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#### SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION BULLETIN

This edition of our new Bulletin is the prototype of what could become a carrier for local toy train news, our President's learned letter, pictures of interest, stories about our members, announcements of coming events, and classified ads for trading. Right now, we are anticipating a 4 page monthly Bulletin if the membership likes the idea and will support it by contributing news stories, pictures, vital information and enough buy-sell-trade ads to make the whole effort worthwhile. So, the success of this little publication depends upon YOU. Just get your news items or advertisements to Hilly by the 15th of the month prior to the month you want the item to appear. Please limit the classified ads to 75 clearly written words plus your name and phone number. If you like this Bulletin idea, we will try to do it by professional typesetting after the first of the year. Anyone want to be permanent editor, layout person, typist or news reporter? How about photographer? Call Hilly. (213) 762-3652.

### LEON "LEE" HARRIS RETIRES

Our National TTOS Treasurer, Lee Harris, has decided to retire from the office after serving us well for many many years. Thank's Lee for all your good services. Lee is home now recuperating after his recent heart attack. He is working on his fourth quarter on the way to his century mark, and his charming wife Irene has put up with him for over fifty of those long years. On top of that, she has been most tolerant, even encouraging, over his toy train hobby for most of those years and anyone with that kind of patience cannot be all bad. Our heart's best to you both.



"He was perfectly normal until he joined the TOY TRAIN OPERATING SOCIETY".

# CAL-STEWART CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 20-22

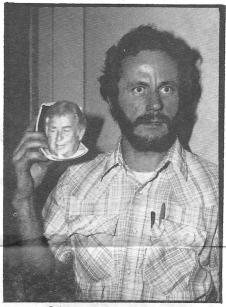
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# **CAL-STEWGRAM**

CAL-STEWTISTICS
EARLY COUNTS
SEPTEMBER 25, 1981
PAID REGISTRANTS 253
FAMILY GUESTS 284
TABLES SOLD 176
SATURDAY CLOSING VOTE ABOUT 7:30

JOHN KING MEMORIAL COCKTAIL AND RAFFLE PARTY: Jay King has volunteered to underwrite the cost of the party in honor of his father and our late President. We all thank you Jay. John would have liked that. Jay is working with Jerry Latner to arrange for adequate liquid refreshments. We expect to do up this properly so be sure to attend and have one for John. Sam Mattes and Dan Aikens plan to bring their usual generous appetizer trays and we ask that all members consider donating a little time to preparing nibble goodies for our guests at the party. Anyone for stuffed eggs, tiny sandwiches, chips or olives?



CAL-STEWART IS UNUSUAL DOOR PRIZES!

RAFFLE PRIZES: We will have a special raffle at the JOHN KING party and a grand raffle in the main trading hall on Sunday. Many manufacturers and dealers have been contacted for donations of prizes and we hope to have some terrific items to give away. So far, John Bentley has offered a special edition of his McKeen standard gauge car with a trailing unit, and Lyle Cain, Sr. has donated one of his new LC Enterprises IVES reproduction water towers. How's that for starters? Thanks fellows.

HELP WANTED: The registration desk needs to be staffed at all times by competent adults. If everyone would just volunteer one hour, it would make the task much easier and the lines move faster. This is OUR meet and we owe ourselves and our guests this service. If you have not as yet volunteered for any committee, this is your chance. Help is also needed to staff the incoming emergency telephone line at Cal-Stewart. Again, it will be for only one hour at a time.



CAL-STEWART IS
PRECISION MIXING!!

NON-FAMILY GUESTS: Whoops! CHANGE OF PLANS!! National TTOS has informed us that allowing paid guests to our Cal-Stewart meet is in violation of National rules and regulations, so we cannot do it. Sorry folks.

EARLY PROJECTIONS: Last year we had over 700 paid registrants and sold around 450 tables. This year promises to be even bigger. We cannot guarantee tables so if you NEED one or more, get your registrations in quite early. Come on guys, part with the bucks—it will help a great deal to lighten the last minute load of the registration committee.

<u>PICTURES</u>: Got a camera? We need official Cal-Stewart photographers.

SUPPORT THE RAFFLES

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CENTRAL OFFICE WHEN YOU MOVE OR CHANGE YOUR PHONE NUMBER.



### SECRETARY'S REPORT "Lissen to Nissen"

Do we have your correct address? Is your name spelled correctly? Please check the address label on this newsletter and if it needs correction, let me know by mail or in person. David Nissen, P.O. Box 552, Glendora, CA 91740.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Two different events for October 3. One is a swap meet at the Orange Empire Railway Museum at 8:30 A.M., 2201 "A" Street, Perris, CA. The other is a Golden Spike ceremony and train show of the L.A. Live Steamers at their outdoor layout just East of Travel-Town in Griffith Park. They just added 1600' of track. For information, call P. J. Bresse, (213) 749-0928. We are invited.



## **CAL-STEWART**

# HOT BOX ADS

WANTED: British and European "O" gauge trains, particularly Hornby. Christopher Watt, 1407 Dorothy Dr., Glendale, CA 91202, or call (213) 247-5353.

FOR SALE: Lionel trains, old, new, all gauges. SASE for list. Vinnie Rogers.

WANTED: Helicopters for #3619 Recon. car or #0319 HO flat car. Dave Selvy. (714) 338-2350.

TANTED: Standard Gauge Dorfangears and couplers. R. J. Spellmire. (213) 395-9490.

FOR SALE: Reproduction parts for American Flyer "O" gauge, especially trucks and wheels. See Hilly at Cal-Stewart.

FREE: JOHN KING MEMORIAL PARTY. In the hotel, Friday night of Cal-Stewart. About room 102.

YOUR SON BEGIND THE PROPERTY OF HIS YOUTH



FOR SALE: Raffle tickets, by Bill Stearns at Cal-Stewart.

WANTED: Junk 700E, 763, 8976 for restoration. Bruce Markus, (213) 983-2033.

FOR SALE: 2356 ABA Southern, \$425. A.F. "O" #3115 with 3 cars, \$330. JAD Hiawatha factory new, \$1000. Much more. SASE for list. Dave 0tth, (213) 351-0022.

WANTED: Bing "O" gauge tender with early coupler. Roy Bell, (213) 984-2128 or 887-9762.

WANTED: Write-in votes for Dan Aikens for National Treasurer. Dan wants to run but was not able to get his name listed.

FOR SALE--CHEAP: Green S.W. Division badges for family members. See Dave Nissen or Sue Watt at our October meet.

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS



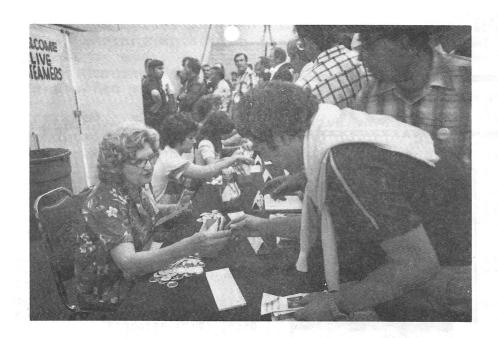


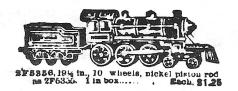
#### WAY OUT EASTERLY

Erma Easterly, who has volunteered for the past thirteen years at our various toy train meet registration desks, was insulted by some non-club visitor who wanted to be admitted to the TTOS National meet in San Diego.

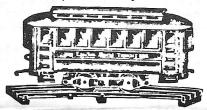
So irate was Erma, that she contacted the National Board of Directors and suggested that the public no longer be admitted to view our displays unless the display areas are totally independent of the trading areas and there is abundant security both professionally and voluntarily from the membership to prevent non-members from entering and insulting the ladies who volunteer their time for us. We may have taken their charity for granted too long.

Erma, we thank you for all your efforts and also want to thank Marge Valenzuela for all the years she has similarly "worked" our meets for us. This year at Cal-Stewart, we hope to have you both running our registration desk again and promise to do all we can to see to it that many more people volunteer to help out at the desk at all times. We will also have security people stationed at the registration desk in case you need their assistance.





Registration desk at last years Cal-Stewart. Marge Valenzuela in foreground, Stephen & Andrea Lazarus in the middle, and Erma Easterly at the far end, partially hidden. Will YOU help this year????



SF2164, Trolley — 12x6, painted yellow and blue, electric head light, transparent celluloid windows, ventibule with hinged doors, 10½ ft track. Buns on three batteries.

### DARING DUO

Chuck and Marge Valenzuela are finishing out their terms as President and Secretary, respectively, of TTOS Southern Pacific Division, Anaheim. They are a great team personally and have shared their teamwork well with their Division, Southwestern Division and National TTOS where they both had a large part of the management burden at the San Diego National Convention. This matched set has now been nominated for the same offices, but now at the National level. They have supported us for many years and now it is our turn to repay their efforts with our votes. Every vote will count very importantly this year, so when you get your National ballot, vote and send it in promptly.

