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LA LIVE STEAMERS PICNIC — ANOTHER GREAT AUGUST PARTY



Left, Hollis Cotton, Jerry Moser, and Larry Pearson serving food; Elaine & Bruce Lazarus, Jon Pincus, and Tony DeNeve also helped with food preparation and serving. Middle: the Disney Barn was open to visitors thanks to LA Live Steamers Bob Lemberger, Bill Barbe, Herb Dymond, John Fennell and Joseph Jaramillo. Right: the train passes an Old Western Town. Below are some of the “riding” trains. Photography by Herbert Alfred



Southwestern Division thanks LALS and SWD member **Steve Waller** for making arrangements for our picnic at the Los Angeles Live Steamers facility in Griffith Park. **Bob Lemberger** of TTOS & the Disney Barn arranged for space for the two operating layouts brought by **John Bowman & Family** and **Steve Eastman and Family**.

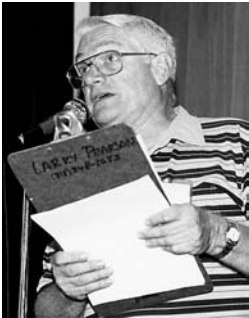
Many thanks to the following LALS engineers, conductors and trains: ATSF 163 EMD GP6OM -**Ron Tarjany**; Smog Belt 2899 AlCo FA diesel & consist-**Bob & Gail Woodward**; Baldwin S-12-**Steve Harris & Family**; Dan O'Brien's UP SW-1500-**Jim Baker**. In addition LALS **Peter Bowen & son** helped. And thank you to **Jim & Judylynn Pelling**, SWD, for handling the registration and entrance gate.



Reminder: Cal-Stewart Mail-In Registration Must Be Postmarked by October 31, 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JULY/AUGUST 2008

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Still Late

I am still getting caught up with *Limited* issues. After leading gruelling judging classes for my car club show in September, I began working on the 2008 Cal-Stewart Brochure.

2008 LifeSavers® Tank Car

Bruce Lazarus has received approval for the Wild Cherry LifeSavers® car, the second tank car in our series of 5. We will have a prototype on display at Cal-Stewart in November with order forms available. Color ads will be in the TTOS November/December Bulletin, S-Guagian magazine and a TCA publication. We have sold out of the first LifeSavers® tank car. Do not miss getting the second car!!!

2008 Cal-Stewart Brochure

Because of some unavoidable delays, the brochure is late being mailed this year. You should have received your brochure in late September/early October.

There are several changes for Cal-Stewart this year. First, the venue for the King Welcome Party has been moved across the street to the Masonic Temple, 200 South Euclid Ave. (corner of Euclid and Cordova). You will be surprised at the grandeur of this 1926 building which is sought by the film industry because of its elegant architecture. Our Welcome Party features a sit down dinner for \$10.00 per adult. There may also be a silent auction in addition to the usual raffle. Second, our desire this year is to have all the Sellers in the White Hall (East Pavilion). All the displays, races, auctions, and manufacturers will be in the Brown Hall (Conference Center). Third, the Boy Scouts will work on Model Railroading and Collecting merit badges in the Brown Hall on Saturday. Fourth, on Saturday and Sunday, there will be free admission for the public to the Brown Hall. Admission to the White Hall (Trading Hall) will be \$30.00 for Saturday and Sunday (two-day or one-day pass). See your brochure for more details on these changes. **All White Hall attendees must register for Cal-Stewart.**

2008 TTOS Convention

The Sacramento Convention was terrific. The ten layout tours and California State Railroad Museum opening event were well worth attending the convention!! TTOS Executive Director Randy Giroux did a good job making the convention come together, with outstanding assistance from the Sacramento Division of TTOS. Most of the SWD issues were resolved at the National Board Meeting, and now we can focus on the importance of growing the hobby and membership.

Get registered for Cal-Stewart 2008, Nov. 21-23, 2008 NOW!

Larry Pearson, President

New TTOS Grading Standards

At the August 14, 2008 board meeting, the Board of Directors of the Toy Train Operating Society decided to return to our previous grading standards by TTOS members when offering trains for sale or trade. Effective immediately, please start using these grading standards:

MINT - Brand new, absolutely unmarred, all original and unused.

LIKE NEW (LN) - Free of any blemishes, nicks or scratches, original condition throughout, very little sign of use.

EXCELLENT (EX) - Minute nicks or scratches, no dents or rust.

VERY GOOD (VG) - Few scratches, exceptionally clean, no dents or rust.

GOOD (GD) - Scratches, small dents, dirty.

FAIR - Well-scratched, chipped, dented, rusted, or warped.

POOR - Beat up, junk condition, some usable parts.

All description standards are mainly in regard to condition of finish. This should be kept constantly in mind. In all categories except Mint or Like New, parts can and may be missing. Any such missing parts must be noted when describing the piece. Also, any replacement parts must be noted, or exceptions to the stated category. All restored or refinished items are to be so stated. Note that the standards apply to original items. No grade above Excellent can apply to a refinished piece. We do not here recognize in-between or multiple grades, such as Excellent plus, Excellent minus or Very Good to Excellent.



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SWD Large Layout Takes Farewell Tour at the NMRA Convention in July

Walter Olson arranged for the large Southwestern Division Layout to appear at the July 2008 National Model Railroad Association Convention held in Anaheim in July 2008. Some 20,000 people attended the show. Crew members running the layout included **Al Vierich, Mike Morgan, Ramon Garcia, Bill Augustus, Ervin Hahn, Chris Kee, Jerry Moser** and **Glen Passmore**. Also assisting were President **Larry Pearson**, Vice President **Vince Garguillo**, Board member **Fred Kramer** and grandson **Jacob Cherry**, and SWD member **Myron Moore**.

Our layout banner was prominently displayed and September meet guest passes, Cal-Stewart car flyers for old stock plus other literature were passed out. This was the last use of this layout. A new layout is being developed with new track and sections in modular pattern.



Photos of the layout at the NMRA Convention by Hal Rothenborg.

The SWD Layout attracted crowd attention. Children especially enjoyed dumping the logs off the log cars. The NMRA Convention was a fitting venue for the last outing of this version of the Southwestern Division traveling layout. Congratulations to the Layout Crew for an excellent job well done. And, thank you for the beautiful layout we have enjoyed for a number of years!! We all look forward to the next layout, a modular model.

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From the Editor Calvin Smith:

Trip to TCA York Meet Cut Short

This year when I had the opportunity to join Hollis Cotton, Jim Seels, and Fritz Von Tagen at the Pre-York Meet sales, I said yes since I had never gone early. Looking forward to a full week at York, my wife Phyllis drove me to LAX on Sunday for my Southwest 6:45 a.m. flight to Baltimore. As we drove, listening to KNX, we were aware a fire in Kagel Canyon was spreading to Lopez Canyon and smelled the smoke at LAX.

Fritz met me at the airport in a rented Chrysler Town & Country and a half hour later we picked up Hollis and Jim at the United Terminal and headed for York. After checking in at our motel, we visited Billy Bob, and after dinner I called Phyllis and found out our son, Ron, daughter-in-law and grandson had been evacuated from their mobile home park at the mouth of Lopez Canyon, and were in a Sylmar motel since the fire department anticipated evacuees returning to their homes Monday morning.

Monday morning in York, after an early breakfast we headed to the Hollydome where sellers were setting up in the parking lot and spent most of the day checking items out. When I called Phyllis Monday evening, I learned that heavy winds fanned the fire at 4 a.m. and the fire storm roared into the mobile home park resulting in a large number of homes lost. Monday evening our son, daughter-in-law, grandson and a bunch of their cats which they had rounded up when they were evacuated on Sunday were at our home.

I then told Hollis, Jim and Fritz that I needed to get home ASAP to help my family. Tuesday morning Fritz and I discovered car rentals do not rent one way. So Fritz took upon himself to drive me down to the BWI airport, giving up 2 hours plus of trading. Thank you, Fritz!!

Southwest Airlines was terrific. They got me on an afternoon flight when I called them late Monday. At the airport I discovered an even earlier afternoon flight to LAX, and Southwest was able to work out connections by 10 minutes of boarding time. I arrived back home by 7 p.m.

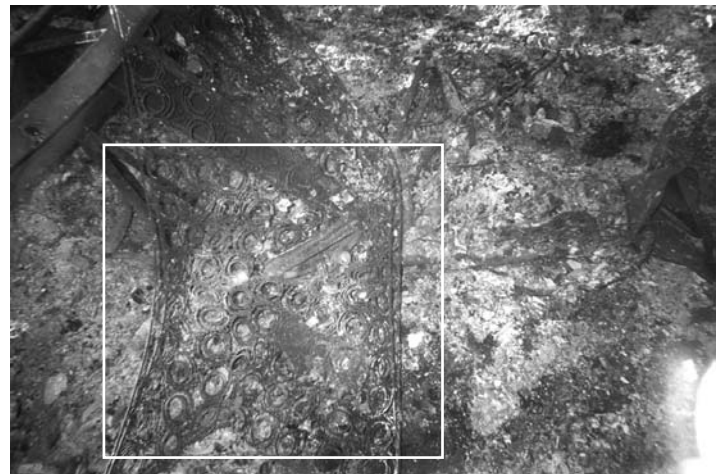
Our son's mobile home is a total loss. See the picture in the right column. Word to the wise: be sure you have your insurance paid up!

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Within the frame are Ron's twisted, burnt track and the burnt out hulk of his Lionel UP Diesel, track and engine victims of the fire storm which hit Sky View Terrace Mobile Home Park in Lopez Canyon, Oct. 13, 2008.



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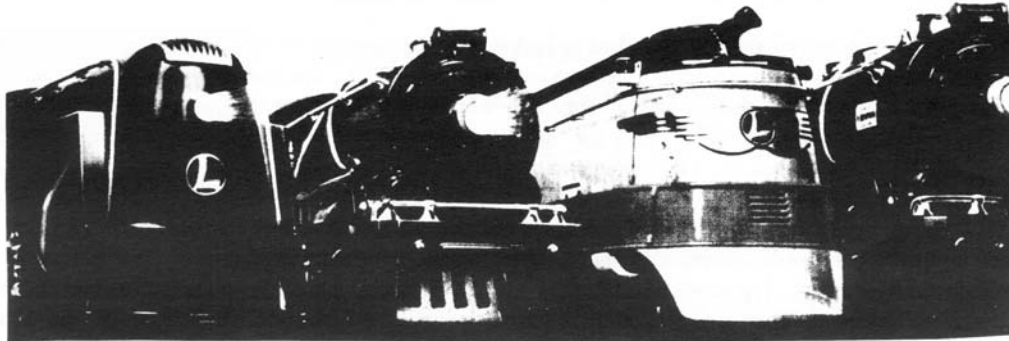
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The **Wonderful World of Trains** is free to the public and will consist of the following:

- This will occur in the Brown Hall (Conference Center – Lower Level) from 10:AM to 5:PM on Saturday and Sunday.
- Free Door Prize Tickets to the “public” for a train set to be given away will be available at the Cal-Stewart Registration desk at the top level of the Brown Hall.
- Manufacturer’s Displays – Lionel, MTH, and Williams by Bachmann
- Operating Layouts – HO (Marklin/Fleischman), S Gauge, and O Gauge
- Ralph Johnson Memorial Display — Toy Articulated Passenger Streamliners 1934-1941
- Marx Show and Tell — Saturday 11 a.m. to 12 noon
- Exciting Train Races & Demolition Derby — Sunday 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Auctions Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Sellers must be paid registered for Cal-Stewart)
- An All Brass Show featuring HO and O Gauge Products.
- A special Boy Scout Merit Badge certification program will be present (Saturday).

The **Cal-Stewart Train Meet** requires paid registration and will consist of the following:

- The Cal-Stewart Train Meet attendance will require registration and a badge issued at the Cal-Stewart Registration desk at the upper level of the Brown Hall.
- The Sellers Hall is the East Side Pavilion (White Hall). (Registration & Badge required.)
- Friday Night “King Welcoming Cocktail/Dinner Party” (7:00 pm-10 pm) at the Pasadena Masonic Temple, 200 So. Euclid, Pasadena (Corner of Euclid & Cordova, across the street from the Convention Center) on Nov 21, 2008.
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