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## Highlights Cal-Stewart 2008



# In Memoriam . . .

## Tom Hess

by Jerry Blaine, good friend

The meets have changed for many of us because Tom Hess is not there to say hello and to help whenever he could.

Tom passed away in July and will be greatly missed. Tom was friendly to all and never had a bad word about to say about anyone. He loved to talk trains. His loves included trains, airplanes (was a licensed pilot) and cars (American cars).

Tom was a modest man who never had a television ... he simply loved to visit with friends and to read. He also enjoyed going to the Friday night meets and dinner with the group afterwards.

May you rest in peace, good buddy.



Tom Hess with his truck.

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**Top: Theme Display "Streamliners" Exhibit in the Brown Hall. Photo by Hal Rothenborg**

**Bottom: White Hall. Photo by David Nissen.**

**THANK YOU to David Nissen and Hal Rothenborg for photographing Cal-Stewart 2008.**

**Calvin Smith, editor**

## Michael L. Urac III

T.T.O.S. #690 & T. C. A. #01-53692

by Rebecca (Becky) Urac, wife



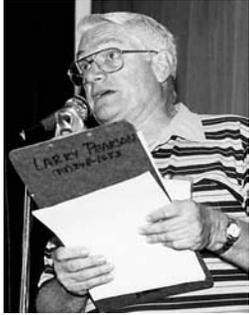
Michael Urac passed away on November 12, 2008 after a short battle with lung cancer. Michael was a long time member of both TCA and TTOS. Michael was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1942. His family moved out to California when he was 14 years old and left behind a basement full of Marx trains and toys because they were "only

toys" and took up too much room. Mike attended Citrus High School in Glendora, California, and upon graduation enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After his discharge he met and married Becky and fathered three children, twin girls Becky and Dolores and a son Michael. He worked hard to put himself through school at night and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Safety Administration. Thereafter he became the Director of Safety and Security at Kaiser Hospital in Los Angeles from where he retired after 30 years.

He never forgot the trains and toys he had left behind and during his 30 years at Kaiser and the 10 years after he retired he was an avid collector. He spent most of his weekends at estate sales, yard sales, auctions and was always looking for a deal. His first love was trains and he easily replaced the Marx trains he had left behind as a child twelve times over. He had every Marx train and toy he had ever had, like all the Marx Playsets and some he had never heard of, but he had them as an adult. One of his greatest thrills was going to York for the annual train meet. During the course of their marriage he talked Becky into building an addition to the house so he could store all his treasures. They also opened a train shop in West Covina called the Train Crossing and had to close it when the building was sold. He planned to reopen after he retired but he was always so busy finding more treasures and buying out storage units that he never had time. Besides his original Marx, he actually collected more Lionel both pre-war and post-war and developed a real addiction to Standard gauge. He also was a great fan of metal figures and had hundreds and hundreds of those. He also collected stamps, Indian artifacts and clocks. He enjoyed the outdoors and showed his children and grandchildren the joys of camping, fishing, hiking and how to enjoy nature in surroundings like Sequoia, Death Valley and his own backyard.

He was a wonderful loving husband and father and a good friend. Although he was not as active in the clubs as he was in the early years when the family vacations were planned around the train conventions, he was always at Cal-Stewart. Even though he was quite ill and very weak he had planned to attend this year but didn't quite make it. I'm sure there are still many in the club who remember him. He passed surrounded by his family as the sun rose over the horizon and we figure there was a swap meet about to open somewhere and so he had to be on his way. He will be forever missed and eternally loved.

# President's Message



**LARRY PEARSON**, President,  
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## CAL-STEWART 2008 REPORT

The 35<sup>th</sup> Cal-Stewart Meet held on November 21-23 was the largest that we have held in several years. This marked the second (and last) year that

we utilized the "temporary" facilities (the White and Brown Halls) on the east side of the Pasadena Convention Center property while the new exhibit halls were being built on the west side of the property. In 2009 we will be moving into the new larger (and more expensive) facilities. **Mark the 2009 dates on your calendar: November 20, 21, & 22, 2009.**

The 2008 **John King Welcoming Party** moved to the Pasadena Masonic Temple, 200 So Euclid Ave., just a short walk from the Cal-Stewart facilities. **Bill & Tina Corsello** came up with the idea of doing away with the hors d'ouvres and expensive entertainment at the Sheraton and replacing it with a complete buffet dinner at the nearby Masonic Temple, all for only \$10 per person (well below our actual cost of \$28.65 per person). This proved to be a fantastic idea, and the party room was packed to capacity with over 210 happy attendees. Needless to say, we will be doing this again in 2009, and have already booked the hall and caterer.

After a one-year absence, the **Boy Scouts** returned to Cal-Stewart 2008. **Dave Otth** once again headed this up with the assistance of **Jon Lang, Wayne Sheriff, Tom Gibson** plus others, and at least 80 Scouts and their parents attended on Saturday to earn Merit Badges for Model Railroading and Collecting. A big thanks go out to the many sellers in the White Hall who gave or assisted Scouts in acquiring trains for their Collecting Merit badge.

As explained in the November/December 2008 issue of *The Southwestern Limited*, Cal-Stewart 2008 was made into two separate events: **The Wonderful World of Trains** in the Brown Hall, and **The Cal-Stewart Train Meet** in the White Hall. The Wonderful World of Trains was open to the Public at no charge on both Saturday and Sunday and consisted of: Manufacturer's Displays (Lionel, MTH, and Williams by Bachmann), eight operating layouts (HO, S, O, Std.), The Ralph Johnson Memorial Display celebrating Toy Train Models of Early Streamliners, Train Races & Demolition Derby, Auctions, Special Seminars featuring Marx and TCA Grading Standards, Boy Scout Merit Badge Certification, a SWD public drawing for a **Lionel Polar Express** set donated by **The Train Shack** and **Calvin and Phyllis Smith**, Train Club Information Tables, and overflow train sales from the White Hall. We were able to provide the Brown Hall events at no charge because we were given a significantly reduced rent on the facility due to the "inconvenience" factor of the two-hall arrangement. This discount will no longer be offered in 2009, and we are looking for ways to be able to afford to do this on an annual basis. The Wonderful World of Trains was a tremendous success, with an estimated 2,000 public in attendance. The Manufacturers and the operating layouts enjoyed having two days of "public" attendance.

The **Cal-Stewart Train Meet** was held in the White Hall and

required regular paid Cal-Stewart registration to attend. The hall was a sell-out and was very well attended. Paid registrations were up significantly because attendees had to register to enter the White Hall on both Saturday and Sunday. Most sellers reported doing very well if they priced their trains to sell. It is very hard to sell trains in the current economy by pricing them in excess of the price guides. Everyone enjoyed the well-lit, carpeted and air-conditioned facility. Loading and unloading was fast and easy.

The **2008 Cal-Stewart** souvenir car, the **Wild Cherry LIFESAVERS® Tank Car**, is currently being offered, with orders being taken until May 1, 2009. Delivery is expected in November, 2009. We were late getting this out due to delays at Lionel getting prototypes made (they no longer make their own prototypes), and management changes at Wrigley's, the licensee. As soon as orders have been taken in May, we hope to have the **2009 Pep O Mint** Cal-Stewart car flier prepared. We very much appreciate your business with these cars. The profit we make on the annual Cal-Stewart souvenir cars goes to offset the ever-increasing costs of putting on the Cal-Stewart Meet. We still have some earlier Cal-Stewart Souvenir cars in stock for immediate sale. You can view them and down-load an order form on the Cal-Stewart website: [www.Cal-Stewart.org](http://www.Cal-Stewart.org).

Please join me in thanking the Chairmen and workers of the many sub-committees who made Cal-Stewart 2008 the great event that it was (**not** listed in order of importance). I am sure that I have left some people off this list, and many of those listed helped in other areas also, and I apologize for not recognizing this. All workers are unpaid volunteers: **Meet Chairman:** Jerry Blaine; **Web Master:** Harold Shapiro; **Cal-Stewart Brochure:** Calvin & Phyllis Smith; **Pre-Registration:** Bruce & Elaine Lazarus (Chair.); **Pre-Registration Table Sales:** Bruce & Elaine Lazarus (Chair.); **Table Assignments:** Bruce Lazarus & Larry Pearson; **Souvenir Car Sales:** Bruce & Elaine Lazarus; **Warehousing & Shipping of Souvenir Cars:** Fred Kramer; **Badge & Packet Preparation:** Calvin & Phyllis Smith; **Hotel Liaison:** Jerry Blaine; **Floor Plans:** Larry Pearson & Matt Lancy (Pasadena Center); **Hall Electrical:** Larry Pearson; **Advertising:** Dave Otth, Hollis Cotton, Calvin & Phyllis Smith, Alan Huegeli; **Hall Setup:** Larry Pearson (Chair.), Alan Rebis, Tony Deneve, Dave Otth, Hollis Cotton; **Ralph Johnson Memorial Display of Streamliners:** Hollis Cotton (Chair.), Ginny Cotton, Randy Bemis, Art Bosse, Bob Cesarone, Steve Eastman, Brian Fields, Dave Gabay, Tom Gibson, Jim Kenney, Ed Largey, John Parker, Bruce Peterson, Larry Pearson, Greg Pulis, Fritz Von Togan, Steve Waller; **Hall Banners & Decoration:** Dave Otth & Alan Huegeli; **John King Welcoming Party:** Bill Corsello (Chair.), Tina Corsello, Calvin Smith, Jerry Blaine, Don Ladenberger, Larry Pearson, Betty King; **On-Site Registration:** Bruce & Elaine Lazarus (Chair.), Donn Nelson, Arlene Berns, Mark & Linda Spears, Marty Jorjanian, Butch Alvarado, Phyllis Smith, Larry Pearson; **Layouts & Southwestern Layout:** Walter Olson (Chair.), Larry Pearson, Tony Deneve, Mike Morgan (Chair. SW Layout), Jerry Moser, Al & Marilyn Vierich, Frank Alabart, Bill Augustus, Irv Hahn, Hal Rothenborg, Ramon Garcia, Chris Kee, Glen Passmore; **Invited Layouts (7):** Southwestern Division Layout (20x40), Richard Keppel's O/Std. Tinline Floor Layout (20x20), Grand Canyon Model Railroaders S-Gauge (12x18), Orange County Trackers Layout (18x36), So. Cal. S-Gaugers Layout (26x30), European Train Enthusiasts Layout (17x32), John Bowman Std. Gauge (8x10); **Boy Scouts Merit Badge Program:** Dave Otth (Chair.), Jon Lang, John Bowman, Tom Gibson, Wayne Sheriff, Alex Areyanna, Kattie Doles; **Manufacturers:** Lionel,

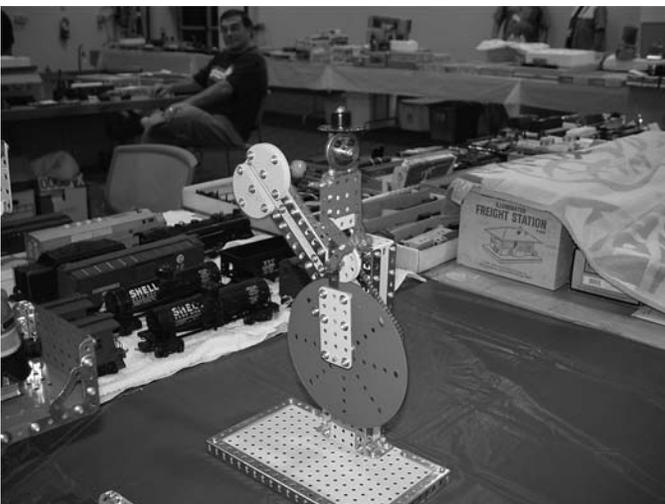
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# The White Hall (Trading) Cal-Stewart 2008

Photos by David Nissen



As seen in the photos above, a very full Trading Hall greeted Cal-Stewart 2008 attendees.



An interesting item!

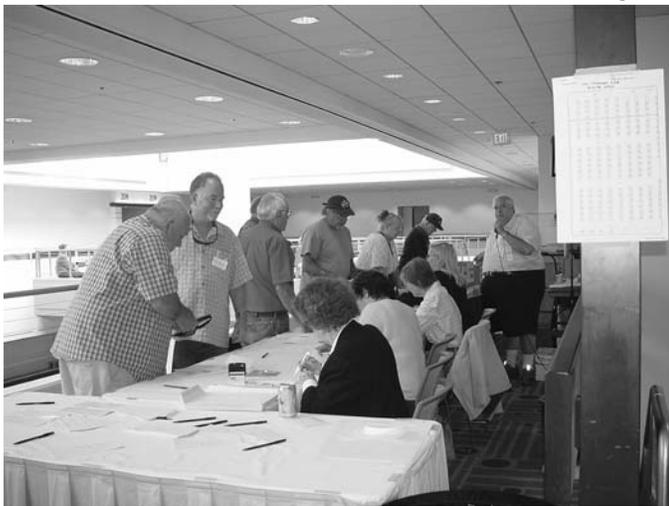


This table had a nice display of Lionel pre- and post-war Hudson freight sets, including these above: 1943-763, 1946-703, and 1950-773.

## More Scenes of Cal-Stewart 2008 — photos by David Nissen



The King Memorial Welcoming Party at the Pasadena Masonic Temple was a sell-out, with everyone enjoying the delicious sit-down dinner in the beautiful 1926 historic building.



In addition to handling pre-registration and car sales, Bruce & Elaine Lazarus directed on-site registration in the upper level of the Brown Hall. Besides the help of two Convention Center assistants, SWD members assisting included Donn Nelson, Arlene Berns, Mark and Linda Spears, Marty Jorjanian, Butch Alvarado, Larry Pearson and Phyllis Smith.



John Fox from the Chicago, Illinois area (l) hosted the Marx Show & Tell on Saturday morning.



Saturday 80 Boy Scouts were able to work on Model Railroading, Collecting and Videography merit badges in the Brown Hall. Scout activities included racing trains and building a layout in the Brown Hall.



The Train Races and Demolition Derbies are always popular events at Cal-Stewart. Here two hopefuls check out engines on the race track.

# Layouts in the Brown Hall Cal-Stewart 2008 — Photos by David Nissen



Grand Canyon Model Railroaders S-gauge



Layout built by the Boy Scouts as part of their merit badge activities. In background, John Bowman's standard gauge layout.



Lower left: Dave Otth's Movie Railroadiana display; Center: Southern California S-Gaugian; Upper left: European Train Enthusiasts Layout.

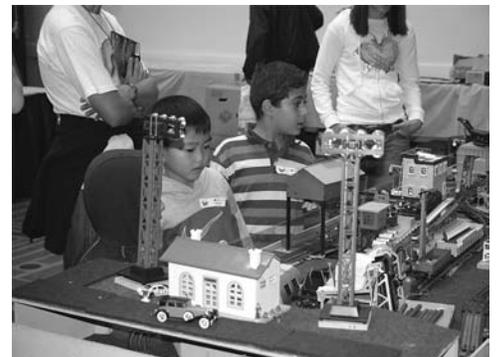


Orange County Tinplate Trackers



SWD Newly Constructed Layout — photo by Hal Rothenborg

Children of All Ages Love to Watch Toy Trains



Right Picture: TCA Western Division Action layout.

Bottom picture: Lady on far right at the back of the table with her back to camera is "Our Gang" comedy actress Joy Lane signing a movie still picture.



Left: Scene on SWD layout; Right: Richard Keppel's O/Standard Tinplate floor layout.



# Cal-Stewart 2008 Grand Drawing Winners — photos by David Nissen



Dave Gabay  
Lionel Jersey Central  
Passenger Set



Dave Gabay  
MTH Rail King Amtrak  
Passenger Set



Andrew Munoz  
MTH Rail King SP  
4-8-4 Passenger Set



Les Gantz  
American Flyer 2-8-2  
Chesapeake & Ohio  
Steamer with Tender



Gary Anderson won the  
Williams by Bachmann Great  
Northern ABA + 6 Passenger  
Cars and a K-Line SP Caboose



Bill Elliott  
K-Line Box Cab  
Locomotive



Dave Gabay  
K-Line Up Caboose



Les Cochran  
K-Line SP Caboose



James Kroeger  
K-Line SP Caboose



A big THANK YOU to Lionel, Lionel A F, Lionel K-Line, MTH and Williams by Bachmann for donating drawing prizes.

## Winner of Public Drawing



Martha Figueroa of Rosemead was the lucky winner of the Lionel Polar Express set which was picked up by son Ronald and husband Garibalde.  
Photo by Phyllis Smith

Polar Express Set donated by The Train Shack and Calvin and Phyllis Smith.

## Ralph Johnson Memorial Display: Historic Streamliners — Photos by David Nissen



This significant display designed by Hollis Cotton with assistance of Dave Otth featured Toy Train Streamliners 1934-1941, graphics, movies & railroadians from Hollis' and Dave's collections as well as items lent by a number of TTOS members. "Conductor" Steve Waller shared his knowledge of the streamliner era.



## Manufacturers in the Brown Hall — photos by David Nissen



Williams by Bachmann, Lionel and MTH had manufacturers displays in the Brown Hall with representatives to demonstrate trains and answer questions. Lionel and MTH had operating layouts.

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The Cal-Stewart meets began over 30 years ago, as co-operative activities of the west coast divisions of both TTOS & TCA. The November Pasadena meet has always been open to members of any train club (see [www.cal-stewart.org](http://www.cal-stewart.org)). You must be a member of either TTOS or TCA to order this car. For updates on estimated delivery dates, check our web page, [www.cal-stewart.org](http://www.cal-stewart.org) and click on "Cal-Stewart Souvenir Cars". You may contact Bruce Lazarus, 4858 Dunman Ave., Woodland Hills, Ca 91364 with any other questions. Email: [cars@cal-stewart.org](mailto:cars@cal-stewart.org); phone: 818 225-1710. PLEASE NOTE: We have had substantial price increases from our manufacturer and shipper. In order to keep our pricing as low as possible, we've passed these on without one penny of mark-up.



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# The December Christmas Extravaganza Meet — photos by David Nissen



Busy Hall with 61 tables full of trains and train related items. We had over 100 guests plus 40 children visited Santa Claus. Mike Marble had 10 tables of parts.



Thank you, Bruce Lazarus, for helping with the December Meet desk.

## December Layouts — photos by David Nissen



The December Layouts are always enjoyed by attendees at the December Christmas Extravaganza Meet. The layouts ran a variety of trains and had Christmas decorations.

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# Santa Claus Visited the December Meet!

Photos by David Nissen



### Update on Jerry Price

Jerry Price is showing some improvement after his massive stroke. He can write notes and is having physical therapy, but at this time cannot speak. Please keep Jerry and Family in your prayers.



### Welcome New & Renewal Members

Bill Baier, Gary Anderson, Henry Olivia, Louie Aguilar, Chuck Reuter, Michael Plisky, and Eric Hahn. We're happy to have you in Southwestern Division!!



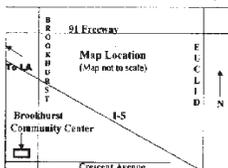
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# December Drawing Winners – photos by David Nissen



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## President's Message cont'd from page 3

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For the first time ever, TTOS National deliberately and willfully did everything they could to hinder and obstruct Cal-Stewart 2009. This is, in my opinion, a very sad development, because I believe that the Cal-Stewart Meet is the premier TTOS event, and the Southwestern Division works all year long to put it on and makes little or no profit in an attempt to keep costs to attendees as low as possible. In March, incoming National President Brian Fields directed Executive Director Randy Giroux to cancel the Cal-Stewart event insurance, which he did. Brian told me "you've got money - you pay for it". "Send \$250 per day (\$750 total) if you want National to buy the insurance." This came up for discussion at the Sacramento National Board Meeting in August, and Ken Flory, President of the Southern Pacific Division, was kind enough to make a motion that the Cal-Stewart event insurance be restored. The Motion passed unanimously, and National restored the Cal-Stewart insurance coverage. I found out later that the actual cost was \$300, not \$750. Considering all the work we do for National's benefit, \$300 is a real bargain. To put things in perspective, TTOS

National lost over \$30,000 on the 2008 Sacramento Convention. Next, Randy Giroux decided that he did not want to release the National mailing list to us for us to use for the Cal-Stewart event brochure mailing, using the excuse that National could get sued if they released the National mailing list to us. National then paid hundreds of dollars to their law firm to say (in four pages) "don't let them have the list unless every National Member gives his/her specific permission to give Southwest their name and address". In the past, National always released their Membership list to us and no one ever complained, much less sued. What is the use of belonging to TTOS National if you don't find out about train events? The result was several weeks of hard work and delay while we did our best to create a mailing list using old data. Several hundred brochures were returned with bad or obsolete addresses. And many Members of TTOS never got a registration brochure. Please note that when you renew your national membership, you will find a special section where you may give or deny permission to have your name and address released to Divisions. It is our hope that TTOS members will allow their mailing information to be released to Divisions so all Divisions may better inform the national membership about train events.

### DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS MEET A GREAT SUCCESS

This year's annual Open House Christmas Meet was a complete sellout and another great success, despite the competition from the Great Train Expo in Ventura. We distributed free passes to the public at Cal-Stewart, Travel Town and LA Live Steamers in Griffith Park. Over 100 invited public attended, and 40 children visited Santa, played by **Fred Ruby**. The Club provided free chocolate cup cakes, hot chocolate, coffee and tea to all attendees. **Walter Olson** provided the Christmas decorations and **Jerry Moser** handled the Raffle. We had three operating layouts.

Happy Train Running,  
Larry Pearson, President, SWD

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3. Friday Home Layout Tour

**Note:** All convention activities will take place at the Marriott Hotel as well as all tour departures.

**HOW ABOUT RIDING THE  
TRAIN TO THE  
CONVENTION!!**

See Details on Page 12  
this issue of the  
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## PUBLIC RULES

1. All Public must register and pay before entering the meet hall. Under 12 admitted free with paid adult admission. You will be given a guest name sticker to wear at all times during the meet.
2. If you wish to join at the meet, you may apply your admission fee to the yearly Southwestern Division dues, prorated each quarter, fiscal year July 1 st through June 30th. You also need to **join Toy Train Operating Society** (our national organization). Information is available at the registration desk.

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP RULES

1. No entrance to the hall without a badge or a name tag.
2. No Smoking in the trading hall.
3. Sellers are not to trade prior to the opening of the meet.
4. Seller Setup -- Only if Seller provides own opaque (cloth or plastic) cover. **NO COVER --NO SETUP!** No newspapers allowed.
5. No parking in any Fire Lane.

## REGARDING CLUB RULES

The Board of Directors appreciates the member's and public's cooperation in abiding with the above list of rules. The club rules are meant to protect the members and public and help the monthly meets run smoothly. If you have any comments regarding any of these rules, please direct your comments to a member of the board. Or if you prefer, send a letter to the secretary for discussion at the board meeting. These Rules are Subject to Change without Prior Notice should the situation warrant such change. Remember, courtesy is contagious. Follow the Golden Rule in all your activities. Be helpful to new members and to the public.

## 2009 Southwestern Division Meets

Sundays: Jan. 4, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, April 5, May 3,  
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## New TTOS Grading Standards

At the August 14, 2008 board meeting, the Board of Directors of the Toy Train Operating Society decided to return to our previous grading standards by TTOS members when offering trains for sale or trade. Effective immediately, please start using these grading standards:

**MINT** - Brand new, absolutely unmarred, all original and unused.

**LIKE NEW (LN)** - Free of any blemishes, nicks or scratches, original condition throughout, very little sign of use.

**EXCELLENT (EX)** - Minute nicks or scratches, no dents or rust.

**VERY GOOD (VG)** - Few scratches, exceptionally clean, no dents or rust.

**GOOD (GD)** - Scratches, small dents, dirty.

**FAIR** - Well-scratched, chipped, dented, rusted, or warped.

**POOR** - Beat up, junk condition, some usable parts.

All description standards are mainly in regard to condition of finish. This should be kept constantly in mind. In all categories except Mint or Like New, parts can and may be missing. Any such missing parts must be noted when describing the piece. Also, any replacement parts must be noted, or exceptions to the stated category. All restored or refinished items are to be so stated. Note that the standards apply to original items. No grade above Excellent can apply to a refinished piece. We do not here recognize in-between or multiple grades, such as Excellent plus, Excellent minus or Very Good to Excellent.

## TRAIN COLLECTIONS PURCHASED

Having been a member of TTOS Southwest since 1970, many of you know me, and the reputation of my store and my auctions. Should you get serious about selling your collection, please give me a call. I will buy your entire collection, and you will receive a fair price for each and every piece. Or, if you prefer, I will sell your collection at auction.

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