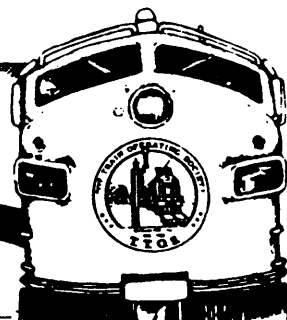


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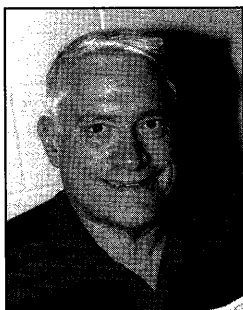


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President's Message

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Southwestern Division, 2004-2005
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THE JUNE 13TH MEET REPORT



Thanks for your great support and attendance at the June 13th Meet! It had the largest attendance of any meet at Arcadia since our first return Meet in 2003. Special thanks go to Board Member Hollis Cotton for his special historical presentation on early American Flyer "Hummer" windup trains. With the ongoing energy shortages, windup may again have a future in toy trains.

Windup trains give you a train to play with during a power blackout. (Just kidding.) The auction was great, with one locomotive selling for \$700!

RUMORS, RUMORS!

It was reported to me all during the latter part of May that at TCA and Southern Pacific Meets rumors were circulating that TTOS Southwestern Division is bankrupt and is going out of business, and that no one should bother to attend our Arcadia Meets, and that Cal-Stewart is being taken over by another TTOS Division. None of this is true! The contracts have been signed and the deposits have been paid for Cal-Stewart 2004. The Southwestern Division of TTOS is separately incorporated, and will survive even if TTOS National and all the other TTOS Divisions expire! The great June Meet proves your support.

Actually, it is my firm belief that all of us should support TTOS and all of its Divisions, as well as TCA, and all the other toy train clubs, wherever possible. This extensive support by toy train lovers will grow and strengthen the hobby for all the clubs.

One possible downside of these negative rumors is that we are experiencing a significant slowdown in Southwestern Membership renewals. The \$25 annual dues for Southwestern gives you great value, as described in the next paragraph, even if you only can attend only a few times a year. Other antique toy meets

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DUES ARE DUE!




Come to the
Southwestern Division Summer Member Appreciation Party at the Live Steamers in Griffith Park

Trains Running for Viewing & Riding Hamburgers & Hot Dogs with all the Trimmings, Chips, Sodas, etc.

For Dues Paid SWD Members and Family Children must be supervised at all times

— Limited Space —
— Reservations Required —

**Saturday, August 14
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
\$5.00 per person**
Children under 12 are free

**Griffith Park Live Steamers
(on Forest Lawn Drive, beside Travel Town)**
Free Parking in lot at east end of Live Steamers

Please Note: No train sales at this social — Park prohibits sales
RESERVATION FORM—Live Steamers SWD Social—Reservations Required

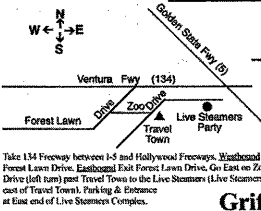
Name _____ TTOS # _____

_____ No. of Adults & Children 12 & Over @ \$5.00 each \$ _____

_____ No. of Children Under 12 Free \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make your check payable to TTOS SWD and mail with your completed reservation form to:
Peter Beam, 2126 Casa Grande, Pasadena, CA 91104
Your tickets will be held at the gate. For answers to questions, please call Larry Pearson at (818) 848-2653.



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**2004 Meets: July 11, Saturday, Aug 14-
Member Appreciation Picnic at L.A. Live Steamers,
Sept 12, Oct 17, Nov 12-14 Cal-Stewart, Dec 5**

**Breakfast 9:30 a.m.; Seller Setup 10:00 a.m.
Members 11:00 a.m., Public 11:30 a.m.—Admission \$5.00
Membership Meeting 1:15 p.m.; Auction 1:30 p.m.
Attendance Drawing 2:30 p.m.—Auction resumes until done
Tables—\$10.00 each • Sept. 12 Plasticville Display**

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SAVE THE DATE!
CAL-STEWART MEET 2004 DATES ARE NOVEMBER 12-14, 2004
AT THE PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER, EXHIBITION BUILDING

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can cost you almost this much, including parking, to attend just one meet. And if you are selling, some Meets will cost you between \$60 and \$140 for just one table, plus parking. And only the Southwestern Division offers you Cal-Stewart, the largest toy train club Meet in the western United States, and your dues go toward helping put this on.

So I want to start a new rumor: Southwestern TTOS offers great Arcadia all-day Meets with a spacious air conditioned well-lit hall and lots of camaraderie and trains for sale and lots of buyers; a great Auction with low fees (some commercial auctions charge 30% fees to sellers); 8' Sellers tables for a rock-bottom fee of \$10 each; a free train repair seminar for members; **two** large operating layouts where you can bring your O-gauge trains to run, and where you can experience and learn about the latest Toy Train electronic technology; a Test Track for Standard, "O", "S", and "HO" gauges; train videos being shown in the lobby throughout the Meet; Electric Norman train repair parts; a great free door prize drawing for Members each month; a great raffle each month; Historical Toy Train Seminars (the next one will be on Plasticville at the September Meet); great collectable souvenir cars for sale; a great food service offering breakfast and lunch meals at reasonable prices; monthly post card meet notification; a newsletter every other month; and much, much more. All this, plus a great picnic in August at L.A. Live Steamers in Griffith Park, Cal-Stewart in Pasadena in November and a portable 16 ft x 40 ft layout for train expos and malls. **All this for only \$25 per year!! What a deal! Support Southwestern TTOS! Renew or join today! Get all your toy train friends to join! Truly, the more the merrier!**

THE ANNUAL TTOS-SOUTHWESTERN PICNIC ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH

Fliers were mailed with your Southwestern Dues renewal. In order to best plan the meet and purchase sufficient food and beverage, we need you to pre-register if at all possible. Additional fliers are available by calling Larry Pearson at (818) 848-2653, or visit our web site: www.ttos-sw.org. The L. A. Live Steamers facility at Griffith Park is very large and can accommodate our entire membership, so don't worry about us selling out. But we do need you to pre-register. This picnic has grown in size every year, and is great for the entire family. Attendance limited to TTOS-SW Members and family only, with some special invitations going out to non-Members. **This picnic is not open to the public.**

THE TTOS SOUTHWESTERN WEB SITE

Harold Shapiro, our new Web Master, has done a great job on this, and you should visit it. The new site was up and running starting June 1st. The address is: www.ttos-sw.org. The Cal-Stewart site is: www.calstewart.com, which is being changed to: www.cal-stewart.org in the near future. The new 2004 Cal-Stewart brochure will appear by the end of July.

That's it for the July-August Message. The subjects will be continued. Please call or write me at the above address and phone number if you have questions or comments, or want to offer your services to help our over-worked Board. Call anytime, I love to talk.

Larry Pearson, President



"American Flyer Hummer, Windup Trains"
Special historical display by Hollis Cotton at the June 2004 Meet featured ten original boxed sets showing many variations of the AF Hummers.

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