

***OZARK DIVISION-TCA***  
**NEWSLETTER & MEET NOTICE**

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I am sad to report the passing of Earl Smarr (63-866); I received an e-mail from Dick Malon reporting his death in early December. Earl was one of the founding members of the Ozark Division in 1967. The first official Ozark Division Train Meet was held at his home in Columbia, MO. Earl will certainly be missed by all of us who know him.

It is my pleasure to announce that the Before and After Great St. Louis Christmas Shows were a success with over 600 attending both shows despite the weather. The staff, volunteers and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Immanuel Lutheran School did a great job in making both shows the success they were. On behalf of everyone who attended: a big ***Thank You***. They expressed a desire to host the show(s) again.

Vendors who were unable to attend the After Christmas show on February 5<sup>th</sup> will have table credits for the next Christmas show when the date and location is announced.

**Election Results:** All ballots have been counted and here are your new Ozark Division officers for 2011-2012:

President – Larry Strassburger  
Vice-President – Dennis James  
Secretary/Treasurer – Jon Lundvall  
Sergeant-At-Arms – David Aholt

**Membership Renewal:** Its time to renew your membership to the Ozark division for 2011. Annual membership is \$10 and can be paid by sending a check payable to Ozark division c/o Ozark Division, 810 Windmill Dr., Ballwin, MO 63011 or you can pay in person at the next Train Show. If you are not sure about your membership status check the mailing label and if D-11 or higher number or LM appears on the label you are in good standing. If only your name and address appears on the mailing label its time to renew.

The next Ozark Division Train Show and Swap meet will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at The Pointe, 1 Ballwin Commons Dr., Ballwin, MO. Admission for all Ozark Division members who are in good standing is free including one vendor table. Additional tables are \$5 each. Admission for all others is \$3 per person and \$5 for each table. Tables are on a first come basis. Show times 10 am to 2 pm with members only from 10 am to 11 am.

**TCA Web-Site:** When was the last time you logged into the TCA website or have you ever logged in? If you haven't done so you have missed a lot of valuable information about your association. Take a few minutes and go to [traincollectors.org](http://traincollectors.org) and take the tour. Some areas are password protected and you will need to set-up your own personal password; the instructions are very simple. Here are just a few features you can review: 2010- 2011 TCA Annual Appeal the need and objective. If every one of our 500 or so Ozark Division members contributed \$30 ("***I've Got TCA Spirit***") level the Association would be well on its way to the \$50,000 objective. Your donation is tax deductible and you will receive a tax letter. You can also view 2011 National Convention information including all tours. If you are planning on attending register early as some of the tours will sell out early – don't be disappointed. Did you know that you can pay your membership on-line? The Association would only accept the TCA *Visa* Card offered by Bank of America; now any valid *Visa* or *MasterCard* will be accepted for on-line renewal by going to

<http://tcamembers.org/membersonly/membershiprenewal.php>. You can view TCA Net Vision on You Tube by going to <http://www.youtube.com/user/TCANetvision>.

The Ozark Division has a web-site [www.ozarkdivision-tca.org](http://www.ozarkdivision-tca.org). Right now it looks a little skimpy but we are adding content all the time with Newsletters and show announcements. I hope you will take a look.

**2010 Convention Car Up-Date:** Lionel has experienced significant delivery problems with a major production partner that have impacted several TCA efforts. Here is the latest status:

S Gauge Carlings refrigerator car – Shipped from China late December – early March delivery is planned.

O Gauge Hot metal Car – Shipped from China at the end of January – late March delivery is planned.

Kids Club Aquarium car – Scheduled to ship from China in mid April – June delivery is planned.

**TCA Annual Appeal:** You can examine the need and objective of the fourth appeal and the membership challenge to raise \$50,000; an anonymous member will donate an additional \$5,000. The appeal details are included.

**Ozark Division Fund Raising:** As the 2013 TCA National Convention draws nearer the Ozark Division will find itself asking its members to participate in fund raising. Plans are well under way to offer a very limited quantity O Gauge car. The car will be a TOFC with a trailer. The final decoration decision will be made shortly.

**Welcome Aboard:** The following individuals residing within the boundaries of the Ozark Division have made application for membership to the TCA:

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**News from National:** The following individuals residing within the boundaries of the Ozark Division have their membership reinstated:

93-37998 Linton Bayless  
07-61850 Harry L. Osborn

07-61837 Carlton L. Briggs  
99-48944 Tom W. Porter

80-15683 Timothy Racz  
09-64316 David Wagner

02-54005 David A. Shapiro

**Future Events:** Listed below are some dates for Ozark Division happenings.

September 18, 2011  
The Pointe  
1 Ballwin Commons Dr.  
Ballwin, MO

**Kids Club:** Have you signed up your kids or grandkids? Its free and it is a great way to perpetuate the association. Go to [tacmembers.org](http://tacmembers.org) and click on Kids Club banner and take the tour of the Club. Just click on “Join Now” on the Kids Club home page to complete the membership application.

**“Little Rock Express Tour”:** Union Pacific’s steam team has set the overnight and display locations for “*The Little Rock Express*” part of the Union Pacific’s Great Excursion Adventure – “You Route the Steam Contest”. More than 175,000 votes were cast for four different routes, with the “Little Rock Express” defeating the “Tuscola Turn”, “Baton Rouge Rambler” and “Boise Express”.

Contest participants who votes for the “Little Rock Express” had their names entered into a drawing for the opportunity to ride a brief segment of the tour. As stated in the contest rules, no tickets will be sold and general public train rides will not be available as part of the tour. The Grand Prize winner of the contest was Shad D. Pulley of West Jordan, UT and received the title of “*Honorary Engineer*” for a portion of the tour.

Union Pacific’s legendary steam locomotive 844 will be pulling “*The Little Rock Express*” instead of the previously announced locomotive 3985. No. 844 will depart Cheyenne, its home base, May 27 making overnight stops in: North Platte, Neb.; Marysville and Coffeyville, Kan.; Kansas City, Jefferson City, St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Bald Knob, North Little Rock and Van Buren, Ark.; and Omaha, Neb. The locomotive will be on public display for at least one day at: Kansas City, Jefferson City, St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Bald Knob and North Little Rock, Ark.; and Omaha, Neb.

A detailed “*Little Rock Express Tour*” schedule that will include the dates, times and locations the tour will be in various cities, along with cities where the “*Little Rock Express*” will make whistle stops, will be available April 27. Fans can keep up with the latest “*Little Rock Express*” information via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/unionpacific](http://www.facebook.com/unionpacific) or Twitter at [www.twitter.com/unionpacific](http://www.twitter.com/unionpacific).

That’s about all for now.

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