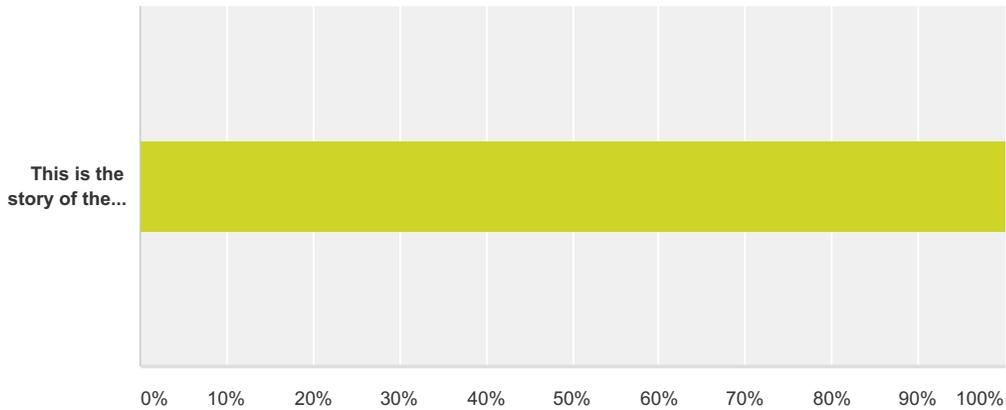


Q1 One hobbyist I knew left behind a collection of trains, and then....

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Answer Choices	Responses
This is the story of the fate of a great collection (and all collections are great regardless of size)	100.00% 4
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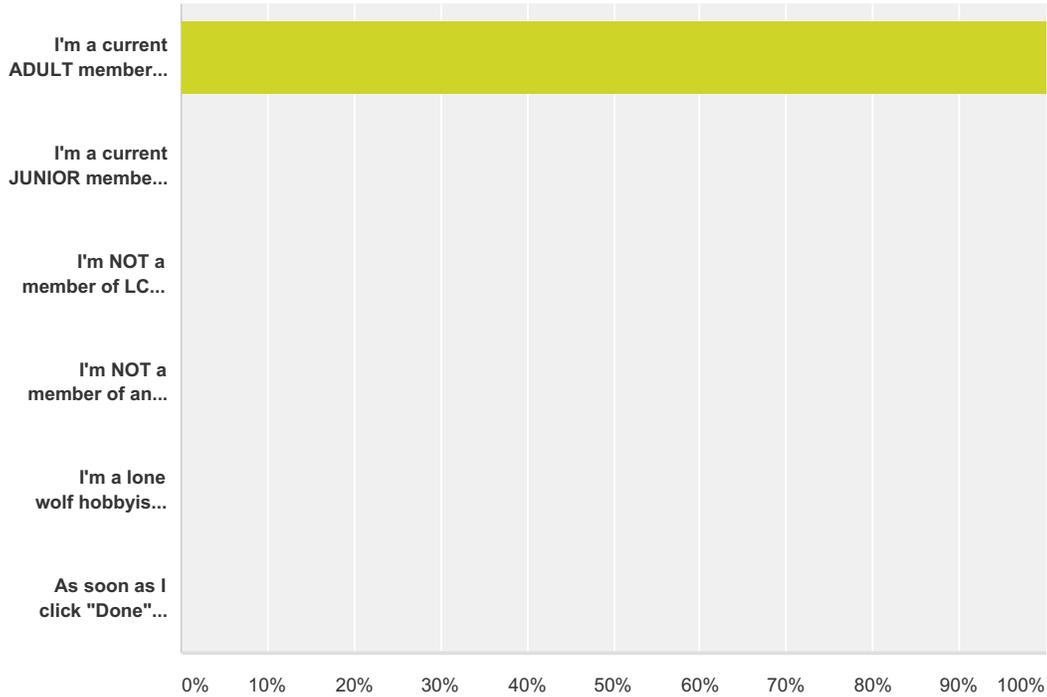
#	The story of a collection:	Date
1	No personal stories that I know of, but I think most collections do (or will) end up at the auctioneers, mine included, sad to say. As we collectors get older, many times there is no one in the remaining family that cares at all about trains. We poured our hearts and souls into our trains, but to the rest of the people, they're just old junk toys from the stone ages. Now some savvy (i.e. greedy) folks will recognize them as being worth some money and just want them to get rich off of, but that's a far cry from how we felt about them. Oh how lucky is the club member that has a family that really wants them when the time comes. If not, I'm thinking that the best thing for us to do is to sell them, convert them to cash while we're alive (but keep our favorites to run of course !), not have to worry about what will happen to them or where they'll go, and still have all the happy memories of our Lionel days gone by. I wish it wasn't like that, and as sad as it all sounds, unfortunately that seems to be the way the hobby is headed right now. Today's kid that wants trains is few and far between these days.	11/25/2016 4:50 PM

LCCA TRAIN TALK #37 "The Best Toy Train Club on the Planet"

2	<p>My generation was able to have imaginative and fun memories before the era of computer generated video games or 128 channels of always on demand television. My home town of Ft. Wayne, Indiana was a railroad town and as long as I can remember and I have always loved the trains. Any very lucky young fellow had a Lionel train set and I was allowed to enjoy my trackage loop in around the holiday tree during the abbreviated Christmas season which ended always after the New Year celebration. My youthful boyhood friend who lived down the street came from a well to do middle-class family and his father often gifted him with playful Lionel trackside accessories. I became determined that when I was my father's age.. I would certainly have the extra money and time to have the Lionel layout I had so-often dreamed about. Early in 1960 my father's career moved us to a new home in Cincinnati, Ohio. Cincinnati was a great railroad town with excellent rail transit history which became my residence until after I graduated from college in 1976. Cincinnati was also the host city for the LCCA annual meet in 1977 with a Lionel produced Southern RR red caboose. As a young boy during the Christmas holidays our downtown department stores would have seasonal window displays with beautiful Lionel O-gauge and tinplate layouts. In December we would make the short drive downtown to enjoy after hour window shopping. Stores were never open past 10:00PM and always closed on Sunday but the window display trains were ever present. Our local utility company, CG&E offered a huge public O-gauge 2 rail train layout in the company lobby for city visitors. In middle school our public school system would bus students downtown on a holiday field trip. This layout was massive and on loan from the B&O Railroad and shipped in annually from Baltimore, MD. Lucky, there are photos that preserve these early memories and the reader can learn more by following this URL link. https://365cincinnati.com/indoors/holiday-trains-cincinnati-museum-center Fifty years have passed in my life and I have not revisited my hometown in many years. The old B&O layout survives though CG&E is now owned by Duke Energy Corp. The layout has moved to a permanent position at Cincinnati Union Terminal art-deco railroad station. Union Terminal has an interesting history and has escaped the wrecking ball through the efforts over time of many concerned citizens. This video will display the history and grandeur of my old hometown station. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akUKZAxWSsQ Cincinnati in the 1960's was a fun railroad city to grow-up in. The railroad town shaped many lives. I am a rail watcher today because of my youthful rail watching hobby. When I model, I can close my eyes and remember rail town images from my youth in the restless change that occurred in the turbulent 1960's. Kind wishes.</p>	11/23/2016 9:15 AM
3	<p>Many years ago a friend called me to ask if I had any interest in four boxes full of postwar Lionel trains. It seems that he was putting out his trash for collection the next day and happened to encounter a neighbor a few doors down the street , and they started talking. The neighbor said that he was throwing away these old trains that had been lying around the house for a long time and just wanted to get rid of them to make space. Fortunately, my friend, knowing I had interest in trains, asked if he could have them for me. Had it not been for fate, those trains probably would have slipped into oblivion. I still have those trains some forty years later and still run and enjoy them.</p>	11/18/2016 2:26 PM
4	<p>What would you pay for a complete set of Lionel catalogs in pristine condition?? What is their value? Well, forget it. The old widow thrashed them! Deceased husband was a meticulous collector of trains and catalogs. Three years after he died, she got a dumpster and began pitching. Her neighbor on Long Island who I know questioned her and she gave him a couple of catalogs. A few weeks later she told him she found that her hubby had a storage unit filled with trains-all boxed. I told my friend to lie down in front of the truck if she tried to pitch the trains. And call me while he's lying there!! ----- Wonder how many times this is repeated. Friend of mine here in town pitched his Lionel trains. Another friend's trains are boxed in an old basement. Steve's been dead for 10 years. I hate to think of the rust and mold collecting while his widow ignores them.</p>	10/26/2016 4:40 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.)

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Answer Choices	Responses
I'm a current ADULT member of the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA).	100.00% 4
I'm a current JUNIOR member of the Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA).	0.00% 0
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
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#	Do you have some connection to or interest in the toy train hobby that is not included above? Perhaps you have a history with full-size railroads? Let us know!	Date
1	I am a common stock holder of CSX railroad listed on the NYSE. My small stake connects me with the railroad business and I tell my friends .. "I own that railroad, you know?"	11/23/2016 9:18 AM
2	Member of TCA, LOTS and LCCA which I think is the best of the three. Great club !	11/18/2016 2:28 PM