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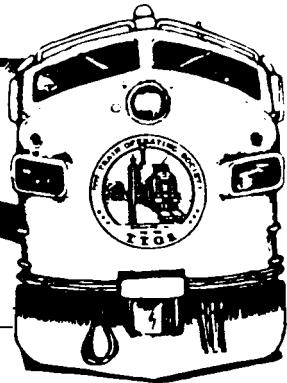
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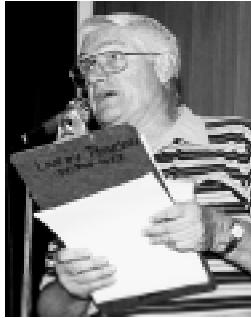
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President's Message

LARRY PEARSON, President,
Southwestern Division, 2004-2007
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SOUTHWESTERN MOURNS THE LOSS OF PETER SEARLS

Southwestern Division Board Member **Peter Searls** passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 22nd. Peter was the cheery guy who was in charge of table sales at the monthly Meets, and he will be very much missed. His very good friend, **Kurt Bondi**, has written a Eulogy, which is published in this issue of *The Southwestern Limited*, so I won't repeat what he has written. His passing creates a vacancy for a table seller at the Monthly Meets, which we have to fill at the very earliest time. Selling tables requires that you be at the Meet by 10:00am and be able to stay at the table sales table in the lobby until at least noon. Many Members tell me that they already have all the trains they can use, and therefore don't attend all the Meets. This position is perfect for people in this situation who would like to find a way to give something back to the Club and at the same time enjoy the social aspects of the monthly Meets. Please call me at the above phone numbers if you can help.

MARCH 5TH SPRING OPEN HOUSE MEET A SUCCESS

At the first of our four scheduled Open House Meets, we had 80 tables. 75 public guests came in with the special Free Ticket passed out prior to the meet by Open House Meet Chair **Walter Olson**. Parts dealer **Mike Marble** of Mike's Trains and Hobbies came down from Lompoc to the delight of attendees in need of parts! Our Layout Team operated the SWD layout and there were several other layouts for everyone's enjoyment.

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A Tribute to Peter Searls

by Kurt S. Bondi

A Eulogy is where you praise a person who has passed on. On Saturday, April 22, 2006 I lost a dear friend and confidant. Peter Searls was a person I met 10 years ago, and we became instant friends. We met at a T.T.O.S. Board Meeting. During those ten years we had several lunches and dinners, and a plethora of conversations. We saw each other at train meets and always had so much to say to each other.

He was a brilliant, intellectual and funny human being. We spoke about his experiences with the Sheriff's Department and his work as a Contractor. Besides his love of trains, his real love was collecting antique cars. When he spoke about his cars, or cars he was looking at, a big infectious smile would come to Peter's face. A few times we went to look at cars together.

Each time he bought a new collectible, Peter would call to tell me what he would be doing to restore it.

When Doris and I moved to Las Vegas, Peter was our guest several times, and we enjoyed driving him to see different and interesting areas of Las Vegas. He would stay with us for several days, just relaxing, which was not an area he was familiar with. Peter was a workaholic and a perfectionist.

Peter was also an enthusiast of Jazz Music.

When we heard about Peter's passing, we were speechless. No longer will we hear his stories or receive his e-mails where he would always sign off with "love and smoochies". We will miss you, buddy. Sorely missed — but not forgotten. Rest in peace, my friend.

A tribute to Peter Searls will be held at Inglewood Cemetery, Saturday, May 27, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. The cemetery is located at 3807 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood 90305. For more information, contact Patti Whitcher at 626-472-5121. Our sincerest condolences to Peter's family.



Peter Searls drawing winner at a Train Meet.

**T.T.O.S. National Convention Aug 13-20, 2006
in Costa Mesa, CA — Register NOW!!!**

President's Message (continued from page 1)

THE APRIL 2ND MEET WAS A SELL-OUT!

For those of you who missed it, all 62 tables set up at our normal Meet table configuration were occupied at our April 2nd Meet. The success of this meet was greatly enhanced by the invited attendance of a group of HO gauge sellers known as **The Foothill Model Train Club**. Many of these sellers brought O gauge trains to sell, too. These sellers plan to buy tables at future "Open House" meets. Thanks goes out to **Tony Deneve**, who chaired this special April Meet and worked very hard to assure its success.

NEXT OPEN HOUSE MEET ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

Walter Olson, Meet Chairman, plans for a sell-out of over 100 tables at our second scheduled Open House Meet on June 4th. This Meet was heavily promoted at Fullerton Railroad Days, May 5th & 6th, where we passed out 5000 fliers. We plan to have **Mike Marple of Mike's Trains & Hobbies in Lompoc** selling parts at this meet, so, bring your parts lists. **The tables are going fast; if you need tables, call Walter at (323) 660-4569 to reserve yours.** Our September 10th and December 3rd Meets are also planned to be "Open House" Meets.

CAL-STEWART SATURDAY NIGHT PREMIUM AUCTION

We are still looking for consignments of premium trains and small collections (100 lots or less) to sell at the Cal-Stewart Saturday Night Premium Auction. We can offer a low 10% seller's charge at this auction, because we have volunteer workers. The commissions earned offset the costs of putting on Cal-Stewart, and this income is very much needed.

If you have premium trains to sell, but not a collection, you can pay a lot fee of about \$20 to have your premium trains and accessories sold in lot quantities.

Call me, **Larry Pearson**, at (818) 848-2653 for more information.

TTOS 2006 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN COSTA MESA, AUGUST 13-20, 2006

The long anticipated registration brochure for the annual TTOS National Convention is shipping with the May, 2006, issue of *The TTOS Bulletin*, which should be in your hands soon. **I want to encourage everyone to register and attend!** If you haven't received your copy of the Convention Brochure, or need extra copies, call the TTOS National Office at (626) 578-0673 and they will send them out to you. There are nine great tours scheduled, and they will sell out quickly. These tours were set up by **Jon Lang**, who has lots of experience setting up tours, and who was in charge of the tours at the recent TCA National Convention in Ontario, CA. Also, not shown in the Timetable are many seminars that will be happening during the Convention days. I plan to be teaching my Train Repair Seminar on one of the days.

TTOS STICKERS FOR MARKING RESTORED TRAINS

The TTOS Standards Committee, headed by TTOS National Vice President **Randy Giroux**, has recently produced and distributed stickers, which must be affixed to all "restored" trains offered for sale at all TTOS Meets. These stickers must also be used on restored trains sold using "TTOS Membership" on internet auctions. These small round stickers will be available at the Registration table at our monthly Meets and at Cal-Stewart. A train is restored if "major" components (i.e. complete motor or cab) have been replaced or if the item has been repainted or re-marked. Wheel replacement or re-wiring is not considered to be "restoration". TCA stickers are acceptable at TTOS Meets. If you do not have stickers, you must plainly tag the item as being "restored".

Happy Training,
Larry Pearson, President



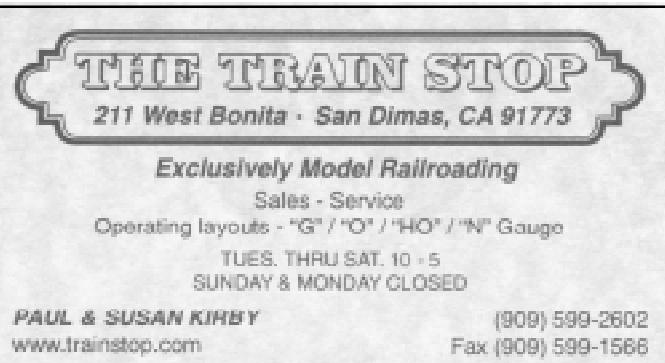
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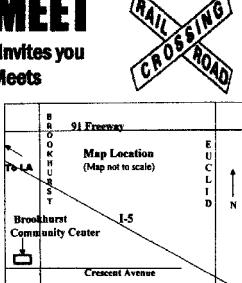
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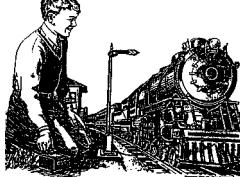
Ruben Lopez

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Editor's Note: 5,000 flyers shown below were distributed at the Fullerton Railroad Days. We anticipate a large number of guests at the June 4th Open House Meet. Call Walter Olson at (323) 660-4569 for tables.

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March 5 Spring 2006 Open House Meet Big Success

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March Meet photos by David Nissen



Top photo shows filled hall. Middle picture caught Auctioneer **Vince Garguilo** in action.



A feature of the Open House is the drawing with these 10 happy winners!!

Pictures of activities at the March 2006 Open House Meet. In the middle picture, note the **Mike Marble's Parts Display** in the background. Mike will bring parts to the June 4, 2006 Open House Meet.

April 2006 Meet Another Sellout!

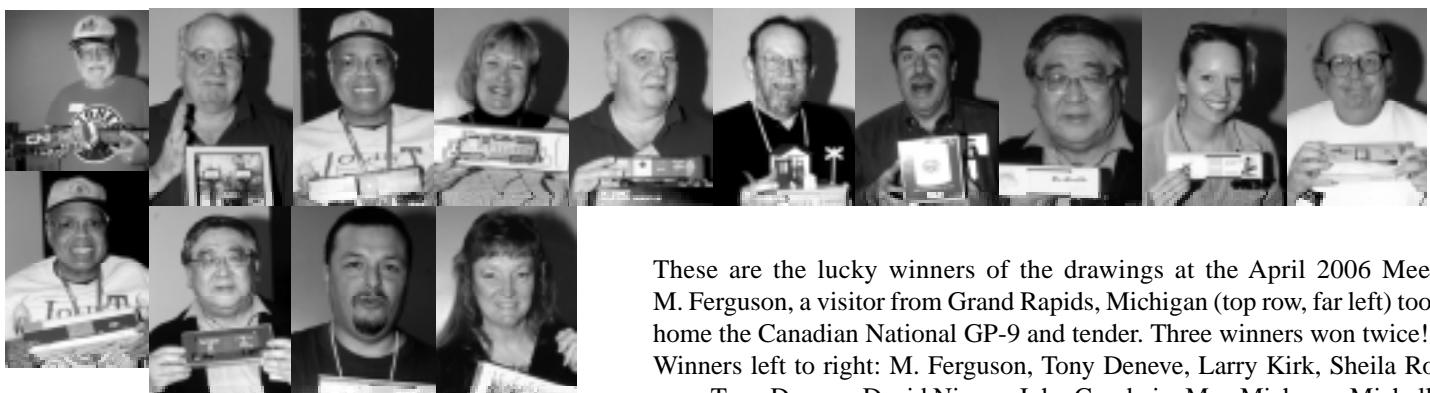
Photos of the April 2006 Meet by Mervyn Lew



The April Meet featured 62 table sales and 2 layouts. The **Foothill Model Train Club**, a group of HO gauge sellers and operators, was invited to this meet, and HO sellers bought tables for selling trains and related material. We had a full hall and lots of action.



Left, a Pennsylvania articulated engine pulls freight on the Club layout. Right, the SP Steamer 2685 pulls a load of reefers past a Canadian National RDC engine and coach resting on track 2 on **David Nissen's** layout.



These are the lucky winners of the drawings at the April 2006 Meet. M. Ferguson, a visitor from Grand Rapids, Michigan (top row, far left) took home the Canadian National GP-9 and tender. Three winners won twice! Winners left to right: M. Ferguson, Tony Deneve, Larry Kirk, Sheila Roman, Tony Deneve, David Nissen, John Goodwin, Max Mizharra, Michelle Ferguson, Larry Wright, Larry Kirk, Max Mizharra, Sergio Sanchez, and Jan Layman.

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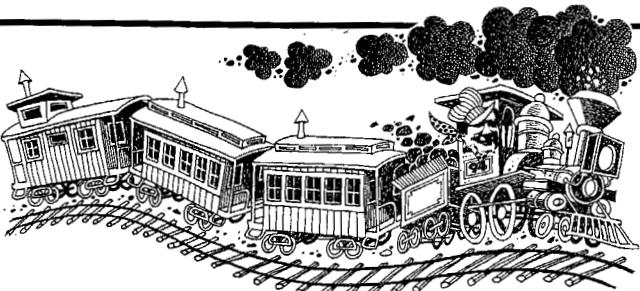
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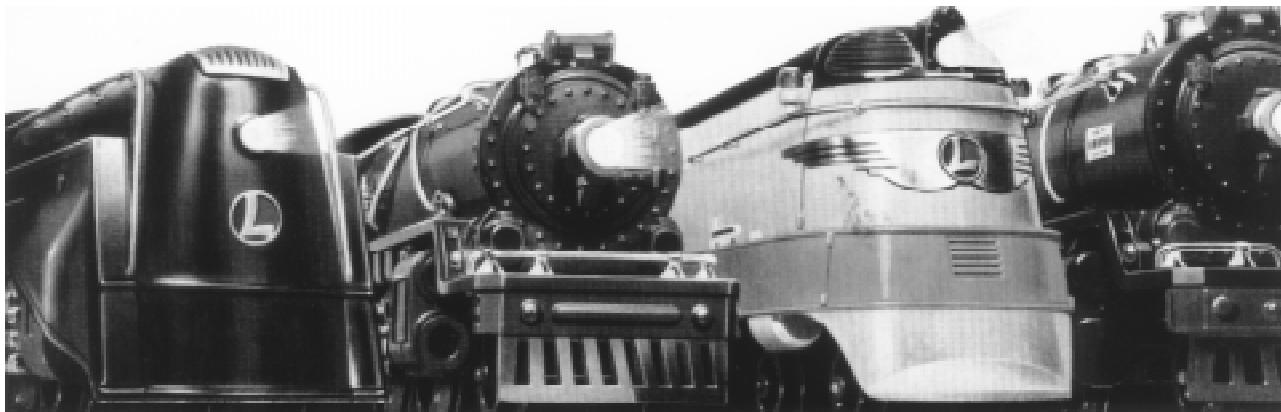
To the left: GM Aerotrain. Right Column, from the top:
Doodlebug, UP Rotary Snow Plow, St. Louis Southwestern
Blade Snow Plow, and UP Big Boy.



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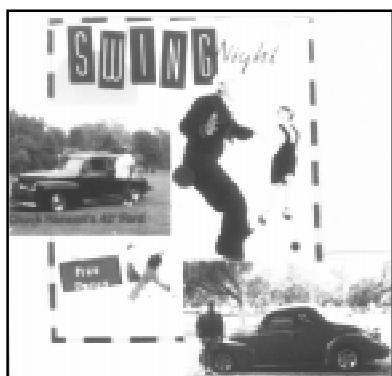


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