1 scale train trip). Smaller events—such as a library show—are conducted plus the monthly meets. In addition to short business meetings, the person hosting a monthly meeting provides a lunch with sides brought by attendees. Of course, an important element of home meetings is the opportunity to see each member's train layout, watch operations, and share ideas for layout construction. Work sessions on the TV chapter's portable layout are held as needed. Our recent library excursion was a train show at Meridian, Idaho's newest library during the 2026 grade schools' spring break.

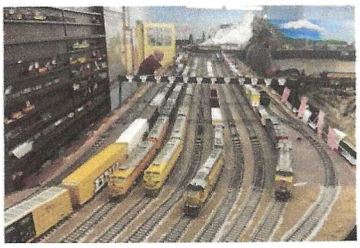




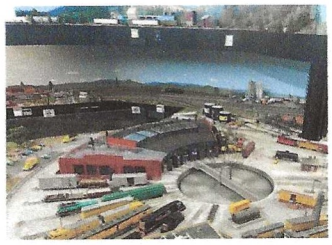
The August 2026 meeting was conducted at the Bischoff home in Eagle, ID.



A multi-club get together was Sponsored by the Caldwell Train Club & Museum in Caldwell, ID Aug 29th . The Treasure Valley O-gauge club traveled to Caldwell to view the Caldwell group's permanent HO- and N-scale layouts (809 Dearborn Street) plus share landscaping and control system techniques.









Finally, planned TCA TV Chapter future events include:

Monthly meetings at member homes

Possible excursion on Eagle Cap tourist train (Eglin, OR) on 10 Oct 2026

Nampa (ID) Festival of Trees (25-29 Nov 2026)

Christmas Layout party (19 Dec 2026)

Great Train Show in Boise, ID (2-3 Jan 2027)

Idaho History Museum—transportation theme (17 Mar 2027)

Ron Bischoff, President TCA TV Chapter - *ronbischoff980@gmail.com*

TCA Pacific Northwest Division
Membership Meeting Minutes June 7, 2026

Meeting call to order by Division President David Barth at 11:46AM, Followed by all standing to recite our Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report:
The members present voted to accept the February 1, 2026 Membership Meeting minutes as sent out with the most recent Logger.

Treasurer's report:
Cash on hand as of May 31st is $1,264 and checks for deposit is $45. Total checking, cash on hand, and deposit total is $15,238.56.
The members present voted to accept the report.

Old business:
Yearly TCA National and Division dues need to be current to permit attendance at both Division and Chapter events.

Updates from Seattle and Portland Chapters:
Seattle – Flat cars will be the subject of next month's meeting for show & tell.
Portland – Peter is on vacation. Aloha Oregon meet reminder is in the Logger, added Super O track, looking for a new treasurer.

New Business:
This year's TCA National convention will be held June 22-27, 2026 in Dallas Texas. Don M will represent the Division at the event, Don reports specials on hotel rates and encourages more members to attend. There is an MTH collector in Tacoma looking to sell, see Don if interested. Mike Finn will be trying to sell 100 boxes of trains since moving to a retirement facility. Dan Olsen's collection is coming up for sale. Accepting bids, closing in October. Inventory of 2100 items. Call or Gilbert Uhler or Dennis Techi email for list.
Does everyone understand the new policy of not having to pre-register?
It is very important to sign in when arriving, whether or not you want tables or breakfast.

The next 2026 Division meet will be here at the Chehalis Moose Lodge on September 20, 2026.
The annual PNWD Board of Directors election is complete, and the newly elected BOD members are:
Vice President: Don Miholovich (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028)
Secretary: Toby Ensign (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028)
Member at Large: Kevin O'Connor (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028)

Results of today's BOD meeting:
BOD voted and approved PNWD will donate $1000 for 2025 and $1000 for 2026 to the TCA Endowment Fund. Don will present the donation at the convention. The PNWD will donate $100 towards a gift to TCA Outgoing National President.
BOD voted and agreed Dick Walters will be a Lifetime Division Member and given an Honorary Plaque and will be exempt from Division dues ongoing.
Division President called for the meeting adjournment at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Toby Ensign
Secretary, TCA PNWD

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TCA PNW Division Meet
Chehalis Moose Lodge
1400 Grand Avenue Centralia, WA

::::::::::: MEET PROCEDURE :::::::::::

Sign-in fee is $5 per person
Tables are $10 ea.
Guests are free!

At the door, you will indicate what you would like.

You will pay the appropriate amount at that time how many tables needed and how many breakfasts. And sign in the number of people registering.

Breakfasts are $10 ea.

The breakfasts will be available on a first come first serve basis until we reach our committed number of 25 breakfasts.

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 (PAY AT THE SIGN-IN DESK).
10:00 am	REGISTRATION, ADMISSION DESK AND FLOOR TRADING ARE OPEN.

A BRIEF MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 AM FOLLOWED BY OUR AUCTION. (AUCTION SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE AT THE FRONT DESK.)

DOOR PRIZES!
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Toby Ensign, Secretary
TCA PNW Division
1705 Dock Street, Unit 554
Tacoma, WA 98402

Reminder:

Members must be up to date on their National and PNWD dues for the current year to attend Division and Chapter meets as per TCA National Bylaws.

UPCOMING 2026 TRAIN MEETS & SHOWS

Sept. 26, 2026: Great Train Swap Meet at Battle Ground High School. Battleground, WA.

Sept. 20, 2026: TCA Train Meet at the Chehalis Moose Lodge, Centralia, WA.

Oct. 3 & 4, 2026: Lynden Train show. 1775 Front St. Lynden, WA.

Oct. 17 & 18, 2026: Lewis County Model RR Show, Lewis County Fairgrounds, Chehalis, WA.

Nov. 7, 2026: Boeing Employees Model RR Club Swap Meet, Kent, WA.

Nov. 21, 2026: Longview, Kelso & Ranier MRR Club Swap Meet, Cowlitz County Event Center, Longview, WA

Great Train Shows 2027:

Jan. 9 & 10, 2027: Ridgefield, WA.
Jan. 16 & 17, 2727: Puyallup, WA.
Jan. 23 & 24, 2027: Boise, ID.
Jan. 30 & 31, 2027: Kennewick, WA.

Feb. 13 & 14, 2027: Willamette Cascade Model RR Club Swap Meet. Lane Center, Eugene, Oregon

Feb. 20 & 21, 2027: UNW Model RR Club Show. Monroe, WA.

Last Sundays of the month: The Canadian Toy Train Association meets on the last Sunday of the month which sometimes may be the 5th Sunday and in December the last Sunday before Christmas at the: Charles Rummel Park Center in Burnaby, BC. Except July & Aug.

NOTE:
DIVISION ANNUAL DUES FORMS ARE ATTACHED HERE AND ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DIVISION MEETS.

2027 PACIFIC NW DIVISION TCA
DUES FORM
$15 Per Year

In order to belong to the PNWD, you must be a TCA member, in good standing(current). Any member may enroll his or her spouse or minor children (under the age of 18) as a family member upon payment of one dollar ($1) each. A family member will be issued a membership card but will not have the rights or benefits of membership except attendance at functions.

Dues Calculations:

Current or New Member: Dues are $15——————————————————————— $ 15.00

Names of family members you wish to register:

Spouse_____

Children(age)_____(____) Children(age)_____(____)

Children(age)_____(____) Children(age) _____(____)

Number of Family Members_____ x $1 $_____

Additional Cost of Having Hard Copy of Logger mailed ($20) ——————————————$_____

Total $_____

Member Name_____TCA No. _____

Address:_____

City:_____State:_____ Zip:_____

e-mail address:_____ Phone: _____

Note: A valid email address is necessary for you to receive your Logger if you are not sending additional payment for delivery via the postal system

I hereby subscribe to the purposes, policies and duties of its members as described in the bylaws of the Train Collectors Association. - I also understand and agree to the admission procedures. I agree to comply with all the rules and regulations of the TCA and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time, specifically including all of the rules and regulations of all TCA committees and any 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 Signature:_____ Date:____/____/____

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