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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 Meets:

October 5 (first Sunday)

November 2 (first Sun.)

December 7 (first Sunday) Open House, with Santa Claus & lots of yummy treats! Includes "New Attendees Only" drawing!

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 Giammatteo 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!



SWD Member Appreciation Picnic at the Los Angeles Live Steamers



Photo by
Steve Waller

Picnickers travel over the 1984 O'Brien-Moore steel truss bridge.. Sadly, LALS bridge builder Dan O'Brien passed away June 20, 2025, at age 91.

The T. T. O. S. Southwestern Division Summer Member Appreciation Party & Picnic, took place at the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum in Griffith Park, and was fun for all who attended. The event started at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025. LA Live Steamer members ran the trains, while Renée Mylander & her crew served lunch. It was a warm day, but there was plenty of shade and lots of cool drinks.

SWD volunteers provided hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, plus a variety of sides, such as baked beans, chips, homemade desserts, and several varieties of soft drinks.



Photo by
Doug Waller

Shade trees at Goudie Pavilion provide a cool environment for the SWD Member Appreciation Picnic at the LALS Railroad Museum.

Coverage continues inside...



New Sherwood Station is named for LALS charter member Gordon Sherwood, shown at right on the March, 1953 cover of **Model Railroader**. Mr. Sherwood, at age 100, was still an active member when he died in 2011, a year prior to his namesake station's dedication.

Photos by Martin Folb (except where noted below)



The Kountry Kitchen



Left to right: Tony Denieve, Nancy & Joey Giammatteo, and Christine Loughin.

Photo by Roger Hill



Bill Elliott's plate is full!



Bill's family members enjoy the picnic.



Cowboy beans are a favorite!



ATSF 163 models a GP60M.



Photo by Roger Hill

Exhibits inside the Disney Barn were manned by Larry Boone and his Carolwood crew.



Rio Grande 1989 models an SD70ACe.



LALS President Nick Suncin pilots the club's newest locomotive, painted as Rio Grande 1989 (in UP Heritage colors).

Photo by Roger Hill



TTOS-LALS member Michael Strawn kept the trains rolling.



Davis Mine: enter at your own risk!

Photo by Roger Hill



Linda and Fred Kramer model the SWD club shirts. To get yours, see Fred for details.



ATSF 162 is over 20 years old and was scratch-built by LALS club members. It has 2-axle trucks and is powered by marine batteries.



Rio Grande 1989 was put into service this past March. It uses a 21 h.p. fuel-injected gasoline engine powering a hydro-static pump, which drives a hydraulic motor on each of two 3-axle trucks.

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Riding the westbound into the sunset...

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SWD President's Message: Fall, 2025



LARRY PEARSON

President, 2024-2025

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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...

PICNIC WRAP-UP

The August, 2025 T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Member Appreciation Picnic at the Los Angeles Live Steamers in Griffith Park is now in the history books. It was a great event and I can't thank the volunteers enough...

SWD Vice President Renée Mylander supervised the kitchen crew and they really outdid themselves this year. We enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers (*with all the trimmings*), plus chips, cowboy baked beans, desserts, soft drinks & more.



Michael Strawn, a dual member of TTOS-SW and the LALS Railroad Museum was our liaison this year, making sure we had the locomotives, cars and the train crews to keep everything running. We would also like to thank LALS Railroad Museum President **Nick Suncin** and all of the

locomotive engineers & conductors who worked so hard crewing the trains on the 7.5" gauge track, which is used to haul public on Sundays.

As for the picnic volunteers, you know who you are, but I'm going to try to do the very difficult job of naming as many as I can (*in alphabetical order*):

Hollis Cotton, Bill Elliot, Martin Folb, Nancy & Joey Giammatteo, Roger Hill, Don Kallgren, Linda & Jon Pincus, Holly & Larry Tozzi and Steve Waller.

Please forgive me if I left any names off the list. Special thanks to LALS' **Jim Baker** for coordinating the cleanup. Next year's picnic date has already been chosen: **August 1, 2026. Plan on it!**



OTHER CLUB BUSINESS

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. We will continue to honor your Southwestern Division membership for three (3) months, ending with the October 5th meet. 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. Talk to Nancy Giammatteo at the front desk to get this done. *Please renew right away!*

Welcome aboard to the newest SWD club members (*in chronological order*): **William Benak, Ali Sarkarati, Ronald C. Wilcox and John Gartman.** *Thanks for joining!*

This year, 2025, is an **election year** for the SWD Officers and Board Members. The election will be held at our Dec. 7th Holiday meet. **We need younger people to get involved!** *Why not nominate yourself or a fellow club 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

July Meet: Celebrating Our Nation's Birthday!



Some one-of-a-kind Std. Ga. F7s by Waterman Locomotive Works.
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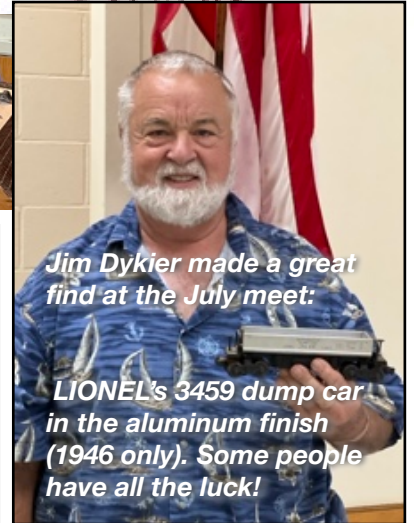
Susan Edwards won this month's 50/50 drawing. Mark Alkofer could be heard cheering her on from the audience.



"Hey, this is fun!"



Larry Pearson adjusts a LIONEL Berkshire for member Arin Dunlap at our free repair clinic.

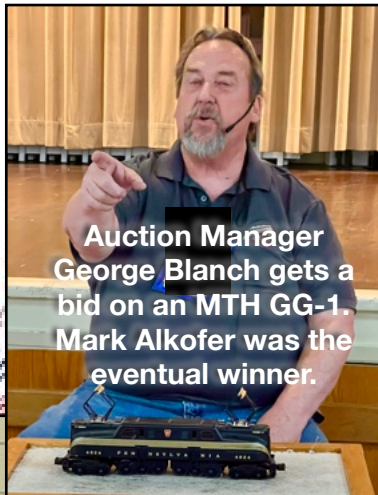


Jim Dykier made a great find at the July meet:

LIONEL's 3459 dump car in the aluminum finish (1946 only). Some people have all the luck!



Finding the perfect toy car from Vince Kahlon's table.



Auction Manager George Blanch gets a bid on an MTH GG-1. Mark Alkofer was the eventual winner.



Abbe & Chuck Reuter came from faraway Springville, CA to sell!



Left to right: Ulus Ekerman, Hal Rothenborg & Dale Kopes watch a Santa Fe streamliner run by.



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September 7th "End of Summer" Meet

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