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Upcoming 2024 Meets:

Southwestern Division's Meets take place on the 1st Sunday of each month, with some rare exceptions. The official start time is 10:00 am, although you might find sellers arriving as early as 8:00 am. Please give them time to set up! Our address:

Arcadia Masonic Center
50 W. Duarte Road
Arcadia, CA 91007

First Sundays:

- January 7th
- February 4th
- March 3rd (Open House)
- April 7th



(See the *President's Message* on page 3 for the entire 2024 schedule.)

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 south 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.



LIONEL #2750 -
NY Central Mohawk in fantasy Pacemaker colors, on the club "O" layout.



Santa Returns to SWD

SANTA CLAUS visited all the little boys and girls who came to the SWD Meet on Sunday, December 3, 2023. The good news is that none of them were naughty this past year and will be getting all the toys they asked for. *Thanks, Santa!*

More coverage inside... ➡

Jo Jo of J&S Specialties rolls out her red tea cart, loaded with home-made goodies for our Holiday gathering!



Am. Flyer wide gauge

SWD President's Message: Winter, 2023



LARRY PEARSON

President, 2022-2023

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SWD President
Larry Pearson

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## SWD 2024 MONTHLY MEET DATES

The contract with the Arcadia Masonic Center for the SWD Monthly Meet dates has been signed and approved. The 2024 SWD Monthly Meet dates are:

**January 7** (first Sunday)

**February 4** (first Sunday)

**March 3** (first Sunday)

**April 7** (first Sunday)

**May 5** (first Sunday)

**June 2** (first Sunday)

**July 14** (second Sunday)

**August 3** (first Saturday): LA Live Steamers picnic in Griffith Park; No Arcadia Meet in August.

**September 8** (second Sunday)

**October 6** (first Sunday)

**November 3** (first Sunday)

**December 1** (first Sunday)

All Monthly Meets at Arcadia officially open to Members and guests at 10 am.



## SWD ELECTIONS FOR 2024-2025

SWD elects its Officers and Board Members for two-year terms and 2023 was an Election year for 2024-2025. None of the Officer and Board positions was contested, so at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly Meet the following SWD Board of Directors, with their current duties, was elected by acclamation:

## SWD OFFICERS

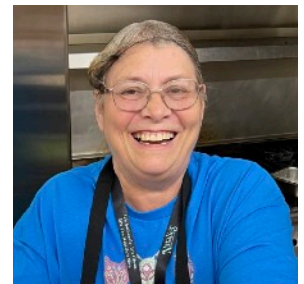
**President: Larry Pearson**

Larry conducts the Monthly SWD Board Meeting, manages the Monthly Meet train repair operation, serves as the Arcadia Masonic Hall liaison, is the Monthly Meet Chairman, Chairman of the annual August Picnic at the Griffith Park Live Steamers; liaison with TCA Western, the Toy Train Operating Society Southern Pacific Division, & the All Gauge Toy Train Assoc. (AGTTA).

**Vice President:**

**Renée Mylander**

Renée is in charge of providing food service at the SWD Monthly Meets.



**Recording Secretary:**

The position takes the Minutes at the Monthly Board meeting. We need a volunteer.

**Membership Secretary: Nancy Giammatteo**



Nancy is in charge of the Front Desk at the SWD Monthly Meets, and is in charge of annual Membership renewals in July.

**Treasurer: Manny Gonzalez**

Manny pays the bills and oversees the finances of SWD.

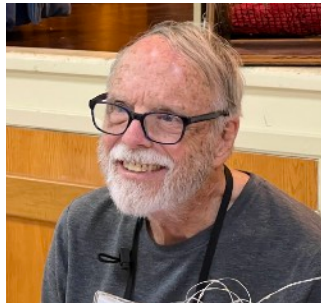


# SWD President's Message, continued...

## SWD BOARD MEMBERS

### Hollis Cotton:

Hollis is in charge of table sales at all the SWD Monthly Meets.



### Calvin Smith:

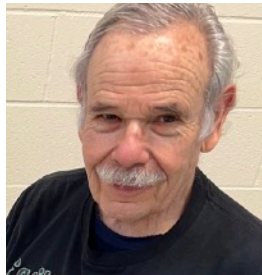
Calvin is the publisher of *The Southwestern Limited*, designs and prints fliers and brochures, prints and mails notices.

**Fred Kramer:** Chairman of the Monthly Meet 50-50 Drawing, SWD Polo Shirt sales.

**Hal Rothenborg:** Liaison with and helps set up and operate the SWD large layout at various venues; helps set up and operate the layout in the lobby at the Monthly Meets.

### Jon Pincus:

Jon is in charge of selling donated items at the Monthly Meets, and he also handles SWD social correspondence.



**Danny Blanch:** Helps with the Monthly Meet Auction.



**Jerry Moser:** Helps at the front desk at the Monthly Meets.

**Jeff Cohen:** Monthly Meet Auction clerk.

**Dave Mylander:** Works with Renée to provide food service at the Monthly Meets.

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.



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

I want to thank all the Board Members and attendees at our Monthly Meets and the annual August picnic for continuing to make our Club the biggest and best toy train club on the West Coast. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays. *As always, hugs to all, and run your trains often.*

*- Larry Pearson*

T.T.O.S. SWD President

## In Memoriam - 2023

### SoCal Train Club Members

(In alphabetical order):

Nathan Forman, Steve Markusic, Myron Moore. Cynthia Sheriff, Wayne Sheriff, Robert Spellmire— Our condolences go out to their friends and families.

A church service to celebrate the life of Wayne Sheriff is planned for Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 11:30 AM, at the Garden Grove United Methodist Church, 12741 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840.



# SWD Halloween Meet: October 1, 2023



**LIONEL Legacy #1031  
USRA Steam Loco**



**Bill Senyak**



**Terry  
Worth  
wins the  
50/50  
drawing!**

**Linda & Fred  
Kramer drew the  
winning  
ticket!**



**David  
Mylander  
cooks up the  
best \$8.00  
Combo  
Luncheon  
in town!**



**Katie & Ben Leilous  
have trains for sale,  
direct from Hoboken  
New Jersey.**



**"Woo, woo!  
Blow that  
whistle!"**

**Bonding at  
the train show.**



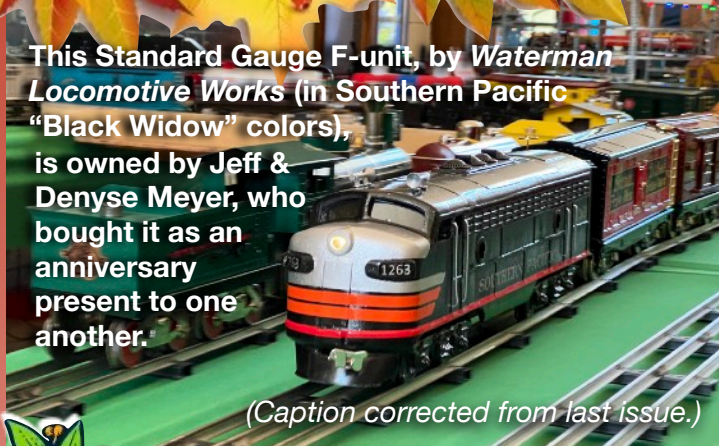
**Steve Waller (right) acquired a  
28" X 45" framed Paul Detlefsen  
print, "The Red Caboose,"  
circa 1960, from  
Nick Mescher (left)  
at a very nice price!**



# SWD Thanksgiving Meet: November 5, 2023



**Heavy turnout  
in November!**



This Standard Gauge F-unit, by **Waterman Locomotive Works** (in Southern Pacific "Black Widow" colors), is owned by Jeff & Denyse Meyer, who bought it as an anniversary present to one another.

*(Caption corrected from last issue.)*



**Volunteers at the club layout (above) include (clockwise, from left rear): Ulus Ekerman, Logan Ekerman, Hal Rothenborg & Nicolas Wyles.**

**Lindy Adam inherited her dad's trains. Let's find a good home for the many treasures from the late Bill Clausen's train collection.**

**LIONEL Legacy #3835 Challenger (fantasy paint scheme).**



**Ken Chan is helping Cathy Markusic sell the collection of her late husband, Steve. Don't wait; buy now!!**



**Larry Pearson and his crew repair trains for free at every Meet!**





# SWD Holiday Meet: December 3, 2023



Huge Holiday attendance!



Denyse Meyer wins our biggest 50/50 ever!



A wish for Santa Claus...



Seller - Auction Mgr - George Blanch Jon Pincus



LIONEL North Pole Central



LIONEL 1054 set (circa 1934)



Harvey Tafel (left) with his son, grandson & great-grandson: 4 generations of train fans!



Bill Brown (seated) at David Nissen's Marx pike.



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2024 Meets:  
Jan (dark)  
Feb 25  
Mar 24  
Apr 21  
May 26  
June 23



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

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ALL ABOARD!

## TCA Western Division

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Arcadia, CA 91007



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Feb. 17  
Mar. 16  
Apr. 13  
May 18  
June 15  
July 20



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