



# Pacific Northwest Division LOGGER

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## GREAT IDEAS SHOULD BE SHARED!!!

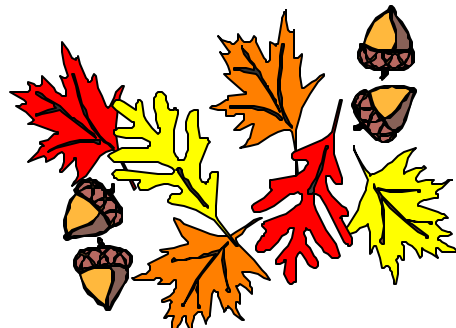
A copy of an article written by Art Tate, President of the WB&A Chapter, Eastern Division is included with this LOGGER. Please take the time to read this very timely writing.

## Our National TCA really needs our help

Frank Geczi has contacted the following divisions: Nor-Cal, Western, Desert, Lone Star and Rocky Mountain with a challenge to their members to promote the biggest fund raising effort that has ever happened to TCA.

A donation form is included with this mailing of the Logger. Any donation that is made is tax deductible.

## Let's make our PNWD a big contributor.



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## Nick Fisher's October 24<sup>th</sup> Live-Steam Demonstration and Tour

Nick has requested that any TCA member interested in attending this event should make reservations by October 17<sup>th</sup>. He has asked that you contact either Frank Geczi (425-271-1547) or Barbara Flinchbaugh (253-939-2228). A map with directions will then be mailed to all who have made reservations. Please bring a side dish and a folding chair if you wish to sit down and enjoy the trains.

See Seattle Chapter News for more details.

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## IT'S ELECTION TIME AGAIN!

As you all are aware – our Pacific Northwest Division elects 3 members to the board each year for a 2-year term. This year the positions that must be filled are: Vice President, Secretary and one Member-at-Large. By staggering the election of officers, a smoother transition is made and assures that the Pacific Northwest Division remains a viable board.

So far, we have volunteers for the Vice President and the one Member-at-Large position and at this writing, the position of Secretary needs to be addressed. Any member that is interested, please contact Frank Geczi, 425-271-1547.

Hopefully we will have a complete slate of members that will run for the three open positions.

If there is only one member running for each position, voting will take place on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Moose Lodge.

If more than one person is running for any office – A ballot will be mailed by November 15<sup>th</sup> and the ballots must be returned by December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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## DIVISION MEET AT THE MOOSE LODGE – NOVEMBER 1, 2009

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

There is one small change.

**Breakfast (with lunch) is \$6.00**

**Lunch only is \$6.00**

Check the proper boxes on the registration form

## 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*

The views expressed by the contributors to this publication are theirs and not necessarily the view of the Editor, Pacific Northwest Division or the Train Collector's Association.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This is the time of the year that we need to elect 3 new officers. Two PNWD TCA members have stepped up to run for the offices of vice president and member-at-large. The PNWD "NEEDS" a volunteer to run for Secretary. This position requires attending the three division meets at the Moose Lodge in Centralia, writing a brief set of minutes and some correspondence with TCA National. Please contact Frank Geczi, (425) 271-1547 if you wish to volunteer.

The June PNWD meet at the Moose Lodge was successful. We are looking forward to a successful meet at the Moose Lodge with a hot breakfast and lunch for \$6.00. The last meals at the Moose Lodge were great. After lunch there will be an auction of more of Steve Peterson's trains and possibly some of John Ganquist's trains as well. These auctions will be primarily the Lionel modern era.

The Lake City Pioneer Day Festival on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> was again a huge success. There were three trains running - operated by the children. The supporting PNWD members gave some simple instructions on the operation of the TMCC controllers and the children took it from there to operate the trains. Check out the pictures on page 4 to see all the happy faces.

The World's Greatest Hobby Tour will be at the Western Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup, Washington. This event will occur Saturday and Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am coordinating with the Treasure Valley Chapter to bring their "Children's Hands on Layout" to Puyallup for this event. The support for that weekend will require at least 10 TCA members from the Seattle, Portland and Treasure Valley chapters each day. **Put this event on your schedule.** As a PNWD TCA member supporting this event, you will get free access to the World's Greatest Hobby Show. **Mark this on your calendar.** Please notify Frank Geczi at (425) 27-1547 or e-mail [frankgeczi@aol.com](mailto:frankgeczi@aol.com). This event, 2 years ago in Portland, was a great success. The TCA booth was packed with children for the duration of the two days.

PNWD TCA has been invited to Nick Fisher's home for a live steam outing on his garden railway. Nick will provide hot dogs and beverage. You need to bring a side dish and a chair. To give Nick an accurate count, please contact either me or Barbara Flinchbaugh by October 17<sup>th</sup>. You will be mailed instructions to Nick Fisher's home upon receipt of your reservation.

Frank Geczi  
President TCA PNWD

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## FOR SALE

I have a large quantity of Lionel postwar original boxes for sale: steam engines & tenders, operating cars, flat cars, gondolas, tank cars, box cars, cabooses & passenger cars. There are some prewar boxes & Flyer boxes too.

Please contact me at 206-542-1448 or email me at  
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## 2010 DUES

The 2010 dues form is included with this Logger. As you will see, the rate increase that was approved by the membership at the November 2008 division meet is now in effect. Dues paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> are \$15.00.

**Dues paid after the first of the year are \$20.00.**

This year (2009), 85% of our members paid their dues by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year – let's see if we can top that.

## SEATTLE CHAPTER NEWS

We are concluding our 2009 summer schedule on a successful note. In 2007 the Seattle Chapter summer meets were in jeopardy of being cancelled due to low attendance. Thanks to a generous donation from Mark Lembersky we were able to continue the 2007 and 2008 summer meets and even offered free admittance. If fact, the 2008 summer attendance was considerably more than previous years; but it was important that we continued this trend through the 2009 summer schedule while returning to the normal door fees. I'm happy to report we did just that and even added a bit to our checking account. Future summer meets will continue to be scheduled as long as you continue to show your support.

The Seattle Chapter will soon see some long awaited changes come into play. The chapter meet on October 25<sup>th</sup> will be the last "4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month meet." As you are aware, the chapter has always been prone to scheduling conflicts that inherently come with late month meetings. To reduce the number of conflicts the chapter members voted during our March business meeting in favor of changing the meet schedule from the traditional 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month to the 2nd Sunday of the month, effective January, 2010. We see this as an important step forward for the Seattle Chapter and should help us have a more consistent meet schedule. Due to the addition of the December 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Meet, we will actually begin the new schedule a month early. Our 2010 winter meet schedule will start on January 10<sup>th</sup>, followed by February 14<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>. The first example of how the new schedule will benefit us this spring is that after the April 11<sup>th</sup> meet we will, for the first time in many years, have a May meet on 5/09/10 (no conflict with Memorial Day weekend!). We realize after years of the old schedule it will take time to adjust. Hence, extra effort will be done by the board members to familiarize you of the big schedule change with hopes that the chapter meets will not miss a beat.

### Seattle Chapter officer nominations

It's that time of the year to encouraged members to run for a position on the Seattle Chapter board of directors. I'm sorry to announce my trusted vice-president, Ed Anderson has elected not to run for a position for this coming year. I would like to thank Ed, and his wife Patti, for the hard work they have put into the chapter over the last two years. As usual, all positions are open for nominations, especially for vice-president. If no nominations come forth I will ask the membership at the October 25<sup>th</sup> meet for a simple majority vote to allow the current officers, Tom Borrud (Secretary), Matt Graves (Treasurer), and myself, Mike Bowerman (President), to continue for another year at their current positions.

### Nick Fisher's October 24<sup>th</sup> Live-Steam Demonstration and Tour

(Excerpts have been taken from the Seattle Chapter June Newsletter)

A Seattle Chapter Layout and Collection Tour can be in the form of any number of train related activities. We're excited to announce Nick and Emily Fisher of Sammamish have invited the members to attend a live-steam demonstration at their home on Beaver Lake on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> (the day before our October meet). Tour hours are from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Nick's outdoor "dual gauge" layout covers an impressive 35 feet by 60 feet. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided by Nick Fisher. TCA attendees are requested to bring a side dish (salads chips, dip, beans, deserts, etc.). You must register by October 17<sup>th</sup> so Nick has a head count. A map with instructions will be mailed after you call Frank Geczi (425-271-1547) or Barbara Flinchbaugh (253-939-2228).

## Holiday Schedule

The 2009 holiday season is approaching. The unique Seattle Chapter Newsletter mailed in June to Western Washington TCA members reviewed the upcoming Seattle Chapter schedule change and introduced our holiday plans for 2009. Once again, I have used some excerpts from this newsletter in the following announcements for this edition of the Logger.

*Christmas* is returning to TCA trading halls of the Puget Sound in a big way. No one will argue that toy trains are not an integral part of the American Christmas scene and many TCA divisions and chapters take advantage of this toy train enthusiasm to hold special holiday events. So, after a long absence, the Seattle Chapter has decided to open its doors once again to the fun and magic of holiday events. We have planned not one but two Christmas related events for you to enjoy during this coming December.

### Walters' December 5<sup>th</sup> Home Tour

To start our seasonal celebration, we are pleased to announce a truly unique Layout and Collection Tour at the University Place (South Tacoma) home of Dick and Sandy Walters on Saturday afternoon, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Dick and Sandy will open their lavishly decorated home to TCA members for a special home tour, courtesy of the Seattle Chapter. I've been told it is a sight to behold (the accompanied photos do not do it justice). Chevy Chase (Christmas Vacation) would be envious. It's realized many of you will be Christmas shopping on this day. Why not wrap up the day with a rewarding visit to a beautiful and hospitable setting? You will not regret it. For those of you that may not get a flyer their address is: 5815 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue West, University Place, WA 98467. Flyers with directions and hours of their open house will be distributed during the October 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter meet and the November 1<sup>st</sup> Division meet in Chehalis. See pictures on Page 5.

### December 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Meet / Free Admittance

What is the holiday season without a TCA meet? On Sunday morning, December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Seattle Chapter will not only hold its very first "2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month meet" but it's also the first of what we hope will be our annual *Christmas Meet*. The Lake City Community Center does an outstanding job in decorating the hall. A ten-foot Christmas tree will be circled with electric trains supplied by the chapter. Amongst this holiday atmosphere the Seattle Chapter will, as usual, offer free trading tables and, to show our appreciation for a good year, we our waving the door fees for all TCA members. It will be a great time to buy and sell trains. So if you're tired of hustling through the malls join us at the Lake City Community Center for a cup of hot chocolate and good cheer. Who knows, maybe you'll come across that colorful Flyer or Lionel that needs to be under your tree.



Happy railroading,  
Mike Bowerman,  
Seattle Chapter President.

**Pioneer Days at Lake City, July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**We had many “repeat” children that enjoyed the trains again this year. We had eight members that participated in helping the children “run the trains. Who had the most fun – the children or our members? Check out the pictures – you be the judge.**



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



*The head and hind ends of Lynn Nystrom's beautiful Flyer pre-war set. Are those ALL of the tank car variations??*

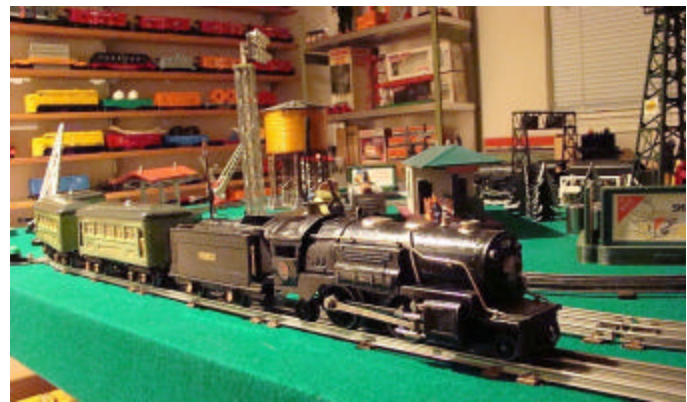
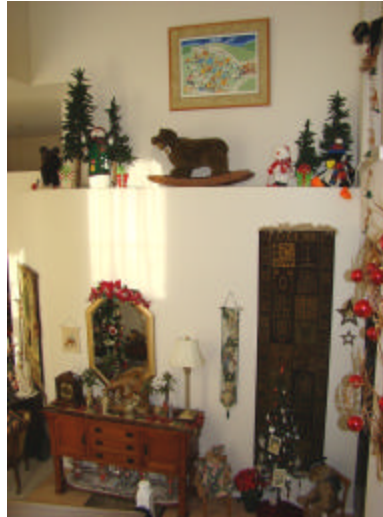


*Terry Parker's eclectic (and electric) passenger consist ....*



*Rob Cook's #2575 "Dynamo" Super-O set roars through the Catskills*

## Richard Walters' Christmas Home – A sight to behold!!



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Portland Chapter Meets

The Portland Chapter meets are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Aloha Mall, 18631 SW Tualatin Valley Highway @ corner of SW 185<sup>th</sup> 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 October 18<sup>th</sup>

### Seattle Chapter Meets

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

Mike Bowerman. 425-778-8750

The next Seattle Chapter meets will be October 25<sup>th</sup>  
 The Special Christmas Meet will be December 13<sup>th</sup>