



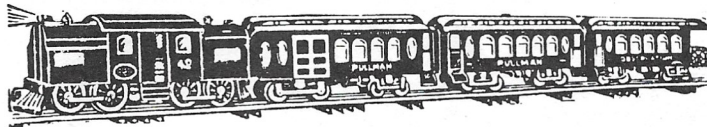
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OUR BULLETIN LIVES

The membership voted at our December Christmas meeting to continue our Division's Newsletter so here goes under the new name of THE SOUTHWESTERN LIMITED as seen above on our masthead. This is volume 1, number 1 but for those who make historical probes and unearth this edition years from now, let's make note that this first edition follows three "Preview Editions" which appeared in October, November and December of 1981 under the title of "Bulletin".

New titles were submitted by Bill Braem, David Nissen, Stan Rosenthal, Ernie Gilpin, Larry Kirk and Mike Elliott. Also, some were submitted anonymously. Our new title is a combination of SOUTHWESTERN submitted by anonymous and LIMITED EDITION sent in by Mike Elliott. Mike wins an ALL ABOARD book on Lionel by Ron Hollander.

Other titles studied by our Board of Directors were: Bulletin, Signal, Newsletter, Journal, Alco Output, Model Railreader, Aspect, Right Track, Model Trainews, Express, Newstracks, Trainogram, Pantograph, Inside Track, Golden Spike, Mainline, Whistle Stop, Gazette, Pikes Peek, Caboose, On The Track, All Aboard, Locomotive Lines, Tender News, Clickity Clack, Wig Wag, Flyer, Knuckle Coupler, Telegram, Sleeper, Crosstie, Pullman, Trolley, Observation, Vista Dome, Inspection Car, Hell's Cargo, Baggage Room, Baggage Car, Hopper, Crossing, Switcher, Firebox, Ticket, Smokestack, Conductor, Gandy Dancer, Hogger, Side Track, Spur or Spurline, Dead End, Yard Goat, Searchlight, TTOSheet, Platform, Don't Flush While in the Station, and TTOS Toots.

Okay, so much for that. Now, how about contributing something to make our little publication buzz? The classified HOT BOX ads are free and are being under-used. You must still need that old Ives or American Flyer roof you have been looking for. How about asking for it? Got a Lionel 42 for sale? Someone wants one. HOT BOX ADS bring immediate local response, every month. Help yourself to this free service.

Prestigious positions now open for an editor, layout person, typist, ad solicitor, author and photographer. Contact Hilly at (213) 762-3652. Liberal sick-leave benefits.

BLOCKBUSTER CAL-STEWART

Ladies and gentlemen--we did it again with the biggest toy train meet on this side of the Mississippi. In short, thanks to many volunteers and donors, we busted all previous records and had 757 registrants plus over 1200 family guests in attendance. We also had about 375 tables for sellers plus our displays and operating layouts. Things looked a little discouraging a few weeks before the meet as we didn't have enough volunteers to perform all the tasks BUT you came through when we needed help and the club made a nice tidy profit, reported to be over \$4000.00 by Treasurer Joe Lovi (pronounced LOW-VEE). This sum will be used to make next years convention bigger and better plus help to sustain our division through 1982.

The JOHN KING MEMORIAL COCKTAIL AND RAFFLE PARTY was a huge success and enjoyed by nearly 500 participants. John would have loved it. Don Ladenberger hosted the whole shebang and was assisted behind the bar by Tom McArdle and Jerry Latner. I don't know everyone who brought goodies but we sure do appreciate your efforts. Thanks a zillion. I do recall some very nice yummys from Lois Butler, the John Parkers, the Ken Ellenbergers, Larry Hall, the Bob Bories, Patricia Aikens, The Sam Mattes', Don Ladenberger, Georgia De Beers, Lois Lovi, Kay Spellmire, Hannah Wheeler, Ernie Rankin, Pauline Rudroff, Bill Phillips, Art Spierer, Mike Elliott, Bill Pearce, Elaine Lazarus, and super chefs Gloria and Ed Garacochea. Jim Minichetti brought his goodies but was last seen frequenting the loaded brownies tray provided to us by the Jim Beam Company. Judging from the mounds of good food and drink present, I am sure that many others also contributed to the party and we thank you one and all. A special thanks to Jay King for underwriting the bar and to Arline King for attending and helping at the party.

The highlight of the special auction was the BATHROOM EXPRESS CAR made and donated by Ward Kimball. This unusual car featuring Donald Duck, was won by National Director at Large Nancy Swan for somewhere around \$500. Ward--thanks so much for helping our Division.

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CHAIRMAN HILLY LAZARUS & PRESIDENT CRISTOPHER WATT



P. J. BRESEE OF THE N.M.R.A & L.A. LIVE STEAMERS



WALLY OSTROWSKI



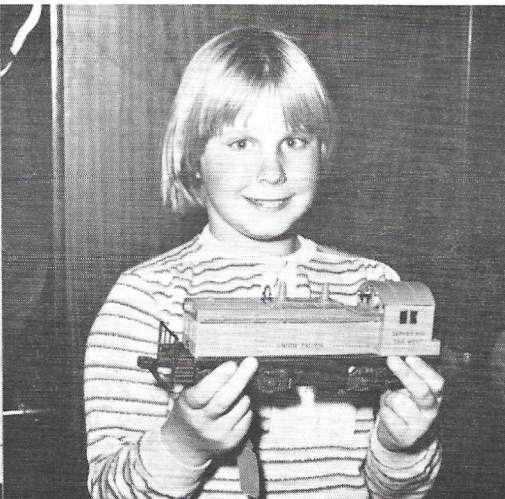
BARBARA AND KEN HOWARD TRADED THIS PRIZE FOR 3 AMERICAN FLYER COACHES



PAUL, DAVID AND ERIC NISSEN WITH THE FAMOUS NISSEN CIRCUS LAYOUT AND TRAINS.



AUCTIONEER GEORGE SPELLMIRE



RICHELLE SELVY WITH RAFFLE PRIZE

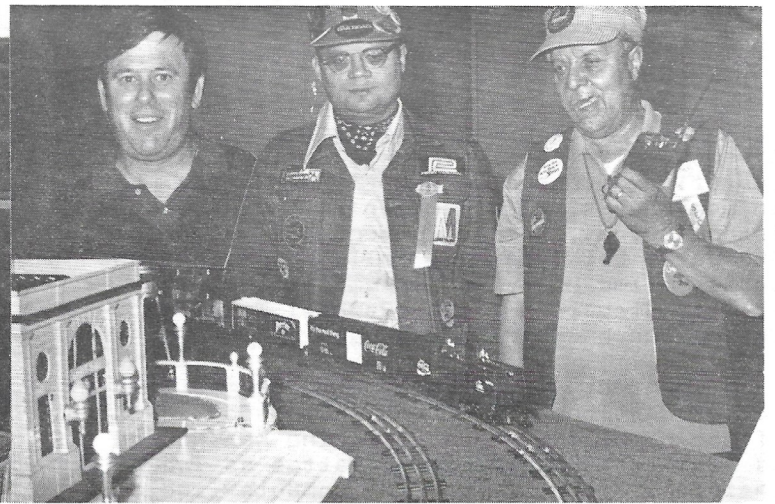


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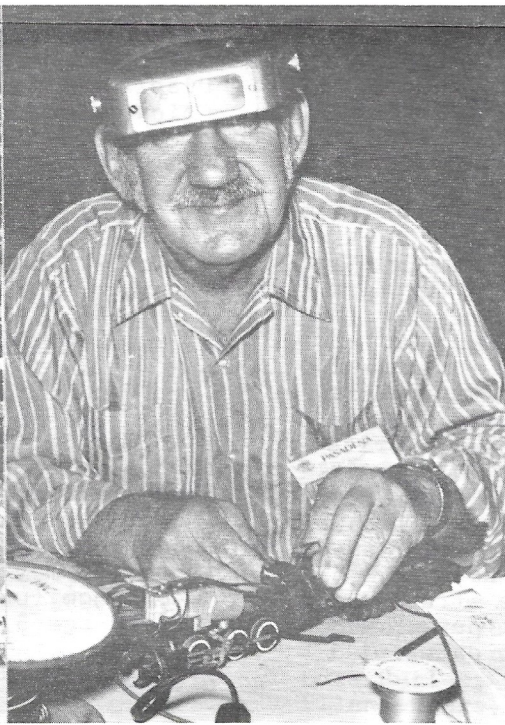
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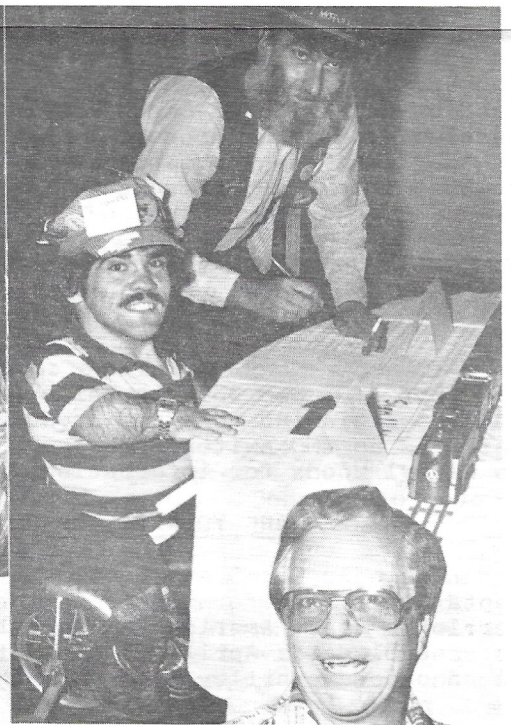
BRUCE MARKUS, FRANKLIN FROLOFF & RALPH JOHNSON
AT THE CLUB LAYOUT



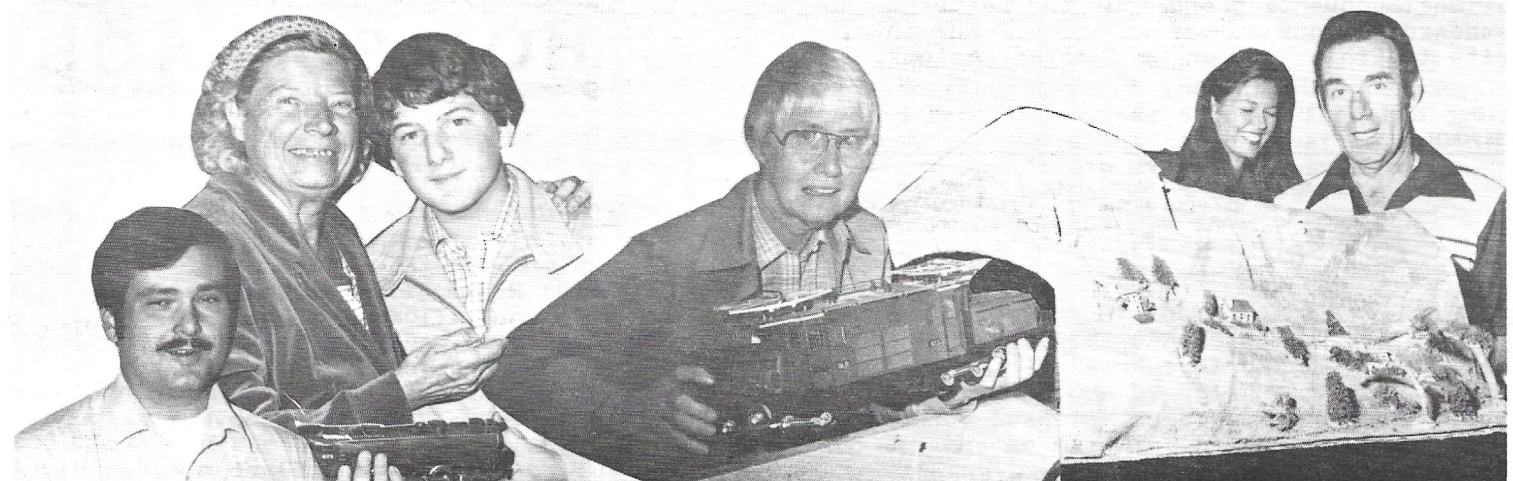
GLORIA AND ED GARACOCHEA



HARRY JOHNSON REPRESENTING THE INLAND
EMPIRE TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION.



DAVID AIKENS, PETE DE BEERS AND
MYRON ERICKSON



ROBERT CAPLAN, ARLENE STEARNS, ADAM MARKUS

ROSEMARY BARTZ

CYNDY REGAN & BILL WHITE

One of the most difficult jobs at the meet is to manage the registration desk. We had a lot of help and thank you one and all. I especially want to thank Al Bailey, Erma Easterly and Marge Valenzuela who again put in many hours, plus Tami Jo Nix, Denise Selvy, Isabel Murphy, Hollis Cotton, Bill Shouten, Sue Watt, Dot Thousand, Polly Thomas, Arlene Burns, Wilma Hass, Hannah Wheeler, David Miller, Stewart Mulford, Rachael McDuffy and my own children Andrea and Stephen.

In great part, the organization of the Cal-Stewart convention was the responsibility of the committee heads including Ken Howard as Assistant Chairman, Sam Mattes as Tables Chairman, Bruce Lazarus who computerized all the table assignments, Bruce Markus and Pete De Beers who headed up the Layout and Display committees assisted by Franklin Froloff, Myron Moore, David Aikens, Dick Wheeler, Bob Wald, Mike Elliott and Roy Bell. The auctions were the responsibility of George Spellmire and he was assisted by Allen Drucker, Bob Ziegler, Bob Spellmire, Paul Schaeffer, John Batey, Marc De Raleigh, Vic Gerendasy and Joe Lovi. As always, Veteran Recruiter Wesley Frye was at the front desk and enrolled over 20 new members into TTOS. Thanks Wes.

The raffles were under the care, again, of Joe Lovi, assisted by Mrs. Lovi, Carolyn Mattes and the Mattes children. Chuck Stone was our Security Chairman and he was assisted by Ralph Johnson, Don Danielson, Tom McArdle, Ken Ellenberger, Bill Rice, Marc De Raleigh, Bill Pearce, Dave Thomas, Bob Berns, Jackie and Gene Reeley, Dave Miller and Joe Sherman. The party room was set up by Georgia De Beers, Lois Lovi, Lois Butler, Ernie Gilpin and Jim Minichetti. Bill Phillips arranged all the auction acoustics and put on the movie show of old trains in the upstairs room. In addition to these categories, your Board of Directors all had responsible roles in making this a great meet and I personally wish to thank them all and especially our President Christopher Watt.

The pictures of Cal-Stewart tell much of our story and they are on the middle pages of this S.W. Ltd. We have more to present to you in a later edition. These pictures were from Merv Lew. A special thanks for the layouts and displays of Bill Pearce, the Nissens, Robert Gripkey, John Thousand and Jerry Butler. The other displays were great and I want to thank all who participated. I wish I knew your names.

HILLY LAZARUS, CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

NEW UNIT

Our TTOS San Joaquin Valley Division is just finishing up a new production item which is an EMD switcher engine shell. Write to Darryl Woods for information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next Cal-Stewart will be held in Santa Clara, California across the street from Marriot's Great American amusement park. It is scheduled for April. The exact dates will be announced shortly.

The TTOS National Convention will be in Hartford, CT during the first week of August 1982. That is Ives and Gilbert American Flyer country. Even Lionel was there for a time. What a great opportunity to take in the TTOS National Convention and tour the Eastern seaboard on your summer vacation. For info, write to Ernie Knudsen or Charles Chaloux.

SUMMER FUNS WITH GILPIN'S SONS

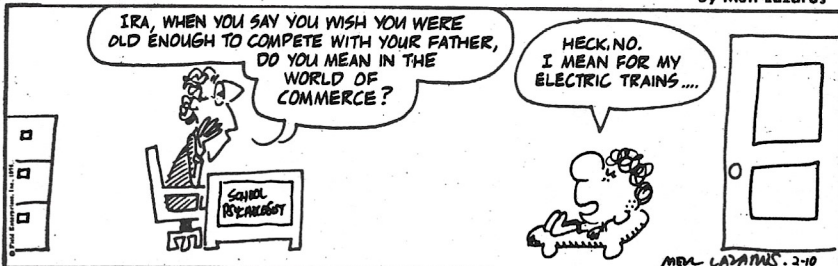
by ERNIE GILPIN

For Scott and Jeff, each summer means another train ride. In 1980 it was the famous Skunk railroad trip from Willits to Fort Bragg in Northern California. In 1981 it was the Goose railroad trip out of Southern Oregon, and in the summer of 1982, it will be the Silverton to Durango run in Colorado. Scott age 8 and Jeffery age 5, are interested in trains because of their Lionel collection and the enthusiasm given them by member Marc De Raleigh.

Each summer during their camping trips, they leave our home in LaCrescenta and always make a train ride part of their vacation plans. Mrs. Gilpin and I are recent members of TTOS.

HOT BOX ADS

MISS PEACH



By Mell Lazarus

WANTED: Lionel 2817 Rubber Stamped Caboose. Bruce Markus, (213) 983-2033.

WANTED: Who had the Lionel Girl's Train for sale at Cal-Stewart? Fred Nix, (209) 674-2313.

FOR SALE: Repro Ives #89 water towers. Sold out of Lionel LCL Containers. Lyle Cain, Sr., (213) 761-4947.

WANTED: Lionel #42 loco. Is McArdle listening? Call Don Huth, (213) 248-3856.

WANTED: Hafner/Overland Flyer ads, catalogs, etc. Xerox's OK. Hilly Lazarus, (213)762-3652

Submitted by DAVID NISSEN