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THE LION CUB

THE MINI-MAG FOR LCCA JUNIOR MEMBERS



JENNY'S JUNCTION

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Happy Holidays!

I don't know for certain, but I suspect you all are very busy in school and with your after-school activities. Things have been a little hectic and crazy for me personally. I recently have moved and I have been very busy at work. I hope things slow down for you and you are able to enjoy your Lionel trains this holiday season.

We are planning to do a lot of fun and new activities for our JM program in 2013. We will be keeping you informed in future issues of The Lion Cub, or website www.lionelcollectors.org and our JM Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/LionelCollectorsClubOfAmericaJuniorMemberPage?ref=hl> I guarantee you will find these things to be very enjoyable and a lot of fun!

I encourage you to send me photos and articles, (with your parents approval and supervision) about you and your Lionel trains. If you have the time, take some photos of you, your family and your Lionel trains during the holiday break from school.

I also encourage you to visit our website and watch some of our special LCCA produced videos. We have a great holiday video about Lionel Train layouts in New York City! Go to the video gallery section on our website www.lionelcollectors.org to view.

I hope you all have a happy and safe holiday season. Happy New Year to you and your family!

WE SURE HOPE YOU HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



LCCA HOLIDAY SEASON SPECIAL EVENTS

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During this 2012 Holiday Season, the LCCA has hosted several, fun-filled Charity Special Events in various cities around the country. While we are having fun spreading the magic of Lionel® trains, we are also doing something good to help other people.

Former LCCA Director Roger Farkash and his wife Dorcie have been extremely generous with their time, talents and financial commitments by hosting two great holiday season Special Events in Dallas, TX to benefit the local Ronald McDonald House. Around Halloween, over 500 guests attended a LCCA Special Event at the TW TrainWorx Layout Festival in Dallas. Members really enjoyed the BNSF Railroad layout and Lionel's Grand Central Terminal layout. We brought our LCCA mini-layout with a pair of "LCCA 150th Anniversary General" engines and the new LCCA/Lionel FasTrack Modular Railroad layout. All of these layouts which were designed and built by TW TrainWorx of Dallas were a big hit with the people.

In December, Roger and Dorcie Farkash hosted another Holiday Season Charity Event at the NorthPark Mall in Dallas. Over 300 LCCA Club members and their families, as well as guests of TW TrainWorx

experienced a great behind-the-scenes and personal look at the extraordinary operating toy train layout. Lucky guests won door prizes consisting of many great Lionel and LCCA commemorative products. Lionel's mascot, Lenny the Lion made a special guest appearance. Thousands of dollars of proceeds generated from this evening's event will be donated to benefit the Dallas Ronald McDonald House. This was a real fun event!

On Sunday, December 2, we had another great holiday season Special Event at the NJ Hi-Railers Club in Paterson, NJ. Former Lionel President Dick Maddox was our special guest speaker. Members enjoyed watching the trains running on this massive 185' long layout. The highlight of the day was when Santa stopped by and all of the children shared their Christmas wish lists with him.

On Saturday, December 15, Woody Hickman and his wife Madeline invited LCCA members in to their home in Dallas, TX for an open house holiday season party. Members brought canned goods to be donated to the "Frisco Family Services Food Pantry". Woody and Madeline have Christmas decorations in every room of



their home, including their bathrooms! People came and enjoyed watching Lionel trains running on Woody's operating toy train layout.



Also, on Saturday, December 15, Bob VerHoef and Pam Richardson hosted a Free Christmas Season Open House and train show event in Leland, Iowa. Brett (young girl), age 15 from the North Iowa Make-A-Wish foundation served as the Honorary Engineer for the day. People of all ages

enjoyed the free coffee, cookies and cider along with the door prizes provided by the LCCA.



LCCA's largest and most attended Special Event of the year "Lionels at the Library" took place in North Little Rock, AR from December 13 through December 31. LCCA's Mike Mottler (editor of our club magazine, *The Lion Roars*) and a group of train friends built a large operating layout with lots of operating accessories. Thousands of people visited this fun holiday season event.

For our members living in the Charleston, SC area, LCCA's artist Angela Trotta Thomas had a Lionel operating layout window display at the Coco Vivo Gallery. Angela also had an art exhibit of her new and original paintings of Lionel trains in this art gallery.

I encourage you to get with your parents or grandparents, send photos and write articles, just like Thomas Hutchins of Texas did for this issue of *TLC* (to the right). Who knows, you may be seeing your article in future issues of *The Lion Roars*, *The Lion Cub* or possibly on the JM page of our website www.lionelcollectors.org and our JM facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/LionelCollectorsClubOfAmericaJuniorMemberPage?ref=hl>. We need your help, please send Ms. Jenny Kraus or me your photos and stories.

We are also looking for ideas about future LCCA Special Events that will be of interest to our Junior Members. Talk to your parents, and contact me with your ideas. We will love to hear them!

I hope each and everyone one of your are having a fun, safe and happy holiday season! I hope you find the time to run and play with your Lionel trains. That is what I am planning to do this holiday season. I wish you a healthy and happy New Year!

Happy Holidays, Al Kolis



My name is Thomas and I am a LCCA Junior Member. My mom took me to the

LCCA special event at North Park Trains in Dallas TX. I liked seeing the steamers in action. These are my favorite kind of trains. My favorite train on the big layout was the Lone Ranger. The layout was really neat! My favorite scenes on the layout were the Albuquerque Station and the Texas State Fair. I liked pushing the red buttons that made the accessories move on the layout. One button made the lights at the crossing come on and one made the kid's swing move. Towards the end of the event, Lenny the Lion was there. I had my picture taken with him. At the end, there was a raffle for train stuff. I won a LCCA Dinosaur Gondola Car that you can put dinosaurs in. It was a super fun night and I liked everything about it!

Thomas Hutchins, age 6 1/2

Puzzle Answers
1.T 2.K 3.I 4.J 5.Q 6.G 7.E 8.H 9.C 10.O 11.P
12.A 13.M 14.R 15.F



NEW FAMILY TRADITIONS

Vincent Kolis, Family Member

I just love the Christmas holiday season and all of our family traditions. My father is of Polish descent and my mom is of Italian ancestry. During the holidays, we continue to practice some of both the Polish and Italian American traditions. We continue the Polish Tradition of having a meatless evening dinner on Christmas Eve. Then on Christmas day, my Italian Grandfather, for whom I was named after, roasts a baby pig in his living room fireplace. This is a practice that his family used to do every year when he was a child growing up in Sardinia, Italy. My Mom will bake great Italian traditional foods and desserts all week long before Christmas. We definitely eat a lot of great food around the holidays! These traditions are very important to my family and me.

I have grown up with Lionel Trains my entire life. My father built a 300 square foot, permanent operating layout in our basement. This layout serves as a memorial to my Dad's father, Alfonse Kolis, who passed away before I was born. My brother Alfonse and I used to play with our Lionel trains a lot when we were younger. We put toy army men, star wars toys, scale die cast construction equipment machines and other toys on our layout and we played with them. I encourage each of you to play with your Lionel Trains. Use your imagination and build things to go alongside with your Lionel trains.

We now have established new holiday traditions of our own. During every holiday season, we build additional temporary operating layouts underneath

our Christmas trees. Ever year, just after Thanksgiving, our family goes out and cuts down 2 live Christmas trees. We set up a huge tree 16-20 feet tall in our main foyer.

We typically

have two loops of Lionel trains running underneath the tree. We then create different train scenes around



our the trains. This is my favorite decorations in our house.

Every year, my brother and I change the trains and the scenery. This year, my brother and I chose to go with a military toy train set with gifts in the hopper car going to our soldiers serving in the field. We realize that without the commitment and sacrifice our soldiers make, we would not be able to enjoy Christmas and our freedoms. I think it is very important for us not to forget about the men and women serving our country during this time of the year. Please keep our soldiers in your thoughts and prayers, especially during this holiday season.

When I get older and have a family of my own, I plan to keep this tradition of having Lionel Trains running around underneath my Christmas tree. I hope all of you have a happy holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Vincent Kolis



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- K. Hiawatha
- L. Keystone
- M. Lake Shore Limited
- N. Maple Leaf
- O. Northeast Regional
- P. Pacific Surfliner
- Q. San Joaquin
- R. Southwest Chief
- S. Sunset Limited
- T. Texas Eagle



Answers are somewhere in the magazine!

LCCA COMMERCIAL ON TV!!!!

OUR CLUB, Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) is trying to reach out to people outside of our club and the toy train hobby to promote and possibly recruit new members. President Dennis DeVito and the LCCA Board of Directors have approved an initiative to advertize our club on cable TV channels. Starting on 12-13,2012 a LCCA 30 second commercial will air on the TV Program "I love Toy Trains"- a Tom McComas Production on the RFD cable channel. If your parents are RFD channel subscribers, please stop and check out both the program and our commercial! The show airs at 4:00 PM EST on Thursday afternoons with an encore showing at 2:00 AM EST on Friday morning. If you are not available to watch this program live, set your DVR to record the program and watch our commercial. Visit RFDTV.com to find out if your local cable or satellite TV provider carries RFD-TV in your area.

Go to the Video gallery section on our website www.lionelcollectors.org to view our first 30 second TV commercial. While you are there, check out the "LCCA in NYC Holiday Season Video". We hope you enjoy!

So Cool!

Season's Greetings from the President of the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA)

Dennis DeVito, RM 6758, LCCA President



As we approach the end of this year and the start of a new year, I want to express my sincere Holiday Greetings to all of you.

The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) is stronger because you are a member. I expect that you have learned a lot this past year, including a lot about trains and the train hobby. Lionel was a big part of my youth and trains have been a strong part of my life. I can measure the passing of years by the trains I received - a little something each year. I reflect on the benefits of model trains in my youth. I wish there was a Lionel (or American Flyer) club I could have joined when growing up. But after all is said and done, I am so pleased to have had trains in my youth and now, as I am a more seasoned hobbyist.

I feel it is important to reflect upon what is important in your life. We all have so much to be thankful for. Hug your family, be nice to a friend, think good thoughts and have positive goals and objectives. Let this annual milestone of the Christmas Season be a reminder of the optimistic future you have. Study hard, learn well, be good and respectful to others, and have high expectations for yourself.

In closing, on behalf of the Officers, Directors, Appointed Officials and the Regular Members of the LCCA, we wish each and every one of our Junior Members a safe, happy and blessed Holiday Season. May you and your family have a GREAT 2013!

THE SOCIETY OF THE DYNAMIC RAILS

by Mario Evangelista
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JOSH AND KRISTY – THE LAYOUT AND ELFIE

Placing their three FastTrack modules in the storage bin their Uncle Al rented for the purpose; he smiled and asked, “well, did you guys have fun tonight? How did you kids like the Christmas party with the LCCA?”

“Yea”, replied Kristy. “It was fun I really liked putting all the sections together and setting up the holiday displays”.

Good replied her uncle, “I really, really liked the Nativity scene you brought”.

“Thank you”, replied Kristy with great pride. “Mom said I should place it in the front window so the world can see it”.

Josh added “you bet it was great, I never ran a forty car train before. It was really cool of Mr. Kolis to let us operate the Lionel Legacy system”.

“I know” added Kristy, “but I still don’t understand how we could run four trains and never touch the transformer”.

“It’s really very simple” Josh started in with one of his long winded explanations; “it works on radio waves, kind of like the way your Mom’s cell phone connects with the phone company”.

Closing the storage bins roll down door and securing the lock, Uncle Al came to Kristy’s aid by changing the subject. “It was a lot of fun but I was afraid Mr. Caponi would never show up with the last turn section. I would have hated to run a forty car train on a switch back”.

“Come on kids it’s getting late, how will you like a burger and milk shake on the way home” Mom asked as she was in a hurry to get home.

“Now you’re talking my language” yelled Josh as he climbed into the back seat of the car, “let’s go!”

The next morning was Saturday and Josh woke up to find Mrs. Cranston working in the kitchen. “Good morning, I didn’t know you came over on Saturdays” Josh greeted her cheerfully hoping for a nice breakfast.

“Yes”, she replied with a smile, “your father had to work, and he called and asked me to come over. Are you in the mood for pancakes today?”

“Yea!”, replied Josh with an ear to ear grin.

“Where is your cousin Kristy, I thought she would be over today?” Mrs. Cranston asked.

“She went shopping with her mom” replied Josh as he was studying a new track plan he had drawn up last night while in his bed.

Placing his pancakes and sausages in front of him, Mrs. Cranston looked over his shoulder at his drawing and said, “boy that’s nice work. Keep that up and you will be a real engineer someday”.

Josh rolled his eyes, took a bite of his food and said “I would be happy to build a real Lionel platform”.

“Don’t talk with your mouth full” she said, handing him his napkin. “I thought you joined that LCCA module club, don’t you like that?”

“Oh yea!” replied Josh. “The module meet is really cool, but there is nothing like having your own little world to work on anytime a new idea hits”.

Mrs. Cranston suggested, “You know, my son Donny has a little part time job taking care of the Hedgman train display and he could use some help cleaning it and such”.

Josh could only give her a wide eyed stare with his mouth open. After what felt like a long time, Josh was able to speak.

“I heard of the Hedgman layout, but I thought the old “train man” died years ago and his wife sold everything off”.

Mrs. Cranston smiled and said, “well he is not and it is as big and beautiful as ever”.

She continued, “Donny is in his junior year at school and has to start thinking about getting into a good college so it is time to train his replacement”.

Mrs. Cranston just stood there looking down at Josh as he sat there looking at her with his mouth wide open.

“Well!” She asked

“Well what?” he replied.

She shook her head smiled and continued with a little frustration in her voice; “do you want the job? You and your cousin Kristy of course, you may be good with the mechanical things, but Kristy is the artist and this display needs constant Tender loving Care”.

“Wow!” Screamed Josh “I would love to do it! Wait till I tell Kristy that we are going to work on the biggest layout we ever saw”.

“Good, I’ll talk to Donny, Mrs. Cranston exclaimed, “He likes you two, and has said to me a number of times, you both have the right stuff”.

“You mean like the astronauts?” Josh questioned.

“Yes Josh, just like the Astronauts!” Mrs. Cranston responded.

Mrs. Cranston promised, “I will talk to your parents and call Mrs. Hedgman to let her know that the new help is on its way.”

“Hey, I’m a good artist too” Josh stated as an afterthought.

Mrs. Cranston had to chuckle at that. Then she said “OK Mr. Michelangelo, just keep your food in your mouth”.



THE LION CUB



Dino Delivery

Train layout provided by Arkansas Traveler Hobbies in Bald Knob, AR. 501-724-5326

Creative play is the "work" of children, and thoughtful parents and grandparents can provide an imaginative stimulus for playful adventures. Your LCCA Junior Member could be the rescuer of dinosaurs at the brink of extinction to the safety of a zoo park, be the enabler of migratory treks of dinosaurs from winter to summer climates for survival, or be the conductor for a family of dinosaurs on a vacation trip.

Your JM can imagine that dinosaurs need transportation too; perhaps aboard a train traveling from their swampland homes to the feeding grounds. This Lionel® car brings fun to older JM's.

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From everyone here at the LCCA Headquarters, we hope you have a great holiday!