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### President's Message

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Hi Again,

Here we are again following a great meet in April. Tell all your friends about the great times we are having at the monthly meets. The Southwestern Division is still number one in TTOS. Each of us must continue to seek new members in order to retain our number one position. New members are heart and vitality of any organization.

In my last letter, I told you about the trailer we are purchasing for our layout. We plan to take the layout to any major event to educate the public and most importantly recruit new members. Al Vierich has been very busy getting ready for the trailer, which arrived in April. We need volunteers to help make the layout program work. If you wish to be a part of the layout crew, see either Al or Sheila Blaise at the next meet.

Coming events include the payment of your annual dues. Now where can you get so much for so little? The dues will remain at \$20 per member. This year we are going to introduce an incentive for you to pay your dues on time. It is easy to enter. All you have to do is pay your dues by June 30, 2000 (postmarked no later than July 5, 2000). Your name will be entered into a special drawing for a special raffle prize. The Board of Directors at the July meeting shall select the winner. The winner will be notified. The prize has not been selected at this time. We will announce the prize at the monthly meet on June 4.

Another coming event is the T.T.O.S. National Convention, July 31-August 6, 2000 at the Queen Mary in Long Beach. Be sure to register NOW for the convention. See page 3 for details. Southwestern Division is dark in August (no meet) so you can take advantage of a National Convention right in our backyard!

Other future events include an all day Southwestern Division meet on September 17, 2000 and Cal-Stewart November 10 - 12, 2000. We are still looking for volunteers for Cal-Stewart. Please call Sam Mattes, the Cal-Stewart Chairman at 818-347-4753 to volunteer. (Also please see page 15 of this issue.)

One final bit of housekeeping, we need to update all seller's permits and certificates. All sellers must provide a copy of the California seller's permit by the meet of July 2, 2000. If you wish to purchase items in the auction for resale, then we must have an updated seller's certificate. The seller's certificate is available at the auction. We are taking this precaution to protect the Club from any problems with the State of California. I want to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary".

GARY KECK  
President

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Support the California State Railroad Museum

*Editor's Note: I share with you the information I received when I renewed my membership as a California State Railroad Museum Associate.*

Becoming a California State Railroad Museum Associate supports preservation and restoration of California's railroad history.

Museum Associates now have membership benefits associated with Railtown 1897 — Historic Sierra Railroad Shops. Associates are entitled to free Railtown 1897 Historic Sierra Railroad Shop tours, free train rides on the Sierra Railroad and a 10% discount at the Railtown 1897 Depot Store.

Railtown 1897 is located in historic Jamestown, three blocks from Highways 108 and 49 on Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road. For specific Railtown 1897 information, please call (209) 984-3953.

In Old Sacramento, Museum members receive free California State Railroad Museum admissions and excursion train rides on the Sacramento Southern Railroad and a 10% discount at the Museum Store.

The number of free excursion train rides, Museum admissions or Shop tours depends upon the level of membership at which you join. Levels of membership and benefits associated with each level are as follows:

**BRAKEMAN (Senior/Student)** — will receive one membership card which will admit the member and one guest.

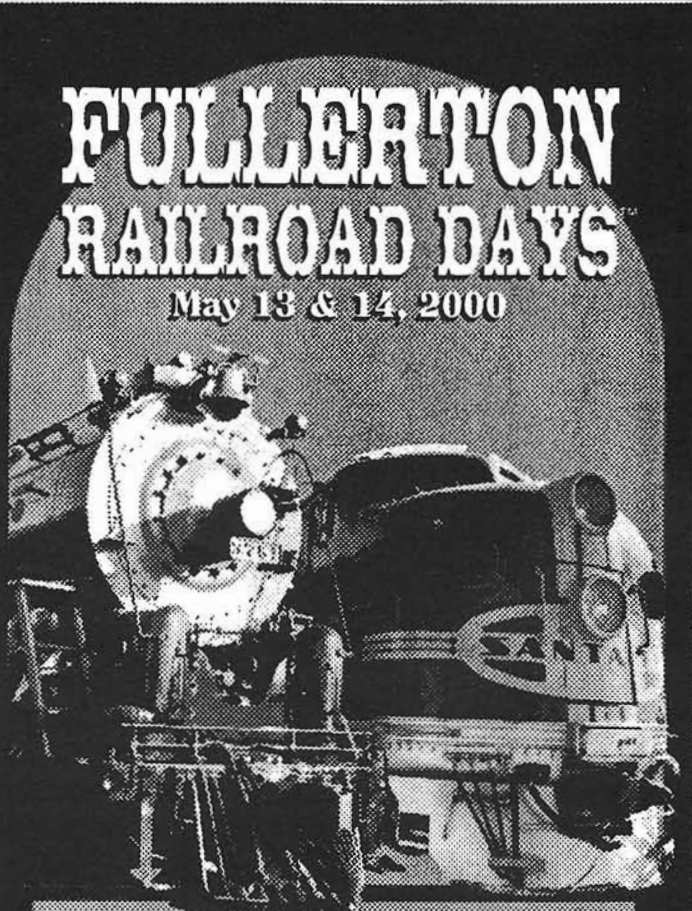
**FIREMAN** — will receive one membership card which will admit the member and one guest.

**CONDUCTOR (Family)** — will receive up to two membership cards which will admit the member's immediate family including all children in the family under 18 years of age.

**ENGINEER** — will receive up to two membership cards which will admit the member's immediate family (see Conductor benefits above). Also each Engineer membership card will admit up to two additional guests.


# FULLERTON RAILROAD DAYS™

May 13 & 14, 2000



**9am-6pm Saturday**  
**9am-5pm Sunday**  
**FULLERTON TRAIN STATION**  
**124 E. Santa Fe Avenue**

For further information, call (714) 278-0648  
Write: P.O. Box 3987, Fullerton, CA 92834-3987 • WEBSITE: [www.trainweb.com/irpa](http://www.trainweb.com/irpa)



Visit the U.S. Postal Services' popular attraction-on-rails  
*Celebrate the Century Express*  
at the Fullerton Train Station  
May 12, 13 and 14.

## EXHIBITS AND TOURS

Santa Fe Diesel Locomotive

Amtrak Passenger Cars

Private Rail Cars

Metrolink Exhibit

OCTA Exhibit

Youth Group Exhibits

Garden Railways

Police & Fire Truck Exhibit

Historic Exhibits

Model Trains

Marching Bands

Barber Shop Quartets

**TRAINMASTER** — will receive up to two membership cards which will admit the member's immediate family (see Conductor benefits above). Also each Trainmaster membership card will admit up to three additional guests.

For more information, visit the Museum website: [www.csrnf.org](http://www.csrnf.org) or write at 111 "T" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or call (916) 322-8485.



## REGISTER NOW! FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 31 - AUGUST 6, 2000

Less than four months to go before the 35th Annual TTOS 2000 National Convention begins. It will be held at the Queen Mary in Long Beach from July 31-August 6, 2000 and is hosted by T.T.O.S. Southern Pacific Division.

Members, refer to the *Order Board* and the *Bulletin* as well as the Convention Brochure to register now. We anticipate that registration will easily exceed 1000 members from across the country and around the world. The trading hall is on the Queen Mary and just as large as the '91 convention.

The Ward Kimball Tour is filled. However, space is still available on other 1 and 3 day tours. See the Convention Brochure and the January *Bulletin* for details.

Convention cars are still available. See *Order Board* for details or call the National Office at 626-578-0673.

The welcoming party is an informal gathering that lets everyone get reacquainted on Thursday night, August 3rd; it will be held on the rear deck which overlooks the Long Beach skyline. Don't miss the silent auction and raffles at the welcoming party. Jim Keeley, Convention Chair, reports that they have special items for the auction and raffles.

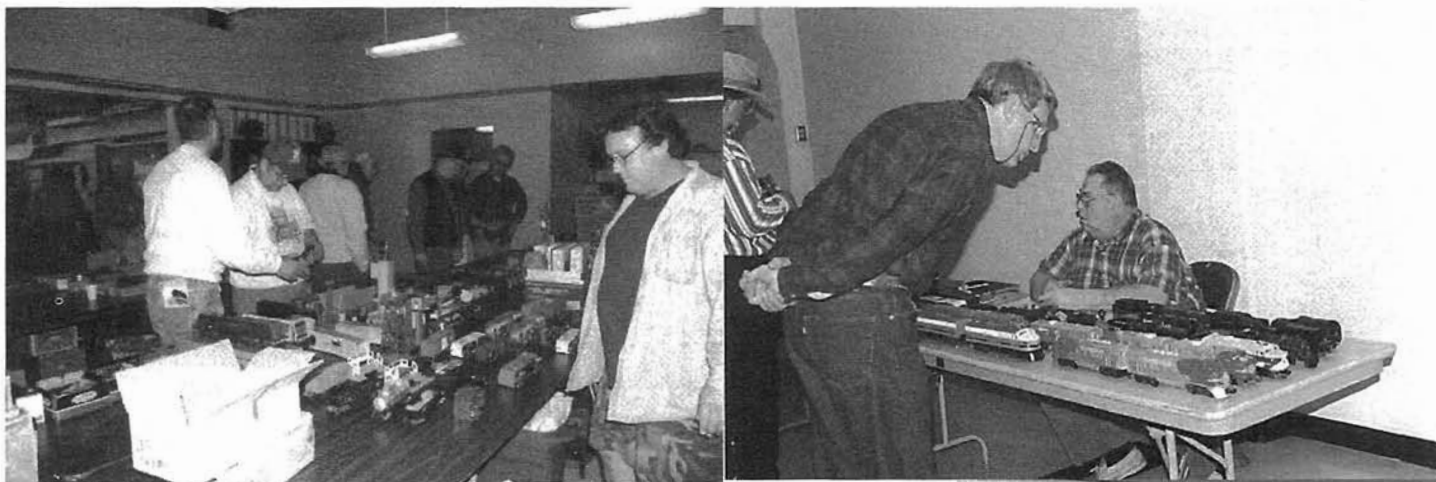
Saturday night, August 5th is more formal with the banquet and live auction in the Queen's Salon. This is always a very exciting aspect of each convention and will offer very unique one-of-a-kind items.

The convention brochure arrived with the March *Bulletin*. Both the February and April *Order Boards* have a convention "questions and answer" section.

**SELLERS, PLEASE NOTE!** Bring your own dollies to unload and load your items. The loading dock will be open all weekend for 1, 2 or 3 day sellers. ALSO, the Trading Hall will be open to the public on Sunday, August 6, 2000 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Public admissions are \$5 per person (adults) and \$2 for those aged 6-12, under 6, free. The Trading Hall will feature 350 tables for table sales, displays by major toy train manufacturers, historical displays and operating model railroads! For more information, check out the web site, [www.ameri-eagle.com/ttos2000](http://www.ameri-eagle.com/ttos2000)

**NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER! DO IT TODAY!!!**

# Scenes of the March Meet



Some of the many tables at the March meet. In addition, Electric Norman was there for your parts needs.



Jeffrey Cohen (l) with layout and 2 trains for sale

# March Meet



Al Vierich, Layout Chairman, makes an adjustment on the popular Southwestern Division layout which is up and running at most Southwestern Division meets. A trailer has been purchased to make it possible to transport the layout all over the southland to malls, fairs and other train meets.



Bill Schmidt won THREE prizes at the March meet: Lionel transformer car, Lionel collectible tin full of popcorn, PLUS a K-line 2000 Box car (not shown).



Alan Regis won Lionel Mobile Tank Car



Jeffrey Cohen was the lucky winner of the Lionel 600 MKT Switcher.



Jaime Canchmo and his son won the Lionel T-Trailer



Don Starkey with Lionel Operating Poultry Car



Cheryl Shapiro (above) & Joanne Starkey (not shown) won Ladies' caps.

# Repair Clinic Growing



Larry Pearson began a Toy Train Repair Clinic as a monthly service to Membership of Southwestern Division in July 1999 and it has been very popular.

Larry encourages members to bring in trains and accessories that need light repairs or lubrication and teaches how to repair or lubricate them or performs the repairs himself on the premises as time permits. He brings lubricant, cleaners, solder, wire, and tools for repairs. Persons needing repairs provide parts, either brought with them or purchased from the parts supplier(s) normally present at the Meets.

Members are reminded to limit the size of the repair project to something that can be done in about 30 minutes. Larry is happy to look at larger projects and advise what he feels needs to be done. He does not offer a take-home repair service, and he does not want to compete with TTOS Members who provide train repairs as a business.

Kudos to Larry Pearson for providing this much needed and appreciated service!

(Editor's note: Larry has to be out of town at the time of the May meet; he will resume the Repair Clinic at the June meet).

## **SELLERS**

**BRING A COPY OF YOUR STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION RESALE NUMBER  
TO THE JUNE MEET or Mail to  
KURT BONDI, TABLE SALES, 9748 Valjean Ave., North Hills, CA 91343 by June 30, 2000**

**WE ARE UPDATING OUR RECORDS  
TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL EARLY-BIRD DRAWING DUES ARE DUE!!!!**

**Southwestern Division Yearly Dues Are Still Only \$20.00**

**Pay Your Dues by June 30, 2000 (postmarked no later than July 5, 2000)  
and YOU will be entered in a  
SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING**

**The Special Prize to be given away will be announced at the June 4 Meet**

**The Southwestern Division Board of Directors  
shall draw the winner of the  
Special Raffle Prize Drawing  
from the entries  
at the July Board Meeting  
and the winner will be notified**

**Watch for Renewal Notice which will be sent out in May**

## **CAL-STEWART DISPLAY SEEKS THEME ITEMS**

Cal-Stewart Theme Display Chairman, Hollis Cotton, has announced that the theme for the display at Cal-Stewart is "Origins of the Hobby."

Hollis and his assistant Larry DuPont would like to have all Pre-World War I Era toy train manufacturers represented, including trains and paper items.

Your help and assistance is most urgently requested for this significant display of the early years of our hobby.

Please phone Hollis at (818) 781-4910 if you have items to place on display or information about Pre-World War I Era toy trains and manufacturers.

## **SWD MODULAR LAYOUT NEEDS YOUR HELP**

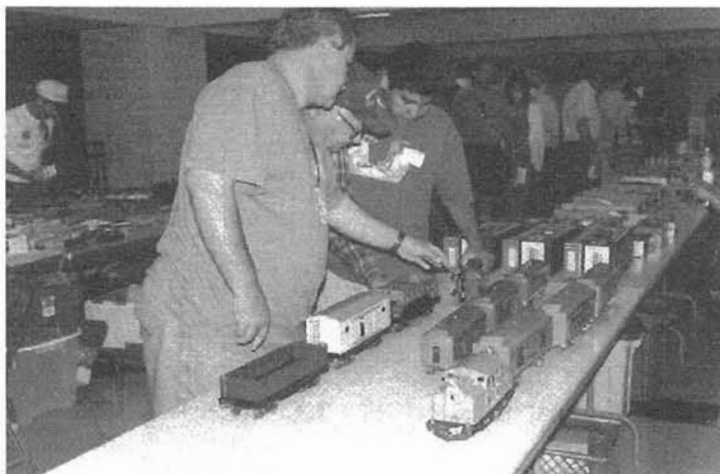
Southwestern Division is building a modular layout so we can start going to malls, fairs, other train meets, etc. to advertise our club and attract new members.

Sheila Blaise, Layout Co-Chair, is asking for volunteers to help build the modular layout. Please call Sheila at (323) 467-8317 to volunteer to help.

Al Vierich, Layout Chair, reports that the Southwestern Division Custom Layout Trailer has arrived and he looks forward to transporting the club modular layout over the southland.

Members: we need your help to make this project "operational"—pun intended!

# WOW!!! APRIL MEET—NO EMPTY TABLES!!!



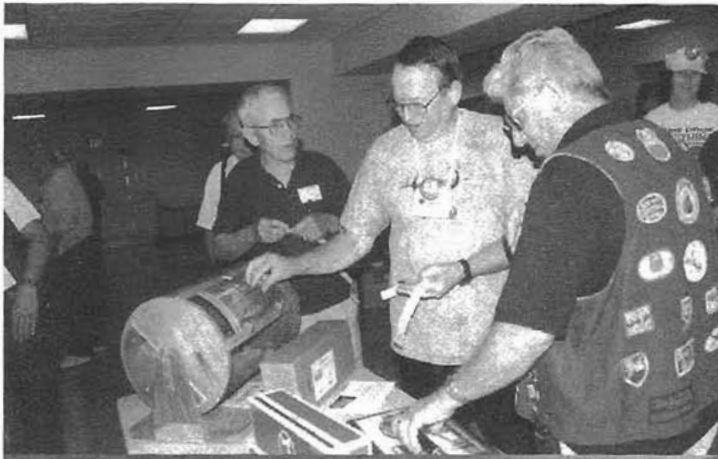
All tables were sold at the April Meet and we had good attendance by both members and the public. Sellers came from Bakersfield to San Diego and points in between. Buyers came from all over the southland.

Pictured at right: Jerry Latner (l) with Kurt Bondi (r) Table Sales.

# APRIL MEET LARGE AND SUCCESSFUL!!!



# April Meet Recap



The raffle ticket cage is always a popular gathering spot at the monthly meets as these pictures (above) attest!!! Prizes for the April drawing are shown in the lower right-hand picture.

## And the winners were. . . .



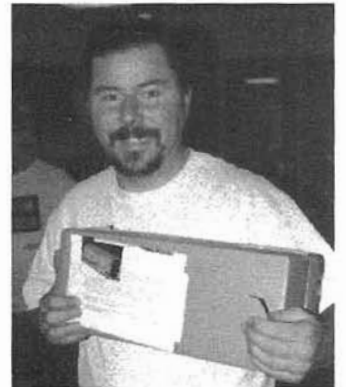
Dick Gary  
K-Line Cal-Stewart Car



Ron Smith  
Lionel Union Pacific  
Gondola Car



Bill Fiorelli  
Western Pacific Box Car

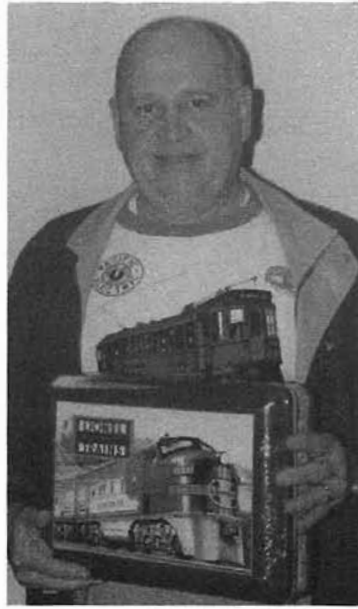


Don Kallgen  
Lionel Standard O  
Cal-Stewart Reefer

# MORE APRIL MEET WINNERS PLUS MORE SCENES OF MEET



Alan Regis  
Lionel Milwaukee Engine  
GP-9



Kurt Bondi  
Lionel Cookie Tin



Modelling the "Lady's Hat"  
for the camera



Mary Goldberg  
Lady's Cap



Phyllis Smith—Lady's Cap  
(Also won by Jane  
Hernandez, not pictured)



Above, Franklin Froloff (front center) checks the running of the Southwestern Division layout while two Southwestern members work in the background. All members are encouraged to support the development of our club layout. The Layout Committee welcomes volunteers!!! See Al Vierich or Sheila Blaise for details about how you can help.

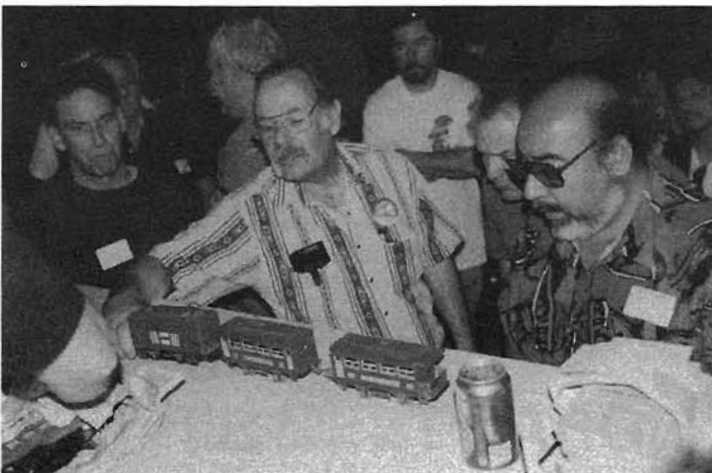


Photo at left: Items going through the auction are inspected by curious potential bidders.

# Toy Train Operating Society

SOUTHWESTERN  
CHARTER DIVISION  
No. 1

ON THE  
RIGHT TRACK  
TO A TTOS MEET



*ALL-DAY MEET  
ALL CLUBS ARE INVITED*

**Sunday, September 17, 2000**

**Save the Date**

**GIANT UPPER LEVEL  
GLENDALE CIVIC AUDITORIUM  
will accommodate 160 tables**

**Open to all dues paid train club members**

**Tentative time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Public will be admitted at 12 noon**

**Reserve tables early**

**Call Kurt Bondi 818-895-4641**

## **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** are 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. 5% commission on all items per Seller, not to exceed \$50.00 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.

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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.

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



# Los Angeles Extra 2000 Convention

Presented by the Los Angeles Division of the NMRA Pacific Southwest Region  
**MODEL RAILROAD CONVENTION AND TRAIN SHOW**  
**SEPTEMBER 13 - 17, 2000**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ NMRA# \_\_\_\_\_ PSR# \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Other Region? \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Scale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is this your first PSR Convention? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate how you want each First and Last name to appear on your name badges:**

## FARES

Adult Rails (thru 3/31/000)	_____	@\$60.00	\$ _____
Adult Rails (On or after 4/1/00)	_____	@\$65.00	\$ _____
Non-Rails (\$20.00 discount on above)	_____		\$ _____
Teen Rails (ages 13 to 19)	_____	@\$25.00	\$ _____
Pre-Teen Rails (12 and under with adult fare)	_____	FREE	
Day Fares: Adult	_____	@\$25.00	\$ _____
Day Fares: Teens	_____	@\$12.00	\$ _____
(Please circle day: Thursday, Friday, Saturday)			
<b>Banquet</b> on Sat (9/16/2000)	Chicken _____	@\$29.00	\$ _____
(Limit 80 People)	Prime Rib _____	@\$32.00	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL REGISTRATION &amp; BANQUET</b>	_____		\$ _____

Make checks or money orders (U. S. Funds) payable to: **L.A. Division**

Send completed form and funds to:

**Paul Cutter**

**PSR Convention 2000 Registrar**

**3042 Earlmart Drive**

**Los Angeles CA 90064-4632**

The convention hotel will be the Torrance Marriott. A hotel registration card will be sent when available.

Would you be interested in giving a clinic? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in volunteering while at & during the convention? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Chair: Dave Cox, MMR - (310)-472-6363, david23star@lstnetusa.com**

**Registrar: Paul Cutter - (310) 837-5269, PSRX2000@eimitcom**