



Louisiana Chapter – Lone Star Division of TCA
Minutes for the General Membership
Meeting August 10,2008
Held at the home of Buddy Broussard

Opening

President called the meeting to order. At 4:00 p.m.

Quorum Call – Members Present: Buddy Broussard, Clay Fourrier, Bill Harrison, Richard Kater, Mort Kelly, Chip Mann, Dominic Michelli, Michael Mann, Jim Morehiser, A.L. Levy, Harley Rabig, George Hogh, Dennis Stanosek, Carroll Thompson, Charles Wayne and James Webb.

Reading of last board meeting minutes was offered. Move to dispense with reading of minutes was adopted.

President's Report:

Bill continues to investigate locations to be used for the November division meet. The primary candidate was the hall we used for the previous meet. The VFW and Lions halls in Harahan are being considered. Both offer similar situations. Initial cost numbers are high so we are continuing to look at options. Dates of the meet will be – setup November 14 and meet on November 15.

There were a number of requests at the last meet for the kiddie layout – where children see how fast they can run a train around the track without falling off. Plans call for this to be at the next meet .This layout was recently overhauled by Cliff Tonguis

Discussion of whether to include the club modular layout. It takes 400 sq ft to setup and will need volunteers to move and setup. A request for any members that have access to an enclosed trailer was made. If you have a trailer please contact Bill Harrison.

Bill thanked Wynne Friedrichs for all of his help rebuilding the switching layout, and agreeing to store it between meets.

Vice President's Report

Mort passed around to the members the MTH Catalog for 2007, Vol. 2. The Vol. 2 items are being shipped now. As usual, the manufactures are behind in their deliveries to customers.

Treasurer Report

Current balance is \$2,509.39.

Unfinished Business

Bill talked about his attendance at the National TCA meet in Vermont.

Announcements

The next TCA national convention will be in Phoenix, AZ. The Desert division is selling a flag mint car.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Harley Rabig's home on September 21 at 4 p.m. The October meeting is tentatively set for A.L. Levy's home.

Late News (received after the meeting).

On 10,11 & 12 October we will be taking the modular layout to the Lady of the Lake Fair in Mandeville at 312 Lafitte street. This is an annual craft fair with a block of outside tents and booths. Through Cliff Tonguis we have been invited to set up a layout to display trains and promote the hobby. We can advertise TCA. Volunteers are urgently needed to assist Bill in preparing the layout sometime in early to mid September. Please contact Bill (504) 887-0104 or trains@sandwparts.com to let him know you can help. This layout will be composed of the 4 corners only.

The site for the November meet has been set. It will be the VFW Hall at 3314 Richland Avenue in Metairie, LA 70002. November 14 and 15. (note date change from what we discussed at the meeting) We will be using the "Malta Room". Bill reports the facility is approx 6000 sq ft with room for about 75 tables plus an additional back room. The hall will provide free coffee and donuts to vendors during setup and will sell lunch to attendees. The location is just off Veterans and has good parking and is well located. For security the hall will provide a deputy during the show.

Meeting adjourned by the president 5:00 p.m.

Chip Mann
Secretary / Treasurer