

Dec. 24, 2011 From the Editor: The proof for this *Limited* was given to President Larry Pearson for approval the last week of October 2011. Due to many delays, approval to publish did not come until Dec. 20th. A Re-cap with pictures of Cal-Stewart will appear in the January/February 2012 *Southwestern Limited*. Calvin Smith, editor



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## Cal-Stewart Was November 18, 19, and 20, 2011 It was a great train meet!!!



Featured:  
King Dinner  
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& Tell  
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Derby  
American  
Flyer Display

The Place: Pasadena Convention Center. The Event: Cal-Stewart 2011. Trading Hall Days were Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19, 2011— a great weekend of 450+ occupied tables of Toy Trains, accessories and related items. Registration and Pre-Registration packets were available Friday afternoon, November 17, 2011 in the Loading Dock Area, Saturday and Sunday Registration was in the East side of the Hall.



(Not to scale)

### 2011 Ralph Johnson Memorial Display Featured Wide Gauge American Flyer

Display Chairman Hollis Cotton put together a wonderful display of the largest trains American Flyer ever made. Contact Hollis Cotton (818) 590-9553 for information.

Each Registered attendee received a beautiful American Flyer Wide Gauge Cal-Stewart 2011 commemorative button (see artwork on the left).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**LARRY PEARSON**, President  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011

Please be advised that the following article is comprised solely of my own thoughts, opinions, and experiences, and does not necessarily convey the beliefs and thoughts of the T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division, and its Members and Officers, or the editor and publisher of *The Southwestern Limited*.

### 2011 39<sup>th</sup> CAL-STEWART PRELIMINARY REPORT

Attendance in Cal-Stewart 2011 was down slightly from last year, but those who came and sold and bought and enjoyed the eight layouts and the Special Display had a great time. Table sales were 390, down 40 from last year, mostly due to a large competing train meet in Washington state that took away a couple of our traditional large sellers. All sellers tables were sold out when the Meet opened on Saturday morning. The rain on Sunday hurt public attendance. The weather and a chronic shortage of nearby parking are beyond our control. We got many calls from sellers who were delighted with their sales. Arlene Berns finally finished off the sale of her train collection after almost four years of selling. The daytime auctions had lots of good stuff for sale and we are considering extending the Saturday auction into the evening in 2012 to better accommodate more sellers and buyers after the meet closes at 5:00pm. The annual Ralph Johnson Memorial Display featured American Flyer wide gauge (standard gauge) trains from 1925 through 1935 and showed off some of the finest trains from that era that you will ever see. We resumed the annual Cal-Stewart souvenir buttons, and they were a big hit. The train races were a big hit as usual. A more complete report on Cal-Stewart 2011 will be in the next issue of *The Southwestern Limited*. Save the dates for Cal-Stewart 2012: November 16-18.

### DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE MEET CANCELLATION

For, possibly, the first time ever in the history of Southwestern we had to cancel one of our Monthly Meets. Our annual December Christmas Open House Meet had to be cancelled because of an unscheduled "act of God" windstorm on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, that took out electric power in a wide area of the San Gabriel Valley, including the Arcadia area where our Meet hall is located. The electricity provider, Southern California Edison Company, kept promising to restore power every day leading up to December 4<sup>th</sup>, but when the lights were still out on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, we made a decision

at 6pm to cancel the Meet. Hollis Cotton, who is in charge of table sales, called all the sellers who had reserved tables to notify them not to come, and we called as many Members as we could to notify them. I was at the hall at 9:00am on Sunday to explain to those who did show up what happened. I estimate that about 30 Members showed up, including two sellers, who started selling out of their cars. I repaired one train out of the back of my truck and we signed up one new Member and got one renewal, and three ballots were turned in. The power was not restored until the morning of Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, one week after the outage started. We could have rescheduled the Meet for the next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, but it would be hard to get the word out in such short notice and this date conflicted with the Great Train Expo at the Pomona Fairplex where our layout and its operators would be. Besides, we just had our annual big Cal-Stewart Meet just two weeks prior and many of our Meet attendees bought and sold much of their stuff there and our workers were still recovering from all the work. And we had Santa at Cal-Stewart.

**The next Southwestern Meet is on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, and this will be an "Open House" Meet. All free passes for the December 4<sup>th</sup> Meet will be honored. Santa won't be there, but parts seller Mike Marple will be. We expect this to be a well attended Meet. Tables still cost only \$5.00!**

### ELECTION RESULTS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2012-2013

The T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Officers and Board of Directors are voted in for two-year terms, and 2011 is an election year for 2012-2013. **Roy Bell**, former Southwestern President, agreed to take nominations for this election and did an excellent job of getting qualified candidates for many of the positions. The ballots were mailed out in November and our CPA, **Irwin Zigmund**, received the mailed returns at his office in Canoga Park. The plan was for him to bring them to the December 4<sup>th</sup> Meet, where he would open the envelopes and count the ballots in front of the Membership in attendance. Ballots would be available for current paid up Members to fill out if they misplaced their ballots, forgot to mail them in or did not receive their ballot in the mail. Due to the power outage, as explained above, the December Meet was cancelled, and so it was decided to count the ballots that were mailed in at **Bruce Lazarus'** home in Woodland hills. Vice President **Hollis Cotton** helped Bruce and Irwin do the counting. Presidential candidate **Walter Olson** and several other new candidates were invited to witness the opening and counting of the ballots. **Walter Olson** attended the opening and helped with the counting of the ballots and was satisfied that it was properly done. Several ballots had to be discarded because insufficient information was put on the outside of the return envelope for us to determine who sent in the ballot. Only current paid-up Southwestern Members were eligible to vote. The envelopes were opened and the ballots put in a pile before counting so how each Member voted was not known. The following is the results. Votes for the Board of Directors positions are listed in the order of votes received. It should be noted that all incumbents were re-elected. None of the votes were close enough that missed ballots would have a made a difference. *Please turn to page 3 for results:*

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## President's Message Cont'd from page 2

**President:** Larry Pearson – 99 votes; Walter Olson – 26 votes.

**Vice President:** Hollis Cotton – 120 votes

**Treasurer:** Mike Cunningham – 121 votes

**Membership Secretary:** Butch Alvarado – 113 votes

**Recording Secretary:** Jerry Moser – 117 votes; Irwin Zigmond – 1 vote (write-in).

**Board of Directors** seven positions, listed in order of votes received.

Bruce Lazarus – 102 votes

Calvin Smith – 101 votes

Vince Garguilo – 95 votes

Jon Pincus – 85 votes

Fred Kramer – 82 votes

Hal Rothenborg – 79 votes

Larry Tozzi – 71 votes

Arlene Berns – 55 votes

David Mabee – 46 votes

Jeff Meyer – 37 votes

David Stepp – 36 votes

Neal Meyer – 26 votes

As was explained in my previous President's Message, the Board has the power to appoint Southwestern Members to additional Board positions if needed. Neither the Officers nor the Board Members are paid for their services. The only requirement is that all Board Members perform a needed task and have the best interests of Southwestern in mind when they do their work. Volunteer workers for Southwestern do not have to be Members of the Board or to attend Board meetings. For example, **Arlene Berns** has volunteered to handle the annual Membership renewals in July, 2012. She has a strong background in Excel, which is needed to do the job right. **Bill** and **Tina Corsello** volunteer to help organize and manage the Cal-Stewart Welcoming party, but do not wish to be Board members.

### THE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF TRAINS BY TCA WESTERN DIVISION

After a one-year absence, the **Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum** in Yorba Linda has invited the members of TCA Western Division to produce another great Holiday Festival of Trains. Project Director **Wayne Sheriff** and Project Designer **Bob Lemberger** came up with four 16'x16' layouts that each represents a different theme and gauge, plus an operating overhead G-gauge train. This custom made exhibit took two months to build on site by a very dedicated construction team. I volunteer one night each week to help maintain the trains, which operate all day seven days a week. **The American West** models the American Southwest and features three G-gauge steam trains from the 1880's. **Parkerville USA** features three standard gauge trains and one O-gauge train from the tinplate era prior to 1942, plus vintage trains and accessories on static display. **New York, New York** features designer **Doug Marsh's** hand-crafted buildings of the vast Manhattan skyline and operating O-gauge subway trains on an elevated track.

The Holiday Train exhibit will be in operation until Monday, January 2, 2012. Go see it.

### 2011 ELECTIONS FOR THE TOY TRAIN OPERATING SOCIETY

Members of the Toy Train Operating Society (National) Board of Directors are voted in for two-year terms, and 2011 is an election year for 2012-2013. For those of you who have continued your membership in National, you should have received a ballot in the mail, and it must be mailed in by the end of December, 2011. They had a nomination committee, but failed to get the word out to the general membership, and as a result have only one person running for each position. In my opinion, these people will not fix the many problems that National has incurred over the last four years. **Dave Otth** and I did some last minute recruiting and recommend the following write-in candidates, who submitted their names too late to be included on the ballot.

**Tom Gibson – President**

**Dave Otth – Vice President**

**Bryan Stanton – Treasurer**

**Tom Gibson** was National President about 30 years ago and left the Club with \$300,000 cash in the bank. National currently has virtually no money even to produce the six issues of *The TTOS Bulletin* that they are obligated to provide. **Dave Otth**, recently retired from JPL, proposes to make National a volunteer organization to cut costs until enough money can be saved up to begin providing the needed membership benefits. Dave plans to get much more interesting content in *The TTOS Bulletin* to attract new membership and retain existing members. Dave was editor of the *Bulletin* back when there were 12 great issues per year and TTOS had 8000 Members. Last year there were only two issues and Membership was around 3000. If elected, Dave plans to visit all the Divisions to promote activities and Membership in TTOS National.

**Please support Southwestern by continuing your Membership, recruiting new Members, buying our souvenir cars, and attending our monthly Meets and Cal-Stewart. As always, hugs to all, and run your trains often.**

**Larry Pearson, President**

#### Southwestern Division Toy Train Meets

2012: \*Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 4, \*April 1, May 6,  
\*June 10, July 1, August 4 (Sat. Picnic), \*Sept. 9,  
Oct. 7, \*\*Nov. 16-18 Cal-Stewart 2012, \*Dec. 2.

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\*Open House Meets

\*\*Cal-Stewart at Pasadena Convention Center

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The Cal-Stewart meets began over 39 years ago, as co-operative activities of the west coast divisions of both TTOS & TCA. The November Pasadena meet (visit [www.cal-stewart.org](http://www.cal-stewart.org)) is open to all toy and model train lovers and is the largest club sponsored public toy train meet west of the Mississippi. Nor-Cal TCA sponsors the Spring Meet in Northern California. See [www.norcaltca.com](http://www.norcaltca.com) for information on the Spring Meet. For updates on estimated delivery dates, see our website, [www.cal-stewart.org](http://www.cal-stewart.org) and click on "Cal-Stewart Souvenir Cars". Contact Bruce Lazarus, 4858 Dunman Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91364 with any other questions. Email: [cars@cal-stewart.org](mailto:cars@cal-stewart.org); Phone: (818) 225-1710. Order Deadline: Feb. 28, 2012. Approx. Delivery: Oct. 2012.

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# A Spookey October 2011 SWD Meet!!!

## As Captured by Herbert Alfred Mayer, SWD Official Photographer



Yes there were the usual tables with trains and accessories as the pictures of Martin Folb (left) and two friends conversing (right) attest.

A 50/50 Drawing is featured at most SWD meets. The winner of October's \$105 was Marty \_\_\_\_\_.



But the two operating layouts featured Halloween spooks of all kinds and sizes, some friendly and some menacing! Above a young lady checks out David Nissen's layout.



David Nissen with David Mabee created the above Haunted Scenic Railroad and Yard, complete with a "Danger — Haunted" warning sign. Spiders, ghosts, graveyards, and skeletons with lots of pumpkins, some friendly, some not so friendly either road the rails or menaced beside the tracks!! The dominant colors — orange and black, of course!!!



Hal Rothenborg, (above) setup and ran the SWD "haunted" layout. Below, a "committee" coaxing a diesel consist on the outside rail. Members are welcome to bring their trains to run on the layouts at meets.

Above, note the scenery as the railcars pass by. Below, checking out trains and scenery.

Yikes!!! A giant lizard threatens menacingly over passing trains while a giant skull with blue eye sockets and mouth watches trains and layout visitors.

Thank you David Nissen, Dave Mabee and Hal Rothenborg for the fun Halloween layouts!



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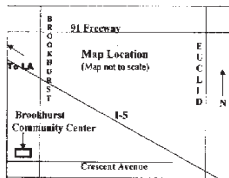
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Harlan West

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## Paul Kirby

Owner with his wife Susan of  
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Susan Kirby posted the following:  
Our Lord called my Beloved Paul  
home on September 9, 2011.  
Paul's wishes were honored with  
him remaining eternally  
on our Maui  
and no memorial ceremony.

Southwestern Division  
extends our sympathy and prayers  
to Susan and family and Paul's  
many friends

*Editor's Note:* We have received word that The Train Stop is re-opening for business Wednesday, November 2. The business days and hours will be Wednesday thru Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm PST, closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The Train Stop has been a faithful supporter of Southwestern Division and the *Southwestern Limited* for many years. Do visit them in San Dimas.

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Sundays, January 8th,  
April 1st, June 10th  
September 9, December 2nd

# Volunteers Are Needed for Cal-Stewart 2012

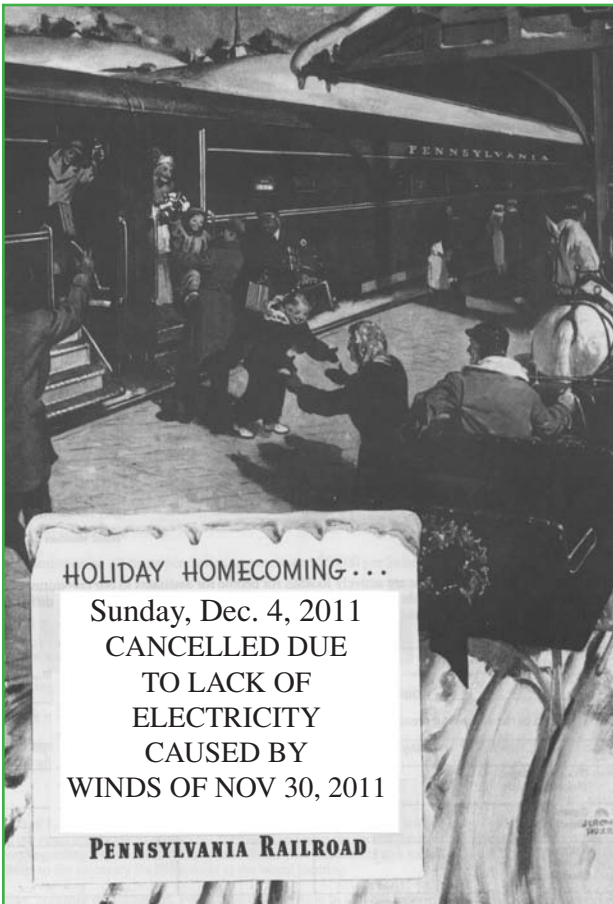
**To Our Membership:** As in the past, we are actively looking for people to be assistant to our Cal-Stewart Committee Chairs. Please let us know if you can help. Although we realize that asking you to commit in advance is difficult, please indicate your Anticipated status. **Time shifts are available and we DO need the help!!!**

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