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## SWD 2022 Meets:

**S**outhwestern Division's Meets take place on the 1st Sunday of each month for the rest of 2022. The official start time is 10:00 am, although you will find sellers arriving as early as 8:00 for set up. The event itself is a high-energy toy train swap meet. Fred Kramer pulls the winning Opportunity Drawing tickets around 11:45am & the Auction starts at Noon, running about two hours.

### Address:

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



### Upcoming Dates:

October 2nd, 1st Sunday  
November 6th, 1st Sunday  
December 4th, 1st Sunday

### Directions:

From the 210 Freeway, exit Santa Anita Avenue; go south 1.5 miles; turn right on Duarte Road. The Masonic Center shares the parking lot with the Arcadia Library, on the left side of the street.

**Featuring:** buying & selling toy trains, operating layouts, a 50/50 drawing, a live auction at Noon, train repairs, test track, layouts, 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, mornings after 8:00 am: (818) 848-2653 (landline) or (818) 994-4890 (cell).

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## Model Trains Meet the Monsters

By Steve Waller, Editor, *The Southwestern Limited*

**S**ince the dawn of movies, giant monsters have always despised trains. An early example was from 1933, when *King Kong* swatted down an elevated train in New York City, just because it annoyed the big gorilla. Click on the colorized clip: [https://youtu.be/FwgdgD\\_BDHE](https://youtu.be/FwgdgD_BDHE).

Willis O'Brien, the special FX master of "King Kong" had his budget slashed for "*The Black Scorpion*" (1957). Instead of custom-built props, off-the-shelf LIONEL TRAINS were used when the drooling arachnid struck!

*Click link to right—>*



*Click on: <https://youtu.be/pJMarxVIWLk> © Warner Bros.*



O'Brien's protégé, Ray Harryhausen, used toy cars and a LIONEL No. 64 street lamp when "*The Beast From 20,000 Fathoms*" (1953) shattered New York. Here's the trailer: <https://youtu.be/e6vNdjrJVRc>. *Godzilla* was unleashed next ([above](#)).

HO-scale trains weren't immune from "*The Giant Claw*" (1957): <https://youtu.be/HWXUFBgsbL0>. Sadly, high-tech computer-generated imagery has replaced the quaint movie miniatures of matinées past...



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# SWD President's Message: Larry Pearson



**SWD President  
Larry Pearson**

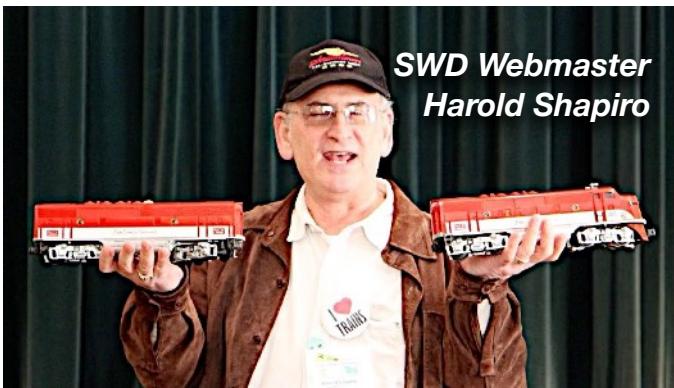
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## MONTHLY MEET POST CARD BY EMAIL

The current Meet announcements are being sent as an email to those of you for whom we have an email address. Starting with January, 2022, we will no longer be mailing out a monthly printed postcard.



Our SWD Webmaster, **Harold Shapiro**, has reformatted the postcard information and added color photos to the email. Sending the Monthly Meet notification this way allows us to include much more information than could be squeezed onto a printed postcard, 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 about 60 current members.



**SWD Secretary  
Nancy Giamatteo**

Please talk to our own **Nancy Giamatteo**, the SWD Membership Secretary, at the registration desk of the monthly Meets, to check on your email status. We plan to continue to print and mail the *Southwestern Limited* newsletter, plus, we will also be sending it out by email. One of the many advantages to

email is that the recipient can easily forward it to their friends. This could very well help to grow our membership.

## REPAIR SERVICE AT THE MONTHLY MEETS



Your old toy trains have a friend in (L to R) Joey Giamatteo, Larry Pearson & Ed Vanderpool.

We have a Repair Clinic at our Meets. We'll work on your toy trains, while you wait! This is one of the most popular features of our Meets. If you need parts, may we suggest you contact Mike Marple: [www.mikestrainslompoc.com](http://www.mikestrainslompoc.com). (See page 7 for his ad.) Mike will attend our upcoming Meet on November 6th.

## 2022 SWD MEET DATES

We have contracted with Sho Tay from the Arcadia Masonic Center for the remaining 2022 first Sunday dates: **October 2nd, November 6th and December 4th, 2022**. Please plan to attend!

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# SWD President's Message, continued...

## SWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Starting in January, 2022, SWD began having its Monthly Board of Directors Meeting at the



**SWD Board of Directors Meeting**

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.

## FOOD SERVICE AT THE MONTHLY MEETS

**Renée Mylander** has volunteered to serve coffee, doughnuts, hot dogs, hamburgers, sandwiches, sodas and bottled water at SWD. In this era of rising prices, our membership really likes the reasonable prices, especially if you order the combo, which includes a side and a drink. Let Renée know what you like to eat; she may be able to vary her offerings in the future.



Renée possesses a food handler's license and is experienced at doing this. Her husband, SWD member David Mylander, has also been helping out, but we do need volunteers every month. *If you can volunteer to help Renée in the kitchen, you'll earn a free lunch!*

## BILL CLAUSEN PASSES AWAY

**The late Bill Clausen (left)** is shown selling at the November, 2021 Meet.



**Bill Clausen**, age 84, died on August 23, 2022, after a fall down a staircase, during a visit with family members in Columbus, Ohio.

Bill was a resident of Huntington Beach, CA and is remembered for his well-stocked sales tables and great love of toy trains. Click on:

[www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/william-clausen-obituary?id=36338811](http://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/william-clausen-obituary?id=36338811)

Most of the current Officers and Board members are senior citizens. We need younger people to step up and begin to take over the operation of our Club. The SWD Officers and Board Members work very hard without any kind of compensation to make our club successful. Please show your respect for them and assist them whenever you can. 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**



*—Photos by Steve Waller*

# SWD July 10, 2022 Meet in Review:



David Nissen was inspired by the 1998 artwork of Stan Cline, entitled "Union Station Los Angeles - 1950."

# SWD August 7, 2022 Meet in Review:



Photos by  
Roger Hill.



LIONEL Classic No. 200 trolley

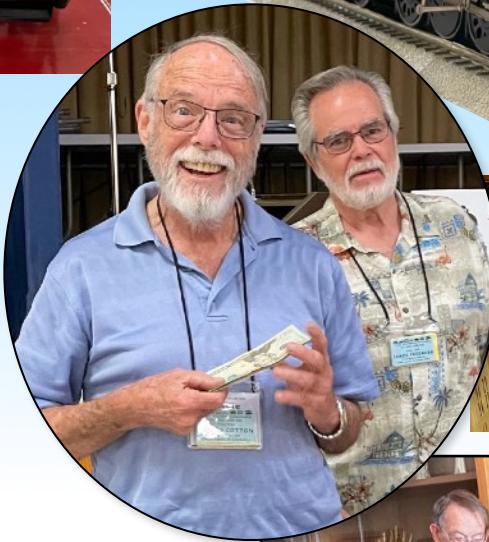


Ulus Ekerman's Big Boys

**Hollis Cotton** was surprised to win \$150 in the 50/50 drawing (right). Spinning the drum was **James Fredburg** (far right, rear).

Double-head **UP Big Boys** run on the club layout, courtesy **Ulus Ekerman** (upper right).

**David Nissen** runs Marx trains on an unusual double-figure 8 layout (lower right).



Eric Nissen's  
Standard Gauge  
layout.



Trains for  
sale!

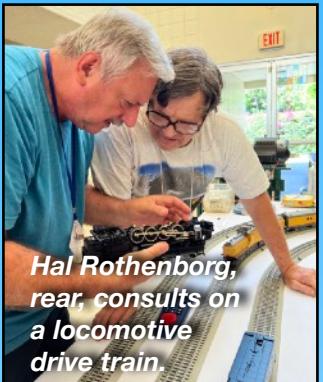


David Nissen's  
'New Marx'  
passenger sets.

# SWD September 11, 2022 Meet in Review:



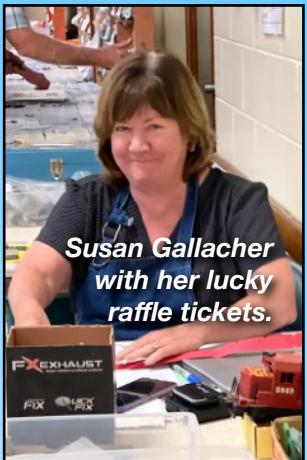
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Skytop Lounge**



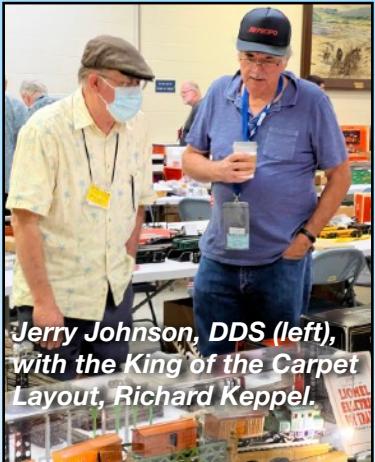
**Hal Rothenborg,  
rear, consults on  
a locomotive  
drive train.**



**Gary Hoover won the  
September 50/50 raffle,  
which was awarded by the  
tireless Fred Kramer, right.**



**Susan Gallacher  
with her lucky  
raffle tickets.**



**Jerry Johnson, DDS (left),  
with the King of the Carpet  
Layout, Richard Keppel.**



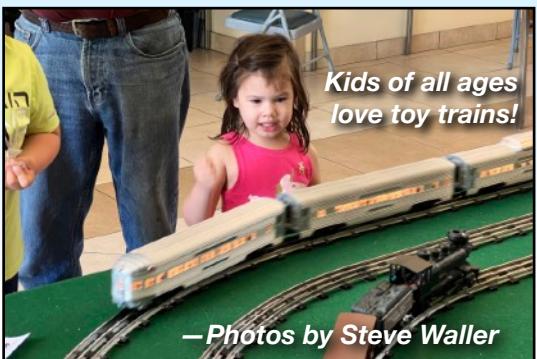
**Jeff Meyer, left,  
President of  
TTOS-Southern  
Pacific Division.**



**Jon Pincus talks  
Standard Gauge  
with Vernon  
Schmidt (right).**



**Greg Pulis  
and Rena Hatala  
volunteered to help  
in the kitchen. (Not  
shown: Chef Renée  
& David Mylander.)**



**Kids of all ages  
love toy trains!**

**—Photos by Steve Waller**



**Big turnout!**



**George Blanch,  
SWD Auction Mgr.,  
with Bill Elliott (left).**

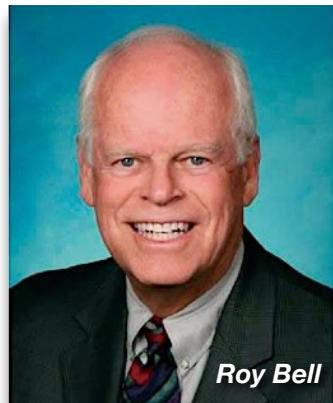
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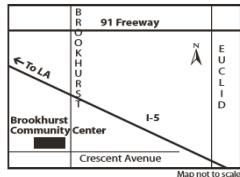
Monthly Train Meets

**Next Meets:**  
**Sept. 25**  
**Oct. 23**  
**Nov. 27**  
**Dec. 9 & 10**

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 For information visit our website  
 or call Jeff Meyer our President at (909) 851-9846

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

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



Note: Trains & Coffee - 2nd Sat., October 8th, from 8 - 11am.



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**2022 Meet Dates:**  
 4th Sat., Sept 24th  
 3rd Sat., Oct 15th  
 3rd Sat., Nov 19th  
 3rd Sat., Dec 17th



### ALL ABOARD! Toy Train Meet: TCA Western Division

**Saturday, October 22, 2022**

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Arcadia Church of the Good Shepherd,**  
**400 W. Duarre Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007**



At Holly Avenue. Enjoy coffee & a doughnut on us! **Celebrate Halloween!**  
 Free Parking. W.D. Members: reserve a free sales table; email [info@tcawestern.org](mailto:info@tcawestern.org).  
 Please check website, [www.tcawestern.org](http://www.tcawestern.org), for updates & future Meet locations.

#### LIONEL "O" gauge Test Track & Toy Train Repair Service.

**Admission:** Free for current TCA Western Division members (show badge).  
 \$5 for non-members (individuals or family groups). Masks are currently optional.

#### Wear your current TCA Western badge for maximum enjoyment!

Membership info: Wayne Sheriff (714) 970-9261 or [cnsrss@roadrunner.com](mailto:cnsrss@roadrunner.com)

**Next Meet:** Sat., Nov. 19th: Joslyn Adult Center, 1301 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA

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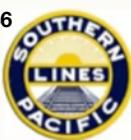
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