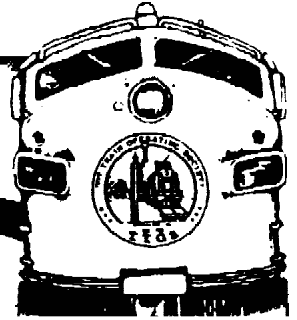


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President's Message

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THE MONTHLY MEET SCHEDULE

Effective with the January 2005 Meet we are changing the Seller setup time from 10:00am to 10:30am in an attempt to minimize the amount of Seller trading before the Meet opens to the Members at 11:00am. **We ask your cooperation with this.** Table sales and assignments and Seller setup will open in the Lobby at 10:30am at the Seller's

Table in front of the **West** door into the hall. Sellers arriving before 10:30 will be expected to keep their merchandise on their carts and line up in the Lobby starting at the new **Seller's Table**. At 10:30am everyone will be asked to leave the hall, with the exception of the Layout people, the Event Staff, and **Electric Norman**. **Al Vierich** is helping with this. The need to do something became apparent during the December Christmas Meet, when Sellers came for breakfast and were setting up and selling before 9:30 am, without having tables assigned or paying for them. This is not fair to Members who show up to buy at the scheduled 11:00am time. Other Divisions do this and their Meets are normally very successful. We intend to grow our Meets and eventually pre-sell tables like we used to do.

SELLER'S PERMITS

Al Vierich is heading up the effort to bring our Seller's Permit files up to date. It has been several years since we did this and the California State Board of Equalization requires that our files be up to date. Please bring a copy of your current Seller's Permit to the next Meet you attend, or mail a copy to Al Vierich at 7724 Shoup Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91304. Thank you for your help on this.

ELECTRIC NORMAN PARTS SALES

Electric Norman will continue to be selling parts at our monthly Meets whenever he can schedule it in. He was planning to move to Colorado, but this has been called off. Norman had to cancel out of the January Meet due to the rain, and has to be in San Francisco on our February 13th Meet date. He expects to be at the March 6th Sunday Meet. You can also mail order

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Cal-Stewart 2004 Report!

by
Larry Pearson, 2004 Cal-Stewart Co-Chairman

The 2004 Cal-Stewart Meet, our 31st year, was an overwhelming success! The Main Hall was filled to capacity with 439 Tables, about 80 more tables than in 2003. We had to set up 30 tables in the Annex for the overflow. The aisles were the absolute minimum that the Fire Marshal would allow. The only way we could get more tables into the Main Hall would be to eliminate the Special Display and the three Manufacturers displays (Lionel, MTH, and K-Line), and we don't want to do that. Under **Jerry Blaine's** stewardship, the Friday Night John King Welcoming Party grew by 150 attendees, to an estimated 350. We are working hard to make the 2005 Cal-Stewart better yet!

Putting on an event this size takes an enormous staff of workers. This year all the workers received a **Limited Edition Souvenir Cal-Stewart Cap**, and I kept careful records of the names of the people who received these caps. We gave out about 70 caps. What follows is a list of everyone that I know of who worked the event. I am sure that I have left some people off the list, and many of those listed helped in other areas also, and I apologize for this.

Please join me in thanking the Chairmen and workers of the many sub committees who made Cal-Stewart 2004 the great event that it was (not listed in order of importance):

Meet Co-Chairmen: Larry Pearson & Walter Olson

Web Master: Harold Shapiro

Pre-Registration: Bruce & Elaine Lazarus (Chair.)

Pre-Registration Table Sales: Bruce & Elaine Lazarus (Chair.)

Souvenir Car Sales: Bruce Lazarus

On-Site Registration: Bruce & Elaine Lazarus (Chair), Peter
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Sellers continue getting tables ready for the 9 AM Saturday opening of the Cal-Stewart 2004 Trading Hall.

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from him over the phone: (818) 764-7765. Or you can visit with him at his Sun Valley home to get repair advice and see the parts you want to buy. Call for an appointment.

CAL-STEWART 2005: NOVEMBER 11-13

We are already hard at work planning for a bigger and better Cal-Stewart for 2005. **Save the dates: November 11-13, 2005.** Long-time Southwestern Member and past Cal-Stewart Chairman **Jerry Blaine** will be taking over from me as Chairman in 2005, and I welcome his help. We want to grow the number of Public attending by expanding the layouts in the Annex to cover Gauges Z, N, HO, S, O, Std., and G. **Al Vierich** is heading this effort up and has already booked most of the layouts. Long-time Southwestern member **Bill Corsello** has volunteered to handle advertising. We are also exploring having tours on Thursday, November 10th, like we have done in the past.

The **Special Display** theme for 2005 is **Plasticville**, and this is being headed up by **Hollis Cotton**. He needs display items and Plasticville advertising that can be copied and blown up to hang on the backboard of the display. Hollis can be contacted at his business at (818) 781-4910.

Cal-Stewart will continue to reside at the **Pasadena Center Exhibition Hall** for the foreseeable future. Plans to rebuild the Exhibition Hall are on permanent hold due to a lack of funds. In a sense I wish that they would enlarge the Hall, because we need more room.

We are working to bring back a **Premium Auction** for Saturday night. This was very popular for a while, but was ended when too few "premium" items were brought for sale in 2003. We are looking at possibly bringing in an outside auction service to bring premium trains to sell. We cannot afford to waste Saturday night on a continuation of the Saturday daytime auction.

2005 SOUTHWESTERN CALENDAR-UPDATE

The last issue (November-December) of *The Southwestern Limited* presented the 2005 Events Calendar. This Events Calendar is repeated on the Meet announcement postcard that you receive each month. **Pay careful attention to the days of the month when we hold our meets.** Due to conflicts with other meets and holidays, the availability of the Arcadia Hall, and rent incentives, five (5) of the ten months we meet in Arcadia in 2005 are scheduled on the **first** Sunday of the month and five (5) are on the **second** Sunday of the month. In addition, we reserve the right to change our schedule if necessary. For example, around mid year 2004, we announced a change in the December Christmas Meet from the second Sunday to the first Sunday, and all subsequent post cards reflected this change. Unfortunately, several Members showed up with their children on the original second Sunday date. There was a cat show in the hall on that date. I felt really bad about this, and that is why I am writing about it.

The Saturday, August 13th date for our annual **Picnic** at Live Steamers in Griffith Park has been confirmed. **Steve Waller** continues to be our liaison with Live Steamers and has made the arrangements. Steve works really hard to make this an extra-special event.

— Larry Pearson, President

SOUTHWESTERN 2005 CALENDAR

Sundays 2005: Feb. 13, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug. 13-Picnic, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. C-S**, Dec. 4

Note Time: Sellers Setup 10:30 a.m. Members 11:00 a.m.

Public 11:30 a.m.—Admission \$5.00 Children under 12 free with paid adult

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** Cal-Stewart 2005 November 11-13 at
Pasadena Convention Center

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Beam, Larry Kirk, Jerry Price, Sandy Raab, Spencer Smith, Tina Corsello, Linda Kramer, Kim Stotts, Maxine Stotts, Janita Keck

Hall Setup: Mark DeMoica (Pasadena Center), Tony Deneve, Bob Cesarone

Badge & Packet Preparation: Peter Beam, Bill Schouten, Peter's neighbor Doris, Calvin & Phyllis Smith

King Party and Raffle: Jerry Blaine & Bill Corsello, (Co-Chair), Don Ladenberger, Tina Corsello

Hotel Liaison: Larry Pearson

Newspaper Advertising: Calvin & Phyllis Smith

Cal-Stewart Brochure: Calvin & Phyllis Smith

Special Marx Display: Hollis Cotton (Chair.), Bob Cesarone, Tasker Brush, Tony Deneve, Steve Waller

John Fox Marx Seminar: Bob Cesarone

Warehousing and Shipping of Souvenir Cars: Fred Kramer

Layouts: Walter Olson (Chair.), Larry Pearson, Al & Marilyn Vierich, Mike Morgan, Irv Hahn, Hal Rothenborg, Frank & Stella Alabart, Chris Kee, Ramon Garcia

Floor Plans: Larry Pearson, Walter Olson (Annex), Al Vierich (Annex)

Auctions: Vince Garguilo (Auctioneer), Mike Galante, Alan Rebis, Ed Maggiore, Jan Lyman, Jake Jacobsen

Security: Don Stotts (Chair.), Gary Stotts, Maxine Stotts, Connie Jones, Fred Ruby, Irving Jones, Scott White, Kim Stotts, Jack Hornor, George Ann Hornor, Valerie Stotts, Patt Anderegg, Mark Wilde, Howard Bishop, Bill Shepard, Colette Shepard

Train Races & Demolition Derby: Jon & Linda Pincus

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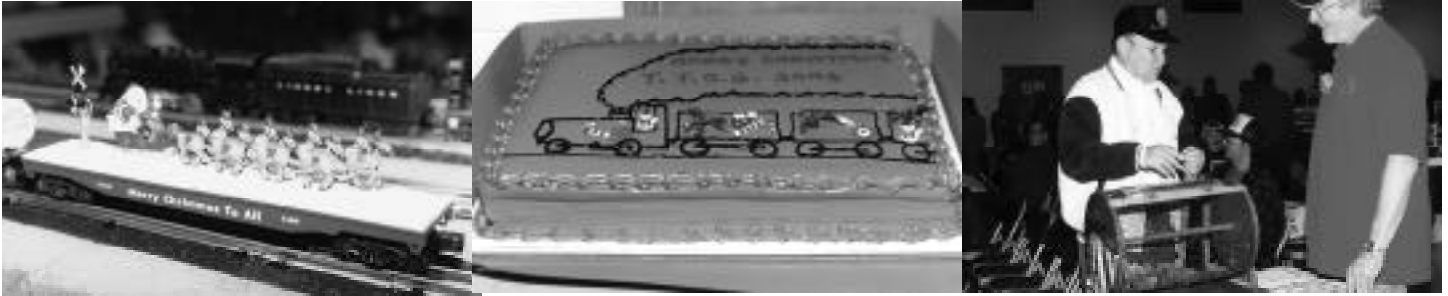
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The December Meet



The December Meet featured a visit from Santa, cake, coffee and hot chocolate courtesy of the Club, and, of course, a drawing!



Santa visited the young and the young-at-heart.



Six
Lucky
Drawing
Winners!



SWD President Larry tests an engine.



Santa Fe Super Chief on the Layout

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joining SWD in December '04 & January '05 are:
Harry Sanders, Anthony Vegacic, Rick Oberlander, Sheldon Hall, Sal Spagnolo, Michael Plisky, Richard Maggio, and David Lang.

In Memoriam

Terry Fortuna TTOS #6480
Ernie Renn TTOS #337

Our thoughts & prayers are with family & friends

Our Condolences to

Marilyn & Al Vierich on the passing of
Marilyn's Mother

Carol & David Nissen on the passing of
David's Father

Highlights of Cal-Stewart 2004

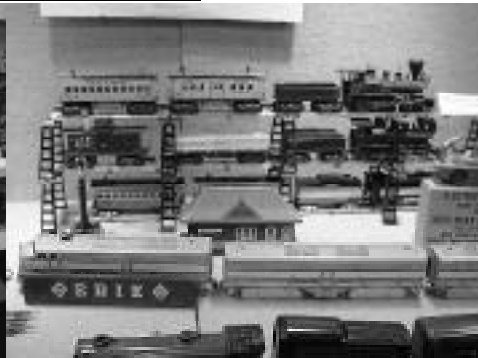
The Marx Theme Display

The following club members were kind enough to loan items for the Cal-Stewart 2004 Marx Theme Display: Roy Bell, Bob Caplan, Bob Cesarone, Bill Clausen, Brian Friedls, Guy Gullo, Jack & George Ann Horner, Bill Kluss, Ed & Cindy Largey, Robert Moore, Mike Morgan, Dave & Carol Nissen, and Al Vierich.

The workers who helped transport and assemble the Display structure were: Tasker Brush, Bob Cesarone, Tony Deneve, Larry Pearson and Steve Waller. Thanks to Fred Kramer for allowing us to store it in his Chatsworth warehouse.

Hollis Cotton, Display Chairman

Panorama Pictures of Display (row 1) by Mervyn Lew. Detail Pictures (rows 2 & 3) courtesy of David Nissen.



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THE TRAIN RACES AND DEMOLITION DERBY AT CAL-STEWART



The responsibilities of the Train Races & Demolition Derby Chairman are to store, maintain, set-up and tear down the race track, run the races,

determine classes, and award prizes. The chief volunteer helper was Linda Brown Pincus. Also at Cal-Stewart 2004 Myron Moore helped with track set-up and caught trains at the finish line.

The war between Dale Manquen and Jack Rice continues with Jack Rice winning three of the four classes. For modified locos, V J Campiti won a first for stock steam locomotive and Josh Moore won in pre-war steam. Jack Rice also took over V J Campiti in the Demolition Derby. Ralph Smith won pre-war electric. John Fox made a good showing and said, "Watch out next year! I'll be back!" Thanks to all—see your next year.

Jon Pincus, Chair

THE AUCTIONS!



The responsibilities of the Auction Chair include set-up and conduct the three auctions, recruit the volunteers necessary to put on the auctions,

and to dismantle the auction site when its over.

Volunteers included Mike Galante (Assistant Chairman), Alan Rebis, Ed Magiore, Jake Jacobsen, and Cecelia Treat.

Thank you every one, thank you. Once again you have made the Cal-Stewart auctions a memorable occasion. All three auctions were well attended and both sellers and buyers felt they did well, and that's always a sign of a good auction. Many of you told me you had fun, and that made my day. This is all about the hobby and the people in it. We did have a good time. See you next year.

Vince Garguilo, Auction Chair

THE MANUFACTURERS!



Once again K-Line, Lionel, MTH and Third Rail had displays of current production and personnel on hand to answer questions. Southwestern Division appreciates the participation of the manufacturers at the November Cal-Stewart Meets.

Thank You, John Fox, for Another Great Marx Show & Tell!



A big THANK YOU to Amelia and Ron Hall for once again providing lunch for the Cal-Stewart volunteer helpers, and especially for your very special pickles!!! Yum! Yum!

The Big Cal-Stewart Drawing

Responsibilities of the chairman include, obtaining prizes for the Friday and Sunday raffles, arrange for ladies to sell the tickets, collect proceeds, and hand out prizes.

Volunteers assisting were Diane (Bell) Lee, Carolyn and Lily Mattes, Calvin and Phyllis Smith.

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets. Special thanks to Dick Mayer who donates prizes every year and to Butch Alvarado who brings these prizes to Cal-Stewart. Thanks also to The Train Shack (Gary Keck), Western Depot (Bob McBratney) and to Lionel and MTH for their generous donations. We had the best raffle we've had in 10 years.

Also, a new innovation this year were drawings during Saturday afternoon. We thank K-Line for their generous support. The Saturday afternoon drawings were well received by attendees.



**Happy
Winners!**

Winners of the drawing at the John King Party were Marlan Benson (\$350), Stan Batynski (Toonerville Trolley), Martin VanDyke (A Train Story), Jan Layman (Lionel box car).

Layouts



The layouts are always a highlight of Cal-Stewart and were enjoyed by members and the public alike. The Christmas Tree layout in the lower left featured 4 gauges.

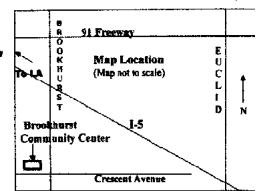


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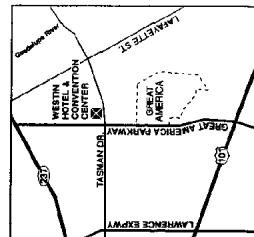
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2:00pm - 6:00pm Unloading, NO TRADING

Saturday, March 19
7:00am - 1:00pm Registration
7:00am - 8:30am Unloading and Set Up
9:00am - 8:30am Trading Hall Open
12:00pm - 1:30pm Offices
1:00pm Auction Set Up
2:00pm Begin Auction
5:00pm Trading Hall Closed
6:00pm No Host Cocktails
7:00pm Nor-Cal-Stewart Banquet

Sunday, March 20
8:30am Sellers in Hall
9:00am - 2:00pm Registration
9:00am Trading Hall Open
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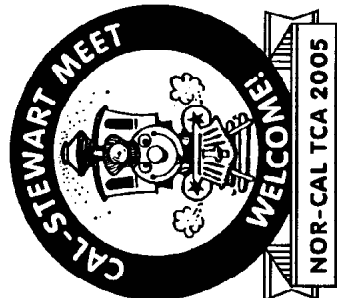
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