



Pacific Northwest Division

LOGGER

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WHERE WERE YOU IN June 2004 When we took this picture???



Well we are going back so mark your calendars
For the weekend of **June 3 & 4, 2006.**
Plan to have a *GREAT time*, see some friends,
Sell/trade some trains, and get your picture
“**TOOK**” at the evening barbeque. **Watch** for a
mailer with all the information you will need to
Join in the **FUN.**

KIDS CLUB

SAY GRAMPS, UNCLE JOHN, DAD, and
BEST BUDDIES,

TCA needs your **HELP** in continuing our
Train Collecting legacy. **Bring a-kid** to a meet.
We have a “Kids Club Gift” for each New
Member that signs up with our Division at
a meet.

“**See KIDS CLUB membership form Enclosed**”

We had a **GREAT** time in **CHEHALIS** ON 3/12/06

There were **82** train enthusiasts and **40**
tables chocked full of trains and train
accessories.

Members, friends and family enjoyed one
another’s company, bought & sold trains,
and bragged about the **BIG** one that got
away. (HA)

The lunch was **SPECTACTULAR** with two
kinds of sandwich’s, soup, three salads,
chips, drinks, and of course scads of donuts
and **HOT** coffee.

A **BIG** birthday cake was our desert, and a
rousing chorus of Happy Birthday was sung
by all.

Some Great door prizes were
given to.

- 1.) Bruce Fowler-S Gauge Caboose
 - 2.) Gloria Geczi-Flowers
 - 3.) Bob Denny-Lionel GN
 - 4.) Paul Korsmoe-51st Convention Tote
 - 5.) Bill Schweizer-Lionel Std of the World
- The afternoon was polished off with a lot of
STUFF changing hands at a very fun
auction.

TCA Mission

To develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history – Tinsplate 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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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE HERES--Frank Geczi

This year started with a super PNWD TCA Division meet in Chehalis. There was a good trading session in the morning which was followed by a FREE lunch set up by Dick & Barbara Flinchbaugh. There even was a birthday cake to celebrate four birthdays at the meet. After lunch there was a nice auction which everyone seemed to enjoy. We are looking at 2 more Division Meets this year, one at Ellensburg and the business meeting in Chehalis. The Chehalis meet should not interfere with any other meets since it is scheduled on October 29, 2006.

The next meet in Ellensburg will be a public meet on June 3 & 4, 2006. The fair grounds coordinator will provide support to advertise the meet. There is also a Kittitas County surplus sale the same weekend right next to our meet. This should make for a good public turnout. This will allow PNWD TCA members in eastern WA, ID, and a couple of renegade members from MT to attend. This meet will be a 2 day affair with a barbeque (Hamburgers & Sausages) provided by the ONWD on Sat. We will be looking for volunteers to bring drinks, salads, chips, and anything else that will go with the food provided. A complete Ellensburg registration package will be mailed the first week of May.

One very important issue that needs to be addressed is how to get more people interested in TOY TRAINS. Next of course is to get them to sign up as active members of the TCA. To do this we need to have members bring collectable trains) including new trains) for show and tell, and trains to run on simple loops. During public meets, like Ellensburg it's important to have trains running on tables with some operating accessories. The operating trains will draw more interest from the public in our hobby, than seeing the merchandise on the tables. If the PNWD members know that they would learn from the show and tell they would be more active in attending the meets. I am happy to announce that we now have a LOGGER editor, Dave Howry. If you have any articles to ad to the PNWD Logger, please send them to him, either by e-mail of US Post Office mail. He would probably prefer e-mail.

Here's looking forward to a rewarding year collecting, selling, and operating trains.

Frank Geczi
President of the PNWD TCA

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

Did you know that 30% of TCA's membership growth happened when new members were signed-up at York meets.

Well we can do the same thing here in the PNW. It only takes YOU bringing a prospective member to a meet, and then inviting him or her to JOIN TCA. Do your part in increasing the fun at our meets and gatherings by helping to increase our membership. SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM ENCLOSED.

WHAT A MEET WE HAD ON MARCH 12, 2006

NEWS FROM**Dick Walters, Seattle Chapter, President**

Seattle Chapter meets are held at the Lake City Community Center the 4th Sunday of each month (except May and December), with the doors open for set-up at 9:00AM. Donuts and Coffee are available for a small donation. Admittance at the door for members is \$4.00, and Guests (two-visits) are free. We have recently added door prize drawings, and will also continue to provide members with periodic unannounced "NO FEE MEETS". Let's hear what you have to suggest helping make Our meets better. One certain thing that is important for a GREAT meet is trains, so bring yours to sell/trade, and auction! There is nothing that Draws more people to meets than trains on the tables! Thank- you for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you, your families, and guests at each and every meet.

NEWS FROM**Tom Steves, Portland Chapter President****Gone Sailing****NEWS FROM****Bill von Tagen, Treasure Valley Chapter President****Gone Fishing**

A TRIP on THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC DAYLIGHT

"Article by an unknown TCA Member"

When I was 12 years old I spent the summer with my Grandparents at their home in Lake Arrowhead CA. At the end of that GREAT summer my Grandfather and Grandmother drove me down the mountain in their NEW Ford, which we all had picked out at the Ford dealership in San Bernadino earlier in the summer, to the train station, and I boarded the Southern Pacific Daylight headed for Oakland CA. I immediately rushed for a seat in the Vista-dome car where I stayed the entire trip, except for the occasional BR trip, and lunch in the dinning car. I bought an apple and a deck of cards from the porter as he passed through my car with his box of goodies. I couldn't nap, I was too excited. I met another young fellow on my trip to the dinning car, and we returned to the Vista Dome to play war over and over again. As we watched with intense interest the outside sights and scenery I remember being amazed at all the back yard scenes in the small towns we seemed to Fly by. I can remember imagining stories in my mind about who might live in those houses, what they were doing, and so on. The hours speed by and before I knew it we were pulling into the old downtown Oakland Train Station, where my parents were anxiously awaiting my arrival. I will always carry these fond memories of that glorious summer and my train ride, to share them, as I'm doing now, with my family, and train friends.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS PNW DIVISION

Division Meets 2006

- * June 3 & 4, Ellensburg
- * October 29, Chehalis

Division Meets 2007

- * February 11, Chehalis
- * June 9 & 10, Ellensburg
- * November 4, Chehalis

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, Tom Steeves (503) 644-2325

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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, Meeting 9:45, Trading 10:00 AM, Frank Geczi, (425) 281-1547

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