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is included as well.

DIVISION MEET AT THE MOOSE LODGE – JUNE 6, 2010

The registration page for the division meet is included with this edition of the Logger.

REMEMBER - - -

Breakfast (with lunch) is \$6.00

Lunch only is \$6.00

Check the proper boxes on the registration form if you are eating breakfast or lunch.

Please check your math when you determine your total and include the \$5.00 registration fee in the **GRAND TOTAL**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have gotten many messages from the volunteers that were working on the rules to auction off toy train collections. After reading the inputs, the best ideas were integrated into a proposed set of rules that apply to the liquidation of toy train collections for TCA members and non TCA members. These rules are enclosed on page 3.

They allow small collections (\$2000.00 or less) to be auctioned off at no cost to the TCA member or the member's family. Fees will apply collections value over \$2000.00 to cover the cost of cataloging and handling the collection. The work that the members do will be free. We need to help our members and their families in need. We will also accept collections which are not associated with a TCA member. These non TCA collections will be auctioned off with a total 10% fee. There will be no buyer's premium.

On June 6, 2010 we are looking forward to another successful meet at the Moose Lodge with two great meals - a hot breakfast and lunch for \$6.00. After lunch there will be an auction of the remaining John Granquist train collection and more of the Steve Peterson collection.

The PNWD TCA is incorporated under the TCA National Corporation. TCA National is incorporated under Pennsylvania corporate laws. They have updated their by-laws to be in line with the Pennsylvania corporate laws. This was required to maintain the TCA non-profit status. The PNWD will follow the TCA National by-laws with a set of operating rules which identifies those items which do not apply to PNWD TCA. Included in the operating rules will be specific items such as dues determination. This is required to come in line with the TCA rewritten by-laws to maintain our tax free status.

Due to the new TCA National by-laws election of officers will be delayed 6 months. The present officers will remain on the job until June 30, 2011. This matches the TCA National election period. At this time we will need to replace the existing PNWD officers with new officers. Members in the division need to volunteer for the vacated positions. If we have no officers the division will cease to exist.

There is an opportunity to support The PNWD TCA and work to attract new members. The PNWD support is required for the Pioneer's day weekend on August 6, 7 and 8. Thursday August 6 will be the day that we set up the layout between 10:00AM and 2:00 PM. Friday and Saturday August 7 and 8 we will be running the trains from 12:00 noon until 7:00 pm with the tear down of the layout Saturday evening. We will be running 3 trains at the same time on separate loops of track. We will need PNWD TCA members to 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, support will be required to set up the trains on Thursday July 30.

Don't forget the TCA National fund drive. Forms will be provided at the division meet and included with this **LOGGER**. TCA National needs the money to pay for the sewerage facility which was required by the state of Pennsylvania. If every member donated \$10.00, the upgrade would be paid in 3 years.

Frank Geczi
President PNWD TCA

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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TRAIN SWAP MEET

Out from their basements, corners and such
multiple sizes of railroad buffs,
Carrying boxes to show or to sell,
some to recall their stories to tell.

A means of transport an era from our nation
a set railroad line of spec calculation
Some have a boxcar that once had a story
others a relic that carried "Old Glory".

A Lionel box of orange and blue
didn't even have to be brand new
History shows what makes a man tick,
a railroad line and an engine that's slick!

These buffs it seems walk a gait,
slow with a stoop bent for the "take".
Eyes that can scan the find down under
pieces of metal, plastic or other.

As cargo appears the vultures hunker
not willing to wait or be a lone sucker
They all seem to know the price that they need
it's seldom a trade but green back of seed.

A toy now a hobby like interest to share
a memory to pass on in hopes that they care.
So carry on old timers, your hobby is stored
way deep in a basement as buffs have them hoard.

(Written while at TCA Lake City, WA meet,
January 10, 2010 by Phyllis Cederberg)



IN MEMORIAM

S. William (Bill) Hollingsworth was a long time TCA member and passed away on February 5th, 2010. He had been an active member since 1984 and provided many very interesting articles for publications in the LOGGER for all to enjoy. He hosted an open house in 2009 and many of our Pacific Northwest Division members were able to see Bill's fantastic layout in his home. He will be missed by all.

Our National TCA really needs our help!!!

Well, we did it. The 2009 goal was met (thanks to of many of our members for their generous donations) and a new appeal is out to do the same for 2010. A donation form is included with this Logger. Let's again do our share and help our National Organization in their "Annual Appeal". The anonymous donor has again promised \$5,000.

SEATTLE CHAPTER NEWS

Mid-Year Report from the Seattle Chapter

The Seattle Chapter has just concluded its fifth meet of our ten meet 2010 schedule on a positive note. I'm happy to report we have averaged an attendance of 42 members per meet for the first five meets of the year. The year started off with a bang with 55 members attending our January meet. The low attendance was a respectable 34 members for our recently concluded May meet which was on Mother's Day. I always say you have to roll with the punches. A dozen roses were purchased with the idea of distributing them to the first 12 mothers that attended the meet. Needless to say this gesture was very well received. As we head into the 2nd half of our schedule I feel very comfortable in the changes we made and the direction we're going. Thanks to a small checking account surplus the lower attendance we normally see during the summer month meets, this year on July 11th and August 8th, will not have the negative impact on the Chapter as in the past. With decent attendance in September and October we will be concluding the year with another Christmas Meet on December 12th.

Our primary goals this year were to increase attendance while keeping Chapter business as simple as possible. The ingredients for a successful chapter are there. Thanks to the hard work of the Seattle Chapter board of directors, Jim Ryan, Vice President, Tom Borrud, Secretary, and Matt Graves, Treasurer, I believe we're accomplishing these goals.

We hope to see you soon at the Lake City Community Center. Happy railroading.
Mike Bowerman, President.

PORTLAND CHAPTER NEWS

The January 17 meet was attended by 10 hardy members and the canine security guard. There *were* competing events this day (can anyone say N.F.L.?), so we were a bit scant on trains to run. What do we do when there aren't many toys to play with, you say? I'm glad you ask. We retire to the conference room and swap all sorts of railroad, and non-railroad, related stories. There are American Flyer legends, war stories and assorted tall tales. Of course, we also strategize about club business.

The February 21 meet was attended by 15 members and the ever-present canine security guard. The paucity of trains to run in the previous month was more than compensated for, as the following pictures will attest. In fact, there were so many trains that the cameraman ran out of memory (disk memory as opposed to brain memory -- although many will argue that his brain memory has run its course also). So, some of the trains didn't have a chance to smile and say "cheese". AND there were many again *many* auction items accompanied by some ferocious bidding. There were postwar modern rolling stock and accessories, and some more recent items as well. It was great fun, and need I say, a good time was had by all.

Al Merris & Tom Steeves with the ever present canine guard - "Miss Blaze"



Rob Cook's Lionel 1647 Freedom Fighter Missile Launcher



Lynn Nystrom brought this really neat Marx pre-war set.

The March 21 meet was attended by 10 members despite some very interesting competing events. It was a very laid-back Sunday with lots of ability to run those favorite trains

Rob Cook, Newsletter Editor

Pacific Northwest Division TCA Auction Policy

All toy train collections auctioned by the PNWD TCA shall comply with the following rules.

- 1) There shall be no fee for the first \$2,000.00 of trains to be auctioned off.
- 2) The fee shall be 10% between \$2000.00 and \$5,000.00.
- 3) The fee shall be reduced to 5% for all items above \$5,000.00.
- 4) For non TCA collections the fee shall be 10% for all items that are auctioned off.
- 5) The first inspection of the toy trains shall be done without cost. At this time the collection will be evaluated and the auction policy will be explained to the owner of the toy trains.
- 6) The toy train collector will be given a verbal estimate of the money that may be realized from the collection.
- 7) The money will be used as follows
 - a. Reimburse the PNWD members for the cost of all office supplies. (An expense form will be available for use in submitting expenses.)
 - b. The excess money will be placed into the PNWD Treasury.
- 8) There will no buyers premium.
- 9) The auction will be conducted in a PNWD meeting without public attendance to eliminate any problems with Washington State sales tax. Any public auctions would occur in Oregon.)

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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

The next meet will be June 20, 2010

Seattle Chapter Meets

The Seattle Chapter meets are now held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Lake City Community Center, 12531-28th Ave. NE, Seattle WA, Doors open 9:00 AM, Contact - -

Mike Bowerman. 425-778-8750

The next two meets are scheduled for
 July 11th and Aug. 8th