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BY THE NUMBERS

as of Sept. 1, 2011

11
Days to
September 11
Open House
Meet &
Mike Marple
Parts Call
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32
Days until
Nominations
close Oct. 2
for SWD
Board
Elections
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5
Dollar Tables
at Arcadia
Monthly
Meets

379
Attended
the LA Live
Steamers
Picnic

80
Days to Cal-
Stewart 2011
Nov 18, 19, 20
Pasadena
Convention
Center

\$135
50/50 Raffle

top photo:
July Meet
Layout & Tables

bottom photo:
SWD members
and
friends
ready to ride
Santa Fe #163
with Engineer
Peter Bowen
at the August
Picnic held at
Los Angeles
Live Steamers
in Griffith Park

Save the Dates: Cal-Stewart November 18, 19 & 20, 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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2011 SOUTHWESTERN SUMMER MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY

As reported by **Steve Waller**, page 6, Southwestern and Los Angeles Live Steamers (LALS) members **Steve Waller and Don Kallgren** scheduled and arranged for us to use the LALS facilities for our annual picnic, and arranged for LALS to provide the trains we rode. This is an enormous undertaking and is very much appreciated.

The food part of the Picnic was handled by volunteers from the Southwestern Board of Directors and others. Membership Secretary **Butch Alvarado** kept careful data on how many adults and children had pre-registered so we could buy enough food and drinks. **Roy Bell** and **I** bought the food and drinks based on Butch's data and loaded it and brought it to the LALS facility in my green Chevy truck. Once there, **Roy Bell, Don Kallgren, Hollis Cotton, Bruce Lazarus, Vince Garguilo, Butch Alvarado**, and others helped unload my truck and set things up. **Elaine Lazarus** and **Arlene Berns** managed the serving counter. The cooks were **Bruce Lazarus, Vince Garguilo, and Hollis Cotton**. The front gate was staffed in shifts by **Butch Alvarado, Dave Otth, Tony Deneve, me, and Sharon and Darlene** from the Arcadia Masonic Center. Also, **Cliff Saylor** from the Arcadia Masonic Center kitchen helped out. Cleanup after the picnic was handled by **Tony Deneve, Vince Garguilo** and **me**. We estimate that we fed approximately 375 adults and children. **Thank all of you who came and had a great time!**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 OPEN HOUSE MEET

The third (of four) 2011 Southwestern Open House Meets will be hold on September 11th, the tenth anniversary of the infamous terrorist attacks on the New York World Trade Center. There will be a moment of silence, and, if we can arrange for it, a playing of the National Anthem to commemorate this anniversary. **Mike Marple** will be there with his parts. Call him on his cell phone at 805-588-5180 for your special parts needs. Mike can't bring all the parts in his store to our meet.

Call **Hollis Cotton** at 818-590-0553 if you wish to reserve tables if he hasn't called you before hand. Remember, you must be a current paid-up Member of Southwestern to buy tables. **I will not** be at the meet to repair your trains. I am in charge of the annual All Chevy Car Show at Community Chevrolet in Burbank on that date (10:00am to 3:00pm), and because of conflicts with other car shows in the Burbank area, I had to pick our Meet date for my annual Car Show. I expect to be at the Hall at about 4:30pm to help put things away.

CHANGES WITH THE MONTHLY AUCTION

Monthly Meet table sales have doubled since we reduced our monthly meet table price to \$5.00. As a consequence of more table sales and greater Meet attendance, there has been a significant increase in the number of sellers signing up for the auction. This has created a new problem: too many sellers for the time we have to do the auction. Everyone wants to be in the first group of sellers so they can sell before the buyers leave or run out of money. The last sellers will probably get much less money for their stuff.

At the August 10th Board meeting the following Auction procedures were adopted on a trial basis, to be implemented with September 11th Meet Auction: **Vince Garguilo** will implement a "lottery" to determine the order in which the sellers are called up to sell their goods. Each seller will be limited to 20 minutes or four "passes". All sellers are to sign up as usual on the numbered list at the front desk. The number next to their names of the list is their drawing number. Before the Auction starts, numbers will be drawn from a box to determine the order in which sellers are called. Persons signing up after the drawing will be added to the end of the list. Any seller who wishes to decline their spot my do so but there is no trading of spots. If there is time after the list is exhausted, sellers whose time out can return for a second session.

2011 CAL-STEWART REGISTRATION BROCHURES

The 2011 Cal-Stewart brochures are being mailed out during the week of August 22nd. Look for yours and send your registration in before you misplace the brochure. Additional copies can be downloaded from the Cal-Stewart website: www.cal-stewart.org.

Nancy Johnson, Director of Sales for The Pasadena Center will be taking a much deserved retirement in September. There will be a reception in her offices of September 8th at 4pm. Nancy has been so wonderful to work with and has treated Cal-Stewart with her personal attention for years before I have been involved with it. Interviews are being held for her replacement. Nancy will be very much missed.

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2011 ELECTIONS FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Board of Directors are voted in for two-year terms, and 2011 is an election year for 2012-13. Roy Bell, a past Southwestern President and Board member, has agreed to take nominations for this election. **Read his letter below.** Ballots will be mailed out in November, and our CPA, Irwin Zigmond has agreed to receive the ballots at his Canoga Park office and will bring them to the December 4th Meet, where he will open the envelopes and count the ballots in front of the Membership. The results will be announced at that meet.

A couple of months ago, the Board revised Southwestern's bylaws to add recommended qualifications for persons wishing to run in the biannual election for officers and Board Members. **See the insert directly following Roy Bell's letter.** We, the current Board, feel that, because of the complexity of running Southwestern, a California Mutual Benefit Corporation, that it is reasonable to expect persons who wish to participate in the running of the club have some experience with us before being a candidate for office.

If persons with no Southwestern experience wish to run for office anyway, the Board feels that such candidates should submit, in writing, their reasons and relevant experience to Roy Bell at the address he gives below.

Persons wishing to serve on the Board do not have to be elected. The President has the power to appoint them to the Board at any time. Everyone on the Board serves without perks or compensation of any kind. Board members working Cal-Stewart, for example, have to pay their own registration fees in order to gain admission to the Meet so that they can work it. We are currently looking for someone to be in charge of security at the Monthly Meets and Cal-Stewart. This can be a Board position if you like. You do not have to be a Board Member to do volunteer work for Southwestern.

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

Larry Person, President

From 2012-2013 NOMINATING CHAIRMAN--ROY BELL

Southwestern Division (SWD) will be electing new officers this year to serve a two year period 2012-2013. I've been asked to solicit names to appear on the ballot. Most of the existing officers and board members have indicated that they will be available for another term. It would be better if we had names of other Southwestern Division members who would be willing to challenge the existing officers.

If you know of a Southwestern member who you would like to see on the ballot please call me or send me a note. You can even ask to appear on the ballot yourself. I ask that you call the 818-984-2128 work number or write to me at Roy Bell Insurance Agency Inc, 11335 Magnolia Boulevard, Suite 2B, North Hollywood, CA 91601. **If you call my office, please identify yourself as calling about Southwestern Division.** Please also give me the name and phone number of the Southwestern Division member who you believe will second your nomination.

Nominees and the person placing the name in nomination must be existing SWD members who have paid their Southwestern dues for at least the past year and have the qualifications listed in these amendments:

July 11, 2011

Amendments to the Bylaws of T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division: Pursuant to Article XIV (Election of Directors) is amended to include item e), as follows:

e) No person shall be eligible to run for election or be appointed to the Board of Directors until such time as they have completed one full calendar year of current regular membership in the corporation. The Officers and Board of Directors may vote to waive this requirement in individual cases, as they see fit.

Article X (Officers), Section 2 (Election of Officers)

Items a) and b), as follows are added:

a) President - No person shall be elected or appointed to the office of President until such time as they have completed 22 current, combined consecutive months of service as a member of the Board of Directors and/or as an Officer. The Officers and Board of Directors may vote to waive this requirement in individual cases, as they see fit.

b) Other Officers - No person shall be elected or appointed as an Officer (including but not limited to Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary) until such time as they have completed 10 current, consecutive months of service as a member of the Board of Directors and/or as an Officer. The Officers and Board of Directors may vote to waive this requirement in individual cases, as they see fit.

Article VIII Section 2 (Number and Qualification of Directors) is amended to delete the words "or members of the corporation".



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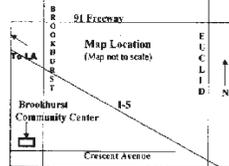
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T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Picnic 2011

by Steve Waller

The trains were a-rollin' on Saturday, August 6, for the 11th Annual T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division (SWD) Member Appreciation Party at the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum (LALSRM). The weather proved perfect for a picnic and there were over 300 hungry mouths to feed at the beautiful Griffith Park facility.

Half-a-dozen trains were spotted on the 7.5" gauge tracks, delighting Southwestern Division members and guests. Among the locomotives hauling passengers were LALSRM-owned engines ATSF 163 (battery powered) GP60M, the SP 6006 (gasoline powered) ALCo PA, and the LALSRM No. 8 narrow-gauge steamer. Privately-owned locomotives included the NdeM 818 diesel switcher, the UP 1320 cow & calf SW1500, and the No. 1 kid-favorite Thomas the Tank Engine. Commendations go to the LALSRM volunteer crews who kept the motive power on the move!

Several toy trains were operating on the property, including Don Kallgren's pre-war Standard gauge LIONEL layout, Kent Inasy's LGB G-scale loop, the push-button TCA-Western pike brought by Cynthia & Wayne Sheriff and a Marx O27 setup, manned by John Bowman & son. SWD members particularly liked the improved toy train layout inside the Disney Barn, now featuring a LIONEL Goofy & Pluto handcar running through a landscaped mountain above the Disneyland Railroad.

LALSRM Station Master Fred Lack and Safety Coordinator Mike Murphy made sure everything ran without a hitch. Larry Pearson, President of SWD, was our master chef. Everyone got plenty of good food to eat, due to the culinary skill of all the SWD volunteers. What a great way to spend a day at the park!

Editor's Note: Please see Picnic Photos on pages 1 & 7.

July 2011 Meet

Photos by Herbert Alfred Mayer



An engine with the Cal-Stewart logo



Left: Larry Pearson offers a repair service at most meets.



David Nissen running his command control layout



Dale Kopes running a coal train with engines and cars he has "weathered".



Above: A rare Marx set.

Right: Control Tower on the Club Layout weathered by Dale Kopes.



50/50 Raffle at Monthly Meets



Club Layout Report: Hal Rothenborg, Board Layout Liaison, reported to the SWD Board that by invitation the Division layout was on display at The Great Train Expo held at the LA County Fairplex July 23 & 24, 2011. Our layout operators passed out September Open House meet passes. We hope visitors to The Great Train Expo attend our September 2011 Meet.

Left: Raffle Chairman Fred Kramer counts out \$135 to Les Cochran, winner of the 50/50 Raffle at the July 2011 Meet. This popular Raffle is now featured at all monthly meets and will also be held at the Cal-Stewart 2011 King Welcoming Party, Friday Evening, November 18, 2011.

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SWD Picnic at Los Angeles Live Steamers, August 2011

Photos by Herbert Alfred Mayer



The Walt Disney Barn open to guests.



Ray Burden services LALSRM No 8



Engineer Ray Burden & No. 8 ready to go



Checking out the Santa Fe No. 163



The SP moves down the track.



Engineer Lloyd with California Michigan #96



Thomas the Tank hauls passengers



Time out for Chow at the Kountry Kitchen



SWD Food Crew prepared and served lunch to the hungry crowd.



Andrew (l) and Dad John Bowman (c) brought their Marx Layout.



Cynthia and Wayne Sheriff setup the TCA interactive show layout.



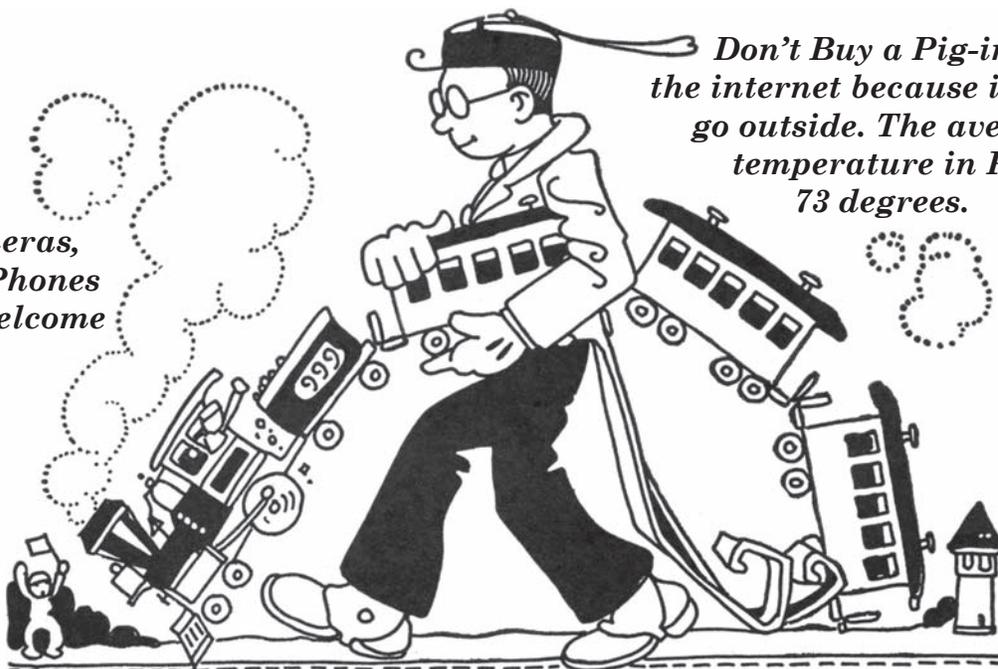
Don Kallgren's Pre-War Lionel Standard Gauge Layout.

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The Word From the Auction Block--By Vince Garguilo



Hello again. I'm back. I'm sorry I missed the last few issues. They just slipped by me and I didn't get the articles done. But here I am, and I'll try to bring you all up to date.

How about the Member Appreciation Picnic at the LA Live Steamers! It's one of the best events of the summer! Hope you attended and had the good lunch, got to ride on the trains, maybe even went next door to Travel Town, and got to visit and socialize with fellow club members and friends. Of course, there was no selling or trading of any kind at the picnic. But, we get back to sales at our September 11th Meet.

Speaking of meets, has any one noticed that the past meets have all been great? The tables have had lots of great trains, and a good variety of trains. We are still getting the collections at the tables and in the auction. The auctions have been very active, with a great variety of trains, and train related items. We have seen some old friends who haven't been to our meets in a while, but are coming back and bringing stuff for our auction. The audiences have been strong and been happy with the results. There hasn't been much Pre-War to go through the auction. Mostly Post-War, and new stuff. The prices on Post-War have been good, but the new stuff is still very soft on prices. And I still don't know why? It doesn't get any better than the stuff were putting out now. The technology is great, the paint and graphics are awesome. The electronics and sound systems are something to behold. But still the resale is slow and soft.

Well we have two more meets before Cal-Stewart 2011. September 11th will be an Open House Meet, with Mike Marple Parts and lots of table sales. Our auctions are always really great at these meets. Plan on attending. And bring money. Cal-Stewart 2011 is shaping up to be a barn burner. All indications are that it will be much bigger than last year. WE STILL NEED COMMITMENTS for the Saturday Night Premium Auction. I want to advertise the lots so as to bring in a bigger crowd. Help me out, commit some quality items for the auction.

I want to thank all of you for your help and consideration when checking out. As I have said, please have patience and don't rush the crew. We don't want to make a mistake and short anyone or over charge anyone. So a big thank you to all of you and to my crew, who work so hard to get it right. Thank you **Larry Tozzi, Danny Blanch, and Mike Donovan**. Don't forget, I am still looking for volunteers to help in the auction. SEE ME.

I want to again thank all the members who have called me about the collections, asking questions about liquidating the trains, and what is involved to do this. Remember I OFFER THIS SERVICE FREE OF CHARGE. JUST

CALL ME AT (818) 956-5396. There is no charge for me to come and look and give you ideas and suggestions on how to liquidate a collection and turn it into cash for you or your family. And remember the collections that we sell at the club, and there are now three of them, come from people who came to me for advice, and I helped them on how they or their families could dispose of a collection for what ever reason. SO CALL ME. When we get collections to sell at the club, it brings all kinds of members to the club to see if there is something they need or want. It is a win-win thing. The club benefits from table sales, the members because there are fresh trains on the tables, and they tell other members and then they come back to the club. SO CALL ME AND LET'S TALK, MAYBE I CAN HELP.

Something I want to bring up that's potentially harmful to us all. It has come to my attention (via the E-MAIL system) that there are out there some unscrupulous auction companies that have been taking train collections from club members on consignment, selling the collections, and then either not paying the consigner or stringing them out for over a year or more, before paying them. This is not right or legal. State law says you must pay a consigner within 30 days of the sale of their goods. That is the law. You should check out the auction company you pick before you give them your trains to sell. Ask to talk to other customers, who they have delt with. Check them out with the Better Business Bureau, and get their rating. This is for your protection.

REMEMBER VINCE'S LAW, this hobby is a virus, and extremely catching. give it to some one. They may be your next buyer, or my next auction seller, or buyer. This is a fun hobby, share it with others.

Well until next time, come to the auction, bring trains to sell, and money to buy, but most of all come and have FUN with us. See you at the AUCTION.

VINCE GARGUILO
AUCTIONEER/AUCTION CHAIRMAN

In Memory

James A. Moss

#7894

Our sympathy to his family and friends.

Southwestern Division Toy Train Meets

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