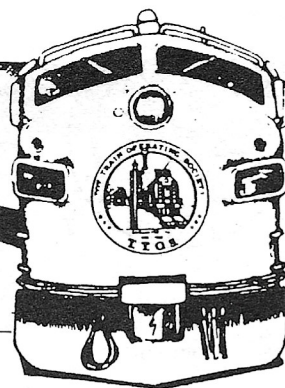


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REGISTRATION
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THE SOUTHWESTERN LIMITED



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NUMBER 5 1997 PRESIDENT EDITOR

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAL-STEWART?
IF NOT, LOOK WHAT YOU WILL BE MISSING THIS YEAR**

**CAL-STEWART
MEET**

OCT. 31—NOV. 2, 1997

Largest Toy Train Meet West of the Mississippi



PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER
EXHIBITION BUILDING

300 E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101

King Memorial Party & Halloween Costume Contest--(\$150.00 each for the best Men's and Women's costumes) Friday night welcoming with great refreshments, music, dancing, and you may participate in drawing.

NEW--FIVE How-to-Do Clinics--Orange County Trackers: 1) General Train Maintenance, 2) Building A Module, 3) Wiring, 4) Designing Trees for Layouts, and Perry Harrell: 5) Building A Home Layout.

John K. Fox--Marx Show and Tell "Bring a Friend and Bring a Toy, Spare Some Time and Have Some Fun", 3-4 pm Sat., Hospitality Room.

Exciting Train Races and Demolition Derbies--Contact Jon Pincus 818/889-1005 for signup and classification information.

NEW--Saturday Night, GIANT 200 LOT AUCTION in the Annex--(Sellers pay \$10.00 per lot) Viewing 3-5 p.m.; Auction 6:30-10 p.m.

EXPANDED--TEN Operating Layouts (Standard to HO)

Grand Raffle Drawing: Sunday, 3 p.m.

Are you tired of attending dead or no action meets? Cramped Spaces? Few Tables? Wait no longer as CAL-STEWART is the largest super convention-sized bomblast of toy train trading (late 1800's, pre-war, post-war, and current production), and swap action in the West with hundreds of tables, no-limit for Sellers tables, Astrodome spacing, Two day Auction, Standard Gauge Display, Lionel Standard O Mobil Oil Tank Car available (part of C-S train), plus a packed out meet of knowledgeable, experienced collectors and parts dealers. *So what are YOU waiting for?* Railroading or collector club members may register to buy and sell.

For meet registration, contact Jerry Latner, 6044 Manton Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91367 or phone 818/888-0603. *Don't be left out--tables going fast!*

Cal-Stewart Volunteers Needed

General Chairman Jerry Blaine is asking for members to help make his year's Cal-Stewart a smooth running event by volunteering time to assist with the duties of various Cal-Stewart chairmen. A form to indicate your availability is on the bottom of page 3 of this Limited. Besides Registration, Auction and Security areas listed, there is also a need for assistants for Tables, King Party and Contest, Sell Drawing Tickets, Train Races and Demolition Derbies, and Display. Please fill out and mail President Sam Mattes so he can notify the chairmen of your interest. Thank you for helping.

Dec. 4-7 Bustamante Antique Show and Sale Operating Layout Display. Volunteers are needed for setup Wed., Dec. 3 and to operate trains. See page two for details.

**VOTE!
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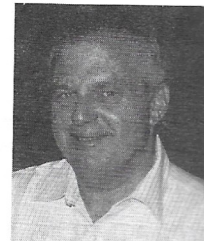
Your vote is important. See page 2 about the special offer board to encourage you to cast your national ballot.

Nominations are now being accepted for Southwestern Division Board (Contact Roy Bell at 818/984-2128)



Toy Train Operating Society

Southwestern Division No. 1



SAM MATTES, President
7253 Pondera Circle
West Hills, California 91307
(818) 347-4753 -- <http://www.toytrains.com/ttos.html>

President's Message

Dear TTOS Members and Friends,

By the time you read this, summer will be over and Cal-Stewart will be just around the corner. Several new or expanded items are part of Cal-Stewart this year. Due to Friday, October 31st being Halloween, we will be having a costume contest at the King Memorial Party. \$150.00 prizes will be awarded to the best judged Men's and Women's costumes. Five How-to-do clinics will be available for the first time this year as well as ten operating layouts representing just about every gauge. Our big change is the Saturday Night \$10.00 Lot Auction from 6:30-10 p.m. To avoid the registration crush on the day of the meet and to get tables in the main hall, pre-register. It is not too late to register, last mail in is before October 17th. Early bird ends September 8th.

At the August meet, the Auction was moved to the main hall and everything seem to work out well. We are going to purchase two more halogen spot light stands for the hall. The meets will only get better. Some members have asked what our contract is with the Scottish Rite. Basically the landlord and the tenant can give either one 60 days written notice of termination.

Presently, at least four members of our division are running for national office. For president, Jerry Price; for secretary, Vince Garguilo and Carol Stella; and for treasurer, Kirk Bondi. It is very important that EACH OF OUR MEMBERS VOTES FOR THEIR FAVORITE SOUTHWESTERN CANDIDATES which I believe are the best qualified individuals on the national ballot. We invite members to bring their ballot in the sealed national envelope to the monthly meets and we will pick up the cost of postage and mail the ballot for you. We will have a special drawing (value \$250) for those who bring the ballot for us to mail. It pays to vote. By the way, don't forget about our local elections in December. We will be taking nominations for the board at the October meet. Contact Roy Bell if interested running on the local division ballot.

Word was received during August of board secretary Walter Olson's father passing away. Our sincere sympathy to Walter and family at this time.

At our recent August 20th board meeting, National President Jerry Price recognized your president for his work on getting national a web site url: <http://www.ttos.org>. Our division now has it own internet which is <http://www.toytrains.com/ttos.html>. Please add these listings to your url internet bookmark file.

Our 1998 Southwestern Division meet dates are Sundays: January 11, February 8, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 14, July 12, August 16, September 13, October 11, November Cal-Stewart (to be announced); and December 6.

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 offering us a listing with their own publicity for the show. Plan to sign up to help on two or four hour shifts. Five 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.

Well that's about all for now and be sure to come to the monthly meets.

SEE THE NEW OUTDOOR LAYOUT L. A. COUNTY FAIR, SEPT. 11-28 COURTESY OF CAROL AND DAVID NISSEN #493

HIGHLANDER

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Engines

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Railway Society, an 11-year-old club of some 300 large-scale (G gauge) model railroaders.

Nadine Lowery, Fairplex exhibits manager, said she selected the society after getting high recommendations from LGB, a leading manufacturer of G gauge railroad equipment...and she liked their enthusiasm.

With \$25,000 from Fairplex and words of encouragement from Lowery, society members swept over the 67-year-old football-field-sized railroad like possessed Gullivers in Lilliput.

"We looked at it as a challenge," said Ted Greeno, president of the club.

When word got out on what the club had undertaken, more than a few knowledgeable model railroaders said dismantling and rebuilding 30,000 square feet of model railroad in less than five months, "Can't be done."

"It's been pretty incredible," Bob Toohey said. The retired Edison projects manager from Temple City is coordinator of the renovation.

"This is a real collective effort by the members," he said.

On any given day since April, clusters of men, women and youngsters have swarmed over the layout to garden (countless plants trimmed, moved, planted), install track (5,000 feet of old removed, 5,300 feet laid), test engines, check wiring, build mountains, cut canyons, repair town scenes, paint, clean and scrub anything and everything they could get their hands on.

Bob Garland, of Hacienda Heights, is retired from the cellular phone industry and manages refurbishing the electrical — estimated at upwards of 17 miles of wires.



Photo by ALAN GREANEY

MEMBERS of the Southern California Garden Railway Society brave 100+ temperatures to repair landscape during a weekend work party at the Fairplex.

BE A MEMBER?

Southern California Garden Railway Society
Ted Greeno, president - (909) 829-0873
Ed Saalig, P.R., email address - ESAALIG@AOL.COM

"This is a family hobby," said Ed Saalig, a Montclair High School counselor who concedes he's become a Fairplex fixture as onsite supervisor.

"Women like to garden; guys like to play with trains," he explained. "We want visitors to see that they can have a garden railroad in their own yard."

"Our goal as a club," said Greeno, "is to educate and promote the hobby." He estimates more than 100 members will have contributed 6,000 hours of work to the rebirth of the Ganesha Junction Railroad by fair time.

The club inherited a tired world of miniatures: old, weathered buildings, worn-out equipment, scenery that showed every one of its 67 harsh years of service to fairgoers.

Saalig said the remarkable effort just sort of happened.

"Every building, everything is at members' homes being repaired or rebuilt. Everyone just took something when we got here," Saalig said.

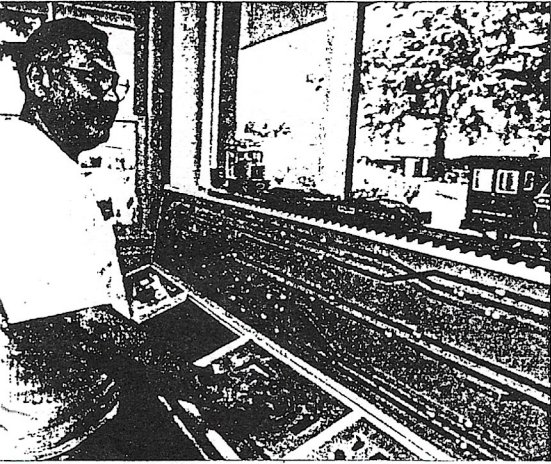
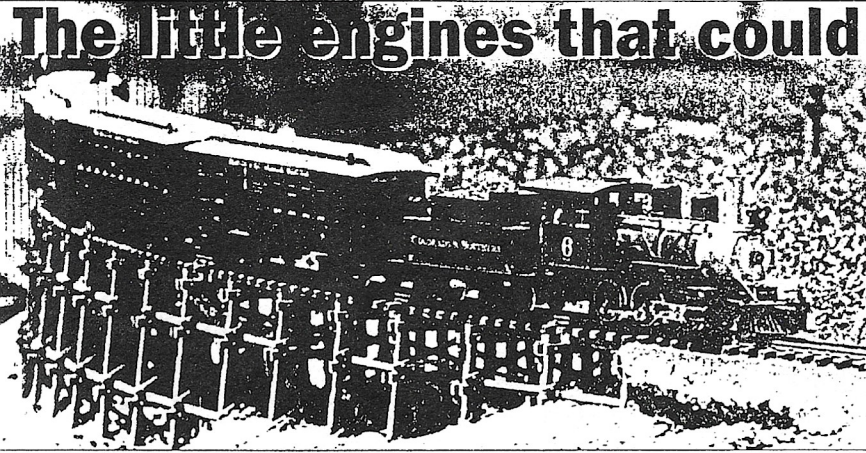
"We can't really calculate what our members are putting into this," he said, pointing out a handful of displays and projects members funded on their own.

Toohey praised his club members.

"We contracted to have just one main line running for the fair. Now we may have a dozen trains running; all the buildings have been repainted, we have the interactive part for the kids."

"We're making this user-friendly," Toohey emphasized. "This has been a real labor of love."

And the naysayers? "We knew we could do it."



Staff photos by KEITH BIRMINGHAM

NEW BRIDGES, at top, span the refurbished landscape of Ganesha Junction at Fairplex. Bob Garland of Hacienda Heights, above, makes sure the model layout has power on opening day.

Volunteers renovate outdoor model railroad at county fairgrounds

BY ROCKY MCALISTER
Staff Writer

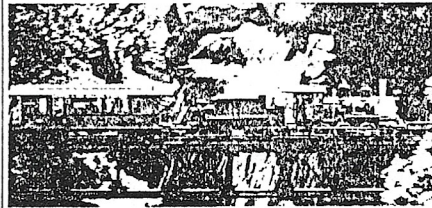
SOMEbody pass the golden spike — the Ganesha Junction Railroad at Fairplex is back.

A ribbon-cutting on Sept. 5 will mark the rebirth of more than 5,000 feet of track, lights, billboards, trucks, drive-in theater and miniature townscapes.

And when the Los Angeles County Fair opens on Sept. 11 for its 75th year, visitors will hardly recognize the outdoor railroad that's been a fixture at the fair since 1935, but had fallen on hard times in recent years.

In April, Fairplex officials were seeking a new operator for the railroad, someone to oversee its operation, to upgrade it, modernize it... make it again the crowd-awing attraction it had been for generations as the largest and oldest garden railway in the country.

Enter the Southern California Garden



Staff photo by KEITH BIRMINGHAM

AN OLD-FASHIONED steam engine chugs its way past a waterfall at the Fairplex.

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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 _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Office Phone (____) _____ FAX (____) _____

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				
“ “ (Sunday 9 am-3 pm PUBLIC				
Auction (Saturday				
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Security (Friday				
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Return to: Sam Mattes, President, 7253 Pondera Circle, West Hills, CA 91307

AUGUST MEET HIGHLIGHTS



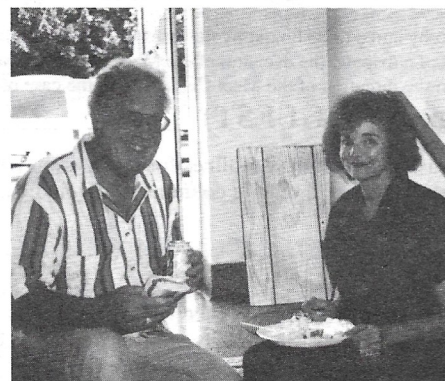
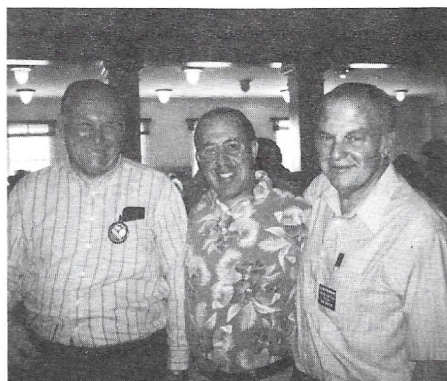
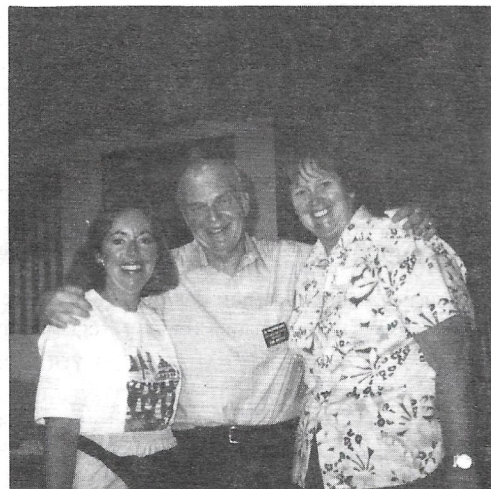
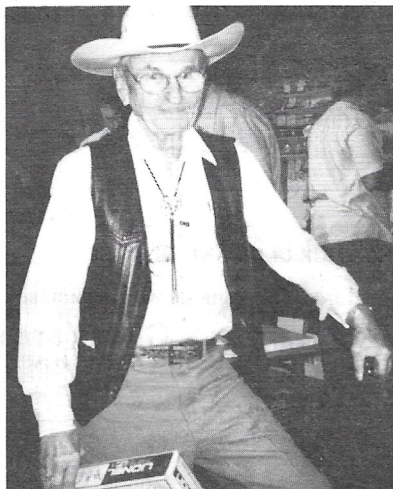
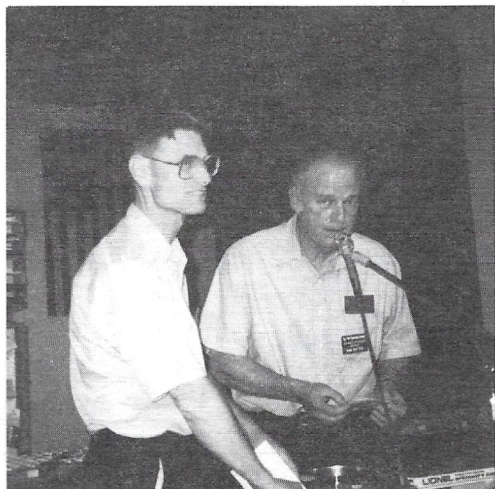
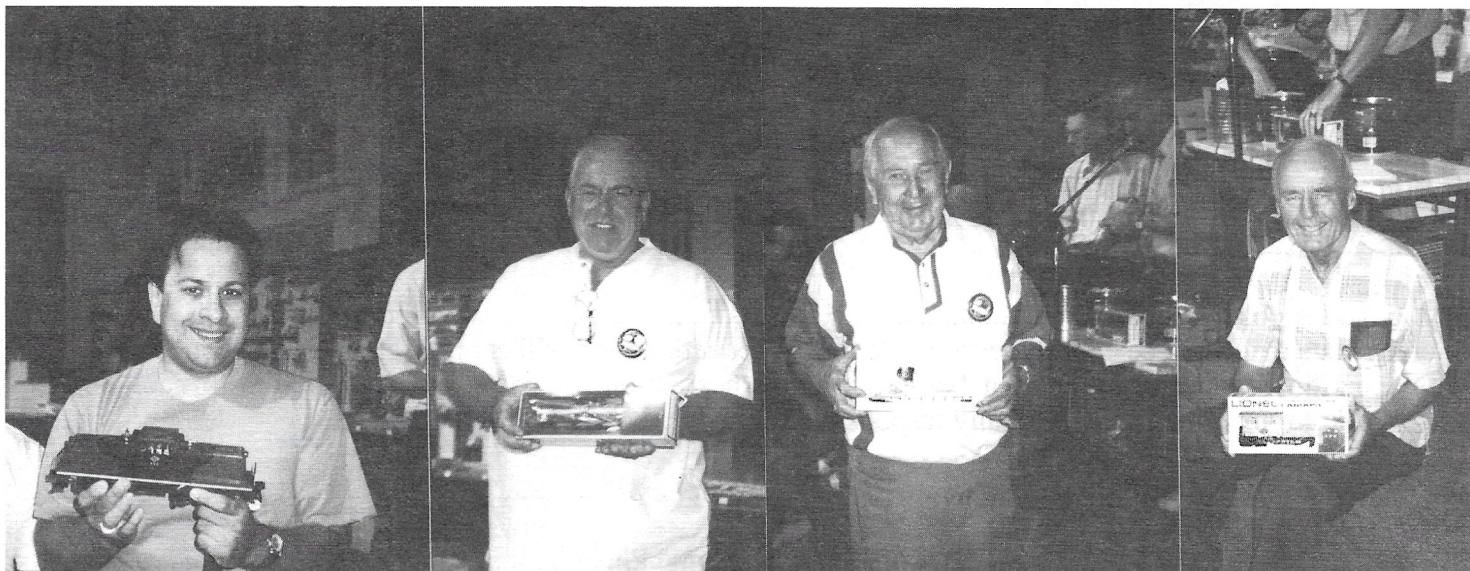
On a Hot Early August 14th Sunday afternoon we still had a full house. The Scottish Rite Cathedral lived up to its end of the deal by providing plenty of COLD air conditioning along with a spotless facility. The kitchen crew provided the energy we needed. We added several halogen spot lights so our tired eyes could see. (More lights on the way). We moved the Auction into the main hall so we all could see the action. In doing so we took out 8 tables. The Layout Room was so full--It's a big hit with the public--you could not get through to the restroom. (Go around the other way, please). --Comments by Peter Beam #6565

T.T.O.S., S.W.D. #1 Board Minutes

May 7, 1997--Meeting called to order by Vice President Kurt Bondi. Members attending: Jerry Blaine, Calvin Smith, Jerry Latner, Bruce Lazarus, Jerry Price, Kurt Bondi, Roy Bell, Jon Pincus, Donn Nelson, Robert Wall, Gary Keck, Vince Garguilo, Larry Kirk, Roy Diebold, Michael Galante and Larry DuPont. Treasurer's report: presented by Roy Bell and accepted by the board. Minutes of last meeting: presented by Walter Olson and accepted by the board. Monthly meet: Calvin Smith reported 172 people were in attendance for the May meet. 131 meet cards were turned in, 2 new TTOS members and 41 paying public. Vince Garguilo reported the auction was a success and well attended. Larry Kirk suggested we tighten up the time limit for sellers in the auction. Cal-Stewart: Jerry Blaine reported the contract has been signed and the hall has been rented. The Saturday night premium auction will be open to full registrants only. Vince Garguilo did not anticipate any problems with volunteers or security. A separate crew will work the night auction. New time for the drawing will be 3 pm on Sunday. Other business: Jerry Price suggested TTOS use Cable Television Public Access Channels to promote TTOS and Cal-Stewart. Walter Olson has volunteered to research the possibilities and will report on this at a later date. Kurt Bondi proposed the board adopt a special award for volunteers in recognition for a job well done. Next train meet: June 8, 1997. Next board meeting: June 11, 1997. Meeting adjourned.

June 14, 1997--Meeting called to order by President Sam Mattes. Members attending: Gary Keck, Mike Galante, Larry Kirk, Jon Pincus, Al Vierich, Jerry Latner, Bruce Lazarus, Vince Garguilo, Calvin Smith, Jerry Price, Sam Mattes, Kurt Bondi, Roy Bell, Harold Shapiro, Jerry Blaine and Robert Wall. Treasurer's report: presented by Roy Bell and accepted by the board. Minutes of the last meeting: presented by Walter Olson and accepted by the board. Monthly meet: Calvin Smith reported 127 people were in attendance for the monthly meet (97 members and 30 public). Vince Garguilo reported the auction was a success and well attended. The board would like to thank the following members for their help in moving tables from the Machinist Hall to the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Pasadena: Jon Pincus, Peter Beam, Al Vierich, Bill Corsello, John Salino and Walter Olson. Al Vierich reported the layout for the monthly meet will be 12x14 feet. Cal-Stewart: Vince Garguilo reported there will be 200 lots for Saturday night premium auction. Viewing will be from 3 to 5 p.m. with the auction starting at 6:30 p.m. Gary Keck reported he contracts with the hotel have been signed. Mike's Train House has confirmed they will attend Cal-Stewart. Next train meet: July 20, 1997. Next board meeting: July 23, 1997. Meeting adjourned.

August Drawing And Other Meet Photos



Top row: (not in order) Bob Marse #16152 with Lionel Center Cab LV Switcher #625; Stephen "Eddie" Kubla #9702; Dennis Conway #16703; and Joe Banis #13332. Lionel prizes included tank, caboose and searchlight cars.

Second row: Calvin Smith assists President Sam Mattes with drawing. Ernest Renn #335 wins Lionel car. President Sam greets ladies drawing winners with See's Candies Gift Certificates.

Third row: Friends with President Sam (Al Hater is from Arizona). Layout is running well as Al Vierich chairman and President Sam smile behind Darrell Brewer #310 and grandson Darrell Cabillo, and Guest Sharon looks on. Al and Marilyn Vierich take a break for lunch.

CAL-STEWART MEET

PAID GUEST
REGISTRATION FORM

OCT. 31—NOV. 2, 1997

Largest Toy Train Meet West of the Mississippi

I.....have registered for the Cal-Stewart Meet. It is my intention to invite, pay for and sponsor.....as my guest for the Cal-Stewart Meet. I hereby state that I will be entirely responsible for his/her actions and will act in behalf of my guest, in accordance with the signed security agreement below, as if his/her actions were my own. I agree to be financially responsible for my guest and personally responsible for his/her behavior.

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

SPONSOR'S:

Name.....Home Phone.....Club.....

Address.....Member Number.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

GUEST

FIRST NAME _____ MI _____ LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS (No P.O. Boxes) _____ PHONE (_____) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TTOS NUMBER: _____ IF NOT IN TTOS, WHAT IS YOUR CLUB AND NUMBER _____

Your spouse & your children **under the age of 21** are admitted free. Other guests who accompany you are welcome at the regular fees but are NOT allowed to buy or sell. Write Jerry Latner for guest registration forms.

Guests are not allowed to sell.

CLEARLY PRINT YOUR NAMES AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME BADGES.

NAME	AGE	SEX	NAME	AGE	SEX
Self _____	_____	_____	Child #2 _____	_____	_____
Spouse _____	_____	_____	Child #3 _____	_____	_____
Child #1 _____	_____	_____	Child #4 _____	_____	_____

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules of the Toy Train Operating Society and the Cal-Stewart Meet in regard to buying, selling, ethics and behavior. I further agree that in the case of a dispute, the decision of the Meet Chairman, or an impartial referee appointed by the Meet Chairman, shall arbitrate the matter and render a binding decision. I shall, upon the direction of the Meet Chairman, in the case of a disputed sale, refund the buyer's money.

Signed X (GUEST) _____ Date _____

Please note that the deadlines for registration are for the date we receive your registration and not the postmarked date. You can save money by registering early. Please fill out the columns below, indicating your fees, and the quantities and costs of your souvenirs. Mail registration deadline is **Sept. 8**

Early Bird registration received by Sept. 8 Is \$25.00

Regular registration received after Sept. 8 Is \$30.00

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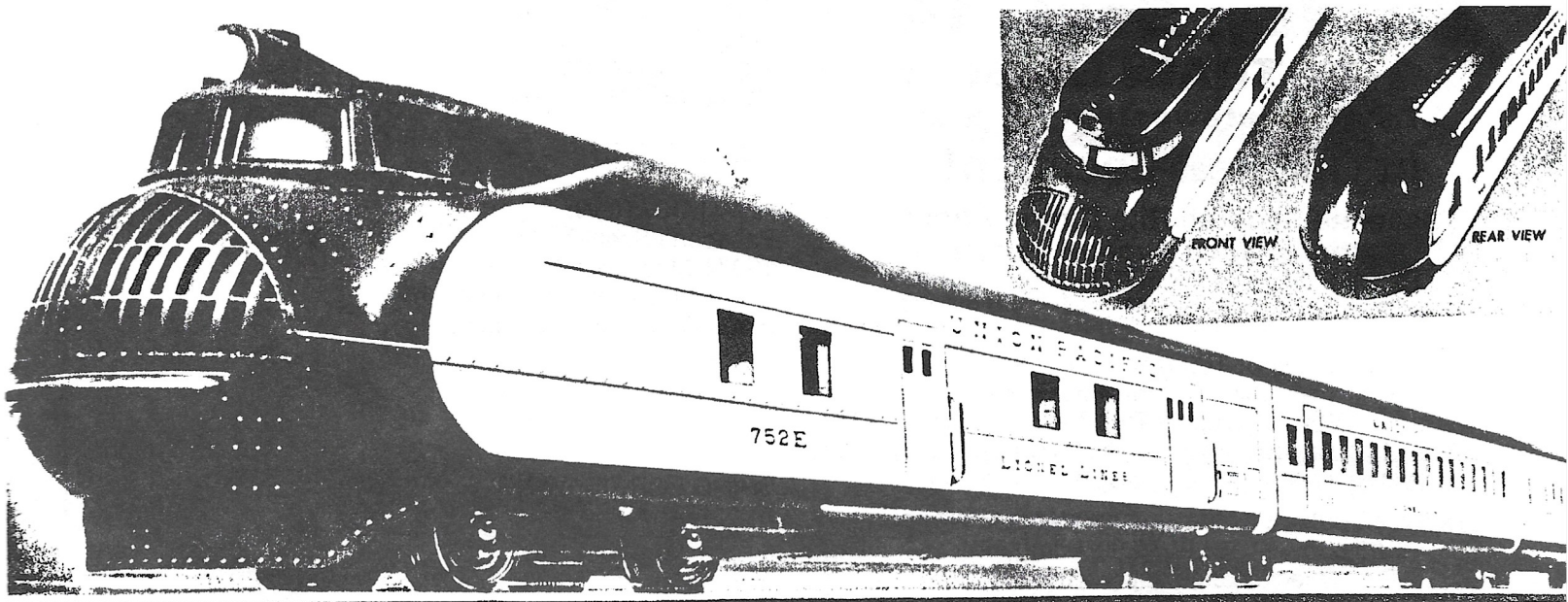
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LOOK WHAT'S NEW AT CAL-STEWART!



SATURDAY NIGHT TOY TRAIN AUCTION

- TIME:** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1997 -- 6:30 PM
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AND MORE
- VIEWING:** 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM
- HOW:** LOT TICKETS FROM 1 TO 200 WILL BE SOLD FOR
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VINCE GARGUILO, AUCTIONEER - 818-956-5396

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11:00 a.m. Sellers Setup — 12:00 Noon Members
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Children under 15 free with paid adult

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Union St.				
Colorado Blvd.				
Green St.				

1997 Sundays
Sept. 14
Oct. 5
C-S 10/31, 11/1-2
and Dec. 14

Exit 210 at Lake Ave, turn south

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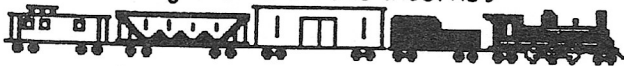
SUNDAY MEET

NEW LOCATION:
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Between Union and Walnut Sts.
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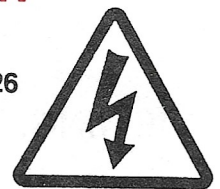


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