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## SWD 2023 Meets:

**S**outhwestern Division's remaining Meets for 2023 are listed below. The official start time is 10:00 am, though you might find sellers arriving as early as 8:00. Please give them time to set up!

### Upcoming 2023 Dates:

- Aug. 5th - 1st Saturday  
LA Live Steamers Picnic
  - Sep. 3rd\* - 1st Sunday
  - Oct. 1st - 1st Sunday
  - Nov. 5th - 1st Sunday
  - Dec. 3rd\* - 1st Sunday
- Dates marked with *asterisk\** are **Open House Meets**.

### Our address:

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



### 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 left 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.

**Toy Train Auctioneer:** George Blanch (818) 590-8238. Reserve a spot to sell.

**Info:** Phone our President Larry Pearson, mornings after 8:00 am: (818) 848-2653 (home); (818) 994-4890 (cell).

**Website:** [www.ttos-sw.org](http://www.ttos-sw.org). 



## SWD 2023 Membership Appreciation Picnic

The TTOS Picnic, as photographed in 2013, from the archives of the late Herb Mayer, who documented many SoCal train events. Click the link to see more: [www.flickr.com/photos/mayer8ha/collections](http://www.flickr.com/photos/mayer8ha/collections).

**C**ome to the TTOS Southwestern Division Summer Member Appreciation Picnic, located at the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum in Burbank's beautiful Griffith Park! The address is 5202 Zoo Drive, which is about a half mile east of Travel Town.

The event starts at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 5, 2023. Food service stops at 1:30 pm. The trains finish running at 2:30 pm. Free parking is in the gravel lot on the east side of the facility.

Enjoy hamburgers & hot dogs, with all the trimmings, and chips, baked beans, cookies, sodas, etc.



—2007 photo by Herb Mayer

The picnic is for *dues-paid* SWD Members, their families and invited guests! Please, children must be supervised at all times during this event. *Sorry, no train sales permitted at the park.*

The price for the picnic is \$8.00 per person, in advance, by mail. (Kids under 12 are free.) Reservations are due Saturday, July 29th. Look for the picnic flyer in the SWD dues letter you received, or call our President, Larry Pearson at (818) 848-2653, after 8:00 am.

For more info, see the President's Message, next page... 

# SWD President's Message: Summer, 2023



**SWD President  
Larry Pearson**

**LARRY PEARSON**

President, 2022-2023

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**SP Daylight  
ALCO PA loco**

—LALS photo

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## SWD MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY AND PICNIC: SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

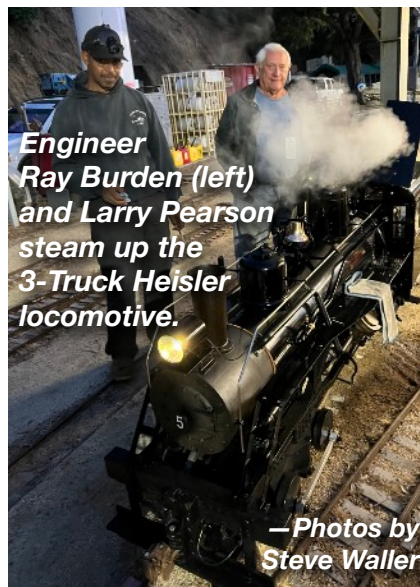
Some twenty years ago, the late SWD President **Gary Keck** (founder of “The Train Shack” in Burbank, CA) came up with the idea of having a summer picnic, in place of the August monthly trading Meet. The tradition of this great annual event at the Los Angeles Live Steamers in Griffith Park resumes for 2023 on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, after a three-year absence caused by the COVID-19 restrictions in Griffith Park. Although this is called a “Member Appreciation Party,” SWD members are encouraged to invite friends, family and neighbors to this fun annual event. When last held on August 3, 2019, we had over 300 adults and children in attendance.

Due to inflation, we are forced to raise the cost for adults and children 12 and over to \$8.00, which is a \$1 increase from 2019. (Children under 12 are free.) Considering what restaurants are currently charging, \$8.00 is a bargain, and attendees get unlimited seconds as long as the food lasts. The admission fee also covers our \$500 donation to LALS.



**This Pennsylvania Railroad  
Decapod was built by LALS  
member David Lazarus.**

**Don Kallgren (left)  
and Larry Pearson**

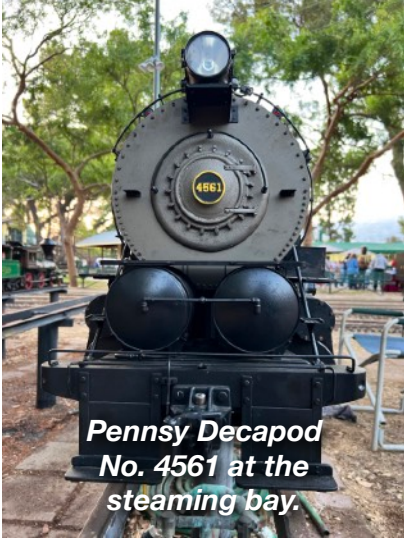


**Engineer  
Ray Burden (left)  
and Larry Pearson  
steam up the  
3-Truck Heisler  
locomotive.**

—Photos by  
Steve Waller

Reservation forms were included with the annual SWD Dues Renewal letter, and will also be available at the TCA Western July 22 Meet. Because we have to pre-order food, we need to have a reasonably accurate attendance count five days before the event. Call me at the above phone number with last-minute changes. We will work you in. You can pay at the gate, but we need to know in advance who is coming. Paid attendees will be given a colored wrist band to show that they paid for lunch.

# SWD President's Message, continued...



**Pennsy Decapod  
No. 4561 at the  
steaming bay.**

This year, for the first time in many years, we are scheduled to be running two live steam locomotives at the head of our trains. These are pictured in here, and are Pennsylvania #4561 a 2-10-0 "Decapod" and the Heisler #5,

a remarkable geared locomotive, similar to a Shay. Don Kallgren, an LALS/SWD dual member, is working very hard to line up locomotives and the volunteers to run them. The trains are scheduled to start running at 11:00 am and the last train leaves the station at 2:30 pm.

We try to have a variety of food that will satisfy everyone's requirements: all-beef hamburger patties, 6" Hebrew National hot dogs, vegetarian Garden Burgers, fresh tomatoes, shredded lettuce, onion chips, mayonnaise, American and Swiss cheese, ketchup, relish, Kosher pickle chips, mustard, Lay's chips (classic mix), cole slaw, Costco potato salad, party trays of carrots & celery, Chef Renée Mylander's Cowboy baked beans, and a variety of cookies. Beverages,

chilled in ice, include: bottled water, regular and diet Coke & Pepsi, Hawaiian Punch, 7-up, Brisk iced tea, lemonade, root beer, Sunkist orange, and Cactus Cooler. *Call me if you need something special!*



**Nancy Giammatteo  
awaits your picnic  
reservations and  
dues renewals!**



**The Disney Barn  
will be open during  
our picnic from  
11:00 am to 2:30 pm.**

The SWD Officers and Board Members work very hard without compensation of any kind to make our club the success it has become.

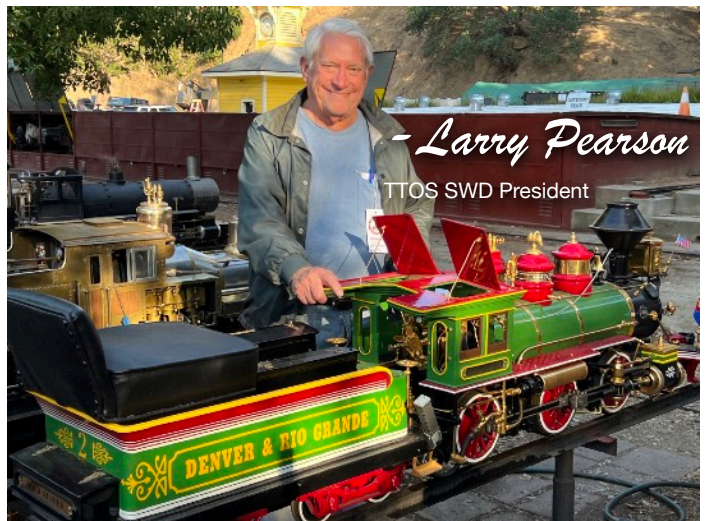


**"Billie Peppers"**

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.

*Give our mascot, Billie Peppers, a well-deserved rest!*

Please support Southwestern by continuing your Membership, recruiting new Members, making donations to SWD, and attending our Monthly Meets. **As always, hugs to all, and be sure to run your trains often!**



**- Larry Pearson**

TTOS SWD President

# SWD Spring Meet: April, 2023

- photos: Roger Hill & Steve Waller



Eric Nissen's  
Std. Gauge  
layout



Ulus Ekerman's  
LIONEL U.S. Space Force train.



Fred Kramer  
counts the  
cash...

...for 50/50  
prize winner  
Kent Wilson.



Rick Reyes  
& son Martin  
are selling  
toy trains  
for the  
Pacific  
Railroad  
Society in  
San Dimas.



Lots of toy  
trains for  
sale!



Hey, Guys-  
You're sleepin'...  
This is all original!



Joey Giammatteo (left) & Larry Pearson hard at work  
at the Train Repair Clinic. Not shown: Ed Vanderpool.



George Blanch,  
Auction Mgr.

# SWD Honors Memorial Day: May, 2023



LIONEL No. 213 Armored Car, with two Ammunition Cars, first offered in 1917.



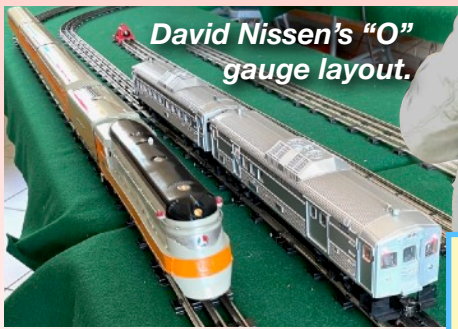
Good turnout in May!

Meet photos by Roger Hill

No. 90



Steve Eastman's  
Std. gauge UP M-10005



David Nissen's "O"  
gauge layout.



Kent Wilson wins  
the 50/50 drawing!  
(That's the 2nd  
month in a row!)

Fred Kramer

It takes just one ticket to win the 50/50, but you must keep playing!



Ulus  
Ekerman's  
LIONEL WP 486  
GS-6 locomotive  
in "what if" colors.

Arcadia Rotary Club - Arcadia Field of Honor  
Commemorating Memorial Day, 2023  
For more information, see SWD member Ken Chan.  
[www.ArcadiaFieldOfHonor.org](http://www.ArcadiaFieldOfHonor.org)



—Steve Waller photo

# SWD Open House Meet: June, 2023

—Photos by Roger Hill & Steve Waller

Modern Era  
LIONEL  
265E

LIONEL SP  
3809 AC-9  
(2-8-8-4)



Hollis Cotton  
wins big...

Jim  
Fredburg  
spins  
the  
drum!

A helpful  
SWD guest  
picks the  
winning  
50/50 ticket.



Tony Deneve is back!  
He's planning to  
volunteer at the  
picnic in August.  
Are you?

The 50/50 drawing helps support the  
club and pay the rent for our hall!



Marple has your part...  
Order now!



Mike Marple will be  
back at our Meet  
on September 3rd.

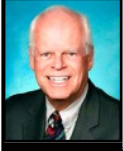
(See Mike's ad  
on page 7.)

Rudy Felix  
strikes a deal!

A great selection of  
parts warrants  
careful study...



Nice Auction  
turnout!



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July 23  
Aug 27  
Sep 24  
Oct 22  
Nov 26  
Dec 15-16

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**ALL ABOARD! 2023 Meets:**

**TCA Western Division**

Arcadia Community Center  
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**July 22nd, August 26th, September 22nd,  
October 28th, December 9th**

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Sept. 16  
Oct. 21  
Nov. 18  
Dec. 16

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Mike's next visit to SWD is on 9/3/2023.

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