

LIONEL COLLECTORS CLUB of AMERICA

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Lionel Train Collectors Holds Annual Convention At Scranton Hilton and Radisson Hotels July 21-26, 2025

Scranton, Pa. – The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) National Convention will celebrate its 55th Anniversary in Scranton, Pennsylvania in 2025. The model train collectors will headquarter their event at the Scranton Hilton Hotel and visit toy and real train-related attractions at Steamtown National Historic Site and other train-related attractions in Pennsylvania during mid-July.

Hundreds of collectors, spouses, children and fans of the iconic Lionel model electric train brand are expected for the club's gathering in Scranton.

The event will include model train layouts, seminars on all things model railroading, and presentations by executives of the famous Lionel company which will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. 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 Lackawanna Radisson Hotel on Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26. The event will be open to registered members only on Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and open free to the public on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The LCCA and Lionel are extending an invitation to the general public to attend the club's national convention on Saturday, July 26 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and visit the model train show being held at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in Scranton. Club President Mark Kempfer stated, "We encourage the train-loving public to come to the convention on Saturday and see modular train layouts running, attend the model train show/swap meet and meet people from the LCCA and Lionel Trains. It will be a very special opportunity for train fans, and it is all free to the public. Bring the whole family."

There is parking adjacent to the hotel for the Saturday event at the Radisson Hotel which can be reached by trains running to and from Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton.

The convention will also include tours of area rail attractions during the week. LCCA members will have the opportunity to visit Steamtown attractions, and ride several excursion trains.

"We will be offering to 'share the fun' of the convention with members of all ages and will include a unique modular O gauge train layout from LCCA FasTrack[®] Modular Railroad club members from across the country," said LCCA President Mark Kempfer. The modular layout

will be available for public viewing Wednesday, July 23, at 9 a.m. through Saturday, July 26, at 3 p.m.

Convention registration information is available on the club's website Lionelcollectors.org and in the LCCA magazine, *The Lion Roars*. You may also join and register during the convention at the Scranton Hilton Hotel registration desk.

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Lionel Collectors Club of America

The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) was founded in the Midwest 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 members nationwide and around the world 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.