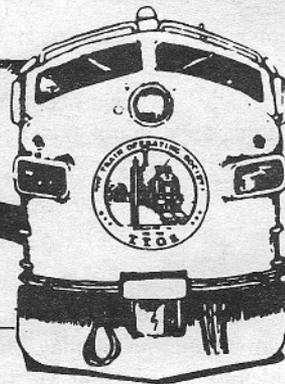


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2006-07 DUES RENEWAL

This is a second reminder for those of you who have not gotten around to sending your Southwestern TTOS Division dues renewal in, to **please do so right away**. If you don't renew, this will be the last mailing that you will receive from Southwestern Division. Although there is no longer a late fee applied to Members who renew late,

you still have to pay the full \$25 even if you renew in 2007. So why not renew today and get a full 12 months of Membership benefits? If you have lost your brown dues renewal form, you can renew by writing a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to **TTOS SW Division** and mailing it to:

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Southwestern Dues continue to remain at \$25.00 per year. We sincerely hope that all of you will re-join for another year. When you consider what you get, \$25 is a terrific bargain! Peter Beam will be available at the August 12th Picnic to take your Southwestern Division Dues renewal.

If you move, please send me your new address and phone number at the above address so you will continue to receive our mailings. Every month we get returned mail from Members who moved and their forwarding has expired.

NEW 2006-07 SOUTHWESTERN MEMBERSHIP BADGES, IN COLOR!

David Nissen keeps track of Southwestern Division's Membership records and prepares the Southwestern Membership Badges. For 2006-07, Southwestern Division Badges have a whole new look! They are in vibrant color and no longer are in a "tear out of the postcard" format. If you have renewed your Southwestern Membership for 2006-07, we ask that you pick up your badge

at a monthly Meet or at the August Picnic, to save us the considerable expense of mailing these cards out to you. Thanks for your help on this.

2006 CAL-STEWART BROCHURES

The 2006 Cal-Stewart brochures have been printed and are being shipped to you with the September issue of the *TTOS Bulletin*. Look for it and fill it out and **mail it in immediately**, before you misplace it. Additional copies will be available at future train meets. We plan to mail a copy first class to all attendees of Cal-Stewart 2005. So you might end up with two copies. The color scheme is American Flyer S-Gauge box blue, and for Cal-Stewart workers, the special limited edition souvenir Workers Hat will be blue with a yellow bill. The 2006 Cal-Stewart meet commemorates the 60th anniversary of American Flyer S-Gauge. The 2006 Cal-Stewart brochure with registration form can be viewed and downloaded from our Cal-Stewart website: www.cal-stewart.org

THE 2006 CAL-STEWART MEET OPERATING MX MISSILE SOUVENIR CAR

The 2006 Cal-Stewart Meet Souvenir car is a new operating MX Missile Car from Lionel (6-52431). This is a companion to our 2002 Lionel operating Missile Car (6-52287). The 2006 Missile Car has a gray roof and is color matched to the Lionel 6-26876 Missile Firing Trail Car (available separately from your Lionel dealer and found on page 96 of the Lionel 2006 Book One Catalog). This car will be available in much smaller numbers than past souvenir cars, and will sell out quickly. We expect to ship by November, 2006. A full-color flyer with order form is being sent to you with the September issue of the *TTOS Bulletin*. There is also a place to order the car in the 2006 Cal-Stewart brochure registration form. Or you can download an order form through our Cal-Stewart web site: www.cal-stewart.org.

WARD KIMBALL SOUVENIR CARS

The American Flyer S-gauge Ward Kimball Souvenir cars have been shipped, and most of them were received by the lucky purchasers during the week of July 17th. I received mine on July 21st, and the car and the custom box are beauties! The special box with Ward's caricature, the Grizzly Flats Station, and Ward's signature is unique and has to be a first for Club Souvenir Cars. If you haven't received yours by the time you read this, please

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contact **Bruce Lazarus** at (818) 225-1710 so he can check up on your order. We have been told by Lionel that the "O" gauge Lionel Ward Kimball cars have been manufactured, but "missed the boat" from China, and are not expected to arrive in Detroit until the end of August, with shipment expected in the first part of September.

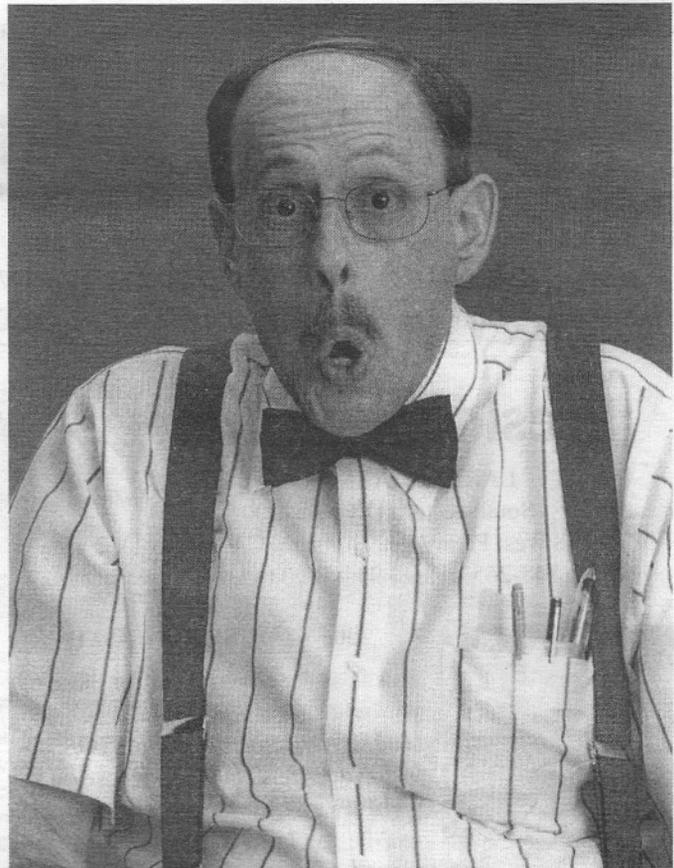
**NEW BANNER IN FRONT OF THE
ARCADIA MASONIC CENTER**

If you attended the June or July meets at Arcadia, you probably noticed our beautiful new red, white and blue two-sided vinyl banner announcing our Sunday Meet to the public. The banner covers both sides of the existing Masonic Center sign on the front lawn and is approximately 3' by 8' in size. It is front lit at night and is put up on Friday if there is no Saturday event that has its own sign, or on Saturday afternoon after the Saturday event is over. The sign says: TRAIN SHOW, THIS SUNDAY, 11:30am - 2:00pm. Southwestern Member **Larry Tozzi** came up with the idea and had it made for a very good price through his contacts at the studios. This sign has already increased public attendance at our Sunday Meets, and we hope to get some new Members out of it.

YOU'RE KILLING ME, LARRY

If you read the paper, watch TV, or listen to the radio, you probably have noticed all of the ads for mattresses lately. One of them, for Sit'n Sleep, "Your Mattress Superstore", features Southwestern Member **Irwin Zigmond**, who has become some sort of celebrity through all of this. The ads feature Irwin, the accountant, and Larry, the President. Every time Larry lowers prices, Irwin cries out (in a simulated voice) "You're Killing Me, Larry". Sometimes on TV, Irwin even has smoke coming out of his ears. There is an interesting story behind this. In real life, Irwin Zigmond and Larry Miller have been boyhood friends since they were 12 years old. And Irwin has been Larry's business accountant since 1978, over 25 years. And Larry Miller really is the President of Sit'n Sleep. Also, Irwin is TTOS National and TTOS Southwestern Division's accountant. And I am Larry, Southwestern's President. But I would never do anything bad to Irwin. We need him! Next time you see Irwin at one of our Meets, ask for his autograph. He is a real celebrity!

Larry Pearson, SWD President



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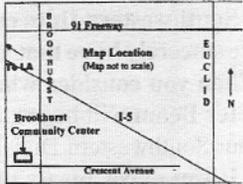
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A Visit to Peter Beam's Layout

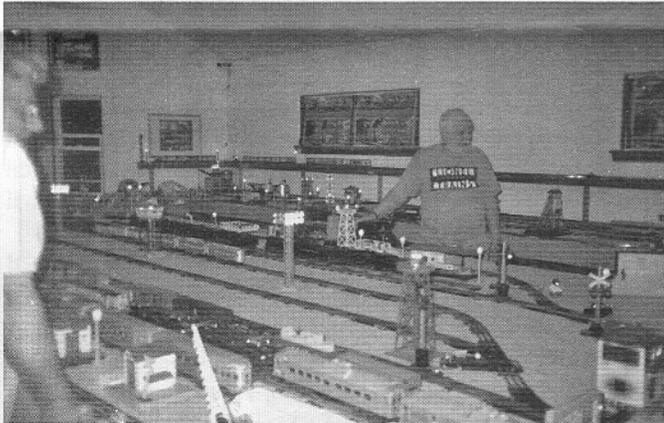
The Limited staff joined several SWD members at Peter Beam's layout for an evening of operating toy trains. Peter's 18 ft x 25 ft layout room was completed in 2002. Designed by Peter on a modular platform for Post War Lionel 0-gauge, the layout features 1 mainline with 4 different bypasses, switches for the 8 sidings, and many lights and accessories. The elevated trolley line runs 35 plus feet along a wall.

Peter's favorite line is Santa Fe. He received his oldest engine on Christmas Day 1946. Favorite accessories are the 182 Crane and the 164 Lumber Loader. Power supplies are 1 ZW for track and accessory motors plus 5 Zs to run all the lights and turnouts, which called for considerable rewiring of accessories with lights.

A feature of the layout room is the sleeping loft designed like an upper Pullman Berth with ladder and with port holes like a Port Holes Caboose. A train storage closet is beneath the loft. (photos by Phyllis Smith)



Peter explains his controls. Note the sleeping loft port holes at the top of the picture. The trolley line is elevated across the back of the layout.



Peter runs one train at a nice even pace, using bypasses to confuse the audience. The trolley continues across the back, with bumpers at each track end to reverse its direction. The layout is well lit, with the 5 Zs maintaining even current.



Top picture on right, Peter at the command post with log book in hand. Note the accessories and sidings visible.



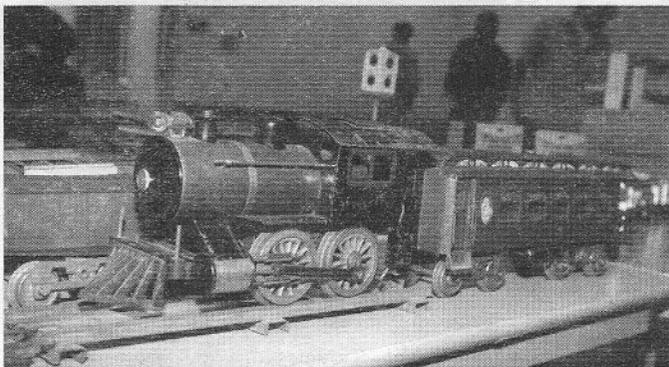
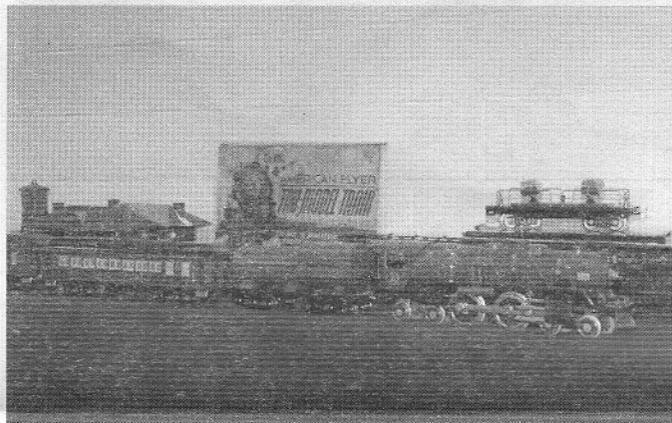
Middle picture on right, looking down the layout towards the bay window with a nice window seat for watching trains. Some sidings hold trains, main line is at far left. Layout room features a cathedral ceiling

Bottom left, closer look at the elevated trolley line and some of the accessories on the layout. Note the Lionel curtains covering the windows. The fabric was found at Walmart.

Bottom right, trains on the move. The edge of the ladder to the sleeping loft is visible in the left hand background. Peter's snack center is in the right hand background. Note the 1957 Lionel Train Map on the wall.



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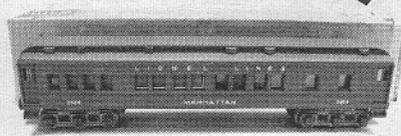
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A lot of interesting Lionel and American Flyer Standard Gauge trains were at the July Meet, including a Lionel #5, a Blue Comet set and a Toonerville Trolley, just waiting for Southwestern members to take a look at them! Plan now to attend the remaining 2006 monthly meets. Be sure to register for Cal-Stewart promptly for the early bird registration fee. Cal-Stewart Brochures are in the mail and on their way to you!

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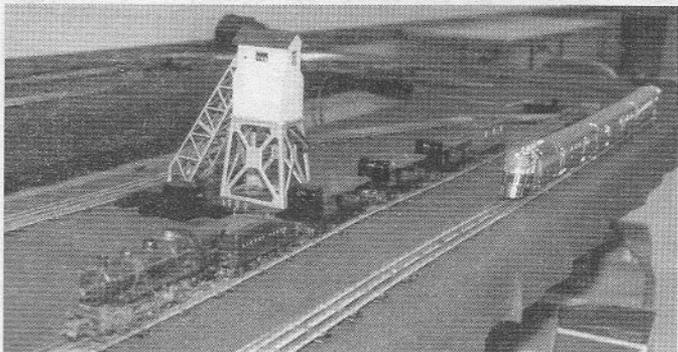
More July Meet



Fred Kramer smoothly handled the auctioneer duties at the July Meet.



The Club's modular layout adapted to the above configuration.



Steam and Diesel engines pull cars on Dave Nissen's layout.



The Drawing Winners — Two won twice!

Beware of Stolen Trains

Here is a partial list of trains stolen from Jim Lockie-Brown, a very long time Norcal TCA member. Trains were stolen out of boxes at his home over the past few months and the boxes were left, so Jim did not notice anything missing for some time until about 2 weeks ago. Jim lives in Richmond, CA. *[Editor's note: boxes were left to appear as if nothing was missing!]*

If you know anyone trying to sell trains that you are suspect, please let Jim know and the Richmond Police. Here is a partial list of the trains he is missing:

Gantry Crane; UP No. 6318 - SD 60M MTH; KW Transformer; Z Transformer; Lionel 1666 Set - Engine, Tender, Gondola 2677, Baby Ruth Car 2679, Dump Car 3659, Caboose 2682; Lionel Grey 763E with Vanerbilt tender & 4 semiscale freight cars; ABA Southern F3; ABA NYC F3; ABA Sante Fe F3; AB Denver & Rio Grand F3; Rio Grand Rotary Snow Plow 6-8459 - Lionel; Norfolk & Western Stack Cars; Rutland Box Car 6-9710; NY Central Pace Maker Box Car 6-9754; Lionel 736E - Steam Engine; Gang Car 60; #60 Trolley; Firefighting Unit; Army Switcher; Navy Switcher; 2460 Red GG1; Lionel Train Master #2341; 773 - Steam Engine+Tender; Jersey Central-Trainmaster 2341 New in Box; Virginian Trainmaster - Blue & Yellow- New in Box; Virginian Trainmaster - Black & Yellow- New in Box; Grey Topped Lackawana Trainmaster; Covered Hopper Car 6-9135; Aluminated Pullman Car #2444 - Red Stripes; Observation Car 2446 - Red Stripes; 746 Steam Engine - Locomotive/Tender; Lionel General Steam Locomotive; F3 B Unit - SP - Custom Paint Job; 2800 series Freight Cars; 228 060 Semi Scale Steam Switcher; 060 227 Semi Scale Steam Switcher; 2600 Freight Cars (6-9); 1950 20-23 Set; Marklin Presentation Set - track, switches, transformer; freight engine, 3 cars; Burro Crane 3360; Operating GM Generator Car 3630; Powered Baggage Mail 404; Baltimore & Ohio 3 Car Budd RDC Commuter; Powered Baggage Mail 404 - Powered; Milwaukee Road 2351 EP5; Tie-Jector Car #55; Steam Engine & Tender 736; Wabash Diesel Engine GP7 #2337; Balast Tamper #54 - Maintenance of Way Unit; Firefighting Unit Car #52; Lumber Car \$2651; Dump Car #2659; Box Car #2655; Tanker Car #2654; Cattle Car #2641; Caboose #2657; Whistle Controller #167; Reproduction Pennsylvania Passenger Set - 3 cars; Baggage - Observation - Passenger (Williams); 2460 Solid Strip Red GG1; 2442 Plastic illuminated Vista Dome Car - Red Stripe; 2445 Plastic illuminated Pullman Car - Red Stripe; 2532 Aluminium illuminated Vista Dome Car; 2531 Aluminum illuminated ??; Railway Express Billboard Reefer 6-9863; SP Cab Forward (Williams); Mickey Mouse Stoker Engine; Lionel 259E Set (Engine + 4 cars; American Flyer (Engine + 3 cars); Rail Chief Cars (4 Red) - Lionel; 1 Amtrak Set (MTH) - Engine +4 cars; 3 Piece Diesel Engine Set (MTH); Rectifier Electric (Engine - MTH); and, unfortunately, many more.

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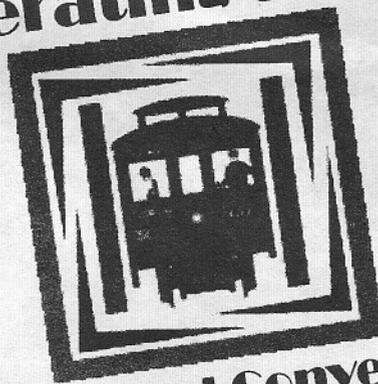
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In the evening on Wednesday, socialize in style with club members on the high seas onboard John Wayne's yacht the **Wild Goose** and cruise the scenic Newport Harbor.

Thursday evening, make plans to attend our railroad themed **Grand Reception**. Displays of small operating layouts, railroad related memorabilia and scheduled, a rare vintage firearm once owned by a railroad tycoon.

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Are you still seeking that hard to find prized piece? The **40th Auction Banquet** on Saturday evening may just have it. On Sunday, the 40th TTOS National Convention welcomes the public to visit the Operating Layouts and Trading Hall.

We hope to meet you at the 40th TTOS National Convention, August 14-20, 2006.

John Bowman and Brian Fields
40th Convention Co-Chairs
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(Ed. note: please check the website for current information)