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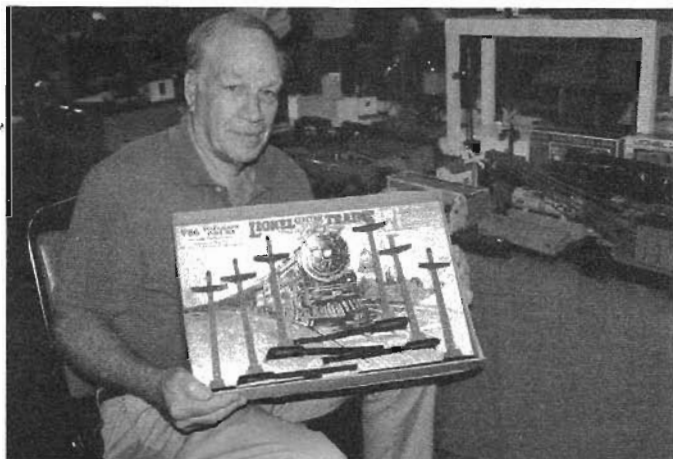
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PRESIDENT

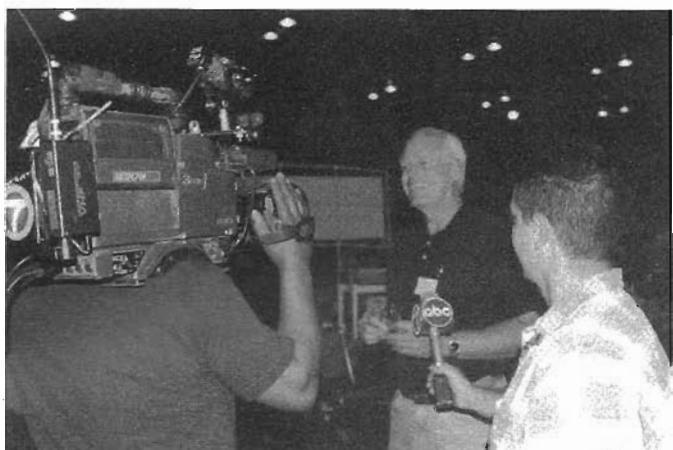
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Very Up Beat Cal-Stewart 1998 Meet



Cal-Stewart General Chairman Jerry Blaine shown at his table with a Lionel telegraph pole set.



Yes, we were on television. Past Southwestern Division President Roy Bell answered questions about the Cal-Stewart.

“This has been one of the best Cal-Stewart Meets ever,” declared Jerry Blaine, Cal-Stewart General Chairman. Cal-Stewart was a hit from the John and Jay King Memorial Cocktail Party Friday evening through the Sunday afternoon finish.

The King Party featured a buffet, live music and a fabulous drawing. We thank *Debbie King* for her help with the party.

Saturday daytime was reserved for trading. The Saturday Night Lot Auction was action-packed and the Sunday Auction attracted plenty of attention.

Major vendors and table sales intermixed this year in the main hall and the annex with two fine displays in the lobby on Saturday. There were so many sellers that planners had to re-diagram the tables three times.

Hotel reservations were up. An article with pictures which appeared in the Saturday *Pasadena Star-News* boosted the Sunday public attendance. KABC-TV sent out a crew from the Saturday 11 p.m. news team.

The Sunday Grand Drawing featured many outstanding prizes. The working layouts dazzled members and guests alike.

Thank you to all the chairs and volunteers who made Cal-Stewart 1998 so successful.

Mark your calendars now for Cal-Stewart 1999, November 12, 13, and 14, 1999. See you then.

Angela Trotta Thomas Returns

Artist Angela Trotta Thomas (shown at right with TTOS member Rick Hacker), travelled west with a beautiful display of prints and other items featuring her wonderful train drawings and paintings.

Ms. Thomas, a National TTOS Director, generously donated framed pictures for the King Party Drawing and the Sunday Grand Drawing.





SWD President Sam Mattes greets guests at King Party Kick-off for the 1998 Cal-Stewart November Meet.

Toy Train Operating Society

Southwestern Division No. 1

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President's Message

Dear TTOS Members and Friends,

Well, we are fortunate enough to have spent another year together enjoying our love of trains. We have had a very successful year, which has resulted from the very hard work of all our board members, chairpersons and other volunteers. It takes an unbelievable effort to run Cal-Stewart and our monthly meets.

In regards to Cal-Stewart, this past year was one of the most successful Cal-Stewart's we have ever had. From the number of registrants, general public, auctions, layouts, train races, drawings, hotel and convention accommodations, security, displays, King Party and volunteers, we really could not have done better. A big THANKS to everyone who gave their time and effort.

As for our monthly meets, we are getting settled in our new home at the Glendale Civic Auditorium. We have a lot of room to grow and are contemplating ways we can improve the meets by increasing the number of buyers and sellers. In this regard:

BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY, ANYONE PURCHASING ONE TABLE (First Table)
WILL GET THE SECOND TABLE FREE!

Additional tables will remain at \$10 each.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new and old board members for calendar year 1999. This list of board members is on page 5.

I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year. We will see you at the next meet.

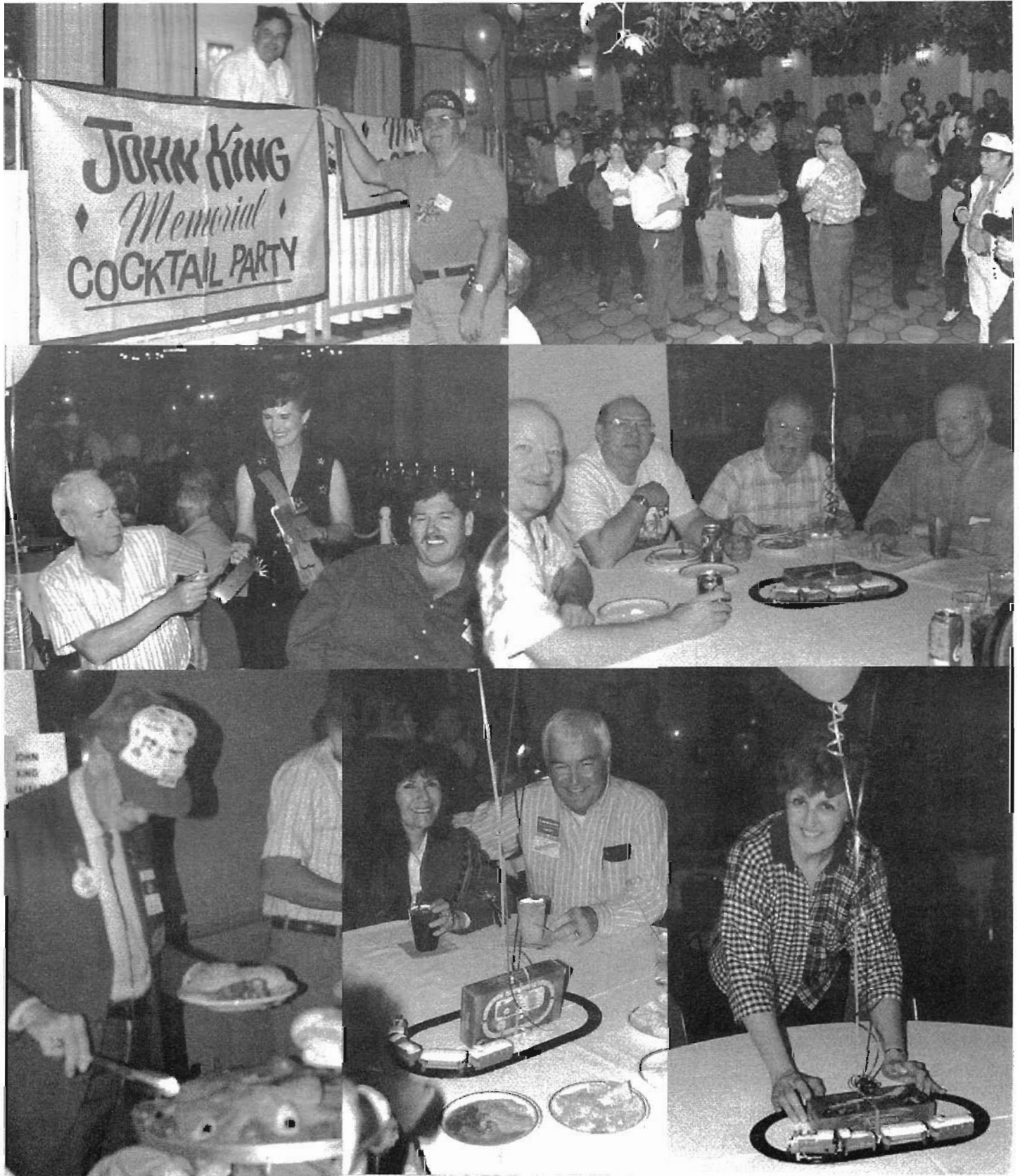
Sam Mattes

P.S. Add to your 1999 Calendar: Cal-Stewart, November 12, 13, 14, 1999.

The Southwestern Division Board and Members extend condolences to Larry Kirk at the passing of his mother on December 23, 1998

The Southwestern Division Board and Members extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Harold Shapiro who sustained severe injuries from a fall

King Party Always Great !!!



Don Ladenberger (top of picture on upper left of collage), King Party chairman, greets everyone at the King Party.

More King Party -- Plenty of Food



King Party goes enjoyed good food, conversation, an exciting drawing, live music and dancing.

KING PARTY DRAWING WINNERS



Don Gatz
\$300.00



Kathie Elgan
"Madison
Hardware" by
Angela Trotta
Thomas



Mary Anne Huff
\$50.00



Artie Pincus
\$50.00



Cici Bell
Rich-Art Ives
Water Tower



Nancy Cochran
Lionel Car



Steve Pierce
Lionel Car



Jon Pincus
CD

Donors of prizes for the King Party Drawing included Angela Trotta Thomas, Lionel, Rich-Art and Southwestern Division, TTOS.

Special thanks to Carolyn and David Powell for selling tickets at the King Party.

Southwestern Division No. 1 Toy Train Operating Society

Officers and Board of Directors for 1999

President	Sam Mattes
Vice President	Gary Keck
Recording Secretary	Walter Olson
Membership Secretary	Larry Kirk
Treasurer	Harold Shapiro

Board of Directors -- Elected

Jerry Blaine	Cal-Stewart Chairman
Vince Gargulio	Auction Chairman
Larry DuPont	Souvenir Car
Jerry Latner	Cal-Stewart Pre-Registration
Calvin Smith	Editor, Southwestern Limited
Bob Wall	Co-Chair, Displays
Roy Bell	Past President

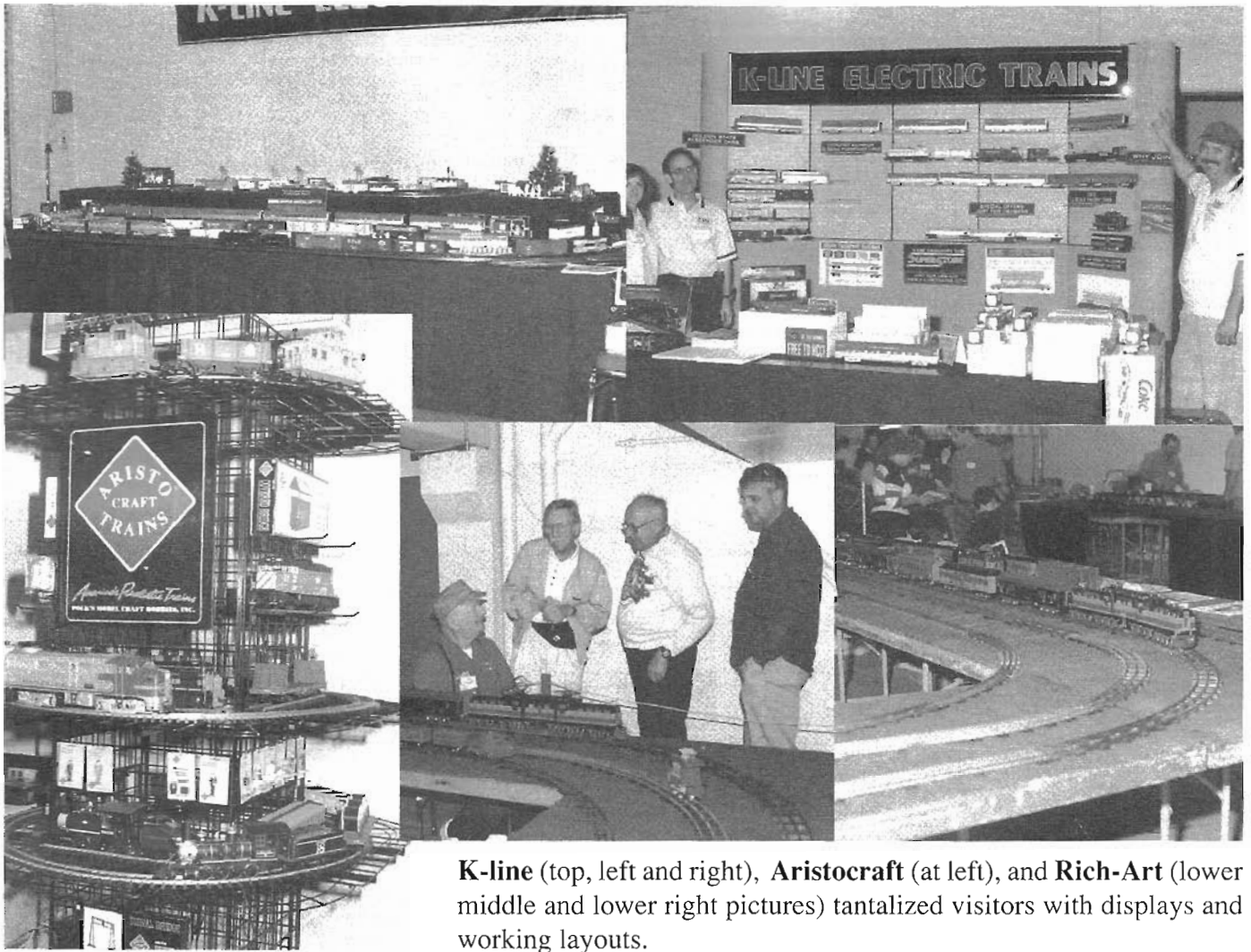
Board of Directors -- Appointed

Al Vierich	Layouts
Sheila Blaise	Layouts
Don Stotts	Security
Donn Nelson	Tables
Jon Pincus	Cal-Stewart/Christmas Party
Roy Diebold	Auction
Mike Galante	Auction
Hollis Cotton	Co-Chair, Displays

Non-Voting Honorary Members

Jerry Price, Irwin Zigmond, Kurt Bondi, Peter Beam

Vendors Attend 1998 Cal-Stewart to Showcase Trains



K-line (top, left and right), Aristocraft (at left), and Rich-Art (lower middle and lower right pictures) tantalized visitors with displays and working layouts.

Saturday Lobby Displays: Orange Empire & TCA



Representatives from The Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, California displayed pictures and brochures describing museum activities.

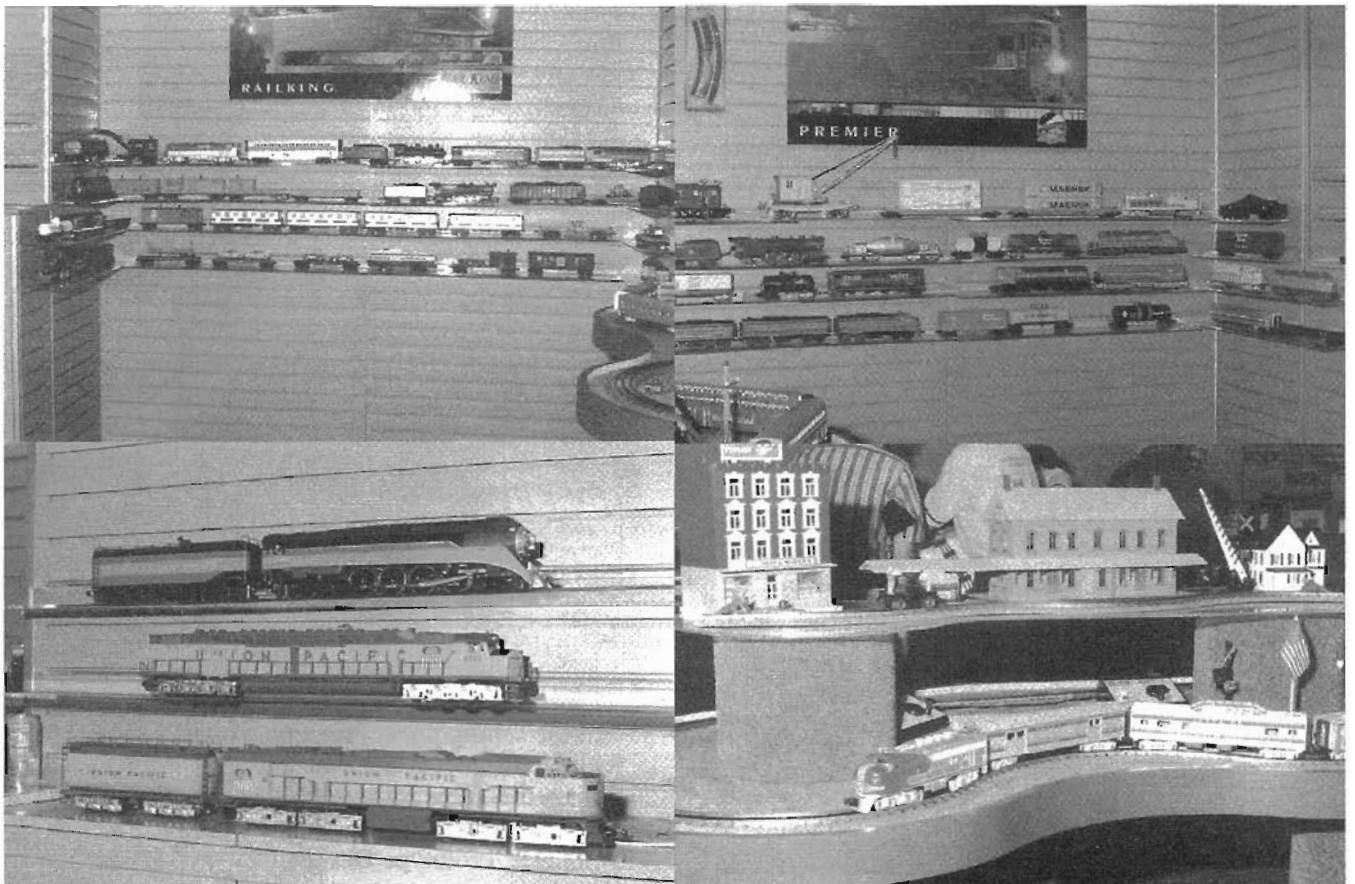


"All aboard" for the TCA Annual Convention which will be in San Francisco, June 21-27, 1999.



LIONEL (above) dazzled attendees with displays and working layouts.

MTH (below) whetted interest with their displays and working layouts.



Pre-Registration--

Jerry Latner

Meet Pre-registration and souvenir order processing. **Jerry and Lorrie Latner** received all the pre-registration and car orders, handled problems and did the banking. It's a huge job Jerry and Lorrie deserve a big **THANK YOU!!** Thanks also to **Dave Weiss' staff** for computer input.

Tables--

Sam Mattes

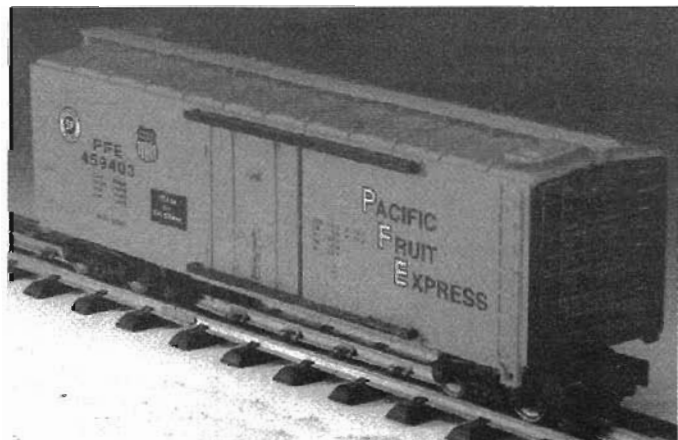
Setup, measure, tape, and number tables. Make table diagrams for entire hall and post at each entrance. Helpers: **Donn Nelson, Peter Beam, Paul Porner, Al and Marilyn Vierich, and Bill Schouten.**



Layouts--Walter Olson

Responsibilities of the Cal-Stewart Layout Chairman include determining size of area available for layouts, invite layouts and exhibits to fill the area, work out logistics and needs, assist layouts and exhibits to settle in on arrival, assist during the show as needed, and oversee take down at close of show.

Layouts displayed include: Orange County Tin Plate Trackers (Paul Colasuonno, Brian Fields, Larry Garrett, Dave Kemp, Wayne Musgrove, J. Keeley, Larry Carpenter, Bob Mayer, Ed Molyneaux, Jim Moore, Al Perardi, Foster Rash, Richard Unfried); San Diego American Flyer Assoc. (John Wood, Steve Pierce, Tom Michilik, Al and Joyce Kiel, Ed Lopez, Jack Larson, John Beck); 10 x 12 O Gauge Layout (John Bowman, Chris Bowman, Jerry McCormick); Paper Village Lionel Display (Jack Ahearn); 4 x 8 American Flyer Layout (Perry Harrell); Lee's Carnival; and Southwestern Division Layout (Al and Marilyn Vierich, Sheila Blaise, Frank and Stella Alabart, Darrell Cabrillo, Don Hofstee, Bill Augustus).



Security--Chuck Stone and Jim Ban

Overall security of Cal-Stewart Train Meet. Get sellers in and out of the hall as fast and safe as possible. Obtain Pinkerton Security for nighttime guards. Secure the hall at night and open for all chairmen in the morning. I want to thank all my security volunteers: **Don Danielson, Prescott, AZ; Fred Ruby, Dennis Taube, Bill Ryken and Tom Hess.** Thanks for your help.



Now we have a new Security Chief for next year, **Don Stotts.** He had a very helpful crew this year, and with his crew and mine everything went real smooth.

I want to thank my co-chairman **Jim Ban** for all the help he's been these past few years. Jim has been taking care of the cones for the ramp and storing them every year.

Jim and I are going to bow-out and just enjoy Cal-Stewart. I hope you all help **Don Stotts** in his take over of Security next year.

I now live in Penn Valley, California, around 500 miles north of Pasadena. I've done security for Cal-Stewart ever since John King got the Pasadena Center, about 18 years ago.

I want to thank all who helped me these past years. It was a lot of members. Thanks a lot. And, help your new chief **Don Stotts** next year.

Security--Don Stotts

Worked with **Chuck Stone** and **Jim Ban** to provide security for all points of entry and exit, safety and security on the main trading floor, parking control safety and security at vendor check-in.

Volunteers were **Cliff Stotts, Val Stotts, Kim Stotts, Vicky Zackary, Paul Springborn, Howard Bishop** with **Chuck Stone** and crew.

Security at the show was as good as it can get! No reported loss or major problems! We hope to have vendor unloading and parking improved for next year's Cal-Stewart.



Souvenirs--Dave Weiss

Select souvenir items for Board approval (see picture of Pacific Fruit Express on left). Oversee the following: prototype design, manufacturing, shipping and advertising. Do a cost analysis for the completed product and determine selling price. Prepare artwork for advertisements and schedule ads. Arrange for souvenir distribution. This is Dave's last year as Souvenir chairman and thank you, Dave, for all your hard work. Volunteer: Prototype Designer **Larry DuPont.**



On-Site Registration-- Larry Kirk

Coordinate with workers assigned to hand out registration packets, transact and secure money exchanges, making sure that necessary materials and equipment are available and to assist in the processing of new T.T.O.S. and S.W.D. members.



A special thank you to these volunteers: **Phyllys Kirk, Dave and Carol Nissen, Norma Marlett, Maebelle Kluth, Sal Spagnolo, Jon Sirugo, Jean Mallgrave, Sandy Raab, Vicky Zachery, Kim Stotts, Bruce and Elaine Lazarus, Bill Stearns and Donn Nelson.**

Everything went rather smoothly this year. All of our workers did an excellent job in getting the people moved from "outside" to the train displays inside and I am proud to note the increase of visitors over last year.

We also wish to thank **Ron Hall and his wife** for delivering lunch to us on Saturday and to the **Don Stotts security team** for their assistance to registration as well.



Phyllys "Deedee" Kirk completes paperwork in the Friday registration area.



Donn Nelson and Elaine Lazarus worked on the Cal-Stewart Registration volunteer team.

Brochure-- Larry DuPont

Design and produce mechanical for brochure (deliver to printer); take souvenir photos for ads and brochure.

No volunteers: but must work closely with many Board members for brochure input (especially souvenirs, ads and printing).

Deadlines start early in the year. Board meetings: October--souvenir photos taken; February--request all changes for brochure and make changes; March--proof brochure and then produce brochure (ads may also be due); April--desireable time to deliver brochure art; May--pickup printed brochures for distribution and mailing in TTOS Bulletin.



Signs--Calvin Smith

Obtain list of all needed signs, check inventory of last years' signs, print the signs, put up, take down, & store signs. We used sidewalk A-frame signs this year as well. Volunteers: **Peter Beam and Phyllis Smith.**



Hotel, Registration Packets, Dealer/Manufacturer PR-- Gary Keck

Coordinate hotel reservations, arrangements, costs, and staff inserting registration packets. Arrange for dealer/manufacturer displays.

Hotel reservations were up. Major manufacturers attending included, Lionel, MTH, K-Line, Aristrocraft, and Rich-Art.



Advertising & Public Relations--Kurt Bondi

Write and place advertisements in local newspapers. Contact varied hobby magazines to place meeting notices.

I would like to be referred to people who handle TV news events. Also, we should have one spokesperson who is contacted regarding the Club and events sponsored by the Club.



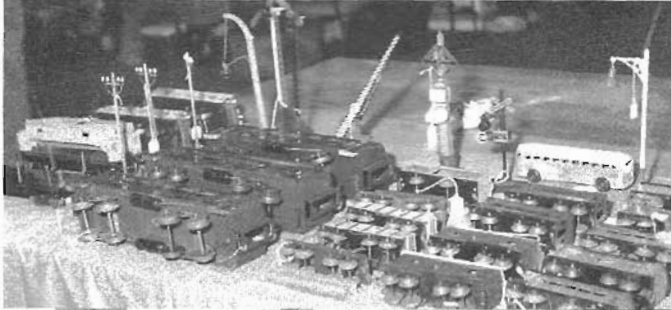
Thanks to Ron Hall for Lunch

Saturday lunch for the Volunteers has been provided by Ron Hall for many years. Thank you, Ron! Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all volunteers not mentioned who helped make this one of our best meets ever!

CAL-STEWART 1998 SIGHTS





MORE CAL-STEWART 1998 SIGHTS

Saturday Night Lot and Sunday Auctions



Auction Chairman Vince Garguilo Reports

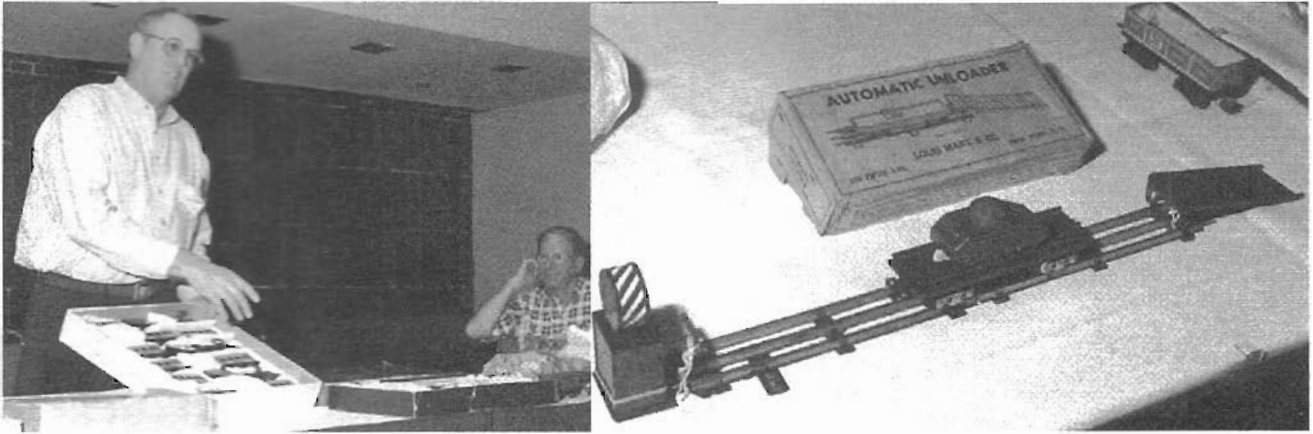
Responsibilities include advertising the auction, recruiting volunteers, organizing the Saturday Night Lot and Sunday Daytime Auctions, arranging for the necessary supplies, and setting up the auction area.

Auctioneers were Randy Gerioux and Vince Garguilo. Clerks included Ed Maggiori, Jake Jacobsen, Alan Rebis, Jackson Brownie, Jack Jones, Toni Wilson, Mike Jenkins, Phil De Carlo, Tony Deneve, Larry Ready, Roy Diebold, Carolyn Pincus, and Vic Gerendesy. A special thanks to Mike Galanti, Auction security chief, who worked both days.

This was our second year of a Saturday Night Lot Auction and as I predicted, it was bigger and better than last year. All reports were excellent and both buyers and sellers were happy. I will continue to improve this auction until it is the best in the country. Sunday's auction was also great. But, remember, none of this would be possible without all the work of the volunteers plus the buyers and sellers. It takes the joint effort of all of you.

Thank you.
Vince

Saturday MARX Seminar with John Fox



John Fox provides the opportunity for Marx fans to meet together on Saturday afternoon at Cal-Stewart for "show & tell."

Report on the Southwestern Division Layout-- Al Vierich, Chairman

Responsibilities are to build and operate the Division layout.

Team members are Sheila Blaise, Frank and Stella Alabart, and Marilyn Vierich with assistance from Darrell Cabrillo, Don Hofstee, and Bill Augustus.

The layout started the year on eight 6-foot tables. As of Cal-Stewart 1998, we now operate five loops, two "S" gauge American Flyer, two "O" gauge 3-rail and one "Standard" gauge on ten 4-foot by 5-foot panels with two 4-foot bridges which equates to a 12 x 24 layout.

K-Line and Bachmann provided us with buildings which greatly enhanced the layout for Cal-Stewart. In addition, Bachmann sent us two O-narrow gauge sets with buildings to run at Cal-Stewart. Gary Keck at The Train Shack in Burbank has generously assisted us with track. We thank K-Line, Bachmann and Gary Keck for all their help.

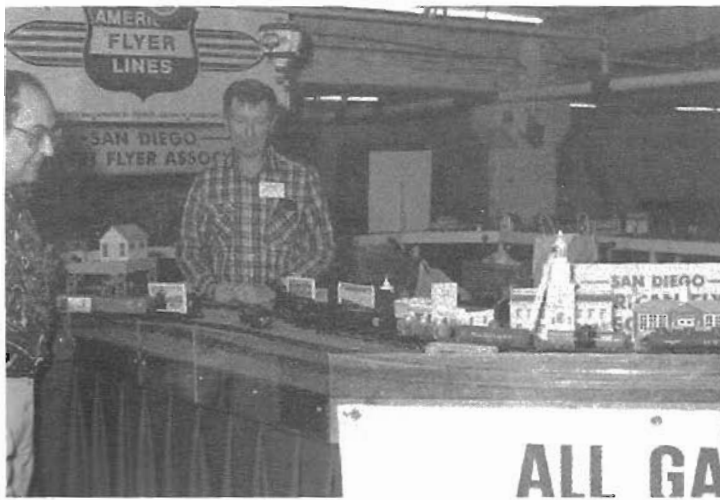
At any given time the layout is surrounded by many people. A lot of these people's badges say, "Guest." The layout doesn't bring in dollars to the Club as some have said. However, a working layout is necessary because lest we forget the third word in T.T.O.S. is "Operating" and the layout does bring in people.

I would like to thank everyone associated with the layout for all their time and effort to build it. A special thanks to Sam Mattes who saw my vision for the Club and supported the layout. Also thank you to Calvin Smith who came forth numerous times, especially during the 1997 Cal-Stewart to help with logistical problems which enabled me to establish an orderly flow for all groups participating with layouts and exhibits.

Although I do not plan to be on the Board in 1999, I will continue to work with the layout team. Hopefully, we can take the layout to the public.

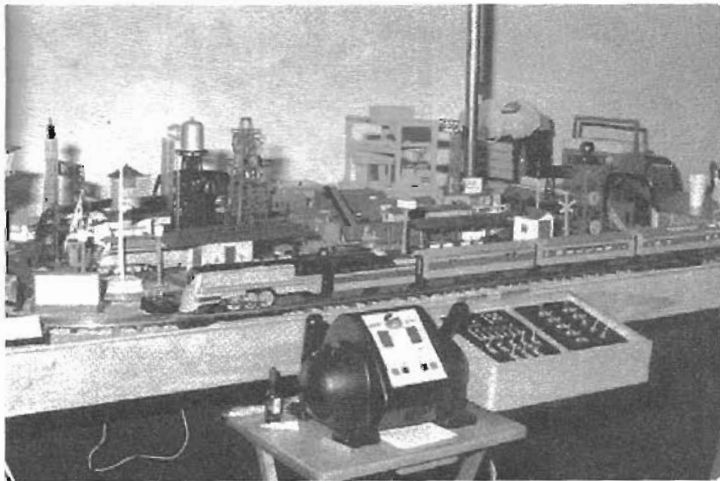
Best of luck in the new year.





We Had Layouts!

San Diego All Gauge (top left) featured American Flyers on their modular layout. Lee's Carnival (3 pictures top right) enthralled youngsters and elders alike with meticulous detail.



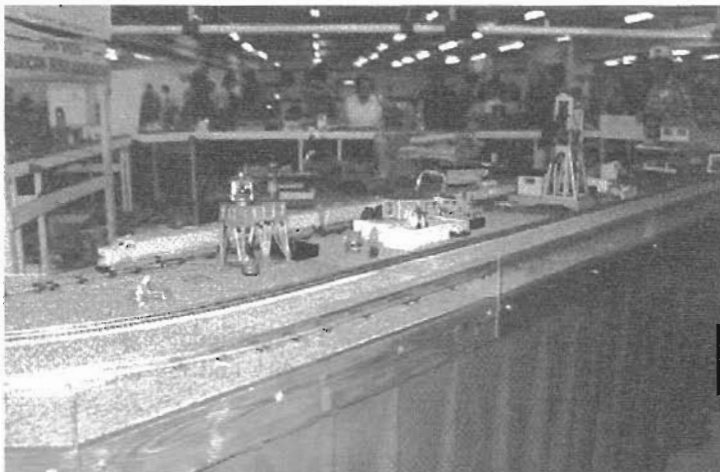
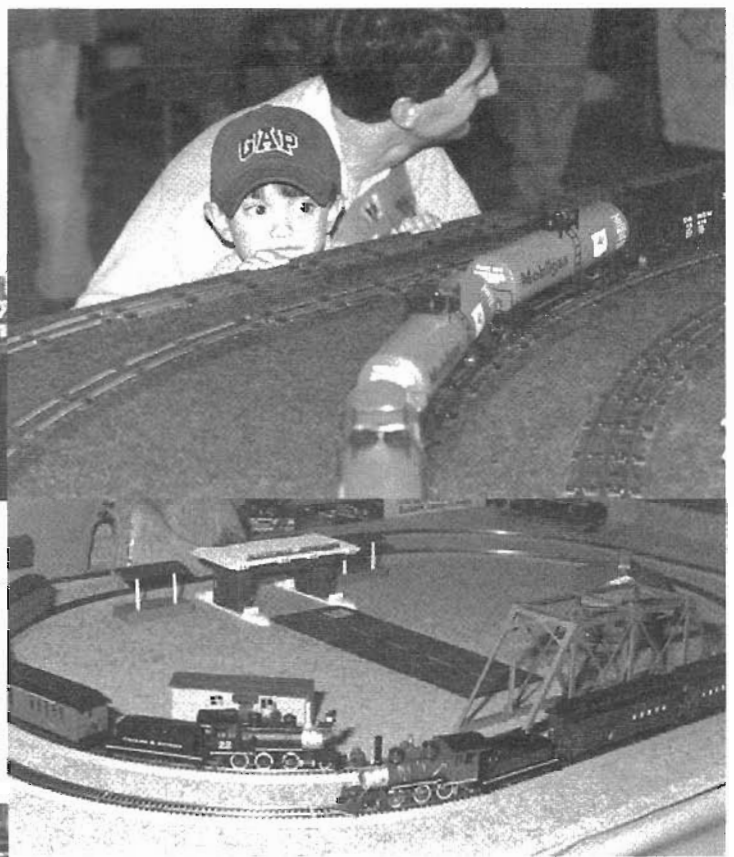
PAPER VILLAGE (pictured on right)

Jack Ahearn is renowned for his varied interests in post-war Lionel items. His latest interest was just published in the November 1998 issue of *Classic Toy Trains*. The article is titled "Lionel's 1948 Paper Buildings." It recounts Jack's two attempts to build the 1948 Lionel paper buildings, the second attempt fifty years after the first. The second attempt was Jack's first successful attempt. The paper village package also included plans for a small 0-27 layout in which to situate the paper village. This past summer Jack enlisted member *Phil Fravesi* to help build a portable layout for the village. The layout has been displayed recently at the Folsom History Museum, the Pasadena Cal-Stewart Meet, and the California State Railroad Museum. The layout has been very popular with young children because it is at their eye level and has lots of action, lights, and noise. (Information from *The Side Track News*, December 1998, Sacramento Valley Division, TTOS.)





Southwestern Division Layout (top pictures, left & right) featured O-gauge, American Flyer and standard gauge. Southwestern also operated the O-scale narrow gauge courtesy of Bachmann. (2nd picture on right)



More Layouts!!!



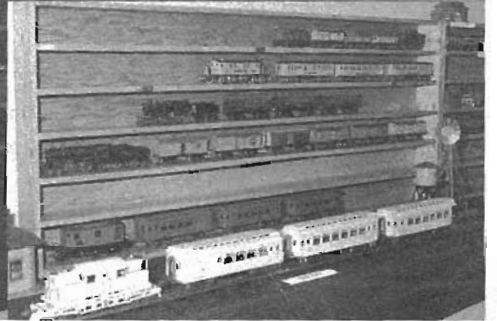
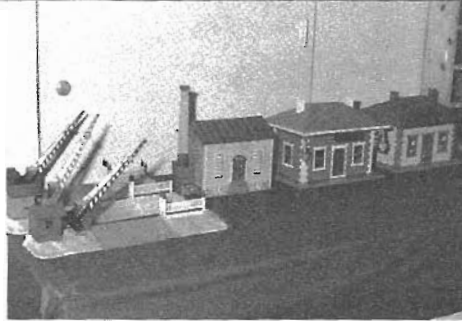
Orange County Tinplate Trackers feature a much-detailed modular layout.

IVES DISPLAY



Displays-- Bob Wall

Responsibilities include recruiting club members to bring valuable and rare toys for display. I wish to thank Geof Berens and Roy Bell



who always assist. Also Tom Hess was a great help this year.

Thank you to the following people who brought Ives trains and accessories which made for a magnificent display: John Parker, Chuck Stone, Robert Spellmire, Roy Bell, Bruce Lazarus, Jerry Butler, Greg Pulis, Jon Pincus, and Jack Warford.

THE GREAT TRAIN RACES

Jon Pincus, Chairman

Responsibilities are to store, maintain, set-up and run races and demolition derby, hand-out prizes, stage race classes, etc. Martin Pincus assisted.

Winners in Races Steam Class: First, Dale Manquen; Second, Jack Rice. Single Motor Diesel: First, Jack Rice; Second, Myron Moore. Dual Motor Diesel: First, Jack Rice; Second, Myron Moore. Pre-War Electric: First, Damian Stelladott; Second, V. J. Campiti. Fastest Train Overall — Open Class: Dale Manquen. Most Trains Entered: Myron Moore.

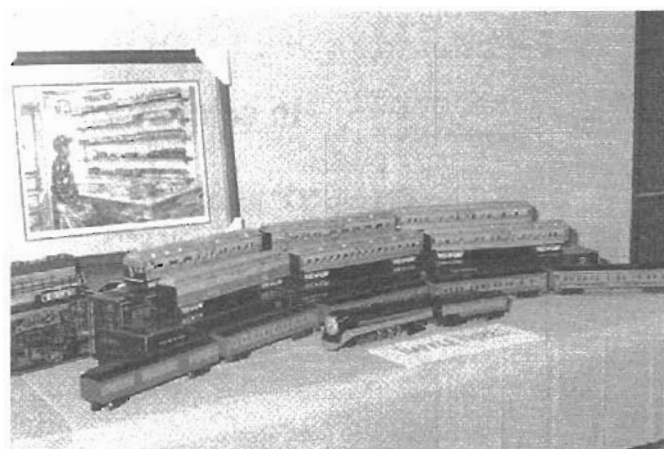
Demolition Derby Winner: Mark Fischer.

New classes for Demolition Derby for 1999: Plastic vs. Plastic, Diecast vs. Diecast, and Open Class!



Train Races are serious business. Which engine will be the fastest???

GRAND DRAWING WINNERS



Donors of the fabulous prizes for the Sunday drawing included Lionel, MTH, Angela Trotta Thomas, K-Line, Aristocraft, Rich-Art, Weaver, Tom McComas, Jr., Atlas, and Kalmbach Publishing.



Beth Stange
Lionel Alaska
Freight Set



Mike Terry
Angela Trotta
Thomas picture



Bob Wall
(San Diego)
BNSF Engine



Bill Yingling
Rio Grande
Passenger Set



Joseph Edo
MTH Southern
Pacific Engine



Bob Spellmire
Box Car



Don Pizzyk
Box Car



Laurie West
G-scale Car



R. Montoya
Water Tower

Cal-Stewart
Ticket Holder
Red Ticket
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is a winner —
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Two-time winner Bob Wall of San Diego enlists the help of Bob Wall of Chatsworth to carry the 2 Atlas cars and Atlas building set.

Not pictured: Michael Brown, Lionel Southern Pacific GS-2 engine and 4 car passenger set; A. Tassone, freight car; Chuck Brough, Weaver O-gauge Boxcar #2199 Chattahoochee; Frank Auedel, 3-pack Lionel Videos.

Drawing Report--Sam Mattes and Roy Bell, co-chairs

Responsibilities include acquire and purchase drawing prizes, sell tickets, identify and acknowledge contributors, balance ticket sales vs. revenue, and deliver prizes.

Volunteers who sold Sunday drawing tickets were Lilly Mattes and Diane Bell-Lee. Calvin Smith assisted in prize distribution.

Thanks to all who donated prizes and bought drawing tickets.