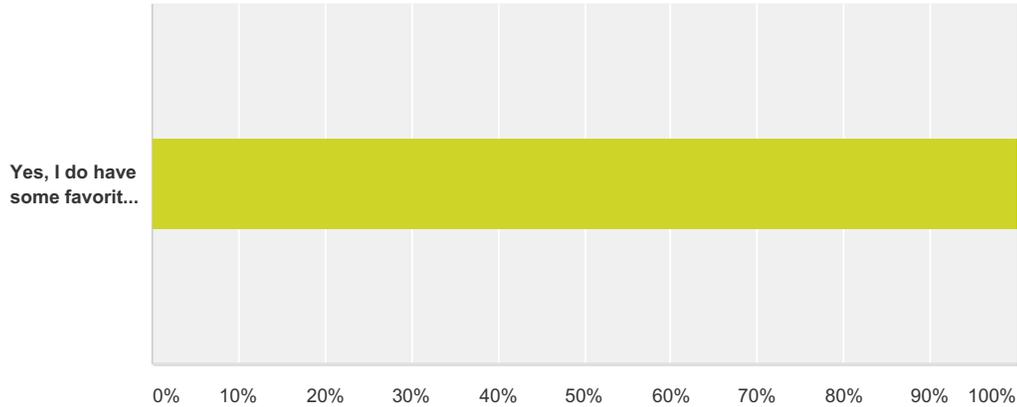


**Q1 What memories of trains (big or little) in movies do you harbor? Humorous, serious, emotional or coldly rational, share your favorite recollections with your fellow club members.**

Answered: 8 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, I do have some favorite recollections about trains in films or videos and I'll share them below.	100.00% 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

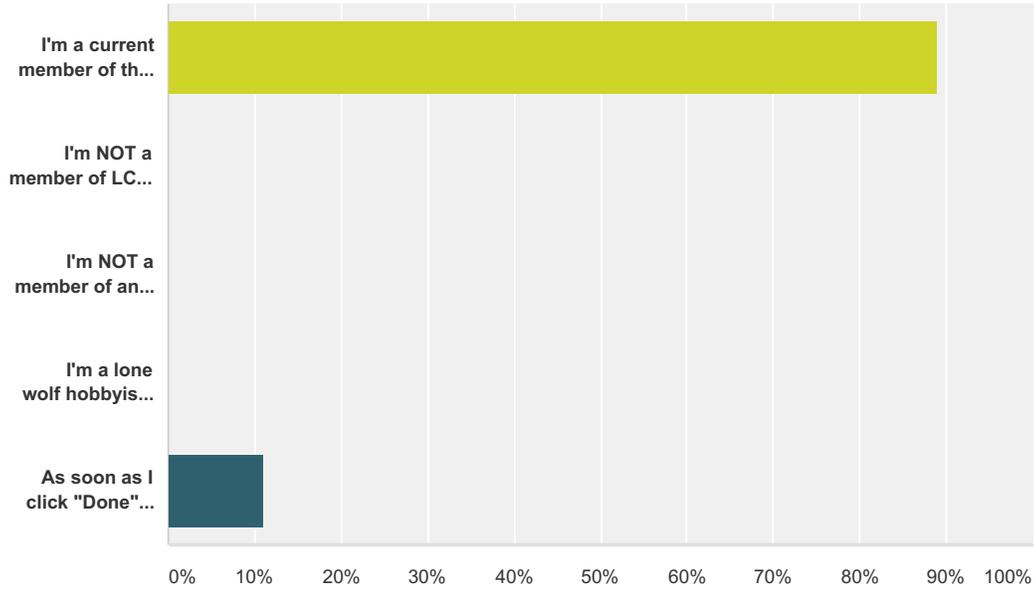
#	My thoughts of trains on the big (or little) screen:	Date
1	"The Station Agent," made about 2003, is a wonderful movie featuring a couple of folks who are misfits in society. Alienated from the "good life," they run into each other in a backwater, out of the way town and slowly form a bond along with a third irrepressible fellow who just won't give up on either of them. Sadness, frustration, disappointment and comedy run throughout the movie, and the viewer, along with the protagonists, ends up feeling pretty good at the end. So what does this have to do with trains? One of our misfits repaired Lionel trains at a hobby shop until the owner's sudden death. In his will, the shop owner left his repairman a ramshackle depot way out in the middle of nowhere, and that depot becomes our friend's home and the centerpiece for all that follows. Active tracks still pass the station, though no trains stop there any longer, and the viewer is treated to several scenes of passing New Jersey Transit trains and a couple of Susquehanna engines. The presence of railroading, both model and full size, simply permeates this movie from start to finish. One might say that it's the atmosphere in which everything else transpires. I have an opinion of its symbolic purpose in the story line, but that may be a discussion for a different forum. Suffice it to say that viewers cannot escape the presence of the railroad in this movie even if they tried!	3/13/2016 10:37 PM
2	While not a "train movie" in the sense of this particular discussion, I have a DVD set that I'd really like to mention. Entitled 'Railroads: Tracks Across America', the two DVDs in the set hold a collection of 36 short films originally produced as public relations (read "advertising") creations by a variety of American railroad companies and by the Association of American Railroads touting the entire industry. Almost all of these films date from the mid-1900's, are monochromatic, and, obviously, predate the "high definition" era of twenty-first century film making. The true beauty and wonder of these films are that they are not some sort of modern dramatization, re-creation, or documentary but are the original "real things." Portrayed as "new, efficient and modern" are steam and early-generation Diesel locomotives, not to mention the massive GG-1 electrics of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Now-historic freight and passenger cars appear as stars of modernization, efficiency, and, in the case of passenger equipment, comfort. In no other video collection that I know of can one find such a comprehensive and beautifully-photographed variety of vintage locomotives and cars, especially in new, pristine condition.	2/16/2016 4:59 PM
3	Riding along on the Orient Express with 007 in "From Russia With Love". Favorite scene: Fight in the passenger compartment with Robert Shaw (Grant). James Bond saved by the attache case with all the great "spy necessities." Best Bond gadget ever!	2/7/2016 12:22 PM

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4	No specific movies, but I always enjoy seeing the wood-burners in the old cowboy westerns. Hearing the whistle, the train is always barreling down the track, and inevitability gets stopped by the robbers ! Also enjoy picking up some train DVD's and watching them on a lazy night.	1/31/2016 7:15 PM
5	Agatha Christie's "Miss Marple" and "Hercule Poirot" movies--and there are quite a few of each--usually include some very nice scenes of steam trains at work in the UK, particularly since our heroes and heroines almost always choose this modern (well, modern at the time in which these stories are set) mode of transportation. If you like seeing snippets of English steam trains and enjoy sleuths at work unraveling mysteries--and can figure out the English accents (where DID these people learn to pronounce English?)--I think you'll enjoy these movies, most of which originally appeared on PBS TV.	1/31/2016 6:16 PM
6	<p>I am happy you asked about this since the cold winter months give me plenty of time to renew my favorite Hollywood train moments. FIRST take your computer browser to the Internet movie database.. <a href="http://www.imdb.com">www.imdb.com</a> / it is easiest proceed from here. The Polar Express (2004). Suitable for all ages. I need not say more.. you can watch and dream over and over. <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0338348/?ref_=nv_sr_1">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0338348/?ref_=nv_sr_1</a> The Taking of Pelham 123 (1974). Very creepy bad guys steal a NYC subway train for ransom. Be sure to watch the original version since the remake was not nearly as interesting. <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0072251/?ref_=nv_sr_6">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0072251/?ref_=nv_sr_6</a> The Fugitive (1993). Harrison Ford is a good man who will do anything to escape. Watch the real locomotive train crash that had to be done in one take. <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0106977/?ref_=nv_sr_1">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0106977/?ref_=nv_sr_1</a> Silver Streak (1976). This is a comedy spoof that is probably politically incorrect today. Still the train wreck at the end makes an entertaining must watch. <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0075223/?ref_=nv_sr_1">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0075223/?ref_=nv_sr_1</a> Hitchcock loved train action genre and make at least THREE suspense movie titles on my list. The Lady Vanishes (1938) <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0030341/?ref_=nv_sr_2">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0030341/?ref_=nv_sr_2</a> Strangers on a Train (1951) <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0044079/?ref_=nv_sr_2">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0044079/?ref_=nv_sr_2</a> North By Northwest (1959) <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0053125/?ref_=nv_sr_1">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0053125/?ref_=nv_sr_1</a> Is the train scene intended to be on the Empire Builder? Let me just add.. these were all done by the master of suspense. Hitch movies still gives me "chills" and these could be too creepy intense for some. Bad day at Black Rock (1955 )Spencer Tracy arrival opening scene is really priceless. <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0047849/?ref_=nv_sr_1">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0047849/?ref_=nv_sr_1</a> Holiday Affair (1949) Never a hint of naughty, the boy and the lovely lady meet a fine guy for the holidays. Check out the Lionel train set the boy gets for Christmas. <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0041473/?ref_=nm_film_act_95">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0041473/?ref_=nm_film_act_95</a> The Train (1964). Explosive train war action. Maybe too boring unless you like WWII action ? <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0059825/?ref_=nv_sr_1">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0059825/?ref_=nv_sr_1</a> These are a few of my train favorites. Trains played a prominent role in silent films.. What made your list? Thank you.</p>	1/31/2016 6:14 PM
7	Having recently enjoyed the winter holiday season, my wife and I engaged in our annual viewing of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." While this film isn't generally considered a comedy, we always laugh at the brief clips of the Santa Fe and then the Southern Pacific whisking the guys and gals up the Atlantic seaboard from Florida to Vermont. Cyrus K. Holliday and the "big four" of Collis Huntington, Leland Stanford, Charles Crocker and Mark Hopkins would have been amazed at the reach of their respective railroads!	1/31/2016 6:04 PM

**Q2 Please let us know the nature of your train club affiliation. (This question allows multiple answers so that you can select the last one in addition to your other selections.)**

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
I'm a current member of the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA).	88.89% 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 find myself on the LCCA home page, I'm joining the club or renewing my membership today!	11.11% 1
<b>Total Respondents: 9</b>	