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See Page 9 for Details



President's Message

GARY KECK, President 1030 No. Hollywood Way Burbank, CA 91505 (818) 846-3386 http://www.toytrains.com/TTOS.html

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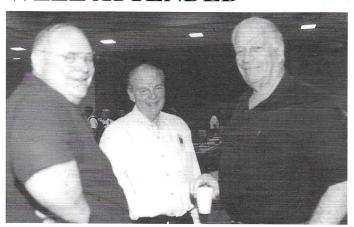
The all day meet is now a good memory with such a large turnout and support from the Orange County Trackers and our own layout committee. Everyone had a fine time. I sure thought how great it was to see so many people enjoying a good train meet.

Looking ahead, our next meets will be on June 10 and July 8 and then the great picnic on August 25 at the Los Angeles Live Steamers. Most of you missed this event last year but don't let that happen this year. Plan ahead in order to get in on all the fun. Where can you have so much fun for only \$3 including all the drinks and food you want (or until gone)? Children under the age of 10 are admitted free which makes for a super family event. Mark your calendars now to avoid missing out on this great event. More information is available in another section of the Limited.

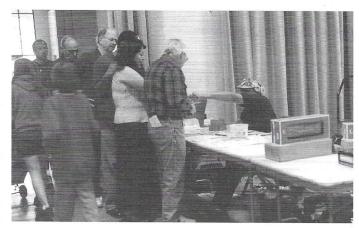
All of our future meets will have specific time limitations for sellers entering the hall. Sellers will not be allowed to enter the hall until one half hour prior to the beginning of the meet. This will reduce the amount of early trading. Thus the next meet of June 10th will start at 11:30 A.M. and sellers will be admitted at 11:00 A.M. No one will be admitted earlier than 11:00 A.M. Also, parking in front is limited to sellers unloading and loading only. Handicapped persons may use the parking following the unloading by the sellers. Sellers, please more your vehicle when you have unleaded. I appreciate everyone's cooperation.

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APRIL ALL DAY MEET WELL ATTENDED



Left to right, Gary Keck, Sam Mattes, and Jerry Blaine attended the All Day Meet held April 29th.



The Registration Desk kept Membership Secretary Larry Kirk (right, behind table) busy.

More All Day Meet pages 4-7.

DUES ARE DUE

Annual Membership Renewals for Southwestern Division are in the mail. Renew before July 1, 2001.

President's Message Cont'd. from page 1

During the month of June you will be asked to renew your membership by paying your dues of \$20 per year. Stop and think about what that \$20 brings you in benefits such as admission to our train meets eight times a year and the annual picnic. In addition, you receive a copy of the Limited 6 times a year. But most important is the camaraderie at the meets. Where else can you talk, feel and buy trains in a friendly atmosphere? So, please return your dues payment before July 1, 2001.

I am still looking for individuals who would like to be a part of the Board of Directors now and in the upcoming year. The elections for the officers and Board will be upon us shortly. Anyone with aspirations of helping to retain the Southwestern Division's number one status is invited to apply. Just talk to any officer, Board member or myself at the next meet for more information.

Finally, the National Convention in Vancouver is right around the corner. I believe this will be one of the best conventions ever. There are more things to see and do around Vancouver that are train related. So make your plans quickly as space is limited on some of the tours. My wife and I rode the Rocky Mountaineer in 1999. What a train ride! The scenery was unbelievable and the food and service matched. Just one of the things based in Vancouver. I hope to see you in Vancouver.

Don't forget Cal-Stewart is coming November 16-18, 2001.

See you at the next meet.

DN.)

Gary Keck, President

Best Wishes to Jerry Latner from SWD TTOS Board of Directors and SWD Members for a speedy and full recovery

Advertising available: Call Calvin Smith (626) 792-6594. Single business card—\$30.00 for 6 issues; Double business card—\$60.00 for 6 issues; Quarter page (vertical or horizontal)—\$15.00 per issue; Half page (vertical or horizontal)—\$30.00 per issue; and Full page—\$60.00 per issue.

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Missing Transformer! Lost at the January Meet!

American Flyer Transformer Model 19B. Has 2 dials. Lost at the close of the January Meet. Please contact the Southwestern Limited Editor, Calvin Smith at 626-792-6594, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

REWARD - MISSING - REWARD

I've asked the Editor to once again put this request in the monthly newsletter about my missing train items.

Since there was no response at the April meeting, I am hoping to jog someone's memory or possibly a lead as to my custom made 2 ft x 3 ft Lionel Electric Train sign or the small box containing Lionel catalogues and instruction booklets. Since it totals over two hundred dollars (\$200) in value, I really hope to get these items back.

Call me anytime after 5 p.m. at 858-452-8773 or notify any club officer. I'll pay for your phone call or whatever it takes. Thank you again.

Ed Karper

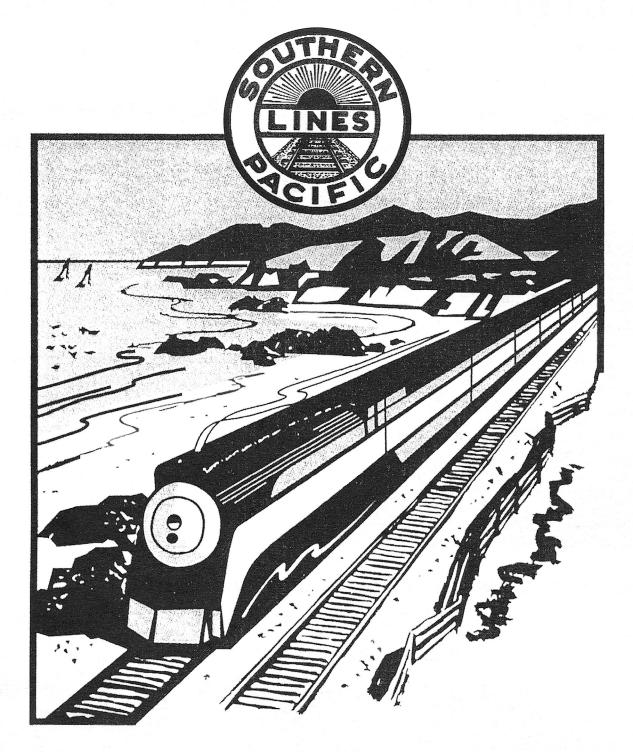
Condolences

Our sympathy to Dick Mayer, Rich-Art Trains, on the death of his wife.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
SWD TTOS
George Ann Hornor
Arthur Bosse



CAL-STEWART DISPLAY

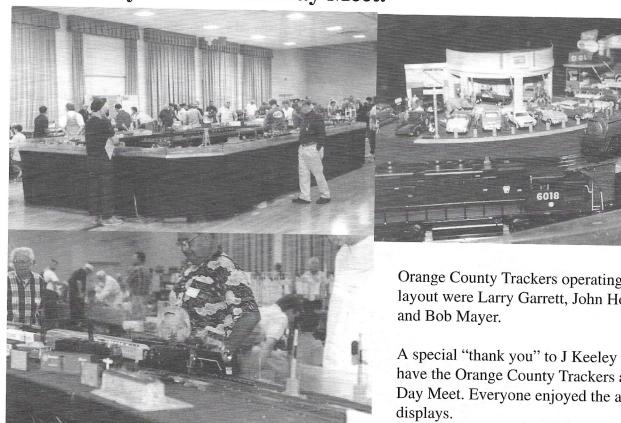


It is time to start planning this year's display and **we need your help.** We are looking for all things Southern Pacific including real train items as well as toy trains. We especially need graphic items such as posters, advertisements, route maps, etc. All items used in the display will be fully insured and under the watchful eyes of a guard at all times.

Have any unique S.P. items? Please contact: Hollis Cotton at (818) 246-0671 or Bob Finan at (310) 397-2640.

AT THE APRIL ALL DAY MEET **Working Layouts Pleased Everyone**

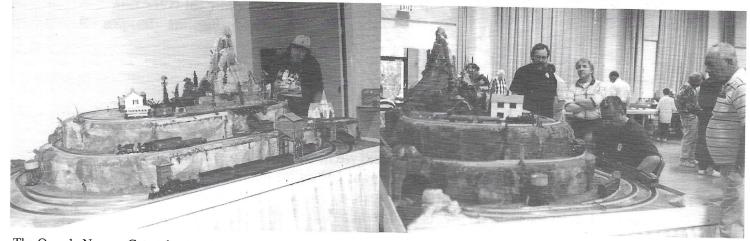
Special "Thanks" to the Orange County Trackers for sharing their modular layout at the All Day Meet.



Orange County Trackers operating their modular layout were Larry Garrett, John Hoffman, J Keeley,

A special "thank you" to J Keeley for arranging to have the Orange County Trackers at our April All Day Meet. Everyone enjoyed the action and scenic

Southwestern Division's Narrow Gauge Layout on Display



The O-scale Narrow Gauge layout was created for Al Vierich by Don Crissey (pictured at left) and his Made in the Shade Company so the layout committee could run the o-scale narrow gauge trains donated by Bachman.

AT THE ALL DAY MEET

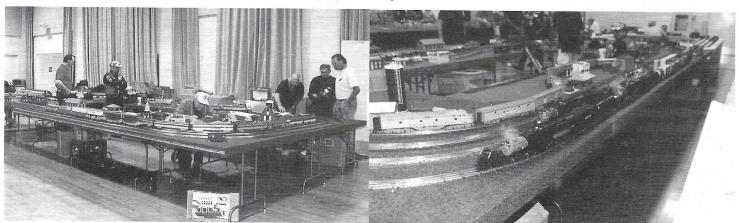
Southwestern Division's Modular S-Gauge Layout



The S-Gauge layout is up and running and continues to be fine tuned.

From left to right Aaron, Frank Alabart and Bob Knee check out the S-Gauge layout.

Southwestern Division's O-Gauge Layout



After assemblying the O-Gauge layout (left), a double header steam train pulls freight cars along the outside track (right).

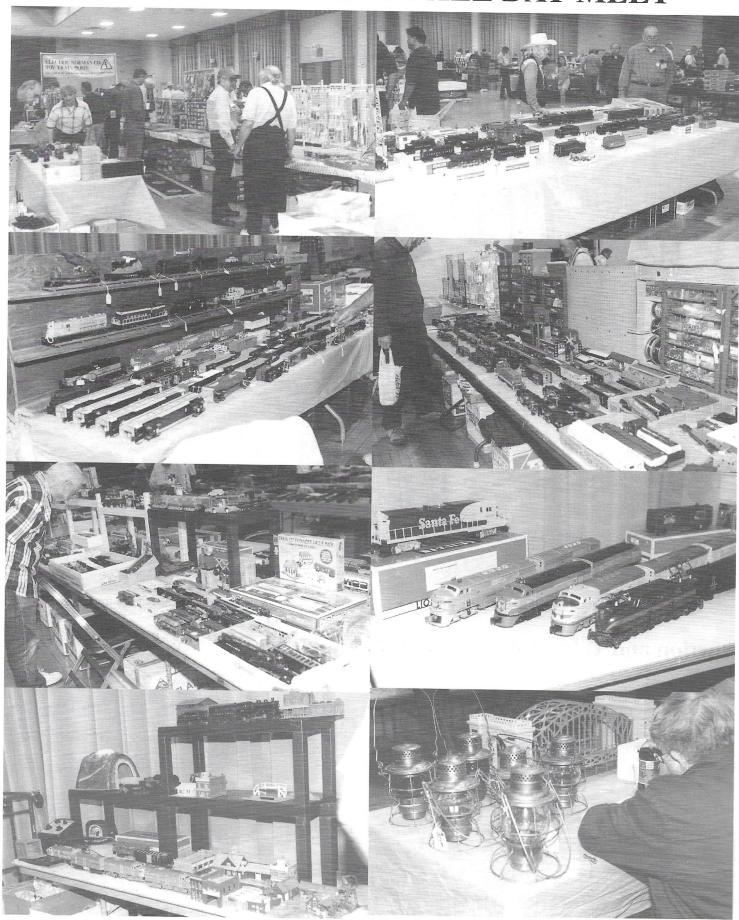
Auction and Table Sales Active at the April All Day Meet



Auctioneer Vince(standing) gets ready to auction a set of cars.

The crowd visits he tables at the April All Day Meet.

MORE OF THE APRIL ALL DAY MEET



THE APRIL WINNERS!



Bob Morse Lionel 627 Center Cab



Ed "Animal" Maggiore Lionel 520 Box Cab



Larry Kirk Lionel Trolley



Sheila Blaise MTH Santa Fe Tank Car



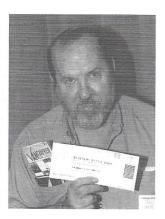
Emily Largy K-Line Rock Island Reefer



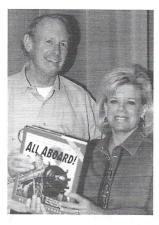
Don Stotts Cal-Stewart Pacific Fruit Reefer



Jon Pincus Cal-Stewart Mobile Oil Tank



Dan Kyle Classic Toy Train Subscription



The Bob McClures All Aboard book



Judy Jackson Lady's Cap



Emily Largy Lady's Prize of \$10.00

Not Pictured Marilyn Vierich Lady's Prize of \$10.00 From *FIXED VOLTAGE*, the Newslet ter of the New Mexico Division, Toy Train Operating Society No. 47, September 00

Repair Tips by Jim Spatafora and Greg Palmer

When you get a locomotive out of moth balls, just rehab on the locomotive is not enough. The whistle tender also needs a clean and lube:

- First, blow out the whistle chamber with compressed air. This removes lint and insects from inside the chamber, which will improve the sound and tenor of the whistle.
- Lube the top of the armature with only two light drops of oil. Plastic compatible oil is what you must use.
- You also might have to put a few drops of oil on the bottom of the armature where it attaches to the whistle fan.
- Spray a contact cleaner on the contacts of the whistle relay. If it still has problems you might use some emery cloth on the contacts, but do this very lightly.
- Oil the wheels, and clean the pick up rollers.
- Finally, check the wires and make sure they are flexible and not cracked.
- You must also check the solder connections on the pick up rollers.

Once all this has been completed you should be able to whistle all night long.

TAKE AMTRAK TO THE TTOS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Look for the Amtrak display at SWD meets and talk to John Stillman about traveling to the National Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada by rail!



"LAS VEGAS LIMITED" 2001 CONVENTION

Presented by the Cajon Division, Pacific Southwest Region, National Model Railroad Association

> September 12–16, 200 Las Vegas, NV

For information check out

Web site at
getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2001conv.html



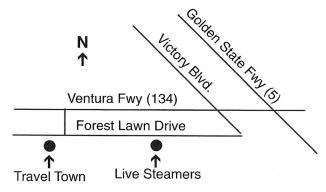


Come to the

Southwestern Division Summer Member Appreciation Party at the Live Steamers in Griffith Park

Trains Running for Viewing & Riding Hamburgers & Hot Dogs with all the Trimmings, Chips, Sodas, etc.

For Dues Paid SWD Members and Family only Children <u>must be supervised</u> at all times



— Limited Space —— Reservations Required —

Saturday, August 25 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$3.00 per person

Children under 10 are free

Take 134 Freeway between I-5 and Hollywood Freeways. Westbound Exit Forest Lawn Drive. Eastbound Exit Forest Lawn Drive. Go East on Forest Lawn Drive (left turn) past Travel Town to the Live Steamers (Live Steamers are east of Travel Town). Parking & Entrance at East end of Live Steamers Complex.

(on Forest Lawn Drive, beside Travel Town) Free Parking in lot at east end of Live Steamers

Please Note: No train sales at this social -- Park prohibits sales

Name______ No. of Adults & Children 10 & Over @ \$3.00 each \$ ______ No. of Children Under 10 Free \$ ______ TOTAL \$

Make your check payable to TTOS SWD and mail with your completed reservation form to:

Barbara Jennings, SWD Bookkeeper, 6928 Owensmouth Ave., Suite 104, Canoga Park, CA 91303.

Your tickets will be held at the gate.

From *On Track!* Issue No. 1 - Spring 2001 — the quarterly publication of the California State Railroad Museum which is celebrating its 25th Anniversary



The California State Railroad Museum has acquired the photograph and negative collection of Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg, "perhaps the best-known and certainly among the most prolific authors and photographers to have graced the North American railroad scene." The collection includes more than 11,000 photographs and over 4,000 original black and white negatives. The museum desires to keep the collection intact and make it available to researchers. "The photography of the pair is characterized by dynamic images in bucolic and high action settings, with dramatic clouds, the inclusion of people, and a propensity for steam locomotive exhaust or smoke."

HOLD THE DATES!

Movie Railroad Days • September 29-30

Co-sponsored by Railtown 1897 State Historic Park and the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau, the first annual Movie Railroad Days (formerly known as the Wild West Film Festival) is scheduled for September 29-30, 2001, at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown. This exciting, dynamic event will highlight the role of Railtown 1897

SPECIAL EVENT (including its historic locomotives and cars) in the production of numerous feature films, television productions, and commercials in Tuolumne County.

Roundhouse Tours this weekend will focus on the movie props and other artifacts displayed throughout the

Historic Sierra Railroad Shops and Roundhouse. See the progress of "Movie Star" locomotive No. 3's refurbishment efforts, and enjoy live entertainment and refreshments. Special "movie crew at work" vignettes will take place at selected times, near the Railtown Depot and trackside. Meet selected film

and TV celebrities, and learn more about your favorite shows throughout the weekend.



Regular steam-powered excursion train rides will depart from the Railtown Depot, on the hour 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. At 5 p.m. Saturday evening, a special Photographers' Train will depart from the Railtown Depot, re-creating a movie consist from the past. Photo run-bys will be available to all ticketed passengers. Movie Train tickets are \$20, and seating is limited. Reservations are suggested on this special train; to reserve, call Railtown 1897 at (209) 984-3953.

"Movie Railroad" sales items, such as feature films shot on location at Railtown 1897, are available at the Railtown Depot Store year-round. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953 or visit www.railtown1897.org. For information about nearby lodging, dining shopping, and the region's numerous other

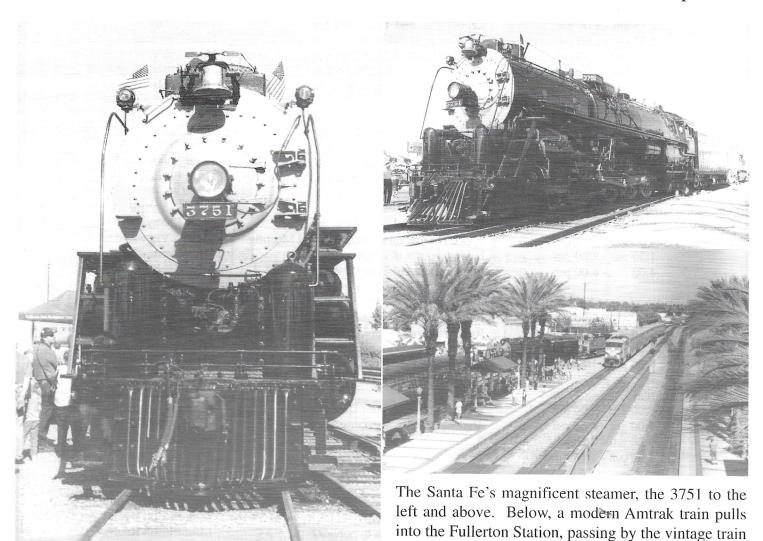
attractions, contact the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau at (800) 446-1333 or visit www.thegreatunfenced.com. ■

Report on Fullerton Railroad Days

Southwestern Limited Photographer, Mervyn Lew, attended the Fullerton Railroad Days held May 5 & 6, 2001. Merv reports that this event was a Mini Rail Fair with examples of vintage engines and private rail cars, Amtrak passenger cars, and a Metrolink exhibit. The busy mainline track accommodated Amtrak, Metrolink, and freight trains coming through the Fullerton Station. Model train layouts were also featured as part of this event along with historic exhibits, bands, and barber shop quartets.

Of course, the main attraction of this event was the arrival (and departure at the end of Railroad Days) and display of Santa Fe's mighty steam engine No. 3751, restored to her full glory and able to arrive and depart under her own steam power from and to her home at the Redondo Junction.

Mery comments that all the people attending this event were happy, and he took lots of pictures!



displays of Railroad Days.

36th NATIONAL CONVENTION: 2001 A TRAIN ODYSSEY

The National Convention of the Toy Train Operating Society, hosted by the Canadian Division, will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from July 30 thru August 5, 2001.

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 opprtunities to photograph the big trains in action.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Daily		
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Hospitality Suite Open	Hospitality Suite
Monday, July 30, 2001		
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration and Tour Desk open	Hotel Lobby
Tuesday, July 31, 2001		
7:15 am - 9:00 am	Registration and Tour Desk open	Hotel Lobby
7:45 am - 9:00 pm	Vancouver Island Tour	Hotel Entrance
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Registration and Tour Desk open	Hotel Lobby
1:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Vancouver Harbour Cruise Tour	Hotel Entrance
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration and Tour Desk open	Hotel Lobby
Wednesday, August 1, 2001		
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration and Tour Desk open	Hotel Lobby
8:45 am - 4:00 pm	Vancouver North Shore Tour	Hotel Entrance
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration and Tour Desk open	Hotel Lobby
4:30 pm -11:00 pm	Pacific Starlight Express Dinner Train Tour	Hotel Entrance
Thursday, August 2, 2001		
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration and Tour Desk open	Hotel Lobby
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Board of Directors' Breakfast and Meeting	Garden View Room
1:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Layout Tour and Barbecue	Hotel Entrance
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration and Tour Desk open	Hotel Lobby
Friday, August 3, 2001		
7:30 am - 6:00 pm	Registration and Tour Desk open	Hotel Lobby
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Royal Hudson Train and Boat Tour	Hotel Entrance
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Sellers Move-in and Setup	Minoru/Elm Rooms
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Welcoming Reception and Silent Auction	Garden View Room
Saturday, August 4, 2001		
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Registration and Tour Desk open	Minoru Foyer
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Vancouver City Shopping Tour	Hotel Entrance
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Trading Halls open	Minoru/Elm Rooms
7:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Banquet and Auction	Mariott Ballroom
Sunday, August 5, 2001		
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Annual General Meeting	Garden View Room
10:30 am - 12:00 noon	Trading Halls open	Minoru/Elm Rooms
12:00 noon - 4:30 pm	Trading Halls open to public	Minoru/Elm Rooms
4:30 pm	Convention closes	

There will be much to see and do at the National Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Register NOW for the 2001 National Convention: 2001 A Train Odyssey

2001 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name			
(PRINT)			
Street Address		T.T.O.S Division	
City			
Spouse/Significant Other (name if attend			
Children & ages (if attending)(Children 21 years or older must register separatel Registration dates received in the office	y) are:(must be received in the	ne office by this date)	
Regular registration received by May	1, 2001		35.00 \$
Late registration received by July 1, (after July 1st you must register in V	2001	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • \$4	0.00 \$
Trading tables (72"x 30") (2 trading days Electrical outlets	nembers and the public	Qty @ \$2 Qty @ \$5	0.00 ea \$ 0.00 ea \$
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Banquet, Saturday, August 4 (please marl Adult dinner: Beef (\$39.00) Cl Child (under 12): Chicken Fingers (\$	c quantity of each and tota nicken (\$35.00) Veg 20.00) Chicken Pa	l cost)	
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 Vancouver Island Vancouver Harbour Cruise Vancouver North Shore Pacific Starlight Dinner Train Layout Tour and Barbeque Royal Hudson Train & Boat Vancouver City Shopping Tour 	Tuesday, July 31 Tuesday, July 31 Wednesday, August 1 Wednesday, August 1 Thursday, August 2 Friday, August 3 Saturday, August 4	@ \$69.00 @ \$29.00 @ \$35.00 @ \$89.00 @ \$30.00 @ \$75.00 @ \$20.00	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
TOTAL ENCLOSED (Make payabl	e to 2001 T.T.O.S. Natio	onal Convention)	\$

Confirmations will be sent only to those that include a self-addressed stamped envelope. All fees must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank or by any international postal money order payable in U.S. funds. Please do not send cash.

Make your check or money order payable to 2001 T.T.O.S. National Convention and return it and this form to:

2001 T.T.O.S. National Convention 25 W. Walnut Street, Ste 308 Pasadena, CA 91103-3634

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.

AUCTION RULES FOR PUBLIC

- 1. Card holder MUST pay cashier IMMEDIATELY before obtaining merchandise.
- 2. All Auction purchases subject to California State Sales Tax.
- 3. All items sold are as is with no refunds, no guarantees offered or implied by Seller or Auction Committee.
- 4. Please, as much as is possible, pay with cash.
- 5. Buyers may return bidders card as any time, BUT <u>are</u> requested that adjustments MUST be held to the end of the Auction. Disputes will be settled between Seller and Buyer records.
- 6. Do not write on Bidder's ticket.

AUCTION RULES FOR T.T.O.S. MEMBERS

- 1. Buyers will be required to show their paid up membership card before receiving a bidder's card.
- 2. All items sold are as is with no refunds, no guarantees offered or implied by Seller or Auction Committee.
- 3. Please, as much as is possible sell like items as a lot. i.e. 6 transformers sell them as a lot.
- 4. All Sellers will be given 15 minutes to sell.
- 5. No cashing out allowed by a Seller until Auction has officially ended.
- 6. Buyers may cash out at any time, BUT are requested that adjustments MUST be hold to the end of the Auction. Disputes will be settled between Seller and Buyer records.
- 7. Do not write on Bidder's ticket.
- 8. 10% commission on all items per Seller.
- 9. California State Sales Tax is added to each purchase.

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 at the entrance to the Civic Auditorium——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 your 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. Theses Rules are Subject to Change without Prior Notice should the siruation warrant such change

Remember, courtesy is contagious. Follow the Golden Rule in all your activities. Be helpful to new members and to the public.

Misplaced List of King Party 2000 Drawing Winners Found

The Winners of the 2000 King Party Drawing were:

\$350.00 cash
Lionel Trolley
Bill Kluss
Lionel T.T.U.X. 2-car set
TrainTracker computer program
Bob Finan

Belated congratulations. We apologize for misplacing this list. The above winners were pictured in the January/February 2001 issue of the *Southwestern Limited*.

Editor

These Cal-Stewart Chairmen Need Your Help

Sam Mattes (818) 347-4753 General Chairman, Tables & Raffle Prizes	Larry Kirk Registration on Site	(626) 35	58-1763		s (818) 889-100 aces, Demolition Derby & Competition
	Vince Garguilo	(818) 95	6-5396	1 uning	Competition
Jerry Blaine (909) 860-1952 King Party Chairman	Auction	(010) 23	0-3370	Hollis Cot Theme	(020).01.31
Sam Mattes (818) 347-4753 King Party Drawing Ticket Sales	Gary Keck Hotel, Souvenir Cars	(818) 84	2-3330	Larry Pear	rson Day (818) 848-265
King Fairy Diawing Ticket Sales	Walter Olson Layouts	(310) 74	5-8610	Sunday Cleanup Eve. (818) 994-	
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