PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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and publisher of The Southwestern Limited.
Call me at the above phone number in the
mornings after 8:00am if you need to get in
touch with me. Call, I love to talk.

INTRODUCTION
This is my first President’s Message since the
September/October, 2014 issue of Southwestern
Limited. I want to thank Phyllis and Calvin Smith
for getting the last three issues out without my input.
The SWD is in very good shape, especially when
compared to the other Toy Train Clubs that I know
of. We are actually growing our membership since
last year, thanks to the hard work of Arlene Berns,
our Membership Chairman and Jerry Moser our
Secretary, who assists Arlene at the front desk at the
monthly Meets. We added 10 new members at the
April 12th Meet, bringing this year’s total up to 429,
compared to 404 a year ago. And thanks to Hollis
Cotton, our Table Sales chairman, our Meets have
been sellouts in the last few months. And financially,
we are in very solid shape. Rich Lowe’s daughter,
Julianne Hamstrom is planning to get our activities
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June is Membership Renewal Time
Watch your Mail for Membership Renewal and August Picnic Flyer
I am happy to report that the upcoming 2015 Cal-Stewart Meet display theme will be “Lionel Post-War House Cars”?! What the heck is a “house car”? In the early 1900’s when most goods shipped in the United States traveled by rail, freight cars were needed that protected loads from the weather. These freight cars were built much like a house, with permanently installed roof, sides, and ends and doors for loading and unloading. House Cars include box cars, refrigerator cars, stock cars, and even cars that carry gold bars, fish tanks, or hidden missiles.

I have been a Lionel collector for over 45 years and have a 95% complete collection of Post-War house cars. I have designed a 40’ long display to share over 200 of them with you at our next Cal-Stewart. If you are a post-war “Collector” you may or may not know that Lionel produced 14 different numbered STOCK CARS and with variations that that number more than doubles. I currently have 28 stock cars in my collection but am looking to add a few more.

Refrigerator cars, simply called reefers, carry fresh food but in Lionelville they seem to carry a lot of milk. Ten different numbered reefers were made by Lionel in the post-war years. With variations I currently have 18 different cars. Twelve of them are milk cars. There are a few very hard to find variations I am still looking for. One funny side-note concerning reefers involves the #6352 PFE Ice Car that simulates the loading of “ICE” through the roof utilizing the #352 Icing Station. It’s NOT a reefer at all but a box car?

On that note we delve into the final complex, seemingly never-ending list of box cars. Only a brief introduction at this time to tell you there are 8 distinct shapes/sizes/styles of boxcars and over 160 variations and varieties. We will introduce and discuss them in the next edition of the SW Limited.

As a final note I wish to say that while I’ll be displaying hundreds of LIONEL house cars it won’t be a 100% complete collection. I don’t have prototypes and I don’t count rivets or look at mold colors. YOU may have a favorite or “rare” house car to share. There will be plenty of room for you in the display area to share your favorite or unique pieces.

I hope you have enjoyed Part I, introducing you to “house cars”. Part II will take a closer look at the over 160 freight cars that fill the box car category.

Good examples of “House Cars”, the missle and the reefer souvenir cars Southwestern Division sold several years ago, both manufactured by Lionel.
advertised in the social media, in addition to volunteering to be the 2015 Cal-Stewart Registration Chairman. We very much need to increase our public attendance at Cal-Stewart. Last, I want to thank Mike Roman for taking pictures at the December, January, February, March, and April Meets.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Since August, 2014, we have added three new Board Members: Bruce Lazarus, Mike Stella, and George Blanch.

Bruce Lazarus re-joined the Board on August 13, 2014. Bruce needs no introduction, having been a SWD Board member for over 20 years. Bruce said that he needed a rest and did not run for a Board position in the 2013 elections, but continued to handle the annual Cal-Stewart Souvenir Car design and sales and our Web Master liaison. Bruce missed the excitement of my monthly Board Meetings and asked for his position back, which we were only too happy to give him.

Mike Stella was voted into the Board on 2/11/15. Mike also needs no introduction to long term Members of SWD, being Member # 1248. Last year it looked like we would be losing Mike due to liver failure. But he was fortunate to receive a liver transplant and has pretty much recovered from the operation. Mike is working on Cal-Stewart promotions.

George Blanch was voted into the Board on 3/4/15. George is another long-time Member of SWD, being Member # 6978. George is recently retired as president of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local #33 in Burbank. George came to me and wanted to become more involved with SWD, so I put him to work as one of our monthly Meet Auctioneers. George knows toy trains but has never done auctioning before, and it turns out that he is a natural at it. George is very laid back, and after many years as President of Local 33, nothing gets to him. The job as Auctioneer is non-stop hard work for several hours during our Monthly Meet and Cal-Stewart Auctions. We are looking for more workers for our monthly Meet and Cal-Stewart Auctions. I want to thank Bruce Gripkey for helping out as Auctioneer at recent auctions. If you can help, call Rich Kobliner, Auction Chairman, at 818.324.2562.

TRAIN REPAIRS AT THE SWD MONTHLY MEETS

You may have noticed it. I now have help with the train repairs at my repair table. His name is Wayne Kraemer, and he is my age and has been repairing trains longer than I have. I recently met Wayne at a Model Train Association (MTA) monthly meeting in Bellflower and invited him to our SWD Meets. He came the next month, was amazed, and joined! As a youngster, Wayne got his introduction to train repairs at Allied Model Trains in West Los Angeles when the store was on Pico and before Allen Drucker bought it. With his help everything got repaired in April and I didn’t have to take anything home.

SECURITY CAMERAS AT THE SWD MONTHLY MEETS

A couple of months ago it was reported at a monthly meet that two expensive MRC transformers were stolen from a table near the back door of the Hall. From time to time sellers have reported the theft of items off their tables, but the problem has not reached epidemic proportions. Even so, the Board asked me to look into the purchase of a security camera system for our Arcadia Meets. Our monthly Meets are bigger than ever, and we have a lot of non-Member guests in the hall. It is very easy to sneak into and out of the hall without being noticed. I referred the problem over to SWD member Martin Folb, a long-time expert in professional photography. Martin has been the sports photographer for Pepperdine University for about 30 years and worked as a consultant for Kodak in the good old days. In addition, he has taken pictures at monthly meets and Cal-Stewart, besides chairing the 2013 and 2014 Cal-Stewart Special Displays. Today’s security camera systems are very affordable. We hope to have something in place for the May Meet.

Please support Southwestern by continuing your Membership, recruiting new Members, buying our souvenir cars, and attending our monthly Meets and Cal-Stewart. As always, hugs to all, and run your trains often.

Larry Pearson, President
Southwestern Division

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February Meet

Hollis Cotton handles Table Sales       Arlene Berns Membership Secretary       President Larry Offers Repairs

Some Tables at February Meet

Layouts at the Monthly Meets are powered by traditional transformers and remote control technology. On the left is David Nissen with transformers and remote control often moving trains at the same time on the different tracks. On the right, the Southwestern Division Layout Team also uses both transformers and remote control devices such as Lionel Legacy System to power and control the trains. Members and guests are invited to bring trains to run.
February Meet Continued

Southwestern Members and Guests appreciate Darlene (l) and Sharon (r) who operate the Snack Bar during our Monthly Meets. Breakfast and lunch items are available as well as donuts, chips, soft drinks, hot chocolate, coffee and tea. Special treats available at various times include puddings and chili.

50/50 Drawing

Winner on the left receiving over $100 cash from Drawing Chairman Fred Kramer.
Four winners to the right of the cash winner and below received cars and a special poster as consolation prizes. Special thanks to members who have donated items for consolation prizes.

Remembering Alan Rebis
by Tony Deneve

Alan Rebis was a member of TTOS Southwestern Division for almost twenty-five years. He recently passed away on December 31, 2014. He had long suffered from a debilitating neurological condition called CPEO (Chronic Progressive External Ophthalmoplegia). This eventually led to his death.

He was a perennial volunteer at the Cal-Stewart Auction and provided assistance at the monthly auction for the Southwestern Division until he moved to Livermore, California. He also served on the Southwestern Board for many years.

Alan was a postwar collector and accumulated a vast number of trains. He will be missed.

Alan Rebis at work during the SWD Auction.
Mike Marple brought lots of parts to the March Open House Meet.

Table Sales above and below

Dave Nissen’s Layout with members running their trains.

Members and guests are invited to bring trains to run on the layouts at our monthly meets.

Hal Rothenborg checks items on the SWD Club layout.

MARCH OPEN HOUSE MEET
Dave Otth selling tickets for the March 50/50 Drawing to George Blanch.

Dave with young meet attendee who drew the tickets out of the

Lucky winner of the $210 cash! WOW!!

Left & Center: winners of consolation drawing prizes. Right: Auctioneer George Blanch (center with box) conducts a lively auction.

2015 Nor-Cal Spring Cal-Stewart Classic

Larry Pearson, Dave Otth and Martin Folb as well as the Les and Nancy Cochran and Jim Kenny from SWD attended the 2015 Nor-Cal Spring Cal Stewart Classic, Saturday, March 21-Sunday, March 22, 2015, held at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel. Saturday featured layout tours and they enjoyed seeing Mark Boyd’s layout and collection. A welcome dinner was held Saturday evening. Sunday meet setup began at 8 a.m. with the meet open to members of TCA and TTOS at 10 a.m. The public was able to come in at 11 a.m., with the meeting ending at 4 p.m. Larry purchased some items. Dave, Martin and Jim were sellers. The hotel venue was pleasant and Nor-Cal hopes to have the 2016 Nor-Cal Spring Cal-Stewart Classic at the San Ramon Marriott. Plan to attend next year’s event.
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Welcome New and Returning Members


Welcome Aboard! We are pleased to have you in Southwestern Division!

THANK YOU!!
The following SWD Members are helping at monthly meets:

George Blanch, auctioneer
Bruce Gripkey, auctioneer
Spencer Smith, front desk
Wayne Kraemer, train repair

Thank you, gentlemen!! You are appreciated!!

2015 SWD Meet Schedule
Sundays: May 3, June 7*, July 12, September 13*, October 4, and December 6*, 2015.
*Open House Meets
Sellers Setup & Members 10. a.m.
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Editor's Note: My grandfather J. W. Smith was visiting family in Pomona, California in 1937. Here are excerpts from a letter he wrote to family in Texas on June 21, 1937. I believe he is writing about either the Santa Fe or Union Pacific or Southern Pacific new diesel passenger trains from the East. My grandfather had 11 children, 9 survivors to adulthood.

. . . . I am just 1/2 block from 3 railroads, The Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Santa Fe. It is the main lines from the East and there is never a minute when I don’t hear a train. All the trains to and from LA come through here.

The streamliners you see in picture shows pass here 4 times a week. It is a funny looking string with 10 coaches. It has a big horn instead of a whistle and you can hear it for awhile. There are so many street crossings all trains criss-cross all through the city and such a noise.

Butter is 39¢, so we are using Oleo Margarine. I like it better than butter and it is 14¢ per pound.

Bob and Helen came over yesterday...Jay and Elsie and kids came over last night and spent about 2 hours with us and gave me a pound of PA Tobacco. Sam sent me two pair of silk hose for Father’s Day. Pete cooked us a fine seabass dinner with good hot biscuits -- Can that Jane make good biscuits. She is a dandy cook. Buddy and Lois and us expect to go to Angeles Temple tomorrow. Thursday is his day off instead of Sunday. He got a raise last week and is getting $108 a month now. Am glad for their raise. I will visit Milt and Jay while we’re that way.

We bought ten various leghorn chicks for $1.00 and I am feeding them table scraps until they will be big enough to eat.

The day we spent with Sam and Clara we bought 4 fryers dressed for $1.00. We get the finest rabbits dressed for 45¢ and they make two good meals for us. By the way I stopped in front of the house a few weeks ago but who should drive by and stop but Guy Benny, old man Donald’s grandson.

Jay got $73.70 for last week’s work. He is getting work enough to save him nearly $300 per month and is his wife strutting her stuff and spending the money. They have now lived in 4 different houses since she came. She wants as fine a place as Milt has and she wants to go back to Texas. You know she has to raise hell about something all the time. Jay works nights, although and you remember, that’s what she raised Cain about at home. He worked all night at work, and now he works every night from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. except Sunday. Some nights he works all night. (My Uncle Jay was a compositor in printing, making up forms for letterpress for Griffin-Patterson Printing in Glendale and my Uncle Milt, who was the superintendent for Anderson & Clayton Cotton Gin from Merced to Mexicali, lived in Glendale. Sam and Clara are my parents and lived in Bakersfield).

That streamline train is said to make 110 miles per hour and it does not stop in Pomona and runs 60 miles an hour through town.

We have the prospect of a house for $18.50 and it will save us $11.50 per month. Pete has finished washing and it has tired him out. She (Pete’s wife) weighs 132 lbs and when she came was 120. I have gained 16 lbs. Well, well, I do not know anything else. Love to all. Tell Fred I wish he was here. Our market and barbershop is on the next block to us as near as the main business street of the town. Bob is just 4 blocks down the street.

Write as often as you can. Gussie wrote Bob that Judge Robertson had died. Poor old guy. His life was hard.

Your affectionate Dad

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