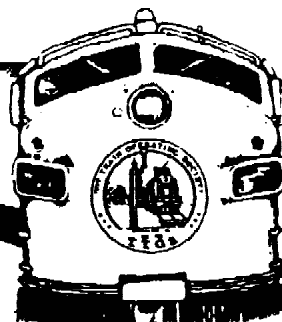


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Come to Cal-Stewart!!! November 12, 13, 14, 2004



- GREAT PARTY
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- MARX SEMINAR
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President's Message

LARRY PEARSON, President,
Southwestern Division, 2004-2005
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CAL-STEWART 2004 — NOVEMBER 12-14

Bruce Lazarus, Registration Chairman, reports that Cal-Stewart Registrations and table sales are coming along very well and we are looking forward to a **great** meet. Bruce reports that some table purchasers have acquired new collections and have called to add to their tables. If you are a buyer, be sure to pre-register and **be there at 9:00 am Saturday** to get the best deals.

If you think that you will be staying at the **Sheraton Pasadena Hotel**, please reserve your room by the October 21st cutoff date for our special room rate. We have reserved 15 rooms for Thursday November 11th, 100 rooms for Friday and Satur-

day the 12th and 13th, and 15 rooms for Sunday, the 14th. Last year the Sheraton completely sold out and people were scrambling to get a room at the last minute.

As he has done for many years, Southwestern Member Ron Hall and his wife plan to provide free lunch on Saturday and Sunday for **Cal-Stewart volunteer workers**. Ron has been in the food business for much of his life, and does this at absolutely no charge! If you get a chance, stop by and warmly thank them for their generosity. Worker food service is normally in the lobby area.

Save the dates for Cal-Stewart 2005: November 11, 12, 13th.

THE 2005 TTOS-SW CALENDAR

Your Board of Directors discussed and approved the calendar of events for 2005 at the September 14th Board Meeting. Fred Folsom, who manages the Arcadia hall where we hold our monthly Meets, has offered us a reduction in rent totaling over \$700 for the year if we would move our meet day to the first Sunday of the month for five of the ten months we use the hall. The Board felt that this offer was too good to pass up. We need to cut our operating expenses everywhere we can. We have an event planned for **every** month in 2005. The 2005 meet schedule

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Save \$5.00—Early-Bird Registration Ends Friday, October 15th!!!
CAL-STEWART MEET 2004 DATES ARE NOVEMBER 12-14, 2004
AT THE PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER, EXHIBITION BUILDING

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is as follows:

Sunday, January 9th (second Sunday)
Sunday, February 13th (second Sunday)
Sunday, March 6th (first Sunday) (2nd Sunday not available to us in March)
Sunday, April 3rd (first Sunday)
Sunday, May 1st (first Sunday) (2nd Sunday is Mother's Day)
Sunday, June 5th (first Sunday)
Sunday, July 10th (second Sunday)
Saturday, August 13th (second Saturday) (tentative for annual picnic at Live Steamers in Griffith Park)
Sunday, September 11th (second Sunday)
Sunday, October 2nd (first Sunday) (2nd Sunday is not available to us in October)
Cal-Stewart, November 11-13.
Sunday, December 4th (first Sunday)

The Board discussed at the September 14th meeting whether the August picnic should continue, or whether we should have a trading meet, or both. Some Members want a trading meet every month, or they feel that they are not getting good value for their dues. The board felt that doing both would be too much work. In the past, the August Meet had very poor attendance and would likely lose us hundreds of dollars to put on, while the Picnic broke even this year. The TTOS National Convention is normally on the first week in August, and we want to encourage attendance there also. After the discussion, I took a vote of all attendees (both Board Members and Member guests), and the vote was 10 in favor of the picnic and one (1) against the Picnic. So we are planning to continue with the picnic in 2005.

As has always been the case for many years, Members of TTOS-SWD will receive a reminder postcard notification of the next event a week or so before the event.

FINANCES

Some Members have asked me how things are going financially with Southwestern. Our net bank balance hovers around \$20,000, plus an inventory of unsold souvenir cars worth about \$35,000. The finances of the train club hobby these days are such that dues income alone will not sustain us. We need to grow our meets and sell more tables, and we need a new souvenir car that sells out and leaves us with no unsold inventory. We are working on a 2005 Cal-Stewart souvenir car that should make us money, and we hope to have something to show you at Cal-Stewart 2004. We derive our income from Member dues, *Southwestern Limited* advertising, table sales at the monthly Meets, auction commissions, Cal-Stewart profits, and profit on souvenir car sales. Our major costs are hall rental at the monthly meets and printing and mailing costs for *The Southwestern Limited*, postcard mailers and fliers, and Cal-Stewart brochures. If you have any sure-fire money making ideas, let me know.

That's it for the November Message. The subjects will be continued. Please call or write me at the above address and phone number if you have questions or comments, or want to offer your services to help our over-worked Board. Call anytime, I love to talk. Also, you are welcome to attend our Board meetings. The next one is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th at The Lamplighter, 6261 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood (one block south of Sears). No-host dinner at 6:00pm; the meeting starts at 7:00pm and goes to about 9:30pm. This is your club. Volunteer and get involved.

Larry Pearson, President

Welcome to Southwestern Division

Let's all welcome the following members
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Plasticville Display at the September Meet

Text and Pictures by David Nissen

The September Southwestern Division meeting featured a Plasticville display by members **Fred Ruby**, **Walter Olson**, **David Nissen** and **Steve Waller**. Almost everyone that had trains from the 50's and later had at least a few Plasticville structures made by Bachman. There were houses, commercial buildings, churches, farms, animals, various railroad accessories, citizens and many others.

Prices for these items varied from \$.10 to \$1.98 for individual items to a little more for sets. For the most part the structures could be snapped together and set up with the trains. Later when the trains were taken down the Plasticville structures could be taken apart and stored with the trains.

Over the years many different pieces were produced, some in many different color variations. As with trains some of these items are rare and are sought after by Plasticville Collectors. Train pieces in the

original box are the most desirable.

Like Lionel, Bachman produced other items that are well known to collectors. One of these items was Solarex Sun Glasses. These are well known because the Plasticville billboards advertised Solarex Sun Glasses. **Steve Waller** brought a store display with Solarex Sun Glasses. The display even had a mirror so you could see how cool you looked wearing Solarex Sun Glasses.

Fred Ruby brought several Plasticville Storytown items. These were roughly based on an amusement park called Story Town. Fred also displayed several rare colors of trees.

Walter Olson displayed railroad accessories and boxed sets. Boxed sets contained several individual items that were packaged together and sold as a set.

David Nissen displayed commercial buildings and a rare Davy Crocket Log Cabin.



At left, Solarex Sun Glasses display. At right, Storytown Plasticville items. Below, left, boxed Plasticville sets; at right, some of the commercial buildings by Plasticville.



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Sunday 12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m.

Marx Seminar

John Fox returns with the Marx Seminar on Saturday morning. Specific Time and Location will be announced and posted on Saturday morning.

UPS/FedEx Shipping

On site shipping by UPS & FedEx will be available at Cal-Stewart 2004 in the Lobby.

Registration Desk Needs Help

Volunteers are needed to help at the Registration Desk on Saturday and especially on Sunday when the Public will be admitted, to hand out mailing list forms and monthly meet flyers.

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Jon Pincus, Chairman, 818-889-1005

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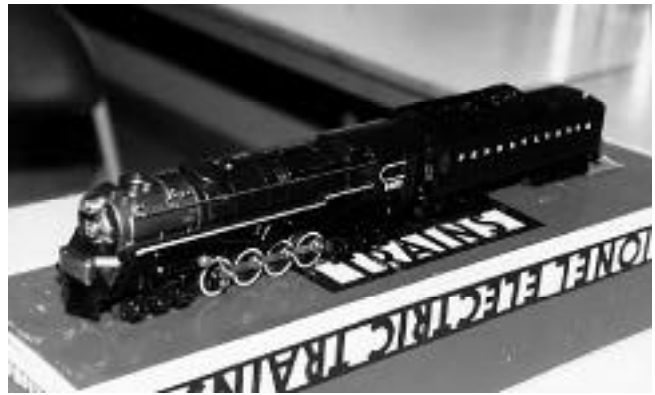
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Name _____ Club _____ Club Number _____
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Registration (Friday afternoon 2-7 p.m. " " (Saturday morning 7:30 a.m. - all day (2-hour shifts) " " (Sunday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. PUBLIC-Need 10 Volunteers to assist				
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