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President's Message

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THE MONTHLY MEETS



The monthly Meets and Cal-Stewart are the most important service that TTOS Southwest Division offers to its Membership. The Meets offer the Membership a great social opportunity to talk trains with other Members as well as a venue to buy and sell trains. But that is not all. I offer a train repair seminar at no charge to Members and Vince Garguilo offers a reasonably priced auction service for trains and train related items. David Nissen brings a small layout and demonstrates some of the newest technology in toy train operation. David also has a tremendous knowledge of train operation and repairs and is available to assist you with advice on your problems. Our layout committee sets up our portable layout and they will help you operate your trains if time and space permits. They also can advise you on the design and construction of your own layout. We also have a test track featuring Standard, "O", "S" and "HO" gauge track, and I am usually available to help you test your potential train purchases. The Arcadia hall also offers a complete food service at reasonable prices for those attending and free parking.

But the hall rental at Arcadia is quite expensive at \$830 per month, and we need your support every month by buying tables to offset these costs. The income from table sales, Auction fees, and the \$5.00 Non-Member guest fees usually only covers about one-half of the hall rental. The remainder of the costs is paid for out of your Southwest Division dues, profit from the sale of our souvenir cars, and profit from Cal-Stewart.

THE MEET DATES

We have done our best to schedule our monthly Meet dates to avoid conflicts with other train functions and with special days

like Easter and Mothers Day. But the Arcadia hall is pretty much booked up on all weekends and we do not have much flexibility in moving our monthly Meeting dates. Members who sell a lot expect us to have a Meet at Arcadia every month and complain that they are not getting their Membership dues worth if we skip a month or two. However, we cannot afford to have a Meet on a holiday date like Easter. Few sellers would show up, and even fewer buyers, not to mention the people who work to put the monthly meets on. We are skipping August and having a Membership picnic at L.A. Live Steamers on Saturday, August 9th, because August Meets usually have a very poor attendance. The Picnic is very well attended. Many Members are out of town in August. Please be understanding that we do care and are doing the best that we can. It is impossible to make everyone happy.

Cal-Stewart 2004 is scheduled for November 7 through 9. Cal-Stewart is the largest toy train club sponsored Meet in the western United States. Over the years, I have been able to find everything that I wanted to collect at this Meet without having to travel out of state to buy trains, and then deal with the trouble and cost of shipping them back home. We have to charge a separate admission to everyone who registers, including Southwest Members, because of the tremendous costs involved. This single meet takes considerably more work than all the monthly meets combined! And in recent years, we have barely broken even, and even lost several thousand dollars in 2002. We appreciate your continued support of Cal-Stewart, and if you would like to volunteer to help, please give me a call.

SOUVENIR CARS

We still have a supply of souvenir cars for sale, and we need to sell these before we can afford to invest in a new car. **The Lionel MX Missile car** represents unique coloring and marking on the old Lionel Minuteman Missile car. This is a more realistic application for this car. The Minuteman Missile was (and still is) much longer than a single box car, and the missile does not have any fins on it like was used on the original Lionel Minuteman Missile cars.

The MTH Santa Fe tank cars in black are available singly or in a pack of three, each having its own different number. Also available are the **Lionel Mobilgas Tank Cars** in red.

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SAVE THE DATE!

**CAL-STEWART MEET 2004 DATES ARE NOVEMBER 12-14, 2004
AT THE PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER, EXHIBITION BUILDING**

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Order forms can be downloaded from our web site: www.ttos-sw.com, or can be picked up at the monthly meet, or call me at the above numbers and I will mail you one.

We very much appreciate your supporting this fund raising effort. These cars were made in very limited quantities and should appreciate in value in the future.

DUES RENEWAL

On June 1st, we will be mailing out the dues renewal request for The Southwestern Division. As explained above, your dues money is critical to the continued operation of our club. Your Board of Directors and many other volunteers toil without compensation of any kind to keep our Club running. We need your continued support as a Member of Southwestern.

HELP WANTED

We need a volunteer to handle table sales at the monthly Meets. Kurt Bondi has been doing this and has moved to Las Vegas. This requires you to be at the meet between 9:30am to 12:30pm at each monthly meet. Larry Kirk has been handling this as well as Membership matters at the front desk, and this is too much for him.

We still need a Security person to work the monthly Meets from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This position requires you to make sure that all persons who enter the hall have a badge on. We also need a person to handle Security at Cal-Stewart, preferably the same person for both events. Don Stotts has been doing this for several years and is retiring and moving to Colorado next year. We want Don to train someone before he leaves.

If you can help, please call me at the above phone numbers.

I've run out of room for this message. The subjects will be continued. Please call me at the above phone numbers if you have questions or comments, or want to volunteer to help out. Call anytime, I love to talk.

Larry Pearson, President

Drawing Winners at March Meet!!!

Winners of the Attendance Drawings won some great stuff! Mario Liberatore took home a power tool set which included a drill, saw and 2 power packs. Frank Alabart won a heavy duty hauler toy. Lily Mattes won a K-Line car.

Southwestern Division Officers 2004-2005

President	Larry Pearson
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Recording Secretary	Jerry Price
Membership Secretary	Larry Kirk
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Welcome to Members Who Joined in March!

The following joined Southwestern Division at the March Meet: Bill Corsello, Tony Raimondi, Guy Gullo, and Brady Bispo. It is great to have former members rejoin Southwestern Division!

2004 Cal-Stewart Display Theme: Marx Trains

Plan now to share your Marx trains and accessories in the 2004 Cal-Stewart Theme Display. Contact Hollis Cotton (818) 781-4910, Display Chairman. Assisting Hollis are Hilly Lazarus and Dave Otth.

UP NEEDS YOU!

Lack of Workers Bog Down Trains

A rash of early retirements has left the Union Pacific Railroad with too few locomotive engineers and conductors to keep pace with business, disrupting rail traffic and commerce from Washington to California. The worst problems have occurred in the Willamette Valley, where UP freight trains have sat dead on the tracks for hours at a time while awaiting replacement crews. . . .

UP, the state's largest track owner, has gone on a hiring spree to fix the problems. "If anybody ever wanted to become a railloader, this is the golden opportunity," said John Bromley, a spokesman for the Omaha, Neb.-based company. Many of the problems stem from UP's failure to foresee the number of early retirements among its engineers and conductors — and an increase in shipping demand throughout last year, Bromley said. Nationwide, the number of applications received by the federal Railroad Retirement Board from all railroads between 2001-2003 was 26,000. "That, coupled with the economy, has left us short of people," Bromley said. . . .

UP conductors start at \$40,000 a year, can make \$79,000 within two years and have a good chance at a quick promotion to engineer. "Right now," Bromley said, "I wouldn't think it would take very long."

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Minutes of the SWd Board of Directors Meeting February 11, 2004

Board Members Present: Peter Beam, Larry Kirk, Roy Bell, Kurt S. Bondi, Hollis Cotton, Mike Cunningham, Gary Keck, Fred Kramer, Walter Olson, Larry Pearson, Jon Pincus, Jerry Price and Calvin Smith.

The meeting was called to order by President Pearson at 7:15 p.m.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

A layout report was to be made by Al Vierich, however, he was not in attendance.

Our web-site is currently not up to date and we were told that Harold Shapiro has graciously accepted the responsibility to correct our site free of charge to the club. His goal is to make the web-site user friendly and informative. A motion to accept Harold as our Webmaster was proposed by Roy Bell and seconded by Fred Kramer. The final vote to accept Harold was unanimously passed.

Cal-Stewart for 2004 theme was suggested by Hollis and it will be a MARX TRAINS display. Walter Olson will handle all future raffle events and is trying to upgrade the prizes. He hopes to have everything up and running by May.

The Board voted to have all future meetings at Frank's Restaurant and the next meeting will be March 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

The Sunday meetings will let the sellers in at 10:00 a.m., buyers at 11:00 a.m. and public at 11:30 a.m. The business meeting will be at 1:15 p.m., then the auction and door prizes to follow.

Bruce Lazarus will advertise our meeting dates in various magazines.

Since Vince Gargulio was not at the meeting, it was decided that Fred Kramer would be the guest Auctioneer at the next meet.

A joint meet with Southern-Pacific Division is in the works for the month of April.

Larry Pearson is calling all prior members who have not renewed this year. It was decided that all late renewals are going to be charged \$25.00 for the remainder of the year.

The meeting ended at 9:18 p.m.

Kurt S. Bondi, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the SWD Board of Directors Meeting March 23, 2004

Attendance: Board members Kurt Bondi, Mike Cunningham, Mike Galante, Larry Pearson, Walter Olson, Vince Gargulio, Larry Kirk, Fred Kramer, Bruce Lazarus, Jerry Price and Calvin Smith; members Tony Deneve and Al Vierich.

The meeting was called to order by President Pearson at 7:15 p.m. at Frank's Restaurant. Larry Kirk started to act as recording secretary until Kurt Bondi, Recording Secretary arrived.

It was brought to the Board's attention that Mike Morgan may resign from the Board.

Since Kurt Bondi is leaving the area, Jerry Price has volunteered to be the Recording Secretary for the remainder of the term. It has been proposed that we ask Alan Rebis to become a Board Member if he so desires.

Due to lack of help at the front desk during the train meets, we may ask Dena Hall to work on the front desk if she is able. It may be possible that the club may have to pay people to operate the food concession as they require extra help.

Vince suggested that we form a Finance Committee in order for us to know the income and expenses and keep a tighter reign on our checking account balances. The committee is to be formulated with the Treasurer as chairman, raffles, auction, table

The Layout Corner

Welcome to the Layout Corner! Before this update starts, I want to say a big THANK YOU to Animal, Fred Kramer and Calvin Smith who set aside the time to talk to all the visitors at the Model Train Expo in Pomona in March. Not only did they talk, but they gave out 400 information and schedule sheets for our Southwestern Division. The Layout Team really appreciated your help!!!

It took about seven hours to set up the layout this time because a lot of the layout team brought more of their accessories to enhance the layout. Hal Rothenberg put together a really neat carnival. The kids got a big kick out of it. Erv Hahn brought new power with his power sub station. Chris Kee added to the freight yard with his custom built rolling cranes and Mike Morgan added his MTH bank to accept money from anyone. Just kidding, Mike! The layout members also bring all their locomotive power and rolling stock. So, THANK YOU TEAM, you are what makes it happen.

Our President Larry Pearson was there to support the layout and our Division. Larry is really putting a lot of time and effort forth to make the Division move forward. So, let's get behind him.

Because of the down sizing of the NMRA show in Glendale, there wasn't enough room for our layout this time.

May 1 & 2 is Fullerton Railroad Days and we will be there. Come out and say hello on May 1, but set aside May 2 for our Division Meet at Arcadia.

We are developing plans for you to use the Division Layout starting in June. We have completed the retracking and wiring and will be publishing the game rules for you to run your trains at the Division Meets.

Again, thank you all who come out to support our efforts at these special meets.

Al Vierich, Layout Chairman

sales and membership chairmen and the Cal-Stewart chairman. The motion was seconded by Fred Kramer. Bruce questioned as to who should be on the board. Qualified members only who know how, where and why the money is spent. Suggested members be appointed by the board annually.

Our next train meet is May 2, 2004. Walter contacted GATS to see whether or not we can schedule our meets so that they do not conflict with each other for Cal-Stewart and other events.

Vince stated that Electric Norman may come to our meets—we need a parts dealer. So to lighten his work, we may help with loading and unloading of his parts from the truck.

Cal-Stewart has been pre-paid. Irwin Zigmond was compensated for his tax and bookkeeping service.

Al will do our club layout; however, he will not co-ordinate the layouts for Cal-Stewart. Don Stotts will be asked who he considers able to take over security when he leaves.

Co-ordinating meeting dates with TCA and SP will be Walter's job.

Craig Robinette offered to do our Saturday night auction at Cal-Stewart and pay us. The Board declined the offer. (Ed. Note: Subsequently, the Board has reconsidered Craig's offer.)

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at 7 p.m. at Frank's Restaurant.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Kurt S. Bondi, Recording Secretary

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