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# THE LION CUB

THE MINI-MAG FOR LCCA JUNIOR MEMBERS



## JENNY'S JUNCTION

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Summer is just around the corner and the weather in my area has been amazing. However, you may be enjoying your train layout inside the house. If you have been working on it during the past few months, send me pictures of what you have put together. I would love to see them and share them with other Junior Members! Also, share your story about what your layout means to you. The journey toward completing a layout can be long, but it's fun all the way. Your materials could be included in future releases of *TLC*, and you would earn a Cub Reporter certificate. Frame and display it in your train room!



I want to remind all of you about the JM cars in the online LCCA Store. The Dinosaur Transport Car is posted there now. If you hope to get this car for your collection, make sure to get it while it's still available. The Skateboarder Car will be revealed soon, so keep an eye out for that animated car. If you have a suggestion for a new Lionel car for JMs, send me a note.

Some of you may know about or attended a LCCA Special Event. If an event is held close to your home, I hope you'll take advantage of the great opportunity to visit there. These events can range from an Open House "starring" a train layout, a Train Show, a Museum visit, or a Meet-and-greet Event. Here are some of the LCCA-sponsored Special Events scheduled in the near future. I encourage you to attend.

- August 18<sup>th</sup>, Canfield, OH – LCCA will participate in an Open House at the Lionel Customer Service Center. You will meet the Director of Customer Service, Mike Reagan. During the tour of the facility you will see trains running on a 10x36-foot layout. There will be food, beverages, and door prizes available.
- August 25<sup>th</sup>, Buffalo, NY – Club member Frank Battaglia will host an Open House featuring his home layout. There will be a barbecue. Frank invites you to bring your trains and run them on his O-gauge layout. There is an admission fee of \$12 per person. To reserve a spot, contact Al Kolis at [agkolis@comcast.net](mailto:agkolis@comcast.net).
- October 6<sup>th</sup>, Perry, IA – Jim Gates, LCCA founder and Charter Member #1, will hold an Open House and celebrate the history and growth of the LCCA with club members. There will be a Train Show and Swap Meet at this event.



*Well, I am off to finalize details for the upcoming Convention. It's almost here. I hope I will meet many JMs in Norfolk! Don't forget -- stop by the Junior Member desk and say hello!*

# PUZZLES BY BOOMER

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## WORD SEARCH

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Inside the large "L" are 15 words that begin with the letter "L". Look up, down, backwards, sideways, and diagonally to find the hidden words. Carefully circle the words as you find them.


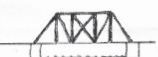
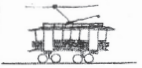
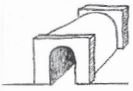
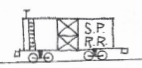


### Hidden "L" Words

Lamp	Lion
Layout	Lionel
LCCA	Lionelville
Lens	Load
Leo	Lockon
Lift	Locomotive
Light	Log
Lines	

Answer key is somewhere in the magazine!

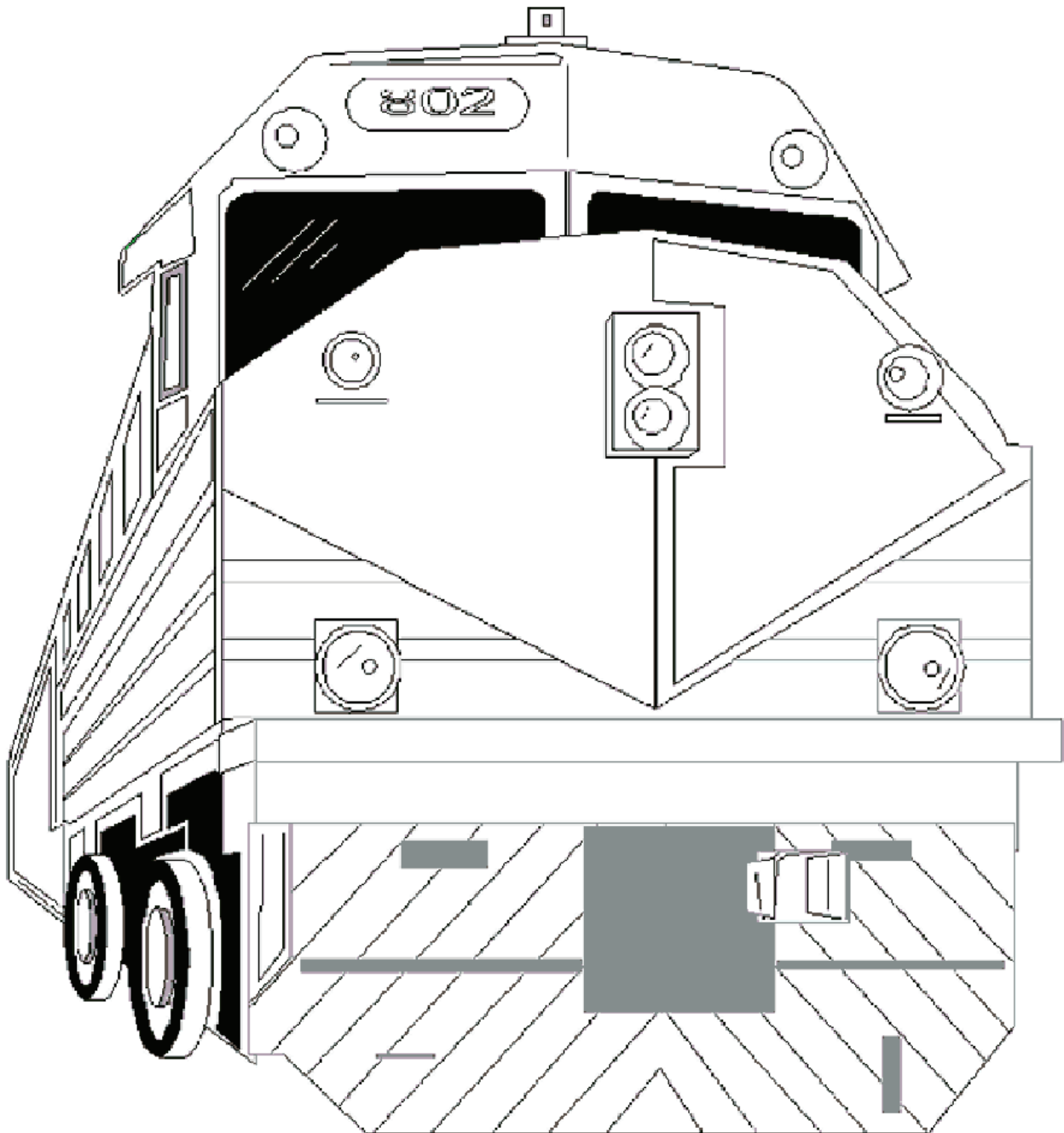
## SPELLING BEE

It is good practice to learn and spell words correctly. Test your spelling skills by looking at the three choices and then selecting the correct combination of letters that will spell the item pictured.

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
	BOSCOEA	SEOBCA	CESOBOAB
	DRUBEG	RGIDEB	GREDBE
	YRELTLO	TEYLOR	RYLTOLE
	UNELLNT	LENTU	NELTUN
	XRABKO	XCORBA	XOCBOR
	RHOEP	EHORPO	PREOHP
	EPTDO	PTODET	TEOPDP

Answers: 1. A (Caboose), 2. B (Bridge), 3. A (Trolley), 4. C (Tunnel), 5. B (Boxcar), 6. C (Hopper), and 7. A (Depot).

# COLOR ME!



# THE SOCIETY OF THE DYNAMIC RAILS

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## Episode 8: They Are all Trains to Us

“Come on wake up! The kids will be here in an hour,” urged Kristy. Her mom, still half asleep, moaned, “It’s only five a.m. They’d better not be coming over at six!”

“But you said you wanted to get an early start,” replied Kristy.

“Your father would have Army Reserve duty this weekend,” complained Mary.

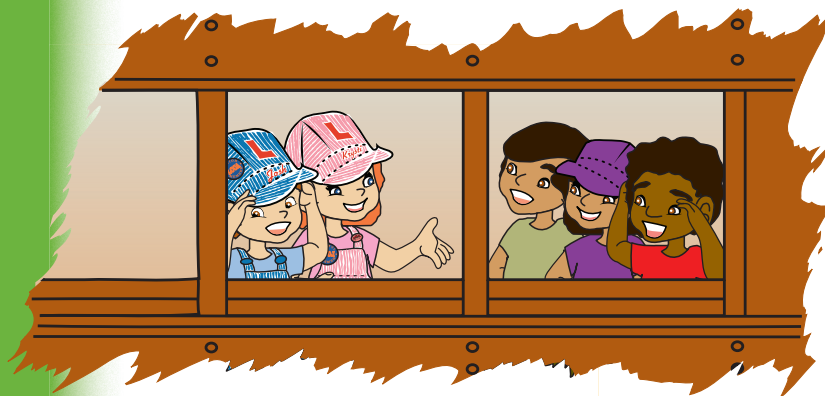
At six o’clock with all present and accounted for, Mary marched the kids to the car and off they went. In about an hour, Josh asked about lunch. Mary said, “We’ll make a quick stop first.”

Kristy looked at her mother with disappointment and then in a frustrated tone reminded her mother, “We’re supposed to be going to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, not shopping for school clothes.”

After a short time, they turned into the parking lot of a building that looked like a train station. Mary parked the car, turned and looked at the kids and said, “Welcome to the Toy Train Museum.” From ten until noon they looked at all types of toy trains from HO to G and even saw a layout of early Lionel tinplate trains.

When they returned to the car, Kristy asked, “Are we going to the museum next?”

“Close,” replied Mary as she turned onto Route 747. When they stopped at a RR crossing, they heard the sound of the whistle of an approaching steam train. Along the track came a vintage steam engine that looked brand new. Behind it was a series of six passenger cars that were just as pretty.



After parking the car Mary said, “We’d better hurry or we’ll be late for lunch.”

Kristie’s dad ordered the tickets online and received them in the mail a month ago, so they did not have to go to the ticket window at the station. After boarding the train, they sat at a table in the Diner Car and ordered lunch. The kids watched the Amish countryside as it passed by the window. Josh noticed a farmer guiding a horse-drawn hay wagon across a field.

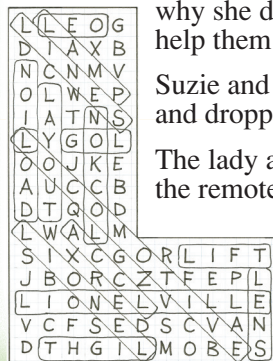
That side trip took the better part of an hour, so they had plenty of time to visit the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. It was on the other side of the road

from the Strasburg Railroad Station. They spent four hours in the museum, and tour guides took them through the main building.

The best thing inside the main building was a small railside town with a station that housed toy train layouts. The G-scale layout was operated by remote control. They all agreed that their club had to save up to buy a new Legacy system by Lionel.

The HO layout was truly beautiful. Suzie wondered aloud if they would ever have a layout that nice. Tommy loved the live steam models that ran on paraffin fuel placed under the water-filled boilers of the little engines.

As they were leaving the toy train house, Kristie’s mom placed some money in the donation jar. Omar asked why she did that and Mary explained, “The museum is staffed by volunteers, and the money will help them keep the museum open for other visitors.”



Suzie and Kristie called a quick club meeting, and after a minute or two Kristy walked up to the jar and dropped in twenty-five dollars.

The lady at the counter and Mary smiled at each other. The man that showed them how to operate the remote control asked, “I thought you guys were Lionel fans.” Josh shrugged his shoulders and said with a smile, “They are all trains to us.”

## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!