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Sizzling Small Scale Sunday

By Christopher Mahony & John DeRosa

Under searing heat, the July "Small Scale Sunday" had a few engines running on the 1" line.

Member Calendar

Aug. 8	Board Meeting
Aug. 13	TTOS Run
Aug. 20	Work Day/General Meeting
Aug. 27	Potluck/Night Run

Sep. 3	Change Directions
Sep. 12	Board Meeting

*Board/General Meetings begin at 7 pm.
Potlucks/Night Runs begin at 6 pm*



TTOS Run Coming Soon

By Steve Waller

LALS RM will be sponsoring the 5th Annual Picnic for the Toy Train Operating Society (Southwest Division) on Saturday, August 13, 2005. We are expecting about 300 guests during the hours of 11 am to 3 pm that day.

Public Service Schedule

Aug. 7	Public Rides
Aug. 14	Public Rides
Aug. 21	Public Rides
	Disney Barn Open
	Steam Plant Open
Aug. 28	Public Rides

Sep. 4	Public Rides
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Since this is a Museum-sponsored event, members who sign up in advance to volunteer will be eligible to earn shed credit and a free lunch.

Please contact Steve Waller at 626/792-6750 or wallerworld@email.com, if you're interested in volunteering.

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Splinters from the Board

July 11, 2005

By George Bass

The Treasurer reported that the Spring Meet netted about \$7,200. A profit/cost sheet will be developed within the Treasurer's report. It was decided to begin a feasibility study to evaluate a credit card system. The cost of the system would not to exceed \$600. Eric Fields, Roger Bacon and Leonard Evans will all participate in this study.

Steve Harris introduced two new members: Dorian Kracht who is a translator and has experience in electronics, and Raymond Misrahi, a plumbing contractor.

Tom Downing reported that the City has completed repairs on the sanitary pumping system. There are two donated compressors on site that need to be disposed of. There may be some salvageable parts. The tanks are still good. It is planned to extend the turntable about 18". This will take an FCR, and once approved, will take one weekend. The materials will be donated. There is a leaning tree at the Disney Barn that they will take care of.

Dave Johnson reported that the Park Rangers are concerned about the high fire danger within the park. The Glendale Rose Float Association would like to hold an event here at the facility. Bob Woodward asked that shed credit be modified to allow credit for use of personal cars in addition use of the engine. Roger Bacon will research turnstiles, and the type that might be most suited for our operation. It was decided to amend the current party request. A revised form will be forthcoming. There was a discussion to add six-foot hedges to improve the view from Sherwood station.

The tractor needs a new clutch. Mel Bresee has pledges for \$1,000 of the approximate \$2,000 cost of this repair. The Museum will match \$1,000 cost and add up to another \$1,000 for other items that might also need repair.

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General Meeting Highlights

July 16, 2005

By George Bass

The meeting began with a review of the minutes of the last Board meeting.

Tom Downing reported on the work completed at the workday. There was an in depth discussion of the proposal to extend the turntable by 18" so that larger engines can be accommodated. This proposal needs further review.

There was an in depth discussion of the planned track renovation of the Sutchville area. The Park Rangers are concerned with the current high fire hazard this summer. There was an extended discussion of a proposal to install six-foot hedges in order to improve the public's view. An FCR was presented improve the landscape near the Sherwood Logging. After discussion, this FCR was approved by the membership. There was thorough discussion regarding insurance.

The tractor needs a new clutch and possibly brakes. Mel Bresee has pledges of \$1,000 toward the approximate cost of \$2,000. The Museum will cover an up to additional \$2,000 to complete this project.

The following items were presented and discussed: the 3100 repairs (use the boiler from the Caroline), the proposed enlargement of the library (Sam Calderwood will develop an FCR), LED's (they have been ordered), the Safety Plan (it was presented to the Board for review), Make-A-Wish, P&P's for Organizational, Behavioral, Institutional and Environmental policies; this would be similar to a mission statement.

An impromptu discussion occurred in which the membership gave several interesting ideas for the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Museum (hats, pins, jackets, etc.). A lot of pre-planning and membership involvement needs to take place.

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FROM THE **General Superintendent***By Tom Downing*

"Like my back yard", this is the standard answer that I give when people ask about my involvement in our Museum and also the train of thought that has led me to accepting the position of General Superintendent. I know that I'm not the only person that thinks this way about the Mu-

seum. Every time someone does some work in one of the many ways needed, we all get to reap the benefits.

Workday on July 16th went well. There were about 22 members out and we got a lot of cleaning done. Big thanks to Eric Fields and Don Frozina for preparing lunch.

Just a reminder—if you want to find something to do, please check the Red Book. There is a list of jobs that needs to be done around the Museum—jobs both big and small. Next workday is on August 20th. Please come out and join us! New members, please remember to fill out your time cards and turn them in. In the next few weeks, I'll try to individually call all the probationary members to see if I can find a special project or give any needed information to help complete the probationary work requirements.

It looks like in the next few months there are going to be some exciting projects happening (even raking more pine needles!) at the Museum, so don't miss out. Please come out and get involved!

Remember When...*By Doug Alkire*

Bill Barrows (left) and Doug Dritka do survey work with Frank Venola's transit at LALS. 1964.



From the I.D. Alkire Collection

President's Message*By Donald Frozina*

After the hectic months of May and June—Spring Meet preparation, the Spring Meet, the City of Hope Run, and the Children's Hospital Run—we at the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum can now take a breather, albeit a hot one!

The EVL (East Valley Lines) Run last July 9th went very well. The EVL group was pleased with their time at the Museum, and we of the Museum had a great time providing the venue and the rides for the EVL folks. The EVL folks were extremely interested in our larger scale equipment, especially Robert Lamont's 0-4-0. They have asked to come back next year if we'll have them back—and I think we would be pleased to do so.

The June potluck/night run was a leisurely affair—quality time was spent in visiting and in nighttime running. Many thanks go to Larissa Frozina for all the Hawaiian-themed decorations.

In a few days, we will be hosting the TTOS (Toy Train Operating Society) group. Engineers and conductors are still needed for this fun annual event. Contact Steve Waller if you'd like to help out.

Doug Young and John DePhillip Jr. have submitted the first 'to scale' track plan for the renovation of the Sutchville area. Dave Johnson and his team will draw it up on the computer and then those interested can look the plan over and make suggestions.

Just a reminder: radios are now required of all train crewmembers during public-hauling hours. The designated operational frequency is to be used only if you need assistance on the track. We have a couple of radios available for purchase at the Souvenir Stand. The model we selected is the Cobra PR250WX. This low-cost two-way radio has the requisite 22 FRS/GMRS channels with the 38 subcodes, so it is compatible with our older two-way radios. The Souvenir Stand also stocks AAA, AA and 9-volt batteries for purchase—just in case you need replacements.

ISALA Technical Symposium*By Kevin O'Neill*

If anyone would like to give a talk on the Live Steaming hobby at the ISALA (Instrumentation, Systems, and Automation) Technical Symposium in October, please contact Kevin O'Neill at 661/259-6586. This would be great exposure for the Museum. It would be nice if someone could bring out a small steam engine for the display and talk. The talk would be located in or near the City of Commerce. Let me know what you can do.

Engineers and Conductors

June 2005

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
06/05/2005	Bob Woodward	Gail Woodward	B. Woodward
1,288 passengers	Steve Harris	Bob Quinn	Harris
	Chuck Mohr	Joe Hayes	Mohr
	Rory Hawkins	Tracy Beattie	Hawkins
	Bonnie Kaufman	Doug Ward	Kaufman
	Donald Frozina	T. Downing & F. Lack	LALSRM
	Michael Bruce	Tom Downing	LALSRM
	Andy Blake	Bart Sissons	Sissons
	Station Assistants: Pat Miller and Danny Harris		

06/12/2005	Chuck Mohr	Tracy Beattie	Mohr
1,104 passengers	Ted Naimy	K. Bolerjack/M. Bruce	Naimy
	Peter Fuad	Tom Downing	Fuad
	W. Fengler/B. Kaufman	B. Kaufman/W. Fengler	LALSRM
	Bill Phillips	Wolf Fengler	LALSRM
	Peter Nott	John DeRosa	Nott
	Gary Baker	Gerhard Klose	Rowell
	Todd Moore	Robert Lamont	Moore
	Station Assistants: Pat Miller, Dick Brennan and Tom Downing		

06/19/2005	Bob Woodward	Gail Woodward	B. Woodward
1,124 passengers	Chuck Mohr	J. Hayes/B. Sissons	Mohr
	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Bernie Harris	Steve Harris	S. Harris
	Michael Murphy	Chris Solak	Murphy
	Ted Naimy	Gene Heiman	LALSRM
	Sam Calderwood	Rowland Fogarty	Calderwood
	Roger bacon	Michael Bruce	LALSRM
	Jon Newbill	Dan Newbill	Newbill
	Todd Moore	Doug Ward	Moore
	Bonnie Kaufman	John DeRosa	Kaufman
	Station Assistants: Pat Miller, Gail Woodward, Tom Downing and Leni Goldberg		

06/26/2005	Bob Woodward	Gail Woodward	B. Woodward
1,005 passengers	Peter Fuad	<i>unknown</i>	Fuad
	Michael Murphy	Chris Solak	Murphy
	Gary baker	Michael Bruce	LALSRM
	Andrew Held	Bob Crone	Burdorf
	Peter Nott	<i>unknown</i>	Nott
	Station Assistants: Dick Brennan, Michael Casey, Leni Goldberg and Sam Calderwood		

4,321 Total passengers for month
19,471 Total passengers to date

Splinters from the Board (Continued from page 2)

Wolf Fengler presented a detailed report on the progress of the 3100 repairs. The Board directed that that the 3100 be given top priority and that the Caroline be kept, with repairs to be made in the future.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation would like to hold a train related event for a young cancer victim in late August. There was a discussion about LED's for signals.

Don Frozina presented a guideline for interaction among members that will be developed into a P&P. This will be presented to the general membership.

Who's Been Workin' on the RR

Jun. 18 — Jul. 16

Barrett, Pat x2	Downing, Tom x3
Bass, Smokey	Evans, Leonard
Bresee, Mel	Fields, Eric
Casey, Kory x2	Frozina, Don
Casey, Kyle x2	Fuad, Peter
Casey, Michael	Heiman, Gene
x2	Houston, Mike
Crone, Bob	Quinn, Bob x2
Crowner, Gene	Romanucci, Mike
DePhillip Jr., John	Villafana, Henry
Dong, Pam	Ward, Doug
Dong, Wilbur	Young, Doug

Metal Oilers Discontinued

By Joe Powell

Eagle Manufacturing has discontinued *all* of the metal push bottom (bench) oilers and their line of heavy-duty pump oilers. This also includes tallow pots, railroad oilers, etc., which were manufactured until recently. I purchased a box (1 dozen) of 1/3 pint 5" spout oilcans from Interstate Products, Inc. It ran about \$50. They do list all the Eagle products that may still be available in the categories listed above. They have a website www.interstateproducts.com and can be reached at 800/474-7294. Please pass this info along as it affects all aspects of prototypical lubrication practices from the past.

For Sale

10" Atlas lathe, excellent condition. Includes 3-jaw, large 4-jaw chucks and collets. \$650.00. Call Brad Bluth, 310/450-8016.

Wanted

4 3/4" gauge steam loco, small to medium size. Must be substantially complete. Will pay reasonable price. Contact Gerhard Klose, 323/663-0769, or gklose@jpl.nasa.gov.