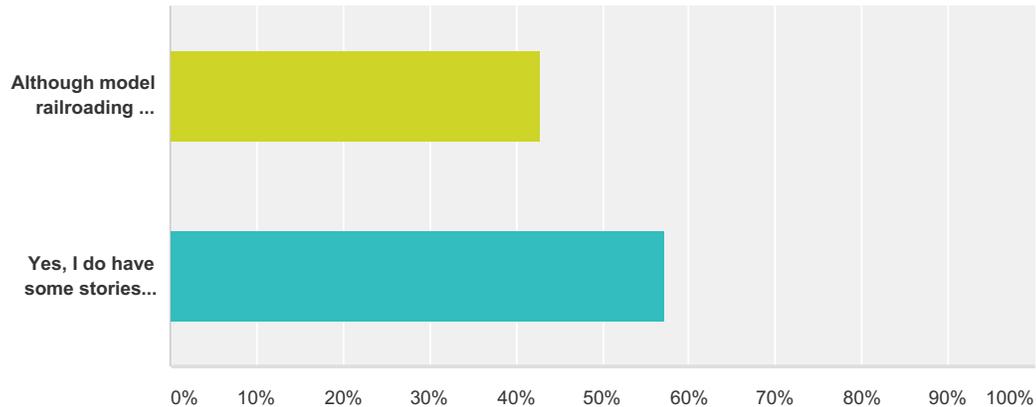


Q1 What experiences and memories of full-sized trains do you harbor? Humorous, serious, emotional or coldly rational, share your recollections with your fellow club members.

Answered: 7 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Although model railroading is certainly one of my hobbies, perhaps even my principal one, I've never interacted with the full-sized railroad industry and have absolutely no memories associated with it.	42.86% 3
Yes, I do have some stories about "the iron horse and I" and I'll share them below.	57.14% 4
Total	7

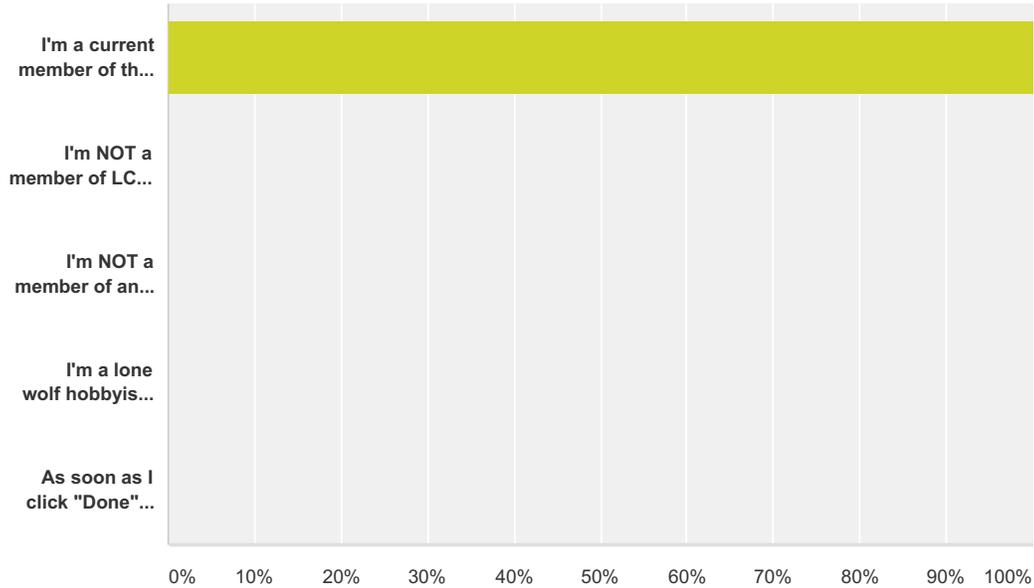
#	My "Iron Horse and I" story:	Date
1	My love of trains must have been pushed by an uncle who worked for the Pennsy for nearly 50 years. When I was @ 3 years old he took me to the round house and let me look at the "engines". The next time I was able to actually get in a loco. Next time the loco moved around the yard a little. And on and on. By the way, these were steam locos. This was @1937. Now to make it worse [or better] he had most of the prewar American Flyer 3/16 scale O gauge 3 rail trains. Mostly I got to watch them run but if I was good maybe I could run one. Remember that this was the end of the depression and trains were not available to many kids. And then WW II. Trains not really available to anyone. Then 1946 and I finally got my first train. Lionel 1400W with the grey 221 2-6-4 and three blue and silver passenger cars. Of course that train disappeared but I was able to find a duplicate several years ago. My uncle was a huge influence.	12/11/2015 7:50 PM
2	In 1961, when I was 5, my family took a cross country vacation trip on the train. The Pennsylvania to St. Louis, and the Santa Fe west to California (and Disneyland !). We drove a '61 Corvair to Disneyland (and yes Ralph, we survived). I remember seeing the warbonnet engines, but sure wish I could recall now if they were E's, F's, or PA's. That Christmas I received my first Lionel set, the SF warbonnet 218's. What a coincidence. Thanks Dad ! Also, back in the 80's, I rode the Nickle Plate 765 Berkshire on a one day excursion (and run-by photo shoot). What an awesome monster !	12/2/2015 7:27 PM

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3	<p>When I was about five or six, the long-defunct short line railroad that served my home town still used steam power. Thanks to some personal connections and the local, informal nature of the short line, my father arranged for him and me to ride with the crew on one of their overnight trips to the town at the other end of the line. We rode down in the cab of the steamer. The wet steam heat that constantly filled the cab and the rocking and rolling motion accompanied by a constant roar of noise created some vivid memories. The fireman invited me to pull the bell rope at one point and, fearful of breaking something, I gave it a gentle tug, whereupon he laughed, grabbed the rope, and gave it several mighty tugs, setting loose a clamor far louder than my timid effort had produced. I concluded that the rope was in no danger of breaking! I stayed awake long enough to eat breakfast with the crew in an all-night cafe at the far end of the line and rode back in the cupola of the caboose, where I fell fast asleep. Wish I'd been just a little bit older with a tad more stamina and a camera! I don't even know the wheel arrangement of the steamer--maybe a 2-8-0 Consolidation or something smaller, but it was huge in the eyes of a little kid.</p>	11/29/2015 2:51 PM
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Q2 Please let us know the nature of your train club affiliation. (This question allows multiple answers so that you can select Answer #5 regardless of your other selections.)

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
I'm a current member of the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA).	100.00% 8
I'm NOT a member of LCCA but I AM a member of one or more of the other national train clubs (such as TCA, TTOS, LOTS, etc.)	0.00% 0
I'm NOT a member of any national train club but I AM a member of an organized local club.	0.00% 0
I'm a lone wolf hobbyist and am not a member of any organized train club at all.	0.00% 0
As soon as I click "Done" at the end of this TRAIN TALK session and am automatically taken to the LCCA home page, I'm joining the club or renewing my membership today!	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 8	