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Upcoming 2024 Meets:

Southwestern Division's Meets take place on the 1st Sunday of each month, with occasional exceptions. The official start time is 10:00 am, although you might find sellers arriving as early as 8:00 am. Please give them time to set up!

Arcadia Masonic Center

50 W. Duarte Road
Arcadia, CA 91007



2024 Meet Dates:

- May 5th (first Sunday)
- June 2nd (first Sunday)
- July 14th (second Sunday)
- August 3 (first Saturday):
Los Angeles Live Steamers picnic in Griffith Park.
- September 8 (second Sunday)
- October 6 (first Sunday)
- 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.

Open House Meets: June, Sept. & Dec.

Parts Dept: Visit Mike Marple at the SWD meet in June, offering 10 tables of toy train parts. See his ad on page 7.

Sellers: Tables are only **\$5.00** each. Call Hollis Cotton (818) 590-0553 to reserve yours.



Bring Your Appetite to SWD!

by Steve Waller, editor



Renée and David Mylander work as a team in the SWD Kitchen.

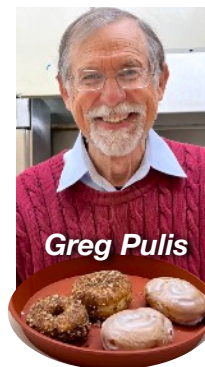
Have you noticed lately how good the luncheons are at Southwestern Division? *That's no accident!* Renée & David Mylander have been working hard recently to make sure that the meals at **Café Renée** are most delicious & nutritious!

Worthy of mention are Renée's lunch specials. I recently enjoyed the Grilled Chicken Club Sandwich Special, which includes two sides and a drink. I'm here to testify that this was

the best quick-serve meal I've eaten in the greater Arcadia area, and that includes **Tops Drive-In** in nearby East Pasadena, which is saying something, because Tops is really good.

Chef Renée's culinary skills are top-notch, but she's probably too modest to admit it. Renée credits all the folks who help her, including her husband David, who aids in cooking and

delivering the orders in a timely manner. When things get a little hectic on the far side of the counter, Renée enlists the aid of her friends Jo Jo & Steve Miller of J&S Specialties, as well as volunteers such as Greg Pulis and Rena Hatala, among others.



Greg Pulis



Rena Hatala

The more the merrier! **Would you like to get involved?** Volunteer to help at an upcoming meet. Even just an hour of your time can make a big difference in kitchen efficiency. See Renée or David...

Dave still has his table at the Meets, thanks to Bill Harding, who keeps an eye on the Mylander trains. Renée was recently elected SWD Vice-President and has been focusing on social media to help grow the club. *Great job, everyone!*

SWD President's Message: **Spring, 2024**



LARRY PEARSON

President, 2024-2025

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**SWD President
Larry Pearson**

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## **NEW SWD BADGE HOLDERS**

SWD Vice President **Renée Mylander** has designed and acquired 400 new badge holders for our Membership badges. The badge holders are blue and feature a zippered pouch on the top of the back-side. They are of the new design that all clubs are now using.



They are available at no charge at the front desk at our Monthly Meets. Just slip your cardstock badge behind the clear plastic sleeve. Our current badge color is neon green.

## **WE NEED TO HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS**

Starting with January, 2022, the Monthly Meet Announcements will only be by email, and no longer by post card.

Make sure to keep us informed of any email address changes. Our

quarterly publication, *The Southwestern Limited* will continue to be printed and mailed out. So it is also

important that we have your

current mailing address. But an advance copy of the *Limited* will also be emailed out.

Past issues of *The Southwestern Limited* are archived on our website: <http://ttos-sw.org/newsletters.htm>.



Our web master, **Harold Shapiro**, handles the emailing of all announcements via a platform called Mail Chimp. Harold maintains his own email data base, which he uses for these announcements.



Whenever we send an email message out to the T.T.O.S. Southwest Division Membership, Harold gets a list of bounced messages from Mail Chimp. The March Meet Announcement had 24 discrepancies reported to Harold



by Mail Chimp, which means that two dozen of you are missing out on this information.

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# 'Swing into Spring' with Southwest Division

Harold passed the discrepancy list to me & **Nancy Giammatteo**, our Membership Secretary, for resolution. Nancy is still working, and doesn't need this additional workload. So, if you have a mailing address or email change, please notify me at the above phone or email addresses, or you may contact Nancy via email at [nangm55@gmail.com](mailto:nangm55@gmail.com).



**David Nissen** maintains the SWD Membership roster and this information will be forwarded to him. David also makes the cardstock badges. You can pick these up at the Meets or we can make arrangements to mail the badge to you.

## SWD ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL

SWD annual dues are renewed on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. You will be sent via mail the 2024-2025 Dues Renewal letter in June, 2024. Our dues will remain at \$30.00. We will continue to honor your Southwestern Division Membership for three (3) months, ending with the October Meet date. There is no additional fee for late renewals, but the renewal fee remains \$30.00 until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.



I want to thank all the Board Members and attendees at our Monthly Meets and the annual August picnic for continuing to make our Club the biggest and best toy train club on the West Coast.

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 and Board members are senior citizens and we need younger people to step up and begin to take over the operation of our Club. **Why not bring the grandkids to our next Meet?**



*Billie Peppers with grandson Buddy Lee.*

Please support Southwestern by continuing your Membership, recruiting new Members, making donations to SWD, and attending our Monthly Meets.

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

*- Larry Pearson*

T.T.O.S. SWD President

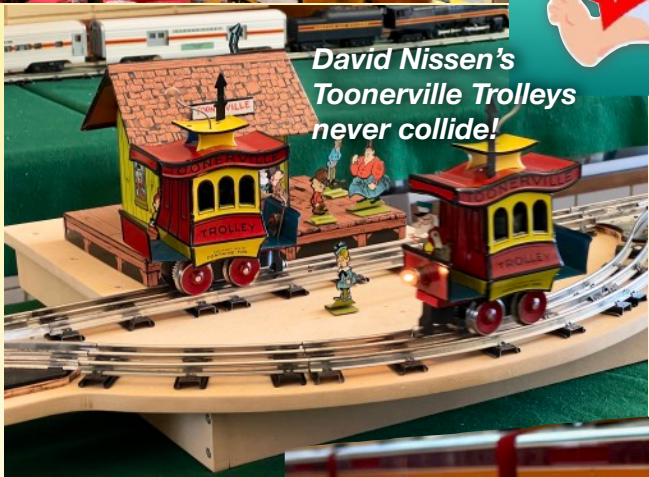
## In Memoriam - Susan Fredburg

SWD member Jim Fredburg's wife Susan, age 70, passed away on February 26, 2024.

Our condolences go out to the entire family at this very sad time.



# SWD January Meet: Happy New Year!



2024 SWD Meet photos by Roger Hill & Steve Waller.



# February Meet: Happy Valentine's!



Tina Corsello won the February 50/50 prize, plus a heart-shaped box of Valentine's candy!



Larry Pearson repairs an old electric motor.



Above: Larry Tozzi fills in as the auctioneer in February. Well done!

Right: Ulus Ekerman's Lionel ATSF 5001 black bonnet 2-10-4 on the club layout.

# SWD March Meet: St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Big turnout in March!

Ulus Ekerman's LIONEL #1941 Dept. of Defense train.



Mike Marple returns in June with parts galore!

See his ad on page 7.



Fred & Linda Kramer award the March 50/50 prize to George Blanch.



Denyse, Colette & Tina enjoy a ladies' day out.



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June 23  
July 28  
Aug 25  
Sep 22

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## TCA Western Division

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Contact: Western Division President Jon Lang at (310) 871-8315 (voice/text)



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- May 18
- June 15
- July 20
- Aug. TBA
- Sept. 21
- Oct. 19
- Nov. 16
- Dec. 14

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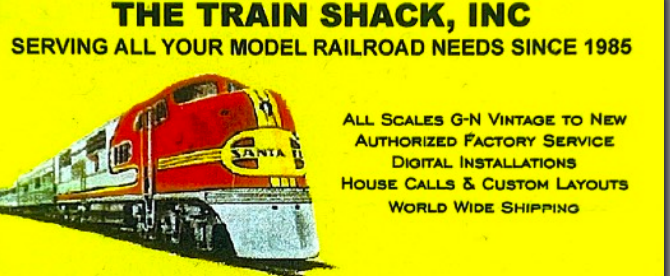


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