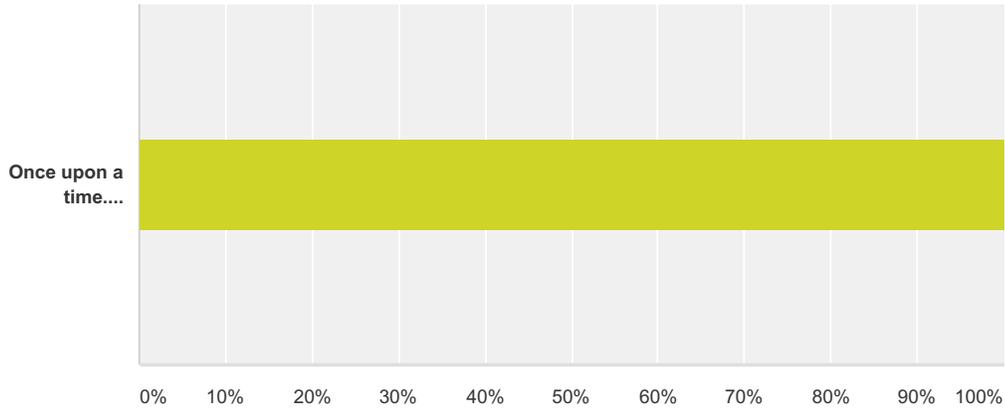


Q1 Okay, here we go.

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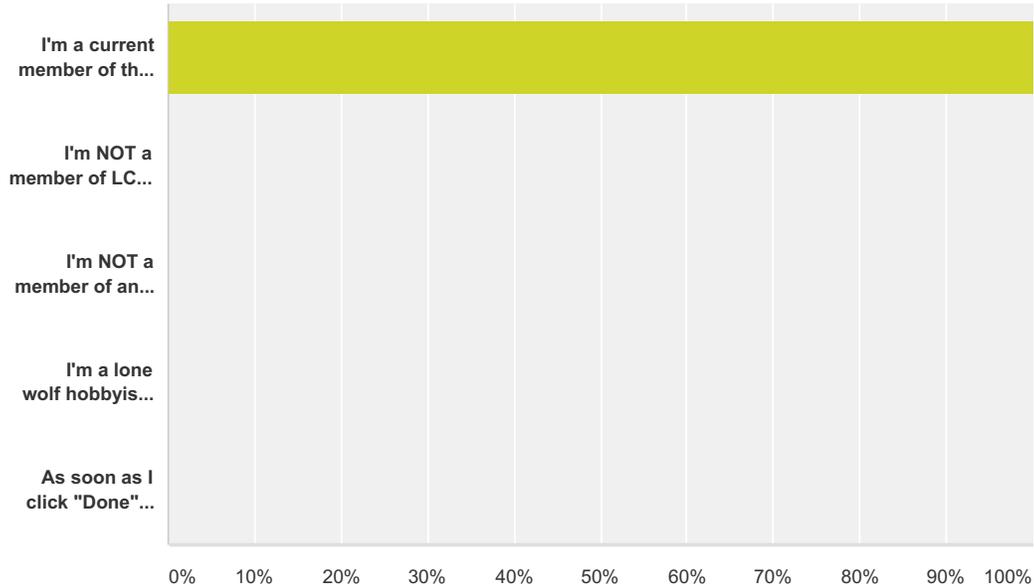


Answer Choices	Responses
Once upon a time....	100.00% 3
Total	3

#	My story::	Date
1	While not a single item "greatest find", I did get some of my nicest trains from Madison Hardware. I would contact them with my "wish lists" and they had just about everything in stock, and at fairly reasonable prices. I received many, many orders from them over the years. Whenever I was wanting something Lionel, I'd inquiry if they had it, and it wasn't long after that it was at my front door. I'm so glad I got it all then and have it all now. They truly were a "greatest find" source for Lionel !	5/31/2016 3:50 PM
2	One of my greatest finds came when I opened a gift from my wife on Christmas day in 1978. I had seen a pretty red porthole caboose lettered for the Southern Railroad in the Lionel catalog for that year and had put it on my wish list. My darling wife had gone to our local dealer, the late Bill Eddins, and had gotten me that #9287 red caboose--but she had gotten me something else there as well, something I did not even know existed. Under the Christmas gift wrap was a gorgeous green, white and gold bay window Southern caboose #9273. According to one of my later Greenberg Guides, "This mysterious caboose is not pictured in any Lionel flyers or brochures, and is listed only on two 1978-79 dealer order forms. The car was apparently planned to carry the number 9278 but this was changed before release." My amazed surprise upon opening that caboose was a delight to my wife, who often fretted that she could not really surprise me with a train item at Christmas. That fact alone made this one of my greatest finds.	5/26/2016 4:37 PM
3	My greatest find came about when my dying best friend gave me the Lionel Chessie Express set. He had known of my love of trains all of our lives. I was three months younger than he. This led to building a layout that I started @ 2004 when I was 70. I had not had a layout or run any trains since 1952. I had forgotten how much fun trains were/are.	5/4/2016 7:13 PM
4	I love to collect. Antique furniture, Americana and Lionel trains. The joy seems to be in the hunt.. once that piece is found I feel a bit deflated and I am ready to move on. There are items I would never think I would see but by word of mouth or a little bit a luck.. I have stumbled across some oddities. One of a kind things are there if you search or wait long enough. Now (much later in life) I have discovered the power in my collector friendships. The phone rings on a Saturday afternoon and it could be someone I thought I have lost touch with. Many collector items are passed by word of mouth. Don't forget the people element in building your large toy collection. I suggest the collector join the fray and learn always to be a good listener. Almost everyone I know is open to friendly inquiries. Either people think you are crazy to ask - or - maybe the newest LCCA member you recently befriended knows exactly the unique piece you are seeking out. My Greatest Find are my LCCA friendships that I have gently cultivated over the years. The people are the power that bring me my greatest joy. Go to the local meets and annual conventions and truly take time have fun. Bring a little joy to others. It takes a friend to be a friend. Thank you all my fellow LCCA enthusiasts. Seek and ye' may find along this terrific path we call life.	5/3/2016 12:49 PM
5	I purchased a small collection of Lionel and Marx trains and accessories from a "friend of a friend" for \$200. I later sold a Marx accessories BOX from the lot for \$100. The Buyer wasn't interested in the item. Those were the days.	5/1/2016 2:13 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 regardless of your other selections.)

Answered: 5 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
I'm a current member of the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA).	100.00% 5
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, I'm joining LCCA or renewing my membership today!	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 5	

#	Do you have some connection to or interest in the toy train hobby that is not included above? Let us know!	Date
1	Member of TCA and LOTS also. I also find the various train related forms very enjoyable.	5/4/2016 7:15 PM