

# LIONEL COLLECTORS CLUB of AMERICA

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## **Lionel Train Collectors Holds 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention At Reno Atlantis July 14-20**

Reno, Nev. – The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) National Convention will celebrate its 49-year history in Reno, Nevada. The model train collectors will headquarter their event at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa and visit toy and real train-related attractions across Nevada and Northern California 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 Reno.

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 convention hotel on Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20. 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 the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City, tour the Donner Memorial, Lake Tahoe, see the Portola Western Pacific Railroad Museum, the Keddie Wye, the Nevada State Museum in Reno, and the Harrah Military Museum & National Automobile Museum in Sparks. Many LCCA conventioners will also enjoy an evening dinner cruise on the paddle wheeler on Lake Tahoe.

“This year, the LCCA 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 FastTack Modular Railroad club members from across the country” said LCCA President and CEO Ken Kelley. 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 and attend the convention with a special one-time rate of \$25 for a regular membership from July 1 until December 31. All additional standard convention registration fees will apply. Interested train collectors and operators can sign up for this special opportunity on the LCCA website at [lionelcollectors.org](http://lionelcollectors.org) or 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 Atlantis Casino Resort Spa's LCCA registration desk.

This limited offer to join the LCCA and participate in the national convention will provide Reno area train enthusiasts with a regular LCCA membership for July through December, 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 2019 LCCA convention or get more details about all of the events and the club, visit [lionelcollectors.org](http://lionelcollectors.org).

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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 about 10,000 members 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.