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Upcoming Meets:

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION has just two more Meets this year: Sunday, **November 7th**, and an "Open House" Meet on Sunday, **December 5, 2021**.

Open House Meets allow for free admission to the public, with coupon. Plus, the top parts man in the West, **Mike Marple**, sets up his Parts Dept., selling a large selection of parts for Lionel, American Flyer & more.

Meets take place at:

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



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

We feature: Buying & Selling Trains, Operating Layouts, a 50/50 Drawing, a Live Auction at Noon, Repairs, Test Track, Snack Bar & Free Parking.

Doors open at 10:00 a.m. Admission is free for Members, \$5.00 for the public. Kids under 21 are free with adult admission.

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

Toy Train Auctioneer: George Blanch (818) 590-8238.

For more info: call Larry Pearson (818) 848-2653, mornings after 8:00 a.m. The website is www.ttos-sw.org.

Spooky Trains Make for a Super-Scary Halloween!



HALLOWEEN has become Lionel's 2nd biggest holiday of the year. Now's the time to add some creepy touches to your train layout for 2021. Many toy train operators decorate for October 31st by adding miniature pumpkins, candy corn, cauldrons, spider webs or skeletons to the trains. *Dollar stores are a great source for such kitschy stuff!*

Lionel entered the Halloween market less than 15 years ago, with the #6-30056 Transylvania Express of 2007. The graphics mimicked the Pennsylvania Railroad, but with a "TRR" (not PRR) Keystone on the caboose, and a spooky paint scheme overall. This pioneering set, loved by vampires of all ages, ran till 2010.

Just as 1225 became a popular number for Christmas trains, Lionel uses No. 1031 (due to the 10/31 date) to designate Halloween engines. Examples include the 2-8-2 Mikado #6-83606, a USRA 4-6-2 Pacific #6-85175 and an ALCo RS-3 Diesel "End of the Line" train set #6-85253 from 2018, that had eye-catching orange-ballasted track. Lionel also made Docksiders & General-types, decorated for the Transylvania Railroad. There was even a #6-28428 Halloween Handcar, seen here on orange Fastrack.



Currently stuck on a container ship in Los Angeles Harbor is Lionel's newest "Hallow's Eve Limited" LionChief set #2123060, pulled by an 0-8-0 No. 1031 switcher. When released, it will go great with Lionel's earlier Halloween cars & accessories. To see it run on YouTube, visit: https://youtu.be/fIxN_TixacM.

SWD President's Message for October, 2021



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mornings, after 8am.

Please be advised that the following article is comprised solely of my own thoughts, opinions, and experiences, and does not necessarily convey the beliefs and thoughts of the T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division (SWD), and its Members and Officers, or the editor and publisher of The Southwestern Limited. Call me at the above phone number in the mornings after 8:00am if you need to get in touch with me. Call, I love to talk...

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I am very happy to report that I have recruited **Steve Waller** as our new editor of *the Southwestern Limited*. Steve is the President of the Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA), and who also is the editor of their newsletter. I am very impressed with the quality of his work with the TCA Western publication and am looking forward to working with him on our publication.

***The Southwestern Limited*** is published quarterly, and this issue is our second issue for 2021. We will try to publish two more before the end of the year. This issue shows photographs from our first two Meets in 2021, the June 6<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> Meets. Photos are by SWD Member **Martin Folb**.

## ELECTIONS FOR THE SWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the **SWD Board of Directors** are voted in for two-year terms, and 2021 is an election year for 2022-2023. I will be asking for nominations for all Board positions at the

November 7 Meet, and elections will be held at the December 5<sup>th</sup> Meet.

**There is a new sense of urgency with this election!** Most of your current Board Members and workers are in the *elderly* category (ages in the 70s and 80s), and, frankly, we don't have much time left to serve you. It is crucial that younger Members step into your Board of Director positions and learn how the club is operated so they can take over. **Hollis Cotton** and I both turned 80 this year. The way things stand, if one of us were to die, the club could not continue.

We currently need a cashier for the monthly auction to replace **Tony Deneve**, who can no longer attend our meets. We need a Recording Secretary to replace **Jerry Moser**, who cannot attend our Board Meetings to take the Minutes. You don't have to be an elected Board Member to help run the club. You don't have to be elected to serve on the Board. The Board has the power to appoint new board members at any time.



The current elected SWD Officers and Board Members, and their current duties are as follows. It should be noted that many of the Officer duties shown can be delegated to other volunteers.

## OFFICERS

**President: Larry Pearson** Presides over the monthly Board Meetings, conducts the Monthly Meet Repair seminar; serves as the Arcadia

Masonic Center liaison; Monthly Meet Chairman; Chairman of the annual August Picnic at the Live Steamers; liaison with TCA Western, Toy Train Operating Society-Southern Pacific Division and the All Gauge Toy Train Association in San Diego.

**Vice President: Hollis Cotton** Assists the SWD President; in charge of table assignments and Hall Layout at the Monthly Meets; advertising artwork design; Pre-War American Flyer Historian; provides the meeting place for our Monthly Board Meetings.

**Recording Secretary: Jerry Moser** takes the Minutes at the monthly Board Meetings and helps at the front desk and the Table Sales desk at the Monthly Meets.

**Membership Secretary: Nancy Giammatteo** is in charge of the annual SWD Membership renewals and new Member applications; is in charge of the front desk at the Monthly Meets; helps with the Table Sales desk at the Monthly Meets.

**Treasurer: Manny Gonzales** is in charge of the SWD financials.

## SWD BOARD MEMBERS

**Danny Blanch:** Monthly Auction Clerk.

**George Blanch** Monthly Meet Auction Manager and Auctioneer; helps at the Monthly Meets.

**Fred Kramer** Chairman of the Monthly Meet 50-50 Drawing; in charge of SWD polo shirt sales.

**Jon Pincus** manages the table sales of Club donated items; handles all social correspondence.

**Hal Rothenborg** sets up & operates the layout at the Monthly Meets; liaison with and helps set up and operate the SWD large layout at various venues and hands out SWD info.

**Calvin Smith** publisher of *The Southwestern Limited*; design and prints flyers and brochures; prints and mails notices and the Monthly Meet postcards.

**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 & Board members are senior citizens and we need younger people to step up & begin to take over the operation of our Club.



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I am sad to report the passing of long time SWD Member (#3973) **Mike Terry** on October 3rd. Like myself, **Mike** collected cars in addition to trains. **Mike** was a very generous person and used to host a catered open house to view his extensive car collection from the 40's and 50's. My favorites were his 1948 & '59 Cadillac Convertible coupes.

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**This just in**, a founding Member of the Toy Train Operating Society, **Dave Otth** (#257) passed away on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at age 82 from the effects of COVID 19. Although Dave was fully-vaccinated, he had immune system issues that the vaccine could not overcome. He was in a hospital for several weeks before passing. Our condolences go out to his wife Rita, and his family & friends. In a future issue of the *Limited*, we plan to prepare a comprehensive life story on Dave, who was very special in our hobby.

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Please support Southwestern by continuing your Membership, recruiting new Members, making donations to SWD, and attending our Monthly Meets. And, as always, hugs to all, and run your trains often!

— Larry Pearson

SWD In-Person Meets Returned June 6, 2021!



Table Sales Were Brisk at the June 6th Meet!



"Hello! May I help you?"
Lots of trains to choose from!



Excellent Super Speedliner set from 1952, headed up by a LIONEL 2343 Santa Fe A-B-A.

SWD June Meet photos by Martin Folb.



Nice selection of Standard Gauge trains, including the big 219 Derrick Crane Car.



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Monthly Train Meets

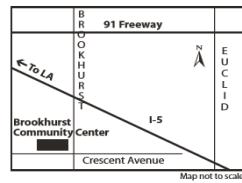
2021 Meets:
Oct. 24th
Nov. 28th
Dec. 19th
(Sundays)

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



PUBLIC INVITED: 10:00 TO 2:00
DONATION: \$5.00 PER PERSON / FAMILY

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



www.ttos-sp.org
For information visit our website
or call Jeff Meyer our President at (909) 851-9846

Train Collectors Association Western Division
Celebrating 67 Years!

Next Train Meet: Sat., November 13, 2021
"Trains & Coffee" at Duke's Café
Parking Lot Meet from 9AM to Noon

Western Division Meeting: Noon - 1:30pm
2099 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Placentia, CA 92870
Order Lunch 11:30 at Duke's Counter and eat in Mtg. Room.

Stephen J. Waller, President
626-710-7768 (evenings)

Robert Caplan, Vice-President
213-369-2446 (daytime)



All Gauge Toy Train Association

San Diego, California

AGTTA Saturday Meets 9 AM to NOON
St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
6556 Park Ridge Blvd.
San Diego, Ca 92120

BUY AND SELL TRAINS

SUPER RAFFLE & SNACK BAR

Contact: Norm Rosen at ncrosen@gmx.com

Website: www.agtt.org

Meets generally 3rd Saturday of the month

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Oct. 16th
Nov. 20th
Dec. 11th
(Saturdays)



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