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David Lazarus (far right) pilots his Pennsylvania Railroad No. 4561 decapod, which he built from scratch and put into service this year. David has also constructed a PRR ten-wheeler. — Roger Hill photo

T.T.O.S. Southwestern Member Appreciation Picnic

Upcoming 2023 Meets:

Nov. 5th - 1st Sunday
— Mike Marple in attendance
(see Mike's ad on page 7).

Dec. 3rd - 1st Sunday
— The December Meet is an **Open House Meet**, featuring **Santa Claus!**

Our address:
Arcadia Masonic Center
50 W. Duarte Road
Arcadia, CA 91007



The official start time of our Meets is 10:00 am, though you might find sellers arriving as early as 8:00 am. *Please give them time to set up!*

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.

Website: www.ttos-sw.org.

Contact: info@ttos-sw.org.

THE T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Summer Member Appreciation Party & Picnic, took place at the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum in Griffith Park, and was a treat for everyone who attended. The event started at 11 am on Saturday, August 5, 2023. LA Live



— Martin Folb photo

Steamer members ran the trains, while lunch was served. It was hot, but no-one complained much, because there was plenty of shade and lots of cool drinks for hydration.

SWD volunteers provided hamburgers & hot dogs with all the trimmings, plus a variety of sides, including "cowboy" baked beans, chips, homemade desserts, and all kinds of sodas & coffee to drink.

This was a great event and we hope that this annual tradition will continue in the future...

Ray Burden pulls the 3-truck Heisler geared locomotive out of the station.

More picnic coverage:

SWD President's Message: Fall, 2023

— Martin Folb photos



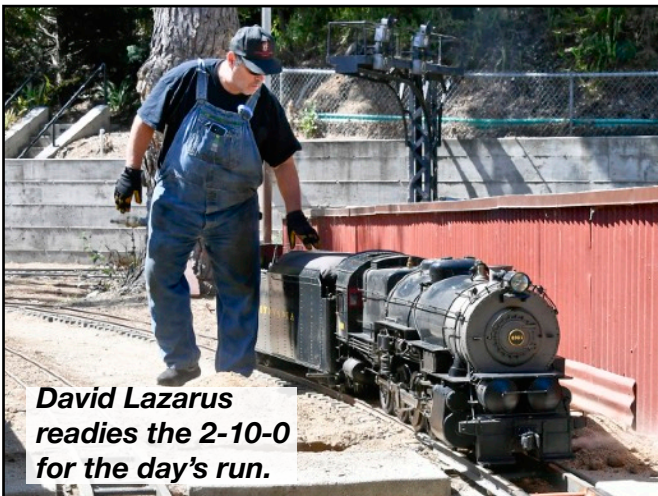
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**SWD President
Larry Pearson**

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**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SWD MEMBER  
APPRECIATION PARTY (PICNIC)  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023**

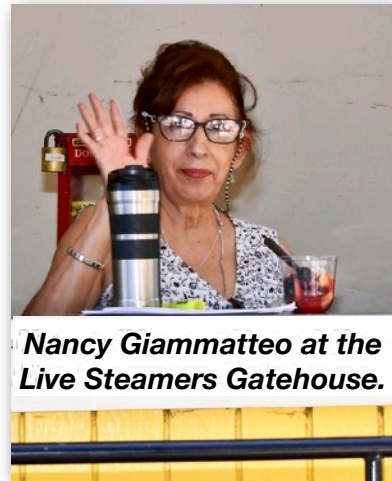


**David Lazarus  
readies the 2-10-0  
for the day's run.**

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, the SWD hosted its first Summer Picnic since 2019. Due to COVID restrictions in Griffith Park, we were unable to have our annual Picnic there for the three prior years. Although attendance was down from the 2019 Picnic, possibly due to expected hot weather, those who came had a great time, as seen in the accompanying photos.

I asked for help putting this on, and was not disappointed. I want to give credit to the many volunteers who made our 2023 Picnic a great success.

At the front entrance gate: **Nancy Giammatteo** (in charge), **Tony Deneve**, **Larry Tozzi**, and **Steve Waller**.



**Nancy Giammatteo at the  
Live Steamers Gatehouse.**

Cooks: **Chris Kee**, **Jon Pincus**, **Fred Ruby**, and **Renee Mylander**.

Counter workers and beverages: **Larry Pearson**, **Ed Vanderpool**, **Linda Pincus**,

**Renée & David Mylander**, and **Fred Kramer**.

Food purchases: **Larry Pearson**, **Jon Pincus**, **Martin Folb**, and **Renee Mylander**.



Clean up: **Bill Elliot**, **Ed Vanderpool**, and **Don Kallgren**.

Photographers: **Martin Folb**, **Roger Hill**, **Joe Giammatteo** (16mm movies), and **Steve Waller**.

LA Live Steamers liaison: **Don Kallgren**. (Don arranged for the three trains we had, including two live steam locomotives) and **Steve Waller**, Disney Barn liaison.

Please excuse me if I left anyone out. I was in charge and was very distracted.



# SWD President's Message, continued...

— Steve Waller photos

We made a \$500 donation to the LA Live Steamers, which was very much appreciated. They consider us to be the "Gold Star" picnic at their facility, because we are well behaved and always leave the place cleaner than we found it. Financially, we hoped to break even, and we did.

National currently is financially sound and voted unanimously to give each viable Division \$5000 to help prepare them for being on their own. (The above information was provided by the Sacramento Valley Division.)



**THE TOY TRAIN OPERATING SOCIETY (NATIONAL) IS SHUTTING DOWN**



**2023 IS AN ELECTION YEAR FOR THE SWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

I am sad to report that the Toy Train Operating Society Board of Directors met at the 2023 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio in August and voted to terminate the National Club as of December 31, 2023. National had its beginning in 1966 and has been in continuous operation for 56 years. As a result, starting in January, 2024, the 13 active Divisions can continue to operate, but will do so independently.

**SWD elects its Officers and Board of Directors** for two year terms, and 2023 is an election year. We will be asking for nominations at the October and November Meets. The Election will be held by acclamation at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Meet. We need to get younger Officers, so give it some serious thought. We don't want to end up like our National Club.



*Billie Peppers takes a well-deserved rest.*

The most immediate issue is that the existing Board of Directors is retiring at the end of the year and no one wants to take their place. The second issue is declining membership. The break even number for financial viability was set at 1500, and the current membership was at 1474 and dropping at the rate of 100 members per quarter.

The SWD Officers and Board Members work very hard without compensation of any kind to make our club the success it has become. 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.



*- Larry Pearson*  
T.T.O.S. SWD President

**Please support** the Southwestern Division by continuing your Membership, recruiting new Members, making donations to SWD, and attending our Monthly Meets.

**As always, hugs to all, and run your trains often.**

# SWD Independence Meet: July, 2023

Photos by  
Roger Hill &  
Steve Waller



50/50  
prize winner  
Mark Lancaster...

...with Linda &  
Fred Kramer.

See Fred to  
order SWD  
shirts, like  
the one he's  
wearing.



Bill Senyak,  
Jeff Meyer & David Nissen  
talk SP Cab Forwards.

So many  
choices!

Marple  
has the  
parts....  
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now!



John Smatlak consults  
with Eric Nissen.

Mike Marple is  
attending on  
November 5th.  
See his ad on  
page 7.



Renée  
Mylander  
is ready to  
prepare  
your SWD  
meal....

# SWD Member Appreciation Picnic: August 5, 2023

Photos by Martin Folb, Roger Hill & Steve Waller



A meet between two trains, out on the Disney Loop.



Tim Silver pilots B&O 7614 in a Chessie System paint scheme. The locomotive models an SD 40-2.



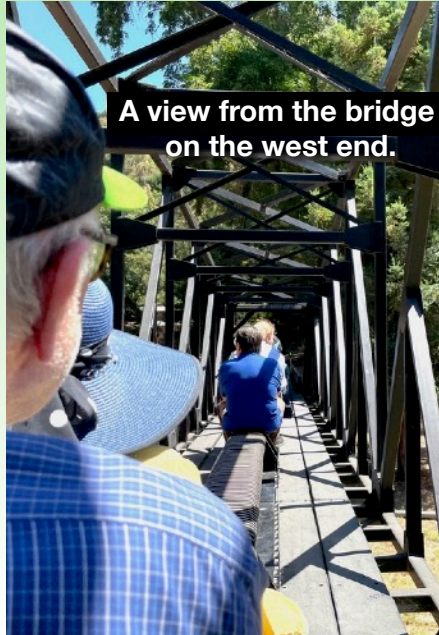
SWD volunteers serving lunch.



Inside the Disney Barn, an HO layout by Sam Towler accurately depicts the defunct Disneyland "Mine Train." YouTube video is [HERE](#). Special thanks to Larry Boone & crew for volunteering!



Calvin Smith with his granddaughter & great-grandson.



A view from the bridge on the west end.



The Heisler locomotive rounds the bend.

# OPEN HOUSE

T.T.O.S. SWD Meet

## September Open House Meet

—Photos by Roger Hill



Bill Elliot won the 50/50 drawing at our Open House Meet, plus this huggable Mickey Mouse plush toy!

"O" gauge:  
Ulus Ekerman's  
LIONEL Legacy AC-12  
Cab Forward #4285 (Lark)



LIONEL No. 52 fire sale!



Big turnout...

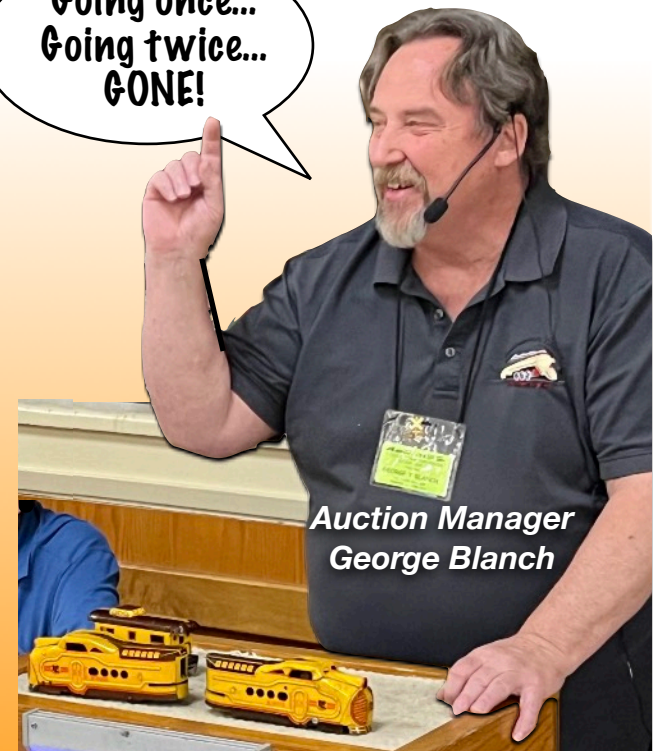


From Steve Eastman's Std. Gauge Collection: SP Black Widow F-7.

Going once...  
Going twice...  
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Joey Giammatteo & Ed Vanderpool (rear) at the Repair Desk.



Auction Manager George Blanch

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Oct 22  
Nov 26  
Dec 15 -16:  
(Super Meet)



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**DONATION: \$5.00 PER PERSON / FAMILY**

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or call Jeff Meyer our President at (909) 851-9846

**ALL ABOARD! 2023 Meets:**  
**TCA Western Division**

Arcadia Community Center  
365 Campus Drive  
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**October 28th - Halloween Meet**  
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Dec. 16

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Mike's next visit to SWD is on 11/5/2023.

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