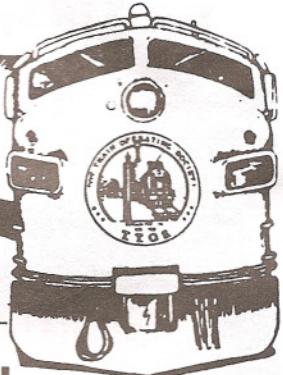


■ **NEXT MEET:**
 ■ **SUN., OCTOBER 7, 2007**
 ■ Arcadia Masonic Center
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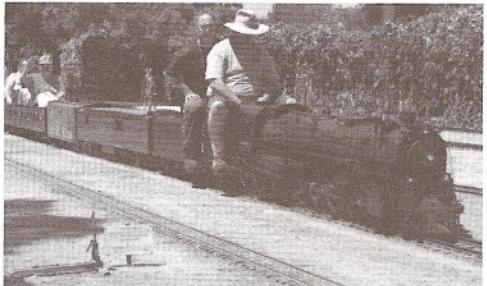
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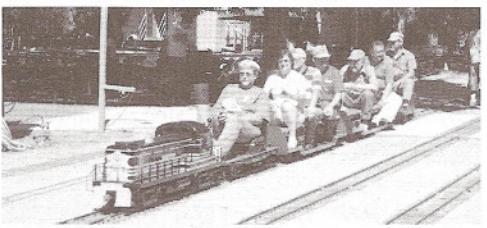
LA Live Steamers Picnic A Big Hit with Record Crowd



Above: David Lazarus pilots the 5011 Texas-type locomotive. Below: Blows down steam on transfer table.



Rio Grande takes passengers on the LALS tracks.



Alan Way's D&RGW 5203 starts down the track.



by Steve Waller, Member of SWD TTOS & LA Live Steamers and photographer for some of the photos

On Saturday August 18th, 2007, TTOS-Southwestern Division's 7th Annual Picnic was held at the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum in Griffith Park. President **Larry Pearson**, arriving early in his vintage Chevy pickup loaded with food, led the volunteers from TTOS-SWD.

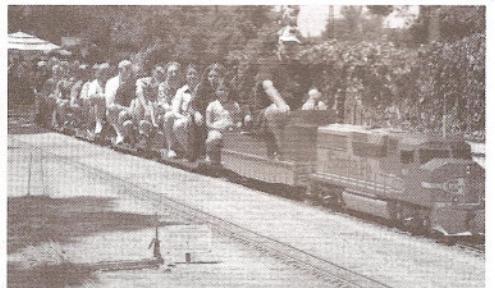
Firing up the grill were a number of TTOS volunteer chefs. The newly redesigned LALS kitchen enabled food service to go quicker than ever. A picnic lunch with hamburgers, hot dogs, gardenburgers, condiments, chips, drinks and cookies was served. (Please see President's message on page 2 for additional details).

Steve Waller, a member of both TTOS-SWD and LALS, coordinated the Live-Steamer volunteers. LALS Stationmaster Charles Westphal boarded more than 250 guests for multiple rides at New Sherwood Station throughout the day. LALS volunteers crewed a robust roster of 1/8th-scale trains (listed alphabetical order, followed by their engineer/owners and conductor/crew members): AT&SF 163 EMD GP60M (owned by LALS)-Gene Heiman and Collin Westphal; AT&SF 5011 Texas-type 2-10-4 Steam Train-Lew Soibelman (with sons Michael & Steven) and David Lazarus; D&RGW 1324 Baldwin S12-Rory Hawkins & Donna Valencia; D&RGW 5203 ALCo RS3-Alan Way and Kevin Jung; MoPac 2006 EMD F7-Thaine Morris and Pete Fowler; Smog Belt 2899 ALCo FA-Bob & Gail Woodward.

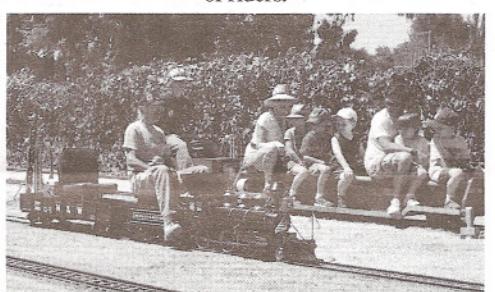
Opening the doors to the Walt Disney Barn (and the Ward Kimball exhibit inside) were Bill Barbe, Fred Lack and Bob Lemberger. LALS member Mike Houston ran the 'G' scale railroad for the toy train fans.

Thanks to everyone who spent the day with us and a BIG thank you to members from both clubs who volunteered at the picnic. For more information on the LA Live Steamers, go to www.lals.org.

Below: the food!



Gene Helman pilots the ATSF with a full load of riders.



Bob Crone breaks-in his new 2-6-0 Denver & Rio Grande steam locomotive.

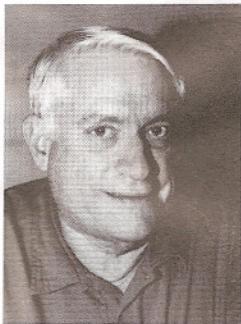


A small train passes by the Smog Belt train. Attendees had the opportunity to ride a variety of trains at the 2007 Picnic.



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President's Message



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ANOTHER 2007-2008 DUES RENEWAL REMINDER

TTOS Southwestern Division Members renew their dues annually every July 1st. Southwestern Dues continue to remain at **\$25.00 per year, and Seller's tables remain at \$10 each for Members at our Monthly Meets.** When you consider what you get from the Southwestern Division, **\$25 is a terrific bargain!** We sincerely hope that all of you will re-join Southwestern for another year, if you have not already done so. As of this date, approximately 50 Members from 2006-7 have yet to renew. Remember, if you let your Southwestern dues lapse, you will stop receiving our newsletter and postcard notices, but you will have to pay the full \$25 to renew late, even in May, 2008! So if you have not renewed yet, why not do so now! Also, I want to take this opportunity to thank the 34 Members who, when renewing their Southwestern dues, made donations from \$5.00 to \$100.00, totaling over \$700.00. This money helps us fund new activities to expand our Membership.

2007 CAL-STEWART REGISTRATION BROCHURES

All TTOS Members should have received their registration brochures by now. They were mailed out in mid-August. If you have not received yours, call me and I will send you one or visit our Cal-Stewart website, www.cal-stewart.org, and download your own copy of the registration form. Fill it out and mail it in right now, before you misplace it. **Take advantage of the Early Bird Mail Registration postmarked by Oct. 15 for \$30.00, a savings of \$5.00!**

2007 ELECTIONS FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A third reminder that Members of the Southwestern Division Board of Directors are voted in for two-year terms, and 2007 is an election year. If you want to join the Board at any time, you don't have to wait for elections to get on the Board. I have the power to appoint you to the Board at any Board Meeting, which is held once a month, usually the Tuesday or Wednesday immediately following the monthly Meet. All Board Members are expected to perform some task, either at the monthly Meets, or at Cal-Stewart, or both. The elected Executive Board consists of the President (me), Vice President (Vince Garguilo), Treasurer (Mike Cunningham), Recording Secretary (vacant), and Membership Secretary (Donn Nelson), plus seven (7) elected Board

positions. As vacancies occur with the elected Board, I have the power to fill them. We need new people on the Board. The Recording Secretary position is currently vacant, and I need a replacement immediately. We are a corporation and have to have Minutes taken at each Board Meeting. Contact me by phone or at a Meet if you can help out (818) 848-2653.

SOUTHWESTERN 8th ANNUAL PICNIC SATURDAY AUGUST 18TH

Another attendance record is broken! We experienced a 10% attendance growth over 2006 with 295 adults, children, and LALS members. This, despite 100 degree weather and 44 no-shows. This year we had six trains, and **Steve Waller** has written about them in a separate article on the picnic (see page 1).

A super thank-you goes out to this year's workers: **Steve Waller**, who organized the event with the Los Angeles Live Steamers (LALS); **Peter Beam**, Reservations, assisted at the LALS Gatehouse by **Doris Stiver, Phyllis Smith, and Fred Ruby**; **John Stillman, Hollis Cotton, Mike Cunningham, and Chris Key**, who cooked patties & weenies; **Elaine Lazarus**, who managed the condiments; **Roy Bell and Larry Pearson** (me) who purchased the food and brought it to the park. I am sorry if I missed anyone; things were very hectic.

THE STATE OF NATIONAL TTOS - PART ONE

Several weeks ago, all TTOS Members received a letter from TTOS President **Gary Keck** in response to a series of accusations made by former TTOS Treasurer Spencer Smith on a website he had created. Here are my thoughts about the matter. As a Division President, I am automatically a Member of the TTOS National Board of directors, and have been directly involved with most of the decisions that have been made with regard to Spencer Smith.

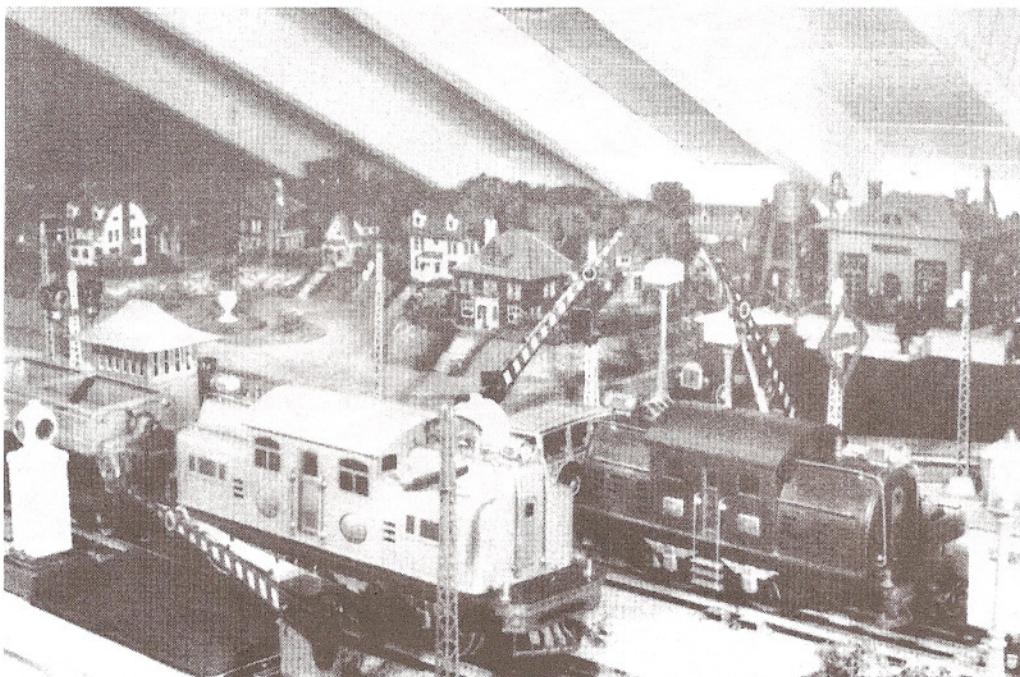
In 2004, a new slate of officers took over the leadership of TTOS National for a two-year term, including Gary Keck as President and Spencer Smith as Treasurer. During this two year term, Gary felt that Spencer was not satisfactorily performing his duties as Treasurer. For example, at one of the National Board Meetings, Spencer did not produce a financial report and laid the blame for this on the TTOS National Accountant. Spencer called the accountant with about two days' notice and requested the numbers for his financial report. The accountant could not provide these numbers with such short notice because he is a one-man operation and during some times of the year is very busy. During the busy season, he needs about two weeks notice to provide these financial numbers. The accountant was very unhappy to be unfairly blamed for Spencer's failure to perform. Also, the accountant discounts fees 50% for TTOS.

As a result of Spencer's shortcomings as the TTOS National Treasurer, Gary convened a special meeting of the National Board
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at the Las Vegas National Convention to request Spencer not to run again for Treasurer for the 2006-07 term. I was there, and I pointed out to Spencer that if a group of Southwestern Members came to me and requested that I not run again and they had someone else in mind, I would be happy to relinquish my job. These positions are unpaid, and take a lot of personal time and money to perform. Spencer was very unhappy, but agreed not to run for the next term. But he could not "let it go".

Spencer created a website to use as a forum for criticism of TTOS National. At a Board Meeting in 2006, he was present and denied that he had activated this site. But one of those present went to a computer and found that the site was indeed active, and was obviously created to create a "chat room" environment to attack the TTOS National Board. As a result, the Board took action to remove Spencer as a Member of TTOS. Spencer is no longer a Member of TTOS.

The website that Spencer created has "taken on a life of its own", and a lot of well-meaning TTOS Members have allowed themselves to get sucked into making nasty and damaging remarks about TTOS and the National Board without really knowing all the facts. **I sincerely request that all of you refrain from being involved with Spencer's website.** This activity is very damaging to our club and will end up severely hurting Southwestern Division in the long run. Do you want our Division to be damaged?

Are Gary and the National Board blameless in all of this? Absolutely not! Mistakes were made, and if they could go back in

time, I know that things would be done differently. But we don't have this luxury.

In a few months we are going to have a TTOS National Election, and I understand that a new group of very capable candidates are running for the National Board positions. I do not think that any of the current Board is running for their current positions in the upcoming election. Look for the ballot and **vote!**

Stay tuned for Part two.
Larry Pearson, President



This happy family won the public drawing train set at the June Open House Meet. Our Open House Meet chair is **Walter Olson**. A big THANK YOU for all the work he has done. Please offer to assist in this effort.

Scenes from the July Meet



At the July Meet there were tables with interesting trains and train related items for sale, including the Mobile station at the far right.



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At an August 4, 2005 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Toy Train Operating Society, including your division presidents, voted to adopt grading standards for use by TTOS members when offering trains for sale or trade. These standards were established in 2005 jointly by TCA, TTOS, and LCCA that in turn agreed to their mutual use.

C-10	Mint	Brand new, all original, unused and unblemished
C-9	Factory New	Brand new, all original, unused, may have evidence of factory rubs and the slightest evidence of handling, shipping and having been test run at the factory
C-8	Like New	Complete, all original, no rust, no missing parts, may show effects of being on display and/or age, may have been run
C-7	Excellent	All original, minute scratches and paint nicks, no rust and no missing parts, no distortion of component parts
C-6	Very Good	Minor scratches and paint nicks, minor spots of surface rust, free of dents, may have minor parts replaced
C-5	Good	Sign of play wear with scratches and minor paint loss, small dents, minor surface rust, evidence of heavy use
C-4	Fair	Scratched, moderate paint loss, dented, missing parts, surface rust, evidence of heavy use
C-3	Poor	Requires major body repair, heavily scratched, major rust and missing parts, restoration candidate
C-2	Restoration required	
C-1	Junk	Parts value only

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New Meet Time Changes effective with the October 7th Meet: Breakfast 9:30 a.m., Sellers and Buyers enter 10 a.m., Public enter 11 a.m. **NO boxes or trains in the Hall until 10 a.m. Business Meeting 12 noon, Auction 12:30 p.m., Drawing (if held) 2:30 p.m. Auction resumes.**

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 - F. Diesel with dual can motor
 - G. Pre-War Electric
- 2) Modified:
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 - C. Modified diesel single motor
 - D. Modified diesel dual motor
- 3) Unlimited Modified (Must be electric powered by track power)

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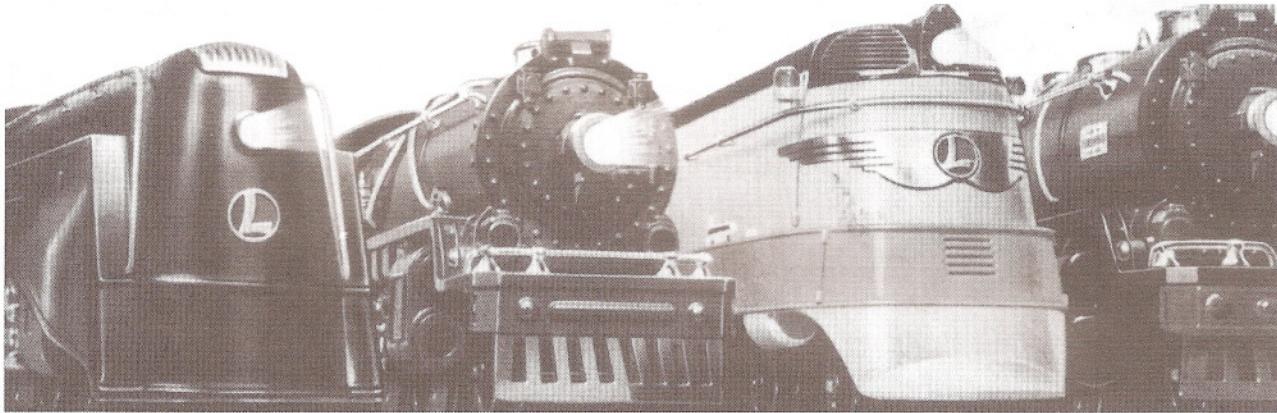
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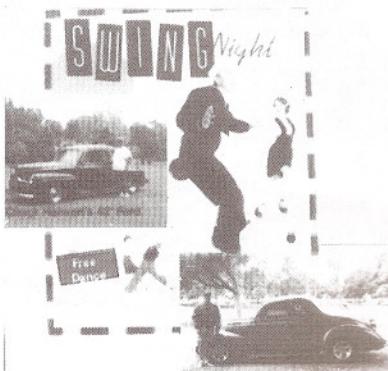
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