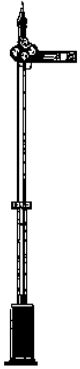


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NOVEMBER MEET DATE CHANGE

The November meet at Montera Middle School has been changed to **November 15** (previously Nov. 8) to avoid a conflict with the Cal Stewart Meet in Pasadena. The December 13 (Holiday Party) meet will be held at the **Iron Horse Middle School** as previously announced (no guests, except families).

See the **NOR CAL EXPRESS** online, in full color, with high-resolution photos, on the Nor-Cal website: www.norcaltca.com

(REVISED) FUTURE MEET DATES

- November 15, 2003 (M)
- December 13, 2003 (IH)
- January 10, 2004 (M)
- February 14, 2004 (M)
- March 13, 2004 (M)
- April 10, 2004 (M)

M = Montera Middle School
 5555 Ascot Drive, Oakland
 IH = Iron Horse Middle School
 12601 Alcosta Blvd.
 San Ramon
 Business meeting: 9:30 AM
 Trading: 10-11:30 AM

SPRING CAL-STEWART MEET

The Spring Cal-Stewart Meet will be held at the Santa Clara Convention Center on March 26-28, 2004. Changes in format include deletion of the Friday evening buffet and its replacement with a sit-down "Karen Rodgers Banquet" at the hotel on Saturday evening. Tickets for the banquet will be \$25 each. The Nor Cal treasury is subsidizing each meal, in order to offer this affordable price. The banquet will offer attendees the opportunity to socialize over a good meal without having to leave the convention site. Additionally, the start of the auction has been moved up to 2 PM on Saturday. The Nor Cal dues structure will remain the same in 2004. Payment of the \$25.00 dues will include free admission to the Spring 2004 Cal Stewart Meet (but table fees will still apply, as before). The dues notice will be sent along with the Cal Stewart brochure, in December.

NOR CAL OFFICERS FOR 2004

The results of the recent election for Nor Cal officers were:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| President | Michael Andrews |
| Vice president | Bob Nichelini |
| Secretary | Mark Boyd |
| Treasurer | Pete Goodier |



Lionel's new 3-truck Heisler logging locomotive on a test run.

EXTRA!
 The Board of Directors, by request, is investigating the possibility of having one of the monthly meets in Sunnyvale. More on this later...

**TCA National Convention
Pittsburgh, PA**



JUNE 20-27, 2004

**NOR CAL DIVISION of the TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSN.
TREASURERS REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

<u>Cash Balance June 30, 2002</u>		
Checking	11,165.01	
Savings	17,456.34	28,621.35
<u>Income</u>		
Dues	11,585.00	
Interest	118.53	
Donations	175.00	
Cal Stewart	18,522.46	
Raffles	2,500.00	
Boxcar Sales	708.95	
Recovery Nor Cal Express Advance	818.30	34,428.24
<u>Expense</u>		
Rent	380.00	
Coffee	375.00	
Nor Cal Express	2,914.53	
Cal Stewart 2003	22,349.77	
Cal Stewart 2004	3,340.00	
Officers	1,132.88	
Raffle Prize	1,500.00	
Others	931.76	
Christmas Party 2002	1,867.31	
Christmas Party 2003	150.00	34,941.25
<u>Cash Balance June 30, 2003</u>		
Checking	10,533.47	
Savings	17,574.87	28,108.34
<u>Net Gain (Loss)</u>		(513.01)
<u>Net Gain Excluding Deposits</u>		2,976.99
Respectfully Submitted:		
Pete Goodier, Treasurer		

**RANDALL WHITE FEATURED IN
DIABLO MAGAZINE**

The September 2003 issue of *Diablo* magazine (Contra Costa County) features an article on garden railroading, "The Backyard Express." Nor Cal member Randall White, who has constructed a garden railroad in Moraga, is quoted at length. Speaking of live steam locomotives, he says "They act like real trains, spit, gurgle, and generally make a mess." Randall is further described..."White, who, thanks to a train crazy dad [that's your editor, folks], has been devoted to miniature trains since birth."

**IN MEMORIAM
JULES LOVENTHAL
March 16, 1944 - October 4, 2003
TCA 92-35079**

Jules graduated from San Jose State with a degree in business, subsequently served two years in the Peace Corps, then earned post graduate degrees from UCLA (African Studies) and Harvard (Education). He served as ombudsman in the Colorado governor's office, and worked for the Anti-Defamation League. He had a wonderful voice and sang throughout the years with the Harvard Glee Club and the Roger Wagner Chorale. He sang with his rabbi and cantor the day before he died. Jules' business, Jules Toy Trains, manufactured ceiling mountings for toy train tracks, and these hang in hospitals and clinics, retail stores, restaurants and private homes all over the United States, as well as in Asia and Europe. There is an installation in the California State RR Museum in Sacramento. Jules' greatest passion was collecting (mainly prewar) toy trains. He belonged to the Sacramento-Sierra Chapter of TCA and the Sacramento Valley Division of TTOS. Jules, who died of cancer, is survived by his wife Lisa, son Jeremy, and sister Gloria. The officers and members of Nor Cal Division extend our sincere sympathy.

**IN MEMORIAM
BARRY W. GARLAND
June 5, 1935 - October 4, 2003
TCA 77-10945**

Barry worked as a baggage man, towerman, fireman and brakeman for the New York Central RR and, after moving to Sacramento in 1956 and marrying Marge, for the SPRR. He later worked for Aerojet, and for KCRA as a television cameraman. In 1976 he joined the staff of the California State RR Museum where he worked until his retirement in 1995. Barry was active in the Sierra Mountain RR Club and served on the Board of Directors of the Towe Auto Museum. Barry was active in the Sacramento-Sierra Chapter of Nor Cal and in the Sacramento Valley Division of TTOS. Barry died of Mesothelioma, a cancer of the lining of the lung, usually attributed to asbestos. Barry never drank or smoked. Barry is survived by his wife Marge and four sons. The officers and members of Nor Cal Division extend our sincere sympathy.

NOR-CAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES for 9/16/03

Meeting convened September 16, 2003 at 8:00 PM, Alidini Restaurant, Lafayette, CA.

Voting members present: President Mike Andrews, Treasurer Pete Goodier, Editor Rich White, Secretary Mark Boyd, Immediate Past President Cliff Jarrard

Not present: VP Bob Nichelini, Sac Sierra President Jack Ahearn

Also present: Bob Spivock, 2003 Cal Stewart Co-Chair, Sgt. At Arms Jim McCarthy, and Stephen Rodriguez

President Mike Andrews called the meeting to order.

Discussion about 2004 Spring Cal Stewart Meet

Cliff M/S/C Norcal Dues structure and Cal Stewart Meet registration for \$25 is inclusive again for 2004.

Cliff M/S/C Charge \$25 for Karen Rodgers Banquet on Saturday evening March 27th, 2004 and list "Limited number of tickets available at registration for \$50 each."

Cliff M/S/C Approval of the following positions for 2004:

Cal Stewart Co-Chairs: Mike Andrews, Cliff Jarrard, Bob Nichelini, and Bob Spivock.

Strategic Planning Committee for the Future: Stephen Rodriguez, Cliff Jarrard, and Bob Spivock

Norcal Express Editor, Richard White

Sergeant at Arms: Jim McCarthy, Assistant Sergeant at Arms: Bob Spivock

Standards Committee: Scott Douglas, Richard White, & Richard Hofmeister

Meet Dates Approved:

November 15, 2003 Oakland

December 13, 2003 San Ramon

January 10, 2004 Oakland

February 14, 2004 Oakland

March 13, 2004 Oakland

(March 26,27, and 28, 2004 Cal Stewart at Santa Clara)

April 10th, 2004 Oakland

June 12th, 2004 San Ramon

July 10th, 2004 San Ramon

August 14th, 2004 San Ramon

September 11, 2004 Oakland

October 9th, 2004 Oakland

November 13th, 2004 Oakland

December 11th, 2004 Oakland

Send division pictures to Jim Burke for 50th Anniversary.

Approval of past minutes 11/16/2002 and 1/29/2003 as published.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 PM.

Mark C. Boyd Secretary, Norcal TCA
TCA Internet Committee
norcaltca@spade.net



**Bing Train Order Board,
circa 1920-30.**

It would appear that this piece was intended for the UK/US market— but why didn't Bing go all the way and use English or American city names?



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