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Cal-Stewart – November 11, 12, 13, 2005

- King Welcoming Party with 40s Costumes & Dancing
- Large Plasticville Display
- Marx Seminar
- Table Sales Galore
- Two Auctions
- Manufacturers & Parts
- S-Gauge Layout Open House
- Grand Drawing!



at the Pasadena Convention Center, Exhibition Building

President's Message

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CAL-STEWART 2005 - NOVEMBER 11-13



Bruce & Elaine Lazarus, Pre-registration Co-Chairmen, report that Cal-Stewart Pre-Registrations and table sales are coming along very well and we are looking forward to another great Cal-Stewart for 2005. If you are a buyer, be sure to pre-register and

be there at 9:00am Saturday to get the best deals and the best stuff. If you have not pre-registered and plan

to register on Saturday morning before 9:00am, please have your Registration form filled out and the exact change ready and your train club membership card (membership in any train club is acceptable) when you come up to the Registration table so we can speed you through it.

Save the date for Cal-Stewart 2006: November 17-19. Please note that this is one week later in the month of November than in 2005. We got bumped by a large convention that is booking the entire Pasadena Center in 2006 on our normal weekend.

NEW TTOS CONDITION/GRADING STANDARDS

In an effort led by TTOS National Vice President Randy Giroux, who heads up the TTOS Standards Committee, TTOS has adopted a new numeric grading system similar to the one developed by TCA (Train Collectors Association). National TTOS has decided to begin the

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**BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS ENCLOSED—PLEASE VOTE
December Meet: Sunday, Dec 4—Toy Trains at Christmas—see page 12**

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implimentation of this new grading system at Cal-Stewart 2005, and a copy of this new grading standard will be included in your Cal-Stewart packet. Look for it.

The new TTOS Grading System converts the words, like "Very Good", to C-7 (Condition #7), for example, and fractions should not be used. The Standard goes from C-1 (Junk-parts value only) to C-10 (Mint-brand new: all original, unused, and unblemished). In the middle of the range is C-5 (Good - sign of play wear: with scratches and minor paint loss, small dents, minor surface rust, evidence of heavy use). Please note that C-5 is the highest grade for a "Restored" item. Restored items must be marked with a "TTOS Restored" sticker (or TCA Restored sticker), and the seller must be willing to honestly explain to potential buyers exactly what has been done to "restore" the item. As has been the case in the past, any repainting, including "touch-up" automatically places the item in C-5.

I have read in one of the TTOS Division Newsletters that TTOS is proposing to force the grading of items that have been re-wired to replace rotted/missing insulation, wheel replacing to replace disintegrated wheels, and the replacing of worn out or missing rollers and sliders as C-5, "Restored". Both Randy Giroux and a member of the TCA Standards Committee have assured me that this is not the case with either organization. So be advised that the replacement of these items will not result in the downgrading of electric trains or accessories to C-5. TTOS is an "operating" club and we feel that the replacement of minor parts to make the item functional should not result in a downgrading of the condition of the item.

Larry Pearson, President, SWD

For Cal-Stewart 2005 Wanted: Plasticville

Hollis Cotton, Special Display Chairman, has announced that the theme for 2005 Cal-Stewart is Plasticville. Hollis needs materials to display, especially advertisements which he can blow up to make posters for the Display backboard.

Get your Plasticville ready for display at Cal-Stewart 2005 and let Hollis know if you have any advertisements. Contact Hollis at (818) 781-4910.

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

David Fruit, Thomas Harvey, Paul Orlando, Joe Egizi, Conrad Finney, Phil Zisakis, Lois Elaine Toran, Jolyon Gissell, Jerry Price, Jeff Cohen, John W. Murphy, Spencer Jones, Mark Reppucci.



Classes for Train Races (Cal-Stewart)

- 1) Stock (Non-modified)
 - A. Steam with brush type motors
 - B. Steam with can type motors
 - C. Diesel with single brush type motor
 - D. Diesel with dual brush type motor
 - E. Diesel with single can motor
 - F. Diesel with dual can motor
 - G. Pre-War Electric
- 2) Modified:
 - A. Modified steam with brush motor
 - B. Modified steam with can motor
 - C. Modified diesel single motor
 - D. Modified diesel dual motor
- 3) Unlimited Modified (Must be electric powered by track power)

Demo Derby (Cal-Stewart)

1. Plastic vs Plastic
2. Die Cast vs Die Cast

The Train Races and Demolition Derby are scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday at Cal-Stewart. Volunteers are needed to help. Please contact Jon Pincus, Chairman, 818-889-1005.

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The September 2005 Meet



Scenes of the Tables at the September 2005 Meet



Bruce Lazarus is guiding the preparation of the Ward Kimball O and S-Gauge Cal-Stewart Cars



LAYOUTS are always a feature at Southwestern Division meets and September was not an exception. Members and guests enjoy watching trains on the layouts.

The October 2005 Meet



There were tables of interesting items at the October Meet.

October Drawing Winners



David Nissen
Lionel CSX Engine



Mike Cunningham
Weaver Pennsylvania Box Car



Les Cochran
K-Line Swiss Premium Rofer



Our Apologies—Please Identify Yourself!
Southern Pacific Hopper Car



Dave Mabes
Lionel Operating U.S. Mail Car



Les Cochran (again!)
Weaver Pittsburg & Lake Erie
Box Car



Jacob Cherry
Weaver Southern Pacific
Box Car

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