

# LIONEL COLLECTORS CLUB of AMERICA

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## **Lionel Train Collectors Holds 50+1 Annual Convention At Scranton, PA Hilton and Radisson Hotels July 18-24, 2021**

Scranton, PA – The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) National Convention will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup>-year history in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The model train collectors will headquarter their event at the Hilton Hotel and visit toy and real train-related attractions at Steam Town and other train related attractions in Pennsylvania during mid-July.

Over 500 collectors, spouses, children and fans of the iconic Lionel model electric train brand are expected for the club's gathering in Scranton. The 2021 event promises to be a double treat for LCCA members who will be celebrating both their club's 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> anniversaries. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, scheduled for Omaha, NE in 2020 had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

The event will include model train layouts, seminars on all things model railroading, and presentations by executives of Lionel. And no model railroad convention would be complete without a swap meet. The LCCA will hold a two-day train show/swap meet in the Radisson hotel on Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24. The event will be open to members only on Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and open to the general public on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The convention will also include tours of area rail attractions during the week. LCCA members will have the opportunity to visit Steam Town attractions, ride several excursion trains and visit local members home train layouts.

“This year, the LCCA National Convention will be dubbed the 50+1 Convention to give members a chance to celebrate last year's cancelled 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and commemorate our 51<sup>st</sup> year. We will be offering to ‘share the fun’ of the convention with members of all ages and will included a unique modular O gauge trains layout from LCCA FastTrack® Modular Railroad club members from across the country” said LCCA President and CEO Harry Hampson. The modular layout will be available for public viewing Wednesday, July 17, at 9 a.m. through Saturday, July 20, at 3 p.m.

Other model train club members can join the LCCA until July 1, 2021 and attend the convention with a special one-time rate of \$25 for a regular membership effective from July 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022. All additional standard convention registration fees will apply. Interested train collectors and operators can sign up for this special opportunity by calling the LCCA business office from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (CDT) at (815) 223-0115. You may also join and register during the convention at the Hilton Hotel registration desk.

This limited offer to join the LCCA and participate in the national convention will provide Scranton area train enthusiasts with a regular LCCA membership from July 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022, which will include:

- two issues of the award-winning club magazine, The Lion Roars
- access to the members-only areas of the club website
- two issues of Interchange Track for buying and selling model trains
- opportunity to purchase limited edition member-only custom Lionel merchandise
- access to the LCCA website's new Lionel digital archives featuring complete historic Lionel catalogs in enhanced color dating back to 1900

To register for the 2021 LCCA convention or get more details about all of the events and the club, visit [lionelcollectors.org](http://lionelcollectors.org). (#LCCA50+1)

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### **Lionel Collectors Club of America**

The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) was founded in the Midwest in 1970 by a group of hobbyists to promote awareness and enjoyment of Lionel toy trains. Today, the LCCA is a not-for-profit, international hobby-based organization with members Nation wide and around the world who are toy train collectors and operators. Members favor Lionel trains, and the club collaborates with Lionel L.L.C. to produce limited-edition collectible cars, train sets, and special products exclusively for members.