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2025 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 Meet Dates in 2025:

July 13 (second Sunday)



August 2 (first Saturday): Los Angeles Live Steamers picnic in Griffith Park. See President's Message on page 2.
(No SWD Arcadia Meet in August.)

Sept. 7 (first Sunday) Open house*

October 5 (first Sunday)

November 2 (first Sunday)

December 7 (first Sunday) Open house*
Santa Claus will be on-hand!

* Free admission w/special give-aways.

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
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to reserve yours!



—photos by
Steve Waller

VISIT Santa Barbara soon to experience the Bossé Toy Train Museum at 1303 State Street. It's a must-see attraction for toy train fans. The large collection focuses on LIONEL pre-war trains, as well as a huge modern hi-rail layout. Kathy & Art Bossé (pronounced bow-ZAY) have put together a beautiful showcase of toy train history.

As you approach the entrance, the first thing you will see is a full-size replica of a **LIONEL No. 137 Station**. Further inside was a gorgeously displayed collection of Lionel "O" gauge trains, on two floors, primarily from the 1930s - 1940s (with a few choice outliers). G scale runs around the upper edge of the wall, near the ceiling.

The two big "O" gauge train layouts are the work of **The Train Shack** in Burbank, CA. An upcoming expansion, recently begun, will double the space for exhibits in the near future.

T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division President **Larry Pearson** visited the venue last year and had this to say: "Incredible! It's the best toy train museum I've seen west of the Mississippi."

Admission for seniors (over 65) is \$8. Adults are \$12. Children from 2 to 12 years old are \$6 and those below 2 years of age are free.

In the month of July, 2025, visit on Saturdays from 10AM to 1PM. Future dates can be found at the website www.bossetoytrainmuseum.org or telephone (805) 708-4444.

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Full-size
LIONEL 45N
Gateman Shack

SWD President's Message: Summer, 2025



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SWD President
Larry Pearson

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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 ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL & PICNIC

SWD annual dues are renewed in July of each calendar year. You should have gotten your 2025-2026 Dues Renewal letter via US mail. Our dues remain at \$30.00 per year. We will continue to honor your Southwestern Division Membership for three (3) months, ending with the October 5th Meet deadline. There is no additional fee for late renewals after that, but the renewal fee is fixed at \$30.00 until July 1st, 2026; there is no prorated dues schedule.

We invite you to attend the 2025 T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Member Appreciation Picnic, located at the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum in beautiful Griffith Park. The address is 5202 Zoo Drive, which is about a half mile east of Travel Town.

The event starts at 11 am on Saturday, August 2, 2025. Food service stops at 1:30 pm. The last train leaves the station at 2:30 pm. Free parking is in the gravel lot on the east side of the facility.

Enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs, with all the trimmings! Plus, potato chips, baked beans, cookies, soft drinks, etc.

All riders must be at least 34" tall to ride (no infants in carriers or on laps) and weigh less than 350 pounds. Handicapped riders must be able to transfer to a straddle-type riding car, and be able to sit upright for at least 20 minutes. *No animals are allowed to ride.*

The picnic is for *dues-paid* SWD Members, their families and invited guests! Please, children must be supervised at all times during this event. **Sorry, no train sales permitted at the park.**

Although this is called a "Member Appreciation Party," SWD members are encouraged to invite friends, family and neighbors to this fun event.



The price for the picnic is \$8.00 per person, in advance, by mail. (Kids under 12 are free.) Reservations are due Mon., July 28th. Look for the picnic flyer in the SWD dues letter you received. The flyer will also be available at our July 13th Meet.

Welcome aboard to new member, **Ray Villasenor**, who joined on May 1st. **2025** is an election year for the SWD Officers and Board Members. **We need younger people to get involved!** Why not nominate yourself or a fellow member?

Please support the Southwestern Division by continuing your membership, recruiting new members, making donations to SWD & attending our Monthly Meets. *As always, hugs to all, and run your trains often!*

- *Larry Pearson*

TTOS Southwestern Division President

In Memoriam:

- Danny Blanch
- Bill Corsello
- Ron Curtis
- William Felgemaker
- James Fredburg
- Don Ladenberger
- Robert Siegel
- Bob Taylor

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families and friends of these late toy train enthusiasts.

Bossé Toy Train Museum, Santa Barbara, CA

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Hi-Rail
Layout



Our hosts
Art & Kathy Bossé
survey the museum's
collection from the
observation platform.



Play War!



Future Rail
Fans of
America



Mickey & friends



Tinplate
Layout



Accessories
are a must!

- photos by
Steve Waller

No Foolin' - We Had a Great April Meet!

Photos by Roger Hill



Dale Kopes won the 50/50 prize in April. Fred & Linda Kramer pulled the winning ticket.



The Weinermobile!



Steve Eastman's Canadian Pacific Standard Gauge set by Jim Waterman.



"What If?" paint scheme DRGW/UP Heritage Big Boy #4025 by LIONEL

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William Crooks engine from "Tales of Wells Fargo" by Marx.



Toy Train Repair Clinic volunteers on the job.



Auction Manager George Blanch

May 4th Meet: Memorial Day Remembrance

May the 4th Be With You!



LIONEL SP AC-9 No. X3811, in a "what-if" Daylight paint scheme, runs on the club layout by **Ulus Ekerman**.



Linda & Fred Kramer flank 50/50 lucky winner **Jim Dykier** (center).



Larry Tozzi was our special guest auctioneer in May.



Photos by Roger Hill & Steve Waller



A brand-new rail fan.

David Nissen (below) runs a very unusual tinplate train, belonging to SWD member **Frank Alabart** (far right). It's a Payà #1000 streamliner, made in Spain, circa 1935. For more information, go to — www.tcawestern.org/paya.htm (many thanks to **Harold Shapiro** for the Payà history.)



Eric Nissen keeps an eye on his Standard. gauge layout.



Payà #1000 streamliner



Helping Eric were **Steve Eastman** and **Jeff Myer** (not shown).

June 1st Open House is Fun for All

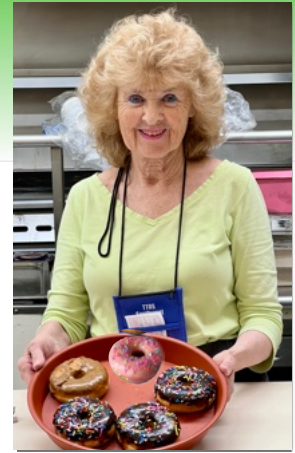
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David Yantis fills in for Jeff Cohen at the Auction desk.



Fred & Linda Kramer congratulate Bob Wall, who won the 50/50 prize in June.

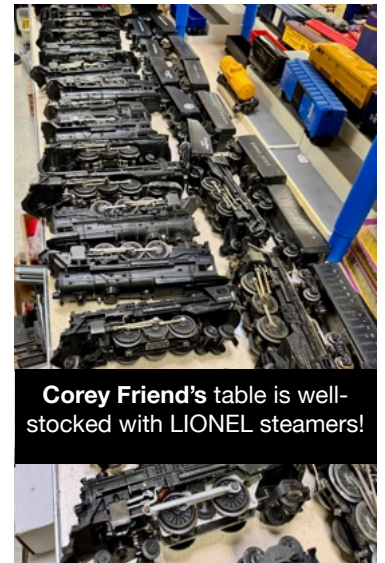


Rena Hatala has donuts!

Jim Dykier (left) and his pal Corey Friend (right) make a deal.



Here comes a meet between two crack streamliners!



Corey Friend's table is well-stocked with LIONEL steamers!



Action at the Auction.



Nancy Giammatteo holds the door prize for "non-member" guests at our June 1st Open House meet, donated by Corey Friend. A great way to attract new attendees!



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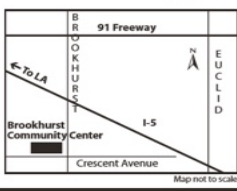


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