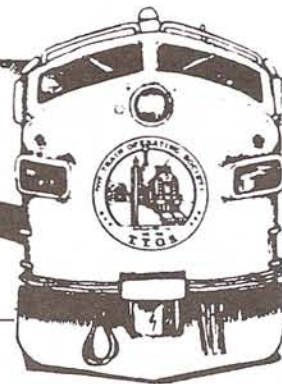


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Cal-Stewart is Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2 -- Don't Miss It!



Join other toy train enthusiasts for the largest meet West of the Mississippi. Many added features this year include King Party Halloween Costume Contest (\$150 prizes to the best man's and woman's costumes), Five "How to Do" clinics plus ten operating layouts, and the Saturday Night Lot Auction.

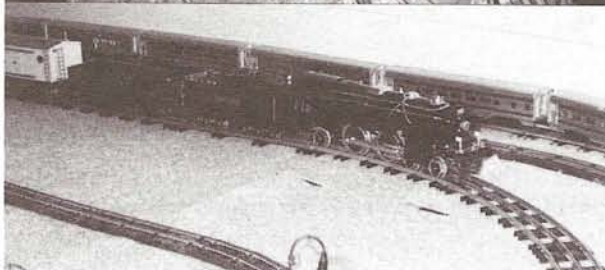
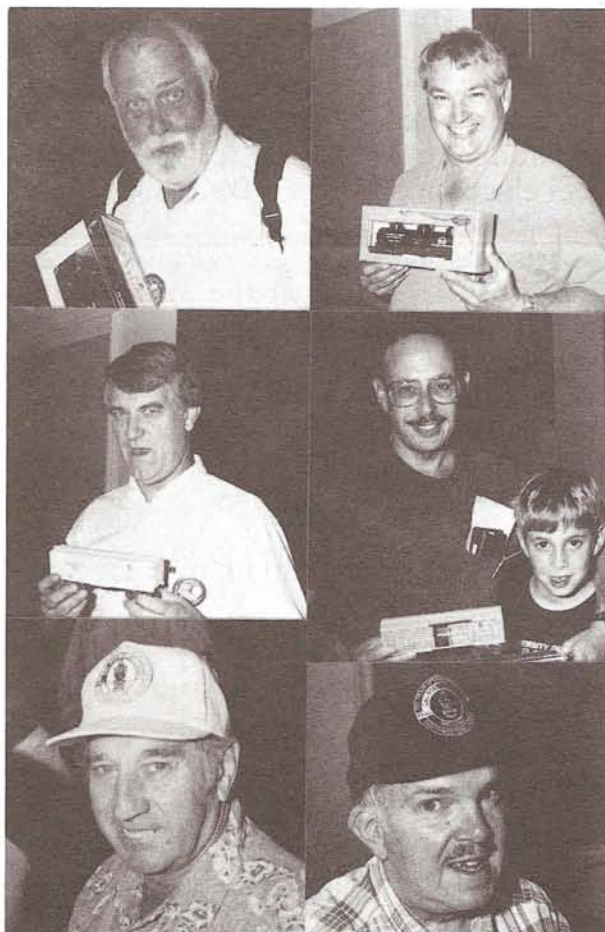
Thanksgiving--take time to be Thankful for our blessings

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah

Safe and Sane New Years

OCTOBER MEET PHOTOS--Top right, drawing winners: Peter Beam, Lionel N. H. Engine; Hollis Cotton, Lionel Three Dome Tank Car; Philip Taylor, Lionel Milk Car; Irwin Zigmond and son, Lionel Stock Car; and two guests, caps. Bottom: Our club operating layout is a popular attraction with the public and looks great with lots of trains running.

Cal-Stewart Chairman Jerry Blaine invites everyone to join him at Cal-Stewart.





Toy Train Operating Society

Southwestern Division No. 1

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President's Message

Dear TTOS Members and Friends,

Well, as I write this letter, I realize that this is probably the best time or "peak season" for train lovers. **Cal-Stewart is around the corner**, and we are expecting a very exciting meet. Lionel and MTH will be there, along with hundreds of tables of trains, several thousand square feet of train layouts, train races and demolition derby, interesting seminars, and a special Saturday night auction. Of course, we will also have our traditional Friday night John King Party and special Halloween costume contest. Remember the dates, **October 31, and November 1 & 2**. If you have not registered, you may do so at the meet. Tables will be available for sale just in case you pick up any late acquisitions.

I would like to remind everyone of the national elections and the fact that some of our division members are running for national office. **Jerry Price** is running again for President, **Kurt Bondi** for Treasurer, and **Vince Garguilo** and **Carol Stella** for Secretary. It is very important that each of our division members cast his/her vote (hopefully for our members mentioned above). We will be having a raffle to reward you for voting. Bring your sealed ballot to the meet or mail it to me and you will be given a raffle ticket at the December meet. Your ballot will be mailed by us to National. Also, don't forget our exciting holiday party featuring a visit by Santa Claus, the local election, and free cake and coffee at our December 14 meeting. No public at this meeting.

Also remember, we have again been asked by the Bustamante family to operate trains at their **December 4-7 Show at the Pasadena Convention Center**. Over 250 dealers from across the U.S. display their collectibles for sale in this 80,000 square foot exhibition hall. This is a good way to promote TTOS and our division. The Bustamante family is listing our division in their own publicity for the show. Plan to sign up to help on two or four hour shifts. Nine have signed up and we will need 20 people for this project. Setup is Wednesday evening, December 3 and Show hours are 1-9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Call **Calvin Smith** at 626-792-6594 after 6 p.m. for assignments.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. See you at Cal-Stewart.

Sam Mattes



National President Jerry Price honors two SWD members at the September meet for their work on the national level -- President Sam Mattes for his efforts setting up TTOS on the internet and Irwin Zigmond, CPA for auditing national books.

CAL-STEWART AUCTION

Chairman Vince Garguilo invites all to attend to buy those special items to be included in auction.

TRAIN RACES AND DEMOLITION DERBY

Saturday in the Annex, 1 p.m.

Chairman Jon Pincus invites you to bring your engines and attend these exciting train action events.

Call him for details regarding classifications from 5-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
(818) 889-1005

THE ORIGINAL

MARX

SHOW & TELL

UPSTAIRS IN HOSPITALITY ROOM
Saturday -- 3 - 4 p.m.

JOHN K. FOX #9539

NOTE:

This is not a club or an organization. Anyone may attend. If you have any questions regarding trains, we can certainly be of help.

"Spare Some Time and Have Some Fun"
*Bring a friend and
Bring a Toy*

In the Annex: 10 Operating Layouts Plus five "How to Do" Clinics: General Train Maintenance, Building A Module, Wiring, Designing Trees for Layouts, and Building A Home Layout.

To Our Membership: As in the past, we are actively looking for people to be assistants to our committee chairmen, please let us know if you can help. Although we realize that asking you to commit in advance is difficult, but if you will indicate your Anticipated status.

Name _____ Club _____ Club Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

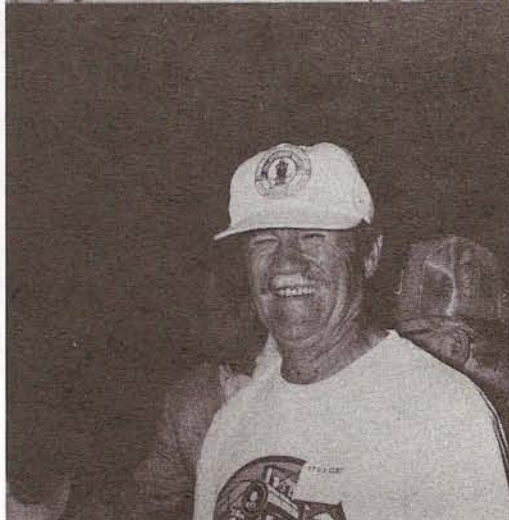
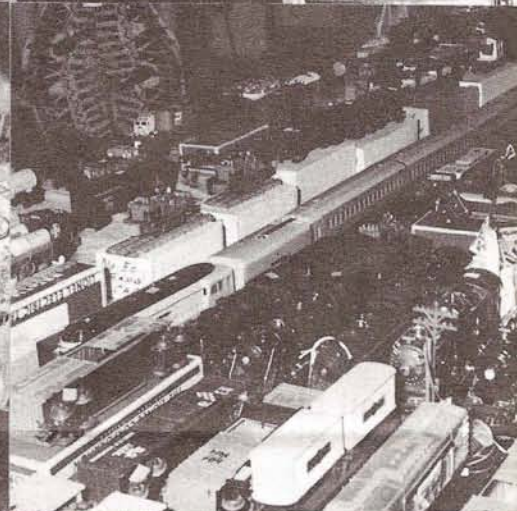
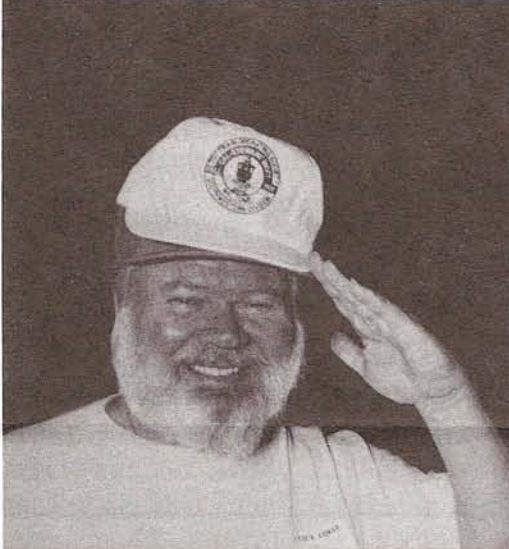
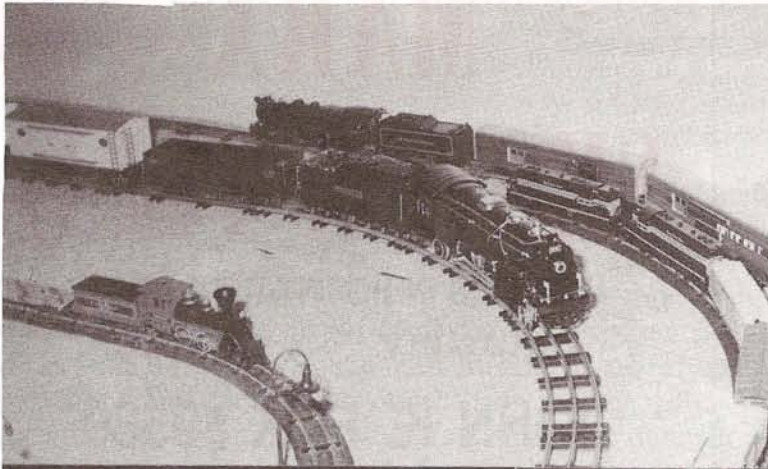
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I would like to help in the following area(s): October 31, November 1, 2, 1997

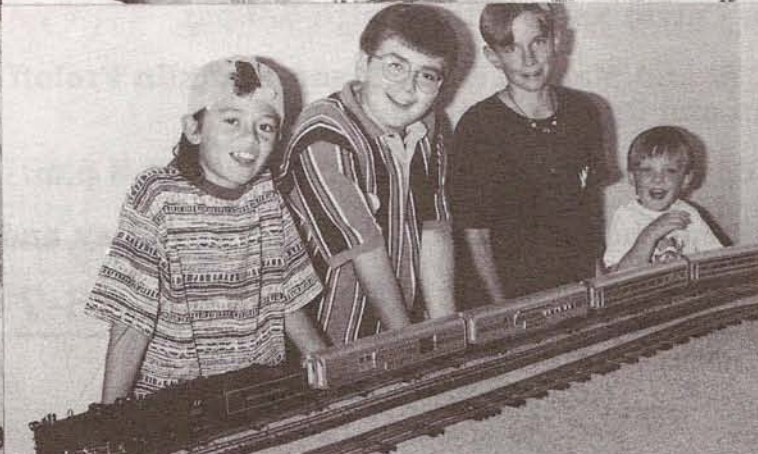
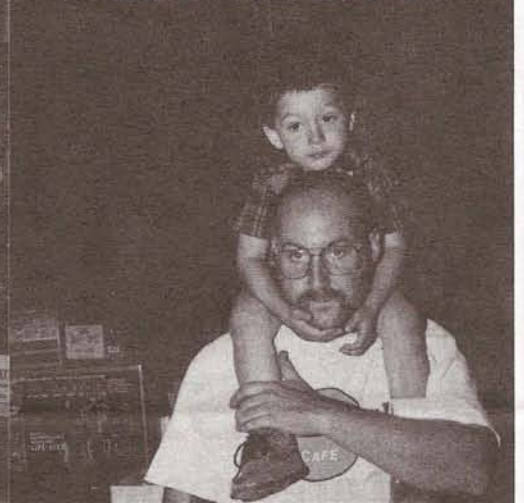
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	General Public
Registration (Friday evening				
" " (Saturday morning				
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Auction (Saturday				
" " (Sunday				
Security (Friday				
" " (Saturday				
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Return to: Sam Mattes, President, 7253 Pondera Circle, West Hills, CA 91307

SIZZLING SUMMER SEPTEMBER SA



CELEBRATION SPECTACULAR MEET



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Attention Train Operators

Dec. 4, 5, 6, 7, 1997

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Convention Center, Pasadena, California

**To operate our club layout and answer questions
about T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Meets
and furnish Membership information**

Children have the opportunity to operate the whistle/horn

at the

BUSTAMANTE ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE

**Largest and Finest Antique Show in Pasadena
Over 230 Dealers displaying antiques and collectibles**

**The Bustamante Family has asked us to setup our operating layout in the Green
Street main lobby again this year where a security guard is stationed**

Schedule and Current Volunteers:

**Setup will be Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m.
by Al and Marilyn Vierich, Calvin and Phyllis Smith**

**Thursday, Dec. 4: Kurt Bondi, Peter Beam, Al and Marilyn Vierich, 1-5 pm, Calvin
and Phyllis Smith, Dave Orth 5-9 pm**

**Friday, Dec. 5: Kurt Bondi, Al and Marilyn Vierich 1-5 pm,
Peter Beam, Calvin and Phyllis Smith 5-9 pm**

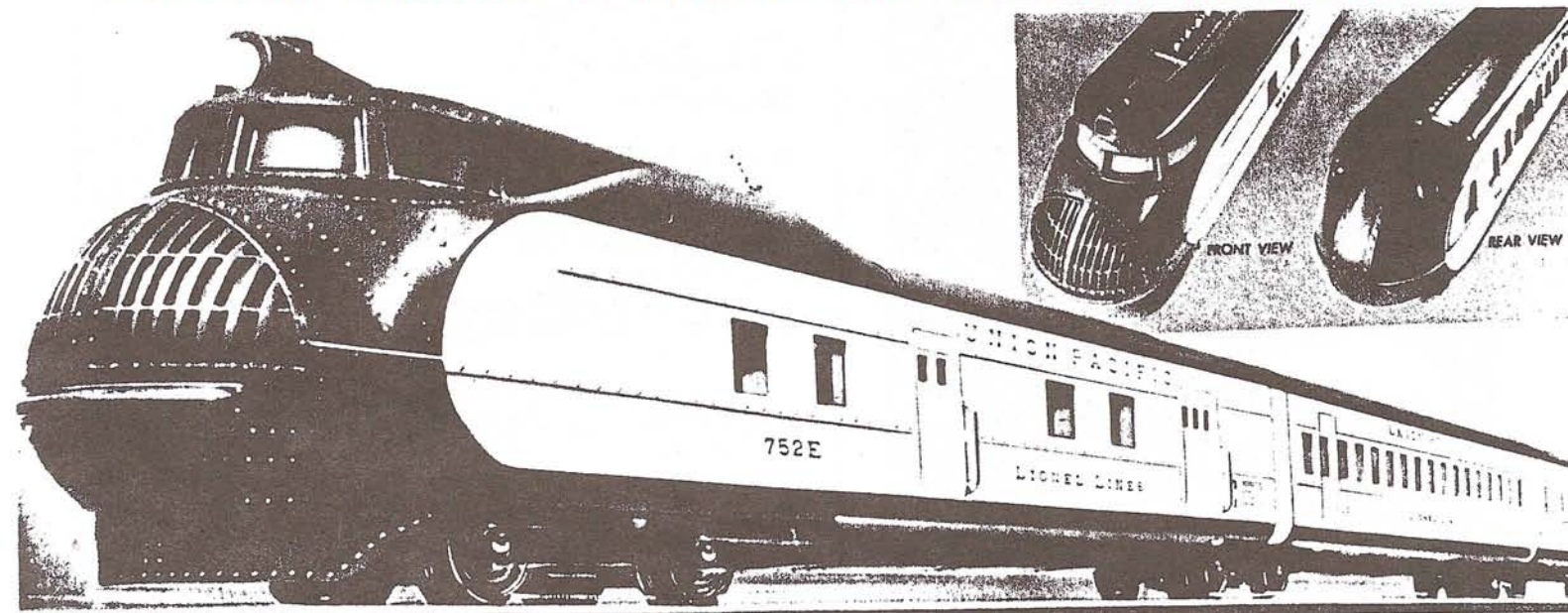
**Saturday, Dec. 6: Peter Beam, Al and Marilyn Vierich and Franklin Froloff 1-5 pm,
Calvin and Phyllis Smith 5-9 pm**

Sunday, Dec. 7: Walter Olson, Calvin and Phyllis Smith 1-5 p.m.

Volunteers and trains needed Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Contact Calvin Smith, 626-792-6594 wkdays. 6-7 p.m.

LOOK WHAT'S NEW AT CAL-STEWART!



SATURDAY NIGHT TOY TRAIN AUCTION

TIME: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1997 -- 6:30 PM

WHERE: PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER
300 E. GREEN STREET, PASADENA, CA 91101

WHAT: 200 LOTS OF TOY TRAINS, "O" STD.
PRE-WAR, POST-WAR, ACCESSORIES
AND MORE

VIEWING: 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

HOW: LOT TICKETS FROM 1 TO 200 WILL BE SOLD FOR
\$10.00 EACH. SALE OF TICKETS STARTS SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 1, 1997, AT 12:00 PM, UNTIL TICKETS ARE
SOLD. EACH LOT MUST HAVE TICKET FOR I.D.
PURPOSES

***NO RESERVE...ALL ITEMS WILL BE SOLD TO THE
HIGHEST BIDDER!***

ALL ITEMS ARE SOLD "AS-IS". NO GUARANTEE IS GIVEN. ALL SALES
ARE FINAL. 8.25% SALES TAX WILL BE ADDED TO ALL PURCHASES.
RESALE NUMBER HONORED.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION - CALL
VINCE GARGUILO, AUCTIONEER - 818-956-5396**