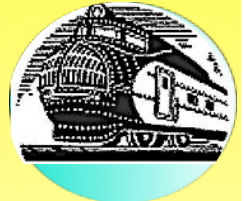




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SWD 2023 Meets:

Southwestern 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:

June 4th* - 1st Sunday

July 9th - 2nd Sunday

Aug. 5th - 1st Saturday

LA Live Steamers Picnic

Sep. 3rd* - 1st Sunday

Oct. 1st - 1st Sunday

Nov. 5th - 1st Sunday

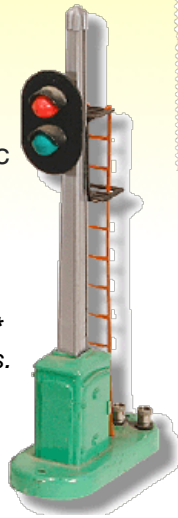
Dec. 3rd* - 1st Sunday

—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).

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San Bernardino Station



Forever Stamp Released!


USPS has released the "Railroad Stations of the United States" stamp series, honoring five classic train depots. They became available for purchase on March 9, 2023, either at the **Online Postal Store** or at the many Post Office™ locations.

Of greatest interest to the Southern California rail-fan community is the **San Bernardino Depot** stamp (top), a Spanish Mission Revival building that was opened on July 15, 1918, nearly 105 years ago. At the time, it was the largest station west of the Mississippi River. San Bernardino Depot is located at 1170 W. 3rd St., San Bernardino CA 92410.

The station is accessible via Amtrak and the **Metrolink** San Bernardino Line or the Metrolink Inland Empire-Orange County (IEOC) Line. Buy a Metrolink **round trip ticket** for just \$10.00 on the weekend. The best time to tour the **San Bernardino Depot** is Saturdays from 10am - 3pm, when the museum is open. Visit <http://www.sbdepotmuseum.com/>.



Other stations featured in the stamp series are (from left to right) the Art Deco landmark **Cincinnati Union Terminal**, which opened in 1933; the Victorian structure at **Point of Rocks, Md.**, completed in 1876; **Richmond, Va. Main Street Station**, a Renaissance Revival style station dating to 1901; and the **Tamaqua, Pa. Station**, built in 1871 for the Philadelphia & Reading RR. (Courtesy: **Trains** magazine.)

The US Postal Service focused on architectural & geographic diversity when selecting the depots. One subject that didn't make the cut was the iconic 1939 Los Angeles Union Station, although two **preliminary sketches** were created by Postal Service Art Director, Derry Noyes. Her artwork is to the right. 



SWD President's Message for Spring, 2023



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Please be advised that the following article is comprised solely of my own thoughts, opinions, and experiences, and does not necessarily convey the beliefs and thoughts of the T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division (SWD), and its Members and Officers, or the editor and publisher of **The Southwestern Limited**. Call me at the above phone numbers in the mornings after 8:00 am, if you need to get in touch with me, or email me at lpearson1941@att.net. Call, I love to talk...

~ ~ ~

17TH ANNUAL SWD MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY & 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 5th, after a three-year absence due to COVID-19 restrictions in Griffith Park.



Gary Keck

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.



—LALS photo

Due to inflation, we are forced to raise the cost for Adults and children 12 and over to \$8.00, a \$1 increase from 2019. Children under 12 are free. Reservation forms will be included with the annual SWD Dues renewal letter that will be mailed at the end of June.



—Herb Mayer
2014 photo

ELECTIONS FOR THE SWD BOARD

Members of the **SWD Board of Directors** are voted in for two-year terms, and 2023 is an election year for 2024-2025. We currently have five Officers and eight Board Members. The Board has the power to appoint new board Members at any time.

SWD President's Message, continued...



At the October 2, 2022 Board meeting the Board appointed **Renée & Dave Mylander** to the Board. Renée and Dave are providing food service at the monthly Meets, and this is *very much* appreciated.

Jeff Cohen was appointed to the Board at the January 8, 2023 Board meeting. Jeff works as a clerk at the monthly Auction, replacing the retiring Danny Blanch.



As I have reported many times in recent years, many of your current Board Members are in the *elderly* category (ages in the 70's and 80's) and frankly we probably don't have much more time to serve



Photos by Steve Waller

you. It is crucial that younger Members join the Board of Directors and volunteer positions, to learn how the club is operated, so they can take over the reigns.

You don't have to be a Board Member to volunteer to help run the club. **Greg Pulis**, for example, has been helping in the kitchen



taking orders for food, and this is very much appreciated. Some Members would like to have a breakfast menu. Renée is willing to do this, but she needs reliable additional help in the kitchen, if this is going to happen.

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.

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 New Year's Meet: January 8th, 2023

—Photos by Roger Hill & Steve Waller



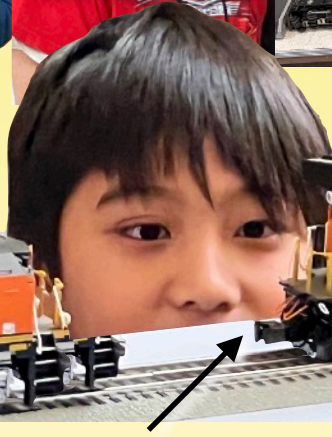
Fred & Linda Kramer dig for tickets!



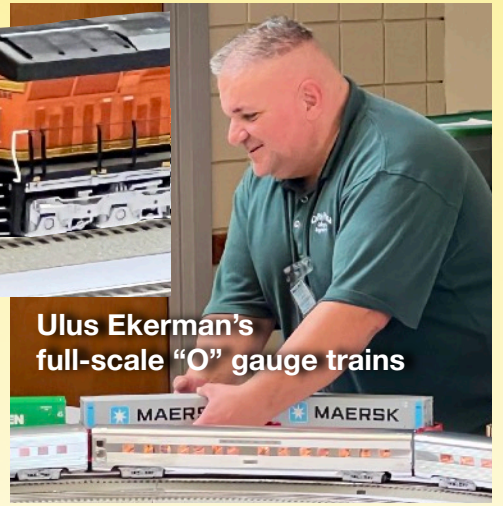
Bob Wall won big!



Jon Pincus will help you at the SWD Donations Table. Be generous; it's for the club!



Uncoupling by remote control...



Ulus Ekerman's full-scale "O" gauge trains



Larry Pearson's Repair Clinic



Jo Jo and Steve with J & S Specialties are preparing lunch today.

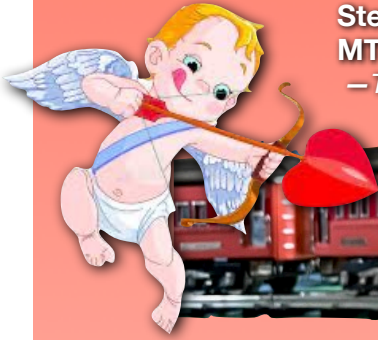
Happy New Year, Everybody!



Kids love trains by David Nissen.

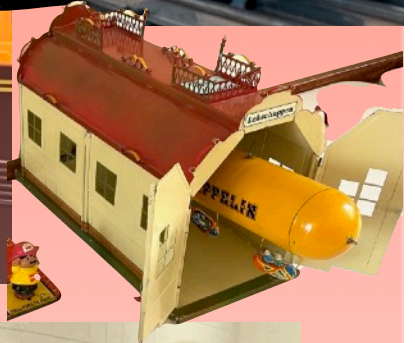
SWD Valentine's Meet: February 5th, 2023

Steve Eastman's Ives-style
MTH Hiawatha Bipolar
— Tinplate photos by Roger Hill.



Fred & Linda
Kramer

Sonny Alarcon
took home
the cash
prize.



Additional
photos by
Steve Waller



George Blanch,
Auction Mgr.



Eric
Nissen's
McCoy TCA
Std. Gauge Set



Pat &
Lori Walters



Big turnout at the Meet!

SWD St. Patrick's Day Meet: March 5th, 2023



Steve Eastman brought a "trifecta" of Standard Gauge Streamliners, built by Jim Waterman Locomotive Works (L to R): CB&Q Flying Yankee, UP M-10005 & Illinois Central Green Diamond.

—photo by Steve Eastman



David Nissen's LIONEL Southern Crescent in green.

—Photos by Roger Hill & Steve Waller

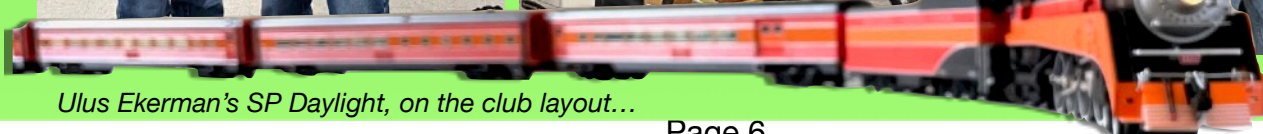


Tina & Bill Corsello



Paul Laughin won the 50/50.

Greg Pulis & Jim Kenney



Ulus Ekerman's SP Daylight, on the club layout...



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