



Louisiana Chapter – Lone Star Division of TCA  
Minutes for the General Membership  
Meeting September 21, 2008  
Held at the home of Harley Rabig

Opening

Meeting opened by Vice President Mort Kelly at 4:14 p.m.

Quorum Call – Members Present: Buddy Broussard, Clay Fourrier, Bill Harrison, George Hogh, Mort Kelly, Chip Mann, Dominic Michelli, Harley Rabig, A.L. Levy, Carroll Thompson, Russell Trahan, Charles Wayne and James Webb.

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

Vice President's Report

Lionel volume 2 catalog now out with a writeup regarding post-war items. Lionel will re-issue many of their earlier models in a program called conventional classics.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer reported that we have \$2,001.83 in the bank.

The Vice President yielded the gavel to the President at 4:22 p.m.

President's Report

There are two functions that are coming up for the club. The first is October 10,11,12 where we will sponsor a table at the Lady of the Lake church Arts and Crafts Fair in Mandeville, LA. Bill will use a 6 foot round table and place 2 circles of Fastrack on it for an operating layout demonstration. No items will be sold – the purpose of the table is to introduce people to the hobby and hand out literature including catalogues. Bill will bring some sets including Thomas, Polar Express and the Hogwarts Express for display only.

The Division show on November 15 has been set. Rental cost is \$2,000 for 2 days which includes security. Six Thousand square feet of space are available for tables which includes a large entrance lobby. Bill expects to fit 75 tables into the main room and

use most of the room for tables. The Crescent City S club will be coming with their layout. Our Club will have the Mighty Komplex and the Kids layout. Bill will request Wynn Friedrichs to purchase 200 more wooden whistles to use a give-away to the kids. The table prices have been set at \$25 each. Admission is \$5 for one person or \$10 for a family of as many members as are there.

Volunteers are needed to man the ticket table, help with breakdown and man the raffle table. Please contact Bill ASAP.

The following are being contacted by Mike Sandras for publicity: WTIX, WWL radio and TV and the Times Picayune. Bill has arranged a notice in both O Gauge Railroading and Classic Toy Trains for the issue coming out 1<sup>st</sup> week November. The objective is to get as much free advertising as possible in media. Members will have access to a small poster they can print and put in local stores, such as grocery or hardware store bulletin boards. Hobby shops will have a large color poster supplied by Bill. Thanks to Clay Furrier for the design and Richard Kater for the printing.

Bill Harrison proposed a silent auction. The items auctioned would be donated by members and only members could bid.

Mort Kelly was requested to contact Operation Lifesaver to attend with a booth.

Bill Harrison's S & W and Mike's Train Shop will provide door prizes. Lionel, OGR and Kalmbach will provide other door prizes.

Two train sets will be raffled – purchased by the club.

Ribbons will be given as awards instead of trophies to save money.

A Lone Star general membership meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday morning of the Meet.

#### New Business

Election of new officers will be held at the December meeting.  
The gavel was yielded to Mort to open the floor for nominations.

President.

Mort Kelly was nominated but declined.  
Motion to suspend nomination of President until next meeting was passed.  
By these minutes we are soliciting nominations for president from all members. Submit by calling Bill Harrison or submitting written nomination. You may nominate yourself.

Vice President.

Mort Kelly was nominated by Bill Harrison and accepted.  
Secretary Treasurer

A.L. Levy was nominated by George Hoag and seconded by Russ Trahan.  
The gavel was yielded back to the President at 5:45 p.m.

#### Announcements

Special thanks for hosting the August meeting goes to Buddy Broussard and his wife for welcoming us to their home where we enjoyed a large turnout, good food and viewing some of Buddy's trains which is the start of a new collection replacing that lost in Katrina.

Thank you to Harley and Pat Rabig for hosting the September meeting in their home. We enjoyed the camaraderie, Pat's food spread and Harley's very well done HO layout .

#### Next Meeting

We thank A. L Levy for offering his home for an October 5 meeting but this meeting has been cancelled.

The next meeting is Sunday October 26, 2008 at the home of Clay Fourrier - His phone (225) 293-6088 and his email is [trains@dovetailstudio.com](mailto:trains@dovetailstudio.com). Clay's address is 2624 Lancelot Dr. in Baton Rouge 70816. Clay is looking forward to showing the members his garden rail layout.

**Please call or email RSVP if you plan to attend the meeting at Clay's house.**

Meeting adjourned by the President 5:47 p.m.

*Chip Mann*  
Secretary / Treasurer