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## Lionel Train Collectors Will Celebrate 50 Years With Annual Convention In Omaha

OMAHA, Neb. – The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) National Convention will celebrate its 50-year history in Omaha, Nebraska, July 19 to 25, 2020. The model train collectors will headquarter their event at the Omaha Hilton Hotel and visit toy and real train-related attractions across Nebraska and Iowa during mid-July.

Over 500 collectors, spouses, children and fans of the iconic Lionel model electric train brand are expected for the club's very special  $50^{\text{th}}$  anniversary event. And this year, the Lionel train company will be celebrating its  $120^{\text{th}}$  year in business.

Club President and CEO Harry Hampson said, "The Lionel Collectors Club of America was formed in 1970 in nearby Iowa. So, it is only fitting that our club hold its 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration in Omaha. The 2020 convention promises to be a very special and historical event for the club."

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, with much of the meet open to the general public as well as attending members.

The convention will also include tours of area rail attractions during the week. LCCA members will have the opportunity to visit the many area museums and railroad attractions. Specific details will be announced on the club's website, in The Lion Roars club magazine and in other media early in 2020. #LCCA2020

To register for the 2020 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary LCCA convention or get more details about all of the events and the club, visit lionelcollectors.org.

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## **Lionel Collectors Club of America**

The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) was founded in the Des Moines, Iowa 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.