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## Recap of Cal-Stewart 2000 —



### President's Message

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Happy New Year!!!

I look forward to the year 2001. The new hall at the Glendale Civic is just the beginning of the New Year. There are many other things in the New Year including an All Day Meet April 29, the summer picnic and rides at the Los Angeles Live Steamers and Cal-Stewart November 16, 17, & 18. Mark your calendars. Also, put the pocket calendar mailed with this issue of *The Limited* in your wallet (see page 2).

The schedule for 2001 excludes meets in February, May and August in Glendale. The reasons are: first, the new upper hall will cost approximately 50% more than the lower hall; second, we have a scheduling conflict in February with the Nor-Cal Spring Cal-Stewart and hall availability; and third, we are having the summer outing at the Live Steamers in Griffith Park in August and avoid a conflict with the National T.T.O.S. Convention. Cal-Stewart will be in Pasadena for the year 2001 and into the future unless costs and hall availability force us to find another location.

I cannot stress enough the need to find new members to sustain the Division. The new members represent the life-blood to keeping any organization moving forward. Every member should make a personal goal to try and recruit one member this year. If half of you recruited a new member, then we would increase membership by over 200. Wow! What a possibility! This is your club and it needs your help to continue as the best Division in T.T.O.S.

If you would like to get involved in the Division, let me know if you could possibly become a member of the Board of Directors. A few members comprise the Board of Directors which meets once a month to steer the operation of the Division. You will have the opportunity to work hard and express your thoughts on making this a better train club. So come and enjoy the fun.

Cal-Stewart was one of the best meets I can remember. The tables were full of trains and everyone seemed to be enjoying the meet. On Sunday, we almost doubled the public attendance

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## Cal-Stewart 2000 — Such A Deal!



A picture is worth more than a 1,000 words so they say. Well, if you look at the Cal-Stewart 2000 pictures you will see that it was one of the most successful and interesting meets we have ever had with over 900 registrants and paid public on Sunday in excess of 1,100. But as Irwin (you are killing me) Zigmund would say, "Did the club members get their money's worth"? Well, let's take a look.

For \$30 one was given access to over 700 tables overflowing with trains and related items; three action packed auctions; a super raffle with almost \$5,000 in prizes; train races and demolition derby; beautiful displays; operating layouts; John King Memorial party (dinner, drinks, entertainment); seminars and how to fix classes; and representatives from major manufacturers. In addition to the above, less visible activities including security, hotel, souvenir car development, publicity, pre and onsite registration, and hall clean up were necessary to deliver the Cal-Stewart package.

Well, given all the above, I believe I should first warn every one that you should not try to do a Cal-Stewart at home on your own. The amount of work that goes into a Cal-Stewart meet is enormous and begins in January of the New Year. The first order of business of course is to renegotiate the high salaries of all the Committee Chairpersons and committee members. Wait a

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from last year, and they were spending. This is an excellent opportunity to get new members. If you missed Cal-Stewart, shame on you. Mark your calendar now so you can participate in the fun November 16, 17, & 18 and don't forget Nor-Cal February 9, 10 and 11. The O scale show is held at the same time in the same building. You have an excellent opportunity to learn more about being a serious operator.

I will see you at the next meet with a potential new member with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gary'.

## Cal-Stewart 2000 Report Cont'd. from page 1

minute, everyone is a volunteer and they have not been given a raise in 25 years. Sounds like the club and its general membership is getting a hell of a deal for that \$30 registration fee.

I sincerely hope that everyone will take the time to thank the Chairman of each of the events and their committee members as well as those involved in supporting activities. whether it is Cal-Stewart or our monthly meets, we rely on the dedication of some very wonderful individuals. And as the Marines say we are always looking for a few good people to join our group of volunteers. Are you up to the challenge? Happy holidays and have a great New Year. See you at the January 14, 2001 meet.

Sam Mattes  
Cal-Stewart General Chairman

### Cal-Stewart 2000 Chairmen

Tables	Sam Mattes
On-Site Registration	Larry Kirk
King Party	Jerry Blaine
Hotel	Gary Keck
Pre-Registration	Carol Nissen
Computer Programming for Cal-Stewart Packet Labels	Bruce Lazarus
Photographer	Mervyn Lew
Accountant	Irwin Zigmond
Display	Hollis Cotton, Larry Du Pont
Souvenir Car	Gary Keck, Larry Du Pont, Sam Mattes, Roy Bell
Shipping Cars	Fred Kramer
Grand Drawing	Roy Bell
Procurement of Grand Drawing Prizes	Sam Mattes
Grand Drawing Ticket Sales	Sam Mattes
Auctions	Vince Garguilo and Mike Galante
Security	Don Stotts
Train Races & Demolition Derby	Jon Pincus
SWD Layout	Al Vierich and Sheila Blaise
Procuring Other Layouts	Walter Olson
Cal-Stewart Brochure	Larry Du Pont
Packet Preparation	Calvin Smith, Peter Beam, Bill Schouten
Repair Seminar	Larry Pearson
Clean-up	Larry Pearson
Radio & Newspaper Advertising	Gary Keck, Calvin Smith, Kurt Bondi, Sam Mattes

## Special Thank You to . . .

Debbie King for continued support of the King Party and donating beverages;

Bill Stearns for donating softdrinks for the King Party;

Ron Hall for donating Saturday and Sunday lunch for the Cal-Stewart volunteers;

Mervyn Lew for his great photo record of the Cal-Stewart 2000 meet;

John Fox for hosting the Marx Seminar on Saturday afternoon;

Larry Pearson for conducting the Repair Seminar on Saturday afternoon;

Fred Kramer for UPS labeling and shipping 2,100 souvenir cars — that amounts to 8,400 lbs worth!

To all volunteers not mentioned by name who helped make this another outstanding Cal-Stewart Meet!!!



Ron Hall, above with his wife, has provided lunch of cold cuts, breads, condiments and salads on Saturday and Sunday for the Cal-Stewart volunteers for a number of years.

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# The 2000 King Party



The Profit and Loss Dixieland Jazz Band entertained during the evening. Photo on right: SWD President Gary Keck (right) listens to the Profit and Loss leadman.



King Party Chairman Jerry Blaine and Cal-Stewart General Chairman Sam Mattes greet King Party attendees.



Bartenders Mike Galante and Chris Watt at work.



## Happy Winners of King Party Drawing

# “Origins of the Hobby” Theme Display



Theme Chairman Hollis Cotton, assisted by Larry Du Pont and other volunteers, displayed toy train and related train items produced prior to World War I.

Larry Du Pont (far left)

# Highlights of Cal-Stewart



The doors to the Trading Hall opened at 9 a.m. Saturday morning and Cal-Stewart 2000 Meet began.



The crowd flowed swiftly into the Trading Hall—East View.



Some of the many tables in the main Trading Hall—West View.



Carol Nissen and Norma Marlett (l to r) from the National TTOS Office assisted at the Cal-Stewart registration desk.



Cal-Stewart Meet opened to the public at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. Norma Marlett (back to camera) assisted registering public attendees.



Phyllis Smith and Janitta Keck encouraged the public to enter the drawing to win the Lionel Frisco Freight Set.

## Auction Report

The Auction Chairman promotes the auctions and supplies and installs all necessary supplies and equipment. He secures volunteers to work the auctions, organizes all three auctions, conducts the auctions and serves as the auctioneer.

Special thanks to Assistance Auction Chairman, Mike Galante, Cashier Karen Schoenburg, Special assistant to the Chairman Carolyn Pincus. Additional volunteers included Darrel Siegrist, Vic Gerendasy, Alan Rebis, Mike Roman, Don Gatz, Jake, Tony Deneve, Mike Jenkins, Ed "Animal" Maggiore, Jack Jones. The Assistant Auctioneer was Randy Giroux.

Again this year our Saturday Night Auction was a huge success thanks to our sellers, buyers, and our tireless volunteers. We continue to try to improve this auction to make it one of the premier events of Cal-Stewart.

This year at the request of members, we brought back the Saturday daytime auction. We want to hear your ideas and will do our best to bring you the best of them and the best auction possible.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you for making this another fantastic Cal-Stewart.

Vince Garguilo  
Auction Chairman and Auctioneer



Auctioneer Vince in action. The Auctions are always a highlight of Cal-Stewart.

## Registration Report

Chairman Larry Kirk's responsibilities include assuring that the registration procedures ran smoothly, keeping track of what supplies and equipment are needed, and assisting attendees (handing out packets, locating personnel inside the trading hall, etc.). Volunteers helping included, Elaine and Bruce Lazarus, Sandy Raab, Carol Nissen, Norma Marlett, and Janitta Keck. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hall and Bill Stearns supplied food for the Cal-Stewart volunteers.

From the registration point of view, this was another great Cal-Stewart weekend with great table displays and fantastic operating layouts. We hope that the large turnout for Cal-Stewart will result in an increase in our Division's membership.

## Repair Seminar Report

Larry Pearson offered a Repair Seminar on Saturday, November 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. The class lasted the two (2) hours but was poorly attended with only about 10 persons maximum. Seems we cannot get the people out of the trading hall to attend a seminar! Give us your ideas about having seminars at Cal-Stewart.

## Cleanup Report

Cleanup consists of two phases: Friday, inspecting the hall and taping of tables; Sunday, removing all tape from tables and cleaning the hall of debris. Volunteers included Calvin Smith, Phyllis Smith, Tony Denieve, Bill Elliott, Roy Elliott, William Elliot, and Burnett Van Ness.

The majority of the sellers cleaned up their areas before departure and we THANK YOU! You made the cleanup crew's job a lot easier and helped save the Club expenditure for cleanup.

Several vendors were slow in vacating the Hall. We were supposed to be out of the Hall by 6 p.m. but the Hall was not empty until 8 p.m. We hope difficulties in vacating the hall can be worked out by Cal-Stewart 2001.

Larry Pearson, Chairman

# Southwestern Division Club Layout at Cal-Stewart

The responsibilities include transporting club layouts to the show, setting up and operating the layout(s), greeting members and guests, and talking about the trains and our Club.

All of the people on the Southwestern Division Layout Team are volunteers. They give a great deal of their time both at the shows and at scheduled "work" days for building and maintaining the layouts, including picking up parts, etc. Members of the Team include Frank and Stella Alabart, Bill Augustus, Sheila Blaise, Roy Idlof, Chris Kee, Jan Van Lydegraf, and Alan and Marilyn Vierich. In addition, we welcome Larry Pearson, who has established a repair clinic for our members, onto the Layout Team.

First, I would like to thank some people who when they saw a need at the layout came forward to help: Gary Keck who provided track and road bed as needed; Sam Mattes for accessories; Roy Idlof for all the skirting you see around the layouts; Electric Norman for whistle and bell control accessories; Mike Morgan for continuing to loan an S.P. cab forward to run on the Club layout; and Chris Kee who went beyond the call of duty and bought an MTH Z 4000 transformer for the club to use on the layout. Thank you all for your help this year in making the Southwestern Division Layout #1.

Now to the layout and where do we go in 2001. As of Cal-Stewart, we retired the loop of Standard Gauge, which is available to put up at Club Meets if someone want to run their trains. We replaced it with two more loops of "O".

In 2001 we want to extend the layout from the current 24 feet to 34 feet and widen it to 16 feet by adding a 4-foot panel at each end. With this accomplished, we want to place a 24-foot by 2-foot pull thru yard down the center.

There is also discussion of a separate "S" gauge layout which if built would make out Club layout all "O" gauge. So stop by and talk to us.

In addition, if you have trains but no layout and would like to run on Club Day, call me in advance to set it up.

To accomplish the revamping of the layout, we need a 30-foot by 50-foot area for 4 to 5 days to set up the layout and do the work. If you know of, or have that kind of space, please call me. After completing these tasks, we would like to take our layout to hospitals, scout meetings and civic affairs.

See Layout Pictures on this page

Hope you all had a good year and that 2001 finds us making our Southwestern Division #1.

Al Vierich, Layout Chairman

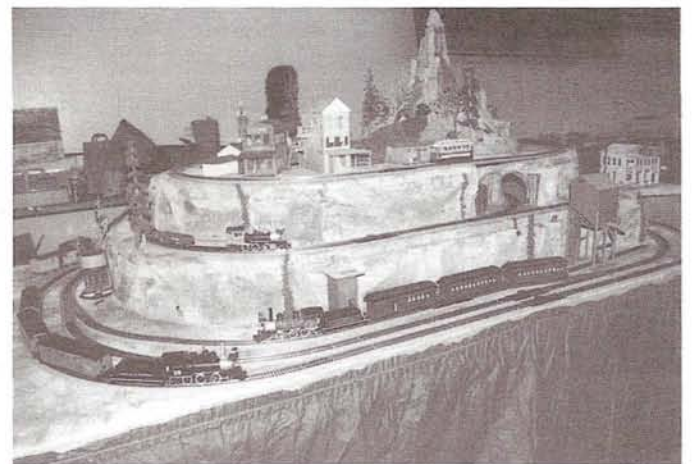


Al Vierich (left) looks over the layout with a member of the Layout Team.

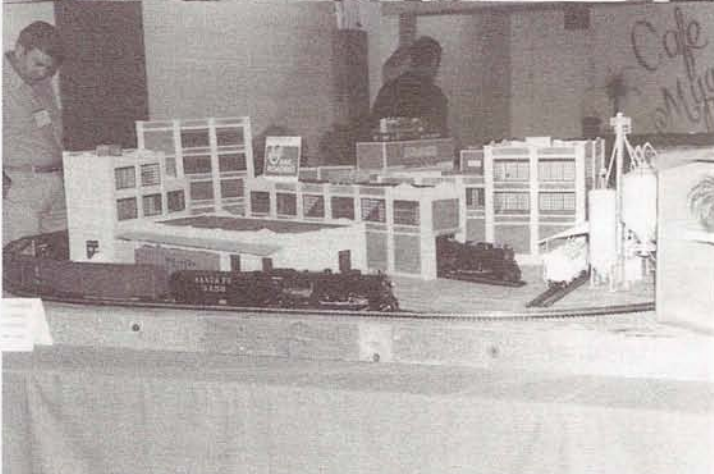


Members of the Layout Team assembled the track and buildings for a layout enjoyed by all attendees.

Two pictures below highlight the Bachman layout designed and built by Al Vierich and Ken Cressy for club use. Bachman O<sub>N</sub>3 trains, courtesy of the Bachman Company, are run on this layout. Bachman also donated buildings.



# MORE CAL-STEWART 2000 LAYOUTS



Top Row: Orange County Tinsplate Trackers layout is always a crowd pleaser with scenic details. Thank you to Bob Mayer, Ed Molyneaux, Gordon Derencin, Jim Moore, Larry Garrett, Larry Carpenter, Brian Fields, Paul Colasuanno, and Foster Rash.

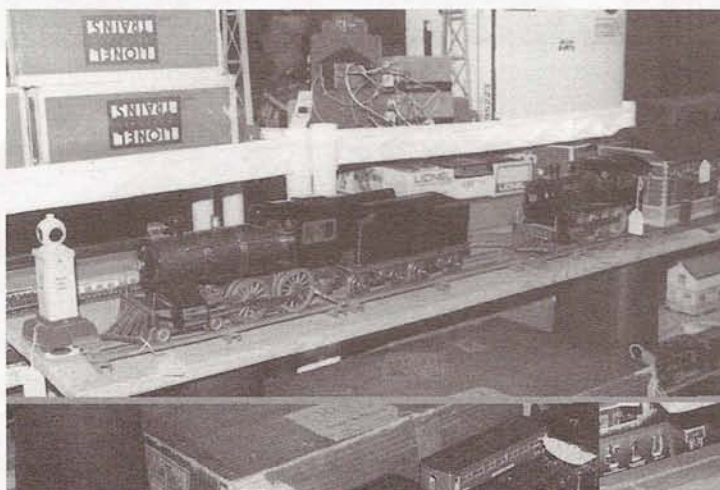
Middle Row: San Diego American Flyer Association S-gauge layout features exciting detailing. Thank you to John Wood, Al Kiel, Gary Butzke, Tom Michalik, Howard Claudino, Steve Pierce, Joyce Kiel, Eric Pickle, and Bill Rigsby.

Bottom Row: on the left, Lionel 12x20 Layout. Thank you to Yolanda Borges, Vern Borges, Rick Hash, Steve Borges, and Jeannett Borges.

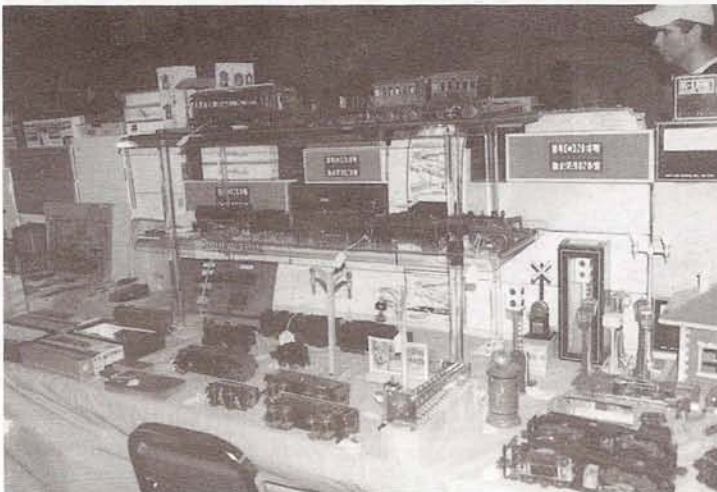
Bottom Row: on the right, Southwestern Division Member Bill Stearns operates his G-scale layout. Our apologies to anyone whose name was omitted.



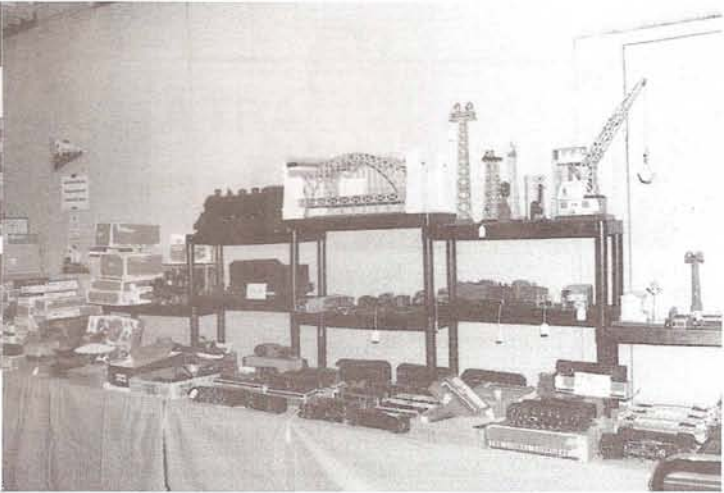
# SCENES OF CAL-STEWART 2000



# Trains . . . Trains . . . Trains . . . . .



# MORE TRAINS . . . . .



# Grand Drawing Report & Winners

This year's CAL-STEWART raffle was a big success with prizes worth more than \$5000. All but six winners were present to collect their prizes. The rest have been contacted and theirs will be delivered. Thanks to Sam Mattes, Carolyn Mattes, Lily Mattes, Carolyn Pincus, Sandy Raab, Kim Stotts, and Phyllis Smith for their help in selling tickets and keeping track of the happy winners.

Next year we might try something different. It has been proposed that we have a DOOR PRIZE drawing instead of selling raffle tickets. We can give away the same amount of PRIZES without the disruption of selling tickets and then delaying the train meet and auction while we call out the numbers and wait for the winners to come forward. We can still buy nice prizes and we can still accept donated gifts from LIONEL, K-LINE, MTH, RICH-ART, TM BOOKS, MOONDOG EXPRESS and the other Generous Dealers who contributed to this meet.

We have a year to work out the details as we prepare for CAL-STEWART 2001, so let me know what you think as we head into next year.

Best Wishes in the New Year 2001.  
Roy Bell, Raffle Chairman



Left to right: Display of raffle prizes; ticket sellers Lily Mattes and Carolyn Mattes with customers; Roy Bell waits for Phyllis Smith to draw the winner of the special public drawing for the Lionel Frisco Freight set.



Ron Jenkins accepted Public Prize of Lionel Frisco Freight Set on behalf of Angela of Bishop, CA.



Bob Cazier  
Lionel New York Central Set



"Electric" Norman Keller  
Lionel Madison set with Clear F-3s



Doug Hays  
Canadian National Set



Bob Vusich  
MTH Chesapeake & Ohio



Bob Spellmire  
MTH Southern Pacific Electric Trolley



Bud Stewart  
Toonerville Trolley



Harold Hoffman  
Lionel New York Central Flyer set



Kenneth Kane III  
K-Line Southern Pacific Engine

# Grand Prize Winners continued



Fred Kramer  
Rich-Art set of 3  
passenger cars



Mervyn Lew  
Aristocraft Union  
Pacific Car & people



J. E. Maloney  
K-Line Book



Sam Mattes  
Pecos River Southern  
Belle Box Car



Jack Madigan  
K-Line Gondolas:  
Rock Island &  
Conrail



Don Goldberg  
K-Line Gondolas:  
Reading & Conrail



Mike Morgan  
K-Line Book



Ed "Animal"  
Maggiore  
Tom Snyder 100th  
Anniversary of Lionel  
Video



Jack Madigan  
Pecos River Kendall  
Co. Building Flat



Brittany Adelberg  
Train Tracker  
Computer Program



Jeff Blazo  
Train Tracker  
Computer Program

Not pictured: Elise Gustafson —Pecos River New York Central Box Car & Moondog Rubber Ties; Tony Tesoriere—Pecos River Santa Fe Box Car; Jerry Johnson—K-Line Gondolas: Rock Island & Conrail; J. Kerr—Two Lionel Price Guides: Nos. 15 & 16; Tom McComas, hat; Laurie West— Moondog Rubber Ties; Jeff Tyler—American Flyer price guide.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION 2001 A TRAIN ODYSSEY

The 36th Annual National Convention of the Toy Train Operating Society will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from July 30 thru August 5, 2001. The theme for the Convention: 2001 A Train Odyssey.

Hosted by the Canadian Division, one of the oldest division in T.T.O.S., this is the first time the National Convention has been held outside of the U.S.

Vancouver is Canada's third largest city and features a beautiful harbor, mountains and exciting downtown skyline. Besides being a major seaport, Vancouver is also the western terminus for both Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways. In addition, Burlington Northern-Santa Fe also operates into Vancouver. You will have plenty of opportunities to photograph the big trains in action.

There were be much to see and do at the National Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Mark the dates on your calendar now. More information and details will follow in the *Bulletin* and *Order Board*.

# THE GREAT TRAIN RACES!

A highlight of Cal-Stewart is the Steve Marinkovich Memorial Train Races and Demolition Derby. Under the guidance of Chairman Jon Pincus, entrants try to out race or out bash their opponents.



The three pictures above feature train races. The races are popular with both youth and adult toy train enthusiasts. Plan now to enter your fastest locomotives in the Train Races at the November 2001 Cal-Stewart.

## Security Team Report



I want to thank all the members of my security team who gave of their time and expertise for the security at Cal-Stewart 2000.

Just for the record, with the exception of two members of the Southwestern Division, all of the security team are non-club members and only tolerate my passion for trains. I bribed, threatened, dug up skeletons, offered overtime spots for the Tournament of Roses and did whatever it took to round up an excellent team. An arrest for grand theft and burglary was effected by the team and the convention center's security. By using non members, I feel that we have a team that is doing a job and not shopping for trains.

I want to thank members Fred Ruby, Sandra Raab, Howard Bishop, Paul Springborn, David Smail, Vicky Zachery, Cliff and Val Stotts and my wife Kim.

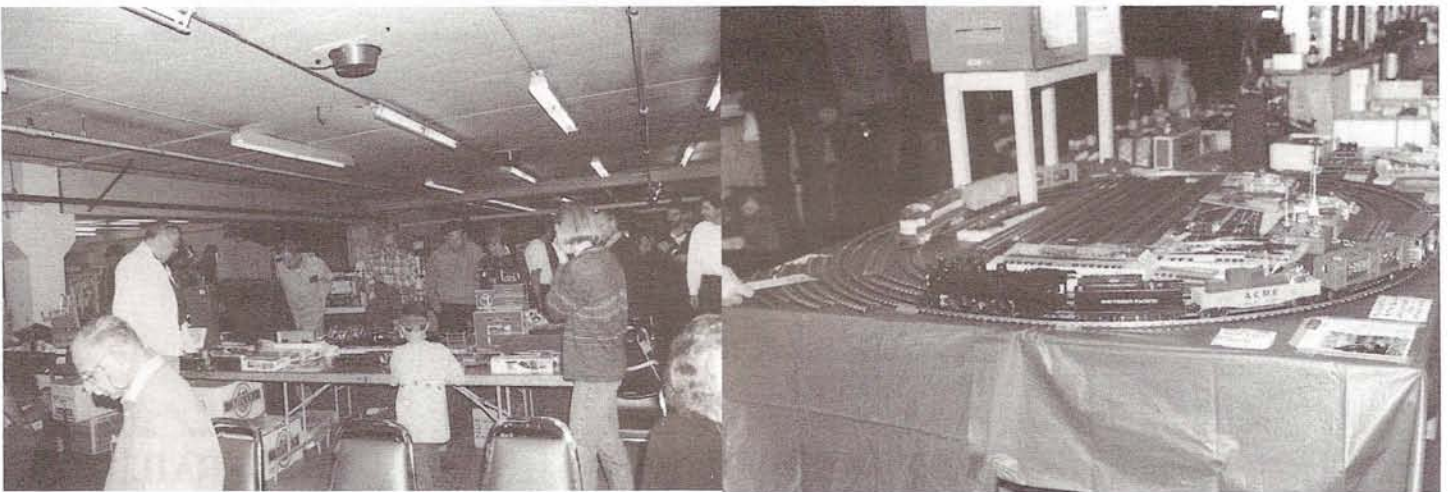
Don Stotts  
Security Chairman

# JOHN FOX PRESENTS MARX SEMINAR



For a number of years now, John Fox has led the Marx Seminar on Saturday afternoons at Cal-Stewart. The Seminar gives Marx collectors an opportunity to “show and tell” Marx collectibles. While the emphasis is on Marx, obviously, John encourages questions and answers on any concerns about toy trains. The Marx collectors are a friendly groups and happy to assist other collectors. A big “THANK YOU” to John Fox for hosting this valuable and entertaining seminar.

## STILL MORE TRAINS



The tables at Cal-Stewart 2000 were loaded with trains to whet the appetites of train collectors!

# Train Manufacturers Displayed at Cal-Stewart 2000



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**MTH TRAINS**



**K-LINE TRAINS**



**ARISTOCRAFT**  
(on left)



**THIRD RAIL**

Also in attendance was **PECOS RIVER** featuring cars with "The Quality You Expect, The Accuracy You Deserve." Our apologies that the picture did not come out due to mechanical difficulties.



# Vendors at Cal-Stewart



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Amtrak came to entice members to travel by train to the T.T.O.S. National Covention 2001 in Vancouver, BC, Canada



Wall Decor Items



Parts Dealers: top—Ed White; lower left—Electric Norman & Wife Blanche; lower right—Mike's Train Parts

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Sellers Set-up 10 a.m. -Members in 11:a.m.  
Public in 12 Noon—Drawing 1:45 p.m.—Auction 2 p.m.

**Special Events**

Nor-Cal Spring Cal-Stewart Feb. 9-11, 2001  
National T.T.O.S. Convention July 30-August 5, 2001  
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Membership Picnic August (after convention)  
Cal-Stewart Nov. 16, 17, 18, 2001

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