



Rail Mail



Central Texas Chapter Newsletter Lone Star Division – Train Collectors Association

December 2019

Train Collectors Association Mission Statement: *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.*

President's Corner by Andy K.

Our meeting for November of 2019 was hosted by **Linda and Ken M.** at their home. We had 31 individuals in attendance. As per usual at their home, there was way too much to see and enjoy. Due to the proximity of **Veterans Day**, the Muth's went all out with both indoor and outdoor military displays. Not only were there new things to see in their military collection, both Ken and Linda worked hard changing out many items on their two train layouts. The star of the show on their scenic layout was the new **Piggly Wiggly** store by **Menards!**

In last month's copy of *Classic Toy Trains Magazine*, Menards had added a 16-page color brochure of their product line. I showed this to the membership and a good discussion on Menards versus MTH and Lionel was had by all.

As with all of my newsletters over the past year, I am again adding the following: I will remind all members that I am trying to get you to volunteer to do a short presentation on something that would be of interest to the club membership in general. It can be anything that you want to do and should run between 5 – 10 minutes in length. Please contact me if you would like to participate: wpmaj74@gmail.com

Future Meetings: At present,

many of our members have stepped forward and volunteered to host a meeting, primarily at their homes or Hobby Town. We now have the meetings through January of next year booked by our membership. It has been announced that Hobby Town will be officially closed as of Wednesday November 27th. This means that all of our upcoming meetings will either have to be hosted at someone's home, or a new meeting venue will have to be located. Please consider either hosting a meeting beginning with February of next year, or helping out by locating a new meeting venue location.

Don't forget that our big annual Christmas Meeting, Auction and Gift Exchange which will be taking place
(See *President Corner* p. 2)

TCA CTC Election of Officers for 2020

At the December meeting/party our chapter will elect the officers for the calendar year of 2020.

The nominees are the current slate of officers:

Write in names are permitted. Please ask the person if this is OK with them.

The Editor's position is an appointed position so no vote is req



**2:00 PM Sunday,
December 8, 2019
Helotes, TX
Contact Pat Halpin
at 210/661-4238
or pthalpin@aol.com
for more information.**

Nov.–Jan. Birthdays!

Norm A.	11/8
Ken M.	11/16
Dan B.	11/17
“Rod” D.	11/19
Ray K,	11/19
Clay K.	11/23
Harry D.	11/29
Don E.	12/ 3
Ken P.	12/3
Gene P.	12/7
Bill G.	12/16
“Bud” M.	12/20
Dave Wood	1/20
Charles H.	1/21
Bill M.	1/30

President's Corner *(from p. 1)*

on Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 PM. This year's Christmas gathering will be hosted by **Charles H.** who have been working hard to get everything in order for our biggest meeting of the year.

Charlie passed around a menu item and attendance list at the last meeting, with many people having already signed up to date. If you haven't done an RSVP to Charlie or let him know what you are bringing, please do so now. You can send your responses to Charlie at: chare@satx.rr.com.

Trading Tables: For the Christmas Meeting, Charlie has agreed to set up additional tables so that each member in attendance can bring one or two items to sell. They must be marked with your name and the price that you are asking. This is in addition to our regular auction and gift exchange.

For the gift exchange, the gift should be wrapped and in the \$15 - \$20-dollar range. It is not a requirement to bring a gift, but only those that do so are allowed to participate in the gift exchange.

Club Auction: As always, we have an auction so that we can raise additional money for the club. Members are asked to look through their train related items and donate items to the club which can be auctioned off. I will be the auctioneer and I want everyone to bring lots of money to help the club!

Once again, if you have not contacted Charlie H. or filled out his food form for the meeting, please contact him to see what else he may need. Gene P. is cooking the turkey and there will be more than enough fixings and desserts to go around. As of 25 November, the head count was 44. Of this number, at least 25 will be participating in the gift exchange.

Parking along the street is permitted. Also, there is some construction going on near Charlie and Marsha's entrance gate, so be vigilant as you approach this area. Pat Halpin will be sending out directions and the gate code is 3648#. Don't forget the # sign.

Club Officer Elections: The annual meeting is also the time when we elect Club Officers for the upcoming year. As of now, all positions except for the Secretary will remain as is unless there are enough write-ins to elect someone else. For the Secretary position, **Pat Halpin** has graciously agreed to take over publishing our club newsletter from Linda Muth, who is approaching some major changes in her life, as retirement looms on the horizon. Linda will continue to act as Secretary, taking notes at the meetings. Thanks Linda, for all that you have contributed in the past with getting out important information and newsletters to the club.

Club Bylaws: There will be some simple proposals made to change our club bylaws as part of our annual meeting.

Due to the large amount of activities at the annual meeting, there will be no Show and Tell at this meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday the 8th of December.
~ *Andy K.*

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TCA CTC web site up and running!!

Our chapter website is now updated and current thanks to webmaster **JP Kinsner**.

It features event notices, links to National, Division and our other chapters. There are many great features on the way including pictures of trains from members, an archive of the chapter, so stay tuned to the website and the newsletter.

We want to keep it fresh and fun for everyone. Feel free to submit articles, information and photos to Andy or Pat. They will then send it on to JP.

tca-centraltexaschapter.org

Our websites:

National:

www.traincollectors.org

Lone Star Division:

tca-lonestardivision.org

Chapter:

tca-centraltexaschapter.org

tca-gulfcoastchapter.org

tca-louisianachapter.org

tca-northtexaschapter.org

TCA CTC Bylaw Revisions

Our chapter officers have agreed to postpone any by law discussion and voting on our bylaws until the January meeting. This will help keep the meeting to a minimum length of time for the party itself. The proposals will be sent out after the first of the year.

TCA Meets/meetings and other train shows calendar of events

"Call before you haul" as dates change & mistakes may occur! updated Nov. 20, 2019

Nov. 2-Jan. 5 **Ronald McDonald House of Dallas 2019 Trains at Northpark Center/Mall**
2nd Floor North Central Expressway at Northwest Highway Dallas, TX 75225
T W TrainWorx (Roger & Dorcie Farkash) build, set up and maintain this layout!!!
\$7 adult/\$4 children Hours: Mon-Sat 10-9 /Sun 11-7 Holiday Hours: Mon-Sat. 9-9 Sunday 11-7
Early Closings: Thanksgiving Eve/Christmas Eve/New Year's Eve: New Year's Day Closed: Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

Nov. 15-Jan. 5 **Trains Over Texas-Houston Museum of Natural Science** 5555 Hermann Park Dr.
Houston, Texas 77030 (713) 639-4629 \$25-adult \$16 children

Nov. 29 - Dec 1, '19 **McKinney Home for the Holidays Festival Operating Children's Model Train Layouts**
Historic Downtown McKinney 207 E. Virginia St. McKinney, TX 75069
Fri., Nov. 29 (Noon - 8) Sat., Nov. 30 (10 - 8) Sun., Dec. 1 (Noon - 5)

Dec. 7-8, 2019 Oklahoma City's 43rd Train Show Cox Pavilion OK State Fairgrounds

Dec. 8, 2019 CTC TCA San Antonio meeting/Christmas Party Sunday - Charles H. 2 PM

Dec. 15, 2019 TCA Gulf Coast Chapter meeting/Christmas Party at Ed B.

**Jan. 4, 2020 TCA Lone Star Division Train Meet in Houston, TX Houston Westchase
Hilton 999 Westheimer Rd 77042 (713) 974-1000 (NL Dec. 1)**

Jan. ??, 2020 CTC TCA San Antonio meeting at K. W. 2 PM

Jan. 18-19, 2020 Plano, TX North Texas Council of RR Clubs Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy Plano 75074
10-5/10-4 \$8.00 Chris Atkins 469-438-0741 www.dfwtrainshow.com

February ??, 2020 CTC TCA San Antonio meeting at 2 PM

March ??, 2020 CTC TCA San Antonio meeting at .Russ R. 2 PM

**March 7, 2020 TCA LA Chapter Train Meet in Ponchatoula, LA Fri setup 12-5 / Sat:8 AM-3 PM
First Baptist Church Gymnasium 325 East Pine Street, Ponchatoula, La. 70454 (no Div NL)**

April ??, 2020 CTC TCA San Antonio meeting at 2 PM

April 24-25, 2020 New Braunfels RR Museum Train Show NB Civic Center 10-5 / 10-4 \$7.00 375 Castell Ave.

April 20-22, 2020 2-3 days Mon-Wed of bandit meets in the York area selling (2-3 locations)

April 23, 2020 TCA National Toy Train Museum Open House-Strasburg, PA. Manufacturers presentations, etc.

April ??, 2020 TCA "LSD Members & Friends Night" at Lyndon's in York, PA (Stay tuned for details)

April 24-25, 2020 TCA Eastern Division Meet - York, PA-2 day meet (+2-3 days Mon-Thurs of bandit selling)

May ??, 2020 CTC TCA San Antonio meeting at 2 PM

**May 16, 2020 TCA Lone Star Division's 44th Train Meet Garden Ridge/San Antonio, TX
Garden Ridge Community Center (Directly behind the Garden Ridge Municipal
Offices) 9500 John T. Phillips / Municipal Parkway Garden Ridge, TX 78266 (NL Apr. 16)**

These conventions and tours offer great tours and hotel rates at a great discount!!

May 17-25, 2020 TCA sponsored Sedona's Red Rocks & Grand Canyon Mindy Eveler 717/855-2135 meveler@travellers.com

June 22-30, 2020 TCA 66th National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida Southern Division hosting.

July 18-27, 2020 TCA sponsored "Scotland by Rail" out of Philadelphia contact: Mindy Eveler 717/855-2135

**Sept. 5, 2020 TCA Lone Star Division's McKinney, Texas Train show/meet at Collin
County Community College Conference Center corner of Community Ave & Taylor Buck Dr.**

Oct 2-8, 2020 TCA sponsored Albuquerque Ballon Fiesta Mindy Eveler 717/855-2135 meveler@travellers.com

Oct. 22, 2020 TCA National Toy Train Museum Open House-Strasburg, PA. Manufacturers presentations, etc.

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June 2021 TCA 67th National Convention in Orange County California. Western Division hosting.



Recently restored Union Pacific # 4014 at about 55 mph just west of Castroville near Yancey, Texas on November 4, 2019. 4014 was built by the American Locomotive Company (ALCO) in November 1941 in the Schenectady Works Shop. The 69,585 locomotive built by ALCO (Photo by Pat Halpin)

Eight of the twenty-five still exists. Only 4014 is operational

All saw 1,020,402 to 1,060,402 miles of service.

No. 4004 • Holliday Park, Cheyenne, Wyo. Sept. 1941

No. 4005 • Forney Museum of Transportation, Denver Sept. 1941

No. 4006 • Museum of Transportation, St. Louis Sept. 1941

No. 4012 • Steamtown National Historic Site, Scranton, Pa. Nov. 1941

No. 4014 • Cheyenne, Wyo. Dec. 1941 Operational!!

No. 4017 • National Railroad Museum, Green Bay, Wis. Dec. 1941

No. 4018 • Museum of the American Railroad, Frisco, Texas Dec. 1941

No. 4023 • Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha, Neb. Nov. 1944

Recently restored Norfolk & Western J 611 replenishing it's water at Strasburg, PA October 18, 2019. J 611 was built May 1959 in the N&W Roanoke shop. (Photo by Pat Halpin)





SHORT APPLICATION FOR TCA MEMBERSHIP

Train Collectors Association™ National Business Office, PO Box 248, Strasburg, PA 17579

Instructions for the completion of form:

1. All questions must be answered (***please print legibly***) and form signed by applicant.
2. **Applicant's dues payment** (cash, check or major credit card) **must accompany this application:** \$50 for a full twelve-month membership; \$20 for a six-month trial membership; \$25 for a twelve-month, under-age-25 membership).
3. **Applicant name, address, phone number and TCA number will be published to the entire membership** during a probationary period. At the end of the probationary period, the National Business Office will issue an Annual Membership card.

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____ Gender _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Type of membership applying for: Trial Membership (6 MONTHS) Full Membership (12 MONTHS) Junior Membership (12 MONTHS)

Have you ever been a member of the TCA before? Yes No

Note: You may be eligible to reinstate your old TCA number!

In TCA Officer and Bylaws Elections, I prefer to vote:

Online

I will be emailed a link to vote securely in each TCA Election

By Paper

I will vote via a ballot mailed to me by TCA in each TCA Election

I hereby subscribe to the purposes, policies and duties of its members as described in the bylaws of the Train Collectors Association™ (TCA). I also understand and agree to the admission procedures. I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the TCA and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time, specifically including all the rules and regulations of all TCA committees and any actions and rulings of all TCA Committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA Member or at any TCA-sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer's original condition unless I have caused any such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

"Win Big" Recruiter Info: Member Name _____ **TCA #** _____