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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 10am, although you will find sellers setting up earlier. The event itself is a high-energy toy train swap meet. *Feeling lucky this month?* Fred Kramer pulls the winning Opportunity Drawing tickets around 11:45am and the auction starts at Noon, going till 2pm.

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

Upcoming Meets:

March 6th,
April 3rd,
May 1st,
June 5th,
July 10th,
August 7th,
September 11th,
October 2nd,
November 6th
and December 4th.



Directions: from the 210 Freeway, exit Santa Anita Ave.; go south 1.5 miles; turn right on Duarte Road. The Masonic Center is by the library, on the left.

We feature: buying & selling 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 (818) 848-2653, mornings after 8:00am. Visit our website: www.ttos-sw.org.



Mike Marple at his store in Lompoc, CA.

Mike Marple's Toy Train Parts



Mike will help you find your part.

Since 1975, Mike Marple has been the "go-to" guy for toy train parts on the West Coast. Four times during the year, Mike fills ten SWD tables with parts for Lionel Trains, Marx, American Flyer & more. This year Mike plans to attend SWD on March 6, June 5, Sept. 11 & Nov. 6th.

It takes Mike and his helpers several days to prep for one of our Meets. Then, they head south on a Saturday, driving several hours to the Arcadia Masonic Center. Next, it takes two people about 3 hours to set up. Sunday morning the Meet begins and then things really get busy!

Mike's lovely assistant **Susan Gallacher** handles checkout. She accepts cash, check & credit cards for purchases.

Contact Mike at (805) 736-6747 or email him at mike@mikestrainslompoc.com, so he can bring the parts you need to SWD. Mike's fully-equipped train store in Lompoc, CA is open Monday thru Saturday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. (Photo at top.)

Please see the ad on page 7 of this Newsletter for Mike's Trains and be sure to check out his brand-new website, www.mikestrainslompoc.com.



Susan Gallacher

SWD President's Message: Larry Pearson



LARRY PEARSON

President, 2021-2022

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MONTHLY MEET POST CARD BY EMAIL

The January and February Meet announcements were sent as an email to those of you we have an email address for. Starting with January, 2022, we will no longer be mailing out a monthly printed post card. Our SWD web master, **Harold Shapiro**, has colorized and re-formatted them and added color photos and is emailing them out. The Monthly Meet notification by email allows us to send out much more information than we can squeeze onto a printed post card, and we save a lot of money in postage and printing expenses. We get statistics from Mail Chimp, our email service provider. Contact me with your email information if you have not been receiving our emails. According to our SWD Membership Records, we do not have email addresses for 60 current members.



See **Nancy Giammatteo**, the SWD Membership Secretary, at the Monthly Meet registration desk to check on your email status. We plan to

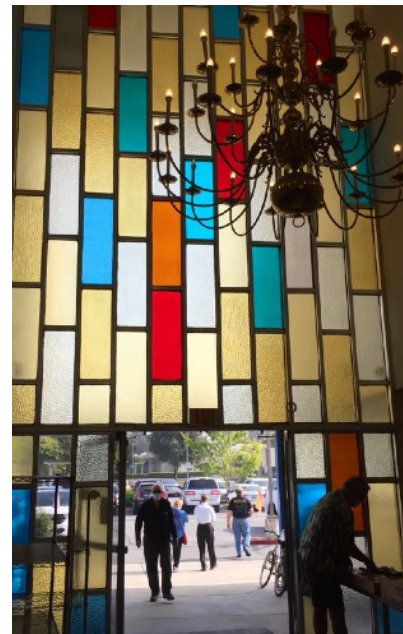
continue to print *and* mail the quarterly *Southwestern Limited* magazine, and plan to also send it out by email. One of the many advantages to email, is that the recipient can easily forward it to their friends. This might help grow our membership.

FOOD SERVICE AT THE MONTHLY MEETS

We are still struggling to find someone to prepare food at the Monthly Meets. Starting with the February Meet, SWD Member **Rocky McFadden** and his wife **Debbie** have volunteered to handle the fresh-brewed coffee & donuts, and this assistance is very much appreciated. But we would like to have some sort of food service in addition to the coffee & donuts. Please give me your ideas for expanding the menu and our kitchen crew.



2022 SWD MEET DATES



We have contracted with the Arcadia Masonic Center for the remaining 2022 Sunday dates:

**March 6,
April 3,
May 1,
June 5,
July 10,
August 7,
September 11,
October 2,
November 6,
and
December 4.**

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SWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

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 membership. The January and February Meetings were a success and so we plan to continue holding our Board Meetings after the Monthly Meet Auction is concluded. We use the auction tables and chairs for our Meeting. I will have printed agendas available at this Meet. 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 last about one hour, barring lengthy discussions. Please get involved. We need younger Board Members.

TAX MAN COMETH

The American Rescue Plan, the Biden Administration's \$1.9-trillion COVID-19 relief bill, has made some tax changes that many of our Members need to know about. The bill was funded mainly with borrowed money, but it also seeks to improve income tax compliance by lowering to \$600 the threshold for income reporting by "third-party settlement organizations." The change affects such companies as PayPal, eBay, Etsy, Venmo, and Airbnb. What this means is, for example, if you use PayPal to handle eBay sales over \$600 during the 2022 tax year, Pay Pal could issue you a 1099-K in the amount of your sales during 2022. The IRS receives a copy of this and will expect you to include the money reported on the 1099-K in your gross income on your federal tax return. Sale proceeds aren't necessarily profits and only profits are supposed to be taxed. You will have to file a Form 8949 to show that some or all of the 1099-K amounts did not produce taxable gains. Also, if you can prove that you lost money on your transactions, you can **not** claim the losses against your income, unless you are a

business. This information will also be reported to the State of California, which also collects income tax on this kind of profit. The only way to avoid this is to pay by credit card, check or cash. This is another advantage to buying and selling your trains at our Monthly Meets.

This information came from an article in The Los Angeles Times, "Tax man cometh for Venmo, PayPal users," 2/11/22, page A8.

Another recent development is that eBay now charges you local sales tax on your purchases, even if out of state. That adds 10% more to your purchases unless you have a resale permit on file with eBay. This is expected to be applied to sales at out-of-state auction houses.

Things could get much worse if Biden's \$6-trillion Build Back Better bill gets passed. Banks will have to report all transactions in excess of \$300 to the IRS. The banking industry is very upset about the prospect of having to deal with this. This bill also funds 85,000 more IRS agents to manage the additional work.



President Joe Biden touts his "Build Back Better" plan at the Electric City Trolley Museum in Scranton, PA.

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 support Southwestern 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 October Meet in Color Photographs!



A pair of massive articulated locomotives round the 'O' gauge curves on the SWD club layout.



"Riding the Tinplate Rails"
on the Standard gauge loops.



Tinplate trains
for sale!

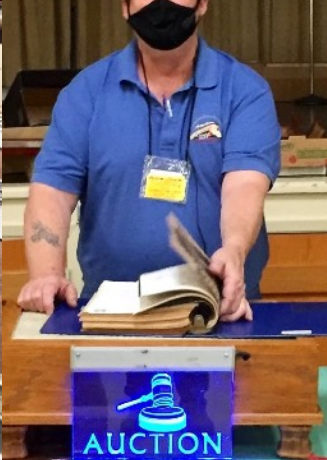
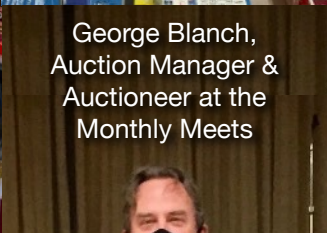


On the auction block, with Harold Shapiro filling in as auctioneer. Also shown (L to R): auction clerks Danny Blanch & Bill Elliott, with sellers Jim Kenney & Bill Clausen.



Joey Giammatteo and Larry Pearson work tirelessly at the Repair Bench.

Big Turnout at the SWD November Meet!





Ted Trisler: 1939 - 2021

Pastor Ted Trisler had many great passions in his life. He led the Puente Hills Baptist Church for 42 years. He loved his late wife Sharon, and the family they shared, including his son, who pre-deceased him, his two daughters, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Ted drove collectible cars and was a big Elvis Presley fan.

But for those of us who knew "Teddy" at the Southwestern Division Meets, he had an *extra-special* passion: toy trains!



Ted had 7 train layouts in several different rooms in his San Dimas home, with various sizes of trains.

To view more pictures of the trains, visit <https://www.estatesales.net/CA/San-Dimas/91773/3164412> and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

After Ted passed away at age 82 on December 20, 2021, the family had to decide what to do with all those trains. So, an estate sales organization was contracted to conduct a 3-day event during the second weekend of February.

Flyers were handed out at the February 6th SWD Meet. Turnout was robust and the trains soon found new homes around Southern California. Ted collected Lionel, Flyer, Marx, the big LGB and the little HO & N gauges. He loved them all....

Ted attended the SWD Meets right after he finished church on Sunday, and he always looked his best. He had been in good health, but a fall late last year changed everything. He had a brain hemorrhage, complicated by a staph infection known as MRSA, and died after a short time in a rehab facility.

Ted's memorial service, on January 21, 2022 was the sort of funeral that many toy train enthusiasts might wish for. Surrounded by a hundred or more of his best friends and family, Ted's coffin was adorned with a tapestry of trains, including a large illustration of a Pennsylvania Railroad GG-1. Atop all that was a plexiglass case containing a Lionel Super-Detailed Hudson, 700T tender and a New York Central caboose, all of them plated in 14K gold, on a walnut base. *Now, that was a send-off!*

To watch a video of the service, click on <https://youtu.be/ljONwhbE4yw>. His close friend Mike Stella talks about Ted's love of Easter, convertibles and toy trains, starting at 49:20 on the timer.



Al Vargas talks toy trains with Ted Trisler at an SWD Meet on October 9, 2016.

To honor Ted's memory, please consider making a donation to Puente Hills Baptist Church/Ted Trisler Memorial Fund. We will all miss seeing Ted and his treasured trains at the Southwestern Division Meets.

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Next Meets:
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April 24th
May 22nd
(4th Sundays)




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Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Ave. - Anaheim, CA




ALL ABOARD!

NEXT STOP, BURBANK!


TCA Western Division Meet
Saturday, March 26, 2022
Doors open 9:15 am - Ends 12:30 pm

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
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Upcoming Meets:

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| March 26 |
| April 23 |
| May 21 |
| June 18 |
| July 16 |



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2099 East Orangethorpe Ave.,
Placentia CA 92879
<http://www.dukescafeyl.com>

Contact: **Jeff Meyer** 909-951-9846
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