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## Aftermath of Hurricane Sandy

### Mike Mottler RM 12394

We've seen the nonstop news coverage of flooded East Coast cities, power grid outages, and Mother Nature running amok. The reality of that weather ordeal made an even larger personal impact on LCCA members who knew friends, extended family, and other club members caught in that maelstrom.

Some LCCA authors were adversely affected. *TLR* author Ken Morgan suffered a power outage and dealt with a large tree fallen against his house in Williston Park, NY. That explains why there is no "The Tinplate Cannonball" article

in this issue. Long-time *TLR* author/columnist Bill Schmeelk sustained major water damage to his workshop, a power outage, and a fallen tree at his home in Hillsdale, NJ. He had larger issues to deal with, but in spite of that he managed to prepare another episode of "Lionel News and Views" for inclusion in this issue. This episode continues his unbroken series of articles published in this magazine – number 171 in the sequence.

One LCCA Special Event in New York City was cancelled because of the storm. Lionel offices were temporarily closed, and many train-related hobby shops were shuttered. Other club members who live and work in the zone of Sandy's path have once-in-a-lifetime stories to remember; rather, to try to forget.



**Dennis DeVito**  
RM 6758

# Report from

**HIGHLIGHT:**

The “General” train sets have all been delivered. The club has received nothing but accolades for these Civil War era locomotives.

**Press the Flesh**

I just returned from TrainFest in Milwaukee, WI, and I was pleased to have contacted or “touched” more than 70 club members. A number of new members joined LCCA, and we all enjoyed the camaraderie offered by club membership. I was pleased that members came forward, spoke with us, and offered ideas and venues for Special Events. Hopefully, many of these will come to pass.

**The Generals**

The “General” train sets have all been delivered. The club has received nothing but accolades for these Civil War era locomotives. LCCA’s Lou Caponi and Lionel® teamed up and produced a wonderful product. For those who ordered the NYC Terrific Tinplate Treasure train set, be aware that these units have been promised before year’s end. The production samples are way beyond wonderful. Those who purchased either of these sets can be proud of your club for making these unique units available.

**Texas Special Deadline Imminent**

If you intend to order the “Texas Tommy” Texas Special initial train set of a NW2 switcher, a matching calf unit, and the freebie Diamond Mint Car, do it now! The January 15 deadline is imminent. Once the order deadline date passes, you will not be able to order this highly anticipated switcher pair and matching mint car.

As you may have heard, Lionel will upgrade this switcher and install SCALE “O” trucks for even better performance. A three-car Texas Special add-on set is shown in this issue of *TLR* with an order form. Check it out on pages 4 and 5.

**2013 Convention**

This issue of *TLR* introduces the 2013 LCCA Convention in Chattanooga, TN. Heads up – the 2013 Convention is a week earlier than usual, July 14-20, 2013. The tour schedule will include several train excursions aboard the well-maintained trains of the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum. Look for the complete rundown of all Convention events in the February 2013 issue of *TLR*. There will be several train rides, legacy and historical tours in the area, and a few surprise tours.

*Heads up – the 2013 Convention is a week earlier than usual, July 14-20, 2013.*

The club plans to offer text messaging service for members with smart phones. Texting will allow the Registration Desk to communicate directly with attendees, provide update information, and announce schedule changes. This service will be available for members who want to keep up with Convention activities. Provide your smart phone number for better communication at the Convention during the event.



*Digital Image provided by Lionel LLC and enhanced by Snyder Creative*

# our President

## Modular Railroading

The LCCA/Lionel FastTrack™ Modular Railroad has been a GREAT success, and it draws a crowd wherever we display it in action. The modular specifications, materials, and design have been praised by novices, non-modular folks who are becoming interested in this form of model railroading, and seasoned modular railroaders in clubs. All see value in what LCCA and Lionel have offered. The club will continue to promote this modular railroad and encourage members to bring their own module to any train show where the modular railroad will be featured. We would love to have your section of the modular layout in place as a part of this club project.

## Special Events

The LCCA continues to build on the success of the Special Events program started by Al Kolis. Continue to log in to our website for the most recent information about SE venues and dates. Special Events are an opportunity to meet LCCA members and enjoy our hobby on a personal level. To host a SE, call Al.

## Change of Tasks

Secretary Harry Hampson will take over many of the responsibilities of communication with club members. Mike Battaglia will be working on a number of new initiatives, including welcome packages and internal club procedure updates.



## President's Scoreboard for 2012-13

Activity	Goal	Accomplished to Date	Status
Special Events	2,200 members touched	375	Nearly 20% already!
Number of Special Events	25 by July, 2013	17	Well on our way to this target. Always looking for additional events!
Reinstatement of Members	400	19	Need club members to assist.

## Nominations for Leadership

Start thinking about the 2013 election. Nominations will be received in early 2013. Look for future announcements and refer to the website for the necessary forms for nomination. We were fortunate to have a number of well-qualified candidates last year. Thanks to all who volunteered to serve the club in a leadership role. You have heard it before, but the club has many positions to fill: website work, insurance, video production, Special Events support, the Junior Member program, and many other areas. Speak up if interested.

## Club Communications via E-mail

The LCCA continues to send e-blasts to members who provide their e-mail address to the club. These informative messages announce upcoming events, club activities, and a reminder about member dues. If you have not already shared your e-mail address with LCCA, consider doing it to take full advantage of today's communication technology. If you have not received an e-blast from the LCCA that means you did not provide your e-mail address to the club. I encourage you to update your information on our site.

*Layout by Raymond Brown*

I was not adversely affected (in the Chicago area) by Hurricane Sandy, but I offer my best wishes to members who lived in the path of this storm. The best to you and yours.

## Holiday Spirit

As I write this report, Thanksgiving is just a week away. It'll be history by the time you read it. Count the blessings of family, health, and having each other. As Christmas approaches, many club members will install a train layout at the base of their Christmas tree like Raymond Brown (RM 1925) and David Dunlop (RM 10710) have done – as shown by these photos. Santa would be pleased! Share the Spirit of Christmas as it approaches. The best to you and your family not only for this year but also for future years.



*Layout by David Dunlop*

## Answers to A Lionel Puzzlement

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

**SAVE \$50**

# Enhance your Texas Special initial train set with three add-on cars.

Club members that purchase the initial Texas Special Train Set will have priority for ordering these three add-on cars. Save \$50 when purchasing this set of completer cars! Make this train set a collectible.



**The onboard helicopter will bear the Texas Special décor.**

- Matching paint decor
- 50-foot flat car has real wood deck
- Die-cast metal trucks, painted silver
- Lots of added details
- Onboard helicopter is full scale



**This 8,000 gallon Unibody Tank Car will add heft and style to the train.**

- Matching paint decor
- Die-cast metal trucks, painted silver
- Contents marked as "Lionel Lubricating Oil"



**A Bay Window Caboose will be a great finishing touch.**

- Bay Window style
- Matching paint decor
- Marker lights
- Die-cast metal trucks, painted silver
- Blinking red light under the rear roof

Members that previously purchased the LCCA 2011 Convention Car can include this Milk Reefer Car in the Texas Special consist.



**FREE when you order the NW2 Cow and Calf units!**

- A first-time-ever Mint Car with diamond load
- Twin interior lights
- Die-cast trucks
- This unique car cannot be ordered separately

**No wonder hobbyists consider LCCA the best toy train club on the planet!**

**DEADLINE  
IMMINENT**

# This is the last opportunity to order the Texas Special initial train set for your collection.



### The décor of the Texas Special has never looked better!

- New O-scale metal trucks
- Die-cast metal frame - new tooling
- Smoke unit, Headlight
- Flywheel drive can motor
- Operating couplers
- Updated Railsounds™, Bell sound
- Metal hand rails
- Authentic marker lights
- Spark arrestors on the stacks
- Window vent shades
- Radiator cover
- Tinted glass, Windshield wipers

### A distinctive companion to the powered NW2 diesel switcher!

- Most features on the "Cow" also applied to the "Calf" unit, as appropriate
- Collector box packaging
- Production of this initial set will be limited to 995 units
- New die-cast metal frame tooling will not be made available for use by any other club

## MAIL THIS ORDER FORM OR PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE

Once submitted, LCCA will consider this a firm order and not refundable. Limit: one set.

### DO THE MATH

- Texas Special Add-on Cars (only) @ \$289.95 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I did not purchase the initial train set, but I want these cars
- Texas Special Add-on Cars (completer) @ \$239.95 - **SAVE \$50:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you previously purchased the Initial Train Set  
 If you order the initial train set now (see below)
- Texas Special Initial Train Set \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLAN A: one payment in full @ \$499.95 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLAN B: two payments; \$200 non-refundable deposit now; the balance due prior to shipment \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Note: this option must be paid with a credit card*
- Sub-total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Illinois residents:** add sales tax (7.5% of subtotal) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 S&H for the three add-on cars @ \$29.95 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 S&H for the initial train set @ \$29.95 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SEND YOUR PAYMENT

- My check or money order for the total amount of this order is enclosed and made payable to "LCCA" with "TS2" written on the memo line.
- Charge the amount shown to my credit card as shown below.
- Plan A – payment in full
- Plan B – a non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due now. The balance will be charged to the same credit card account just prior to shipment.

**Deadline for ordering the initial train set: January 15, 2013.**  
**Delivery of the initial train set expected in mid 2013.**

**Deadline for ordering the three add-on cars: May 1, 2013.**  
**Delivery of the three add-on cars expected later in 2013.**

Credit Card Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.: \_\_\_\_\_  Discover  MasterCard  Visa Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
(3 digits on back of card)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
By my signature, I authorize LCCA to charge my account for the amount due according to the terms and conditions cited herein.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LCCA Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Order online at: [www.lionelcollectors.org](http://www.lionelcollectors.org) — go to "LCCA Store." To submit an order by fax: 815-223-0791.



**Al Kolis**  
HM 15902

## HIGHLIGHT:

“I hope you can attend a LCCA Special Event in your area in the very near future.

Have a great, safe, and happy holiday season!”

I am absolutely amazed at the overwhelming positive feedback we have received about our recent LCCA Special Events (SE). Members from all over the country have participated in and supported these events. We are well on our way toward accomplishing LCCA President Dennis DeVito’s goal of reaching out and meeting 2,200 members within this current 12 month period. Some members have traveled thousands of miles to a SE because they also scheduled their personal vacation time to meet with their friends in the same city as a SE. The exciting fall season included SEs in Colorado, Massachusetts, Iowa, Texas, Arizona, New York, Wisconsin, Mississippi, and North Carolina.

As we approach this busy – often hectic – holiday season, I think it is important for us to remember and honor the men and women in military service. Without their dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to serve and protect our country, we would not be able to enjoy the freedom and liberty to pursue happiness, the wonderful hobby of model railroading, and attend LCCA Special Events. Thanks to all of you who have or are currently protecting and serving our country.

Special thanks go out to all of the members who volunteered to host recent SEs:

Steve Fowler and CTTG, Colorado

Charlie Ro and Charles Jr., Massachusetts

Marty Fitzhenry, Massachusetts

Jim & Josephine Gates, Iowa

Roger & Dorcie Farkash, Texas

Johnny Ourso, Arizona

Dave & Anita Hoverstock, Arizona

Bob Leonowisz, Wisconsin

William Haas, Mississippi

Angela Trotta Thomas, South Carolina

Rich & Kathy Dissosway, NC

Woody & Madeline Hickman, Texas.

Your generosity and commitment to the club demonstrates what our club is all about. You are all role models for other fellow members to emulate!

## Two SEs in Denver this Summer

by Steve Fowler RM 26496



*Auctioneer David Gahagen presided at the 2012 CTTG auction events in Colorado.*

LCCA returned to the Denver suburb of Westminster, CO, for two Special Events late this summer. Both events were co-sponsored with the Colorado Toy Train Group, LLC (CTTG) and offered LCCA members more opportunities to enjoy toy trains and hobby fellowship.

In late August, 33 LCCA members attended a toy train auction, where they had the opportunity to bid on more than 730 lots of toy trains. Then in late September, 36 LCCA members and 18 family members enjoyed “A Day of Fun with Toy Trains.” Mike Reagan, Lionel’s Service Manager began that Special Event on Friday morning with a tremendous clinic on how to wire a layout for Lionel’s Legacy System. During the following two days, LCCA and CTTG members enjoyed watching trains run on seven operating layouts, a LEGO layout, a wooden train layout, a garden railroad on the patio, and a toddlers’ riding train. On Saturday evening, LCCA members enjoyed a dinner on the patio and watched the sun set behind the Rocky Mountains. Everyone was entertained by the Skyliners. This vocal group of 11 ladies presented a wide variety of songs. The group was preparing for an international competition the following week. Last year, they placed fifth overall.

These two events concluded an active Special Events presence in the greater Denver area. A total of four SEs were co-sponsored by CTTG/LCCA during calendar year 2012, and we celebrated the fact that no other city has hosted as many SEs.

# nts Are Special

## Two Special Events in the Boston Area

On Saturday, September 29, the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) hosted two Special Events in the Boston, MA, area. We held an Open House Special Event at Lionel's largest train dealer, Charles Ro Supply Company in Malden, MA, and co-sponsored a second SE that evening at the home of Marty Fitzhenry in Dedham, MA.



At Charles Ro, Lionel® Representative Tom Nuzzo gave two presentations as hands-on demonstrations about Lionel's Legacy™ Command Control system. Charles Ro, Jr., led members on a private behind-the-scenes tour of their mail order toy train operation including their G-gauge manufacturing facility. LCCA members received a 10% discount on all purchases made from the vast inventory of Lionel products at the store. John Russbacky and his wife drove in from Masury, OH, to be there. Lucky LCCA members won door prizes of some limited edition LCCA and Lionel products.

Members finished the day with a second Special Event at the home of LCCA member Marty Fitzhenry. Marty owns and operates one of the premier home model train layouts in the country as well as a phenomenal collection of toy trains.



His layout has an operating cantenary system and has appeared in most, if not all, of the toy train magazines. The layout has also been seen in toy train videos produced by *OGR*.

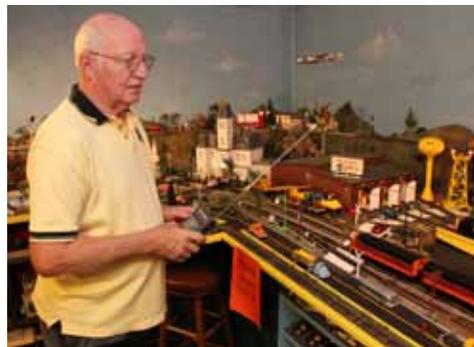
The electric trains run on the overhead cantenary track so smoothly that one would think they are receiving power from the O-gauge rails. Marty often proves people wrong by showing them that he removed the pick-up rollers from the engines.



LCCA President-elect Lou "Captain Chaos" Caponi was on hand and presented Marty and Dotty with a LCCA NS Vulcan Switcher engine as a token of appreciation for hosting this wonderful event. Thank you" to the SE hosts in Massachusetts and the LCCA members and their families that attended these two events and supported the club.

## SE at Perry, IA

On Saturday, October 6, LCCA members gathered in Perry, IA, to celebrate the history of the LCCA with club founder and Charter Member Jim Gates (CM 1). Jim and his wife Josephine hosted an Open House at their home and a Train Show and Swap Meet at the Community Center across the street.



Members from around the country met not only our founder but also other Charter members Jerry Dangelo (CM 67), Owen Bryne (CM 42) and Chuck Skjeveland (CM 71). It was a great opportunity for our members to personally meet Jim and the other charter members, learn about the club's origination, run Lionel trains, get good deals on Lionel trains at the train show, and have some genuine Midwest fun with fellow members!

Jim, his wife Josephine, daughters Sandra (Mason), Nancy, Betty Joe, and niece



Debora Linquist helped host this LCCA Special Event. Members enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch with chicken, pork, and beef menu options. A sincere "Thank you" goes to the members who attended this LCCA SE, and huge "Thank you!" to Jim, Josephine, and their family for opening their home and hosting our fellow members.

Our appreciation goes to Charter Members Jim Gates, Charles Skjeveland, Owen Bryne, and Jerry Dangelo for starting this great organization along with 79 other CMs back in 1970. Your initiative, vision, perseverance, hard work, and supportive efforts created the foundation for our club. We promise to do our best to keep the dream alive and continue to help promote and foster an interest in Lionel trains.



Jim and other Charter Members formed the LCCA in 1970 in Des Moines, IA. To learn more about our beginnings and watch an 8 mm film taken during our first Convention in 1971, go to the Special Events section of our website at [www.lionelcollectors.org](http://www.lionelcollectors.org). That video was made in 2010 to celebrate our club's 40th anniversary.

## A Gathering in York, PA

LCCA members, family, and friends from around the country enjoyed a casual dinner and evening on Wednesday, October 17, at Smokey Bones Restaurant and Bar in York,

# *We enjoyed meeting members in person and “talking trains.” Our*

PA. This “Dutch Treat” event started at 6:30 p.m. and lasted well into the evening.

LCCA members met President Dennis DeVito, members of the LCCA Board of Directors, and several club volunteers. Members came from as far away as Texas, Colorado, and California to be there and enjoy a relaxing evening.

A highlight of this evening was an unveiling by President DeVito of the first LCCA-sponsored pair of 150th Anniversary “General” locomotives – commemoratives of the 150th anniversary of the Great Train Chase of the Civil War era. The “Generals” were shipped to members unaffected by Hurricane Sandy on October 23. Members in adverse-weather-affected states received their “Generals” after transportation and shipping systems recovered from the storm. President DeVito also showed production samples of our new O-gauge NYC “Lakeshore Limited” Tinplate Train Set. Members shared an overwhelming positive response. They loved it! Delivery was delayed by production issues at the factory in China, but it will be well worth the wait.

## **The LCCA Presence at York, PA**

LCCA members and friends stopped by the club’s booth in the Orange Hall at the train show in York, PA, in mid-October. Your feedback, suggestions, and inputs will help steer the club. We enjoyed meeting members in person and “talking trains.” Our members make the LCCA “the best toy train club on the planet!”

The positive responses about the appearance, sounds, and operation of the pair of LCCA Civil War era “General” steam locomotives were overwhelmingly positive. This commemorative of the 150th anniversary of the Great Train Chase is historically significant and also an important train in its own right. The paint colors and metal plating on these engines popped out, and they look great! I think it was well worth the wait to get these products right.

We also received very positive reactions to our introduction of the new LCCA/Lionel FastTrack™ Modular Railroad. A module can be made by a club member, train club, school, business, or Boy or Girl Scout organization, and then custom decorated and landscaped to show your products, activities, business, or organization to hobbyists at

future train shows and Special Events. I would love it if Boy Scout troops around the country would build a module and then present their project at Scout gatherings or at train shows as an element within a large modular railroad.

## **TW TrainWorx Train Layout Festival**

Roger and Dorcie Farkash of TW TrainWorx hosted a Special Event at their facility in Dallas, TX, on Halloween weekend. The response was tremendous. More than 500 LCCA members and guests of Roger and Dorcie attended and enjoyed this rare opportunity to see 10 fabulous toy train operating layouts. Members from all over the country flocked to this charity event held to benefit the local Ronald McDonald House.



We accepted donations totaling \$5,000+ at the door. The funds will benefit the foundation that provides a home away from home for families with a child in a hospital as a patient receiving medical care.



TW TrainWorx had seven fabulous operating layouts operating throughout the day. Our members had the rare opportunity to see two world-class toy train operating layouts at this location. Lionel’s layout (on display in NYC’s Grand Central Terminal during the holiday season) was at TW TrainWorx for updating and a service overhaul. BNSF’s 8x32-foot corporate traveling train layout was also in full operation. Warren Buffet, Berkshire-Hathaway CEO (the parent company of BNSF) proclaimed, “It’s a

masterpiece!,” when he saw this tremendous layout for the first time.

The BNSF Railroad layout and Lionel’s Grand Central Terminal layout in New York City demonstrated why TW TrainWorx is (in my opinion) the premier train layout design-and-build organization in the nation for traveling layouts/displays. These layouts have mass appeal and introduce or re-introduce thousands of people every year to the magic of Lionel trains and the model railroad hobby.

The LCCA/Lionel FasTrack Modular Railroad was in operation during this event also. Our team explained this modular concept to eager train enthusiasts who saw it for the first time. In Lionel’s most recent catalog, the company dedicated four pages to their Accessory Bundle Kits. The kits are specifically designed for placement on these modules and are named as: “Tis the Season”, “Rail Yard”, “Welcome Home”, and “All Aboard”. They are available for purchase at Lionel’s online store. For additional information regarding this new system, refer to the “FasTrack Module” tab on our website.

The LCCA team of volunteers enjoyed meeting members and “talking trains.” Our appreciation goes to the gracious and generous hosts, Roger and Dorcie Farkash. Also, thanks to the Traingineers at TW TrainWorx for making this Special Event memorable.

President Dennis DeVito, Convention Co-manager “Choo Choo” Bob Carter, and “The Voice” Ed Richter represented the club and met fellow members. Lionel’s Customer Service Manager Mike Reagan was there representing Lionel. Some lucky LCCA members won valuable LCCA club products as a memento of attending this event.

## **SEs in November**

The weekend of November 2-4 engaged SE hosts, members, and volunteers at events in the west (Tucson, AZ) and in the north (Green Bay, WI). Unfortunately, the November 3 Special Event at Train World in Lynbrook, Long Island, NY, was postponed because of Hurricane Sandy. Our thoughts, prayers, and best wishes go to the people who were adversely affected by this horrific storm.

**1) Train Show, Swap Meet, Museum Visit**  
More than 600 guests and members participated and supported the LCCA during the November 2-3 Train Show, Swap Meet,

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and Museum visit featuring many operating train layouts and great deals during a two-day event. LCCA members enjoyed a private tour during the Saturday evening event at the Gadsden Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum. Wow! What a place! Train layouts of all gauges were in full motion.



I am excited by the positive feedback and interest members have expressed about hosting future Special Events in Tucson and other areas in Arizona. It looks like we will definitely be back for another LCCA Special Event in that state within the next several months.

LCCA Treasurer, Ken Kelly, his wife Carol, and Director Johnny Ourso and his wife Fran of the Tucson area helped out during this fun event. Special thanks go to Dave Hoverstock and the entire group of volunteers from the Gadsden Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum. Your efforts and dedication made

this Special Event possible and memorable! I'm looking forward to hearing stories from the S-gauge, Gadsden Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum members. We welcome your expertise and knowledge for future articles in *TLR* pertaining to S-gauge Lionel trains.

## **2) First Freeze Train Show & Swap Meet**

LCCA member Bob Leonowicz (RM 30670) and the Northeastern Wisconsin O-Gaugers presented their third annual First Freeze Train Show and Swap Meet in Green Bay, WI on November 4. This event was the first opportunity for LCCA involvement in this already established activity, and we were present to meet fellow LCCA members and start the holiday season off with fun with Lionel trains. Toy trains of all scales, Lionel parts vendors, and operating toy train layouts were there for the enjoyment of the entire family.

## **3) TrainFest**

TrainFest in Milwaukee, WI, is the largest operating model railroad show of its kind, and this year was no exception. The LCCA booth was placed next to Lionel's large display.



LCCA President Dennis DeVito and Mike Battaglia met members and guests attending this show and showed the recently shipped Civil War era "General" locomotives in action on the LCCA mini-layout.



We brought the LCCA/Lionel FasTrack Modular Railroad to TrainFest to demonstrate this new and innovative standard. Our thanks go to volunteers who stopped by the booth, helped with set up/teardown, operated the modular layout and talked with visitors to our booth. LCCA couldn't afford to do the things we do as a club if it were not for the great group of volunteers who get involved and help promote the club and the hobby.

## **4) SE in Mississippi**



We headed south for our next Special Event on November 17 at a Train Show on the grounds of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson, MS. This was the third year for a Train Show at this museum, but the first one sanctioned as a LCCA Special Event. Our thanks go to Bill Haas (RM 19382) for introducing us to this venue and hosting a SE at the site. Families, friends and LCCA members enjoyed the museum, train show, and operation layouts.

As you can see, the LCCA Special Events program had a very busy and successful November. As we approach the end of the year and the busy holiday season, we hope you can attend some of our upcoming special events in December and in the first of the year.

# *I hope you can attend a LCCA Special Event in your area in the*

## **SEs in December**

### **1) SE in New Jersey**

We held another LCCA holiday season Special Event in December at the New Jersey Hi-Railers Club in Paterson, NJ, on Sunday, December 2. Their 165-foot-long, magnificent train layout was a masterpiece. Former Lionel COO Richard Maddox was the guest speaker. Santa Claus made a special guest appearance for kids that have been good boys and girls. LCCA members enjoyed Chef Vinny's Italian cuisine. For a report, refer to our website: [www.lionelcollectors.org](http://www.lionelcollectors.org).

### **2) Gallery Event in South Carolina**

Artist Angela Trotta Thomas, LCCA member and Lionel licensed artist, promoted Lionel trains and her original Lionel-based art during an art gallery exhibition in Charleston, SC, on Friday, December 7. Angela showed new paintings of Lionel trains at an art exhibit at Coco Vivo Gallery, 25 Broad Street, Charleston, SC.

The show, "The Magic of Toy Trains", in the First Friday section of the gallery will be open to the public through the end of the year. Angela will have a small Lionel operating toy train layout on display in the front window for the remainder of the holiday season. This layout will feature an Angela Trotta Thomas train consisting of a Lionel locomotive and boxcars. If you are in that area during the holiday season, stop by and experience the magic of Lionel trains on this operating train display.

### **3) Open House in Lewisville, NC**

LCCA members Rich and Kathy Dissosway (RM 28158) hosted an Open House train party at their home in Lewisville, NC, (near Winston-Salem) on December 8 from 4 p.m. until midnight. LCCA members, families, and friends enjoyed a 1,000 square foot layout in three rooms of their basement with up to 12 trains running at a time. The Dissosway layout included numerous scenes, animations, and accessories on five different levels.

### **4) Holiday Charity Special Event**

Trains running at NorthPark Mall in Dallas, TX, were the focus of a holiday season Charity SE on Sunday, December 9. LCCA co-hosted this event from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Club members and their families, as well as guests of TW TrainWorx, got a behind-the-scenes look at an extraordinary operating toy train layout and display and met TW

Design's Roger Farkash and his team of Traingineers. Proceeds from the admission fee, other donations, door prizes, and a raffle containing great Lionel and LCCA commemorative products were donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Dallas, TX.

To view a video of the 2011 event, refer to this link: <http://www.lionelcollectors.org/lcca-newsstand/lccanews/newsStory.aspx?id=402&catId=7>.

### **5) Open House and Swap Meet in Iowa**

The second annual holiday Open House and Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, December 15, at the Train Building of member Robert Ver Hoef (RM 20588) and Pam Richardson (RM 29244) in Leland, IA. A large train layout will be in action along with an attractively displayed collection of trains. Add to this a train hobby Swap Meet at a nearby site, and you'll believe it doesn't get any better than this! For info and directions, call Robert at 641-420-2294 or contact him by e-mail at: [cabinet@wctatel.net](mailto:cabinet@wctatel.net).

### **6) Trains at the Hickman Home**

On Saturday, December 15, Woody Hickman and his wife Madeline (RM 24370), invite you to attend their annual holiday season Open House and Party from 7 p.m. until the food and beverages are gone. Bring a non-perishable food item with you as a donation to the Frisco Family Services Food Pantry.



Woody and Madeline will install glorious Christmas decorations in every room of their home. They have a vast collection of artwork by Angela Trotta Thomas including a full size window backdrop scene from Angela and Bob Thomas' previous home train layout. Watch the trains in action on Woody's layout and savor good food, good fun, and holiday cheer with fellow members. For directions and to reserve your spot, please contact Woody Hickman at: [woodyhickman@tx.rr.com](mailto:woodyhickman@tx.rr.com) or by phone at 972-239-2323.

## **Looking Ahead to 2013**

### **1) WGHOT Shows**

Special Events in the beginning of the New Year will include four World's Greatest Hobby on Tour (WGHOT) shows. If you have never attended a WGHOT show, I strongly encourage you to visit one. It will certainly demonstrate to you that our hobby is alive, growing, and doing well. Thousands of families with young children will attend and enjoy the operating toy train layouts, ride Thomas the Train, and have fun.

The LCCA will place its booth adjacent to Lionel's operating layout and display. We will bring our mini-layout to WGHOT shows, set-up the LCCA/Lionel FasTrack Modular Railroad, introduce thousands of people to Lionel trains, and invite hobbyists to join the LCCA. If you are in the area, please stop by and visit us!

### **2) Trains, Trains, Trains in Georgia**



The LCCA will return to the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw, GA, which is the current home of the "General" steam locomotive on January 19.

The goal of the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History is to educate and entertain kids of all ages. Through themed events and exhibits (such as this event), the museum promotes awareness and understanding of history through a unique entertainment medium.

Last year, this event surpassed standing records for single day admissions (almost 1,500 visitors in just six hours!). Trains, Trains, Trains offers an array of fun and educational displays through hands-on activities. Every year, the Southern Museum strives to grow this event to make it bigger and better than the year before. This year, their goal is to have at least seven different operating model layouts. We invite members to attend this informative, educational and – most of all – fun event!

## **A Postscript: Thinking Out Loud**

Our hobby is alive, vibrant, and doing well. LCCA appreciates your continued support and involvement in hosting and attending LCCA Special Events. President Dennis Devito and the LCCA's Board of Directors are committed to supporting and continuing our Special Events program. It's one part of President DeVito's plan to reach out and have direct contact with 2,200 members in an effort to obtain new members, retain existing members, and keep this club growing and prospering for the foreseeable future.

LCCA's JM program, the modular railroad, and Special Events programs are examples of our commitment to accomplish important club goals. We are reaching out and promoting an interest in Lionel trains. We have worked very hard to bring young people into our hobby. We will soon announce several upcoming improvements to our Junior Membership Program. Recently we expanded *The Lion Cub*, our club's publication for JMs, to eight colorful pages. We have created a Junior Member Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/LionelCollectorsClubofAmerica>.

We are actively seeking parents, Junior Members, and family members who could submit articles, photos, and stories about their experiences with Lionel trains for publication in upcoming issues of *TLC*, the JM page on our website, and the Facebook site. We want to actively promote and better communicate club activities. I encourage you to bookmark our website [www.lionelcollectors.org](http://www.lionelcollectors.org) as one of your favorite sites. There is a lot of new and interesting club information posted there. For example, we recently posted videos of Lionel's pre-production I-Pad Legacy System, TW TrainWorx Layout Festival, and other news for your enjoyment.

I invite you to get involved with our Facebook page and the club's website. This technology allows us to communicate with each other more frequently and enables two-way communication. We welcome your input. Post photos of your trains in action, ask questions, etc. If it is on your mind, we want to hear about it. We are constantly looking for new ideas and ways to continually improve the club, increase membership value, and enhance your experience with the club.

## **Calendar of Upcoming Special Events**

**December 13-31 - North Little Rock, AR**  
18 days of fun with Lionel trains at "All Aboard: Lionels at Layman" with a large two-level layout in operation in the Exhibit Hall of the building during daily library hours.

**December 15 - Leland, IA**  
Christmas season Open House at the home of members Robert Ver Hoef and Pam Richardson. A large home train layout will be in action and a Train Swap Meet.

**December 15 - Dallas, TX**  
Woody Hickman and his wife Madeline (RM 24370) invite you to attend their annual holiday season Open House and Party starting at 7 p.m.

**Dates in Early 2013 at WGHOT Shows**  
The LCCA will place its booth adjacent to Lionel's operating layout and display at these locales and dates:

January 5-6	Fort Worth, TX
January 12-13	St. Louis, MO
February 9-10	San Diego, CA
February 23-24	Sacramento, CA.

**January 19 - Kennesaw, GA**  
The LCCA will return to the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw, GA, which is the current home of the "General" steam locomotive.

**February 10 - San Jose, CA**  
LCCA will return to northern California as a co-sponsor along with the Golden Gate Lionel Railroad Club (GGLRRC) of a Train Show and Sale at the Napredak Hall in San Jose, CA. Contact John Rinaldi (RM 21735) at: [jfrinaldi@aol.com](mailto:jfrinaldi@aol.com) or call 650-967-6941.



## Santa Loves Dinosaurs Too

Now the “Jurassic Park” movies aren’t the only way to experience pre-historic times with dinosaurs – but without the scary parts.

No one understands “play value” better than Santa! Which may explain how this hands-on, playful Lionel® Dinosaur Transport Gondola car emerged from his workshop perhaps with a little conceptual help from LCCA’s Product Development Shop. It’s a timeless item for gifting to the young railroader (or Dino Keeper) on your list this Christmas.

Since creative play is the “job” of children, this unique car can be a stimulus to their imagination and curiosity – which is the basis for learning. When a teacher presents a science lesson about the era of dinosaurs in school, your child or grandchild could say, “I know about them!”

The LCCA-sponsored car is limited to club members in a production run of only 500 pieces. Many have been purchased already, so don’t miss out. This colorful gondola has sturdy metal (not plastic) trucks, so it can stand up to hours of play time.

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**Mike Gawrysiak**  
RM 4524

# LCCA Members in Action

## HIGHLIGHT:

“To promote the train hobby and the LCCA, the group offered past issues of *The Lion Roars* and membership applications to visitors.”

### Trains in Geneseo

A group of hobbyists “raised the flag” for the hobby we love during the seventh annual “Trains, Planes, and Automobiles” show on September 8 in Geneseo, IL. This community event included a little bit of each mode of transportation. Although the main attraction of this event was the car show, a few small airplanes were displayed at the local airport, and trains were

available during the 1980s and ‘90s. One of the members of the local train group was originally from New York, so a New York Central passenger train was also available on the display layout.

A “1:1 scale” actual Iowa Interstate Railroad locomotive was on view at an outdoor display track, and our indoor display included an O-gauge diesel loco with Iowa Interstate décor.



also featured. A powered outdoor miniature railroad offered rides to children along its own track system.

Meanwhile, an indoor display featured a “Buddy L” steam locomotive and early cast-iron model trains. Lionel O-gauge trains and several G-gauge trains were shown along with a “Thomas” train layout in operation.

To promote the train hobby and the LCCA, the group offered past issues of *The Lion Roars* and membership applications to visitors. We felt that our model train displays were a “show-n-tell” success, and we look forward to making next year’s event even bigger with an accompanying designation as a LCCA Special Event.

*Photos provided by Mike Gawrysiak*

For this year’s event, I displayed the locomotives and cars produced by the Lionel Railroad Club that were





**Lou Caponi**  
HM 8735

## HIGHLIGHT:

“My free advice – don’t get left out and be forced to pay a higher price in the secondary market for this Texas Tommy train set.”

### The Texas Tommy Story

It has been several years since Lionel® released their NW style diesel switchers with the die-cast chassis. After speaking with Lionel, I learned the logical explanation. The tooling was no longer available for the frame and trucks. They felt the dollars required to replace the tooling could be put to better use building modern locomotives. After giving this serious thought, I knew there were hobbyists that expressed an interest in this particular version of these locomotives. In their day, they were quite durable and excellent runners.

I approached “Big L” with a proposal. If the club covered the expense of making the frame tooling, would Lionel be willing to work with us on this project. The good news is – their answer was “Yes!” Then the wheels started turning. The more I thought about it and talked with Lionel, the idea of building the very first die-cast frame calf unit became more compelling. I thought the new frame would be adaptable, and I was right.

With all our ducks now in a row, we decided to produce a cow and calf pair in a road name with a dream scheme that reaches out and grabs you. After experimenting with several drawings and several color images, we selected THE TEXAS SPECIAL as the most striking décor.

Then the club approached one of our members – world-renowned model builder Harry Hieke

– and asked him to produce a rough sample of a cow and calf pair for evaluation. Since we were building something old yet also something new, I suggested to Harry that we add details similar to scale brass versions of these locomotives, including spark arrestors, radiator cover tarps, glass, windshield wipers front and rear, scale marker lights, window shades, and wind deflectors. The more details Harry added, the better the sample looked.

Lionel’s Art Design Engineer Karen Bowen performed her magic with digital images and applied the paint scheme. She did a super job. Now it was time to contact Bob LaParl and Tammy Condeelis in China to discuss what it would take to build these locomotives and improve their performance. I asked Bob to design a new flywheel drive motor to replace the old and inefficient Pullmor™ motor. At that point in time, we all got carried away! We added diesel sound, bell, horn, operating non-coil couplers, and smoke.

There was still one problem – the trucks. The cost to produce new truck tooling was staggering, so we scoured research books for options. It took a week of searching and phone calls (including a Harvard professor) to find photos of these switchers with Bloomberg trucks. We found less than a handful. It was decided to use the truck installed by Lionel on switchers such as the Alaska RR and others. Lionel said they had full-scale versions of these trucks and would



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# Development Shop

apply them to the model at no extra cost! We jumped on that deal! Both cow and calf will be equipped with those trucks.

The club felt confident that these locomotives would sell well. We wanted our members and newbies to give them a try, so we sweetened the deal. We included – free of charge – a new Diamond Exchange Mint Car with a load of breath-taking diamonds. The car is equipped with overhead lighting that makes the gems sparkle!

When we saw the strong initial response to these conventional style locomotives, we

knew add-on cars for them would be a no-brainer. The creative juices started flowing, and we introduced a three-car set: a 50 ft. scale die-cast metal flatcar with a wooden deck and a newly designed KATY RR police helicopter on board with special tie-downs, a modern tank car transporting “Lionel Locomotive Oil,” and a postwar-style bay window caboose with a blinking red Freddie-style light under the upper edge of the roof.

If these features weren't enough to attract special attention, I figured this factoid would. All members that ordered the Texas Tommy

locomotives would receive \$50 off the retail price of the three-car set. What else could one possibly ask for?

Club members that recently ordered the 150 Anniversary “General” steam locomotives and the 208 Santa Fe diesel locomotives know what the LCCA is capable of designing and producing through Lionel.

My free advice – don't get left out and be forced to pay a higher price in the secondary market for this Texas Tommy train set. All I can say to LCCA members is, “You ain't seen nothin' yet!”



## Toy Trunk Railroad

by Erik Sansom





**Robert Ver Hoef**  
RM 20588

## HIGHLIGHT:

“For me, the entire project equired less than two hours to build. Now it’s off to the train shows for toy train fun with other module-maker hobbyists!”

*Editor’s Note: Robert volunteered to build a LCCA/Lionel FasTrack Modular Railroad straight section as a test of its do-ability.*

**O**n a quiet Saturday morning, I couldn’t wait to get started on my newest project – making a LCCA/Lionel® FasTrack™ Modular Railroad straight section. I opened the shipping box and made sure all the parts were there. Soon I was on my way to having fun.

The detailed instructions on Lionel’s website were helpful, but I suggest that you also watch the how-to video by Bill Schmeelk on LCCA’s website. His step-by-step instructions are easy to understand. The tools needed for assembly are:

- A Phillips screwdriver or screw gun
- Carpenter’s square
- ¼-inch, 11/32, and 7/16-inch drill bits
- Carpenter’s yellow glue
- A countersinking bit.

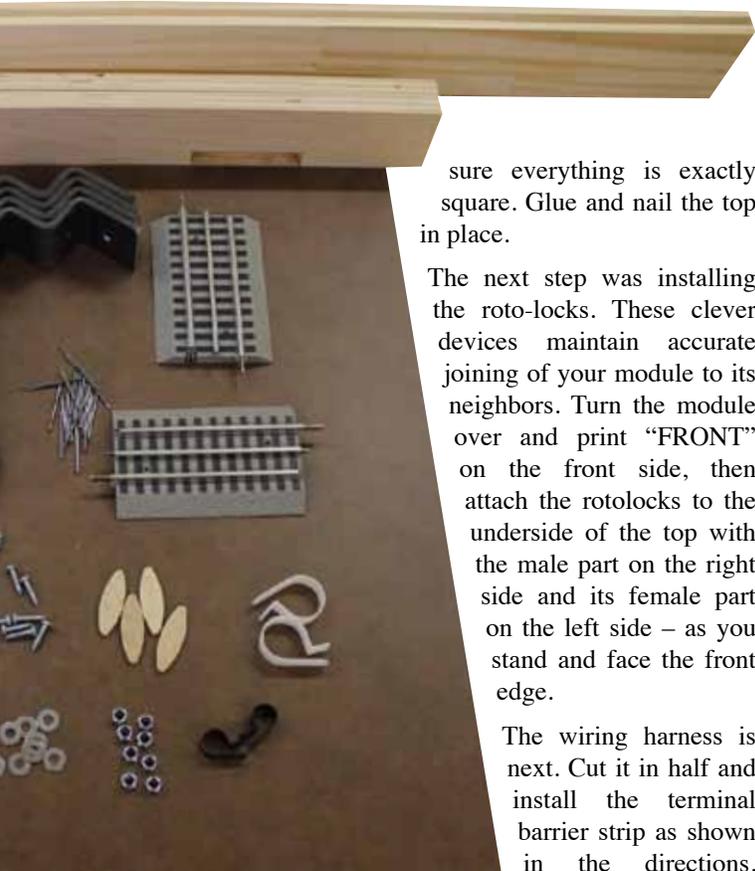
Items not included in the kit are the ½-inch plywood top, which measures 29-3/16 x 45 inches. These may seem like awkward dimensions, but the geometry is perfectly suited to the lengths of FasTrack. You provide four 2 x 2-inch legs – which actually measure 1-1/2 x 1-1/2 inches by 31 inches long – and the spade lug terminals required for the electrical hook-ups. All these items can be found at your local home improvement store. You also provide your own FasTrack sections based on your vision of your module.



After pre-fitting all the parts, it was time to put it together. The perimeter framework went together in just three minutes! The next step was to install the four stout metal leg brackets, keeping them flush with the bottom edge of the frame. The final step was to install the 1/2-inch plywood top. Very important – use a carpenter’s square to make



# of a Module



sure everything is exactly square. Glue and nail the top in place.

The next step was installing the roto-locks. These clever devices maintain accurate joining of your module to its neighbors. Turn the module over and print “FRONT” on the front side, then attach the rotolocks to the underside of the top with the male part on the right side and its female part on the left side – as you stand and face the front edge.

The wiring harness is next. Cut it in half and install the terminal barrier strip as shown in the directions.

Afterwards, crimp

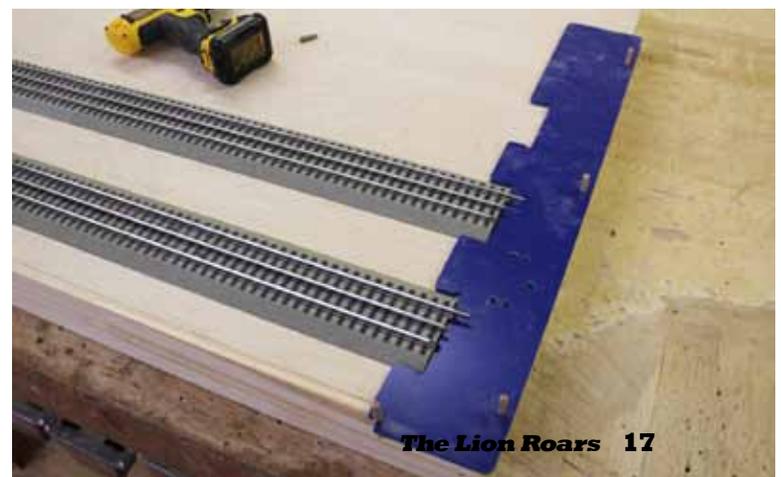
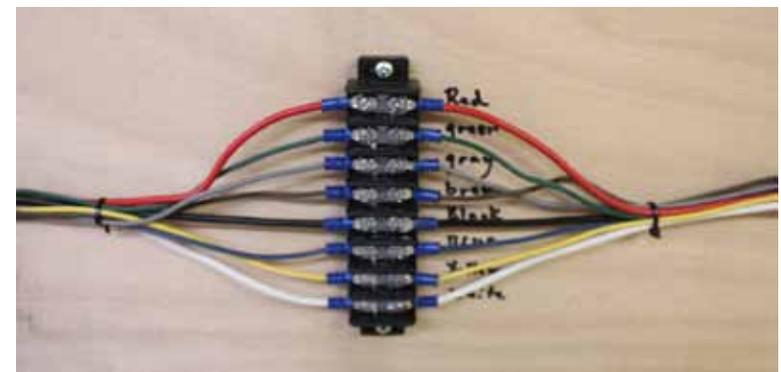
the spade lug terminals in place and hook-up the wires to the strip as shown in the directions. After hooking up all the wires, it would be a good idea to use a multi-meter to check everything out. You want to be sure that electrical continuity is maintained with no short circuits!

The last major step is to install the FasTrack sections. One early concern of mine was the blue Lionel template, which is handy, but breakable. Set the dowels in place by rubbing some hand soap on the dowels before you hammer them into the jig. This will avoid breaking the plastic template. After checking the track and wiring, turn the module over and install the legs. Then you’re DONE!

Then the creative fun begins. Design the scenic plan you have in mind and complete your module with a flair. Since I am a cabinet designer and builder, I placed a Lionel “House Under Construction” structure on the module and reserved a dead-end siding as a likely location for BOB’S CABINET SHOP.

You may be thinking – “He’s a professional cabinetmaker, so this project would be an easy task for him, but not for me.” I did the work within the mindset of a typical hobbyist that is comfortable with common hand tools. This task can be completed according to specs in an afternoon.

For me, the entire project required less than two hours to build. Now it’s off to the train shows for toy train fun with other module-maker hobbyists!



*Photos by Robert Ver Hoef*

# Destination Chattanooga



**Engineer Bob  
“Choo Choo”  
Carter**  
RM 6620

I can't begin to tell you how excited I am about our 43rd Annual Convention to be held at the historic Chattanooga Terminal Station in Chattanooga, TN. This station has been a landmark in that southern city since it opened for business on December 1, 1909. Today it serves as a vacation complex. During the week of July 14-20, 2013, the site will come alive with the sounds of trains once again when the LCCA and our friends at Lionel® bring toy trains into this beautiful station.

There are 363 sleeping rooms, including 48 sleeping parlors within authentic railcars parked on the grounds. A word to the wise – reserve your room(s) early to be sure you get the accommodations you want! The first release of the Hotel Reservation Form is included in this issue of *TLR*. Refer to the Inside Back Ghost Cover page.

Be sure to bring comfortable walking shoes because there are about 24 acres of property, and we will cover just about every bit of it. Now, don't get concerned if you're having mobility problems. The hotel has golf carts to pick you up and take you anywhere on the grounds. For those of you who are not physically impaired, this is a great place to walk and enjoy the train platforms, the rose garden, and a beautiful gazebo. This facility oozes with railroading ambiance, and I know you'll enjoy a week spent there.

Our club seems to travel on its stomach, and those who enjoy fine meals will be pleased with the array of delicious spots within the hotel. One place you must try is the Station House Restaurant, where you'll be entertained by singing servers. You could begin with boiled shrimp and salad at the salad bar and then place an order for steak or a seafood entrée. If there's room for dessert, try the warm apple dumpling *al la mode*. If you select the Garden Room for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, try shrimp and grits – a southern treat. On Fridays and Saturdays, with reservations, you can arrange a special

dinner in a Victorian railcar and enjoy “Dinner in the Diner” served in a memory-making environment well suited to train aficionados.

You will enjoy riding the antique trolley as it travels through the outdoor garden to the Track 29 Building (which will be the location of the Trading Hall) and back to the depot. There is also a large Model Railroad Museum on the second floor of the old freight terminal – a 174x33-foot HO-scale train layout. This highly scenicked layout depicts the area of Chattanooga to the back country of Tennessee.

An attractive Vulcan diesel switcher with a striking orange and blue paint scheme will be the FREE 2013 Convention Early Registration Gift to all who register in advance, stay in the host hotel for at least three nights, and pick it up in person.

The 2013 Convention Car is now available for purchase in this issue of *TLR* – refer to the ad on the Inside Front Cover page. This single-door boxcar features Lionel's new round roof design, has die-cast metal trucks, and bears the spiffy Heritage paint scheme of the Norfolk Southern Railway.

The 2013 On-site Convention Car will be a double-door companion boxcar with the same features as cited above. It will be available for purchase at the LCCA Store at the Convention site.

Imagine these two boxcars in tow behind Lionel's SD-70 Heritage diesel locomotive (6-28344) available as a separate sale item from your Lionel dealer. What a lash-up!

Mark your calendar, gather your summer clothes and comfy shoes, and make plans to attend what will be a wonderful and fun time in Chattanooga, TN, in July. See you on Track 29!



*Free Early Registration Gift*



*2013 Convention Car*



*2013 On-site Convention Car*



*The LCCA 2013 Convention boxcars would look fabulous when placed behind this Heritage diesel locomotive by Lionel. It's available for separate sale at Lionel dealers.*

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# Chattanooga in 2013



**Jerry Calkins**  
RM 9418

## **REAL TRAINS, TOY TRAINS, CIVIL WAR HISTORY, AND TRACK 29**

WOW! Have we got an exciting tour schedule planned for 2013 LCCA Conventioneers! Six days of exciting tours will begin on Monday, July 15, and end on Saturday, July 20. We'll have something for everyone -- train excursions aboard several trains of the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (TVRRM), trips to historic Civil War battlefield sites, a very famous model train layout, and many local points of interest. Several tours have limited capacity. The Convention Registration information will be presented in the February 2013 issue of *TLR*. A word to the wise -- when that issue arrives, register then by mail or at the club's website.

### **MONDAY, JULY 15**

#### **TOUR 1: Tennessee Valley Railroad Steam Excursion**



All aboard for a historic ride from Chattanooga, TN, to Summerville, GA, with steam locomotive #630 on the point! We will explore the town of Summerville and visit the historic turntable in Dowdy Park.

### **TUESDAY, JULY 16**

#### **TOUR 2: The Great Locomotive Chase**

We will experience the War Between the States and the history of railroads including the "General" locomotive at the Southern

Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History at Kennesaw, GA. We'll also stop at historic sites made famous by "The Chase."

#### **TOUR 3: Civil War Experience**

For Civil War history buffs, here's an option likely to be of special interest -- a guided bus tour of historic Civil War Battlefields including Chickamauga National Military Park, Gordon Lee Mansion, Missionary Ridge, and Lookout Mountain-Point Park.

#### **TOUR 12A: Misty Mountain Model RR and Toy Train Museum**

Misty Mountain Model RR and Toy Train Museum, featured in *OGR*, is a 3,400-square-foot layout with scenery reminiscent of the southern Appalachian Mountains. This fabulous layout in Blairsville, GA, features a six-foot-long bridge that moves to allow visitors to enter into the display. Visitor capacity at this tour venue is limited, so LCCA has also offered a reprise visit as Tour 12B on Thursday.

#### **TOUR 4: Southern Belle Riverboat Cruise**

Board the Southern Belle for a dinner cruise! You'll enjoy sights along Moccasin Bend as well as gorgeous nighttime views of Lookout Mountain while cruising along the Tennessee River.

### **WEDNESDAY, July 17**

#### **TOUR 5: TVRRM Hiawasse River Adventure**

This Hiawasse Loop train excursion trip aboard a TVRRM train will travel along the lower Hiawasse River Gorge. You will see the "Hiawasse Loop" where the tracks cross over themselves and corkscrew up the mountain.

#### **TOUR 6: Jack Daniels A Tennessee Legend**

Take a trip to the oldest whiskey distillery in the United States in Lynchburg, TN. The Jack Daniels distillery is where Mr. Jack first crafted the recipe for Old No. 7. Whiskey is still made there today. Ironically, the distillery is located within a "dry" county!

### **THURSDAY, JULY 18**

#### **Tour 7: Lookout Mountain Adventure**

This is one of the most famous Chattanooga sites. You will explore the sights and treasures atop Lookout Mountain by riding the Incline RR and then visiting Ruby Falls and Rock City.

#### **TOUR 8: Missionary Ridge Local and a Theater Performance**

Begin the day with a trip on the TVRRM Missionary Ridge Local followed by a delicious lunch and historical matinee performance at the Button Willow Church Civil War Theatre.

#### **TOUR 12B: Misty Mountain Model RR and Toy Train Museum**

Because of limited capacity at this tour site, LCCA will offer Tour 12B to accommodate club members. Repeate of Tour 12A.

### **FRIDAY, JULY 19**

#### **TOUR 9: Trains and Automobiles**

This half-day tour will begin with a train ride aboard the TVRRM Missionary Ridge Local followed by a visit to the Coker Museum and the Towing and Recovery Museum.

#### **TOUR 10: Explore Lookout Mountain**

This half-day tour includes a ride on the Incline Railway to the top of Lookout Mountain. Explore famous Point Park, which is the site of the battle for Chattanooga. Enjoy the spectacular panoramic views.

### **SATURDAY, JULY 20**

#### **TOUR 11: Charming Chattanooga City Tour**

For those interested in visiting local sites in this unique city, this half-day tour on Saturday morning will be the tour for you.

*Photo provided by TVRRM*

*Mark your calendar, gather your summer clothes and comfy shoes!*



## HIGHLIGHT:

“In my experience, I have found that interest in an item tends to peak anywhere from six to 18 months after its initial release.”

*Editor’s Note: This article is the first in an informational series intended for hobby newcomers, especially families with children that show an interest in the world’s greatest hobby. Chuck shares his life-long experience with toy trains, which began in his boyhood.*

**A** As a kid growing up in the 1950s and ‘60s, I always looked forward to the fall of the year when new Lionel products arrived at my local hobby shop or the big department store downtown. The times have sure changed!

Today’s generation has focused more on electronic games, and many hobby shops have changed their inventory significantly or gone out of business by failing to adapt to changes in the marketplace. The last hobby shop near my current home went out of business three years ago when the owner passed away. Sadly, no one was prepared to take it over.

So much for the bad news, now for the good news. Today’s hobbyists have even more opportunities and locations for finding Lionel trains than I did as a kid. In addition to hobby stores, there are regular train shows around the country, many online stores, and several online auctions. Each of these sources is unique, has slightly different items, and often cites very different asking prices. Web-based searches may efficiently lead you to exactly what you want in a short time. If you are skilled in using online search engines, you can not only locate what you are looking for but also compare availability, condition of the item, and pricing from your home PC. The advent of overnight and express shipping systems has made it possible for a storeowner or company to conduct business around the country today, so the pattern of shopping in town as in years past now seems outmoded. However, there are important advantages to maintaining a relationship with a credentialed local dealer as a source for trains, advice and repairs, a local place to meet other hobbyists and train friends, and a nexus for information about upcoming train events in the area.

Like many toy and hobby items, model trains are now associated with TV or movie characters and have increased play opportunities for the younger set. This is a great opportunity to get younger people interested in trains via association with their favorite characters. Longer term, they may

decide they want to move into modeling their local railroads.

### New Items

When Lionel and other manufacturers offered new products during the postwar era, an item might have been cataloged for several years. This is generally not the case today. Items are typically manufactured in a single production run based on sales estimates. When that supply is sold out, that’s it. If an item didn’t sell out, you may see it again in the next catalog.

In some cases, the parts are recycled into other production or assigned to the replacement/spare parts bins. The major exception to this is track and accessories, which are staples in the catalogue each and every year.

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This production philosophy has at times created apparent shortages. Many hobbyists remember the so-called “rare” #18103 Santa Fe non-powered B unit which was sold for big bucks just after it came out, but it is now available for less than \$100. It’s all about supply and demand.

Historically, some items have touched the sweet spot of many collectors and sell out quickly. Others never seem to catch on and tend to lose value quite rapidly. If you don’t find what you are looking for or find it apparently sold out, wait – you may see it appear in the aftermarket with attractive pricing. Most postwar and later items appear regularly in the *Interchange Track* publication or *eTrack* (its online equivalent) provided to LCCA members. Also, seek out online auctions. Patience can be a virtue, and may save you money.

In my experience, I have found that interest in an item tends to peak anywhere from six to 18 months after its initial release. It takes a while for word to get out about new items. This is often apparent with uncataloged items that appear in the fall. I do not see this as much today as in the past since there does not seem to be as much of this type of product offered today. It’s all about economics. If the manufacturer has a stable-size product run, they have a better chance of it being a profitable item. The more exposure an item

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gets in a regular offering, the more likely it will be a sales success. Nowadays, instead of one catalog a year we see at least two regular catalogs and a special holiday season catalog focused on holiday items.

For most items, availability and pricing generally seem to stabilize two to three years after they are first introduced. The major exception I have noticed is “add-on” pieces for some of the high-end passenger sets and some of the lesser-collected road name scale-size steam locomotives. The market is constantly changing.

Once in a while, a fad will appear when an item or group of items attracts interest. I recall when the Tobacco and Liquor Cars emerged. They were slow to sell at first.

I was able to buy many of them at fire sale prices and used them to create custom decorated cars for my collection. About 10-

15 years ago for some reason unknown to me, the prices increased substantially. More recently, the prices for these cars seem to be settling down and are now generally comparable to other cars of that period. The message is, watch the market and decide on what a fair price is for the item you want.

New locomotives, rolling stock, track, and accessories – if not available in a local hobby store – can be ordered from one of the many online or mail-order-oriented hobby shops across the country. Most of these businesses started as brick-and-mortar shops and then established a mail order department as they received more and more requests. By advertising in hobby magazines and using the Internet, they emerged as major marketers. Most have good inventories, responsive customer service, competitive pricing, and speedy delivery of new products when released. If one Web-based vendor is sold

out, one can often find the item at another website, at a train show, or at an Internet auction site at attractive prices. Like most everything else, be patient and you will find what you are looking for.

## Aftermarket and Used Items

Availability of used items has grown significantly on the Internet. You can find items listed at numerous online auction sites and through Internet ads placed by retail hobby stores across the country.

A word of caution. Some people with little or no knowledge or interest in model trains see Internet sales as a very lucrative market. They have become involved in the marketplace because they perceive this area as an easy way to make money with little or no risk. Generally, they act only as a middleman between the buyer and seller. Since many of these sellers have zero knowledge about trains, some descriptions are inaccurate or

*Photo by Chuck Walker*



*A scene from Chuck's layout*

## *It's OK to borrow ideas.*

misleading because the author is a novice or maybe a scoundrel. Ask questions and study photos carefully. If something doesn't look right or you don't receive a satisfactory answer, don't buy it. Try another seller. Many products are available most of the time, so you can shop around. I get most frustrated when a purchased item listed as "New and Unused" arrives but shows substantial wear. If this happens to you, don't be bashful. Send the item back for a full refund including shipping costs. Beware of those eager to take advantage of you.

Train shows are an excellent source for toy trains. The LCCA and other national train clubs sponsor shows or swap meets. Several major train event companies sponsor train shows around the country in their regions. These mega-shows are great events for families and those wanting to become involved with trains. In addition to having tables stacked with products, knowledgeable experts present informational sessions and helpful clinics.

Operating layouts at these train shows allow you to see what others have accomplished. Through the years I have applied many ideas seen on operating layouts at train shows to my own layouts. It's OK to borrow their ideas. The layouts attract youngsters who understand that model trains are like a three-dimensional video game. I always learn a lot just talking to people at train shows!

For newcomers to the hobby, a major train show is a great place to network, ask questions of seasoned hobbyists, and learn "tricks of the trade." Most people at these shows are more than willing to share information and help you learn about the hobby.

### **How To Buy**

Impulse buying can be very dangerous and costly. Whether buying in a store, online, or at a train show, I suggest that you prepare your wish list in advance. The list should include the condition of the item you will accept and your estimate of a fair amount to pay. The condition of the item has a great impact on pricing. Do your homework to understand what the item should look like. You also need to know if the item has been modified and whether that is important to you. With the advent of newer sound systems, some people have spent big bucks to upgrade to the newer systems. Test items prior to purchase

whenever possible – especially those with electronics.

Also be careful with compatibility. Some of the introductory lower priced sets made in the 1980s were DC powered. These units will not run on AC power and to do so will burn out the motor. You have two choices here – run the DC powered locos on a DC transformer or upgrade the locomotive with the addition of a combined inverter reversing board (available from Lionel Customer Service) to run on AC. With the exception of some of the 4-4-0 General type locos, frankly, this does not make economic sense.

Prewar and postwar (through 1970) product tends to be more stable in pricing than newer production, which may still be "churning" in value. In many cases, items produced since 1970 held their initial retail pricing, but some increased in value and then dropped dramatically. One loco I purchased new in the early '80s for around \$200 shot up to a value of almost \$1,800, and then dropped like a rock. I sold it new in the box last year for around \$300. Not every item is as dramatic as that example, but large fluctuations are not unusual. You may see a piece of rolling stock advertised by one seller at \$12 and another for \$89 for the same car with the same description of condition. Over time, you will develop a list of sellers that you know and trust.

Consider what you will do with the item if/when you decide you no longer want to keep it. The better the condition of an item, the more likely it can be resold. Broken or damaged items or those with missing parts are often difficult to resell.

The market sets the price – not individual sellers. As an educated buyer, you can determine a reasonable price for an item you want. Pricing tends to vary both by region and by season. When you understand the dynamics of the marketplace, you will become a wise buyer.

### **Repair and Parts**

One last area of importance to you is parts and repair service. Try to find someone local in your area (a hobby shop or an individual) that does repair work for those items you do not feel you can do yourself. If you cannot find someone, check out Lionel's Customer Service Center web page. They do repair work according to original specs. My

experience with them has been very good in both repair quality and turnaround. You will need to correspond with them up front and request a RA (Return Authorization) Form. Send it along with the item to the Center in Ohio. All the information you will need is available on the Lionel website.

Finding parts can at times be a problem. Lionel does not have all parts in stock. The newer items seem to be a little harder to get parts for than older items. The Lionel website has a good tool to determine part numbers and availability in their parts inventory. If they do not have it in stock, there are several quality parts dealers around the country. An Internet search will provide you with the names of the more active parts people. Many of them have current online inventories, so you can check on the parts you need.

Above all, when looking for parts, it's important to have a part number or (as a minimum) a part description. Most of the successful parts people are good, but they do not know all parts. Work with them and they will help you with your needs.

My next article in this series will be: "So You Want to Get into the Hobby." I hope you enjoy model trains!

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### **About the Author**

*The author received his first Lionel train set for Christmas in the early 1950s. Chuck actively built several seasonal layouts as a kid. Regularly since 1978, he had an operating layout in every home he has lived in. Currently retired, Chuck is now building his dream layout equal to about 42 square miles in 1:48 scale. The layout has two towns, a freight yard and roundhouse, an amusement park, and a traveling circus. The area is defended by an Army Nike Missile base. The layout is intended to depict western railroads in the '50s and early '60s.*

*Chuck was fortunate to work for a major supplier during the Lionel/MPC era. During this period he had an opportunity to work with many of the company's production staff and learn about the Lionel product line. While he does not consider himself an expert, he is quite knowledgeable about much of the postwar to current Lionel production.*



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## Meet Your Video Team

### HIGHLIGHT:

“When you subscribe, you’ll receive an e-mail each time a new video is uploaded to this channel. Join the fun and keep up with all things Lionel and the LCCA.”

**D**uring the past few years, the LCCA Video Team created another exciting way for club members to enjoy the toy train hobby. This effort developed hand-in-hand with club-sponsored, exciting Special Events presented around the country. If you cannot attend an actual event, you can go to our website and watch short videos about these activities. It’s the next best thing to being there!

We have also interviewed some of the leading innovators in the toy train world to keep you up to date on the new things going on in our hobby. Topics have ranged from new electronics, the LCCA/Lionel® FasTrack™ Modular Railroad, the latest artwork by Angela Trotta Thomas, and news about what’s happening at Lionel.

Don’t miss any videos produced by the LCCA Team! You can subscribe to our video channel and receive an e-mail every time a new video is posted.

Visit [www.youtube.com/lionelcollectors](http://www.youtube.com/lionelcollectors) and click the SUBSCRIBE button on the top left.

When you subscribe, you’ll receive an e-mail each time a new video is uploaded to this channel.

Join the fun and keep up with all things Lionel and the LCCA.

### The Members of the Video Team

#### Ed Richter

Ed is a former three-time LCCA Director and has been the club’s photographer/videographer since 1992. He is currently the Broadcast Operations Manager for the City of Orlando, FL. Ed has won multiple Telly awards for producing and directing and has been in the media business for more than 30 years.

#### Niel J. Guilarte

Niel has been involved with video production since 1991. He has won four Telly Awards for editing and producing. In 2012 he received a Communicator Award of Excellence for Online Video. In 2005 he produced a feature length fan film entitled “Legends”, and his first indie short film project is entitled “Hoops”. Niel is the owner of Wildstyle Media Group. Outside the media field, Niel enjoys photography, DJ-ing, travel, and time with his family.

#### Willie Harper

Willie is owner of Monkey Tongue Productions LLC. He won a Telly Award in 2012 for producing and editing. Willie currently produces all of the live concert videos for platinum-selling DJ Magic Mike at House of Blues and is also developing quality programming for television and the Web. Willie enjoys watching movies, playing video games, and learning guitar.

*Photo by Maria Iftikhar*

*The LCCA Video Team:  
Top – Ed Richter  
Middle – Niel J. Guilarte  
Bottom – Willie Harper*





## HIGHLIGHT:

“This past year we were honored to be able to help demonstrate the layout during the LCCA 2012 Convention. She was running the layout, and I was watching.”

*Editor's Note: LCCA members met Tony and Teresa Valasek during Tour #5 of our recent Convention. Now that American Flyer trains are within the portfolio of Lionel LLC and S-gauge trains are enjoying a surge of popularity, this AF-related article seemed timely.*

**M**y train collecting started three months after I was born. At my first Christmas, I received my first train set, an American Flyer® S-gauge work train. This set featured a GP7 diesel, three work cars, track, and a transformer. The train was supposed to be a present for me, but all of the accompanying photos showed my dad playing with that train under the tree. I wasn't even in the pictures. The next Christmas came and guess what – another train set. This time it was a 283 steam locomotive with four passenger cars. I was then 15 months old. Once again, the pictures were of dad playing with the train, and I am nowhere to be found. Do you see a pattern here?

By the time I was six, the sets became a little too big for the tree, so dad built a 4x8-foot plywood table and set it up in the dining room – temporarily, of course. Mom gave up her dining room only at Christmas time. I finally began to appear in the pictures operating the trains, but dad was always nearby to oversee the activity. I was not allowed to operate the trains unless dad was home. That led to many hours of anxious waiting for dad to come through the front door after work. But that was not so bad. Many times he would bring home an American Flyer box! That meant more trains for him. Oops, I mean, for me!

As time passed, the train table set-up at Christmas grew but mom's patience shrank. We moved into a bigger house when I was seven. Mom thought she could now have full access to the dining room at Christmas, but it didn't work out that way. We invited people to our house for Christmas dinner, but the actual reason for the invitation was for them to watch the trains run. I think mom may have been a bit jealous sometimes. Our guests were more interested in the trains than the Christmas dinner she worked so hard to prepare.

By the time I was 12, dad was older and had a difficult time crawling under the table to do the wiring. By default, I inherited this task. I scrambled under the table and pushed wires upward through the holes in the tabletop so he could make the topside connections. This

was my first taste of working on the railroad, and I was hooked.

As a teenager, I developed an interest in slot cars. After Christmas, the train table became a slot car table and stayed that way until the next Christmas. So much for mom's dining room. On Friday and Saturday nights, my friends and I were racing at someone's house. One day someone got the bright idea of adding a train to the race setup. Wow! What an idea! It just couldn't get any better than that – combining the best of both worlds!

As I grew older (and dad too), I was doing more and more of the work and he was as happy as ever to see the trains running. Later, I developed other interests. I soon discovered that girls did not care much for trains. But I still had my guy friends, and they were just as crazy over the trains as I was.

When I was old enough to start driving, Gilbert had gone out of business and Lionel® began making American Flyer trains. My only option was to go through newspaper ads, garage sales, and word-of-mouth contacts to find AF trains by Gilbert. There was no eBay then. One had to search and find every piece without the convenience of Web-based point and click actions.

I found a gentleman in the neighboring town that bought and sold trains. He and I became friends, and I bought many pieces from him in the '70s. He bought mostly Lionel, so he was always happy to sell me AF equipment cheap. I could buy AF locomotives for \$20 each and passenger cars for \$10 each – a good deal, even then. Only one problem. When I placed them on the track a month or two later, they would smoke – but not in the right place. After this happened several times, I asked him what he did after he bought the locomotives. He said, “I soak them in kerosene overnight. After they dry out in the sun for a day, I put them on the track and let them run.” The “baptism” of kerosene washed the varnish off the motor windings, so the locomotives would not run. We had a little chat, and asked him not clean the locomotives with kerosene. I would buy them as they are.

In the mid-80s, I built a garage behind mom and dad's house. They both were getting older and had health issues, so I felt I needed to be close by. I had not set the trains under the Christmas tree for a couple of years. Although dad had retired, he did not want to mess with them “without supervision.” Mom got her dining room back, but no one came for Christmas dinner. And no trains.

# Story for Christmas

I still bought trains the old-fashioned way – through newspaper ads, garage sales, and word of mouth. My kerosene-inclined buddy passed away and the smell of kerosene had long since vanished. I converted the upstairs room over the garage into a weight room for a while, but I soon got over trying to be a body builder. Thus the idea of a train room was re-born.

I worked on it for a year and had it ready for operation for Christmas of 1992. I ran eight trains at once, mostly on oval pathways. It took two of us to get dad up the stairs to see the trains run that year. He still showed the same excitement as many years before, but that was his last viewing of the trains. He passed away the following spring.

In January of 1993, I met a young woman that actually tolerated my love for model trains, and she didn't think of me as a train geek. Teresa didn't mind accompanying me to train shows, and she seemed to enjoy the hobby. I knew right away that she was a "keeper!" On Christmas Eve of '94, we solidified our relationship via the railroad. I placed an engagement ring in a Norfolk and Western gondola and started the train around the loop and then stopped it where she was sitting. I took the ring from the car, placed it on her finger, and asked her to be my wife. As they say, the rest is history.

This leads me to the next big event in my family and personal history with model trains. Teresa and I moved into our own home next door to mom (and the trains), and we resumed having Open House events at Christmas in the room above the garage. After mom passed away, Teresa and I remodeled the family home and moved into that house. "Great, trains 24 hours a day whenever I wanted them," I thought. I started work on the train layout every year. I had more and more problems with the trains. It took longer to get them operating for each Christmas showing. About five years later, Teresa came to me and said, "Let's tear down the layout and start over." I thought she had gone off the deep end. She really did not know what she was suggesting as a major re-make. She saw me at work on the layout, visited train shows, and operated the layout – under my supervision, of course. In the back of my mind I thought, "This may not be such a bad idea." The layout had been up for 10 years and had very little scenery beyond the Plasticville models and accessories. We started the tear down.

Teresa is very creative, so she does the artsy-crafty stuff. She wanted to try her hand at creating scenery. I was more interested in updating the operating system. After the tear down, we started fresh with new Gargraves® track and roadbed. I ordered the Lionel CAB-1 system and installed it along with new benchwork and wiring. In the meantime, Teresa was busy as an elf in Santa's workshop. There were trees growing, children playing on the school playground, farms being worked, water scenes with beaches, and even "Flyer Park" complete with park benches and an old cabooses as a snack bar in the center. I did not realize I had married such a craftsman! That following Christmas everyone was really surprised. I had gone from a train layout to a complete town where my wife and I could be the mayor, postmaster, policeman, and most importantly, conductor and engineer.

There are Lionel products on the layout now, although most of the rolling stock is still original American Flyer. We both serve as volunteers at the Children's Museum of Virginia. She operates the Lancaster train layout better than I can! This past year we were honored to be able to help demonstrate the layout during the LCCA 2012 Convention. She was running the layout, and I was watching.

*Photos by  
Tony & Teresa Valasek*





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# Lionel

**HIGHLIGHT:**

“As the decade of the ‘60s progressed, we can see from Lionel’s reports that trains are no longer the company’s mainstay. We see the acquisition of a variety of companies – everything from space age companies to one producing car washing equipment.”

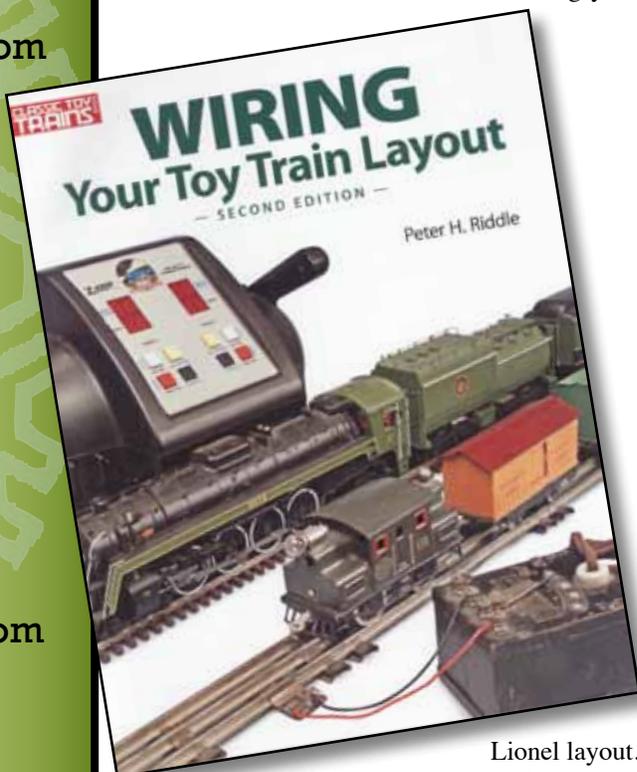
**'Tis the Season for Gift Giving**

Just in time for the holidays, here are several considerations for that lover of all things Lionel®.

From Kalmbach Publishing comes a new edition of “Wiring Your Toy Train Layout” by Peter Riddle. Back in the 90s, Peter authored a three-volume set on wiring your

postwar transformers. I found it interesting that postwar Lionel was not consistent in designating the common ground posts on their transformers. If you’re using some postwar transformers for accessory operation and to supplement your power transformers, you’ll find this chart helpful. In short, there’s useful information whether you’re building your first layout or are a veteran train operator working on a large layout. The soft cover book is 8-1/2 x 11 inches, has 95 glossy pages and sells for \$21.95. Purchase it from your local hobby shop or direct from [www.KalmbachStore.com](http://www.KalmbachStore.com) or call 800-533-6644.

Also new from Kalmbach are the 2013 editions of the “Greenberg Pocket Price Guides,” one for Lionel and another for American Flyer®. The Lionel guide is expanded from the 2012 guide by 32 pages and includes a new chapter listing postwar sets along with a value for excellent condition. The guide provides a handy listing of

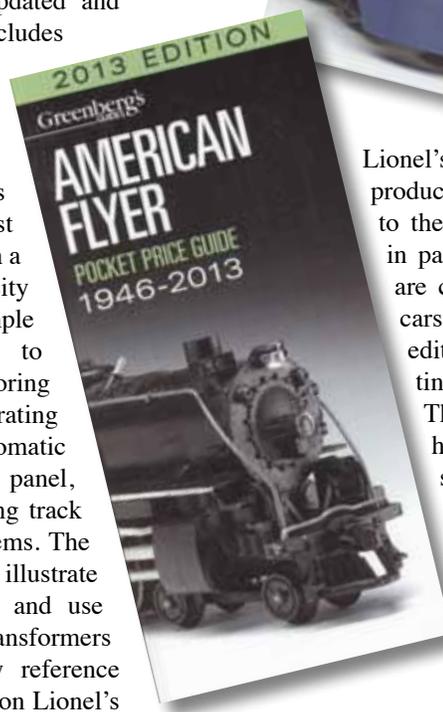


Lionel layout.

He is an experienced operator. This latest edition has been updated and re-written. The new volume includes everything from lessons in electricity to advanced wiring options for automatic train control. In addition to over 80 wiring diagrams, color photos illustrate his techniques on almost every page. The book begins with a chapter on understanding electricity and then goes on to wiring a simple layout. It quickly progresses to expanding the layout and to exploring advanced topics including operating multiple throttles, wiring automatic accessories, organizing a control panel, and more. The chapters on wiring track cover several modern track systems. The many wiring diagrams clearly illustrate how to implement the circuits and use them on your layout. Vintage transformers are also covered and a handy reference chart identifies the voltage posts on Lionel’s



Lionel’s train production from 1901 to the present day. As in past editions, there are chapters for club cars and special editions, modern tinplate, and boxes. This latest edition has 383 pages and sells for \$19.95.



The American Flyer edition covers postwar S - g a u g e products from Gilbert, Lionel,

# News and Views

American Models® and S-Helper®. A fifth section deals with Gilbert catalogs and paper. Values for good and excellent condition are included in the Gilbert sections and for mint in the Lionel section. Retail prices are included in the American Models and S-Helper sections. It's been two years since Kalmbach published an American Flyer guide. This latest version is 127 pages and sells for \$15.95.

Finally, from Kalmbach is a special CTT publication entitled "Lionel Trains – The Golden Years 1950-1954" edited by Roger Carp. This 100-page issue contains content from 25 years of *Classic Toy Trains* magazine along with many new articles covering Lionel's peak postwar train years. The magazine contains an introduction and 21 articles covering a

and a video preview and free shipping is available at [www.ctt.trains.com](http://www.ctt.trains.com). I received my first Lionel in 1958 and I hope we see future editions of these special publications covering later years.

## More Digital Releases

John Holtmann of HSL, Inc. has released another in his series of excellent digital archive products. This latest release, titled "Classic Advertising Archive", features magazine ads from American Flyer, A.C. Gilbert, Lionel and more. As in previous H S L archives, the menu screen contains several

of Gilbert products. In all there are over 140 American Flyer ads from 1907 to 1945 and more than 150 A.C. Gilbert ads from the same period. The scans for these ads were developed from the extensive American Flyer collection of Andrew Jugle.

The fourth binder contains all of Lionel's ads from their two publications, *The Lionel Magazine* and *Model Builder*. Many of these ads (almost 300) did not appear anywhere else. This binder includes the ads for the entire period of Lionel's magazine publishing (1930 to 1949) when *Model Builder* ceased publication. A bonus binder includes

over 50 ads featuring a variety of toy ads by competitors of Gilbert, including Meccano, Ives, Bing, Tinkertoy, Lincoln Logs, Dorfan, Lionel, Daisy and more.

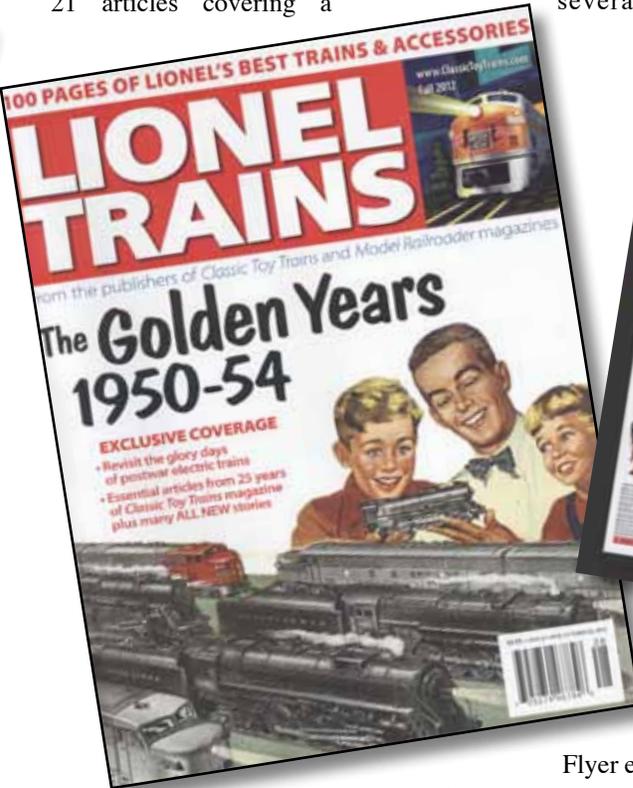
Nothing is more nostalgic than perusing through old ads. As in all of the previous offerings from HSL, the quality of the scans is superb. Ads have been carefully scanned and digitally cleaned resulting in views that look like the ads may have looked when first published. The ads are printable and the navigation is similar to previous HSL products. The disk is compatible with both PC and Mac computers. The cost is \$35 plus \$5 shipping. It is available from [www.hsline.com](http://www.hsline.com) or by calling their order line at 800-779-2802.

Bob Osterhoff has made available more rare paper in digital form. A new release supplements his previous release of *Postwar Advance Catalogs*. Even rarer than those are the prewar versions. In fact, as Osterhoff points out, many of these have never been seen by collectors. The prewar Advance Catalogs included in this archive run from 1926 to 1942. This archive includes 16 Advance Catalogs and variations. Advance Catalogs for all years have not been documented to exist. In his Important Information section, Osterhoff notes that validation of Advance Catalogs issued before 1926 and for the years 1927 through 1929, and 1932 through 1934 is needed. The earliest one from 1926 is actually a 1925 consumer catalog crudely cut and pasted with new

binders. The first contains American Flyer ads from 1907 to 1937 and represents the Flyer era before it was purchased by Gilbert.

The second and third binders contain ads from A.C. Gilbert from 1907 to 1945. The earliest of these are from magic magazines when Gilbert joined with John Petrie selling magic as the Mysto Company. As a magic historian, I have to mention here that because of the business dealings with John Petrie by Gilbert and his father, the Gilbert name is not highly respected in the magic field. The archive continues with ads for Erector sets, science sets, appliances, and of course American Flyer trains. Many of these ads are in brilliant colors and feature a wide line

variety of topics including TV shows, the earliest 6464 boxcar known, Sunday newspaper advertising, insights into the making of Lionel's catalogs, a tribute to Joseph Hanson, the FM Trainmaster, and more. For each of the five "golden" years there is a Stars of the Class article highlighting that year's new products. This special issue is devoted exclusively to Lionel. There are no scenery tips or layouts, just lots of information about Lionel – the trains and the business. The stuff I really enjoy reading about! This special edition magazine costs \$9.95



## Anyone interested in Lionel's history will find these reports a fascinating overview

product. Though not as polished as later ones would be, this is certainly interesting to view.

In addition to the Advance Catalogs, this archive also includes 18 prewar display catalogs and price lists. These are particularly interesting as they illustrate the many

activities and financial performance. These documents provide a wealth of information about the financial details of Lionel's business. In addition to the financials for each of these years, information was published in

them about the company's outlook and plans for the future. These reports also provide an excellent source of information regarding changes to the company directors and officials. Each report included a message to stockholders which gave a brief synopsis of the company's performance and future plans. In Lionel's case, these messages were written by the president. The author of the early reports was the company's founder, Joshua Lionel Cowen. Beginning with the 1946 report, these were written by

Lawrence Cowen who succeeded his father as president. Joshua Cowen was now listed as the Chairman of the Board. Until 1947, these reports were printed in black and white.

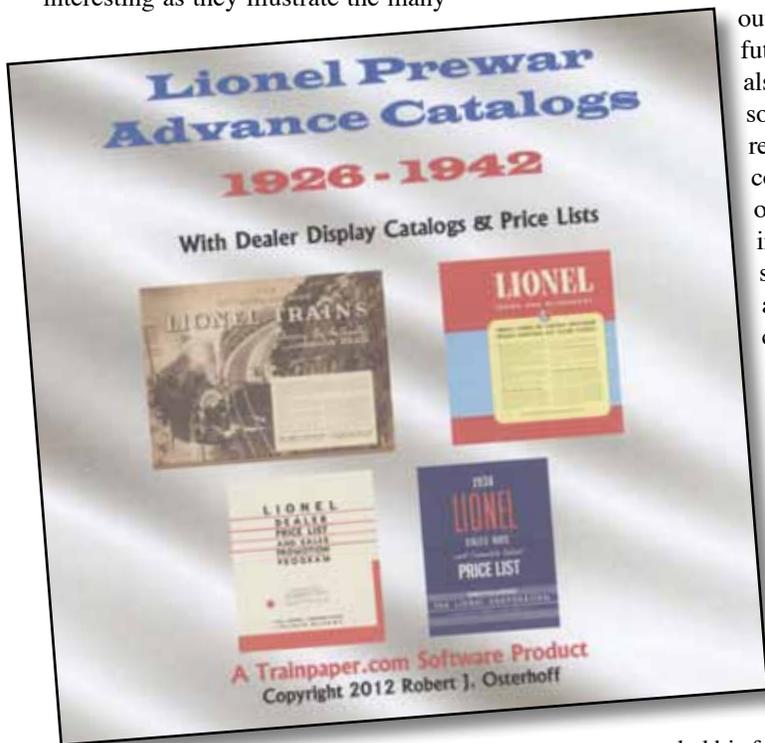
As the company grew, the Annual Reports became a marketing tool to encourage investors and flaunt the company's success. From 1947 on, the reports become slick booklets with color artwork on the cover and drawings inside. This artwork was often unique and rivaled the colorful artwork used in their catalogs.

It's interesting to note that Lionel's 2011 Christmas catalog used artwork modified from the 1955 annual report cover. The 1947, '48 and '49 reports each have photos of the showroom. The 1949 report features a familiar photo of the new 1949 layout.

As the decade of the '60s progressed, we can see from these reports that trains are no longer the company's mainstay. We see the acquisition of a variety of companies – everything from space age companies to one producing car washing equipment. The 1958 report is the last to contain a message from Lawrence Cowen. When the 1959 report was written, the message to stockholders was prepared by Roy Cohn. We then see a progression of presidents in the last decade of Lionel's postwar period. The final report in this archive listed among the company's accomplishments the disposal of its toy manufacturing operations, the sale of the Hillside, New Jersey, plant and a long-term licensing agreement with General Mills. Each of these was described as the elimination of a cash drain.

Anyone interested in Lionel's history will find these reports a fascinating overview of the company's climb and subsequent decline. It's both exciting and sad. The DVD contains over 500 pages in 28 different annual reports and makes available a wealth of information that would otherwise be out of reach. The

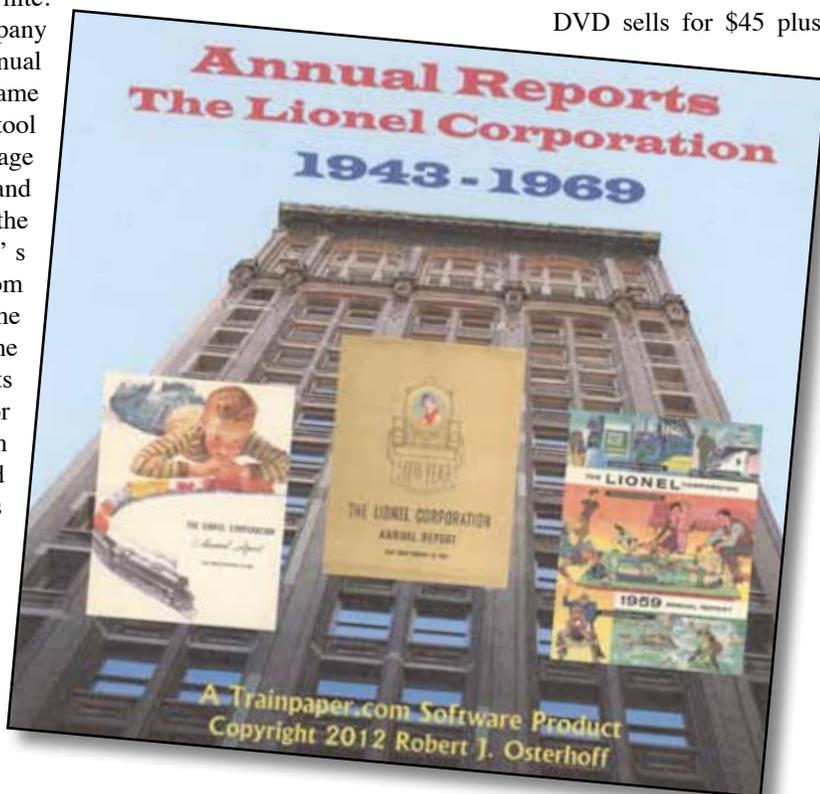
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promotional materials that Lionel made available to dealers in addition to display layouts.

A bonus section includes more very rare and interesting material including the six prewar versions of booklets advising salesmen how to sell Lionel trains. There's also a 16-page booklet prepared for the Lionel demonstrator. Also in this section are several dealer product brochures, including one for the Lionel Electric Ranges. Others brochures deal with products such as Lionel Trainmaster transformers, the Winner Line, toy boat brochure, handcar brochures, and two promotional posters. The DVD is PC/Mac compatible and can be purchased for \$45 plus \$2.50 shipping at [www.trainpaper.com](http://www.trainpaper.com) or by sending a check to Bob Osterhoff, 1622 Garden Valley Drive, Wildwood, MO 63038. A tablet version is also available at the same price.

Also available from Bob Osterhoff is a digital archive of Lionel's Annual Reports from 1943-1969. A publically owned company must by law publish each year a report to its stockholders detailing the company's



of the company's climb and subsequent decline.

\$2.50 shipping. It is available in a PC/Mac version or a tablet version.

Also available are the Annual Reports of the A.C. Gilbert Company from 1937-1968. Here again you can see the rise and fall of a once-great company. This DVD contains over 300 pages in 32 different annual reports and is priced at \$18 plus \$2.50 shipping.

### New Videos from TM

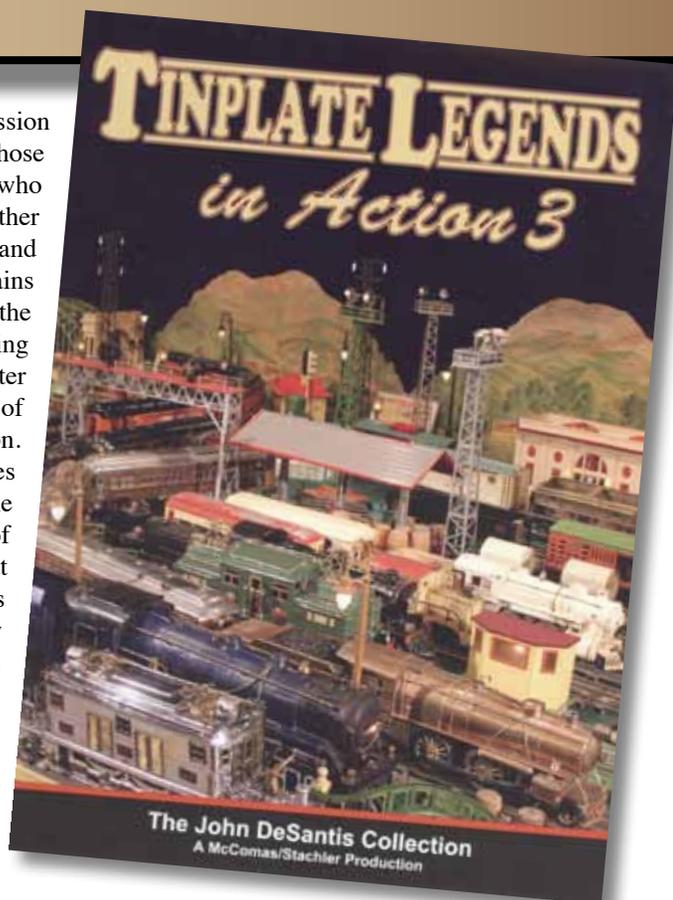
Just in time for the holidays, TM has released two new videos, each aimed at a specific interest. "The Golden Age of Toy Trains" takes us on a nostalgic trip back to the days when we gazed through train catalogs and dreamed of a large operating

Kusan, Marx, and a discussion about the rivalry between those who owned Lionel and those who had American Flyer. In another chapter we visit Jim Steed's grand postwar layout that features trains and accessories from all the postwar manufacturers operating together. A final chapter includes some home videos of Christmas layouts in operation. All together, this disk provides a memorable look back to the times that instilled in most of us a love of electric trains that

lives on to this day. I thoroughly enjoyed this 65-minute video that looks back so fondly to the times we enjoyed so long ago. The DVD sells for \$14.99.

For those who prefer prewar Standard Gauge trains, "Tinplate Legends in Action 3" is devoted to one fantastic collection of Standard Gauge trains. John DeSantis started his fascination with Standard Gauge trains as an operator rather than a collector. He began purchasing them at a time when they were not in favor and could be acquired at train meets for very reasonable prices. As time went on however, he developed a desire to collect one of everything and in every variation from

every Standard Gauge manufacturer. The result many years later is the realization of that goal. This video takes us on an amazing tour of John's many rooms of trains. Each of three rooms is devoted to a particular manufacturer – one each for Lionel, Ives® and American Flyer. A fourth room is the Everything Else room devoted to the smaller manufacturers. Each room not only displays the collection, but also features a layout on



which the trains are operated. There are no reproductions or restorations in this collection – all the trains are as they were originally produced.

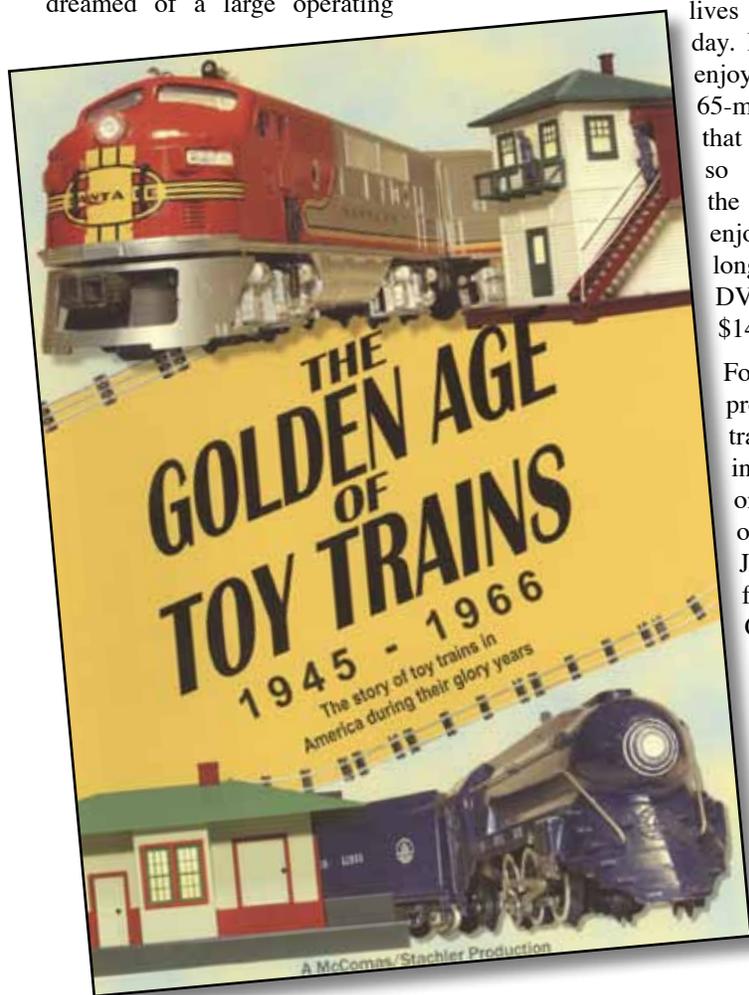
His collection includes what is Lionel's earliest steam locomotive from 1906 and is pictured on the back cover of Lionel's 1940 catalog as Lionel celebrated, "40 Years of Leadership." The video highlights many other very rare items that you simply won't be able to see elsewhere.

The cover photo for the DVD box has been dubbed the Million Dollar Cover Shot since it's based on the current value of the trains shown in the photo. If you can't identify them all, John does just that in the video. Now I must admit that my interest is not in Standard Gauge trains, but I found this video both interesting and informative. John narrates the video himself and includes a great deal of information about the manufacturers and their trains. The video sells for \$14.99.

Each of the videos described here can be purchased from TM Books and Videos at [www.tmbv.com](http://www.tmbv.com).

That's it for now. I'll close by wishing you all a very happy and healthy holiday season – hopefully filled with Lionel trains!

Photos by Bill Schmeelk



layout. This video tells the story of toy trains when they were king from 1945 to 1966. We see many scenes of toy train layouts, much as they were back in the '50s along with discussions by many folks who enjoyed their trains as kids and continue to enjoy them today. Chapters on the disk include Lionel 1945-54, Lionel 1955-66, American Flyer, American Flyer accessories, Lionel accessories, AMT and

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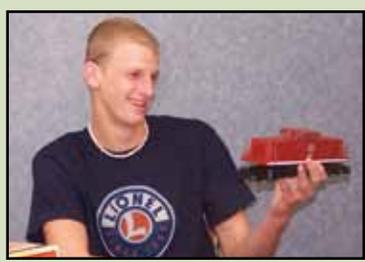
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**Step 1** – Determine the size of layout that will fit the bed and the room. Depending on bed placement in the room and other furniture, these layout sizes will fit over these bed sizes: king bed - 8x8-foot layout; queen bed - 6x8-foot layout; double bed - 6x6-foot layout; even a twin bed can contain a 4x6-foot layout!

**Step 2** – Plastic fold-up sawhorses with a shelf between the legs when opened provide a handy place for cars, accessories, tools, etc. For all bed sizes, you will usually need six sawhorses.

**Step 3** – Use six lengths of 2x4s or similar support material. I use 2x3-inch plastic downspouts. They are lightweight, inexpensive, and have adequate strength for this purpose. For king beds, make six eight-foot lengths. For queen and double beds, make six six-foot lengths. For twin beds, make six four-foot lengths.

**Step 4** – Half-inch 2x4-foot plywood or MDF/Masonite™ panels will serve as the layout platforms. For a king bed 8x8-foot layout you will need eight 2x4-foot panels, for a queen bed six panels, for a double bed five panels, (cut one in half to make two 2x2-foot sections), for a twin bed three panels.

**Step 5** – Place the sawhorses end-to-end as a row of three along each side of the bed. If the bed is up against the wall, move the bed slightly and place three unopened sawhorses between the bed and the wall.

**Step 6** – Place two of the 2x4s (or other supports) across the bed and rest them on the top of the sawhorses on opposite sides of the bed. Space the six 2x4s evenly along the length of the bed for good support and stability. If the bed is against the wall and you placed unopened sawhorses along that side, the top of the sawhorses may be ½-inch to 1 inch higher than the opened sawhorses on the other side of the bed. Use shims or 1x4-inch boards under the legs of the opened sawhorses to level the 2x4 supports. For king and queen beds, you may want to add an additional 2x4 support lengthwise down the center of the bed for greater support.

**Step 7** – Place the 2x4 panels on the supports and arrange them for your layout size. For added interest, you can paint or decorate one side of the plywood/MDF panels in a color or colors of your choosing – tan, green, or multi-camo colors work well. You can also paint the other side of the panels for a different look or theme; white for Christmas, for example. I like using 4x4-foot carpet sections atop the plywood/MDF panels for color and soundproofing.

**Step 8** – Place the track and switches on the panels/carpet and arrange them to create your train layout. You can change and rearrange your layout anytime you want, which is a major advantage of a temporary, quick-change layout like this.

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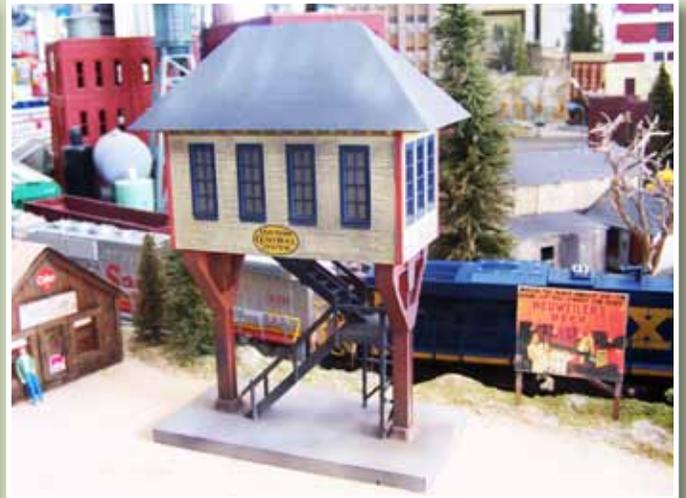
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