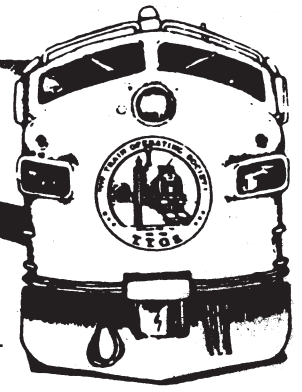


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SWD Monthly Meets Very Busy!! Come join in the fun!!! Tables still only \$5.00!!!

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Tables have been FULL of trains and train related items. Tables are only \$5.00 through July 31, 2011 and sold out at the March 2011 Meet.



David Nissen, 2nd from right, brings this layout to most of our monthly meets and gives members and guests the opportunity to run their trains. Dave has been very successful converting older Lionel trains to modern command control.



The Southwestern Division Layout crew sets up one of our modular layouts at monthly meets, unless the crew is promoting SWD and TTOS at a show. Members and guests may run their trains on the Club layout.



President Larry Pearson had his repair service up and running at the March Meet, as he does at most of the SWD monthly meets. (photo by Martin Folb)

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In Memory
George Ann Hornor

On April 5, 2011, *Southwestern Limited* editor Calvin Smith received the following message from Mark Boyd, editor of TCA's *Train Collectors Quarterly*:

"I am sad to announce the passing of George Ann Hornor Monday night [April 4, 2011] in her sleep. George Ann was an important personality and worker in the toy train community here in Northern California. She and her husband Jack contributed regularly to our Spring Cal-Stewart Meet and was always ready to work. She was a vital part of the Sacramento Valley TTOS group. She loved people and visiting with folks as she made her rounds at every train meet she could attend. She will be greatly missed."

We at Southwestern Division will greatly miss George Ann Hornor as well. In her friendly but vigilant manner, she handled security at the November Cal-Stewart Display for many years. Also, George Ann and Jack were gracious hosts when their layout and train collections were featured on the layout tour during the Sacramento TTOS National Convention several years ago.

Our condolences to Jack on the passing of this gracious, enthusiastic supporter of toy trains and people in the hobby.



George Ann Hornor
Photo taken by Mark C. Boyd 3 days before George Ann's passing when she was up in Diamond Springs inspecting the construction of the new Sacramento Valley TTOS club modular layout.

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LAYOUTS ENJOYED AT JANUARY 2011 MEET

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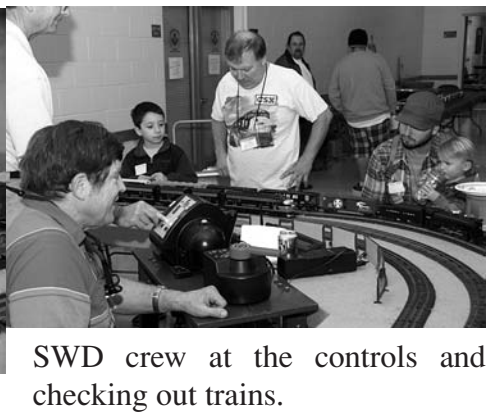


David Nissen's layout (above left) and the Southwestern Division layout are wonderful examples of "Operating" at most of our Monthly Meets and Cal-Stewart. Members may bring trains to run and join in the fun, plus get tips on building a layout and running and maintaining trains and track.



Watching toy trains run is a family affair.

A Burlington Zephyr on SWD tracks.



This sure is a noisy place!!

Wow, look at it puff smoke and go!!!

SWD crew at the controls and checking out trains.



T.L. Dawson's son at the controls.

Intense Discussion

Looking at running trains.

The February 2011 Meet

Full Hall with 66 Table Sales

Photos by Herbert Alfred Mayer



David Nissen's layout was very busy!!! (l) Dave Mabee runs his Campbells' (soup) tank car train; young man watching three busy tracks of trains.

Meanwhile, Hal Rothenborg readies his coal train to run on the SWD Layout.



Dale Kopes runs his CSX coal train.

Dale expertly weathers engines and cars.

David Mabee runs the long LifeSaver Tank-car consist on an inside rail.

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A Mom calls her son's attention to more action on the SWD Layout.



Belching realistic smoke and steam, Hal Rothenborg's UP Big Boy pulls a consist of coal cars.



CRIME WATCH

Below is a reprint from the email news of some helpful tips about making your home less of a target.

12 THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see that it's not set. That makes it too easy.
6. Security companies alarm the window over the sink and the windows on the second floor. When they don't, it means easy access to the master bedroom and your jewelry. Not to mention that most people don't put motion detectors on the second floor either.
7. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door-understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
8. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
9. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
10. Helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
11. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
12. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at faketv.com.)

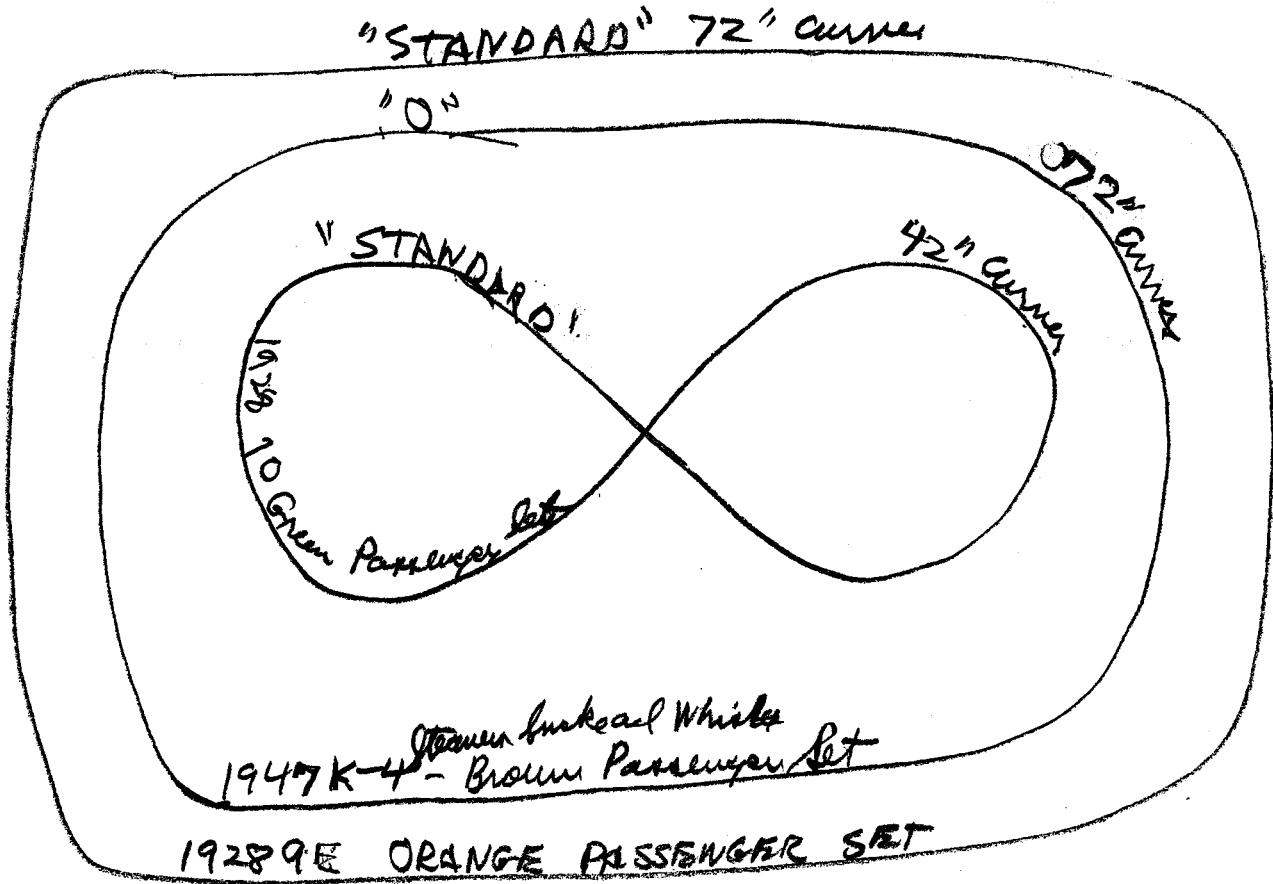
8 MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

PROMOTE THE HOBBY — DISPLAY TRAINS

Our Church recently sponsored a talent and hobby show. Calvin setup 3 independent tracks and operated trains. We included Standard and O gauges. See our layout drawing below. We ran a 1947 "O" gauge set # 2120WS consisting of a 675, 2466WX, two brown pullmans 2442 lighted, and brown observation 2443 lighted. The two Standard Gauges run were a 1928 9E orange passenger set and a 1930 #10 pea green passenger set. We also had a O gauge operating highway signal and automatic crossing gate on the figure 8 track. Young and old enjoyed watching everything run, and we received a nice thank note from the chairman. We also passed out Southwestern Division meet schedules.

Calvin and Phyllis Smith, TTOS #7524



Calvin & Phyllis

The 2011 Talent & Hobby Show was a great success...thanks to you and the other participants! Thank you so much!

I hope you enjoyed sharing your talent/hobby as much as those of us who had the pleasure of watching it did!

Thank you again.

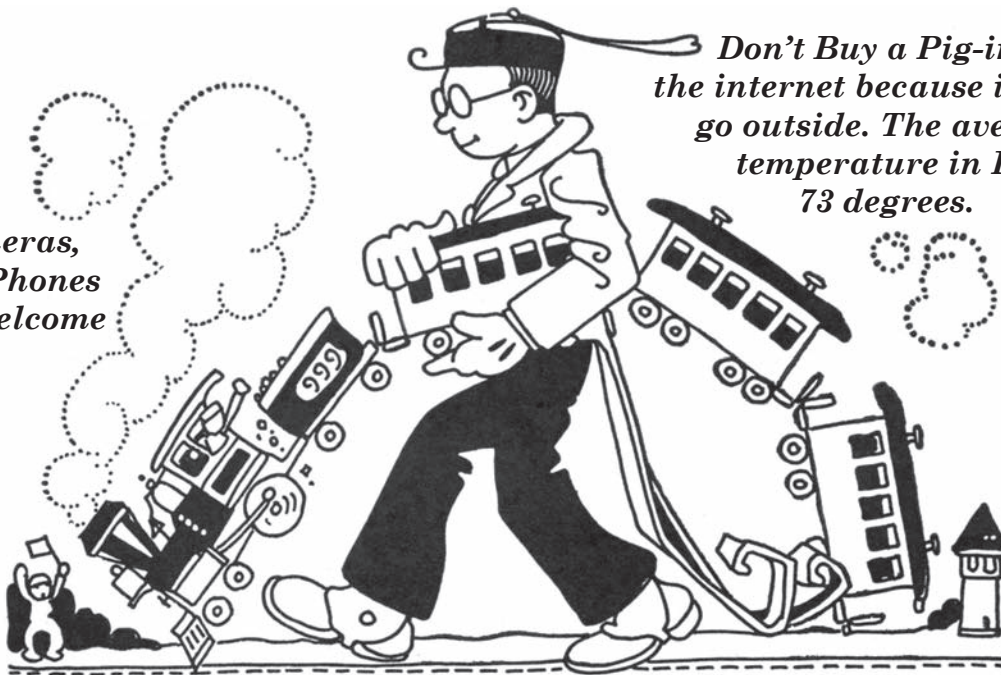
your trains were again a hit! Thank you for sharing them.

Nancy Perea

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The March 2011 Meet

Another Full Hall with 71 Table Sales

Photos by Herbert Alfred Mayer

David Nissen's Layout accommodated a lot of trains at the March 2011 Open House Meet. A wide variety of toy trains took turns on the layout.



David Nissen, center, with two SWD members. Note the diesel on the layout.



Bill Elliott consulting with Emmet Van Ness as The Burlington Zephyr speeds around the tracks.



Robert Verre (l) ran his collectible Blue Comet. David Mabee's Comet (the cleanser!) tankcar consist snakes along the outside track.



A Dad telling his son and daughter something about the layout.



A rare Thomas set



Herb Mayer's ETS "CASS Scenic Railway" set



The Burlington Zephyr in action!



Rare items are often seen at SWD monthly meets.

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Martin Folb displayed 2 Lionel Standard Gauge "Build A-Loce" Outfits: the 1928 required building the motor; the 1929 came with the motor built. (photo by Martin Folb)



Found on one of the meet tables, the UP Caboose honoring the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America. This is one of the several cars Lionel has issued, along with an engine, honoring the BSA 100th Anniversary.

Welcome New and Returning Members

Leonardo N. Di Masi, Bruce W. Gripkey,
Jeffrey Cohen, John Sirugo
Victor Bracamontes III (finishing the remainder
of his grandfather's membership)

In Memory

Victor Bracamontes (Grandfather)
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Nor-Cal Division will hold the 2011 Spring Cal-Stewart Meet on Sunday, July 3, 2011 at the Sacramento Convention Center. The Meet will be open to TTOS Members and the general public as well as all TCA National Convention attendees.

Specific Meet times on July 3rd will be published as soon as announced.

Make your plans now to attend this special one day event. Tables are \$15.00 each. There will be clinics.

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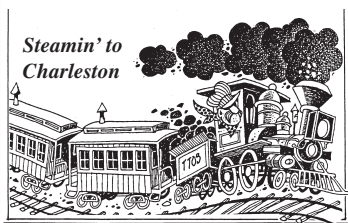
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Editor's Note: Thank you for your many favorable comments regarding the January/February 2011 *Southwestern Limited*.

Calvin Smith, editor



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