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TTOS NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Your VOTE is extremely important this year in our TTOS National Elections. There are several people running from both our Southwestern Division and from Southern Pacific Division. Among them are Hilly Lazarus for President, Norwood Doland for Vice President, Tom McArdle for Treasurer and Ron De Simone for Secretary.

For several years, TTOS National has not been able to finish out the fiscal year with the money collected during that particular year, resulting in the need to dip into the next years dues to keep afloat in the current year. Part of the reason is that dues have not been raised in a long time and have not kept up with inflation. Also, our recent National Conventions have not been profitable and our costs have been quite high. While our costs have continued to increase, TTOS National services have done just the opposite. No longer have we been provided with annual reprints and directories which we were supposed to have each year. These services were dropped to save money.

The TTOS Financial Advisory Committee has finally recommended a National dues raise but it will probably only be enough to pay off our 1982 debts early in 1983. It looks as if 1983 will end in the black for a change but it will take an austerity program for most of the year to get out of the red ink and stay out.

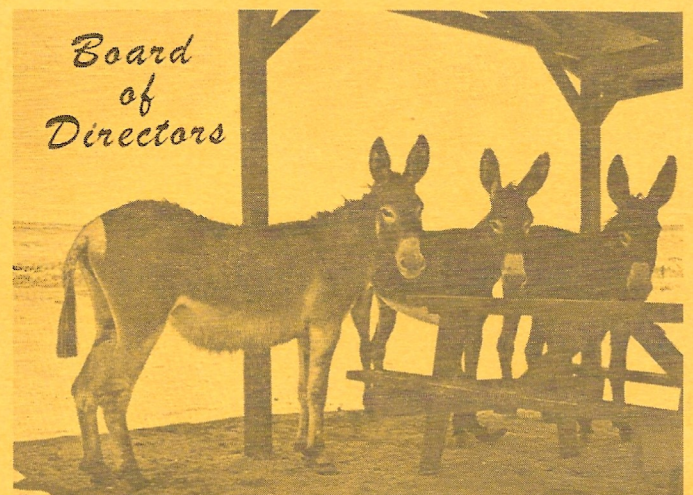
Candidate Hilly Lazarus feels that if he is elected, and if the rest of the candidates listed above are also elected, that he can go a long way to make TTOS financially and fiscally sound once more. Hilly says that we might have to cut back on the TTOS Bulletin to only 6 or 8 issues for the year but wants to include a new National Directory and Special Reprint during the year which he thinks will fit into the new budget. If our National Convention in Phoenix is as successful as it now looks to be, we should be in very good shape by the end of next year, and may be able to get back on a monthly bulletin schedule.

Your National ballot should arrive any day now with the TTOS Bulletin. Please attend to it immediately. Every vote will count as our counterparts on the east coast are also trying very hard to win this election. In order for our National organization to survive and prosper once more, we need a good team of Executive Officers and the slate above might just prove to be that good team. PLEASE VOTE!!!!!!!



OUTGOING SOUTHWESTERN PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER WATT (ON THE RIGHT) AND VICE PRESIDENT HILLY LAZARUS (ON THE LEFT) ARE PICTURED AT THE NOVEMBER 1981 CAL-STEWART MEET. CHRISTOPHER WILL REMAIN ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A YEAR AS IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND HILLY WILL CONTINUE WORKING ON THIS SOUTHWESTERN LIMITED, PERHAPS WITH ROY BELL WHO RECENTLY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN HELPING.

PICTURED BELOW, COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER WATT, ARE SOME CURRENT MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WE HAVE MANY GOOD CANDIDATES FOR 1983 OFFICES AND PERHAPS A FEW MORE NAMES MAY BE ADDED BEFORE THE VOTING AT OUR CHRISTMAS MEET IN DECEMBER. IF YOU WANT TO RUN FOR SOME SOUTHWESTERN OFFICE, TELL MR. WATT AT ONCE!!



CAL-STEWART

Preparations for the biggest toy train swap meet west of the Mississippi are well underway and another block-buster meet is in the crystal ball. This years Cal-Stewart should break all previous records.

BRUCE MARKUS, Cal-Stewart Chairman, is soliciting donations of prizes for the raffles and auctions. If you feel generous and want to help the club, put together some goodies, or even one, and contact Bruce with your donation. Profits from Cal-Stewart help to keep our annual dues very low in comparison to the services Southwestern TTOS provides to the membership.

As of this writing, in the middle of October, BRUCE LAZARUS, registration chairman, and SAM MATTES, Tables Chairman, report 600 registered, 300 tables rented, and souvenir sales of 50 T-Shirts and 100 trucks. We still have a month to go before the meet and expect 800 train collectors using 400 tables.

HILLY LAZARUS confirms that Simon V. Chaplan, design engineer for AMERICAN FLYER between 1929 and 1937 is definitely coming as our Guest of Honor and still in the works are the possibilities that William Ogden Coleman, III, the son of the late AMERICAN FLYER manufacturer, might also attend and so might Maury Romer, former employee of both Mr. Coleman and A. C. Gilbert. Maury, who is a TTOS Honorary Member, as is Simon, wants to be with us but hasn't been feeling up to par of late. We will know in a month. In the works is a special dinner honoring our Guest(s) of Honor and it is being put together for Saturday night. Please fill out the survey form enclosed with this issue of the SOUTHWESTERN LIMITED indicating if you might like to attend such a dinner party if it gets off the ground.

RITA OTTH is providing a double session of beauty clinics for our ladies on Saturday morning and afternoon. These fun happenings will be held in the hospitality suite just above the Northwest corner of the trading hall. In order to know how many consultants to provide, Rita asks that the ladies sign up on the enclosed survey form. FREE MUD PACKS.

JIM SEELS is in charge of stocking the A.F. 3/16" "O" gauge display shelves and might just have to bring EVERYTHING himself unless the rest of us pitch in to help out. Still needed are choice and scarce items such as the 574 and 575 0-8-0 switchers, accessories, tinplate cars in rare colors, 1940 tinplate passenger coaches with black belly pans and silver windows, and big steamers with diecast cars. Call Jim at (213) 753-1237.

PETER DE BEERS is well on his way to the completion of a very large AMERICAN FLYER "O" gauge layout which will probably accomodate both regular "O" gauge trains from Chicago as well as Gilbert 3/16" "O" gauge from New Haven. He might even have a loop of clockwork track. Peter will need a lot of help assembling this layout and invites your phone call to volunteer. Call Pete at (213) 795-5286. Everyone is most welcome to bring their own trains to run on the layout. Please do. Si Chaplan is coming in early from Chicago to help us assemble the layouts and the displays.

HILLY LAZARUS is trying to amass much of what is needed in AMERICAN FLYER "O" gauge for display covering the 1907-1938 period and needs a lot of help with contributions of your trains for display. So far, there have been very few volunteers and we know that a lot of our 630 members have A.F. trains that they could dig out and bring along rather than let someone else do it as usual. Guess who has offered some "O" gauge? Right. John Thousand, Peter De Beers, Bruce Gripkey, Jim Seels and Hilly Lazarus-----the same fellows who have the responsibility for other areas at the meet. Sooooooo, come on along fellows and help us out. Call Hilly at (213) 762-3652.

BILL RICE is again bringing 3 or 4 very nice operating layouts, in all gauges, so that our children can not only look at toy trains but also freely run them all day long. If you recall, Bill did this last year and his efforts were much appreciated by both the children and their parents. Thanks Bill.

JOHN THOUSAND is not getting all the help he needs in providing us with the AMERICAN FLYER Wide gauge display and layout. Please call John at (714) 548-4326 and volunteer. Not only is John building an exact reproduction of the 1928 COLONIAL CITY layout shown in the catalog but is also bringing a complete variety of all the freight cars, including NATION WIDE LINES and those with IVES brass plates. What is needed are dozens of choice sets for display including such gems as the LEGIONNAIRE, all the PRESIDENT'S SPECIALS, THE POCOHONTAS, and the transition IVES spinoffs where the large 19" A.F. passenger cars were used such as the PROSPERITY SPECIAL, BLACK DIAMOND and more. What a sight all this will be if just more of us will help out and go that extra little bit to contribute to the displays. If need be, John will bring many of the sets himself in addition to building and providing the layout but I'm sure that we can all bring a couple of sets so that John needn't do all the work alone.

DENNIS BAGBY has agreed to head up the "S" gauge AMERICAN FLYER display section and intends to bring the rare and the choice of Gilbert post-war production. As this is a monumental task, Dennis will need the help of many of our "S" gauge collectors to fill in the gaps so he doesn't have to bring everything himself. Please pitch in and give Dennis a call at (213) 681-6779.

The Nor-Cal Division of TCA has donated \$200 to the (San Francisco) Bay Area "S" gaugers to provide transportation for them to bring down their magnificent "S" gauge layout for operation at Cal-Stewart. Thank you Nor-Cal.

Our own bare-foot boy with cheeks of tan, BRUCE GRIPKEY (also known as Robert) is bringing his remarkable Gilbert AMERICAN FLYER "HO" layout and also his complete collection of trains and accessories. If you can help out, give him a call at (714) 748-4949. Gilbert "HO" is a very collectible area of toy trains and has been much overlooked by many collectors. This will be our opportunity to witness the vast variety in Gilbert "HO" and see how the efforts of one person has resulted in a beautiful collection and layout.

CAL-STEWART

APPETIZERS are still needed for the great JOHN KING MEMORIAL COCKTAIL AND RAFFLE PARTY (doo-da, doo-da) and our Chairman, BRUCE MARKUS, would like to have your volunteer cards back now so that he can determine how much food and drink to buy in addition to your donations. Please do it now. It is tradition to do it up proud for John King. LAYOUTS & DISPLAYS will be put up on Friday, November 19, in the trading hall from around mid-day on into the evening. A lot of help is needed. We also need people with trucks to haul tables and shelves. Please call Bruce Markus at (213) 983-2033 or Hilly Lazarus at (213) 762-3652 in the evenings. CAL-STEWART WORK IS FUN!!!

***** NEWS OF OTHER DIVISIONS *****

SACRAMENTO VALLEY DIVISION is holding their very first meet on Sunday, October 31, at the Woodlake Inn in Sacramento. They have invited 2000 train enthusiasts from TTOS, TCA, NMRA and many local clubs and expect to rival our Cal-Stewart in attendance. They hope we will come up en masse to help them open their new Division in grand style. Our own past president JOHN DANIEL will auctioneer and among those known to be going are DAVE OTTH, VINNIE ROGERS, LYLE CAIN, SR., HILLY LAZARUS, BRUCE MARKUS, DON DANIELSON, VIC GERENDASY, JOHN CADY and more of our Cal-Stewart crew. We hope to promote our Cal-Stewart there while we take part in the new activities of our newest Division and also visit the State Railroad Museum in Olde Towne. Come one come all. Rooms are \$38 for one to four people. For reservations call (916) 922-6251. Mention TTOS for the special rate. For Meet info, call (916) 988-9581 or (916) 428-3277 in the evenings.

AT & NM DIVISION (PHOENIX, AZ): Tom Stange and Nick Grippe continue to organize their forces to make the August 1983 TTOS National Convention in Phoenix the best ever. A lot of AT & NM members plan to be in Pasadena to help us enjoy Cal-Stewart and they hope we will travel to Phoenix to return the favor. Sounds like a good idea! Chuck Bitter, Editor of the AT & NM Newsletter reminds us that TTOS is invited to the annual TCA Desert Division "Turkey Meet" following Cal-Stewart on November 27th. Always a "fowl" meet. Come one come all. It is for the "birds". For information on this "Turkey", contact Cole Gibbs, 4607 W. Augusta, Glendale, AZ 85301 or call (602) 939-5520.

GOLDEN STATE DIVISION, San Jose, CA is holding their big annual Open House for wonderful toy train exhibits----no trading at that meeting which will be held on December 4th and 5th. For information, contact Warren Hendrickson, 839 Raintree Drive, San Jose, CA 95129 or call him at (408) 253-1566.

LAS VEGAS (PROPOSED) DIVISION. Gene and Jackie Reeley are hoping to get their group going soon and invite TTOS members in Nevada to contact them to help form the new Division. Call them at (702) 645-1321.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DIVISION is holding their next regular meeting on November 7th and then their Open House on December 5th. For more information, contact Fred Nix, 18869 Road 22, Madera, CA 93637 or call him at (209) 674-2313. The club meets in Turlock, CA. SJV Division also offers their Divisional Lionel Souvenir cars for sale which include: #9310 Snider Log Car at \$18, #9770 Northern Pacific Box Car at \$15 and the Stockton Terminal & Eastern EMD Engine Shell at \$21 for one and then only \$18 for additional shells. Costs for shipping are \$1 per car or \$2 per shell. Make checks payable to TTOS-SJVD and mail your order to Dean Peterson, 1108 Lafimer Avenue, Modesto, CA 95351. They might even put the units on display at the Sacramento Valley meet plus they have donated many items for our Cal-Stewart raffle. Thanks!

SOUTHERN PACIFIC DIVISION: Our nearest TTOS Division meets on the fourth Sunday of every month near Disneyland. Active auctions and table sales are featured. For information, call President Ron De Simone at (714) 586-6098.

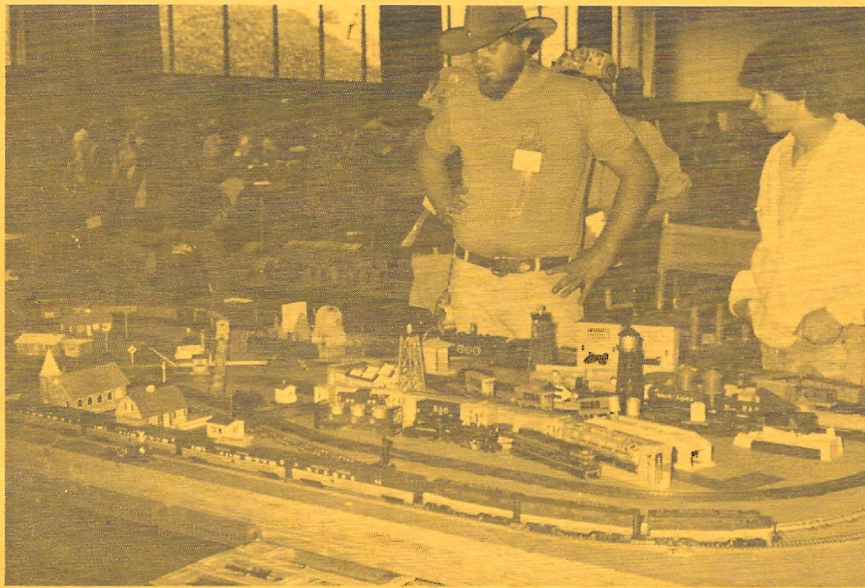
***** NEWS OF OTHER CLUBS *****

AMERICAN FLYER COLLECTORS CLUB: Really not a club at all but a desparate band of avid Flyer collectors who exohange research, notes and trains through their quarterly magazine THE COLLECTOR published by Frank Hare, former TCA National President. The only magazine specializing in all gauges of AMERICAN FLYER. Frank was kind enough to include our Cal-Stewart brochures in all mailings of the last COLLECTOR at no charge to TTOS Southwestern. Membership forms for the AFCC will be in every Cal-Stewart registration package. You are invited to join up now. Dues are only \$10 annually. The next 4 issues of THE COLLECTOR will carry a 4 part series on the sale of the AMERICAN FLYER line to A. C. Gilbert. The story, written by Billy Coleman and edited Hilly Lazarus was just too long for our own TTOS Bulletin.

NOR-CAL DIVISION OF TCA: Half of their last newsletter, the "Nor-Cal" Express was devoted to promoting our own TTOS SW Cal-Stewart meet. We really appreciate this. We have better inter-club cooperation in California than in any other area of the country and the fellow-ship is outstanding. Each year, more and more Northern Californians trek south for our Cal-Stewart and we, in turn, go north in the Spring for their Cal-Stewart meet. It gets to be more fun each year. Plan your calendar now for Spring in Santa Clara, CA. The next two TCA Nor-Cal meets are on 11/13 and 12/11 starting at 9 AM for unloading and 10 AM for trading. Nor-Cal meets are held at Monterra Jr. High School, 5555 Ascot Drive, Oakland, CA which is close to U.C. Berkeley. For information, contact Pat Nichols, (415) 846-6949.

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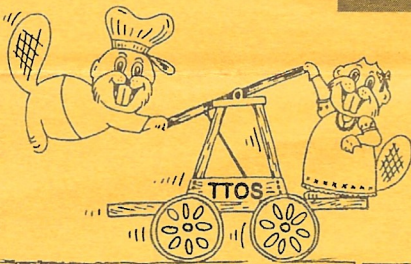
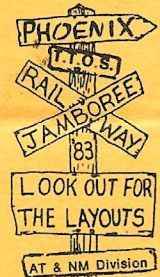
The brand new SW Division Directory has been ready for two months now and still not everyone has their copy. They are free. Send a self-addressed, self-stamped 4x9" envelope to David Nissen at P.O. Box 552, Glendora, CA 91740. Extra copies are one dollar plus 17¢ extra postage.



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*****HOT BOX ADS*****

FOR SALE: An 8' by 12' plywood trainboard presently set up with 20 each of Lionel #022 switches, operating turntable, 13 operating track sections, and lots of "0" gauge track. Presently wired and ready to go for two ZW transformers. Runs 3 full trains at the same time. Great opportunity for someone in California's southland as it must be picked up. It will transport easily on a large box trailer or auto trailer. Price depends on how much you want on the trainboard. Loaded the price is \$450. David D. Jones, TTOS #4978, 1717 Winterwarm Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028. (714) 728-7003. One half hour inland from Oceanside and one hour south from Corona or Riverside on Route I-15.

OPINION: Please fill out the enclosed survey and return it to David Nissen right away. His address is on the survey form. The back of the form has special event registration information. Please fill that out also. Your input is both needed and valued. Partake!

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Passenger timetables from many many railroads of the 1930's, 40's and 50's. I have been offered \$150 from a mail-order dealer but prefer to deal locally if possible. Prefer to sell collection as one lot. Send SAGE for list. WANTED: "Basket Cases" Lionel 726, 736 and especially 746. Parts and pieces considered as well as complete locomotives. Condition of paint and finish is not important. Thank you! Stewart Mulford, 17614 Jordan St., Apt. 5-C, Irvine, CA 92715. (714) 551-1567.

FOR SALE: Books on A.F. wide gauge by Russ Park. Out of print since 1971. In color. See Hilly Lazarus at the display area at Cal-Stewart. WANTED: Your well thought out and written lists of your parts needs for A.F. "0" gauge trains. What do you need in the way of decals, wheels, axles, trucks, headlight covers, rods, etc.???? Make a detailed list and give it to Hilly. Just maybe, on a one-time basis, your much needed parts might be put on order or made and you can complete your old locomotives. You must do the research and properly name the parts you need and what they are for. No reference list nor parts numbers are available.

TRADE: Coin collection for post-war Lionel or will sell coins for cash. Call Jim Carter at (213) 965-6010.

WANTED: For Lionel "0" gauge #263E: one rear driver, non-geared; 2 connecting or side rods with proper screws for attaching to drivers; one geared drive wheel for GG1; frame for Lionel #763; various rods for Lionel #262 and #249; Please note my telephone number as it is incorrect in the new Southwestern Directory: A. B. Clark, 1710 W. Main St., Visalia, CA 93291. Phone (209) 734-9634.

HOT BOX ADS: Send ads and all bulletin material to Hilly Lazarus no later than the 15th of the prior month (you should mail it by the 10th). 14547 Titus St., Suite 207, Panorama City, CA 91402.