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THE MEET AT THE MOOSE LODGE ON JUNE 7, 2009

It should be another fantastic event. We will have 50 sales tables available this time and many, many items on the auctions after the lunch.

Remember – registration is only \$5.00 now. Just be sure you indicate how many will be having breakfast and include that \$6.00 fee in your total, along with the registration fee and table fee in the GRAND TOTAL. (Breakfast will be served from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.)

Steve D'Ambrosia will be bringing up items from the Stan Zajdel collection. Stan passed away last year and his wife asked if the PNWD would help in disposing of some of his trains. Steve's answer was – OF COURSE. Another member, Steve Peterson, also asked for help in disposing of his collection so again, Steve D'Ambrosia promised his family that the Division could also help in that effort.

There is also the possibility that more items from the John Granquist estate will be at the June meet so there could be a lot of fun for the members to participate in the afternoon auctions.

Meet Schedule

- 7:00 a.m. Hall Opens for early set-up - - - **Breakfast will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. SEE REGISTRATION FORM. Include the breakfast fee with meet/table registration**
- 7:30 to 9:30 Registration and admission desk is open
Silent Auction Set-up and Start is 8:00 Fee is \$1.00 per lot – get your sign-up sheets at the front desk!
- 7:00 to 9:00 **SELLERS – Set-up your trading tables**
(When finished – cover your tables and leave the Trading area –
no browsing allowed until trading begins – NO EXCEPTIONS)
- 9:00 Short Membership meeting: Trading Floor opens after the membership meeting is finished
- 11:00 Silent Auction Ends
- 11:30 Lunch is served (**Lunch is FREE to all members – CHECK the box on the registration form**)
- 12:00 Regular LIVE non-reserve auction begins
- 12:30 **Special Auctions - Stan Zajdel and Steve Peterson collections**
(Contact Steve D'Ambrosia for details & info)
Possibly more trains from the John Granquist Collection
(Contact Dick Flinchbaugh for info)

Coffee will be ready when you get there!

TCA Mission

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

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The open house at Steve Ramsdell was well attended and a great success as can be seen on the following pages. PNWD members from both the Seattle and Portland chapters enjoyed the event. We got to see his large operating layout which he ran during the duration of the open house.



Steve's wife, Gretchen, provided a great lunch and snacks that everyone enjoyed.

The Pacific Northwest Division summer Meet will on June 7, 2009 at the Moose Lodge Hall in Centralia (several blocks north of the fairground location). The last meet which included a \$6.00 breakfast and a complementary lunch was a huge success. The PNWD plans to repeat the experience at the summer meet. Dorene Whitlock, one of the members of the "Women of the Moose", is in charge of the food and she remarked that they will do a better job for the June meet. Would that be possible?

The PNWD members donated the money to purchase 10 additional tables (making a total of 50 available) so this should provide an adequate number for the PNWD members to use and enough for the auction items. (See the Minutes of the February 8, 2009 meeting found on Page 5 of this Logger)

There will be an all member auction after the lunch, followed by a second auction comprised of toy trains and accessories from two of the Portland Chapter members. If the items for the second auction are minimal an additional portion of the John Granquist trains will be included. Please attend these auctions to support the families of past PNWD members.

We still need volunteers to help set up and run the trains during the Lake City Pioneer Days which will occur Friday July 31 and Saturday August 1 between 12:00PM (noon) and 7:00PM. The PNWD TCA members will show the children how to run the trains using the TMCC controllers and monitor them to make sure that the trains will not be run off the tracks. Also, PNWD member support is required to set up the trains on Thursday July 30 between 10:0AM and 2:00 PM.

Also plan to support the World's Greatest Hobby Tour at the Western Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup Washington. This event will occur Saturday and Sunday, November 21-22. I am working to get the Treasure Valley Chapter to bring their hands on layout. This will make it easier to set up. The support for this event will require at least 10 TCA members from the Seattle and Portland chapters each day. Put this event on your schedule. It was a great success in Portland 2 years ago. All members that support this event will get free access to the event.

Frank Geczi
President TCA PNWD

SEATTLE CHAPTER NEWS**REMINDER --**

**THERE WILL BE NO SEATTLE
CHAPTER MEETS IN MAY AND JUNE**

RAMSDELL LAYOUT TOUR – APRIL 4, 2009

The layout is 28X12 feet, and trains run on three levels. The first two levels have double mains and the top is a single loop. All three levels have switching yards. Two trolleys run on the lowest level, stopping at the village of Ulrey's Corner, the train depot and an underground station. The period is set sometime between the 1950s to about 1980.

General cargo is the focus of activity on the lowest level. Accessories include Lionel and American Flyer barrel loaders, an ice loader, and a milk car unloading platform. Located at center of the yard is the Hyryzk Shipping company warehouse. The second level's switching activity mostly involves action at three coal loaders. Through-trains frequently pass by the yard. The top level's industry is timber.

Trains of the Pukin Dog Railroad run on the loop from Pukin Dog Pass around the lake at Red's sawmill, home of the Pukin Dog Lumber Company, where a K-Line Shay moves log cars to and from the log loader.

(The name "Pukin Dog" comes from my days as a Navy fighter pilot. The squadron I commanded was formed in 1949, just before the Korean War, and was flying F9F Panther jets in the beginning. The original logo designed for the squadron was intended to be a mythical looking winged panther. But when it was shown to the pilots for the first time, one of them remarked that it looked like a pukin dog. The name stuck and survives to this day. When I left the squadron, one of the officers presented me with a Lionel boxcar he'd repainted with the squadron logo and "PDRR".

The Pukin Dog Railroad was born. It now includes two engines, and Alco FA and a Lionel NW8, and a caboose I've had repainted. The Pukin Dog Lumber Company Shay also has the PD logo.)

For the Chapter visit, I ran diesels and featured the great trains produced by the Division, the 737 set, the mountain container set, and the boxcars we've done so well. In all we had about 30 people come. I think everyone had a good time.

Gretchen and I had a great time.

Your host,
Steve Ramsdell



What a layout – “absolutely fantastic” were the comments



Just a few of Steve's trains – is that the Northern Pacific PNWD 50th Anniversary Box Car on the second shelf? You bet it is!!!



David Howry and his grandson, Michael Finn, are learning all the important details of this great layout.



Looks like Dick Walters taking pictures from the corner – What a view!!!



Byron Parsons and his wife, Irene are having a serious discussion with Tom Albertine about trains, no doubt.



Richard Schafner, Dick Walters, Mike Bowerman and Fran Doyle all getting a demonstration from Steve Ramsdell.



Steve Ramsdell at the controls and a very intent Michael Finn is taking it all in.



Robert Jenkins, David Walsh, David Howry and his grandson, Michael Finn, are watching all those fabulous trains go round and round. Someone is hiding in behind Robert Jenkins but he'll have to remain the mystery man.

PORTLAND CHAPTER – ALOHA MALL LAYOUT (Photos & info courtesy of Rob Cook, Portland Newsletter Editor)

Ray Gallahan brought this latest edition of a Lionel Trainmaster



Lynn Nystrom brought this great prewar passenger set

The Portland Chapter group has a distinct advantage – they actually have track they can run their trains on. The members enjoy bringing the latest items they have found or just bring their “old friends” to run and for others to enjoy. Although it is a small group – they really know how to “ENJOY THE MOMENT” as one might say on the 3rd Sunday of each month.



Ray Gallahan's Lionel pulls the Tropicana fast freight



Kevin and Morgan Thomas brought this newest edition of the Lionel General

**Train Collectors Association / Pacific Northwest Division
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
February 8, 2009 Moose Hall, Chehalis WA**

9:00AM: Meeting called to order by President Frank Gezzi

The General Membership meeting minutes from November 2, 2008 were read and approved by the membership.

Treasurer's report: Barbara Flinchbaugh reported funds on hand up to the start of this meet total approximately \$9,600.00 and after the meet will exceed \$10,000.00. At the start of this meet there were nine (9) PNWD 50th Anniversary Cars available for sale. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

Old Business:

The remaining meets this year will be at the Moose Hall on June 7, 2009 and November 1, 2009.

New Business:

A motion was made to donate to the Moose Hall adequate funds to acquire ten (10) tables of the type currently in use for future Moose Hall activities. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of Division funds to improve the Moose Hall activity room access ramp for future needs. This idea was tabled for future discussion.

A motion was made to reduce Division meet fees for the remainder of 2009 from \$10.00 to \$5.00 per member. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

Discussion ensued regarding the appointment by the Division President of an Adjudication Committee to resolve matters pertaining to members' meet conduct, grading and authentication. Matters pertaining to these areas should be identified to a Division Board Member or the Division President as soon as possible thereafter the fact and all due diligence will be used to resolve such matters at that time of such notification.

A motion was made to donate from Division funds to TCA National a sum of \$2,500.00. The motion was seconded, but was not approved by the membership. A motion was made to donate from Division funds to TCA National a sum of \$1,000.00. The motion failed to get a second and was thus tabled.

The Moose Hall kitchen staff for our meet was recognized by providing each of the ladies with a cut bouquet of fresh flowers in a glass vase.

Lake City Pioneer Days: The Division has again been invited to set up an operating toy train layout and provide assistance to the public on August 1, 2009 for operating toy trains at the Lake City Community Center. All members are encouraged to participate in the set-up, running and tear-down for this event. More information will be forthcoming.

The *World's Greatest Hobby* show will be held November 21 & 22, 2009 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds and the Division will have a TCA booth and possibly a layout available for the public to operate. We will need volunteers for set-up, running and tear-down for this event. More information will be forthcoming.

Division name badges are available for \$10.00 each. President Frank Gezzi is the contact person for information, payment and acquisition of same.

TCA Headquarters brick donation funds in memory of Ted Ahlberg have been sent to National and the brick should be installed not later than June 1, 2009.

9:30AM: Meeting adjourned
Respectfully submitted,

Dick Walters, Secretary
TCA Pacific Northwest Division

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Portland Chapter Meets

The Portland Chapter meets are held the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Aloha Mall, 18631 SW Tualatin Valley Highway @ corner of SW 185th Ave., Aloha, OR 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Meeting and Auction, Contact - -

Steve D'Ambrosia, 503-658-4383

Seattle Chapter Meets

The Seattle Chapter meets are held the 4th Sunday of the month at the Lake City Community Center, 12531-28th Ave. NE, Seattle WA, Doors open 9:00 AM, Contact - -

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REMEMBER – NO SEATTLE CHAPTER MEETS IN MAY OR JUNE. The next Seattle Chapter meet will be July 26th