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## Upcoming 2024 Meets:

**S**outhwestern Division's Meets take place once a month. The official start time for a meet in Arcadia is 10am, although you may arrive as early as 8am, but please allow sellers time to get set up.

### Location:

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

### 2024 Meet Dates:

November 3 (first Sunday)  
December 1 (first 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 south side of the street.

**Features:** buying & selling of toy trains, with operating layouts, free train repairs, test track, freshly prepared food, free parking and opportunity drawings. The winning 50/50 ticket will be drawn at 11:45 am, followed by a lively auction.

**Admission** is free for Members and \$5.00 for the public. Kids under 21 are free w/adult admission.

### Next Open House Meet:

Sunday, December 1, 2024.

**Repair Dept:** We offer free toy train repairs at our meets, with volunteers Larry Pearson, Joey Giammatteo and Ed Vanderpool at your service. To order parts, see Mike Marple's ad on page 7.

**Sellers:** Tables are only **\$5.00** each!

Call Hollis Cotton  
(818) 590-0553  
to reserve yours!



Los Angeles Live Steamer  
David Lazarus pilots his  
self-built No. 4561 PRR  
decapod steam locomotive.

**T**he T. T. O. S. Southwestern Division Summer Member Appreciation Party & Picnic, took place at the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum in Griffith Park, and was a treat for all who attended. The event started at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 3, 2024. LA Live Steamer members ran the trains, while lunch was served. It was hot, but nobody cared much, because there was plenty of shade and lots of cool drinks.

**SWD volunteers** provided hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, plus a variety of sides, with "cowboy" baked beans, chips, homemade desserts, and several kinds of soft drinks.



Roger Hill photos.

Enjoying a picnic lunch  
at the LA Live Steamers'  
Kountry Kitchen facility,  
under the new yellow umbrellas.

*Picnic coverage continues inside...*



# SWD President's Message: **Fall, 2024**



## **LARRY PEARSON**

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**As always**, I asked for help putting this on, and wasn't disappointed...

I want to give credit to the many volunteers who made our 2024 Picnic a great success.

At the entrance gate:

**Nancy Giammatteo** (in charge of the guest list),  
**Tony Deneve**, **Larry Tozzi** & **Steve Waller**.



***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 & publisher of ***The Southwestern Limited***.

Call me at the above phone numbers in the mornings after 8:00 am if you need to get in touch with me. Alternatively, you can email me at [lpears1941@att.net](mailto:lpears1941@att.net). Please call, I love to talk.

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Cooking Crew:

**Chris Kee, Jon Pincus, & Renée Mylander.**

Counter workers and drinks:

**Larry Pearson, Linda Pincus, Renée & David Mylander, Fred Kramer, Holly Tozzi and JoJo Consino & Steve Miller of J&S Specialties.**

Food purchase:

**Larry Pearson, Jon Pincus, Martin Folb, and Renée Mylander.**

Clean up:

**Jim Baker, Dave Mylander & Don Kallgren.**

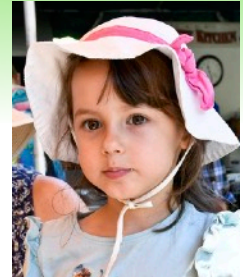
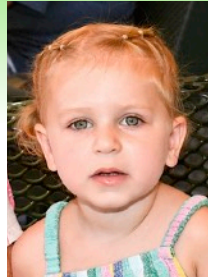
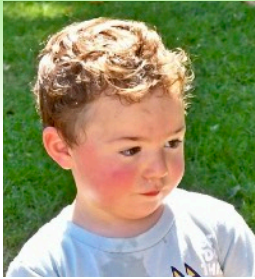
Photos: **Martin Folb, Roger Hill, and Steve Waller**, newsletter editor. (Martin Folb took the photos on this page & top of the next.)



**O**n August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, SWD hosted its second Summer Picnic since the lifting of COVID restrictions at Griffith Park in Los Angeles. It was another highly successful event and we got a lot of positive feedback!



# Kids Eat Free at the SWD 2024 Picnic!

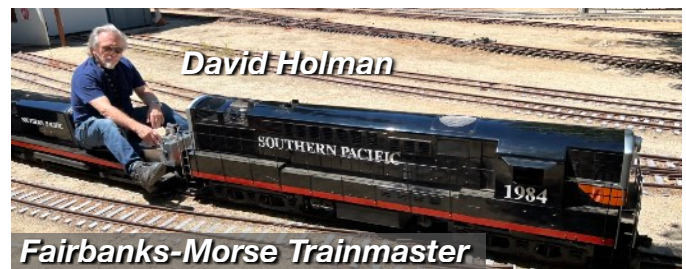


## Live Steamers liaison:

**Don Kallgren**, who arranged for the three trains we had, including two LALS-owned diesel-type locomotives & **David Lazarus'** huge live-steam locomotive. Also, **Steve Waller**, our Walt Disney Barn coordinator, who arranged to have the barn open. Our thanks to Barn Crew Chief **Larry Boone** & his volunteers.



We've already chosen the date for our next picnic, which is August 2, 2025 (the first Saturday of the month) in Griffith Park. We have also gotten approval for all our 2025 dates in the Arcadia Masonic Center. All the dates are first Sundays, except where noted.



*David Holman*

*Fairbanks-Morse Trainmaster*

Here's the entire list: January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 13 (second Sunday), August 2 (first Saturday, for our picnic), September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7, 2025.



*Hollis Cotton & Fred Kramer wear the official SWD polo shirts. See Fred for more Information.*

Please excuse me if I left anyone out. I was in charge of the event and there was an awful lot going on!

## New Members of Southwestern Division:

July, 2024: Jonathan & Khristopher Camacho

Aug, 2024: (No new members, due to picnic.)

Sept. 2024: Jonathan Brier

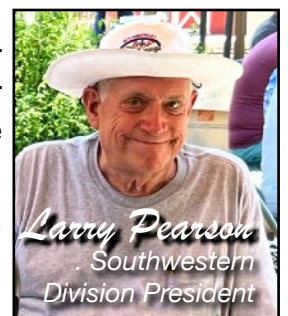


*Mel Bresee*

*Baldwin-Westinghouse Type B electrics*

The SWD Officers and Board Members work very hard to make our club a success. Most of the Officers and Board members are now senior citizens. We need younger people to step up to take on club operations!

**As always, hugs to all & run your trains often!**



*Larry Pearson  
Southwestern  
Division President*



# ***SWD July Meet: Celebrating America!***



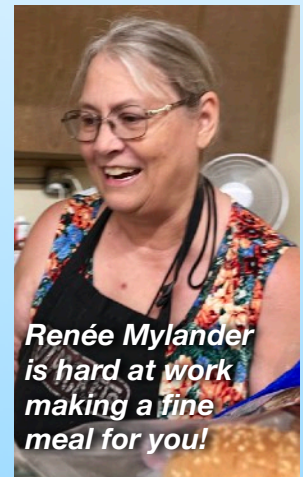
**Ed Vanderpool (left) tackles another train repair!**



**Fred Kramer picks the lucky 50/50 winner!**

**Update on Renée's Café:** Due to an automobile accident that wrecked their car, ruining some of Renee Mylander's food preparation equipment and severely injuring her husband David, the menu at *Renée's Café* may have be reduced for a time.

Renée needs someone to take orders while she is cooking, from 11:00 am to at least 1:00 pm. *It is very important that we get volunteers to help Renee!* (Volunteers get free food.) If you can help, please contact Renee at (760) 490-6788 or show up at the Meet. Some attendees have requested that Renée offer a breakfast menu. This can be done, but only if she gets additional help in the kitchen. For the time being, breakfast is simply coffee & doughnuts.



**Renée Mylander is hard at work making a fine meal for you!**



**A young collector makes his first buying decision!**



**Hi-Yo, Silver! Awaay!**



**David Yantis' LIONEL 156**



# August 3rd Meet: Our 2024 Summer Picnic!



SWD member George Blanch gives the "Hi" sign.

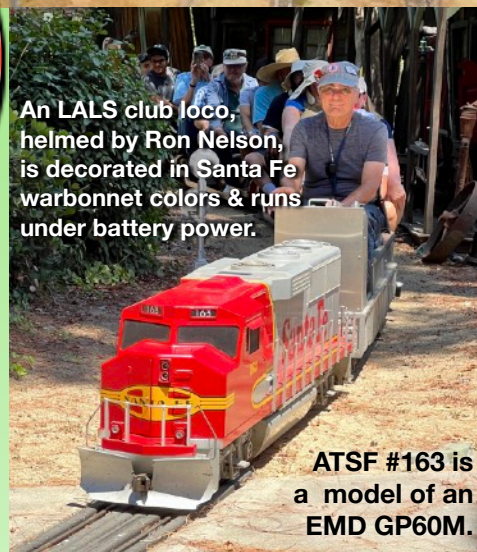


A heavy-laden train, filled with SWD members, rounds the curve by the infield picnic tables.



Gasoline-powered ALCo PA club loco No. 6006, run by Nick Guzman, is painted in Southern Pacific Daylight colors.

The engine is named for Walt Disney's grandson, Brad Lund.



An LALS club loco, helmed by Ron Nelson, is decorated in Santa Fe warbonnet colors & runs under battery power.

Photos by Martin Folb, Roger Hill & Steve Waller



PRR N5C caboose brings up the rear of the steam train.



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David Lazarus pulls into New Sherman Station after a long run on the West End.

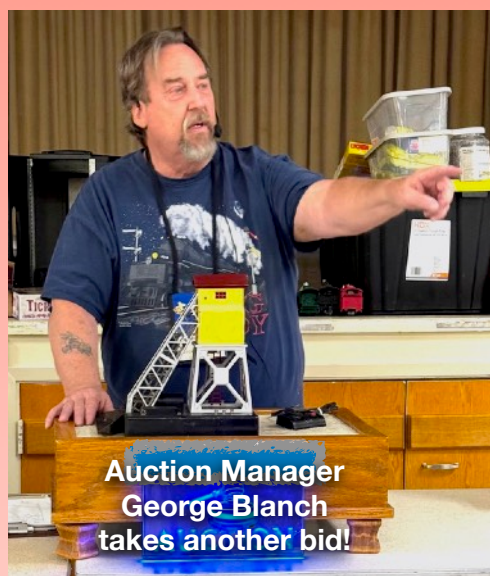


# September Meet: Our Open House Train Fest!



## OPEN HOUSE

T.T.O.S. Southwestern



**Auction Manager  
George Blanch  
takes another bid!**



**Layout Manager  
Ulus Ekerman  
rolls out the  
big Chessie  
locomotive.**



**Mike Marple**, our parts dealer from Lompoc, CA, is not scheduled to be in attendance for the rest of 2024. If this should change, we will notify you in the Monthly Meet Announcements (check your email). For information on how to order parts direct, see Mike's ad on page 7,



**Larry Pearson  
(right) and  
Joey Giammatteo  
at the repair desk.**



**Our next Open House Meet is  
Sunday, December 1st,  
featuring Santa Claus.**



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