

Train Collectors Association – Lone Star Division’s Houston, Texas Meet January 6, 2024

Train Collectors Association Mission Statement: *To develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history - Tinplate Toy Trains - through research, education, community outreach, fellowship, establishment of collecting standards, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of collecting and operating toy, model and scale trains.*

So Many Train Things to Do and People to see!

With Covid pretty much behind us and the price of fuel, hotel rates, etc declining, it is now more palatable to get out and do things.

We in Texas have so much distance to travel between our major cities. I add things to the trip to get more bang for the buck in traveling.

In January I swung by San Felipe and the *Stephen F. Austin State Park* and down to Rosenberg, Texas to the greatly improved Rosenberg RR Museum. I took two extra days to go to our great meet in McKinney, Texas. I stopped off in Waco to visit the *Dr. Pepper Museum* and *Roadside America* in Hillsboro. I then spent a day and half at the *Fort Worth Stockyards* that have been greatly improved during Covid. The next day was spent at the *Frisco Museum of the American Railroad* and revisited *Bob and Dinah Carter’s* home in Plano to see their 20x20 detailed layout.

The year before I stopped off at Granbury to see *David Kross’s* train layout/museum and then Cleburne to see the *Gone With the Wind Museum, the Cleburne Railroad Museum* and the 1919 *ATSF #3417* – (1 of 50) 3400 Class Pacific type (4-6-2) by Baldwin Locomotive Works.

This year I returned to the October TCA Eastern Division’s York Meet. *Mark Boyd–TCA Quarterly Editor* and I drove over to the Hershey *Antique Automobile Club Association Museum* (AACA) again as they have rotating exhibits. The next day we went to the *Gettysburg, PA Battlefield* (about the 8-10th time for me). The next day we went to Strasburg, home of the *Choo-Choo Barn* and met with the new owner. Then on to OUR TCA *National Toy Train Museum* around the corner.



TCA LSD May 18th meet has a new location!

The *Lone Star Division* is doing all it can to keep costs down and results up. It takes the help of everyone to achieve this.

The *Central Texas Chapter* members have secured a new venue for the May meet. This will cut costs, but more importantly it will be a more desirable location that will help increase public attendance. *Parkhills Baptist Church 17747 San Pedro Ave, (Hwy 281) San Antonio, TX 78232* is the new location located just inside Loop 1604 on the inbound access of Hwy 281.

There are many nearby hotels (Comfort Inn, Courtyard and Residence-both Marriott, Days Inn, Fairfield, Hampton, Hilton Home2 and Holiday Inn to name a few at \$70-100+ per night) and many restaurants within 1/2 a mile including a Texas Roadhouse.

We will send out information on these locations with our April/May newsletter.

Thursday and Friday were spent at the York Fairgrounds seeing as many of our new and old friends as possible.

Things are different, but why not get more out of your traveling money by combining a meet trip with some other great stops? ~ Pat H.

TCA LSD Dues for 2024

Dues of six dollars are now payable if your label has “23” AFTER your name or you do not get a paper copy weeks after the electronic version goes out.

EVERYONE GETS THIS VERSION!

You are current if your label has “24”,

You do not need to pay DIVISION dues or contact me if your label has “HR” or “HR PC”

This does not reflect your national dues. You need to keep your National dues current!!

DO NOT WORRY ABOUT PAYING DUES FOR PAST YEARS!

Mail payment to:

Pat Halpin-TCA PO Box 200442

San Antonio, Texas 78220

TCA LSD Capital Area Chapter in Austin, TX

The *Capitol Area Chapter* is now holding regular monthly meetings with *Scott Smiley* at the helm. You may contact him at: *512-657-7267 or sc.smiley@gmail.com*

Donations for the Houston meet silent auction

We will be holding a silent auction during the January 6, 2024 Lone Star Division train meet/show.

Please consider donating any train related item you think will be of interest to the silent auction.

100% of the Auction proceeds go to the Gulf Coast Chapter.

Lone Star Division Thursday Night in York

The “*LSD Members & Friends York Gathering*” will happen if there is a demand for it.

Please contact Pat Halpin for details. pathalpin@aol.com or (210) 661-4238

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Lone Star Division officers and Chapter officers

Please contact any of these people if you are interested in joining a local chapter near you.

Lone Star Division Officers:

President/Div Editor	Pat Halpin	San Antonio, Texas	24/7: 210-661-4238	cell: 210-213-7420	pathalpin@aol.com
Vice-President	Jon Dell'Antonia	McKinney, Texas	972-540-5067		jdellantonia@tx.rr.com
Secretary/Treasurer	Clay Kinsner	Jacksonville, TX	cell: 210-389-4665		claykinsner@gmail.com
Director-at-Large	David H. Fronick	Houston, Texas	cell: 832-298-1351	HM: 281-282-0441	dhfron@sbcglobal.net
Web Master	JP Kinsner	Jacksonville, TX	cell: 210-389-4665		John@lonestartrains.com

Austin and surrounding area: Capital Area Chapter

Interim President	Scott Smiley	Austin, Texas	cell: 512-657-7267		sc.smiley@gmail.com
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Chapter for the State of Louisiana:

President	Clay Fourrier	Baton Rouge, LA	225-767-4239		stereocatz@yahoo.com
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President	Brian Jensen	Garland, Texas	cell: 214-906-7841		bjensentx@outlook.com
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Houston and surrounding area: Gulf Coast Chapter

President	Mark Heavener	Houston, Texas	cell: 281-728-8585	HM: 214-529-5150	gulfcoasttca@gmail.com
Vice-President	Steve Tripp	Woodlands, Texas	281-734-3794		Stripp7139@aol.com
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Treasurer/Meet chair	Mike Lewis	Houston, Texas	281-488-8349		lewismob@sbcglobal.net

San Antonio and surrounding area: Central Texas Chapter

President	Andrew Knight	San Antonio, Texas	cell: 210-846-0515		wpmaj74@gmail.com
Vice-Pres./Meet chair	Gene Peterson	San Antonio, Texas	210-490-2645		genepeterson@att.net
Secretary	Dick Dooley	San Antonio, Texas	cell: 210-619-3378		dooley88@att.net
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Web Master	JP Kinsner	Jacksonville, TX	cell: 210-389-4665		John@lonestartrains.com



LONE STAR DIVISION Train Collectors Association's WINTER MEET



Hosted by the Gulf Coast Chapter
January 6, 2024

Hilton Houston Westchase

9999 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77042 713-974-1000

\$109 plus tax with 2 breakfasts per room. Call the hotel direct, 713-974-1000, ask for TCA room rate.

This rate is good for three days prior and three days after!

Operating layouts – buy/sell trains – refreshments available in the Hilton's restaurant – door prizes & train raffle

NOTE: ALL TCA STANDARDS RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

5–9:00 PM Registration/Unloading (open box rules–tables covered NO TRADING until 9 AM)
7:00 PM Division Board Meeting (Please honor the above rule-no wandering around "looking")

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

8:00 AM Registration/Unloading
9:00 AM Meet opens for TCA Members and guests
10:15 AM Division Business Meeting
10:30 AM Meet opens to the general public
12 Noon Contest Winners Announced
2:00 PM Silent Auction closes
4:00 PM Meet Closes
6:00 PM Optional Dinner–location to be announced

For more information:

Mark Heavener (281) 728-8585 and e-mail to gulfcoasttca@gmail.com

or Carl Olson (832) 675-1955 carlolson23@comcast.net

CONTESTS:	Rarest Prewar 1900–1942	Most Interesting Paper
Best of Show	Rarest Postwar 1943–1969	Best Structure
(voted on by the members)	Rarest Modern 1970–present	Best Restored Toy Train Item
	Most Interesting real RR Train-Related Item	

Tables are FIRST COME–FIRST SOLD. Sell outs can happen before the deadline. REFUNDS ONLY IF NOT A SELLOUT!

PLEASE use this form for ordering tables. Phone calls & e-mails only for last minute requests.
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You MUST be current w/Nat & Div dues–Division Dues \$6.00 \$ _____

No Div dues to pay if you live outside the Lone Star Division

Tables Pre-Reg \$25.00 per 2 1/2 x 6' table X _____ = \$ _____

(\$20 for EACH table after the first two. \$30 at the door if available)

Pre-Registration: \$8.00 per Member w/immediate family included \$ 8.00

(At the Door Registration \$10.00 per Member with family included)

Guest Pre-Registered: (12 & under free) \$8.00 per Guest X _____ = \$ _____

NAME _____ TOTAL: \$ _____

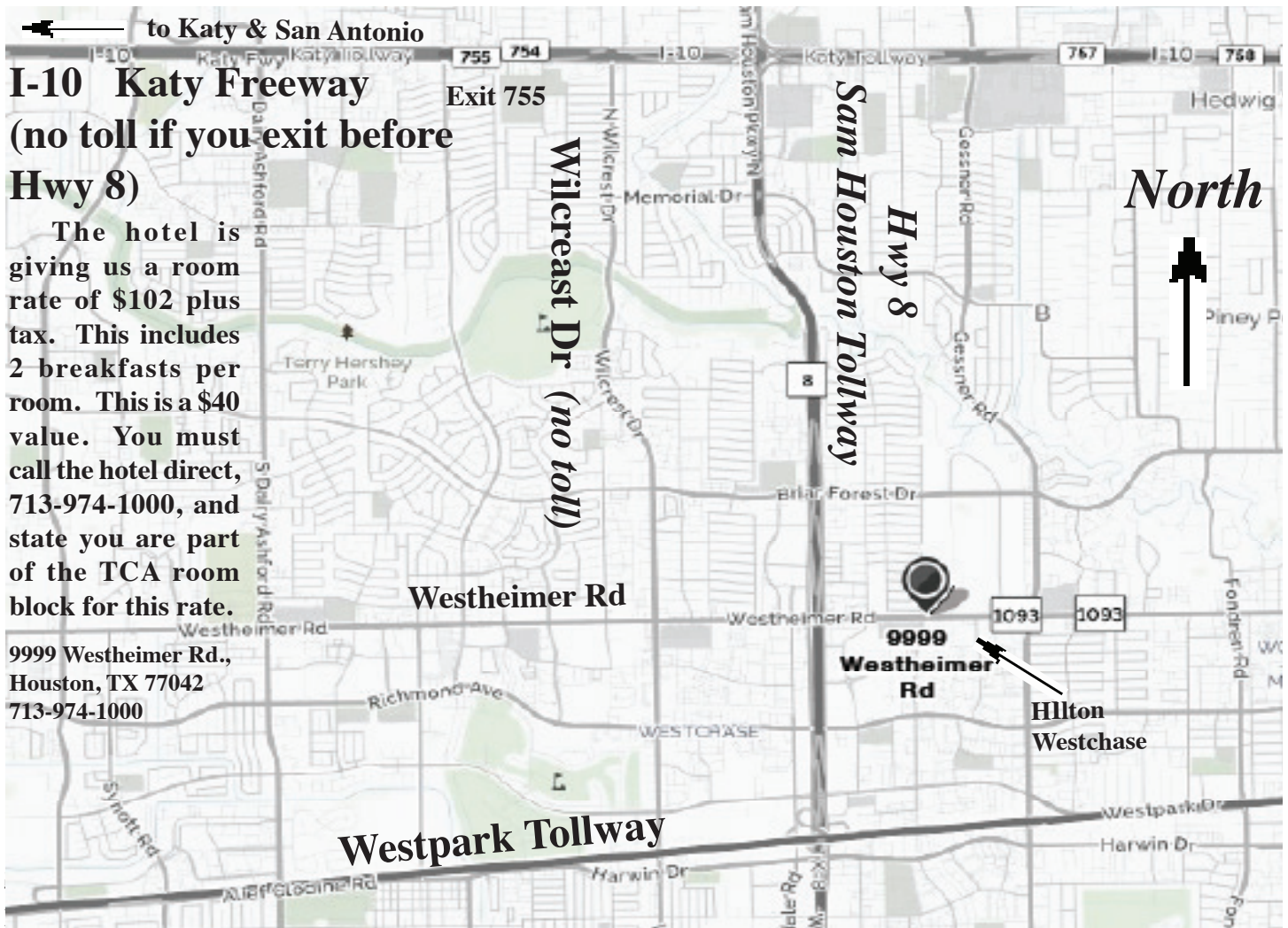
ADDRESS _____ TCA # _____ – _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE (____) _____

E-mail address _____ CELL PHONE (____) _____

NAMES OF FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING _____

**Fill out back side
of this form!
Postmark by
Thur. Dec. 28, 2023
MUST SIGN
REVERSE SIDE!**



Meet Rules:

1. The meet is open to all TCA members, their families and guests. Members' spouses who are not themselves members will not be charged admission, Children, of members under the age of 18, will not be charged.
2. Guests may buy, but not sell.
3. The Open Box rule will be in effect from unloading to Sat. at 9:00 AM No trading or browsing before Sat. 9:00 AM
4. Prices must be marked on all items offered for sale. A list of items with prices indicated is also acceptable.

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
"Lone Star Division-TCA"
Postmark by Thurs. Dec. 28, 2023

Mail To: Mike Lewis - TCA Meet 281-488-8349
3410 E. Pine Brook Way lewis_mob@sbcglobal.net
Houston, Texas 77059

I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the Train Collectors Association (TCA) and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time, specifically including all the rules and regulations of all TCA Committees and any actions and rulings of all TCA Committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA member or at any TCA sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer's original condition unless I have caused any such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.

Interested in attending Saturday night dinner? Yes: _____ No: _____

Member's Signature _____ Date: ___/___/___

For more information: Mark Heavener (281) 728-8585 and email to gulfcoasttca@gmail.com
 or Carl Olson (832) 675-1955 carlolson23@comcast.net

TCA Meets/meetings and other train shows calendar of events

"Call before you haul" as things change & mistakes may occur! updated 11/18/2023

- Nov. 11-Jan. 5 Dallas, TX **Trains at Northpark Center/Mall benefitting Ronald McDonald House of Dallas**
NEW LOCATION: LEVEL ONE NEAR MACY'S North Central Expressway at Northwest Highway Dallas, TX 75225 **TW TrainWorx (Roger & Dorcie Farkash)** build, set up and maintain this layout!!! \$10 adult/\$5 children/seniors Mon-Sat 10-8 /Sun 10-6
Early Closings: Thanksgiving Eve/Xmas Eve/New Year's Eve: New Year's Day Closed: Thanksgiving/Xmas
- Date to be announced Houston, TX **Trains Over Texas-Houston Museum of Natural Science** (the size of a tennis court) 5555 Hermann Park Dr. Houston, Texas 77030 (713) 639-4629 \$25-adult \$16 children
This is the largest indoor O-scale model railroad in Texas & Includes permanent exhibits.
- Nov. 18-19, 2023 Pearland, TX 1st Annual T-Trax train club at the Knights of Columbus Hall 2320 Hatfield Rd Pearland, TX. 10-5/10-4 \$7 adults 17 & under free a **100% NMRA Club**
- Nov. 24-26, 2023 McKinney, TX "Home for the Holidays" McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC) in downtown McKinney at 111 N Tennessee. Contact Brian Jensen bjensentx@outlook.com
- Nov. 24-Dec 10 Nacogdoches Railroad Depot 101 Old Tyler Rd for three weekends from Nov. 24-Dec. 10
Loblolly Model Train Display Fri & Sat 10-6 Sun 12-5 George Ellis at 936-560-0474 or 936-560-4441 or ghenac@yahoo.com or nactx.us/historic sites
- Dec. 13-30, 2023 Round Rock, TX (except Dec 25 & 26) **Austin Tinplate Trackers** Christmas Display in Downtown Round Rock at the New Library, 200 E. Liberty Ave. 12-5 free admission.
We let children run the trains for a small donation!
- Jan. 6, 2024 TCA Lone Star Division Train Meet in Houston, TX Houston Westchase Hilton**
9999 Westheimer Rd 77042 (713) 974-1000 9-4 Ask for TCA special \$109+ tax w/2 breakfasts
- Jan. 20-21, 2024 Plano, TX North Texas Council of RR Clubs Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy Plano 75074
10-5/10-4 \$10.00 Chris Atkins 469-438-0741 www.dfwtrainshow.com
- March 2, 2024 Cancelled - TCA LA Chapter Train Meet in Ponchatoula, LA**
- March 9-10, 2024 Grapevine, TX Convention center Lone Star Hi-Railers Train-A-Palooza 10-5/9-4
- April 15-17, 2024 New Braunfels RR Museum Train Show NB Civic Center 10-5 / 10-4 \$7.00 375 S. Castell Ave.
- April 15-17, 2024 2-3 days Mon-Wed of bandit meets in the York area selling (about 5 locations)**
- April 17, 2024 TCA National Toy Train Museum Open BUT NO Open House-Strasburg, PA.**
- April (call to confirm) TCA "LSD Members & Friends Night" at the Lyndon Diner 1353 Kenneth Rd, York, PA 17404**
- April 18-20, 2024 TCA Eastern Division Meet - York, PA-2 1/2 day meet (+2-3 days Mon-Wed of bandit selling**
- May 18, 2024 TCA Lone Star Division's 45th Train Meet San Antonio, TX**
New location! **Parkhills Baptist Church 17747 San Pedro Ave San Antonio, TX 78232**
- June 16-22, 2024 TCA 70th National Convention - Lancaster, PA details in Feb. 2024 TCA HQ Newsletter.**
\$159 per room night \$10 per day parking free Wi-Fi in the guest rooms and lobby
- Aug. 24-25, 2024 Austin Train Show at Palmer Event Center 900 Barton Springs Road Austin, TX 10-5/10-4
- Sept. 7, 2024 TCA Lone Star Division's McKinney, Texas Train show/meet at Collin County**
Community College Conference Center corner of Community Ave & Taylor Buck Dr. 9 AM-4 PM
- Sept. 14-15, 2024 Temple, TX 41st Annual Model Train Show Mayborn Convention Center 3303 North 3rd Street
Temple, TX 76501 10-5 / 11-4 \$7.00 www.centramod.rr.com Craig Caddell (254) 760-3761
- Oct. 14-16, 2024 2-3 days Mon.-Wed of bandit meets in the York area selling (about 5 locations)**
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- Oct. 17-19, 2024 TCA Eastern Division Meet - York, PA-2 1/2 day meet (+2-3 days Mon-Wed of bandit selling**
- Oct. 19-20, 2024 New Braunfels RR Museum 14th Annual Train Show NB Civic Center 375 S. Castell Ave
\$10 adults / \$2 5-13 yrs old 10-5 / 10-4 Jim Edmondson jedmondson@satx.rr.com
- Nov. 2, 2024 TCA Lone Star Div Train Meet in Ponchatoula, LA Fri setup 12-6 / Sat:8 AM-3 PM**
143 NW Railroad Ave Ponchatoula, LA in conjunction with the Ponchatoula Antiques Trade Days

Pat Halpin President
TCA Lone Star Division
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Dues payable if your label has "23" AFTER your name
You are current if your label has "24",
You do not need to pay DIVISION dues or contact me if your label has "HR"*

TCA Lone Star Division Dues for 2024 are now payable!

YOU MUST KEEP YOUR TCA NATIONAL DUES CURRENT – That is due on your anniversary date of joining TCA. Your green membership card has the month that your dues expire. Division AND Chapter dues are paid yearly, if you choose to join either one. Division dues pays for the Division newsletter to be printed and mailed to you.

IMPORTANT: IF THE MAILING LABEL DOES NOT HAVE "HR" and you are 65 or over AND a member for 20 years you must reply by e-mail OR mail the below information. Especially if you just became 65. Please mail this form by to Pat Halpin TCA / LSD, PO Box 200442, San Antonio, TX 78220-0442

Name _____ *2nd & final* TCA # *posting of the* _____ (if you have it available)

No charge if a TCA member for 20 years AND over 65? _____ Change of address below? _____

Address _____ *TCA LSD 2024 dues notice* Phone: (*First notice*) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip (with + 4) _____
was in the November Ponchatoula newsletter

e-mail (ONLY for TCA updates & deadline reminders) _____

Better yet – send me an e-mail (pthalpin@aol.com with your name and I will save your e-mail address. Please put "TCA" in the "Subject" box so I will know it is not junk mail)

Need a new name tag? _____ Dues \$6.00 \$ _____

Please add \$16.00 for pin type or add \$18.00 for magnet style name tag: \$16.00 / \$18.00 \$ _____

Do you want your name tag to show your name & city & state as listed above? Total: \$ _____

Please list any change from above info for name tag: _____