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**On the cover:** The *Odyssey* is the ship TCA members and their guests will take up and down the Boston Harbor and waterfront—an opportunity to relive important national history and see beautiful current shoreline vistas all at once. Come cruise with us on Thursday evening, June 28!

Also featured is the Kid's Club Tour, which will be enjoyable for all ages! We will tour the Mystic Seaport and Mystic Aquarium on Thursday, June 28. See National Historic Landmark watercraft, tour a 19th-century village setup, and then discover the beauty and mystery of underwater worlds housing a variety of exotic marine animals.

		**64th TCA National Convention**		
		*to be held in Warwick, Rhode Island,*		
		*this year—from June 23 to July 1!*		



Hello Fellow Members!

I find it a bit difficult to write to you this time around as it will be my final letter to you in this publication. In June, I will step down and you will have a new President take over this job for the following year. Rupert Campbell, who is now President-Elect, will become President for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. I am completely confident in his ability to carry on where I leave off.

It has been a very active and productive year for us at National. We have had numerous tasks to conquer and problems that unexpectedly arose—and we have succeeded in overcoming all of them. I am sure that you are already aware of many of them. As the year went on, I informed you of various successes as they were occurring. Also, if you have read the minutes of all the BOD meetings that took place, you are up to date on what has happened as we ventured through the past weeks and months.

As I leave, I know that TCA is very stable financially. We have investments that can do nothing but grow as we continue to develop as an organization. I also know in leaving that we are fortunate to have a staff at the National Business Office that works like a fine-tuned clock to keep our Museum, Library and office up-to-date and organized.

I have really enjoyed my year at the helm and I did the best job that I could for you, the members. However, I will not go away, as I will continue to do what I can to help our club grow and prosper. Together we will keep this organization the best toy train organization in the world.

Our membership numbers for the past year have been pretty stable, as the more noticeable drop from a few years ago has slowed. We are hopeful that these numbers can turn around even further based on incentivized membership programs currently in development.

A new membership drive you may find exciting is in the planning stage, and hopefully will be in place by the fall of 2018. It is called “Win Big” (as in “Big Boys”), and there will be large prizes awarded to the Divisions, Chapters, and individual members who recruit the most new members. This incentive-based campaign will be the beginning of a new start for the TCA Chapters and Divisions, and everyone in TCA. It signals the launch of a positive outlook for the years ahead, and can help turn the TCA membership in a positive direction.

I would like to give my thanks on behalf of the entire membership to all of the volunteers who donate their time to help better the TCA, whether it is at local chapters or divisions or at our National level. Thanks to all of the volunteers at our national headquarters who make it possible to have the greatest toy train museum and library on the planet. I would like to also mention again that you can do your part for TCA by offering a little of your time to your local chapter, division or at our headquarters. Please—if you will volunteer to do what you are capable of, the local directors and officers will not turn you down.

And as always, all my best to you and for you!

Joe Fanara

*National President has not been the only “TCA hat” Joe has worn for the past year. Joe has simultaneously served as Co-Chair of TCA’s 2018 National Convention, coming up this June in Warwick, Rhode Island! This following the usual terms as National Vice President and National President-Elect, while also spending time as President of the NETCA Division! Thanks, Joe! We wish you all the best—and hopefully some REST—in your future endeavors!*





# TCA's Strasburg Spotlight

**National Business Office Hours:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.  
When contacting the National Business Office for any reason, please have your TCA number handy for quicker reference in our database.

**Reference Library Hours:** Please call ahead to confirm before visiting (717-687-8976, ext. 108).

**Current Dues Structure:** \$50 for yearly membership; \$2 for family member cards; \$20 for First Class to mail your *National Headquarters News* in an envelope.

**Remember TCA is one of the Charities you can select when making purchases on Amazon. Every little bit helps!**



## TCA NATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

“Thanks” to all who made their voices heard by voting in TCA’s 2018 National Election—especially those who threw their hats in the ring as candidates. The process can't work without the participation of voters and candidates!

### President-Elect

Peter Atonna.....	3748
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### Vice President

E. James "Jim" Potts.....	1936
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### Treasurer

J. Richard "Rick" McKenny.....	3782
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### Secretary

Christie M. Wilson.....	3787
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## In Memory Of



*Here, we pay our respects to TCA members who have recently passed away. If you know of the passing of a member who hasn't been listed, please let us know so we can update our records and inform their fellow TCA members.*

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## CONVENTION CAR COMMITTEE



### Let's Get Ready to ... **SAVE**

The Convention Car suite will soon be announced for TCA's 2019 convention to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. By the time the next issue of the *National Headquarters News* comes out in September, the early/advance ordering discount period will already be over. What? You want to take advantage of the discount for ordering your cars early? Don't worry, you can, but it's up to you to make that option available for yourself. To get the early buy discount, order online in July or August. Just remember, you need your TCA User ID and Password to access the online store where the discount will be applied. If you don't know your User ID or Password, go to the March 2018 issue of the *Newsletter* to see the instructions on how to get your access info.

Don't worry, we will remind you when the Convention Cars are ready for early-buy-discount ordering; the TCA will send you an email. But that's only if you've provided TCA with your email address. If you haven't provided the National Business Office with your email address, there's no way they can notify you that it's time to save money. *Note: If you're already receiving our TCA eBlasts ("On Track with TCA"), we already have your email on file and you do not need to do anything further.*

To recap, to get the early buy discount on your 2019 TCA Convention cars, make sure you've done these two things. While they're related items, they are two distinct and separate steps:

- Provide the NBO with your email address so they can send you the eblast email announcement
- Activate your TCA ID and TCA Password for member-only access to our website

If you don't have an email address but you ordered any of last year's cars, we'll mail you a reminder.

While we're talking about 2019 Convention Cars, we've taken some steps to accelerate the delivery time of many of the offerings—everything from producing more of the cars in the USA to pre-ordering a fixed quantity of cars to allow the manufacturing timeline to mesh with our desired delivery dates. Getting these better delivery dates requires you, our members, to order as soon as the cars are announced. Some items won't be produced in unlimited quantities and thus won't be available for last-minute ordering at the deadline, but instead will be first come, first served.

*Members often wonder about the delivery schedule of convention cars from recent years. Below are tables covering the most recent years of TCA's special car offerings!*

### 2016 Convention Car Suite ▲ Houston, TX ▲ Lone Star Division

2016 Lionel by MTH Tinplate O Gauge Santa Fe Map Reefer	Delivered in March 2018
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### 2017 Convention Car Suite ▲ Pittsburgh, PA ▲ Fort Pitt Division

2017 MTH O Scale TOFC with PPG Trailer (Norfolk Southern & CSX)	Scheduled for June 2018
2017 MTH O27 Flatcar with Jeep Crate Load (Pennsylvania & B&O)	Scheduled for May 2018
2017 American Flyer by Lionel S Gauge P&LE Flatcar with Jeep Load (16001 & 16002)	Delivered late November 2017
2017 S Gauge Harmony Creamery Woodside Reefer	Scheduled for July 2018
2017 Lionel by MTH Standard Gauge Heinz Pickle Cars (Yellow/Green & Tuscan)	Delivered May 2017

### Additional TCA-Related Cars

2018 Lionel O Gauge Heinz Pickle Refrigerator Line Box Car	Scheduled for June 2018
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The study of Lionel couplers is an essential tool for understanding and dating Lionel production. Between 1923 and 1942, Lionel probably manufactured tens of millions of parts. Among the most important were couplers. Couplers had to be easy to use and not cause operating problems. Low-cost manufacturing was very important to the bottom line.

Lionel's introduction of the latch coupler in 1923 was a major innovation. As with most major innovations, significant changes soon occurred in 1925 and 1928. The final version was sold with trains through 1942.

In 1935, Lionel introduced the box coupler, intended as a more realistic coupler. Changes were made in 1940 and again in 1941.

Left, Type 1 latch coupler with no spring, 1923-25. Right, Type 1s (slot) latch coupler with no spring, 1923-25 with an added slot for cars with hook couplers. The slot was added so that cars with hook couplers could couple with the new latch couplers. The Type 1 coupler without slot has three pieces to assemble.



Coupler without spring



Slot for hook coupler

The Type 1 coupler was prone to unwanted uncoupling. Lionel engineers soon developed a solution to the unwanted uncoupling but at a significant cost increase. The new version also had reliability problems.

Left, Type 2 latch coupler, 1925-27 with arrow pointing to the brass spring retainer. Right, Type 2s (slot) latch coupler with brass spring retainer and arrow pointing to added slot for a hook coupler. Type 2 had five parts to assemble, and the brass spring retainer was easily damaged by rough handling. Lionel engineers soon developed a solution.



Brass spring retainer



Slot for hook coupler

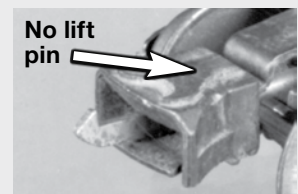
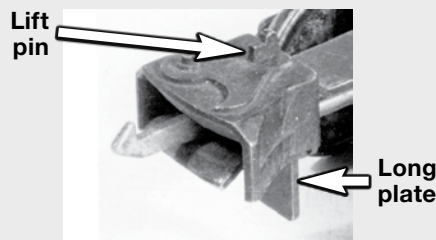
Left, Type 3 latch coupler, 1928-42 with notch in rivet to retain spring. Right, Type 3s (slot) latch coupler, 1928-32 with notch in rivet to retain spring and slot for hook coupler. This improvement had four parts to assemble and was resistant to damage from rough handling.



Notch to retain spring



Slot for hook coupler



Growing interest in realism and a strong interest in remote coupler operation led Lionel engineers to develop the box coupler. Box couplers were readily fitted for remote coupler operation. Box couplers were also compatible with latch couplers. Left, Type 1 box coupler, 1935-39 with two top ridges. Center, Type 2 box coupler, 1940, with simulated lift pin and long vertical plate. Right, Type 3 box coupler, 1941-42, without a simulated lift pin and short plate or no plate. All were made in both manual and electrically operated versions.

## Les Trains—Jouets de France

The National Toy Train Library has catalogs, books, and other information written in various languages, such as French. In our European Manufacturers files, we have catalogs of French manufacturers, such as JEP and Jouef. Other examples include a 1913–1914 *Jouets Märklin* catalog and a 1931–1932 *Trains Hornby* catalog.

# NATIONAL TOY TRAIN LIBRARY NEWS



A number of the French books in our collection were written by Clive Lamming, a French railroad historian and author.

Examples of titles in the library's collection include:

- *Encyclopedie du Train-Jouet Français*
- *Hornby: Les Trains Français en O et HO*
- *JEP 1902-1964: Les Plus Beaux Trains-Jouets de France*
- *Objets du Train à Collectionner*
- *Trains-Jouets de Collection*

Along with being a prolific writer, Clive has also been involved in the world of motion pictures, serving as a technical consultant for the movie *Hugo*, which takes place in a Paris train station.

Find these resources and more at the National Toy Train Library.



## BOOKPLATE CLUB

We are inviting all members to remember the Bookplate Club when making up their gift lists for holidays and special occasions throughout the year. This is a very special way to honor someone while helping TCA build its reference library at the same time. You may donate funds towards the purchase of one or two books (or more) in honor of someone special for addition to the library's collection. A bookplate will be permanently placed in the book(s), and an acknowledgement card will be sent to the recipient notifying them of your thoughtful gift. You will also receive a letter acknowledging your donation. All book titles will be selected by the library. Please contact Lori Nyce, TCA Librarian, if you are interested in learning more about the Bookplate Club.

## NEW BOOK

We have a new addition to the reference library. Bruce Greenberg donated a copy of his recently published book, *Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Trains O Gauge, Volume 1: 1915–1928*. It has been added to the library's collection of Greenberg's guides. On your next visit to the library, don't forget to check out this new book. Thank you, Bruce!

*Lori Nyce is our National Toy Train Librarian. To contact her for research purposes, please use:*

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" per b/w 11" x 17" page:	\$0.50	\$0.50	<i>Plus mailing</i>
" per color letter or legal size page:	\$0.50	\$0.50	<i>Plus mailing</i>
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Division Name	Meet Dates	Times	Locations	Cities
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> John Gardberg, Show Coordin. 303-364-0274 jdgardberg@comcast.net	July 28–29, 2018 November 24–25, 2018 March 2–3, 2019		Forney Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd Ranch Events Complex, Larimer Cty Fairgrounds The Denver Mart, 451 E. 58th Ave.	Denver, CO Loveland, CO Denver, CO
<b>Southeastern</b> William A. Allen III, Secretary 919-349-6566 will@allenheuer.com	December 1 & 2, 2018	9:00 AM	NC State Fairgrounds	Raleigh, NC
<b>Southern</b> Michael Powell, Treasurer 585-781-4996 MBPowell@aol.com	September 15, 2018 November 17, 2018	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Lake Nona Middle School 13700 Narcoossee Rd Morocco Shrine Auditorium	Orlando, FL Jacksonville, FL
<b>Western</b> Steve Eastman, President 714-970-0898 gigeastman@hotmail.com	May 19, 2018 July 28, 2018 August 25, 2018 September 22, 2018	All meets start at 10:00 AM	Church of Good Shepherd—400 W Duarte Rd Arcadia Senior Center—405 S Santa Anita Ave Arcadia Senior Center—405 S Santa Anita Ave Arcadia Senior Center—405 S Santa Anita Ave	Arcadia, CA Arcadia, CA Arcadia, CA Arcadia, CA

# CALENDAR OF MEETS—CHAPTERS

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<b>Bluegrass</b> Harry Overtom, Meet Chairman 859-619-7730 h3409o@gmail.com	<i>None listed; Contact Chapter Meet Chairman for details</i>			
<b>Casey Jones</b> Len Burke, Secretary 901-490-2438 caseyjoneschaptertca@gmail.com	June 2, 2018 October 6, 2018 December 1, 2018	All meets start at 9:00 AM	All listed meets held at: St. George's Episcopal Church 2425 S. Germantown Road	Germantown, TN (Zip: 38138)
<b>Central Indiana</b> Bob Pasztor, Meet Chairman 317-804-5201 k_pasztor@hotmail.com	November 3, 2018 November 24–25, 2018	9AM TCA SAT: 9:30–4 SUN: 10–3	Indep. Nazarene Church, 5152 Hornet Dr. Lake County Fairgrounds, 889 S. Court St.	Beech Grove, IN Crown Point, IN
<b>Central Missouri</b> Charles Madinger, Secretary 636-745-9463 cmadinger@centurytel.net	<i>None listed; Contact Chapter Secretary for more details</i>			
<b>Central Texas</b>	see website for more info: <a href="http://tca-centraltexaschapter.org/">http://tca-centraltexaschapter.org/</a>			
<b>Detroit-Toledo</b>	<i>none listed</i>			
<b>Gulf Coast</b> Carl Olson, President 281-277-7630 carlolson23@comcast.net	<i>None listed; Contact Chapter President for more details</i>			
<b>Gulf Wind</b> Jack Grill, President 850-994-7226 mp748point31@bellsouth.net	<i>None listed; Contact Chapter President for more details</i>			
<b>Heart of America</b> Mike Bartley, Secretary/Treasurer 913-541-8831; mikebartley54@hotmail.com	<i>Please refer to our website (<a href="http://www.tcahoa.org">www.tcahoa.org</a>) for complete information about TCA HOA Chapter Activities</i>			
<b>Lake Erie</b> John Twarog, Secretary 330-273-6404 tcalakeerie@gmail.com	May 5, 2018 November 24, 2018	All meets listed run 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM	All meets held at UAW Hall (Parma) 5615 Chevrolet Blvd.	Cleveland, OH (Zip: 44130)
<b>Louisiana</b> Sheila Osburn, Secretary 985-626-1768 anderburn@aol.com	November 3, 2018	All meets listed run 9AM – 3PM	First Baptist Church Gymnasium 325 East Pine Street	Ponchatoula, LA
<b>Magic Valley</b> Rick Nelson, Meet Coordinator 256-771-1672 rnelson898@aol.com	October 27, 2018	9AM–3PM	Jaycees Building 2180 Airport Road SW	Huntsville, AL (Zip: 35801)
<b>Music City</b> Vic Petrone, Treasurer 615-646-2232 petrone.v@comcast.net	December 8, 2018	9:00 AM	Tennessee State Fairgrounds Creative Arts Building	Nashville, TN



Chapter Name	Meet Dates	Times	Locations	Cities
<b>North Texas</b> Brian Jensen, President 972-414-1340 bjensentx@tx.rr.com	August 12, 2018 September 8, 2018 October 28, 2018 November 23-25, 2018	2pm–4pm 9am–4pm 2pm–4pm	Home layout: Mike Walter Lone Star Division meet Home layout: Howard Kimpel Children's Layouts: Home for the Holidays Festival	Fort Worth, TX McKinney, TX Frisco, TX McKinney, TX
<b>Northern New England</b> Ed Martin, Show Manager 603-362-4300 efmenter@aol.com	November 3, 2018	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	All meets listed Dover Lodge of Elks #184 282 Durham Road	Dover, NH (Zip: 03820)
<b>Ohio River</b> Bob Wilmesherr, President 513-910-0829 bobwilmesherr@att.net	September 29, 2018 November 10, 2018 December 8, 2018 February 2, 2019	All listed meets held at 9:00 am	All listed meets held at American Legion Hall 11100 Winton Road	Cincinnati, OH (Greenhills) Zip: 45218
<b>Palmetto</b> Mitch Ayer, Director 803-438-2087 mitch.tca@gmail.com	<i>None listed; contact Chapter Director for more information</i>			
<b>Portland</b> Peter Schuytema, President 503-363-5831 pschuytema@comcast.net	Meets held on third Sunday of every month	All meets start at 9:00 AM	All meets held at: Aloha Mall Basement at the corner of Tualatin Valley Hwy & SW 185th Avenue	Aloha, OR (Portland area)
<b>Rio Grande</b> Greg Palmer, President 505-898-3840 mechele@nmia.com	September 15, 2018 October 28, 2018	9:00 AM swap; 10:00 AM mtg. 10:00 AM–4:00 PM	Los Altos Christian Church; 11900 Haines NE <b>Pumpkin Meet Toy Train Show</b> Sheraton Uptown Hotel: 2600 Louisiana N.E.	Albuquerque, NM Albuquerque, NM
<b>Sacramento-Sierra</b> Bryan Stanton, President 916-838-0095 brsta@comcast.net	<b>47th Annual Sac Sierra TCA Train Show</b> May 26, 2018	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	<b>Scottish Rite Masonic Center</b> ; 6151 H Street Admission \$5; 12 & under free! 160 tables, free parking, operating layouts, food, and more! Free Train Set drawing for 17 & under	Sacramento, CA 95819
<b>Seattle</b> Glenn Raymond, President 253-333-6776/253-576-7688 trainbrane@comcast.net	Meets held at 9:00 AM on second Sunday of each month—No meets in March, June, July, and October of 2018		All meets held at Lake City Community Center 12531 28th Avenue Northeast	Seattle, WA (Zip: 98125)
<b>Southern New England</b> Dean Johnson, Treasurer/Meets 401-222-9708 train@atlantic.net	September 15, 2018	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Pilgrim High School, 111 Pilgrim Parkway	Warwick, RI
<b>Terminus</b> Rick Hemer, Treasurer 678-432-7853 lrhemer@bellsouth.net	September 22, 2018 December 1, 2018	All meets listed are held 9 AM – 2 PM	All meets listed held at: VFW Post 5408 4764 Cobb Parkway NW	Acworth, GA
<b>Three Rivers</b>	<i>None Provided—Contact Great Lakes Division Secretary for details</i>			
<b>Tidewater</b> Ned Harris, Vice President 757-482-1581 TrainNed@msn.com	<i>None listed; Contact Chapter Vice President for details</i>			
<b>Treasure Valley</b> Phil Myers, Secretary 208-939-8077 jpmymersmsmyers@q.com	<i>None listed; Contact Chapter Secretary for details</i>			
<b>Upstate New York</b> Chuck Janiga, President 716-390-8216 usnyc2015@gmail.com	September 16, 2018 December 2, 2018 January 6, 2019 February 23, 2019	9:00 AM TCA; 9:30 AM–2:30 PM public	American Legion Post 567; 3740 N Buffalo Rd American Legion Post 787; 5575 Legionnaire Dr Ismailia Shrine; 1600 Southwestern Blvd Edgerton Community Ctr; 41 Backus St	Orchard Park, NY Cicero, NY West Seneca, NY Rochester, NY
<b>Volunteer State</b> John Carden, Secretary 423-899-0051 jbcarden003@gmail.com	August 11, 2018	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Catoosa Colonnade, Old Mill Road (co-hosted with Dixie Division)	Ringgold, GA
<b>WB&amp;A</b> Nada Boswell, Secretary 571-445-3662 wba.boswell@gmail.com	October 6, 2018 February 24, 2019	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Vienna Fire Dept; 400 Center Street SE Annapolis Elks Lodge; 2 Pythian Drive	Vienna, VA Edgewater, MD
<b>Western Michigan</b> Leo M. Deuster, Secretary 231-740-5240 kaydeuster@msn.com	May 5, 2018 June 2, 2018 September 8, 2018 October 6, 2018	All meets held at 10:00 AM	Post 45 American Legion Faith Lutheran Church <b>TBA</b> Faith Lutheran Church	Hastings, MI Grand Rapids, MI <b>TBA</b> Grand Rapids, MI

## Nor-Cal Division Tribute to Warren Heid 60-433

Warren Heid (60-433) passed away on Friday, February 9, 2018, after reaching 94 years of age on January 31. Warren was President of Nor-Cal Division in the mid-1980s, and enjoyed serving on the TCA National Board of Directors. Professionally, he was an architect who graduated from UC Berkeley and had met Frank Lloyd Wright in one of his classes. He was proud to have contributed to the design of the Santa Clara County Courthouse and sat in on many council meetings for years. He always had plans to retire, but there was always one more thing to do at the office. Finally, he was confined to bed at home for the last few years of his life. He and his wife Sheila enjoyed hosting events every year at their home before each Spring Nor-Cal Cal Stewart Meet, and many national officers would attend. Bill Kotek, John Parker, Lou Redman, Nick Ladd, and others in leadership came to socialize before the grand West Coast meet. Warren was the reason I got involved in TCA membership. He was always an encouragement to me and a worker, having been the *Nor-Cal Express* editor for several years during my term as Division President. The following are comments from other Nor-Cal members who remembered Warren.

*Mark Boyd (77-10940)*

This is a time not only to remember Warren but to celebrate and value the importance of each and every person we know through our hobby! None of us are getting any younger and it is the relationships with others that make this hobby what it is. Playing with toy trains in isolation is fun but meeting others and sharing our mutual passion and learning of the many other things we have in common with many other fellow train lovers is what gives great joy, satisfaction and warms our hearts.

*Keith Hezmalchal (11-66648)*

I recall Warren when I joined NORCAL TCA back in 1985. Bart Passero introduced me. But it was Warren who had a knowledge of trains that made me feel more at home with this collection. Plus, he sure had a super Standard collection.

*Richard Southon (85-22839)*



Warren will be missed by all of us who knew him.

*Bruce Lazarus (79-13896)*

I met Warren at my very first TCA meeting some 46 years ago. He gave me a warm welcome and we have shared greetings and stories ever since. I would like you to share my grief at losing him with his wife and son and my joyful remembrance of the good times we shared at the many train meets where we confessed to each other how much we looked forward to seeing one another again. He was nine years my senior.

*Ralf Parton (72-4280)*

When our home was destroyed in the 1991 Oakland Firestorm, one of the first calls Mary Ann and I received was from Warren Heid. At the time Warren was operating a very successful architectural firm in Saratoga, California. When Warren learned we intended to rebuild, he immediately offered the service of his firm at no cost. Warren then designed our home and had his staff supervise the rebuilding. As I write this email tonight, Mary Ann and I are sitting in our "new" home that would not have been possible without Warren's efforts and assistance. We will miss him.

*Bob (81-16938) and Mary Ann Nichelini*



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