



# Pacific Northwest Division

# LOGGER

Special Anniversary Edition  
Celebrating 50 years with TCA

## WOW!!! WHAT AN EVENT

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration that took place on October 4, 2008 was tremendous and the members who attended were very surprised. Each one received a very unique "O" Gauge Lionel Car, decorated and individually numbered by Pleasant Valley Process Company per the design requirements of the PNWD especially for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

We understand that individual numbering for each and every car has never been done before.

Each PNWD member in good standing as of September 15, 2008 will receive a car.

## FEATURES

- Die-Cast metal sprung trucks
- Operating couplers
- Metal Frames
- Opening Doors
- Traditional O Gauge
- Minimum Curve: 0-27
- Dimensions: 10 ½ " long



President, Frank Geczi and Treasurer, Barbara Flinchbaugh request that the Seattle/Tacoma area members – **PLEASE – pick up your car at either of the Seattle Chapter meets on October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup> or at the Division meet on November 2, 2008 at the SW Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis.** A limited number of cars were distributed on October 4<sup>th</sup> to the PNWD TCA members in attendance at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. **The PNWD TCA should receive the shipment of all the remaining cars by October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

- #1 **Please - attend these up-coming meets and pick up your cars.** It will be much safer - - much less chance of the cars being broken in shipment. Remember – each is individually numbered. The car number will be tracked to each member so we will know in the end that all have received their cars. (There are only a few extra just in case of breakage during shipment) **Broken cars must be returned before they will be replaced.**
- #2 **Shipping is not cheap.** To defray the cost of shipping by the PNWD TCA for those that cannot pick them up; we require that you send \$7.00 to the PNWD to cover the cost of the shipping box and postage. **SEE ATTACHED FORM – (information is on the form.) The \$7.00 shipping fee must be postmarked by November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Cars will not be shipped without receiving the postage.** After that last Seattle Chapter meet in November, and/or receipt of the \$7.00, we will consider the distribution of the cars to the members as being complete by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.
- #3 All cars will be shipped via U.S. Mail with a Delivery Confirmation Number. The cars will be shipped as soon as the \$7.00 fee is received. We expect all cars to be in the mail by December 1, 2008. Each shipment can be tracked using the confirmation number.
- #4 The cars can be picked up from our Treasurer, Barbara Flinchbaugh (after October 20<sup>th</sup>.) Please call (253-939-2228) to make arrangements and get directions. It's not hard at all. Just a few blocks off Military Road & S 364<sup>th</sup> (south and east of the Federal Way area).

Frank Geczi, President

## 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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Three special cars, each with their name and respective TCA number on them were presented to the 50 year members, Paul Korsmoe, Wm. Loew and Ted Alhberg (car was accepted by Richard Dodd for Ted's family). Another special car was sent to Margaret McCoy, with her name on it as well, and she received it the day of the party. She was thrilled. The pictures below show Paul Korsmoe and Wm. Loew at the podium when they shared their memories of the "early days" with the group. They were the very thrilled with their special cars. In the other picture, Richard Dodd joined Wm. and Paul to accept the car that was made for Ted Ahlberg, who passed away on September 23, 2008. Don Thieman, on the left, was the Master of Ceremony for the event.

There were three special cakes decorated with our logo – Costco did a fantastic job.





Above, groups of members all visiting at their tables prior to the luncheon.



Pete Gundram, Mike Ajax and Wm. Steil



Mike Ajax, Wm. Steil, Dick Rock and Marge Murtha



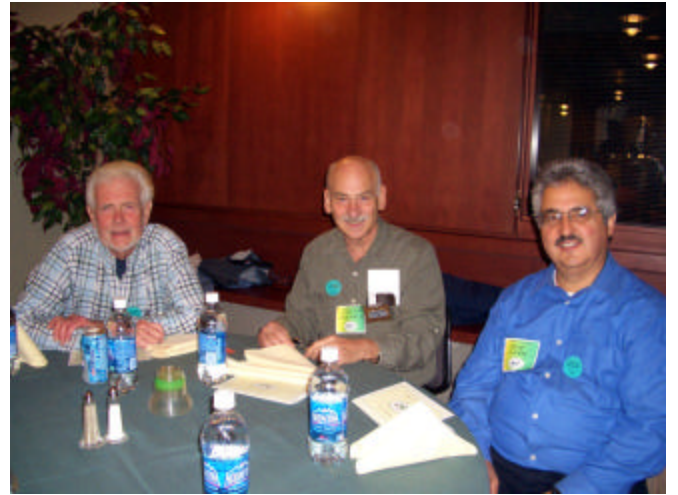
Jim Ryan, Bob Swaffield, and Lee, Paul McCutcheon, Angilika and Mike Bowerman, Bill Hollingsworth and Jim and Doris Barbee



Vic and Jan Anderson with Leo Gundram enjoying the day



Bob Swaffield and Lee. Bob is a 49 year member of TCA.



Here's a trio to draw to – Wm. Hanson, Floyd Nichols and Steve Suskin. All are long standing members (over 25 years)



Another overview of the big room that we all enjoyed.



Robert Jenkins and Chuck Conner and Martha Ambree  
Both Robert and Chuck are long TCA members for over 30 years



Vinette and Dennis Tichi



Ed Anderson and his wife, Patti. Ed is the V.P. for the Seattle Chapter and he and Patti organized this great celebration



Richard Flinchbaugh is handing out the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary cars



Check out that line up waiting to receive their cars



Sandra and Richard Walters



Nick and Emily Fisher



Paul Korsmoe and his wife, Janice



The two 50-year members, Wm. Loew & Paul Korsmoe

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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

### 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

No Seattle Chapter meet in December because of the Christmas Holiday