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2026 SWD Meets:

Southwestern Division's Meets take place once a month. The official start time for a meet in Arcadia is 10AM, although you may arrive as early as 7AM, but please allow sellers time to get set up.

Location:

Arcadia Masonic Center
50 W. Duarte Road
Arcadia, CA 91007



Upcoming 2026 Meets:

January 4 (first Sunday)

February 1 (first Sunday)

March 1 (first Sunday) Open House with "New Attendees Only" drawing for a toy train set. (For more meet dates, see p. 2)

Directions from the 210 Freeway:

Exit Santa Anita Avenue; go south 1.5 miles; turn right on Duarte Road. The Masonic Center shares the parking lot with the Arcadia Library, on the south side of the street.

Features: Buying & selling of toy trains, with operating layouts, free train repairs, test track, freshly prepared food, free parking and opportunity drawings. The winning 50/50 ticket will be drawn at 11:45 am, followed by a lively auction.

Repair Clinic: We offer free toy train repairs at our meets, with volunteers Larry Pearson, Joey Giannatto and Ed Vanderpool at your service. To order parts, see Mike Marple's ad on p. 7 or visit Corey Friend's tables at the meet.

Admission is free for Members and \$5.00 for the public. Kids under 21 are free w/adult admission.

Sellers: tables are only **\$5.00** each!

Club members:

Call Hollis Cotton at (818) 590-0553 to reserve yours!



Griffith Park & Southern Railroad Holiday Lights Train: Now on Track!



"Holiday Lights Train Ride"
—photos by Steve Waller

Griffith Park & Southern Holiday Lights Train Ride is running now through Sunday, January 11th, unless extended by popular demand. The only exception to that schedule is on Dec. 31st, (New Year's Eve), when the ride will be closed all day. To learn more about the hours of operation and costs, please visit their website: www.griffithparktrainrides.com/holiday-lights-train-ride/. Be sure to read the FAQs. The address is 4400 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. The facility is to the south of the Zoo (which is on the far side of the park from the LA Live Steamers), near the Los Feliz Blvd. entrance.

It is recommended that you book in advance on their website. You won't need to wait in a long line if you do. General entry tickets are \$7 per person, while priority entry tickets (*online only and highly recommended*) are \$12 per person. Some nights sell out in advance. First ride is at 5pm. The box office may close before 6pm, in the event of a sellout.



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SWD President's Message: Winter, 2025



**SWD President
Larry Pearson**

LARRY PEARSON

President, 2026-2027

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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 & publisher of **The Southwestern Limited**.

Call me at the above phone numbers in the mornings after 8:00 am if you need to get in touch with me. Alternatively, you can email me at lpears1941@att.net. Please call, I love to talk...

SWD 2026 MONTHLY MEET DATES

The contract with the Arcadia Masonic Center for the SWD Monthly Meet dates has been signed and approved. The 2026 SWD Monthly Meet dates are:

January 4 (1st Sunday)

February 1 (1st Sunday)

March 1* (1st Sunday)

April 12 (second Sunday, due to Easter)

May 3 (1st Sunday)

June 7* (1st Sunday)

July 12 (second Sunday, due to 4th of July)

August 1 (1st Saturday): LA Live Steamers picnic in Griffith Park. (No Arcadia Meet in Aug.)

September 6* (second Sunday)

October 4 (1st Sunday)

November 1 (1st Sunday)

December 6* (1st Sunday)

Note: The asterisks (*) above denote Open House Meets, featuring special drawings for first-time attendees. The hope is that it will attract new members from this promotion. Thanks to Cory Friend for supplying the train sets required for the prizes.

SWD ELECTIONS FOR 2026 - 2027

SWD elects its Officers and Board Members for two-year terms and 2025 was an Election year for 2026 - 2027. None of the Officer or Board positions were contested, so at the December 7th Monthly Meet the following SWD members were re-elected to the board by acclamation:

President: Larry Pearson

Vice President: Renée Mylander

Recording Secretary: (vacant)

Membership Secretary: Nancy Giannatto

Treasurer: Manny Gonzales

Directors-at-Large: (alphabetically, by last name)

Jeff Cohen, Hollis Cotton, Cory Friend, Fred Kramer, Jerry Moser, Dave Mylander, Jon Pincus, Hal Rothenborg & Steve Waller.

REMEMBERING ROGER HILL

Just after the November meet, our talented club photographer, Roger Hill, passed away at age 84. To read his obituary, click on <https://tcawestern.org/Roger%20Hill%20obituary.pdf>. Unfortunately, the family was not able to retrieve the photos on Roger's iPhone, so we will have no coverage of the November meet in this issue of the Limited. We will greatly miss Roger's smiling face and ready camera as he photographed the meets.

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS

Welcome aboard to our newest club members: Kevin Cohan & Salvador Lopez. *Thanks for joining!*

Have you renewed your SWD Dues yet? You should have gotten your Dues Renewal letter via US mail in June. Our dues remain at \$30.00 per year. There is no additional fee for late renewals, but the renewal fee is fixed at \$30.00 until July 1st, 2026. (There is no prorated dues schedule, except for new members.) Talk to Nancy Giannatto at the front desk to get this done. *Please renew right away!*

Please support the Southwestern Division by continuing your membership, recruiting new members, making donations to SWD & attending our monthly meets. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays. *As always, hugs to all, and run your trains often!*

- Larry Pearson

TTOS Southwestern Division President

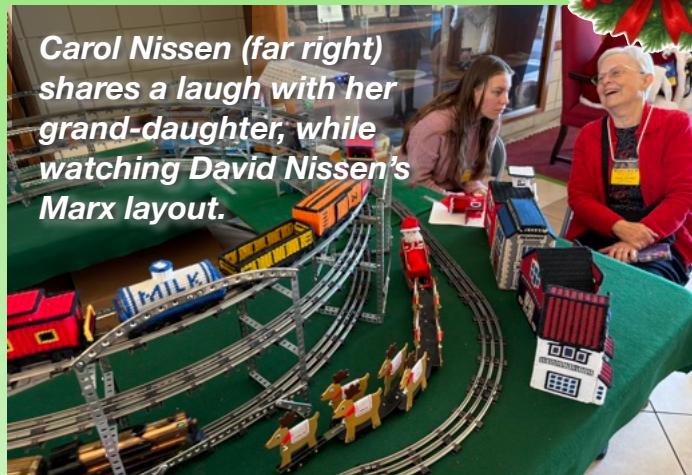
Griffith Park & Southern RR. Holiday Lights



Of the three miniature train-riding venues in Griffith Park, the GP&SR is the oldest, founded May, 1947. Child actress Margaret O'Brien (at left) christened the Miniature Train Company (MTC) F3 diesel-type locomotive for its inaugural run. The original MTC F3s have been replaced by a steam-outline 2-6-0 Mogul locomotive, the No. 1992 Stanley Diamond, which has a motor in the tender, and is fueled by propane. A second locomotive, Col. Griffith, runs on weekends.



TTOS Southwestern Happy Holidays 2025



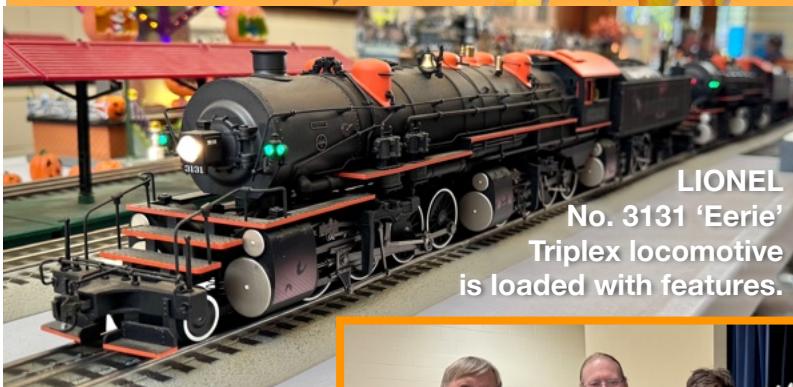
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Cory Friend and Keith & Xander Marlett won
the 50/50 prize drawn by Linda & Fred Kramer.

Mark Alkofer and
Susan Edwards (above)
are tempted by a
Williams Lackawanna FM
on the auction block.



Nancy
Giammatteo



Steve Eastman's
Dino Express Train
by Menards.



Meet photos by Roger Hill & Steve Waller



PRR T-1 duplex in
"O" gauge sold
for \$200 on one
of the tables.
Who says you
can't find a
bargain?



The late Roger Hill, who died unexpectedly last month
at age 84, photographs a Halloween train at SWD two
years ago. We will miss Roger
at all the meets.



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