

# LIONEL COLLECTORS CLUB of AMERICA

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## **Lionel Train Collectors Hold Annual Convention At Concord, N.C., Headquarters of Lionel L.L.C., July 23-29, 2023**

Concord, N.C. – The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) National Convention will celebrate its 53-year history in Concord, N.C. The model train collectors will headquarter their event at the Embassy Suites Hotel and visit toy and real train-related attractions and other attractions in and around Concord, including tours of Lionel, L.L.C. headquarters in Concord.

Nearly 800 collectors, spouses, children and fans of the iconic Lionel model electric train brand are expected for the club's gathering in Concord. The 2023 event promises to be a big treat for LCCA members who collect and run Lionel model trains.

The event will include presentations by executives of Lionel, and no model railroad convention would be complete without a buy/sell meet. The LCCA will hold a two-day train show /sale in the convention hotel on Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29. The event will be open to members only on Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and open to the general public on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The convention will also include tours of area rail attractions during the week. LCCA members will have the opportunity to ride the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Excursion train.

Each year the club offers unique O gauge convention cars at the convention. These cars are made exclusively in limited quantities by Lionel for attending club members and include graphics relating to railroads and iconic attractions in the convention area.

“We look forward to sharing the fun of the convention with members of all ages including a unique model O gauge train layout from the LCCA FasTrack® Modular Railroad club members from across the country,” said LCCA President and CEO Sal Gambino. The modular layout will be available for public viewing at the Embassy Suites Concord from 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 26 through 3 p.m. Saturday, July 29.

Other model train club members can join the LCCA until July 1 and attend the convention with a special one-time rate of \$25 for a regular membership from July 1 until December 31, 2023. All additional standard convention registration fees will apply. Interested train collectors and operators can sign up for this special opportunity by calling the LCCA business office from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (CDT) at (815) 223-0115. You may also join and register during the convention at the convention registration desk at the Embassy Suites Hotel. This limited offer to join the LCCA and participate in the national convention will provide Concord area train enthusiasts with a regular LCCA membership for July through December, which will include:

- Two issues of the club magazine, The Lion Roars
- Access to the members-only areas of the club website
- Two issues of Interchange Track for buying and selling model trains
- Opportunity to purchase limited edition members-only custom Lionel merchandise
- Access to the LCCA website's Lionel digital archives featuring complete historic Lionel, American Flier and Ives catalogs in enhanced color dating back to 1900

To register for the 2023 LCCA 53<sup>rd</sup> annual national convention or get more details about all of the events and the club, visit [lionelcollectors.org](http://lionelcollectors.org). #LCCAConcord

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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.