



## HELLO FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LIONEL COLLECTOR'S CLUB OF AMERICA (LCCA)

**Dennis DeVito, RM 6758, LCCA President**

Greetings to all LCCA Junior Members. I am glad you are members of the LCCA, to enjoy the publications and website of the club. We are proud of our club and its members. The club is doing a lot of new and exciting things. The newest project is our modular design used to support Lionel's Fastrack Modular Railroad. Be sure to look at the web site to see how to build one. We will have more pictures in the near future.

I collect and operate O-Gauge Lionel trains and have done so for a long time. But this was not always the case. My family had American Flyer trains. I grow up with American Flyer. My brother and I often received a set for Christmas. It was exciting to see one set up under the tree on Christmas Day.

I recall building a train layout with my family - an exciting time of my life. We did not take any pictures of it, but do have a few moments of old film clips. I remember that layout as a loop around a figure 8. Later, a loop was added above the layout, built on a mountain. Still later, a higher loop was added on a homemade trusses where a Silver Santa Fe streamliner set ran. Boy, did I like that train set.

I am glad that the Lionel company has continued to make American Flyer trains. This means that all the trains I have, the American Flyer and the Lionel, are now made by Lionel. The trains my brother and I have were made long ago, but they still run quite well.

After all these years, I still enjoy trains. I like all gauges, all styles, all layouts. But my favorite is Lionel. And my favorite train is the Santa Fe F3 Diesel. What is yours?

A suggestion to you - try to take and keep photos of your layouts. I wish my family kept photos of the work while we were working on it and after it was done. Another suggestion, take care of your trains. If you care for them, they should last you for years like they did for me.

Check our web page [www.Lionelcollectors.org](http://www.Lionelcollectors.org) for a list of LCCA Special Events. If there is one near you, ask your family to take you. They will enjoy the event as much as you.

The best to you and your family. May you enjoy and run your trains for a long time!

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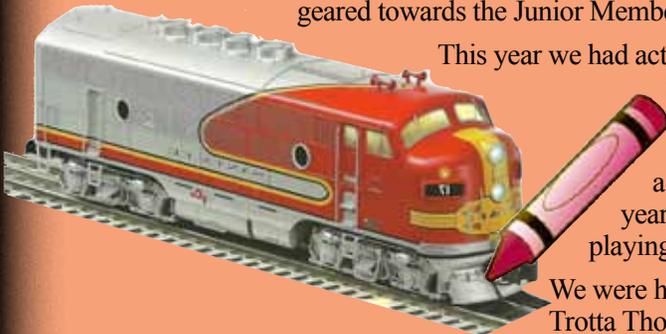
## JENNY'S JUNCTION

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I hope school is going well for all of you. I also hope you enjoyed the rest of your summer vacation. As many of you know the Convention was back in July and we had some really good Junior Member activities going on during the week. We are just starting to plan for 2013, if you have any ideas, please share them with me.

In Norfolk, we had a tour to the Children's Museum tour which was a huge hit with the all ages, but especially the Junior Members. We are hoping to have tours like these in Chatanooga, specifically geared towards the Junior Members. I hope to see many of you next year!



This year we had activities during the evening, at the hotel. First we had The Second Annual Junior Member Movie Night. Last year we played Cars, this year we decided to play Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone. We had popcorn and lemonade, it was a great success. I already know what we are going to play next year. You will have to make sure to stop by and see what we are playing!

We were honored to have Angela Trotta Thomas teach our members how to draw again this year.

We had the opportunity to free draw a Sante Fe Train. It was a lot of fun and I know our young members are looking forward to what Angela has planned for next year.

You all know who Lenny the Lion is. He made a few appearances this year at the convention as well. He really enjoys hanging out with all the children. His favorite hangout this year was in the layout rooms, set up around the hotel. This year we had three full layouts for members and the public to view. They were definitely a favorite for everyone.



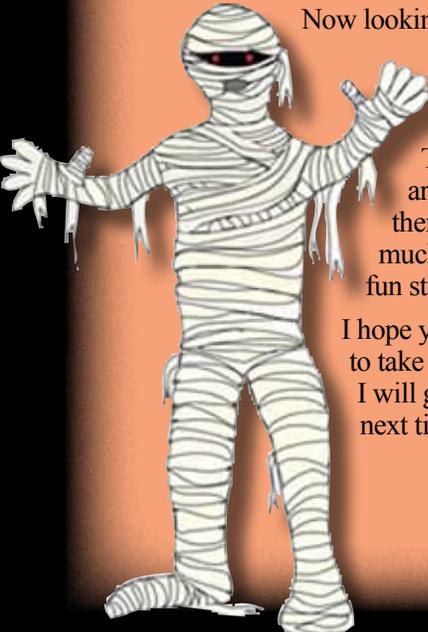
Now looking forward to the future, there is going to a website makeover for the Junior Member section over the next few months. We are hoping to make updates on a more regular basis.

We are going to continue posting The Lion Cub Issues to the website, so remember if you lose your copy, there will always be one posted on the LCCA website.

There is one big change we are hoping will happen soon. I would like to start adding articles to the website from LCCA volunteers that are very active in the club. I have asked them to prepare stories about when they were children and why trains or the club mean so much to them. Please keep an eye out on the website for these postings. They should be very fun stories for you to read and get to know some very great volunteers.

I hope you all have fun this fall. I hope you are looking forward to the holiday season. Make sure to take pictures once you set up your layouts around the house or your tree and send them to me! I will get them published in The Lion Cub or even online in the Junior Member section. Until next time.

**HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE HALLOWEEN!**



# MAKE-A-WISH & BSA/GSA ACTIVITIES IN NORFOLK VA

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During our 42nd Annual Convention this past July in Norfolk VA, we had several great Junior member activities and special events. Please read my son, Vincent Kolis's articles for more details about these activities. Let me share with you a couple of my personal favorites in Norfolk.



I had the privilege and honor of meeting new LCCA Junior Member Cameron, Age 5 from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Cameron and his family had a great time being the honorary engineer during our evening event at the Children's Museum of Virginia in Portsmouth. Cameron was able to run the trains on the museum's layout designed by Skip Novak, Museum Director of trains. This layout replicates many areas of Virginia, from the Appalachian mountains to the Atlantic coastline.

Cameron was designated the honorary conductor during the opening ceremony of Lionel's Operating layout and display. Cameron and Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim were side by side running Lionel trains on this impressive Lionel Layout. Both the honorable mayor and Cameron had fun running the trains, blowing the horns and ringing their bells. It was very special day. Cameron's affection and interest in Lionel trains is very genuine. Lionel graciously donated a train set to Cameron and his family, so he can enjoy running his Lionel Train all year long.



A second personal favorite activity was our Boyscout/ Girl Scout merit badge activity. We had over 200 boy/girl scouts attend and participate in this special event. This shows me that the hobby is still of strong interests amongst our young people. Led by LCCA's Jerry Calkins and a team of adult scout leader volunteers from around the country, the scouts moved from station to station to accomplish various tasks to earn their model railroading merit badge. The scouts and their family members all enjoyed themselves at our public train show and several operating train layouts.



The LCCA is committed to promoting and fostering an interest in Lionel Trains. Our Junior membership program is intended to introduce and develop an interest in Lionel trains with members under the age of 18 years old. I welcome your input for ideas about future activities that may be of interest to you. We are looking to host special events in various cities around the country that you and your entire family can enjoy.

I am looking for JM's to share their personal stories about their experience with Lionel trains. We have a great website [www.lionelcollectors.org](http://www.lionelcollectors.org) and you can visit us on Facebook for better communication with our members. I encourage you (with parental approval) to take photographs of you and your trains, and send them to me or Ms Jenny Kraus our new JM program coordinator.

# PUZZLES BY BOOMER

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## TRANSPORTATION STAMPS

Between 1981 and 1983, the U.S. Postal Service issued a series of 14 stamps using a Transportation theme. Can you name each of these different vehicles? Look over the "List of Vehicles" and then try to match the name of the vehicle with the picture. Place the letter in front of the name on the line under the stamp. Good luck!



### "List of Vehicles"

Baby Buggy  
Bicycle  
Electric Auto  
Fire Pumper  
Handcar  
Hansom Cab  
Locomotive  
Mail Wagon  
Motorecycle  
Omnibus  
Railroad Caboose  
Sleigh  
Stagecoach  
Surrey

### Answers:

1. Omnibus  
2. Locomotive  
3. Handcar  
4. Stagecoach  
5. Motorecycle  
6. Sleigh  
7. Bicycle  
8. Baby Buggy  
9. Mail Wagon  
10. Hansom Cab  
11. Railroad Caboose  
12. Electric Auto  
13. Surrey  
14. Fire Pumper

### LCCA'S NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

In an effort to better communicate with our Junior Members, the LCCA has created a JM Facebook page. Please discuss with you parents to make sure they are ok with you participating in this club Facebook page. We hope JM's will share their train stories, photos of them and their Lionel trains etc with other LCCA JM members. If you have a facebook account, please be sure to LIKE the LCCA Junior Member facebook page. We plan to post club information and stories in the future. If you have any Halloween photos of you or with Lionel trains please share too! Here is the web address: [www.facebook.com/lionelcollectors-clubofamericajuniormemberpage](http://www.facebook.com/lionelcollectors-clubofamericajuniormemberpage).

# JM'S HAVING FUN AT NORFOLK CONVENTION

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Needless to say, LCCA Junior Members had a great time at the LCCA Convention in Norfolk VA. The LCCA had over 83 Junior and family members attend our 42nd Annual convention held this past July at the Marriott Waterside Hotel in Norfolk VA. Plenty of fun events were held specifically for the enjoyment of our younger members. My personal friend, Angela Trotta Thomas's "Learn to Draw a Lionel Train" class, "movie night"

where we got to watch various train related movies such as "Harry Potter", David Cohen's clinic on "How to build a Carnival Tent From a Milk Carton", and the Boy & Girl Scout Merit Badge activities are just a few of the activities our young people enjoyed in Norfolk. The convention started with a friendly President's Welcome party, where all members had a casual get-together on Sunday evening. President Dennis DeVito was given milk and cookies from Convention Co-manager Captain Bob Carter. They were two real big kids at this event!



Kids participated in the LCCA family oriented tours all week long. They were seen alongside their parents or grandparents having fun throughout the week. New LCCA Junior Member Cameron Age 5 of the local Make-A-Wish (MAW)



foundation was named the honorary engineer and conductor at the Special Event tour at the Children's Museum of Virginia and the opening ceremony of the Lionel train layout. Cameron and his family all love Lionel Trains.

The LCCA tries to have something for everyone at each of our events during our family oriented conventions. This year's convention was no exception. During our "Get Acquainted Party", Doumar's brought in their world's first ice cream cone making machine. Members were served ice cream in freshly made waffle cones. Kids and some adults had fun getting

their faces painted, while the grown-ups danced the night away to oldies music from the 1950's, 60's 70's & 80's. My friend, Dominic Caponi performed two songs by "The Killers" rock group specifically for the Junior members. New Junior Member Coordinator Ms. Jenny Kraus of St. Paul MN was there having fun with all of the Junior members. It was a great fun evening for everyone.

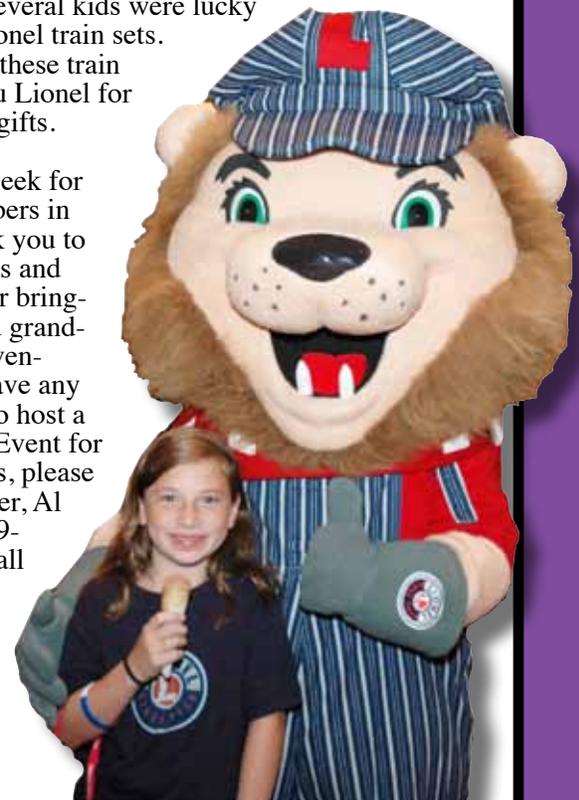
Lionel's "Lenny the Lion" and Ronald McDonald were there all day Saturday during our train show. This train show was free, but donations were being accepted at the door to go to the local Ronald McDonald house.



Thank you for all of the donations. The money raised went to a great cause. Kids were getting their photos taken with "Lenny the Lion" and Ronald McDonald throughout the day. Over 200 local Boy and Girl Scouts earned their merit badges for Model railroading or transportation.

During the Saturday night banquet, LCCA President Dennis DeVito, and the kids in the crowd, were up on stage leading the crowd in saying our "Pledge of Allegiance". Several kids were lucky winners of a Lionel train sets. Lionel donated these train sets. Thank you Lionel for these generous gifts.

It was a great week for us Junior Members in Norfolk. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents for bringing the kids and grandkids to our convention. If you have any ideas, or want to host a LCCA Special Event for Junior Members, please contact my father, Al Kolis at 248 709-4137 or by e-mail at [agkolis@comcast.net](mailto:agkolis@comcast.net)



# THE SOCIETY OF THE DYNAMIC RAILS

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## JOSH AND KRISTY – THE NEW LAYOUT

Kristy, who spends her after school hours at her uncle Mike's house because her father is on active duty with the Air National Guard and her mom went back to work came into Josh's room to see what her cousin was doing.

Hi is that homework, she asked seeing Josh deep in thought at his desk?

Josh looked at her and smiled, shrugged his shoulders and said; that was the idea but I can't get our layout out of my head. Kristy rolled her eyes and asked what layout?

A new platform was a constant issue with our heroes since the "Society of the Dynamic Rails" all went their separate ways. They have space at Kristy's house but her mom works six days a week so they are not permitted to go there unsupervised by an adult. As for Josh's house his father converted the basement into an office so there is little or no real estate there either. Solving this problem has become a top priority for them now that the new school year has started and the long winter months are coming on like a freight train.

Well said Kristy, let's get our home assignments done first then we can breakout the Fast Track and build a carpet layout in the living room. Good idea replied Josh with an ear to ear grin, watching trains run always makes me feel better.

After completing their homework the kids went into the small shed off of the kitchen and rolled out a huge plastic tub that had built in wheels. It was full of all the track and switches left over from their old platform. Even with the wheels the two of our third graders had to put all of their strength into the job at hand.

What are you children doing with that big box asked Mrs. Cranston? She was a woman who watched the kids after school and prepared the evening meals so Josh's father can work a couple of hours longer each day. Its ok Mrs. Cranston said Kristy, we have permission. Yea added Josh, we are going to build a railroad. That's nice she replied with a quizzical look on her face. Just stay out of the kitchen with this railroad, it's not safe playing around a hot stove.

With that the box continued rumbling on its way into the living room where the two junior engineers set to work on the task at hand, building the greatest railroad ever.

The Fast Track went together every bit as quick and easy as it did when they first used it and the Lionel trains worked great also. It was six PM when Josh's dad Mike came up from the basement. He stood there, at the doorway that led between the dining room and living room watching the trains run with the almost the same joy as the kids. Quietly he pulled out a chair from under the table being careful not disturb the right of way that looped around and through the maze of legs under the dining room table. He just sat there watching the two of them play with their abbreviated little world with total suspension of disbelief that only the truly young at heart could achieve.

Josh and Kristy where so deep into the wonderful little world they built that they did not see or hear Mike come in. When Josh finally noticed his father he taped Kristy on her shoulder and shut off the power to his train, Kristy did the same. Both kids said nothing; they just sat there looking at him with big smiles on their faces. Kristy was the first to speak-up, what do you think?

Looks great he replied nodding his head.

Can we keep it up for a couple of days Josh pleaded?

His father slowly exhaled and said; ok I guess as long as it does not get in Mrs. Cranston's way.

At that moment Mrs. Cranston came into the room and announced that dinner was ready.

My, she added in surprise and wonderment; what a wonderful and large railroad.

At that she turned to her employer and whispered; they told me that they had permission.

Josh's fathers forehead showed a quick frown and then his face melted into a curt smile as he replied that he did tell them they could build a carpet layout, someday!

Well, it's someday she said with an understanding twinkle in her eye.

Would it be any trouble if they kept it up for a few days, Mike asked?

I did the Vacuuming to day so I guess we can let it be for awhile.

Yea yelled both kids as they headed for their dinner that sat waiting on the kitchen table.

As they took their places around the table Mike politely asked Mrs. Cranston if she would like to join them.

Oh no, but thank you Michael, I have my son Donny at home waiting for his dinner. I have your Sister Mary's platter waiting in the refrigerator and now I got to run.

At that Mrs. Cranston left with her families dinner neatly packed in a basket.

The three of them where making small talk as they ate when Kristy jumped up and ran for the door.

She was there waiting for it to swing open when her mother Mary came walking in.

Josh looked at his father and asked; how does she do that?

Mommy radar, his father replied as Mary walked into the kitchen with Kristy at her side. Mary removed her dinner from the refrigerator and placed it in the microwave oven. After a minute or two she sat at the table with her warm food and whispered; thank god for Mrs. Cranston.

Mike and the kids gave her a rundown of their floor layout. Mary thought for a few minutes then asked what ever happened to Kristy's uncle Al and the LCCA modular club?

At that Josh and Kristy looked at Mike and both said at the same time; wow that would be perfect!



— ATTENTION PARENTS AND JUNIOR MEMBERS OF LCCA —

## LCCA/LIONEL FASTRACK MODULAR RAILROAD

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During our 42nd Annual Convention this past July, The Lionel Collectors club of America introduced a new Lionel FasTrack Modular Railroad system. This layout was built by TW TrainWorx of Dallas Texas according to the standards developed by the LCCA Modular layout committee. Preliminary specifications are posted in our website [www.lionelcollectors.org](http://www.lionelcollectors.org).

The goal of this national Lionel FasTrack modular standard is to encourage as many model train enthusiast as possible to get into the hobby. Whether you build the modules themselves from scratch, purchase and build a module kit, or have TW TrainWorx build one for you, there no limitation to what you create and build on top of each module.

The intent is for people to build one or more module sections to our national standards and then decorate the top of the module in their own personal way. People will then bring their modules to a show and connect them to other people's modules from all around the country. The end result is a large operational layout. If you do not have the room or resources to build a complete layout in your home, you can build a small modular section and become part of a large operating layout.

Recently, at a train show in York PA, we received more overwhelming positive feedback about the introduction of our new LCCA/Lionel FasTrack Modular Railroad system. These modules can be used as a great show piece for any club, Boyscout/Girlscout organization, school etc.

Each module can be custom decorated and landscaped to demonstrate your personal interests, products, activities, school, business or organization. We hope this concept will continue to grow and bring new people into our hobby. I envision every Boy/Girl Scout troop around the country, each building a module and then gathering together at a show to have a full operating Modular system.

So, if possible, meet with your parents, teachers, group leaders etc, discuss the possibilities and then build a module section with a group of your friends and family. There is no limit to what can be created. Let your dreams and imagination run wild with ideas.

I encourage you to take photos and videos of your modular layout section throughout the construction process. Other JM's will appreciate you sharing these projects with them. Have F.U.N with this project!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



