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March Meet: Sunday, March 13, 2016 Open House Free Parking 10am

Mike Marple Parts from Lompoc is coming to the March 13th Meet

ORDER PARTS: Call Mike Marple 805-736-6747 with your list

TABLE SALES • DRAWING • AUCTION • LAYOUTS • FOOD

Family Fun • Repair Clinic • Test Track • 50/50 Drawing 11:45 a.m.

Auction 12:00 Noon • Snack Bar • Operating Layouts to run your trains

SELLERS: All Tables \$5.00 Each! Call Hollis Cotton at 818-590-0553

AUCTION SELLERS: Call Richard Kobliner 818-324-2562

Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 West Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007

SELLERS AND MEMBERS: 10 a.m. — EAST Side Door

Bring Resale Permit copy and show '15 -'16 T.T.O.S. SWD Badge

Public: 10 a.m. \$5; children under 21 free with paid adult

Special Note: Daylight Savings Time Starts Sunday, March 13, 2016

"Spring Forward" one hour (Yes, you'll lose one hour of sleep!)

Set your clocks and alarms before going to bed so you get to the March 13th meet on time!!!

Special Note: this is your reminder for the March 13th T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Train Meet!

Please See President Larry's Message on Page 2

- Thank you **Mike Stella** for donating the Valentine Gifts for the Ladies at the February 14th Valentine's Day Meet.
- **Hal Rothenborg** was regrettably omitted from the list of Board Members who donated items for the Cal-Stewart 2015 Grand Drawing. Our apologies. *Thank you, Hal, for your support of the Club.*
- **Mark your Calendars Now:** Cal-Stewart 2016 will be held November 18, 19, & 20, 2016 at LA County Fairplex Building #6 in Pomona. Easy unloading & loading. In & Out Parking. Lots of Electrical Outlets. Bring your own Food into the Hall. See page 5.
- **The Train Shack, Inc. Annual Super Sale** is Saturday & Sunday, March 19 and 20, 2016. (They'll be closed Friday, March 18th to get ready for the sale.) Don't miss this one!! The Train Shack has supported Cal-Stewart and T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division for many years. *Thank you, Train Shack!!*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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



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 and publisher of The Southwestern Limited. Call me at the above phone number in the mornings after 8:00am if you need to get in touch with me. Call, I love to talk.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION FINANCES

I want to take this opportunity to welcome our newly elected Treasurer, **Rich Kobliner**, who also serves as the Auction Manager. Rich has a college degree in accounting and has immersed himself in analyzing the Club finances to see where we stand and how we can improve things. Before Rich we relied on our CPA, **Irwin Zigmond**, to give us a monthly accounting report that, frankly, was so complex that none of us really understood it. But it showed that we were financially solvent, and that is all I really cared about. But our costs of operation are going up and we have to figure out ways to offset that or we will have to look at increasing the dues and other fees we charge. I want to avoid this if at all possible.

Our major sources of income are dues, guest fees, Auction commissions, 50-50 Drawing income, donations, Cal-Stewart Souvenir Car sales, and Monthly Meet Table Sales. Of these income sources, the Cal-Stewart Souvenir Car sales income is the biggest source of income for us, and if we don't continue to do this, we will have to raise our dues and other fees to make this up. Surprisingly, the Cal-Stewart Meet is, nominally, a break even event. Some years we make a little money and some years we lose a little money. If we could figure out a way to get a better attendance from the public, this could make good money. Cal-Stewart is basically a train collector meet because of what is for sale. There is not much for sale there that appeals to young families with children. That is why we have layouts at Cal-Stewart. The souvenir car associated with it is where we make our money. **Bruce Lazarus** heads up the souvenir car operation and is hard at work on our next car. We hope to continue with the highly successful LIFESAVERS tank car series. The annual Picnic at Griffith Park Live Steamers is priced to break even.

Our major sources of expense are Arcadia Masonic Center Hall rental including setup and tear down (\$1200 a month), printing and mailing expenses for *The Southwestern Limited* and the monthly postcard, and forms and fliers, accounting fees, liability insurance, and Directors and Officers insurance. The Monthly Arcadia Meets generally lose several hundred dollars which has to be made up from other sources of income. As a cost saving measure, we are eliminating the monthly postcard during those months when we mail out *The Southwestern Limited* by including the postcard information in the magazine. Look for it on page 1. Rich Kobliner has made changes to our accounting methods to reduce costs there. Since we operate as a California Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation, we normally

make very little profit and pay little, if any, income tax.

Any donations you can make to the club are very much appreciated. When you renew your dues every July, there is a place on the form for a donation, and quite a few Members donate from \$5 to several hundred dollars, and this is **very much** appreciated. Donation of items to the Club in the monthly and Cal-Stewart Auctions help offset our expenses. For example, **Rob Moore** donated a wonderful roller coaster to the Club Auction at the January Meet, and its sale generated over \$300 for the Club. Because of this we actually broke even financially at the meet in January.

THE SWD AUCTIONS

In addition to being the newly elected SWD Treasurer, **Rich Kobliner** also serves as the Auction Manager. His accounting skills serve him and the Club very well there, too. Our Monthly Auctions go on non-stop for three to four hours, and this can be very stressful for **Rich** and **Anari**, who work together to clerk the auction, in addition to managing it. **George Blanch** does almost all of the auctioning, again non-stop, for the duration of the auction. **Tony Deneve** works as the cashier, and his work gets very hectic when the auction finishes and the buyers and sellers line up to pay what is due and collect their money. The reason I am saying this is that **Rich**, **Anari**, **Tony**, and **George** could use some help to give them some rest during the three to four hours that the auction typically lasts. Call **Rich** at 818.324.2562 if you can help in some way.

There have been complaints about how much time each seller gets. We have an Auction list and each seller gets 25 minutes to sell his or her stuff. Sometimes we run over this. At the February Auction **Larry Poland** was allowed go to 40 minutes because this was his last meet with us, and he needed to sell his stuff. Larry is moving to Chicago. Sellers who have a lot to sell are allowed to return later and sell some more. I have been told that "there is no money left" for the sellers further down the list. We don't agree with that. If you have good stuff, it will sell well no matter where you are on the list. I found this out last year when I sold some of **Larry Kirk's** stuff that he had left with me to repair before he died. I was told that you can't get good money for trains at our auction and was prepared to buy all of it for myself. The prices realized were way more than I wanted to pay, and I bought nothing. Our auctions are very entertaining for the Members even if you don't intend to buy anything. We have been running out of seating so I added nine more chairs for the February Auction.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE CLUB MOBILE LAYOUT

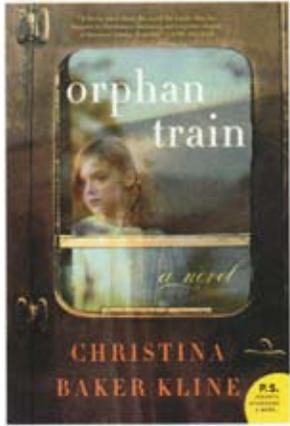
Hal Rothenborg oversees the large layout at the Monthly Meets. Hal reported at this month's Board Meeting that **Mike Morgan** needs help with setup and tear down of the Club portable layout when it is taken to commercial train shows and Fullerton Railroad Days. If you can help, call **Mike** at 805.368.6649. These meets are important to us because we hand out literature promoting SWD.

Please support Southwestern Division by continuing your Membership, recruiting new Members, buying our souvenir cars, and attending our monthly Meets and Cal-Stewart. **As always, hugs to all, and run your trains often.**

Larry Pearson, President

Pasadena's 14th One City, One Story 2016 SWD Layout Crew to Help in Promotion

"Pasadena's 14th One City, One Story community reading celebration book selection is the [historical] novel



Orphan Train by author Christina Baker Kline.

"Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by luck or chance: Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude?

"As a young Irish immigrant, Vivian Daly was one such child, sent by rail from New York City to an uncertain future a world away. Returning east later in life, Vivian leads a quiet, peaceful existence on the coast of Maine, the memories of her upbringing rendered a hazy blue. But in her attic, hidden in trunks, are vestiges of a turbulent past.

"Seventeen-year-old Molly Ayer knows that a community-service position helping an elderly widow clean out her attic is the only thing keeping her out of juvenile hall. But as Molly helps Vivian sort through her keepsakes and possessions, she discovers that she and Vivian aren't as different as they appear. A Penobscot Indian who has spent her youth in and out of foster homes, Molly is also an outsider being raised by strangers, and she, too, has unanswered questions about the past.

"Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, *Orphan Train* is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances and unexpected friendship."

Image and information from the Pasadena Public Library Website

To promote the book *Orphan Train*, Christine Reeder of the Pasadena Public Library has invited Hal Rothenborg and the T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Layout Crew to run trains at the Pasadena Public Library Central Library, 285 East Walnut Street, Pasadena. The setup will be on Friday, March 11th. Trains will run on Saturday, March 12th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Then the crew will tear down and transport track, transformer and transformer table to Arcadia for the T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Meet on Sunday, March 13th.

Our Layout Crew will park in the parking lot in back of the Library. And, for our help in promoting the book, the Library will make a donation to T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division. A win-win: promoting the book *Orphan Train* and at the same time giving us the opportunity to share our love of the toy train hobby and receive a donation to T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division.

Any help members can give the Layout Crew in helping with the layout, greeting the public, and handing out guest free passes for the Sunday, March 13th Meet will be appreciated. Call **Mike Morgan** 805-308-6659 to help. Thank you, Layout Crew, for donating your time for this worthwhile event.

Note: I had the privilege of reading *Orphan Train* in the Fall 2015 when the daughter of a friend gave my friend the book as a gift and my friend loaned it to me. It is a wonderful historical novel of an early era in American history and social work. The author's meticulous research and gift for writing create an intriguing read. I highly recommend this book.

Phyllis Smith

2016 Nor-Cal Spring Cal Stewart Classic Sunday only March 6

Use this form for: Banquet Reservations

Table Reservations

Home Layout Tour Sign Up

San Ramon Marriott Hotel

2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA

Phone reservation is 1 (800) 228-9290 or (925) 867-9200

<https://aws.passkey.com/event/14086625/owner/10259949/home>

Asking for "The Cal-Stewart" rate \$97 (single or double) before Feb. 19th.
Parking is \$12, but discount parking coupons will be available at the meet for \$5.

Saturday March 5th

10am to 3pm Home Layout Tours

6pm No host reception.

7pm Dinner party begins.

Sunday March 6th

7am Trading hall set up for vendors only.

10am Trading hall open.

4pm Meet is closed, pack up and go home.

Name _____ TCA No. _____
Complete the contact information on the backside of this page at the top for right for
The Banquet, _____ Layout Tours _____
Table Reservations.

Nor-Cal member admission is free with your membership card.

General admission is \$10, payable at the door with a hand stamp.

Saturday evening Dinner at the Marriott Hotel

Beef, _____ Chicken, _____ Fish, _____ Veg. @ \$50 each = \$ _____
Home Layout Tours. How many? _____ @ \$10/car = \$ _____

Number of 6 foot tables _____ @ \$25 each = \$ _____
(Free parking coupon included for each table holder)

Electricity against a wall \$10 each = \$ _____
Non-Norcal member vendors must pay \$10 admission in addition to tables \$ _____

(Make check payable to Nor-Cal Division of TCA) Total \$ _____

Mail to: Cal Stewart Meet, 5996 Skyfarm Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94552
For other table options and questions phone Mark Boyd 510-886-6699 Or emMailteqeditor@att.net

Home layout visits are from 10am to 3pm on Saturday. We are asking for a nominal charge of \$10 per car, not per person. We hope to have multiple gauges and some new venues for this year. We are looking for people interested in sharing their collection so contact Mark Boyd if you are interested in being a host.

Itineraries of featured layouts will be prepared and mailed a week ahead of time to the person completing this form. You can bring as many people in your car as you like. You won't have to show up at the Marriott for a package of information. You can just drive to the homes as described in the itinerary mailed to you.

Table holders must complete tax information on the next page.

CA Resale Information

All table vendors must complete, sign and mail this form with their table reservation.

Please print legibly. Mail before February 15th No refunds after March 1st.

Name: Last _____ First _____ MI _____
Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-Mail: _____

If requesting tables, you must complete one of the following sections:

1. Regular Sellers: If you are a regular seller, you are required to have a California Seller's permit. Please enter the permit number below and submit a photocopy of the permit with this form.

Seller's Permit # _____

OR

2. Occasional Sellers: Occasional sellers are individuals who are **not required** to hold a California Seller's Permit because they will not be making a series of qualified sales. For example, a person who is selling used trains accumulated for their own use and who sells *only* those items will usually qualify as an occasional seller, providing they make sales no more than twice in a 12-month period. These people must provide us with their driver's license number.

Driver's License # _____

State _____

You will not be given a table assignment without supplying the above information.

I agree to comply with all the rules and regulations of TCA, all TCA Committees and any actions and rulings of said TCA Committees. I further agree that all items I sell at the Cal-Stewart meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacture's original condition unless I have caused any such item to be marked as a restoration or reproduction. I further certify that I will have obtained the required National TCA Certificate of Compliance regarding the sale of reproduction items and will display the certificate at the meet. I hereby certify the above information is true and correct. For questions contact Mark Boyd 510-886-6699

Signed: x _____

Date: _____

Mail to:

Mark Boyd, 5996 Skyfarm Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94552

S-Fest West 2016 Banquet Features Restoration of UP Big Boy 4014

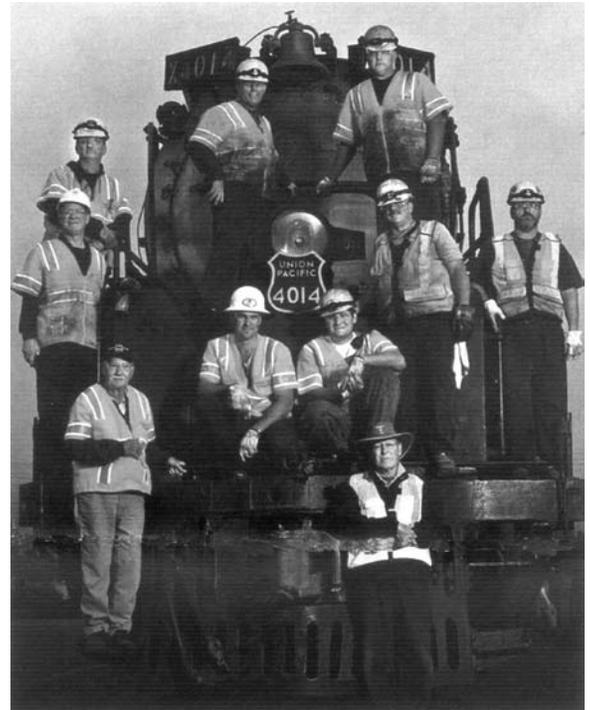
S-Fest West 2016, special train meet sponsored by Southern California S-Gaugers, will be held in Monrovia, California on Saturday, May 21, 2016. The S-Gaugers invite us to come and hear their special guest speaker, Ed Dickens, Jr., talk about restoration of Big Boy 4014 at the S-Fest Dinner Banquet, Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Ed Dickens, Jr. began his mainline RR career on the Southern Pacific in 1993, hiring out in Denver, Colorado. He has been involved with the UP Steam Program since October of 2004 and has been the Manager since 2010. His interests are all things railroad.

Prior to beginning his mainline career, Ed worked on several narrow gauge railroads in different capacity's from track work to shop work, to Steam Locomotive Fireman and Engineer.

Ed has been a Fireman and Engineer on the UP 3985 and UP 844 since 2005. He has been fortunate to have many opportunities with mainline steam operations as both Fireman and Engineer in the US and Canada, traveling on 10s of thousands of miles in Canada and the US. His current responsibilities involve the detail trip planning for all UP Steam Locomotive trips.

For information regarding S-Fest and the Banquet, send an e-mail to sfestwest2016@yahoo.com.



The work crew with the 4014 which UP is restoring. Ed Dickens, Jr., wearing a white hard hat, is seated in the middle to the left of the Union Pacific 4014 Number Plate.

The Big Train Show

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- > Adult admission \$12.00
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TTOS

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Spring Cal-Stewart Meet

Sunday, March 6, 2016 ■ 10am - 4pm

San Ramon Marriott Hotel
2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, California

Toy & Model Trains of All Gauges and Sizes

- Clinics
- Info at www.TrainExpo.org

ADMISSION \$10
Children under 18 FREE
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Pick up a parking coupon at the registration desk and park for just \$5.

\$1 OFF

ADMISSION WITH THIS AD

Scenes of the February 2016 Meet

by Mike Roman, Meet Photographer



The two panorama photos above capture a very busy February Trading Hall with 80 tables full of trains and train related items and sellers and buyers.



David Nissen's layout with the Club layout in the background. You are welcome to bring trains to run at our monthly meets.



Two members of the new Snack Bar crew at the Masonic Hall in Arcadia where we hold our monthly meets.



Our Auction Crew 1-r: Cashier Tony Deneve, Managers Anari and Richard Kobliner, and Auctioneer George Blanch.



Items stacked up behind the auction are waiting for "their turn" to be auctioned off! Meet auctions run between 3-4 hours long and more help is needed.



TUOLUMNE COUNTY APPLE RANCHES AND THE SIERRA RAILWAY

APPLE PRODUCTION, LIKE almost everything else in Tuolumne County, can trace its beginnings back to the gold rush. The Sierra Foothills were crawling with men scrambling to make their fortune in the rich alluvial gravels. Laboring all day and subsisting on flour, bacon and whatever fresh game they might catch, the miners craved fresh produce and many suffered from scurvy and other diseases associated with vitamin deficiencies.

The demand for fresh produce, especially fruit, was so great, and the fruit so valuable, that a bushel of apples sold for \$500! Despite exorbitant prices, many miners were happy to pay \$2 for a piece of fresh fruit. Some of these miners, began growing fruits and vegetables near the camps from seeds they had saved. They quickly realized that agriculture was probably a more lucrative venture than mining. Throughout the gold country, produce gardens and orchards sprung up wherever a stable population existed.

For ten years during the heyday of the Bodie gold rush, the Tuolumne growers shipped apples over the Sonora Toll

Road to the mining town. It took seven or more hard days to get produce to Bodie and apples were about the only fruit that withstood the rough traveling conditions.

THE SIERRA RAILWAY ARRIVES

In the late 1890s Thomas Bullock was looking for a place to build a railroad and in Tuolumne County he found what he was looking for. By 1897, Bullock's Sierra Railway was running freight and passengers between Oakdale and Jamestown and within a few years, Sonora, Tuolumne City and Angels Camp.

To promote the development of more orchards and the freight business that would follow, the Sierra Railway continuously advertised and encouraged people to move to Tuolumne County and grow apples. The railroad offered a bonus to those planting new orchards of ten acres or more and they also shipped apple saplings free of charge. The railway's efforts paid off and by the early 1900s, Tuolumne County boasted three hundred apple orchards growing a variety apples.

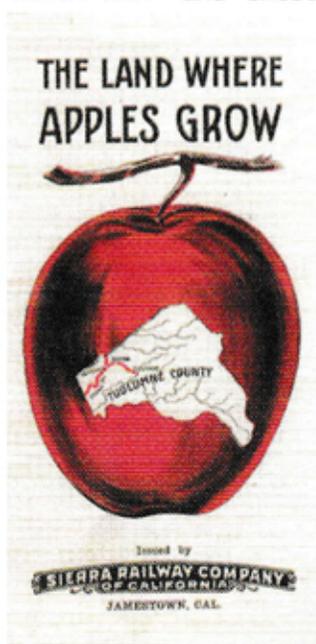
The end of the apple boom happened quite abruptly when World War I began. With the consumption of ditch water decreasing

significantly by local mine closures, ranchers were no longer subsidized by the mining industry, and now had to pay more money for the same amount of water. In the late 1920s, PG&E consolidated the assorted independent water companies and increased rates again drastically. Water became too expensive for the apple ranchers to purchase. Further

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exacerbating the situation, the federal government subsidized the apple industry of the Pacific Northwest and California's Central Valley. The growth of intensive, large scale agriculture was the result. The more expensive mountain grown apples could no longer compete and many, but not all, of the orchards were abandoned.

Today, only a few commercial apple orchards are left in Tuolumne County. But reminders of the old days are still to be found. Drive through the countryside and you will see the remnants of the old orchards, with trees still bearing fruit. But for the most part, all that is left of the once thriving apple business in the county are the street signs that bear the names of long gone apple ranchers and orchards.

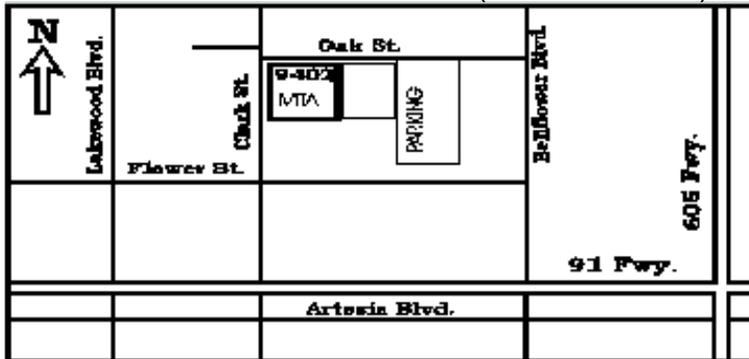


Help Needed at Auctions

Richard Kobliner, Auction Manager, needs more volunteers to assist with auctioneering, clerking, and cashing at the Monthly Meets and Cal-Stewart Auctions. Please call Rich at 818-324-2562 to volunteer.

Model Train Association

We meet at The Woman's Club of Bellflower on the southeast corner of Clark/Oak St (9402 Oak Street)



Meet Dates 2016: Feb 26, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 26, Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 11, Dec 9 – Starts at 7:15 p.m.
For info: Jon M Lang (562) 430-8315 or Larry Garrett (714) 893-2979

Grand Canyon Model Railroaders Meets

February 27 - GCMR Meet 9 am
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1212 E Glendale Ave., Phoenix

Saturday, March 5 - Cactus Winter Swap Meet
9 am-1 pm \$6 Person/\$11 Family
North Phoenix Baptist Church
5757 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85012

April 23 - GCMR 9 am
Our Saviour's Lutheran Meet Church
1212 E Glendale Ave., Phoenix

For Information
Call John Draftz 602-942-3457

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3975 N. Miller Avenue
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E-mail: TrainShow@gpdToyTrainMuseum.com
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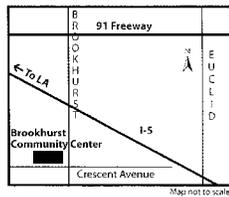
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Monthly Train Meets



Meet Dates 2016	
Jan. 24	Feb. 28
Mar. 20	Apr. 24
May 29**	June 26
July 24	Aug. 28
Sept. 25	Oct. 23
Nov. 13 Picnic Dec. 18**	
Sundays 11:00-3:00***	
Special hours for	
**Open House Meets	
9:30 to 4:30	
***See web more info	

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2016 Meet Dates	
Jan. 23	July 23
Feb. 27	Aug 27
Mar. 26	Sept. 24
Apr. 23	Oct. 29
May 21	Nov. **
June*	Dec. 17
*TCA Convention	
**Cal-Stewart Meet	
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Arcadia Senior Center, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave.,
Arcadia Park, Arcadia, CA. (Look for the TCA Sign)

05/15-12/15



All Gauge Toy Train Association

San Diego, California

AGTTA 2016 Meeting Schedule



Meets at:
Torry Pines Christian Church
8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North, La Jolla
San Diego, CA 92037
Train Meets 4-8pm, generally on 2nd Thursday of the month. The "Annual Open House" is on Saturday, **Jun 18 9am-4pm**
Also Open House Sat, Dec 3
Buy & Sell Trains, Super Raffle & Snack Bar

Meet Thursdays	
*Saturdays	
Jan 14	Jul 14
Feb 11	Aug 11
Mar 17	Sep 8
Apr 14	Oct 13
May 12	Nov 10
*Jun 18 & *Dec 3	



Whether you collect and/or operate toy trains or scale trains, chances are you will find something at our monthly swap meet and raffle.
Visit our website: www.agtta.com For information contact Club President Jim Andrews at dangodfrey@aol.com or call 619-441-8462

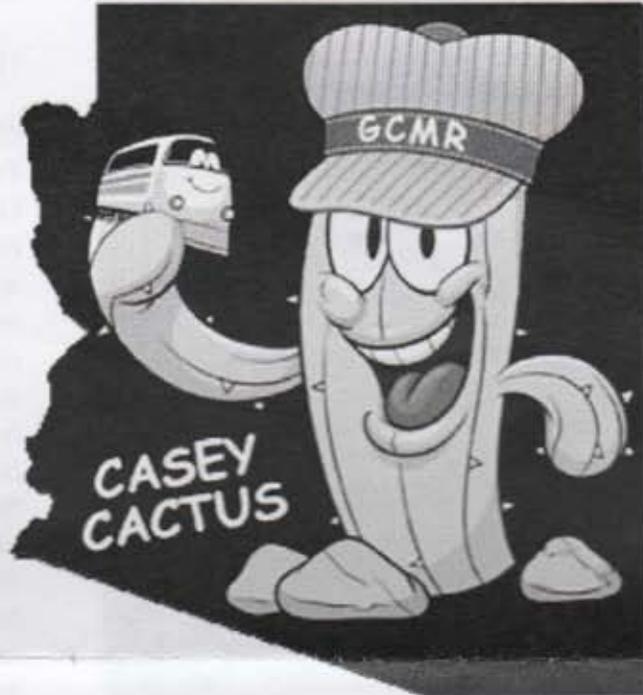
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01/16-12/16



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THE CACTUS
WINTER MEET
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

\$6.00/PERSON \$11.00/FAMILY

SATURDAY, MARCH 5th, 2016

(Large Farmers Market at the same time!)

NORTH PHOENIX BAPTIST CHURCH

**FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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Phoenix, AZ 85012**

- Free Parking * Great Location
- A Family Affair * Food Available
- Train Layouts * Test Track
- Door Prizes * Raffles
- "End-O-Swap" Auction



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**CACTUS WINTER MODEL TRAIN
SWAP AND SHOW**

Saturday, March 5, 2016

\$6.00 Single - \$11.00 Family

This coupon good for \$1.00 off cost of admission

One coupon per party Received at the GCMRR Mini Swap

WHAT R THE ODDS?

by Mike Stella

Fred did a fantastic job of selling 50/50 drawing tickets at our 2015 Cal-Stewart Welcome Dinner raising \$770 with half going to one lucky winner. As the final countdown approached, I gave Fred a few extra minutes to make final sales by telling the story of how I once ran a drawing to give away a brand new Lionel 773 as a fundraiser for MTA in Bellflower. We had sold tickets over the past year at \$10 per ticket, and the night we reached our goal of 100 tickets sold, we held the drawing. Wanting to do something unique and very different, I announced we would hold a REVERSE DRAWING. Nobody knew what that was so I explained the winner of the 773 would be the LAST ticket drawn, not the first, and I proceeded to grab a handful of tickets from the cage and toss them into the crowd stating, "These are all losers!" Members looked at me with anger in their eyes and looked at the floor covered with tickets while Dick Depperman, the MTA President, tried to cool their outrage by explaining their odds of winning the 773 was still the same and anyone could still be the winner. I grabbed another fist full of tickets and let them fly! "What if that's MY ticket?" someone yelled. Shortly thereafter I got down to the last ticket. Reading the ticket numbers one at a time, as slowly as possible, when the last number was read I recognized the gleeful scream coming from the back of the room from my good friend Nancy Cochran.

Nancy was at this year's Welcome Dinner sitting at my table, and I asked her to stand as I finished telling my story and Fred sold his last tickets. Time for this year's 50/50 drawing and Fred had a small child draw the winning ticket and hand it to him. Reading the numbers as slowly as possible to build the excitement and tension in the room as the last number was read, I again recognized the gleeful scream from the side of the room from good friend NANCY COCHRAN!!! Once again Nancy stood up before a somewhat disbelieving crowd. I had previously announced that the winner could receive the cash amount of \$385 "OR" take a prize valued at over \$900. Nancy took the cash! I later heard that many attendees really enjoyed the evening and were already looking forward to 2016. Maybe we can hold a Reverse Drawing BUT Nancy cannot buy any tickets!! Just kidding, Nancy, and thanks for the \$100.



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Looking Forward to Cal-Stewart 2016

Part 1

We start Cal-Stewart 2016 with a blank canvas and a paint by number landscape.

#1) WE HAVE A NEW VENUE. (meet location) It will be at the FAIRPLEX Building #6 in Pomona.

#2) Easy unloading and loading.

#3) We will be in a hall that is much smaller than the OCC. Some changes will need to be considered. (visiting layouts took up 4000 sq. ft. at the OCC!)

#4) We have yet to choose a Host Hotel. (On site Sheridan wants \$130+ per night with a convention “deal” lowered to \$109 first 40 rooms only.) There is a Radisson 10 minutes away that will match the great price and the special price for breakfast if paid at registration we had at Ontario, with a free Shuttle to FAIRPLEX.

#5) A Friday night Welcome Dinner is still hoped for BUT will cost quite a bit more (50+% more)

#6) Table costs will most likely remain the same even though we must now pay for chairs that were included at OCC.

#7) Your BOD has discussed the “Open to the Public” times and costs. Your inputs are sought.

#8) Parking at FAIRPLEX will have IN & OUT privileges each day.

#9) MOST THINGS will not change at all. The BOD has adopted the motto, “If it ain’t broke, don’t try to fix it!”

#10) I volunteered to be the Co-Chairman with VP Hollis Cotton as past Co-Chairman Jerry Moser opted to step down with the move from the OCC. Jerry had FOUR major jobs he excelled at. I look forward to making the 2016 Cal-Stewart the very best we’ve ever held at FAIRPLEX! By the May/June issue of the *SW Limited* we should have more information available for you. There will be a Cal-Stewart Table at every meet in Arcadia with a suggestion box for your inputs, maybe a small opportunity drawing to help offset our increasing costs, current information and maps of the Pomona area, and VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP sheets for your consideration. **Cal-Stewart 2016 Only 8 months away.**

Mike Stella, Co-Chairman
Cal-Stewart 2016

Welcome New Members!!!

Scott & Jonah Gilbert
Mark Grunow
Jaime Velez

Welcome Aboard!!!

We are happy to have you join us!!

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Fred Kramer, Drawing Chairman, needs cars or train related items (accessories, books, videos, etc.) for consolation prizes at our monthly meets after the 50/50 winner has been drawn. Donations gratefully accepted!!! Bring your donations to the meets.

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Meet Schedule for 2016

Sundays: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 13*, April 3, May 1,
 June 5*, July 10, Sept. 11*, Oct. 2, & Dec 4*, 2016
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Membership Picnic: Saturday, August 13, 2016
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