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SWD 2022 Meets:

Southwestern Division's Meets take place on the 1st or 2nd Sunday of each month. The official start time is 10:00 am, although you will find sellers arriving as early as 8:00 for set up. The event itself is a high-energy toy train swap meet. Fred Kramer pulls the winning Opportunity Drawing tickets around 11:45am & the Auction starts at Noon, running about 2 hours..

Upcoming Dates:

July 10th, 2nd Sunday
August 7th, 1st Sunday
September 11th, 2nd Sun.
October 2nd, 1st Sunday
November 6th, 1st Sunday
December 4th, 1st Sunday

Arcadia Masonic Center

50 W. Duarte Road
Arcadia, CA 91007

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 left side of the street.

Featuring: buying & selling toy trains, operating layouts, a 50/50 drawing, a live auction at Noon, train repairs, test track, snacks & free parking.

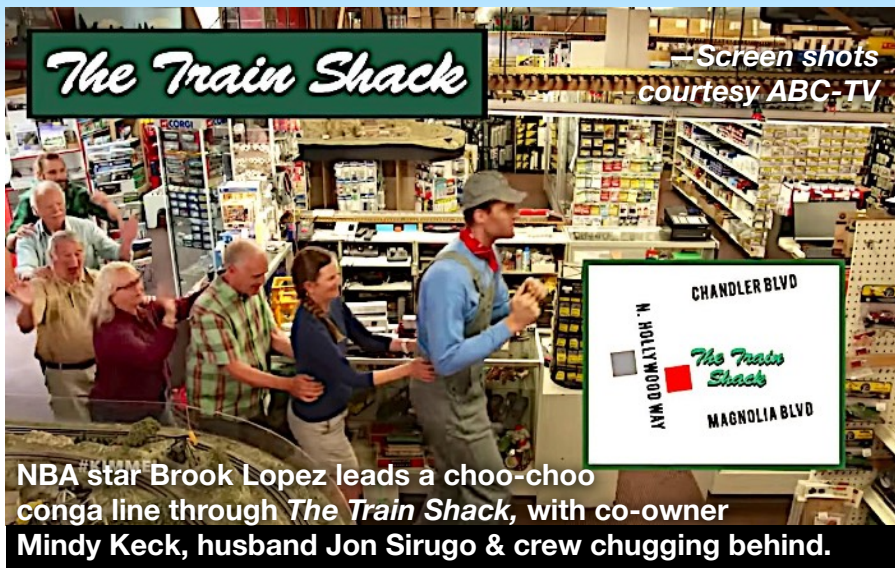
Admission is free for Members and \$5.00 for the public. Kids under 21 are free with adult admission.

Sellers: Tables are only \$5.00; reserve with Hollis Cotton at (818) 590-0553.

Toy Train Auctioneer: George Blanch (818) 590-8238. Reserve a spot to sell.

Info: phone President Larry Pearson, mornings after 8:00 am: (818) 848-2653 (landline) or (818) 994-4890 (cell).

Website: www.ttos-sw.org



'The Train Shack' on Network TV

By Steve Waller, Editor, *The Southwestern Limited*

They just sort of took over the store," recalls Mindy Keck, co-owner of the **The Train Shack** in Burbank, California. She's talking about the day "The Jimmy Kimmel Show" invaded her shop for a comedy segment that aired recently on the ABC-TV network, prior to Game 4 of the NBA Finals.

"We just had to trust them," Mindy admits, "because they wouldn't let us see the script. After a while, everybody relaxed and we helped work out the funny bits."

The two minute mock-commercial, which aired on Friday, June 10, 2022, was seen by more than 12 million TV viewers. Watch the finished segment by clicking this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LT8D08T0mA>. (It begins at 2:45 min.)

It's estimated that it would cost three million dollars to air a commercial like this during the NBA Finals in prime time. There's been a bump-up in business at the store already! Even hoops star Brook Lopez bought trains while he was there.



See **The Train Shack** business card ad on page 7 of this issue to learn more about the store. You may want to stop by their Hollywood Way location after our next Meet. They're open until 5 pm on Sundays and till 6 pm the rest of the week. 🚂



SWD President's Message: Larry Pearson



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President, 2021-2022

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SWD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2022-2023

The SWD Membership renewal forms for the 2022-2023 fiscal year were mailed to the current membership in early June. The SWD annual Membership extends from July 1st to July 1st, which is a fiscal year rather than a calendar year. Our Membership Secretary, **Nancy Giammatteo**, reported last week that she has received over 200 renewals, and we appreciate your quick response. The SWD 2022-2023 badges are light blue, and for those folks who have already renewed, they have been mailed out as part of a post card. Look for the blue post card in your mail if you renewed at the June Meet or via mail.



Late renewals will be available at the front desk at the July 10th Meet and future Meets. Those not picked up will be mailed. Our annual renewal rate remains at \$30. We will continue to honor the yellow 2021-2022 SWD membership badges until our October 2nd Meet, and from that point on non-renewed Members will have to pay the \$5 guest fee to be admitted to our monthly Meets. There is no late charge to renew after October 2nd, but the renewal fee will remain at \$30 for the remainder of the fiscal year. So why not renew now if you have not already done so?

WE NEED YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS

Starting in January, 2022, the SWD Monthly Meet announcement is being sent out by email, and not by post card. We are also sending out by email *The Southwestern Limited* quarterly magazine that you are now reading in addition to a mailed printed copy. I surveyed the May, 2022 SWD Membership List, and noted that we still don't have email information for 57 of our 327 paid-up Members as of that date. I know that some SWD Members don't have email service, and there is not much that we can do about that. Our webmaster, **Harold Shapiro**, gets statistics from *Mail Chimp*, our email service, and reports that of 282 Meet Announcements sent in June, only two-thirds of you opened them up. Make sure that our emails are not going to SPAM. My Monthly Meet email announcement is much more than we used to put on the post card. It contains up to the minute SWD news as well as information on other local train club meets during the month.



SWD MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Starting in January, 2022, SWD started having its Monthly Board of Directors Meeting at the Arcadia Masonic Center immediately following the



conclusion of the Monthly Meet Auction. This is an attempt to get better participation from the Board members as well as for the SWD



SWD President's Message, continued...

membership. I am very happy to report that attendance at these Board Meeting has steadily increased, and we had 15 in attendance at the June 5th meeting, including nine of our 10 Board Members. We use the auction tables and chairs for our Meeting. I will have printed agendas available at this Meeting. Ask me for a copy at the Meet if you are interested in attending. The agenda is four pages long and tells you who the officers are and what they do, as well as information on everything we do and how we do it. Our monthly Board Meetings normally start at about 2:00 pm and last about one hour, barring lengthy discussions. Please get involved! We need new younger Board Members.

FOOD SERVICE AT THE MONTHLY MEETS

I am happy to report that **Renee Mylander** has volunteered to serve coffee, doughnuts hamburgers, hot dogs, bottled water and sodas out of the kitchen starting with the July 10th Meet. She offered doughnuts and coffee at the June 5th Meet, and it worked out well. Renee possesses a food handler's license and is experienced at doing this. Depending on how this works out at the July Meet, she may be able to expand her offerings. Let her know what you want to eat.



JULY 10th JOINT MEET WITH TCA WESTERN



The Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA Western) has accepted our invitation to join us at our July 10th Arcadia Meet. TCA Western previously met at the Arcadia Senior Citizen Center just up the street

on Santa Anita Avenue, but the hall never reopened after the pandemic began. In the meantime, TCA Western has been meeting at various locations all over Southern California and environs. On April 16th they had their monthly

meet in Boulder City, Nevada, and I attended to repair trains, which I do at all TCA Western Meets. Many TCA Western Members also belong to SWD, but those who don't will be wearing their TCA Western badges, and should be warmly treated as SWD guests at this meet.



WE NEED MORE YOUNGER VOLUNTEERS!

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. *Please consider volunteering at SWD!*



—Photo by
Harold
Shapiro

Support 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!

—Larry Pearson

SWD 2022 Meets in Review:

January 2

February 6



Lots of trains!



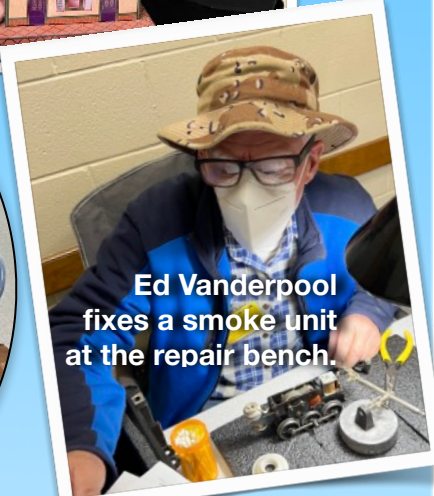
Buying a Flyer locomotive from seller Tom Mescher.



Bob Carlson shows Cindy his latest acquisition.



Trains galore!



Ed Vanderpool fixes a smoke unit at the repair bench.



David Nissen spots a hot item...



ATSF 3005 black bonnet 2-10-10-2 w/turtle back tender.

LIONEL Vision Line running on the club layout.



John Goodwin wins the 50/50 drawing cash award from Fred Kramer.



Rocky McFadden & wife Debi in the kitchen.

SWD 2022 Meets in Review:

March 6

April 3



Ramon Mareno won the cash award from the 50/50 drawing.

See Fred Kramer about the new SWD hat & shirt.

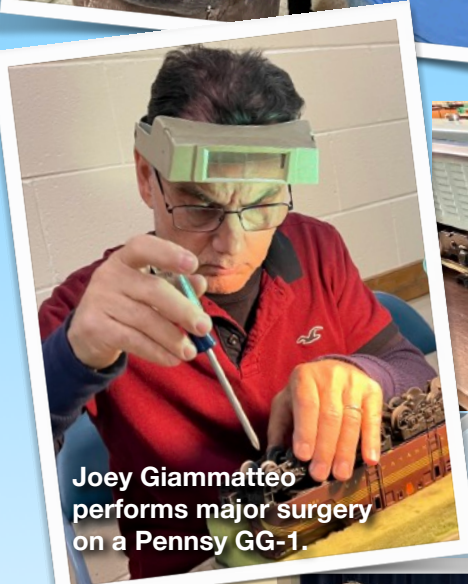
Enlarged view of SWD shirt logo.



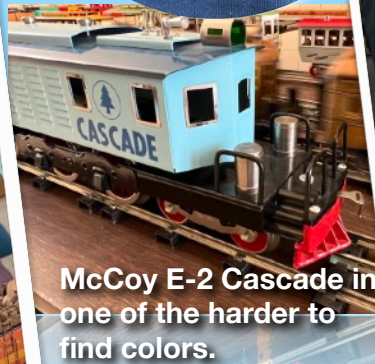
Southern Pacific Daylight GS-2



George Blanch auctions the first item of the day.



Joey Giammatteo performs major surgery on a Pennsy GG-1.



McCoy E-2 Cascade in one of the harder to find colors.



Jeff & Denyse Meyer love LIONEL.



David Nissen custom-made this Erector signal bridge using LEDs.

—April 3 Meet photos by Roger Hill.

SWD 2022 Meets in Review:

May 1

June 5



Big turnout!



**Lionel C&O 490
streamlined Hudson.**
— Photo by Roger Hill.



**Ulus Ekerman
runs his Lionel NYC
"Pacemaker" Mohawk.**



**Eric Nissen unwraps
another 'goodie' for his
Standard Gauge pike.**



Mike Marple has the part you need!
He will return to SWD in September. To
order parts in the meantime, click on
www.mikestrainslompoc.com (see his
ad on page 7).



**Toonerville Trolley on
the reversing track.**



**The top consolation
prize winner of the
50/50 drawing.**



**Dr. Martin Folb
with some very
fine toy trains.**

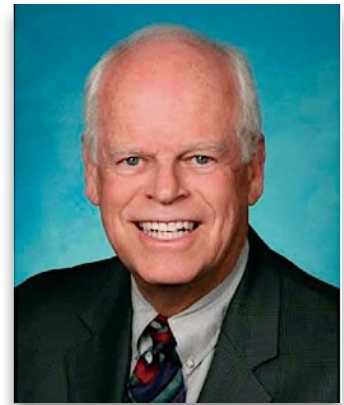
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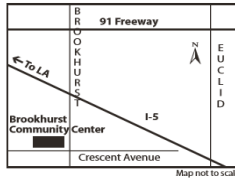
TOY TRAIN MEET

Monthly Train Meets

Educational Displays,
Trains for Sale,
Super Auction,
Great Raffle,
Operating Layouts,
Kids Korner & Snack Bar



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Note: 'Trains & Coffee' is on hiatus until October...



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Contact: Norm Rosen at ncrosen@gmx.com
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Meet Dates:

July 16
Aug 13 @ CVLS
Sept 17
Oct 15
Nov 19
Dec 17



ALL ABOARD!

NEXT STOP, BURBANK!

TCA Western Division Meet

Saturday, September 24th
9:00am to 12:30pm (sharp)



Joslyn Adult Center, 1301 W. Olive Ave, Burbank, CA 91506

At Griffith Park Drive, park in rear. Enjoy coffee & a doughnut on us!

W.D. Members: reserve a free sales table: email info@tcawestern.org.

Please check website, www.tcawestern.org, for updates & future Meet locations.

Door Prizes & Opportunity Drawings for TCA Members!

Membership info: Wayne Sheriff (714) 970-9261 or cnswss@roadrunner.com

LIONEL "O" gauge test track & repair service.

Admission: Free for current Western Division members; \$2 for non-members.
Free for Burbank Joslyn Adult Center members. Admission open to age 55+ only.



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