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2025 SWD Meets:

Southwestern Division's Meets take place once a month. The official start time for a meet in Arcadia is 10am, although you may arrive as early as 8am, but please allow sellers time to get set up.

Location:

Arcadia Masonic Center
50 W. Duarte Road
Arcadia, CA 91007



Upcoming Meet Dates:

January 5 (first Sunday)
February 2 (first Sunday)
March 1 (first Sunday)
more to come...

Directions from the 210 Freeway:

Exit Santa Anita Avenue; go south 1.5 miles; turn right on Duarte Road. The Masonic Center shares the parking lot with the Arcadia Library, on the south side of the street.

Features: Buying & selling of toy trains, with operating layouts, free train repairs, test track, freshly prepared food, free parking and opportunity drawings. The winning 50/50 ticket will be drawn at 11:45 am, followed by a lively auction.

Admission is free for Members and \$5.00 for the public. Kids under 21 are free w/adult admission.

Next Open House Meet:

Sunday, December 1, 2024.

Repair Dept: We offer free toy train repairs at our meets, with volunteers Larry Pearson, Joey Giannatto and Ed Vanderpool at your service. To order parts, see Mike Marple's ad on page 7.

Sellers: Tables are only \$5.00 each!

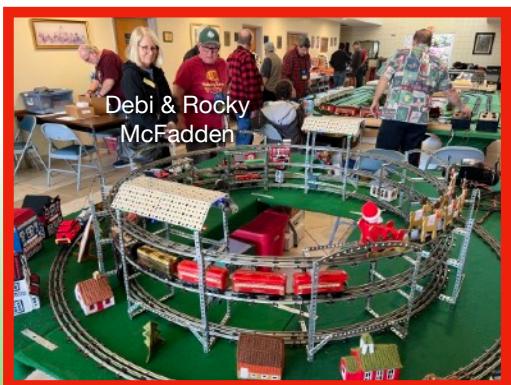
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to reserve yours!



A special guest arrived at the TTOS - Southwestern Division meet on Sunday December 1st: **Santa Claus** came to visit all the good little girls and boys to find out what gifts they wanted wanted to get for the Holidays.

Nancy Giannatto took a moment to greet him in the lobby of the Arcadia Masonic Center. That was the kick-off for our 2024 Holiday Party. Complete coverage of all the fun can be found inside this issue.

David Nissen set up his Marx "Tower of Track" layout which features 4 different levels of trains!



Party coverage continues inside...

SWD President's Message: Winter, 2024



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Ed Vanderpool (right)
completes a repair.

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 T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division (SWD), and its Members and Officers, or the editor & publisher of ***The Southwestern Limited***.

Call me at the above phone numbers in the mornings after 8:00 am if you need to get in touch with me. Alternatively, you can email me at lpears1941@att.net. Please call, I love to talk...

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## **SWD 2025 MONTHLY MEET DATES**

The contract with the Arcadia Masonic Center for the SWD Monthly Meet dates has been signed and approved. The 2025 SWD Monthly Meet dates are:

**January 5** (first Sunday)  
**February 2** (first Sunday)  
**March 2** (first Sunday)  
**April 6** (first Sunday)  
**May 4** (first Sunday)  
**June 1** (first Sunday)  
**July 13** (second Sunday); avoids 4th of July weekend  
**August 2** (first Saturday): LA Live Steamers picnic in Griffith Park; No Arcadia Meet in August.  
**September 7** (first Sunday)  
**October 5** (first Sunday)  
**November 2** (first Sunday)  
**December 7** (first Sunday)

All Monthly Meets at Arcadia officially open to Members and guests at 10:00 am, but you may come as early as 8:00 am.

**The December Meet** holds a record for attendance at a SWD Monthly Meet: 103 tables sold!

There were so many trains available, you might call it a buyer's paradise. The auction was similarly crowded.



**Photos by Roger Hill & Steve Waller**

President's Message continues on next page...

# SWD President's Message: continued

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.



Layout Manager **Ulus Ekerman** (right) watches **Jon Gast** (left) run his Fezziwig Railway Camelback 4-6-0 #1225 locomotive, shown in the 2023 LIONEL catalog.

Fezziwig is a beloved character from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."



**Fezziwig Railway No. 1225**

## New Members of SWD:

Oct. 2024: Louis Alonzo Jr., Anthony Andreola, Gail Fischboch, Alan Gauldin, Lloyd Lehrer, Darren Macapagul, Keith Marlett

Nov. 2024: Dr. J. Kevin Jetton, DDS

Dec. 2024: David Gutierrez, Lawrence Hall, Salvador A. Eligio



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



I want to thank all the Board Members and attendees at our Monthly Meets and the annual August picnic for continuing to make our Club the biggest and best toy train club on the West Coast. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays. As always, **hugs to all, and run your trains often.**

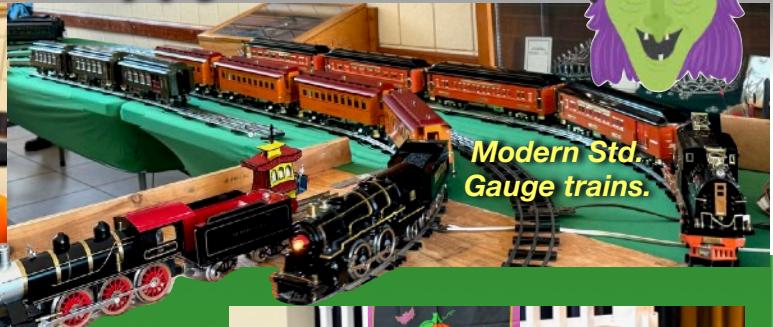




# October Meet: Happy Halloween!



Ulus Ekerman's "O" scale layout.



Modern Std. Gauge trains.

David Nissen's "O" gauge layout.



Jim Fredburg  
has help picking  
the 50/50 ticket...



Bob Cesarone (below)  
ponders an  
offer.



... and the winner was:  
Renée Mylander...

... who was  
in the kitchen  
preparing  
lunch at the  
time of the  
drawing!



Dining at  
Café Renée



Seen at the meet: a LIONEL 2245  
Texas Special 027 AB set from 1954.  
(A variation was produced in 1955.)



LIONEL US Army #1944 Triplex, Vision Line



LIONEL Chicago North Western U30C #934

# November Meet: Happy Thanksgiving to All!



# Our December Meet: Holiday Open House



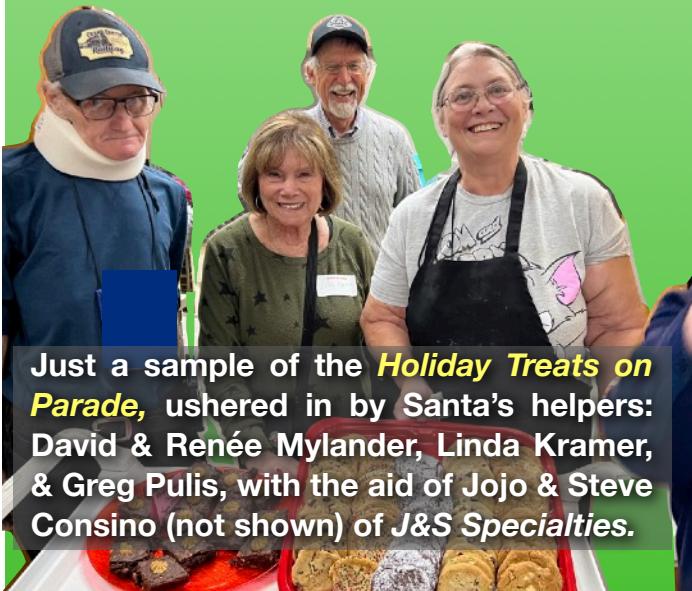
Dora Parra enjoys her visit with St. Nick.

*Big turnout! We had a record # of tables.*

Ralph Peck looks sharp as he inspects a Flyer water tower.

Linda Kramer turns out to be the lucky 50/50 winner as Fred looks on with envy.

Lisa & Jim Amen had four well-stocked tables of trains to sell, with the help of Jim's partner Danny Strunk.



Just a sample of the *Holiday Treats on Parade*, ushered in by Santa's helpers: David & Renée Mylander, Linda Kramer, & Greg Pulis, with the aid of Jojo & Steve Consino (not shown) of J&S Specialties.



Lindy Adam sells the Bill Clausen collection.

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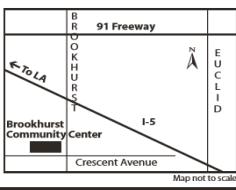
TTOS-SP's "Trains and Coffee" will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, 6625 Dale Street, Buena Park, California 90621 - Sat. Jan. 11th from 9 AM – 12 Noon. See website for info: <https://ttos-sp.org/>

**TOY TRAIN MEET**  
Monthly Train Meets

**2025 Meets:**

Jan. 26th  
Feb. 23rd  
March 23rd  
April 26th - Joint meet at TCA-W.





**PUBLIC INVITED: 10:00 TO 2:00**  
**DONATION: \$5.00 PER PERSON / FAMILY**

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**TRAINS**  
**ALL ABOARD!**  
**TCA Western Division**



**Arcadia Community Center**  
**365 Campus Drive**  
**Arcadia, CA 91007**



2025 Saturday Meets: 10 AM start time (9 AM setup)  
**Upcoming Meets: Jan 25, Mar 29, April 26, May 24, 2025**  
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Contact- Norm Rosen: [ncrosen@gmx.com](mailto:ncrosen@gmx.com)

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| Feb. TBD |
| Mar. 15  |
| April 12 |

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