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**Happy Holidays to
You and Your Family
May the New Year be
filled with Good
Health and Happiness**

We try hard to have as few “rules” as possible but we do ask that all members follow the few that we do have. An important one for all of us is the wearing of your current name badge issued upon receipt of your renewal dues or a sticker with your first and last name printed clearly which can be found at the front desk. Those stickers are for members who have forgotten their badge and given to you after your paid membership is verified at the front desk. The Guest stickers are issued to guests for the fee of \$5.00. See Larry’s message please.

Some sellers have requested that we mention they prefer to have the time to unpack their boxes without help from early buyers. The seller knows how he has packed his items and waiting a few more minutes can help avoid items being broken or parts misplaced. Kindly ask before going into a box that has not been unpacked.

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2020 Southwestern Division Meets & Event Dates

January 5
February 9
March 1 **
April 5
May 3
June 7 **
July 12
August Saturday Annual Picnic at LA Live Steamers
September 13 **
October 4
November 1
December 6 **

** Open House Meets

**Mark your calendars and
plan to join us! Looking
forward to seeing you!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LARRY PEARSON, President T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division 2017-2018
1108 West Palm Ave., Burbank, CA 91506 818-848-2653 (mornings after 8:00 AM)

*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 TTOS Southwestern Division (SWD) and its Members and Officers or the editor and publisher of The Southwestern Limited. Call me at the above number. I love to talk.
Larry*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2019

2020-2021 SOUTHWESTERN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the SWD Board of Directors are voted in for two-year terms, and 2019 is an election year for 2020-2021. At the October and November Meets, I opened nominations for the Officer and Board Member positions and no new candidates came forth. So, at the November 3rd Meet a vote was taken of the SWD Members present to approve the existing Officers and Board Members by acclamation. This action by acclamation saved the Club hundreds of dollars by not printing a ballot and mailing it and then counting the ballots. The elected SWD Officers and Board Members, and their duties are as follows:

OFFICERS

President: Larry Pearson Presides over the monthly Board Meetings; conducts the Monthly Meet Repair seminar; serves as the Arcadia Hall 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, Model Train Association, 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 Flier Historian; provides the meeting place for our Monthly **Board Meetings**.

Recording Secretary: Jerry Moser Takes minutes at the monthly Board Meetings and helps at the front desk and the Table Sales desk at the Monthly Meets.

Membership Secretary: Nancy Giamatteo Is in charge of the annual Membership renewals and new Member applications; is in charge of the front desk at the Monthly Meets; helps with table sales 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: Handles all social correspondence; helps at the Monthly Meets.

Mike Roman: Meet Photographer, helps at the Monthly Meets

Sheila Roman: Editor of The Southwest Limited; designs fliers and brochures; maintains SWD email file.

Larry's message continued:

SWD BOARD MEMBERS

Hal Rothenborg: sets up and operates the operating layout at the Monthly Meets; liaison with and helps set up and operate the SWD large layout at various venues.

Calvin Smith: publisher of *The Southwest Limited*; designs & prints fliers and brochures; prints & 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. The current Officers and Board Members are all senior citizens and we need younger people to step up and begin to take over the operation of our Club

SWD MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

The SWD Membership dues come up for renewal every year, starting on July 1st. The dues renewal forms were mailed out in June, and most of you have renewed. **Bruce Lazarus** has volunteered to process the mailed in renewals and **Nancy Giammatteo**, our Membership Secretary, handles the renewals and new Members applications turned in at the front desk at the Monthly Meets. In order to enter the Hall, you must be a paid up Member wearing your badge or pay \$5.00 to come in as a guest and wear a guest sticker. Our Monthly Meets have become larger than ever in the recent history of our Club, and things are very hectic at times at the front desk. This situation has allowed some former Members (not renewed) and guests an opportunity to "sneak" into the Hall without paying the guest fee or renewing. Your overworked Board does not have the time to patrol the hall for violators, but at the December Meet we caught nine persons who had not renewed and sent them out to the front desk to renew or pay \$5.00. Some people are attempting to re-use their guest sticker from a prior month.

If you have renewed and have forgotten your badge, you must stand in line at the front desk and get checked out to see if your Membership is current and be issued a "I Forgot My Badge" sticker. We have begun color-coding the stickers to prevent their re-use. In December I helped patrol the hall and confronted several persons with no badge or sticker. One of them got all insulted and said "you know I am a Member!". No, I don't know that your Membership is current.

I ask all of you to help with this effort to prevent fraud. Persons in the Hall without a badge or a sticker might be thieves stealing our trains! If you are renewed with a current badge, please wear it with a neck holder or a clip on badge holder clipped on your shirt, not on your belt or under your jacket.

MORE

This issue is late because I have been very distracted as of December 4th. On that day I was a victim of a home invasion robbery. I spent the night in the hospital and missed our Board Meeting that night. I am slowly recovering but still do not have the full use of my right arm. This happened in Burbank. All they wanted was my money. I still have my trains.

Please 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.

Welcome to Our New Members

We hope you will be able to attend our monthly meets and annual August Picnic

**Dan Kost, John McCuen, Howard Packer, Michael Santell, Mark Swinkles,
Paul Wasserman and David Yantis**

Our member, Alfred Elias, has offered to share his story and photos of his train layout. Thank you for sharing.

Circa 1968, in Whittier, Calif., at the age of about ten years old, I received a Tyco HO Santa Fe freight set from my uncle for Christmas, this started my interest in trains. About a year later I bought my neighbor friend's train set that was given to him by his uncle. My friend never played with it. It was a complete 1950/51 Lionel Scout set with engine no. 1110 all still in their original boxes and its original but worn set box. I still have both these childhood train sets. My younger brother and I ran those trains hard including a couple of head on collisions. Gomez Adams instilled some bad ideas into us. My mom gave me a bottle of A in 1 oil to oil the wheels, I did not know about armature bushings or brushes yet. At Christmas time the Scout set ran around the Christmas tree like other years until about 1973 when the box of trains in our bedroom closet went into hibernation. Girls were now more important as was school, sports and then cars. Then about 1990 I saw an advertisement in our local paper about a GATSHOW (Great American Train Show). I started thinking about my old Lionel train set that was still at my parents home in the closet. So I went to investigate this show inside the Pomona Fair Grounds building (maybe more than one building at that time). Wow! is what I remembered when I entered the building. I had no idea there was this large Trainworld of people out there. Different gauges, old trains like mine and new ones, plastic diesel locomotives, huge operating layouts, accessories, etcetera, etcetera. There I met a TTOS SWD member, Eric Solis. He invited me to visit his shop and look at his trains for sale whenever I wanted. The next week I went there and discovered his shop was inside a rented storage room about the size of a one car garage at a Public Storage business in Baldwin Park, Calif. He was well known by the employees there because he had been renting for some time and they all liked him so everything was good. Besides repairing O gauge trains there he also had a small layout to run and test trains and accessories. I started visiting him on weekends and he introduced me to the differences of O gauge, O27, prewar, postwar, modern era, wheel arrangements, different transformers, etcetera. The first engine I bought from him was a 224 steamer in good running condition and I now had something to go along with my 1110 Scout engine. When I got home I noticed a big difference between the two. Besides being heavier the 224 had more driving wheels and a lot more stylish (Boxpok wheels), pulled more cars, was better looking with a lot more detail. I attended a Cal Stewart meet with him one time in Pasadena. I noticed there were a lot more better quality trains that I did not see at the larger train shows. I thought boy, this is a nice train show. I bought more trains and train cars from him over a few years until he passed due to illness. I then started attending more of these large train shows like the one at Pomona where fliers were always being passed out advertising local clubs and train related stuff. I finally visited the South Western Division in Arcadia about ten years ago and became a member after meeting and talking to people there. I soon learned how to repair trains watching Larry at the repair table. Repairing a locomotive and watching it run on a layout after sometimes literally not running for decades can be fun.

My layout at home is in our bonus room and it is very simple, (And I am lucky to have a wife that is happy to see me happy playing with my trains) it is 11' x 14'. It is what I consider a "Shelf Duck Under Layout". The trains run around the perimeter of the room so you have to duck under if you have to get inside but it is controlled outside. It is supported by large shelf brackets attached to the walls and vertically mounted wooden dowels supporting the edge of the table to the floor. It used to be a two loop O gauge layout until several years ago when I added two loops of Standard gauge track. I never thought I would have Standard gauge trains until the owner of the The Train Stop in San Dimas, Calif., suddenly passed and the family held a two day inventory sale in 2012. If you missed it you would not believe the prices people were talking about. Mike Roman can testify to that. I purchased my first Standard gauge engine there, a #402 double engine Electric type locomotive in operating condition and a passenger car to go with it. A once in a lifetime event. I then added an American Flyer Standard gauge steamer and cars to my layout. As you can see in the photos there is some construction taking place on my layout. I am adding a third loop of O gauge track but this time with the long ago discontinued Super O track, a more realistic looking track system. There are no switches on my layout so derailments are not an issue. Power is supplied by a four train Lionel Z (not ZW) 250 watt transformer for my two Standard gauge engines and two CW-80 watt transformers for O gauge trains with Railsounds. With Lionel's introduction of their digital Railsounds system in the nineties our layouts have come to life. I also have several different Railsounds boxcars so my prewar and postwar trains have modern digital sounds. I am an operator and not a collector of mint, or like new condition trains with or without original boxes. I prefer trains that have been naturally weathered over time so they have the appearance of being outside in the elements. A little rust is okay too. After a cleaning and oiling they are put on the rails. I know my preference is very unorthodox to many in the hobby but that is what works at home and the kids don't care or notice and there is no worrying about an engine or train car getting a scratch here or there. I have something to say about our four train repair people, Joe, Ed, Wayne, and Larry. If it were not for our repair table at our monthly meet, I would not enjoy the hobby as much as I do because it helps our struggling hobby. By helping someone who needs their engine repaired and for free, it makes that person happy and willing to come back and stay in the hobby and maybe even join the club. They may even spread the word. When we leave our monthly meet acknowledge the repairmen as we pass by the repair table with something like, Hey guys, or, Atta Boy guys keep up the great work helping those in need, we need them. Who would stay in this hobby if their train(s) do not run and they don't know anyone to turn to? Those repair guys are doing a stupendous service for our hobby.

In conclusion, I say enjoy our hobby to the fullest and give those steamers the maximum amount of coal and spin those drivers like we did when we were kids. Have fun.

Alfred Elias



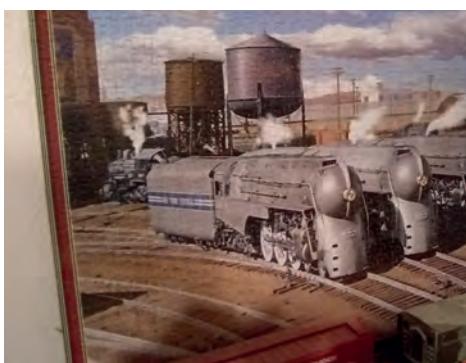
More From Alfred



▲ My first two train sets from childhood. Lionel Scout freight set and a Tyco SF freight set.



The American Flyer aluminum passenger set is from 1934. The photo above it is the prototype from 1934 of the model. It was the first diesel powered passenger train. The original prototype passenger set was manufactured by the Burlington R.R. co.



▲ A Lionel scale size caboose. Layout is currently undergoing some work of adding a loop of Lionel Super O track.



Here is an example of a naturally well weathered American Flyer standard gauge stock car with cattle.



1 gauge Atlantic steamer by Lionel.



▲ The General. Civil war era locomotive.



Here is a well weathered American Flyer Standard gauge flat car.

A Lionel #221 Century 21 limited locomotive. ▼



My wife, Brenda, and me at Universal Studios

Family at Christmas



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TOY TRAIN MEET

Monthly Train Meets

MEET DATES 2018

JAN 28, FEB 25,
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 JUL 22, AUG 26,
 SEP 23, OCT 28,
 NOV 25, *DEC 16

May/Dec
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PUBLIC INVITED: 10:00 TO 2:00
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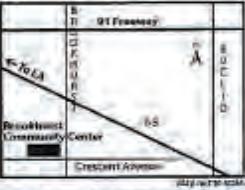
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 400 W. Duarre Road, Arcadia, CA 91007
 —Dec 8, 2018. Jan 26, Feb 16, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 18

At the Arcadia Park Center:
 405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006
 July 27, Aug 24, Sep 28, Oct 26, Dec 14, 2019

Note: Dates and location subject to change. Check website www.tcawestern.org

Questions?
 Stephen J. Waller, President
 Robert Caplan, Vice-President
 (No Meets in June or Nov.)

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 email: info@tcawestern.org

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All Gauge Toy Train Association

San Diego, California 2019 Meeting Schedule

AGTTA Saturday Meets 9 AM to 2 PM
 St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
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Meet Dates 2019

Sat Feb 16	Sat Jun 15
Sat Mar 16	Sat Jul 20
Sat Apr 13	Sat Aug 17
Sat May 18	Sat Sep 21

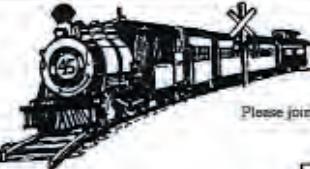


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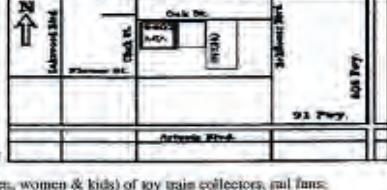


Please join us for our meetings at the Womens Club of Bellflower
 9402 Oak Street (Clark and Oak)
 Friday Evenings at 7:00 pm

Call for 2018 Dates

For information call
 Larry Garrett at 714-893-2979
 Bruce Engelbach at 562-925-7797

We are a diverse group (all ages - men, women & kids) of toy train collectors, rail fans, and modelers of all gauges (2 to the real Locomotive). Our meetings feature historical slides and videos, usually of actual Railroads.



Wouldn't your advertisement for your business look good here?
 Or how about recognition of a special birthday or anniversary or remembering someone who is special in your life?

Photos from the October 2019 meet



More photos from the October 2019 meet



The member who was to give his interview was not available so we have decided to tell more about the Big Boy's travels nearby.



Fred Ruby, one of our members had a great time “following the Big Boy” and his meet up with Ed. Here is his comment:

“These are from Friday Oct 12. Ed was so cool, the shy granddaughter Lyla took to him and he to her. Grandson Aidan had a blast.

See more about the Big Boy on the next page.



Photos from the November Meet



More Photos from the November Meet



Some Big Boy History:

Union Pacific 4014 is a four-cylinder simple articulated 4-8-8-4 Big Boy-type steam locomotive owned and operated by the Union Pacific Railroad. Built in 1941 by the American Locomotive Company (ALCO) of Schenectady, New York, No. 4014 is the only operating Big Boy of the eight that remain in existence.

The locomotive operated in revenue service until 1959. It was donated to the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society in late 1961 and thereafter displayed at the Fairplex in Pomona, California. In 2013, Union Pacific re-acquired the locomotive and launched a restoration project at their Steam Shop in Cheyenne, Wyoming. In 2019, No. 4014 was operated for the first time after it sat dormant for almost six decades. Part of Union Pacific's heritage fleet, it now operates in excursion service, in addition to hauling revenue freight during ferry moves.



In the beginning of October 2019, Calvin Smith was awarded the 50th Year California Golden Veteran Award in a Pinning Ceremony of the Masonic Organization. This is an honor to receive and we give congratulations to Calvin.



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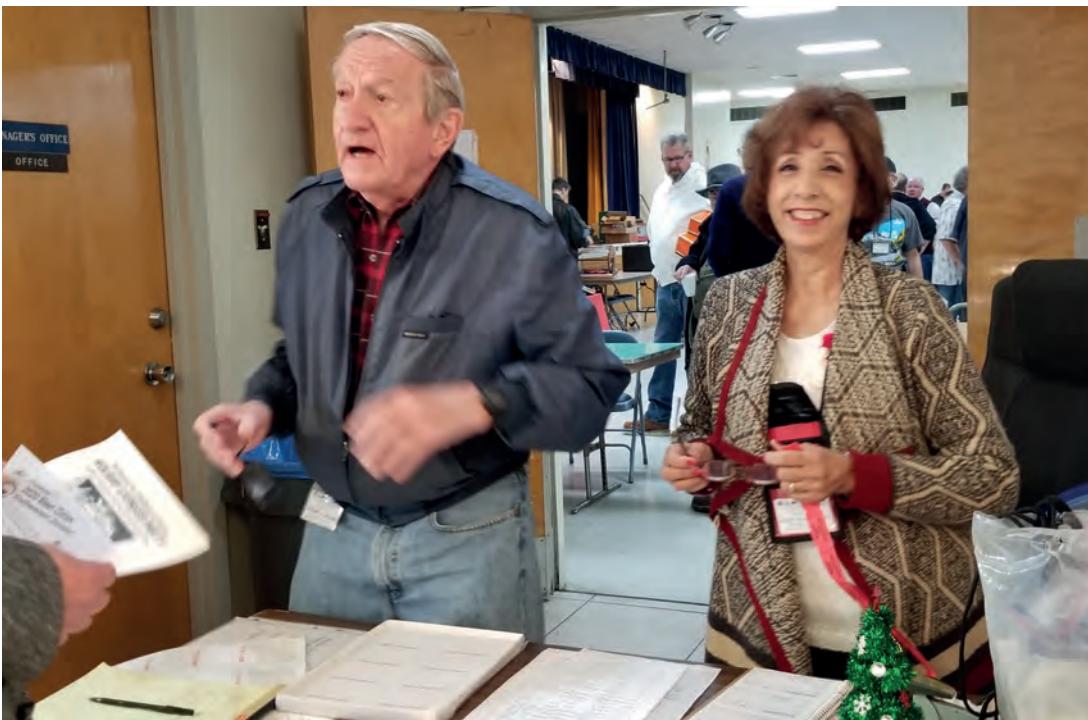
Check out the website: mikestrainsandhobbies.com

I will be attending the following T.T.O.S. SWD Show Dates in 2020:

March 1st, June 7th, September 13th and December 6th

It is with great sadness we announce the loss of Lynda Smith who has helped make this newsletter, The Southwestern Limited, printable. She was an associate of Calvin's who taught me many things and inspired me to help with this project. She will be deeply missed. Her husband and son will be there to help me in the future. Sheila Roman

Photos from December 2019 meet



Welcome to our meet. Nancy and Jerry will help you check in. Have your White badge ready and go right in. If you forgot your badge they will check to be sure your dues are up to date and



More Photos from December 2019 meet

This December Holiday Meet was special in many ways. We were happy to see so many of you and your families there as well as so many new guests. Our Raffle team, Linda and Fred Kramer, worked so very hard to get the 1st Prize to the highest yet \$800.00 which then gave the winner \$400.00 and the Club the other half. Our lucky winner was Rocky Mc Fadden who in turn donated \$100.00 back to the club. Thank you so much Rocky!



More Photos from December 2019 meet



Happy Holidays to All!!

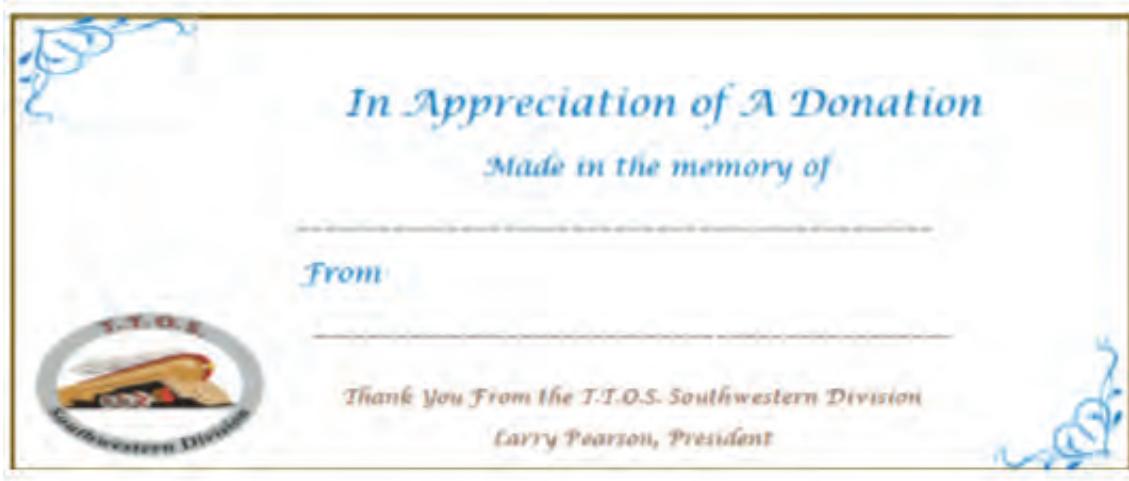
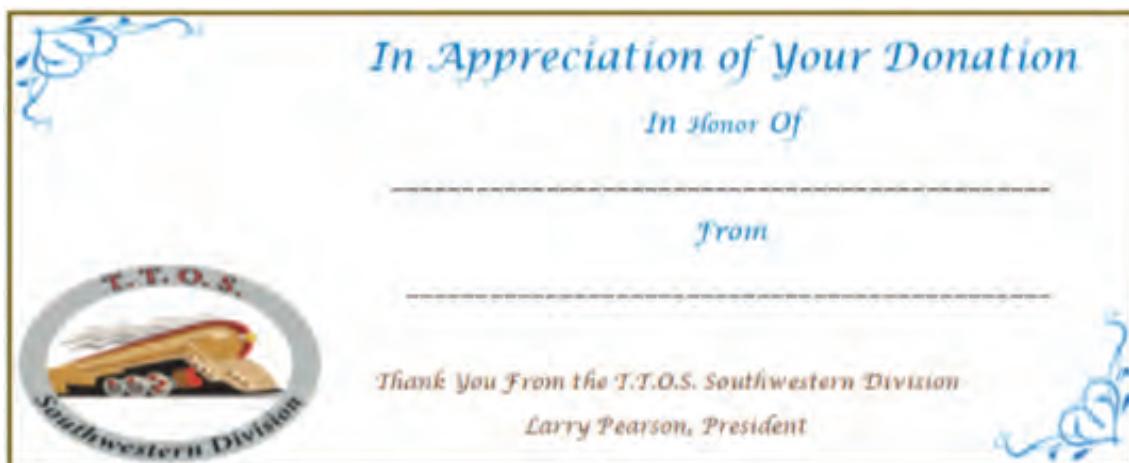
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Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/790865/>

We have found a way to acknowledge donations made to TTOS SW Division using the certificates below. If you would like to honor someone for a special achievement, birthday, anniversary, graduation or any occasion in their lives, we are happy to send a certificate to the one you honor as well as to you. Any amount donated will not be disclosed unless you ask that it should be noted.

We also have a certificate to send to the family of someone who has passed away if you would like to donate in their name.



Officers and Board of Directors & Volunteers 2020

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TTOS Southwestern Division always needs volunteers!

Please feel free to talk to any board member about becoming a volunteer. There are so many ways you can help our club. We are always looking to have more join in on making our club as great as can be. As we increase membership and have more tables filled at each meet, we can use your help. Let us know what you would like to do to join in keeping our club as good as it is.

Looking forward to hearing from you by calling Larry Pearson or talking to us at the next meet!!!!



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