

Follows is more detail for many of the subjects listed in our e-mail.

The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) order deadline date for the limited edition 2012 Convention car of June 30, 2012 is fast approaching This is the last reminder for those of you who are considering to order your 2012 LCCA limited convention car. The order deadline date for this patriotic themed box car is June 30.



The 2012 LCCA Convention Car is a Norfolk Southern boxcar with a patriotic theme and spectacular lighting effects. The car is a PS-1 0-scale boxcar (11-1/4 inches long) that celebrates the military presence in the Norfolk area. It includes these important features: LEDs placed in the 50 stars of the US flag and eye of the eagle; Camo décor with military-style insignia; EOT device; interior box load images and opening doors; die-cast sprung metal trucks; metal operating couplers; hand-applied details; and detailed metal under frame. According to tradition, this car contains a discreet marking: "LCCA Annual Convention,

Norfolk, VA, July 23-28, 2012."

If you are considering purchasing this desirable and highly featured 0-Scale patriotic scale boxcar, it is now time to act and place your order. Click on the Store [LCCA Store](#) to reserve your limited Edition LCCA 2012 Convention Car. This car will be a great addition to any military or patriotic themed collection. This is a great gift for someone who has served or is serving our country in our armed services.

The purchase of this commemorative patriotic box car honoring those who have served or is serving our country is limited to two per member. If you have a friend who is not a member of the LCCA presently, they can go to the "Join The Club" Web Page [Join the LCCA](#). There is still enough time to join the club and purchase this desirable LCCA 2012 Convention Car.

LCCA Announces "Texas Tommy" NW2 Texas Special Switcher and Mint Car set:

In the June issue of The Lion Roars, the LCCA announced the sale of a limited edition Texas Special die-cast metal NW2 Diesel engine, with calf unit and a Diamond Mint car. The switcher with new metal frame tooling was updated to include Railsounds (TM), metal hand rails, bell sound, headlights, spark arrestor, powered smoke unit and flywheel drive can motor. Also included is a mint car with a simulated diamond load, twin internal lights and operating couplers. To place your order and more information go the "LCCA Store" page on our website [LCCA Store](#).



Update on 150th Anniversary General Set shipping: The 150th Anniversary General Set has not yet shipped from the production facility.

Candidly, we contracted and expected delivery of these locomotives by now. Production delays at the factory required an adjustment to the timetable. Lou's insistence on a top notch product contributed. Lionel is monitoring the production calendar at the factory in China for LCCA.

Lionel has not provided a firm ship date, but has indicated a late July ship and arrival at

LCCA of late August. We assure you that delivery to you from the LCCA will be as soon as product arrives. As soon as the LCCA is assured product is ready to ship, this information will be placed on the club website. This distinctive, historical train set will be packed in a commemorative box, and we believe it will be worth the wait! Thanks in advance for your patience. If you have any questions and want to speak with Lou, contact him at caponilj@comcast.net. More info including a note from Lionel can be read at [General Pair Shipping](#).

Special Events - 42nd LCCA Convention: Our largest and longest Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) Special Event, the 42nd Annual Convention will be held July 22-28 at the Marriott Waterside Hotel in Norfolk VA. There is still time to sign up and attend this fun filled, week-long Special Event. We have special events with Lionel, LCCA members, Licensed Lionel Artist Angela Trotta Thomas, OGR's Ed Boyle, Lionel CEO Jerry Calabrese, The Boy Scouts of America, and the local Make A Wish Foundation, scheduled throughout the week. We have so many activities and tours; we cannot mention all of them here. Go to the ["Convention Page"](#) or recent The Lion Roars for detailed information and schedule of events. Come to the convention and we are certain you will find these special events informative, educational and most of all Fun!

We plan to start the week on Sunday evening 7-22-12 with an informal special "Welcome Reception" event get together with LCCA Club President Dennis DeVito, the Board of Directors and the Convention Volunteer team. This will be a great opportunity to meet with other conventioners and learn more details of all the fun and exciting activities scheduled for the upcoming week. We are excited about this first time event during our conventions and we encourage our members to participate and enjoy this special event.

During the evenings, we are planning several free demonstrations and clinics. Meet with Lionel representatives Tom Nuzzo and Mike Reagan as they demonstrate Lionel's Legacy Command control system and future Lionel Product currently under development. Norfolk and Southern Rail Road Representatives are scheduled to provide our members with presentations.

The LCCA is planning to have some Norfolk local Make A Wish (MAW) Foundation recipients involved with our convention this year. MAW children who have an interest in trains and toy trains will be able to enjoy and experience special events during our convention. It is a very heartwarming experience to see a child light up and enjoy the Magic of Lionel and a LCCA convention.

If you have never been to an LCCA Convention, this will be a great first one to attend. We even have a first time attendee Special Event private party get-together event on Wednesday, 7-25-12. This is a great way to meet other first time convention attendees. We have several train related tours and activities for the Lionel Train lovers and then we have activities and tours that are non-train related intended for the enjoyment of the entire family. For tour information and to register for the convention, go to the ["Convention Page"](#). We are certain you will have F.U N!

Junior Members and members of all ages are invited to attend a "Learn to Draw a Lionel Train" drawing class conducted by Lionel Authorized artist and LCCA member Angela Trotta Thomas on Friday July 27, 2-4 PM. Members of all ages enjoyed this event during last year's convention. Junior members and family members are encouraged to come and make a Lionel train drawing. This is a real fun event for all!

Ed Boyle, LCCA member, O-Gauge Railroading (OGR) Partner and columnist of OGR's Collector's Gallery will be making a S-Gauge Presentation in Norfolk, Ed has promised a comprehensive and concise look at 1:64 scale trains and why our two rail S-Gauge brethren should become more important to us at the LCCA. As Ed points out, many S-Gaugers are Lionel collectors too, and we need to welcome more of them into the ranks of the LCCA. LCCA is S-friendly, and having S-Gauge hobbyist play a more prominent role in our activities will enrich the toy

train hobby experience for all of us. Stay tuned for additional details about this S-Gauge presentation.

Lionel's CEO, Jerry Calabrese has accepted an invitation to meet with Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) members on Friday 7-27-12 at 4:00 PM for a personal Question and Answer session during our 42nd Annual Convention. LCCA Members who have a question they want to ask Jerry should submit their question in advance to the Ask The Expert section on this website Ask the Expert. Please specify that your question is directed to Jerry Calabrese and to be answered during our convention. Jerry is willing to answer and discuss any topic relative to Lionel and the hobby. No subject matter is off limits for legitimate questions. This will be a great opportunity for our members to hear answers directly from Jerry. We are certain our members will find this session to be both informative and entertaining. Thank you Jerry Calabrese! for giving this tremendous opportunity to our members. This is just one example of the many benefits for belonging to the Lionel Collectors Club of America, the best toy train club on the planet!

On Saturday, 7-28-12, there will be a free toy train show and swap meet open to the public from 9-3 PM. Donations will go the benefit of the local Ronald McDonald house. Guests will be able to see the spectacular 65' Lionel Operation layout and display, Pittsburgh PA's Hi-Railers layout and LCCA's new FasTrack modular layout.

We are also expecting over 200 Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts to earn a model Rail Road Merit Badge on Saturday, 7-28-12. If you are a Boy or Girl Scout, please visit our website BSA announcement to register [LCCA News: BSA RR/Transportation Merit Badge - LCCA Convention](#) . Spaces are limited, so please pre-register.

As you can see, we will have numerous special events and activities scheduled during our 42 Annual Convention in Norfolk VA. If you have not signed up yet, there is still time to do so. Come and experience the camaraderie of fellow LCCA members and magic of Lionel Trains at the Marriot Waterside hotel. Our conventions are intended for the enjoyment of the entire family. We believe there is something for everyone's interests. We like to have Fun, we hope you do too! See you in Norfolk!

Ronald McDonald is Coming to Norfolk: LCCA 7-28-12 Toy Train show in Norfolk VA to Benefit Ronald McDonald House. The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) will be hosting a Toy Train Show on Saturday, July 29, 2012 at the Marriot Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, VA during our 42nd Annual convention. The show will be open on Saturday to the public from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The donations we collect from the public and LCCA members will be donated to benefit the local Ronald McDonald House (RMDH).

The Ronald McDonald House provides a home-away-from-home for those families whose child is in the hospital receiving much needed care for their serious illness. Lionel is donating a couple of train sets to the house and all the monies raised will also go to the local RMDH to help defray their expenses and operating costs. "Ronald" will make a public appearance during the trading hall on Saturday, along with the Lionel/LCCA's own "Lenny the Lion". These popular characters will be available for pictures, so be sure to bring your camera and a BIG smile!

LCCA's FasTrack Modular Layout to Make Public Debut in Norfolk VA.: The LCCA Module Committee has met on a weekly basis to define standards for a module layout system. Our committee includes several club members and Lionel representatives. Through a continuous, thoughtful process, albeit with some trial and error inherent in any new venture, we have moved this project forward. Much of our work has been completed, and we have achieved our goal of defining specifications for a new module system. As a result, any Lionel enthusiast will be able to participate in this modular layout project.

Prototypes for the new system will be on display and in operation at our annual LCCA Convention in Norfolk, VA. In fact, a club member at that event will take home a completed

module section via a raffle or silent auction. LCCA intends to make this transportable modular layout available for enjoyment at designated Special Events and other venues. The committee will publish a set of standards as a guide to club members that want to build their own modules. Lionel plans to offer a kit that would include pre-cut wood pieces, hardware, the correct electrical harness, and a template that would properly position the track and hardware for proper mating with other modules.

The ultimate goal for this modular layout system would be to encourage members all around the country to make a module according to specifications or assemble one from a kit. Members in the vicinity of designated Special Events or Train Meets could bring their modules along, gather at the site, and place them end-to-end along with others for an operating session. These ad hoc modular layouts would likely be an attraction to all event visitors. Initially, the club might have to send enough corners so that a layout could be completed as a square or rectangle. Later, more exotic patterns could be created. By this method, LCCA would not transport one large club layout around the country and would avoid concerns for logistics and costs.

Both LCCA and Lionel are committed to this project. We believe it will offer Lionel fans a way to join fellow enthusiasts in operating a large and expandable O-gauge layout. This new system is being designed so that a module can be easily transported in the average-size car, yet quickly and easily assembled and mated to other modules to produce a variety of layout configurations that would fit the available space at future Convention and other sites. The post-convention issues of TLR and IT will contain details and photos.

LCCA/Lionel Open House - Canfield, OH - August 18: On Saturday, August 18 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EDT, The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) will be participating in Lionel's Customer Service 2012 Open House event to be held at their customer service center at 6655 Seville Dr, in Canfield OH 44406. Meet with Lionel's Director of Customer Service Mike Reagan and his staff/ technicians, tour the facility and watch trains run on their 10' x 36' Test track layout. Door prizes, food and refreshment will be provided. Come and meet with LCCA elected officials, get a chance to win LCCA exclusive limited edition door prizes. Just come and have some FUN! Visit www.lionel.com or the LCCA website [LCCA/Lionel Open House - Canfield, OH - August 18](#) for more current information.

8-25-12 LCCA Open House Special Event in North Tonawanda NY (Buffalo NY): On Saturday, August 25 from 12:00-5:00 PM, the LCCA is going back to the Buffalo, NY area for an open house barbecue special event and home layout tour at Frank Battaglia's (RM 15408) residence located in North Tonawanda, NY 14120. The LCCA had a very successful and popular convention in Buffalo in 2008. So we are proud to be back in the area for a day of fun and running Lionel Trains. LCCA members and their families are invited to attend this fun summer event. Bring your trains, and run them on Frank's impressive O-Gauge layout. A barbecue lunch and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided for a back yard barbecue. The admission fee will be a modest \$12/person to attend. We will have an outdoor tent set up, so we will have this great event rain, snow or sunshine. To reserve your spot, please RSVP to Frank Battaglia at 716-692-5282 or Al Kolis at 248-709-4137 or agkolis@comcast.net. We hope to see you back in Buffalo! A registration form will be added to our website shortly.

LCCA - CTTG Joint Train Auction - August 25/26: Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) and The Colorado Toy Train Group, LLC (CTTG) will offer 750+ lots of pre-war, post-war, and modern era Standard Gauge and O-Gauge trains and accessories in our upcoming toy train auction held on August 25th and 26th at The Ranch Country Club in Westminster, Colorado. Viewing begins each day at 8 am, with the auction starting at 9 am daily.

Lionel trains are featured, along with a solid offering of Ives and American Flyer Wide Gauge, early MTH-Lionel Standard Gauge; and O Gauge trains from Ives, Lionel, and MTH. In Standard Gauge, there are 11 electric engines, 5 steam engines, 23+ lots of passenger cars, and 35+ lots of freight cars. O Gauge bidders will find 22 post-war diesels, 35 pre and post-war steam engines, 28 MPC and modern-era diesel and steam engines, 150 lots of freight cars,

and 45 lots of passenger cars. The Auction List and Registration Form are available on the website: [Auction List and Registration Form](#) or by sending an e-mail to: coloradotoytrains@msn.com or by calling Jim at 303-880-3877. We recommend registering early, as seating is limited to 100 bidders.

September 29, LCCA Day at Charlie Ro - Malden, MA: On Saturday, September 29, the Lionel Collectors Club of America is proud to be hosting an open house special event at Lionel's largest train dealer store in the country, Charles Ro Supply Company in Malden, MA from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Lionel Representative Tom Nuzzo will be making a presentation and hands on demonstrations with Lionel's Legacy Command Control Systems.

LCCA members present will receive a 10% discount on all purchases made from Charles Ro vast inventory of Lionel products. A fabulous Steak lunch/dinner will be available for purchase at a price of \$30/each. We are looking for your feedback about this lunch. We need an accurate count for the food reservations and accommodations, so if you are planning to attend and want to order a steak lunch, please contact Al Kolis at 248 709-4137 to make reserve your lunch reservation. LCCA members and their families are invited to attend this fun and worthwhile event. Some Lucky LCCA members will win LCCA limited edition product door prizes.

Come and see Charles Ro's personal train collection and layouts. Spread the word, invite your friends to join the club and participate in this LCCA special event. This will make a great start to the upcoming holiday season. Start your holiday shopping early! Visit the website for additional information and updates.

Days of Fun with Toy Trains September 28-30: The LCCA will be out west again in the Denver CO area with the Colorado Toy Train Group (CTTG) for another edition of "Days of fun With Toy Trains". Lionel's Customer Service Director Mike Reagan will be there conducting a seminar and a Q&A session. Modular train layouts will be running from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00AM-3:00PM on Sunday. A special event dinner with entertainment will start at 6:00 PM. Cost will be \$42/adult and \$21/Child. For more information, please call Steve 719-487-8489 or by e-mail at sdfandslf@msn.com

Special Toy Train Show Event - Oct 6 - Perry, IA - Meet with LCCA Founder Jim Gates CM #1: On Oct 6, the LCCA will be back in Perry IA to celebrate the history of the LCCA with club founder and charter member #1 Jim Gates. Jim and his wife Josephine will be hosting an open house at their home and a train show and swap meet at the community center across the street. Contact Jim at (515) 210-5718 or Al Kolis (248) 709-4137

IT Schedule for Next Issue: If you are planning to list items for sale in the next issue of the Interchange Track (IT) publication, please note the following schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, contact IT Editor Barrie Braden at 281-252-8153 or bradenb@att.net. Posting schedule for members requesting assistance date July 21. Self-managed ads schedule date July 28. The next IT will be mailed third class.

Stay Current with Upcoming LCCA Special Events and view our Special Events Calendar [Special Events](#)

As always, Glad you are a member of our club - take advantage of the Special Events around the country and take time to explore the club web site.

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