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2026 SWD Meets:

Southwestern 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 7AM, but please allow sellers time to get set up. Opportunity drawings are at 11:45 AM and the auction starts around noon, at which time the sellers start packing up.

Location:

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



Upcoming 2026 Meets:

Oct. 4 (first Sunday)

Nov. 1 (first Sunday)

Dec. 6 (first Sunday) Holiday Meet and Open House; Drawing for a toy train set: only "New Attendees" may enter to win.

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, complete food service, free parking and opportunity drawings. The winning 50/50 ticket will be drawn at 11:45 AM, followed by a lively auction.

Repair Clinic: We offer free toy train repairs at our meets, with volunteers Larry Pearson, Joe Giammatteo and Ed Vanderpool at your service. To order parts, see Mike Marple's ad on page 7 or visit Corey Friend's tables at the meet.

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

Sellers: 8 foot tables are only \$5 each!

Club members: Call Hollis Cotton at (818) 590-0553 to reserve yours!



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Southwestern Division President's Message

PICNIC WRAP-UP



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The August, 2025 T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Member Appreciation Picnic at the Los Angeles Live Steamers in Griffith Park is now in the history books. It was a great event & I can't thank the volunteers enough!

At the front gate: Nancy & Joe Giammatteo, Dora Parra and George Blanch.

At the food counter: Renée Mylander (Manager), George & Adrian Blanch, Linda Kramer, Holly & Larry Tozzi, Ed Vanderpool, Adrian Ruby, Dave Mylander.



*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. Or email me at lpears1941@att.net. Call, I love to talk.*

SWD 2026 MONTHLY MEET DATES

The 2026 SWD Meet dates remaining are:

October 4 (1st Sunday) Halloween meet

November 1 (1st Sunday) Thanksgiving

December 6 (1st Sunday) Holiday Meet and Open House.

Note: Our "Open House" Meets feature special drawings for first-time attendees. We hope this will attract new members with this promotion. The typical prize is a toy train starter set.

We have more information on the passing of our long-time TTOS member **Jerry Moser**, which was reported in the last issue. Please click on: www.ueckerwitt.com/obituaries/jerome-jerry-moser

SWD ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL

Southwestern Division annual dues are renewed on July 1st of each calendar year. You should have received a postal letter which has the 2026-2027 Dues Renewal form. Our dues haven't changed: still just \$30.00/year. If your payment is late, your SWD Membership remains in place for three (3) months, ending with the October 4th Meet date, when we will no longer honor the yellow badges. There is no extra charge for late renewals, but the fee remains at \$30.00 until July 1, 2027.

Cooks: Fred Kramer, Jon Pincus, Holly Tozzi.

Cold Drink Tubs: Ed Vanderpool, Joe Giammatteo.

Photographers: Martin Folb, Renée Mylander.

Live Steamer Volunteers: Don Kallgren (Liaison), Roger Cheng, Wayne Crabb, Ferrin Katz, Ron Nelson and Michael Strawn. LALS-RM President: Nick Suncin.

Disney Barn: Larry Boone & the Carolwood crew.

Food Purchases: Larry Pearson, Jon Pincus, Hollis Cotton, Renée & Dave Mylander.

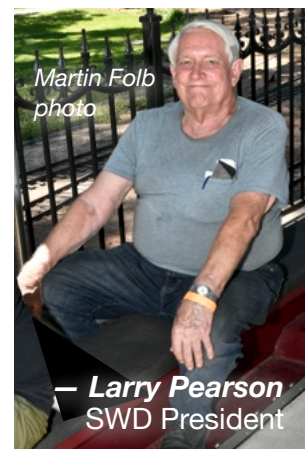
Cleanup Workers: LALS staff, Ed Vanderpool, Bill Elliott, Roy Elliott. Renée & Dave Mylander.

Please forgive me if I missed any volunteer's name. Rest assured that your efforts were appreciated!

In hopes of avoiding more hot weather in the future, we are considering moving the event to a different month next year, possibly May. We will have more news as plans develop.

Two new members joined us in September. Let's welcome Peter Godesthalk and Donald Sweetnam to the club!

I hope everyone enjoyed our picnic this year!



— **Larry Pearson**
SWD President

TTOS Southwestern Division's July 12th Meet



Lee Johnson (left) won the 50/50 prize. Fred Kramer awarded the cash, with an assist from Adrian Blanch.



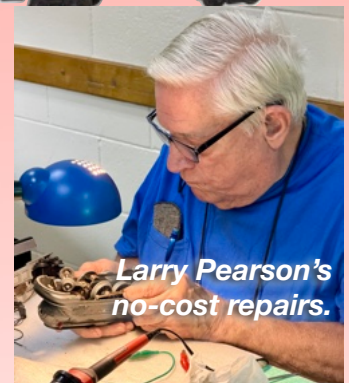
Photos by Steve Waller



Ulus Ekerman (above) at the club's Modern "O" gauge layout.



The details bring David Nissen's layouts to life...



Larry Pearson's no-cost repairs.



LIONEL UP 4014 Vision Line Big Boy is properly weathered.



Eric Nissen performs surgery on a Hiawatha pilot, while Bill Senyak holds the patient down.



LIONEL 2333 AA units in Ex. condition sold quickly at a nice price.



Corey Friend (left) & son Cameron check inventory. The Friends had six tables at this meet, including two tables of parts.

SW Division's Vice-President's Message

2026 PICNIC HAPPENINGS

As this year's TTOS picnic chairperson, I would like to thank everyone for making this year's event at the Live

Steamers park a success. Truthfully, the only issue that I heard about was that it was too darn hot!



Renée Mylander

Nancy Giammatteo and her crew greeted everyone at the gate, gave them their bracelets, and checked them in. Also at the gate, there were foldable fans that members and guests could have to help keep themselves a bit cooler. A new item at the picnic was

goodie bags for the kids.

Martin Folb did a great job as our photographer; he could be seen catching a variety of angles. The Disney Barn was open for members and guests to enjoy, and there were two trains running courtesy of the Live Steamers.

All of the kitchen crew worked together to make and serve hamburgers, hot dogs, and even veggie burgers. There was a nice variety of toppings for the main dish. Further down the line was potato salad, coleslaw, cowboy beans, vegetables with spinach dip, choice of potato chips, and fruit cups.

For dessert, the club had its first annual bake-off where there was a choice of eight different desserts. There were four different offerings of cookies, a chocolate trifle, a coffee-flavored trifle, cheesecake bars with fresh fruit on them, and a toffee cake. All of these desserts were on a table where they were self-serve. Each entry was given a number with a brief description of what the dessert was. Then everyone was encouraged to vote on their favorite dessert.



Baking Contest Winners

Photo by
Renée Mylander

I would like to thank everyone for participating in this year's bake-off. 3rd Place was awarded to "Hot Rod" Joe (above left) for his chocolate chip cookies, 2nd Place was Rena Hatala (middle) with her chocolate trifle, and 1st Place (above right) was Holly Tozzi with her cheesecake bars. The first place winner received \$50 and the second place winner won \$30. There was a trophy for all three, plus a goodie bag with a hand mixer and other fun gifts.

I also want to thank the cleaning crew for all their hard work. They are the unsung heroes of any event. Funny note: we did have a party crasher that wasn't found until cleanup. It was a **skunk**; luckily, it is believed that its scent glands had been removed previously. Imagine what the worker thought when that trash can was emptied!

I wish I could list everyone by name who volunteered their time and talents, but I don't want to miss anyone. A big thank you goes out to all the Los Angeles Live Steamers who allowed us to use their venue for the picnic and who volunteered their time to run the trains.

We are already planning next year's picnic and would love any suggestions. *BTW, we can always use a few new volunteers!*

- Renée Mylander

TTOS Southwestern Division Vice-President

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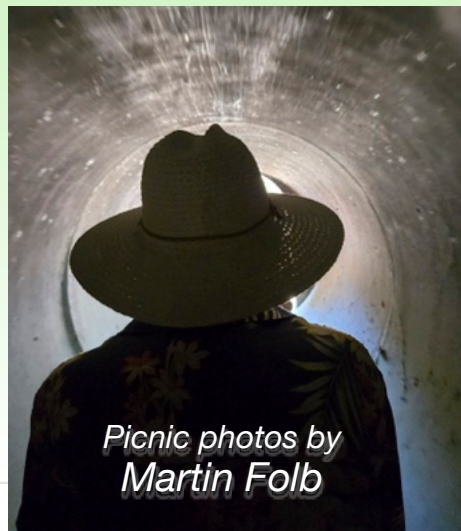
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TTOS Southwestern Div. August 8th Picnic



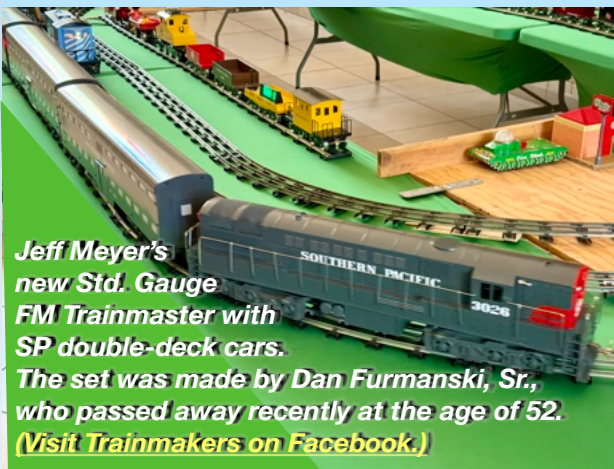
Southwestern 'Open House' Sept. 6th Meet



Matt Tafel's son Andrew (below) was the winner of the "Open House" drawing — a CAT Construction Express.



Greg Pulis cheers for Renée Mylander on her big 50/50 win.



Jeff Meyer's new Std. Gauge FM Trainmaster with SP double-deck cars. The set was made by Dan Furmanski, Sr., who passed away recently at the age of 52. (Visit Trainmakers on Facebook.)



Joe Giammatteo (left) and Larry Pearson (right) at our free Repair Clinic.



George Blanch, TTOS-SW Auction Manager



Action at the September Auction.

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