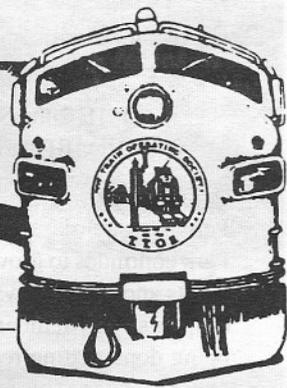


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## President's Message

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### 2006 TTOS 40TH NATIONAL CONVENTION IN COSTA MESA

The TTOS Southern Pacific Division hosted another great TTOS National Convention, this time at the Hilton in Costa Mesa. There were five (5) great tours: San Diego Train Trip Tour on Tuesday; Orange Empire Railroad Museum Tour and Newport Harbor Cruise Tour on Wednesday; Knott's Berry Farm Tour on Thursday; and Home Layout Tour on Friday. The Grand Reception on Thursday evening was super, and the Banquet on Saturday evening was a sellout. But best for me was the trading hall action on Friday and Saturday. There were lots of trains from all eras at fair prices. I spent more than all of my money. I can't buy anything more for the rest of the year.

The Convention pre-registrations from Southwestern Members was an extremely disappointing nine (9), I have been told. Did we not promote it well enough in *The Southwestern Limited*? Many of our Members showed up as walk-ins, so the final total will be higher, but not nearly high enough, in my opinion. Southwestern Division is the largest Division in TTOS, and we have to do much better in the future. In 2007, the Convention will be in Altoona, Pennsylvania in August and I expect a large turnout from the Southwestern membership. Plan to attend now!!!!

### 2006 CAL-STEWART UPDATE

You should have received at least one 2006 Cal-Stewart brochure by now. The 2006 Cal-Stewart Brochure has a **blue** cover. **Fill it out and mail it in immediately**, before you misplace it. If you received extra copies, give them to friends. We hope to have a large attendance of sellers and buyers this year. **The more who attend, the more fun we will all have!**

The John King Welcoming Party has been expanded. We are charging \$10.00 this year to cover increases in costs. It costs us

## SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION MOURNS THE LOSS OF FAYRENE GARGUILO

Fayrene Garguilo, wife of Southwestern Division Vice President Vince Garguilo, passed away on the afternoon of Monday, August 21st after a brief illness. She was 70 years old and had been married to Vince for 45 years.

The preliminary cause of death was determined to be Lymphoma, cancer of the lymph nodes. Fayrene had been visiting with her son James in Montana when she began to feel very ill. By the time she returned to Glendale and checked into a hospital, the disease was already too far advanced for treatment. She was placed on life support, but could not be saved.

Fayrene and Vince have three children: James, Tina, and Nina. Fayrene, by her own wish, chose cremation, and there was no funeral. A Memorial service is planned for Thanksgiving week. Our sincere sympathy to Vince and his family.

over \$20.00 per attendee to host this party, not including the decorations and entertainment.

**Cindy Largey** reports that Boxcar Betty will be attending live at Cal-Stewart to promote the new Boxcar Betty Calendar, "For The Serious Toy Train Collector". The calendar even features a standard gauge toy train! But who cares about that? (See ad on page 2 of this *Limited* issue.)

Cal-Stewart Buttons to return for 2006! **Dave Otth** has come up with a completely new concept for the 2006 and future Cal-Stewart buttons. Gone is the Ward Kimball Cal-Stewart choo-choo, and in with Ward's photo art used on the *TTOS Bulletin* covers in the 1980's. The Kimball family has given us permission to reproduce Ward's photo art on these buttons, and Dave has already chosen the artwork he plans to use all the way through 2010. For 2006, we are using cover art from the November, 1982 issue, as shown here, "American Flyer Gothic" (see page 2). The buttons will be a slightly larger 1 3/4 inch diameter. Extra buttons have been produced for separate sale.

We still need more premium items to sell at the Saturday Night Premium Auction. If you have items to sell, contact me at the

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**Register NOW for Cal-Stewart 2006—You should have a Brochure—Early Bird Reg ends Oct. 22, 2006**

**You may also download the Reg Form at [www.ttos-sw.org](http://www.ttos-sw.org) or [www.cal-stewart.org](http://www.cal-stewart.org)**

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above phone numbers. We can advertise collections on our Cal-Stewart web site.

### THE 2006 SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PICNIC

The Southwestern Division Summer Member Appreciation Party on Saturday August 12th at the Live Steamers in Griffith Park continues to grow every year. This year, paid attendance of adults and children was 249, compared with 234 last year. This despite some Members not being able to attend due to the work being done getting ready for the TTOS National Convention a few days later. This year we had three trains: a wonderful 4-10-4 steamer, and two diesel type locomotives. This was the most impressive steamer that we have ever had at this event.

A super thank-you goes out to the workers, some of who put in so much time cleaning up that they didn't get to ride on a train: **Steve Waller**, who organized the event with The Live Steamers; **Peter Beam, Doris Stiver, and Fred Ruby**, who worked registration; **John Stillman, Hollis Cotton, Chris Kee, Bruce Lazarus**, who cooked patties and weenies; **Elaine Lazarus**, who managed the condiments; **Roy Bell and Larry Pearson** (me), who purchased the food and brought it to the park; **Al Vierich and Don Kallgren** who helped unload and set things up. Of these workers, special thanks goes out to **Chris Kee and Hollis Cotton**, who slaved behind the grill, without the benefit of a ventilator fan, for the whole time of the event! I am sorry if I missed anyone.

### ELECTRIC NORMAN IS DOING VERY WELL IN OREGON

**Norman Keller** gave me a call on August 10th to report an address change for him. Norman and Blanche bought a house. His new address is: 1290 Ivy Ave., Reedsport, Oregon 97467. Their new phone numbers are: (541) 271-3242, or toll free, (877) 756-3242. Norman reports that the weather up there *really* agrees well with him, and he is in great health. Unfortunately, we will not see him at Cal-Stewart, because he only sells at Pacific Northwest Meets. It is too expensive for him to come to Pasadena.

Larry Pearson, President



### AMERICAN FLYER GOTHIC

In the spirit of Grant Wood's famous painting 'American Gothic,' Ethel and Ralph Pauly pose in their own celebration of Thanksgiving with a five and a half pound roast plus a skewered assortment of Flyer birds.

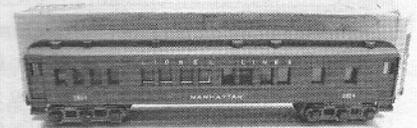
Ward Kimball, Nov 1982

## 2006

Artwork from this 1982 TTOS Bulletin Cover by Ward Kimball will adorn the 2006 Cal-Stewart button.

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# TTOS/LALS Picnic

by Steve Waller, member TTOS & LALS

The sixth annual TTOS-Southwest Division picnic took place on August 12, 2006 at the Los Angeles Live Steamers in Griffith Park. The efforts of many volunteers from both clubs made the event a smashing success.

First to arrive on that beautiful Saturday morning was **Past President of LALS, Lew Soibelman**, who rolled out his new Texas-type 2-10-4 steam locomotive, numbered Santa Fe 5011. This is one of the largest locomotives ever to run on LALS' 7 1/2 inch gauge track. It took a couple of hours to get the locomotive ready to run, which included steaming up the boiler, oiling around the engine and coupling it up to its miniature consist. Bringing up the rear of the train were two heavyweight-type cars, the last sporting a tiny observation platform. LALS member **David Lazarus** shared engineering duties on the 5011. This was surely the most popular train running that day, since everyone seems to love the sight and sound of 1/8th scale live-steam.

A modern-style diesel-type locomotive owned by LALS and painted in Santa Fe red-and-silver warbonnet colors also did its share of hauling passengers. The cowl-unit was piloted by LALS member **Doug Ward**. The motive power was actually electric, powered by batteries, and sported realistic digital sound effects. **Janice and "Smokey" Bass** were the conductors on this train.

The third train running that day was headed by a blue-painted ALCo FA lettered for the "Smog Belt". The locomotive was powered by a gasoline engine. This whimsical train is owned and operated by **Gail and Bob Woodward** of LALS. They kept the train running to the last, making sure everyone who wanted a ride got a turn around the pike.

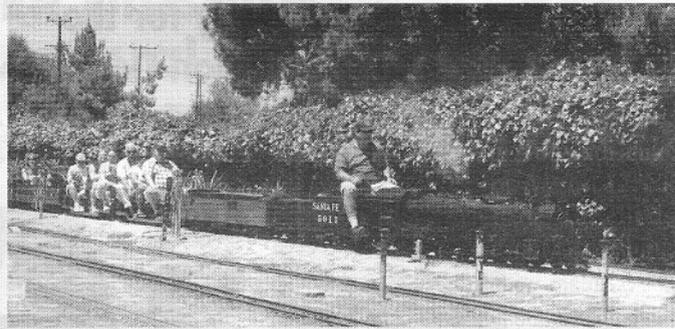
**LALS President Don Frozina** served as the station master all day, ably assisted by **Roger Bacon**, who was the Safety Coordinator. In an area adjacent to the station, LALS member **Mike Houston** operated the club's G-scale layout. The Disney Barn was opened by **Bill Barbe and Debra Turner**, with three operating toy train layouts inside. Many other LALS members volunteered, making sure that all the trains ran smoothly.

**Peter Beam** of TTOS manned the gatehouse and kept track of the list of attendees. **TTOS-SW President Larry Pearson** drove up in his vintage turquoise pickup, hauling all of the food, drinks and ice. **Elaine and Bruce Lazarus** came early to get the kitchen in shape for the TTOS chefs. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies and more was dispensed by the many cheerful TTOS volunteers.

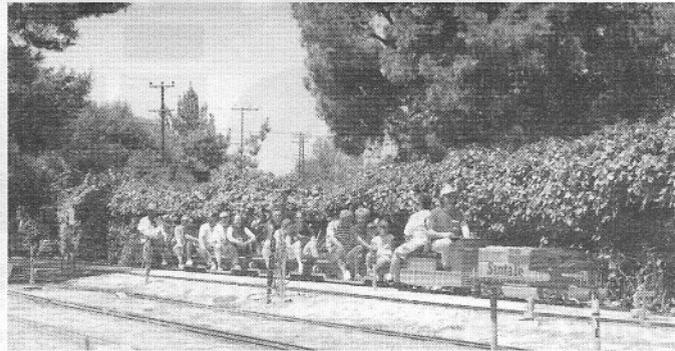
**John Bowman and family** set up a diminutive Z scale train layout by Noch. It all fit on one wooden tray table.

The folks who attended that day got their fill of fine food and operating trains of all sizes. Thanks go to the volunteers who made it all possible.

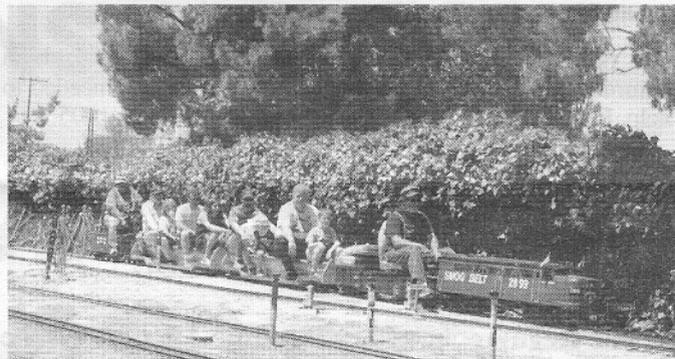
For more information on the LA Live Steamers, go to [www.lals.org](http://www.lals.org). They plan to have a booth at this year's Cal-Stewart in Pasadena.



Santa Fe 5011, a Texas-type 2-10-4 steam locomotive



Santa Fe Diesel in red-and-silver warbonnet colors



The Smog Belt Special—ALCO FA



Clockwise: Al Vierich unpacks softdrinks to place in the ice tubs.



Roy Bell hauls the soft drink ice tubs and other picnic paraphernalia.



Larry Pearson attacks a mayonnaise jar seal with encouragement from Bruce Lazarus during setup.



Hungry members and guests getting their chow at the Kountry Kitchen.

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1. Plastic vs Plastic
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The Train Races and Demolition Derby are scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday at Cal-Stewart. Volunteers are needed to help. Please contact Jon Pincus, Chairman, 818-889-1005.

## 3 Live Auctions at Cal-Stewart 2006

The **Regular Saturday Daytime Auction** will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Signup early Saturday morning. 10% Buyers Premium.

This year there will be a **Saturday Night Premium Auction**. Preview is from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Saturday Night Auction starts at 7:00 p.m. and goes until done. Contact Jerry Blaine or Larry Pearson if you have items for the Premium Auction.

The **Sunday Auction** is from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

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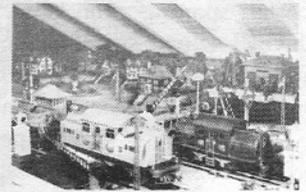
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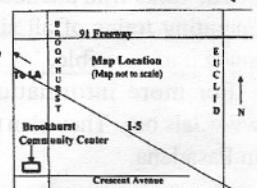
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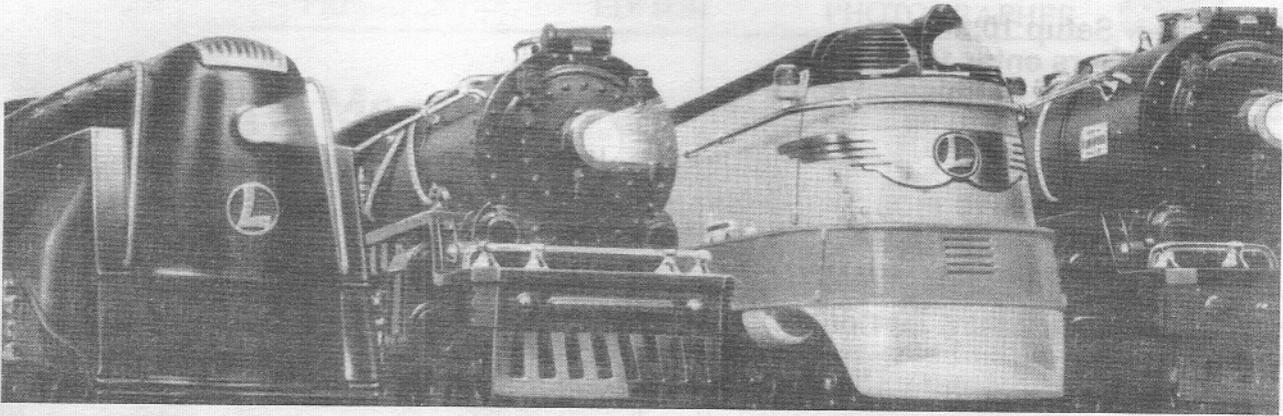
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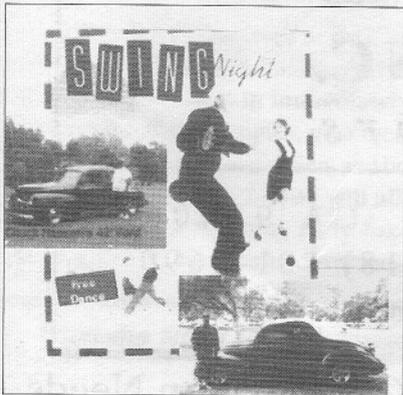


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