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## SWD 2023 Meets:

**S**outhwestern Division's Meets take place on the 1st Sunday of each month, with a few exceptions, such as January. The official start time is 10:00 am, although you might find sellers arriving as early as 8:00 am. Please give them some time to set up! Maybe you can even help...

### Upcoming Meets:

**January 8:** 2nd Sunday

**February 5:** 1st Sunday

**March 5:** 1st Sunday

**April 2:** 1st Sunday

See the *President's Message* on page 3 for the entire schedule.

### Our address:

**Arcadia Masonic Center**

50 W. Duarte Road  
Arcadia, CA 91007



### Directions from the 210 Freeway:

Exit Santa Anita Avenue; go south 1.5 miles; turn right on Duarte Road. The Masonic Center shares the parking lot with the Arcadia Library, on the left side of the street.

**Features:** buying & selling of toy trains, operating layouts, train repairs, test track, freshly prepared food, free parking and a raffle drawing. The winning tickets are pulled starting at 11:45 am, followed by a Noon auction.

**Admission** is free for Members and \$5.00 for the public. Kids under 21 are free with adult admission.

**Sellers:** Tables are only \$5.00; reserve with Hollis Cotton at (818) 590-0553.

**Toy Train Auctioneer:** George Blanch (818) 590-8238. Reserve a spot to sell.

**Info:** Phone our President Larry Pearson, mornings after 8:00 am: (818) 848-2653 (home); (818) 994-4890 (cell).

**Website:** [www.ttos-sw.org](http://www.ttos-sw.org).

## Santa Claus Visits SWD



Photo by Steve Waller

**Santa Claus & his lovely helper Cindy at Southwestern Division.**

**JOLLY OLD ST. NICK** brings joy where ever he goes, especially to the good little girls & boys who've been well-behaved all year. In honor of Santa's visit in this happy holiday season, Southwestern Division members displayed a diverse assortment of toy trains at our December Meet. **Holiday Meet photos continue inside...** ➔



Photos by Roger Hill



Hal Rothenborg (far left) runs the Snow Man Special.



# SWD President's Message: Larry Pearson



SWD President  
Larry Pearson

## LARRY PEARSON

President, 2022-2023

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Please be advised that the following article is comprised solely of my own thoughts, opinions, and experiences, and does not necessarily convey the beliefs and thoughts of the T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division (SWD), and its Members and Officers, or the editor and publisher of **The Southwestern Limited**. Call me at the above phone numbers in the mornings after 8:00 am if you need to get in touch with me or email me at [lpears1941@att.net](mailto:lpears1941@att.net). Call, I love to talk...

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## COVID-19

Every month in my Meet Announcement, I tell you **“Please do not attend the Sunday Meet if you are experiencing any flu-like symptoms.”** I used to go on and say “So far I am not aware of any COVID outbreaks at any of the Southern California Train Meets that I have attended, and I want to keep it that way.” Well, unfortunately, that is no longer the case. It was reported to me that several attendees at our November 6<sup>th</sup> Meet came down with COVID. Those infected were in the lobby area with the layouts, I am told. Then on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> I also



Nancy Giammatteo

came down with it. I probably contracted it at a Thanksgiving get together. I had a really bad cough and fever for three days, and then I felt fine, with a lingering cough. I wanted to take Paxlovid to hopefully speed my recovery, but it was not compatible with a medication I was taking. So I had to wait it out. I tested myself with a home



Eric Nissen

test kit every day and did not test negative until Wednesday, December 7. I was out of commission for 11 days. This caused me to miss the November 27<sup>th</sup> Southern Pacific Meet, our SWD December 4<sup>th</sup> Meet and the San Diego All-Gauge Club Christmas dinner on December 6<sup>th</sup>.



Hollis Cotton

I want to thank **Hollis Cotton**, our Vice President, for taking over for me, except for train repairs, at our December 4<sup>th</sup> Meet. The only issue was that, for the second year in a row, there were hardly any children for Santa Claus. We need to fix that! Children are the future for our hobby. Everyone, bring kids to our Meets!

## 2023 SWD MEETS

The 2023 SWD Meet dates have been published. As of this writing, we have not



Denyse & Jeff Meyer

# SWD President's Message, continued...

been given a formal contract to sign with the Arcadia Masonic Center, but we have an email agreement for the dates. For the record, the complete schedule of the 2023 Sunday monthly meet dates are: January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5 and December 3. (Dates are subject to change.)



**Jon Pincus**

We have not heard what the rent for the Hall will be for 2023, which is stated in the formal contract. For the last two years, the monthly rent has been \$1300. That is a lot of money, but it includes set up and take down of the tables, use of the kitchen, use of the

Lobby, use of a PA system, and use of a large closet where we store our Test Track, the club layout, kitchen supplies, auction equipment, and donated trains that Jon Pincus sells on the Club tables.

Normally the income from table sales, guest fees, 50-50 Drawing, Auction



**Renée Mylander & Santa**

commissions, and Club donation sales does not completely cover the \$1300 Hall rental. The difference is made up with

the dues money we collect every year. That is why we must require Southwestern Division Membership in order to purchase tables at our Meets.



**Ulus Eckerman at the layout.**

The SWD Officers and Board Members work very hard without compensation of any kind to make our club the success it has become. Please show your respect for them whenever you encounter them and assist them whenever you can. Most of the current Officers and Board members are senior citizens and we need younger people to step up and begin to take over the operation of our Club.



*Photos by Steve Waller*

Please support Southwestern by continuing your Membership, recruiting new Members, making donations to SWD, and attending our Monthly Meets.

*As always, hugs to all, run your trains often and have a Happy New Year!*

*- Larry Pearson*



*Steve Eastman places an order with Greg Pulis, who is helping out in Renée's kitchen.*

# SWD Holiday Meet in Review: October

Photos by Roger Hill & Steve Waller



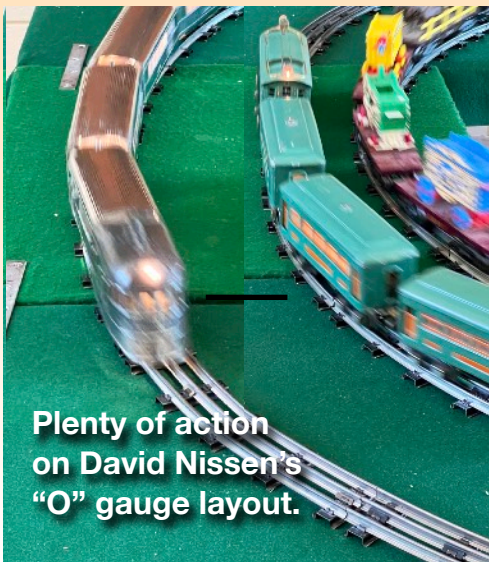
Al & Margie Vargas with their Sun Lines test set (compares favorably to the LIONEL 5D)

This camelback is a good smoker!

Jim Kenney is surprised to win a consolation freight car!



Ulus Eckerman & Hal Rothenborg teamed up to create this impressive Halloween display!



Plenty of action on David Nissen's "O" gauge layout.



Lots happening on Eric Nissen's Standard gauge pike!

# SWD Holiday Meet in Review: November

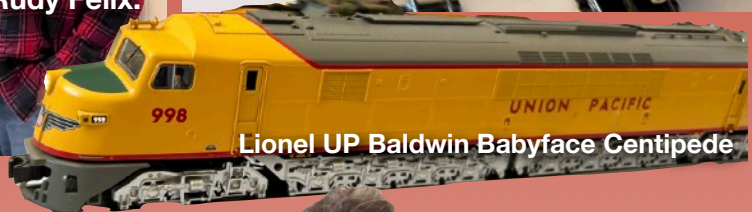
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Ken Chan with Marsha & Rudy Felix.



Dorfan  
trains!



Lionel UP Baldwin Babyface Centipede



Susan Gallacher  
videos the Club  
layout for her  
grandson.



Joey & Nancy Giammatteo



Relief  
Auctioneer  
Harold Shapiro

Veterans Day  
tribute by Ulus  
Eckerman &  
Hal Rothenborg.



Mike  
Marple  
has your  
part! See  
his ad on  
page 7.

Mike will be  
back at SWD  
in March, 2023.



Orville Baker  
with boxes  
of trains!



Big turnout in  
November!

# SWD Holiday Meet in Review: December



—Photo by Roger Hill



George Blanch, SWD Auction Manager, cries "SOLD!"



Fred Kramer has an enthusiastic helper to draw the 50-50 prize!



Bob Trimble visits with Santa Claus!



Dora Parra has chosen her favorite dessert.



Renée Mylander prepares her monthly Special. Delicious & highly recommended!



David Mylander refills the dessert tray for Jerry Moser.



Harry Garvin won an 027 UP passenger set.



—Photos by Steve Waller

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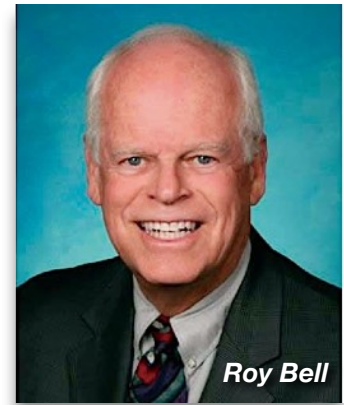
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**Next Meets:**

**Jan. 22**  
**Feb. 26**  
**Mar. 26**  
**Apr. 23**



**PUBLIC INVITED: 10:00 TO 2:00**  
**DONATION: \$5.00 PER PERSON / FAMILY**

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## TCA Western Division 2023 Train Meets

- Two GREAT Locations -

Doors open at 9am **in Burbank!**  
 —Sat., Jan 28, March 25, May 20

**Burbank Joslyn Adult Center**  
 1301 W. Olive Ave.  
 Burbank, CA 91506 [Ends 12:30 pm.]

*Free Parking in rear. Joslyn Center is open to adults, age 55 or over. Non-members pay \$2 admission in lobby.*

Doors open 9am in **new Arcadia location!**  
 —Sat., Feb. 25, April 22; more to come...

**Arcadia Community Center**  
 365 Campus Drive  
 Arcadia, CA 91007 [Ends at 2:00 pm.]

*Free Parking in front. Arcadia Community Center is open to all ages. Admission is free for the entire family.*

**Western Division Members:** reserve a free sales table by emailing [info@tcawestern.org](mailto:info@tcawestern.org). Refreshments available! Please check website, [www.tcawestern.org](http://www.tcawestern.org), for updates. LIONEL test track & Train Repair Service available. **We offer toy train auctions!** Membership info: Wayne Sheriff (714) 504-9261 or [cnswws@roadrunner.com](mailto:cnswws@roadrunner.com)




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**2023 Dates:**

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 —plus more.




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