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The Houston Tinplate Operators Society, (HTOS), is dedicated to the operation and exhibition of model trains and model train layouts for the benefit of the public, and to preserve the history of model trains. Our organization was founded over 15 years ago by enthusiasts who wanted to have fun running Lionel and Lionel compatible trains. HTOS is a group of O gauge train modelers whose principal interests range from true tinplate (pre & postwar) to near-scale 3-rail operation.

We are now open in Memorial City Mall, (near Target), please check our Website for more information. We encourage you to stop by and visit us.

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### HTOS Membership Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues are currently only \$60 per year (*only \$5.00 per month after January 31*)

Payment of dues entitles you and your family to a year's membership in the most enjoyable tinplate railroading club in Houston.



HOUSTON TINPLATE  
OPERATORS SOCIETY

## HTOS Information

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Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) are elected from current dues paying members by the membership for one-year terms. Elections are held at our Annual Main business meeting, usually on the third Tuesday of January. Several committees are available for members to join that help shape different aspects of our Organization.

HTOS has a set of Bylaws on file for review. Most of the rules set forth in the bylaws cover our organization, membership rights, and general conduct of the membership. In case of conflict, the official copy of the bylaws, on file with the Secretary, overrides any other information presented.

Membership is on a family basis, however, we encourage family members, aged sixteen (16) and over, to seek their own membership. Spouses and children of members are welcome and encouraged to participate in our organization. We like to promote a fun and family oriented atmosphere where all feel welcome. Membership rights and policies are outlined in our bylaws.

### Privileges of Membership at HTOS

Full Access to "Club Members Only" areas; (Layouts, Work Areas, and Train Shows) Operational Privileges of the Club Layouts. Operational Privileges of the Club Engines and Rolling Stock. Checkout Privileges of the Club Books and Video Library Member Pricing on Club Cars. Discount pricing at Participating Train Retailers.
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Business meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. Regular meetings are a fun event where we perform layout work, hold discussions, engage in problem solving sessions, organize training seminars, and, most of all, RUN TRAINS! During our meetings, our layouts are open to the public. If a person brings a train and would like to run it, we are happy to oblige. With three different layouts at our site in Memorial City Mall, we have plenty of places to try out that dusty old train or a new one too!

**We welcome the public at our meetings and events. We encourage you to stop by and visit us. We will be glad to answer your questions regarding O scale trains and layouts, including your own. If you have an old train, bring it along. If it needs a little work, we can help.**