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3rd Prize



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4th  
Prizes

See all the items coming through the auction



Blue Comet Courtesy of Jon Pincus Collection  
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**50 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia 91007**

**Sellers Setup & Members 10:00 AM**

**Tables still \$5.00 Call Hollis Cotton to reserve**

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**818-590-8238**

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**Drawing 11:45 a.m. Auction 12:00 Noon • Snack Bar**

**Operating Layouts to run your trains**

**2018 Southwestern Division Meets & Event Dates**

**January 7**

**February 11**

**March 11 \***

**April 8**

**May 6**

**June 3 \***

**July 8**

**August 4 Saturday Annual Picnic at LA Live Steamers**

**September 9 \***

**October 7**

**November 16 (Set Up only) 17 –18 Cal Stewart at**

**Glendale Civic Auditorium**

**December 2 \***

**\* Open House Meets**

***Come and join us  
for a great day!***



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**LARRY PEARSON, President**  
**T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division**  
**2018-2019**

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*Please be advised that the following article is comprised solely of my own thoughts, opinions, and experiences and does not necessarily convey the beliefs and thoughts of the TTOS Southwestern Division (SWD) and its Members and Officers or the editor and publisher of The Southwestern Limited. Call me at the above number. I love to talk.*



**APRIL-JUNE, 2018 SOUTHWEST LIMITED**

As I reported in my last PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, our long-time Southwest Limited editor, Phyllis Smith was not feeling well and probably could not continue with this important work. I am sad to report that her condition has continued to deteriorate, and so during the April 8th Meet, I asked for a volunteer to take this over. Sheila Roman stepped forward to take the newsletter over on an interim basis. Sheila's feelings will not be hurt if someone else would be willing to take this important job over. She has a very busy personal life. Sheila volunteered to become a SWD Board member during the May 9th Board Meeting and was appointed by a unanimous vote.

**SWD 2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Just another reminder that the SWD renews its dues starting on July 1st of every year. We mailed out the renewal notices on June 1st and all current Members should have received this by now. Many Members renewed during the June 3rd Meet. Please renew as soon as possible to avoid being dropped from our mailing list. The renewal cost for current SWD Members remain at \$30 until July 1, 2019, so renew now. There is no late fee, but renewing Members do not get a pro-rated reduced rate if they are late renewing.

SWD is moving into the 21st Century, and trying to save printing and postage costs and delivery time by offering The Southwest Limited and other notices by email. There is a box to check on your renewal form if you are willing to receive the newsletter and other notices via email, and we encourage you to do so. All the other Southern California toy train clubs, SP, TCA, MTA, and AGTTA, have been offering this service for several years. Some Members have reported that our monthly Meet post card reminders have been taking over one week to be received, even though we send it out first class mail.

**15th ANNUAL T.T.O.S. SWD SUMMER MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY (PICNIC),**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018**

Fifteen years ago SWD President Gary Keck came up with the idea of having a summer picnic in place of the August monthly trading Meet. The tradition of this great annual event continues for 2018. Although this is called a Member Appreciation Party, Members are encouraged to invite friends, family and neighbors to this annual fun event. A picnic registration form was included with your SWD Membership renewal form, and additional forms will be available at our July 8th monthly Meet as well as at other local train Meets. We normally have over 300 adults and children in attendance. Because we have to pre-order the food, we need to have a reasonably accurate attendance count five days before the event.

**THE MONTHLY MEETS**

Our monthly Meets have been growing, both in table sales and operating layouts. The trading hall and the lobby have been filled to capacity at recent Meets. The June 3rd Open House Meet had 106 8-foot tables filled with trains, including 10 tables filled with parts from Mike Marple. Due to a lack of space, we had to limit the layouts to two O-gauge layouts. At the May 6th Meet we had four operating layouts: HO, O (2 layouts), and Standard gauge. Due to space restrictions, sellers should pre-order tables from Hollis Cotton to assure their availability. If you cannot attend, please call Hollis so he can re-sell your tables. We don't want empty tables in the Hall.

Fred Kramer sells tickets for our monthly 50-50 drawing. The cash prize has been \$175-\$200 in recent months. We also give three consolation prizes of rolling stock. Your support by purchasing tickets is very much appreciated

*Larry's Message Continued*

George Blanch is doing a great job with the monthly auction. Your donations to the Club are very much appreciated and helps offset our Meet expenses.. Long time Member Bill Gisbrecht (#654) is moving to Reno, Nevada, and donated everything from layouts he used to operate. These items will be sold at our monthly auction with no reserve over the next few months. The sale started with the June 3rd Meet. The items include HO, S, O-27, and O-Gauge rolling stock and locomotives, and operating accessories well as track, including S, O-27, O, Standard Gauge and N-Gauge. There are boxes of plastic buildings from his layout in HO and O-Gauge. There is something for everyone, and the prices are great. Stay for the auction.

**CAL-STEWART 2018, November 17-18**

- We had a very favorable reaction to 2017 Cal-Stewart 2017 and the Glendale Civic Auditorium, and have signed the contracts and made the deposits for this event to continue there for 2018. Sellers liked it that they could come and go anytime that they wanted to. In the past, we had to schedule dock workers during load in and load out, and this created enormous hassles for sellers who needed to leave early on Saturday and Sunday. Attendees liked the lower ceilings at Glendale Civic. It felt more comfortable. This is the first venue we used where their food service was not forced on us. This meant that we had to schedule food trucks for food service or rent their kitchen and dining area, at great expense to us. This was our first experience with food trucks, and the result was not good. We are working on it and will do much better this year.
- Don and Kim Stotts and family did a great job with security last year, and in many prior years. Don and Kim moved to La Veta, Colorado several years ago, and attending Cal-Stewart is difficult for them. We may have to make the additional expense to hire security personnel through Glendale Civic for 2018.
- **Please support Southwestern by continuing your Membership, recruiting new Members, making donations to SWD, and attending our monthly Meets and Cal-Stewart. As always, hugs to all, and run your trains often.**

**Welcome to Our New Members**

Donald Gish, Roger Hatala, Thomas Mescher, David Stepp, Steve Ginther, Steve Galich and Bob Blume  
We hope you will be able to attend our monthly meets, annual August Picnic and Cal-Stewart.

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*It is the vision of the editor to interview our board members, volunteers and members to learn more about them and their hobby. If you would like to volunteer to be interviewed, please call Mike or Sheila Roman at 818-981-4166 to arrange.*

***For our first issue of our new design, I have made the choice of choosing Arlene Berns to feature. As far as I remember, she is the first woman to serve on our board. Now words from Arlene:***

It was in the late 70s and my husband Bob and I were antique hunters. So, once a month we would go to the Rose Bowl swap meet with our kids and spend a day looking for treasures.

We would separate and meet at tunnel 17 around one o'clock to see what we had found. I had a couple of small items, but I could see Bob coming with a large black engine under his arm. We were surprised and he said that he had one like it when he was a young boy. The vendor where we were sitting and waiting looked at the engine and said to Bob that there was a man at the antique mall on Fair Oaks that had a large collection of trains for sale. Well, we all got in the car and headed over.

Lo and behold, there was Bill Harris in a room filled with trains. Bob looked like he had died and gone to heaven. He tried to talk to Bill but got nowhere. He would go back there every Sunday to try to get Bill to explain the prewar trains and the stories behind them. Hah!! But he finally broke through and got Bill to talk to him. He started buying trains (much to my dismay as I had no interest in them at that time)

One Sunday, he came home with an antique gaming table for me. It was beautiful and I was very surprised. He also bought a present for himself, a blue train.

So I asked what he paid for it, and I started crying. "You did what???" He explained to me that it was a Blue Comet and he had always wanted one.

Well, one thing led to another and when Bill became ill he asked Bob if he would be interested in buying his collection. You can imagine what the answer was.

Boxes and boxes started coming into my garage until there was only a small slot for my car. There was joy in "Trainsville" but not with me. Bob spent all his time in the garage playing and fixing the trains but I never took part in that and even did not know what there was.

A couple of years later, Bob took ill and passed away. So, there I was with a garage full of trains and I had no interest in them. I decided to sell them, but it had to be through TTOS as Bill was the person that started the club. So, once a month I would go to the Sunday meet and sell them. I was fortunate enough to have Larry Pearson, Hollis Cotton, and sometimes Jon Pincus come by and help me catalogue and price them.

At one point, I became enchanted with an O Gauge black engine and cars. I pulled them from the sale and asked Hollis if I had any more of those "little trains." He answered yes and I said I would stop selling and keep what I had for myself.

Well that was the start of my interest with the "little trains" and I too became a collector. I collect and run both standard gauge and O gauge with accessories for both.

I have also become the membership chairman for TTOS SWD and that puts me on the board of directors, the only "girl" right now on the board. I remember saying to Larry Pearson when he mentioned that he needed a new membership chairman, "How hard can it be. All you need is a spreadsheet!" That did it and now I am the membership chairman.

Joyfully, however, the trains and TTOS SWD has become a very special part of me now. I have met so many new friends and enjoy the "things" we all do together so much.

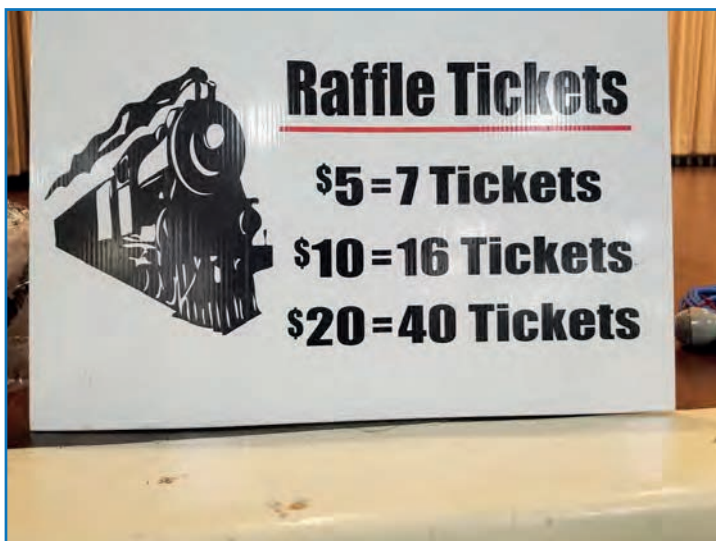
So thank you TTOS SWD for becoming a big part of 'my life'.







From one Dave's Collection to another Dave



Don't forget to buy 50-50 drawing tickets



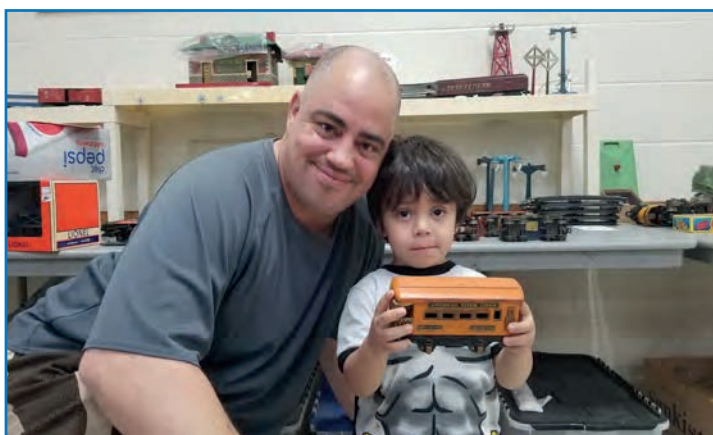
Lining up to sign in



We have the pleasure of seeing Jake Dierking set up his HO layout



We had plenty of buyers



And hopefully a new member soon

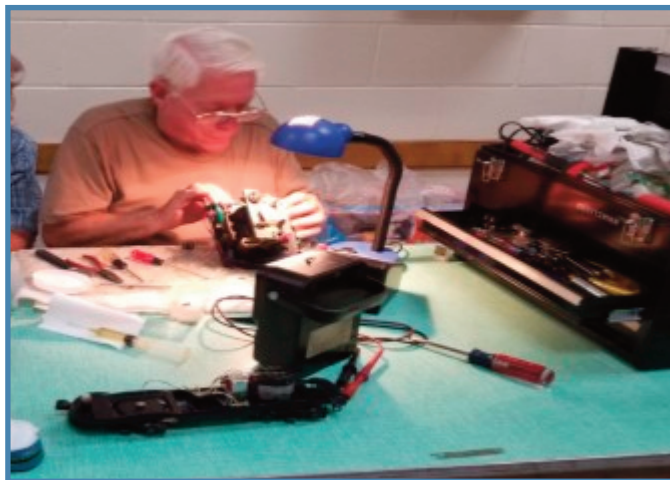
Meet photos May 2018 taken by Mike Roman





Martin Folb showing Ken how great his train runs

Larry Pearson working on a train for a member



## TOY TRAIN MEET

*Monthly Train Meets*

**MEET DATES 2018**

JAN 26, FEB 25,  
MAR 25, APR 22,  
\*MAY 27, JUN 24,  
JUL 22, AUG 26,  
SEP 23, OCT 28,  
NOV 25, \*DEC 16

May/Dec  
\*Open House

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Brookhurst Community Center  
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 For information visit our website  
 or call Jeff Meyer our President at (508) 951-8846

*Per Calvin Smith:*

*Thank you for all of your prayers  
and cards for Phyllis. She has been  
moved to: Villa Gardens Health  
Center, 860 E. Villa St. Room #19,  
Pasadena, CA 91101. She is on  
Hospice care at this time.*

## All Gauge Toy Train Association

San Diego, California

**AGTTA Meet Schedule**

**Meets at**

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**  
 6556 Park Ridge Blvd.  
 San Diego, CA 92120

Generally Second Thursday of  
each Month  
3 pm to 8 pm

Sellers, How To Clinic,  
Bus Meeting & Show & Tell

**For more details visit Website: [www.agtta.com](http://www.agtta.com)**

Check Website  
for 2018 Dates

## TCA Western Division



We are conveniently located just South of the 210 freeway, Santa Anita exit in Arcadia Park. The park is about 1/2 mile from the exit ramp, on the right hand (West) side of Santa Anita Blvd., just past Huntington Drive. The Senior Citizen's Center, where we have our monthly meets, is located in the park, just North of the municipal golf course. It is directly adjacent to the lawn bowling area, and just East of the public swimming pool.

Upcoming Dates: All Meets Start at 10:00 AM  
 May 19th, 2018      July 28th, 2018  
 August 25th, 2018      September 22nd, 2018  
 October 27th, 2018      December 15th, 2018 - Holiday Party

## MTA

Model Train Association

"The Friendly Club"

Please join us for our meetings at the Womens Club of Bellflower  
 9402 Oak Street (Clark and Oak)  
 Friday Evenings at 7:00 pm

Call for 2018 Dates

For information call  
 Larry Garrett at 714-893-2979  
 Bruce Engelbach at 562-925-7797

We are a diverse group (all ages - men, women & kids) of toy train collectors, rail fans, and modelers of all gauges (Z to the real Locomotive).  
 Our meetings feature historical slides and videos, usually of actual Railroads.

## Grand Canyon Model Railroaders Meets and Events

1212 E. Glendale Ave. Phoenix, AZ  
 Info: Call President Dave Brown  
 480-650-5336

**Visit Website: [www.gcmrr.org](http://www.gcmrr.org)**



## More May 2018 meet photos







Have you made your  
reservation for our  
August Picnic?  
Sign up at our meet!!!

Have you renewed your  
membership for 2018-2019?  
If not see Arlene at the front  
desk or mail it to her at the  
address on the  
renewal form.

Summer Events in Arizona by the Grand Canyon Model Railroaders  
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Reserve your space and required vendor badges  
No refunds after July 21, 2018  
New Fun Friday pre-meet dinner - info to follow  
Saturday set-up opens at 6:00 AM. Print form legibly

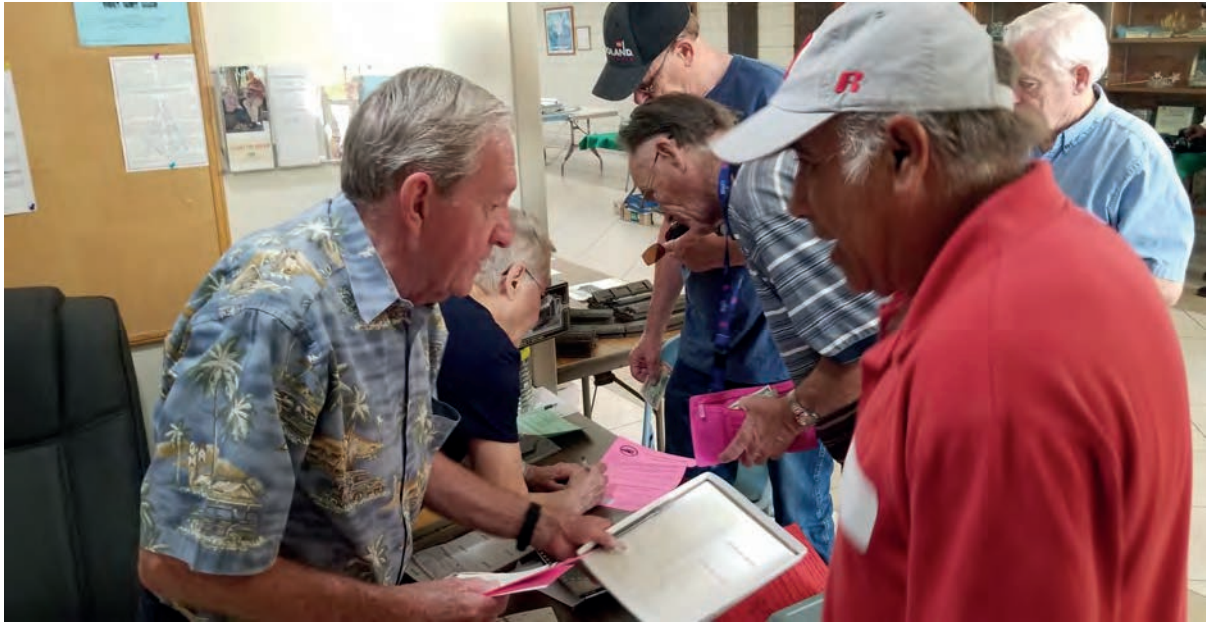
**CASEY CACTUS**

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL  
**BEAT THE HEAT**  
**SWAP MEET & LAYOUT BUS TOUR**  
IN COOL PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018**

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OPTIONAL BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH BEVERAGE AT SWAP  
(swap meet entrance fees are not included)



## Photos from our June meet



The Front Desk was busy all day long with renewals and new applications.



Sharing a moment before their work began with Larry at the Repair Desk and George at the Auction.

Fred had a helper who drew all the winning tickets this month.





Lots of trains for everyone June 2018





Mike Marple from Mike's Trains and Hobbies  
was here in June



More trains, friends and fun at the June 2018 meet.



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