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2005 Fall Meet Review

*By Fred Lack & Eric Fields
Photo by Bruce Ward*

Eric and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the Fall Meet a success. Without the support of the members who attended, and especially all the members who volunteered, the Meet would not have happened. We want to especially thank the following people. (If we omitted anyone we sincerely apologize; we could not have done it without you!)

Mel Bresee for handling the parking lot and the 1½" bi-directional run on Friday night and his volunteers: Bill Barbe, Rowland Fogarty, Rory Hawkins, Fred Lack and any other volunteers we missed. Don Frozina who handled the gate and all of his crew of volunteers. Chris Mahony for running the 1" bi-directional run that same night and his volunteers. Leonard Evans who took care of the souvenirs, the raffle, and the vendor permits. Patty Fogarty for doing the children's raffle. Carolyn Hayes for children's crafts. Jim Baker for waste management. Joe Powell for doing the President's Auction. Also, a special thanks to Chris Mahony for projecting our entertainment on "Movie Night" and Roger Bacon for helping get Stonefire Grill for our Saturday night dinner.

As always, a Meet can't exist without food and the volunteers who helped out in the kitchen. We wish to thank Eric Fields for cooking a great spaghetti dinner along with the help of Gary Baker, Sam Calderwood, Les Kovacs, Jan & "Smokey" Bass, and any other helpers we missed. Thanks go to Les Kovacs and his helpers for cooking our Saturday breakfast. For Saturday lunch we wish to thank Eric Fields, Roger Bacon, Jan & "Smokey" Bass, Lew & Bernice Soibelman, and any other helpers we missed. We want to thank Bonnie Kaufman for help in purchasing the food. Saturday night we wish to thank all the members that volunteered to serve our evening meal from Stonefire Grill. We want to give a big thanks to Shira Bush, Steve Harris and Bonnie Kaufman for making and serving Sunday breakfast. Finally, a big thanks to Roger Bacon and his helpers for serving Sunday lunch. The Meet was a success because of volunteers like you!



Right after the Meet, Peter Nott on his new Berkshire, along with his Northern (Rowland Fogarty second engineer), running a train over 190 feet long!

Member Calendar

Nov. 1	Begin Shed Year
Nov. 7	Board Meeting
Nov. 19	Work Day General Meeting Elections
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Dec. 5	Board Meeting
Dec. 9	Holiday Banquet Officer Installation

Board/General Meetings begin at 7 pm.

Public Service Schedule

Nov. 6	Public Rides
Nov. 13	Public Rides
Nov. 20	Public Rides
	Disney Barn Open Steam Plant Open
Nov. 27	Public Rides
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Dec. 4	Public Rides

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Splinters from the Board

October 3, 2005

By George Bass

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with corrections (rail purchase cost to reflect \$1,500 previously spent for rail purchased from Descanso Gardens; that President Frozina supported the shed credit survey; and that the postage for the return survey envelope was donated).

There was a request for a party on February 22, 2006, for fifteen persons for the PEO chapter of QF by Trudy Heiman, wife of member Eugene Heiman. This was approved with a letter to be sent which includes an update regarding the insurance cost. There was a party request from Todd Moore for Saturday, November 12 for the Goudie Pavilion, which was approved

The Treasurer gave a brief summary of the Fall Meet. The complete figures will be given next month.

Leni Goldberg wishes to advertise for volunteers for gardening. No special privileges will be given by the Museum.

Don Frozina presented fifty new Engineer badges. The \$550 cost was donated by Gary Burdorf. There will be no charge for future engineers. However, those requesting a replacement badge will be required to pay a fee.

The results of the Phil West Survey were as follows: 107 surveys were returned; 5 were blank; 51 votes for the Shed Pool; 46 votes for Leasing; 35 for Lottery and 60 for Grandfathering.

Board members met with some of the membership on Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, Oct 1, regarding shed credit modifications. The members were Dan O'Brien, Lew Soibelman, Pam and Wilbur Dong, Dave Holman and Peter Fuad. The group, as a whole, presented suggestions for modifying the shed credit system. These suggestions will be presented to the general membership in a second survey. This shed credit survey will be sent around Oct. 6 with a return deadline of October 28.

The Alkire/Richardson shed rental rates for 2006 were set to \$10/ft.; 40% rebate—same as the current year.

General Meeting Highlights

October 15, 2005

By George Bass

The meeting began with President Frozina detailing the minutes of the October Board meeting, and specifying that the Phil West Lease Survey, the Shed Credit Survey, and the Sutchville reconfiguration project will be discussed later during the meeting.

President Frozina presented the results of the Phil West Survey. There were no comments from the membership.

Shed credit modifications were discussed (credit given for work on Saturday, any day, or off premises). There were no questions or discussion from the membership. However, Lew Soibelman said that these changes are long overdue and it is time to recognize all work done for the Museum.

Lew further stated that he, as a Nominating Committee member, inadvertently left one name off the list: John DePhillip, Jr. (He will be added to the ballot.)

The Sutchville track reconfiguration project was discussed in detail. It is the result of much membership input. As with all projects, the current plan may be modified as conditions require. All work will be performed in a timely manner and to be completed by the Spring Meet. There were no comments from the floor.

Eric Fields reported that those participating in the Halloween Runs would have dinner provided each evening. The take down will be on November 6, with shed credit given.

A survey regarding a new Phil West Barn 2-year lease proposal will be sent out to the voting members.

There was an FCR for the future one-inch rail yard and track improvement project. One thousand dollars will be provided to assist with this project as it relates to the Sutchville reconfiguration project. John Smith wanted to re-vote the project, which had been previously approved at a General Meeting.

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FROM THE **General Superintendent**

By Tom Downing



First, I would like to thank the group of members that helped with the Park Employee Appreciation Luncheon last August. This was my first time to arrange a luncheon for 150 people. With some help and advice from some others, the event went well. I think a lot more now of the

park rangers, park service people and all those guys we see driving those big orange trucks in the park. They now know a little more about our group. Sometimes a steak lunch and a train ride go a long way...

The Fall Meet went well. The cleaning up around the Museum was a last-minute thing, but was taken care of with the help of many members. On Columbus Day, I received a call from member Bob Quinn asking for information about painting. This led to a lot of benches and tables getting a coat of green paint. With some help from Ron Nelson, the steaming bays received some attention as well. You know, this is a good example of members with some free time coming out to the Museum to make things a little better. A big thanks goes out to you guys. If you're looking for something to do try looking at the list in the red book next to the phone in the gazebo, or just give me a call and I'll try to point you in the right direction.

The next workday will be November 19. Please come out and help as lately we only have had a few members show up on a work Saturday and this makes it difficult to get anything done.

Remember When...

By Doug Alkire

"Bud" Whitmer's 2½" scale D&RG (NG) Mikado on the "Disney Loop" south side siding at LALS. 1967.



From the I.D. Alkire Collection

President's Message

By Donald Frozina



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Eric Fields and Fred Lack for the wonderful job they did in coordinating the Fall Meet. Although not heavily attended, those that did attend had a great time! I would also like to thank Roger Bacon for the great job he

did in coordinating the Webb-Stutson Run. The leaders of the Tri-Valley Games were very pleased with the results.

There will be an opportunity for the members to vote on a \$50 dues increase amendment if they want to continue to keep the Museum solvent in the future. The BOD unanimously voted to place this amendment on the ballot. It will be up to the new BOD though, to make the hard financial decisions to keep the Museum going, but if the amendment passes, they would then have extra resources to do so.

Insurance alone, which used to cost us about \$4000 a year a few years ago has gone up to about \$18,000. Electricity was *free* before. Now electricity is about \$8,000 a year. These two items alone are real numbers that we have to pay. It is also the unexpected expenses that can put a tight squeeze on the budget.

A \$50.00 increase is better than nothing, so I would like to encourage you to vote for the \$50.00 dues increase on the November ballot. This increase is not the complete answer, but it is a start. Please vote "YES" on the dues increase amendment.

Webb-Stutson Run Review

By Roger Bacon

The 34th annual Bill Webb-Bob Stutson picnic fun day was a great success. A heart felt thank you to all the volunteers. The Soibelmans for the popcorn, the Mahonys & Thaine Morris for heading up the kitchen. And all of the members who came out to load trains, run trains and helped to make this day special for all who attended.

Crafts Center News

By Carolyn Hayes



I have several completed craft projects that have not been claimed. Some of them are from two or more years ago. If you think some of them may be yours, please see me on Sunday, or call me at 310/329-0574. Items unclaimed within one month will be dismantled or disposed of.

Engineers and Conductors September 2005

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
09/04/2005 973 passengers	Bob Woodward	Gail Woodward	B. Woodward
	Chris Solak	Bob Crone	Murphy
	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Bonnie Kaufman	Doug Ward	Kaufman
	Michael Murphy	<i>unknown</i>	Murphy
	Ron Bergmann	Rowland Fogarty	Bergmann
	Dan Newbill	Jon Newbill	J. Newbill
	Larry Mitchell	B. Sissons/J. Hayes	Mitchell
	Station Assistant: Pat Miller		
	09/11/2005 971 passengers	Chuck Mohr	Ray Secara
Bob Woodward		Gail Woodward	B. Woodward
Al Way		Roberto Lopez	Way
Bob Crone		Chris Solak	Murphy
Sam Calderwood		Tracey Beattie	Calderwood
Peter Fuad		Bob Quinn	Fuad
Bonnie Kaufman		Mike Finch	Kaufman
Michael Murphy		Mike Finch	Kaufman
Andy Blake		Bart Sissons	Sissons
Todd Moore		Dorian Kracht	Moore
Peter Nott		Gerhard Klose	Nott
Station Assistants: Pat Miller, Lucille Secara and Rowland Fogarty			
09/18/2005 1,247 passengers		Chuck Mohr	Ray Secara
	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Steve Harris	Shira Bush	Harris
	Sam Calderwood	Tracey Beattie	Calderwood
	Michael Murphy	Chris Solak	Murphy
	Todd Moore	Robert Lamont	Moore
	Jon Newbill	Bonnie Kaufman	Newbill
	Ron Bergmann	Rowland Fogarty	Bergmann
	Bart Sissons	Andy Blake	Sissons
	Peter Nott	Roberto Lopez	Nott
	Gary Baker	<i>unknown</i>	LALSRM
Station Assistants: Pat Miller and Lucille Secara			
09/25/2005 1,272 passengers	Chuck Mohr	Ray Secara	Mohr
	Bob Woodward	Gail Woodward	B. Woodward
	Peter Fuad	Bib Quinn	Fuad
	Bob Crone	Chris Solak	Murphy
	Michael Murphy	Mike Finch	Murphy
	Tracey Beattie	Sam Calderwood	Beattie
	Al Way	J. Hayes/F. Lack	Way
	Bonnie Kaufman	Mike Finch	Kaufman
	Larry Mitchell	S. Rodstein/B. Sissons	Mitchell
	Ted Naimy	R. Secara/C. Mohr	LALSRM
	Station Assistant: Lucille Secara		

4,463 Total passengers for month
33,748 Total passengers to date

Who's Been Workin' on the RR Sep. 17—Oct. 15

Akins, Tom	Lack, Fred
Bacon, Roger	Lamont, Robert
Baker, Jim	Mahony, Chris x3
Bass, George x2	Moore, Todd & Sons
Berg, Ginny x2	
Berg, Ted x2	Nelson, Ron x4
Bresee, Mel	Quinn, Bob x2
Crone, Bob	Romanucci, Mike
DePhillip Jr, John	x2
Emmer, Aaron x9	Soibelman, Lew
Fields, Eric	x2
Frozina, Donald	Soibelman, Mike
x2	Ward, Doug x2
Hawkins, Rory	Young, Doug x2

For Sale

Complete train. 1½" scale K4 Pacific, propane fired, new injector and headlight assembly, a 6' flat car (used to carry the propane), a tank car (Hooker Chemical), and a wooden caboose. Many extras come with this equipment. Asking price \$17,500/OBO. Call Steve Pike, 818/352-7705.

Splinters from the Board

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In a review of the wording of the By-laws, the Board wanted to clarify and ensure the practice for the last three years of presenting all FCRs for a vote of the members in attendance at the General Meetings. Another section of the Bylaws could be interpreted, while unintended, as being in conflict with this practice. Changes to the wording of both sections will remove any potential conflict and clarify that all members in attendance at a General Meetings must approve FCRs.

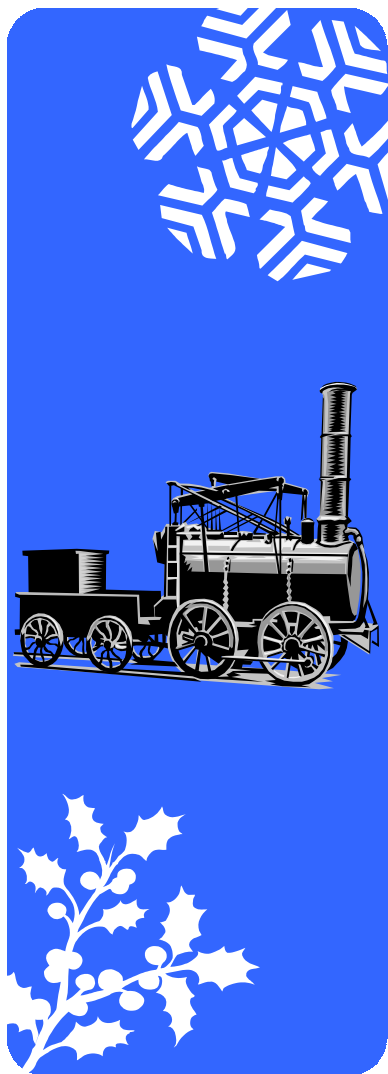
Also proposed was a Bylaws amendment provision that the President votes on all voting matters.

A discussion that would enable the Secretary and Treasurer to extend time for accruing shed credit while serving in office was tabled until the November meeting.

Training Class

Conductor: Want to learn to be a conductor? Call Roger Bacon at 818/887-0898 or Eric Fields at 818/205-1653 or Steve Harris at 818/842-2296 to schedule a class. There is an excellent DVD available to either borrow or own (\$5). The conductor class typically meets on a Saturday.

Save this portion as your reminder.



2005 LALS Railroad Museum Holiday Banquet and Officer Installation

Join us for a fun-filled evening of fine food and conversation at the annual Holiday Banquet and Officer Installation.

Friday, December 9, 2005. No host bar 6:30 pm; dinner 7:30 pm.

Le Petit Château

4615 Lankershim Boulevard
North Hollywood, CA 91602
818/769-1812

An atmosphere reminiscent of the south of France. Antiques and original artworks grace the dining areas. The aromas of French Provençal cuisine fill the air...

Dining fare for the evening is:

Choice #1, Chicken Piccata (breast of chicken sauté with lemon and capers), **\$30.00.**

Choice #2, Fresh Fish du jour (probably Lake Superior White Fish or Salmon), **\$31.00.**

Choice #3, Filet Mignon, **\$36.00.**

Dinners include house mixed-greens salad, potatoes, vegetables, and choice of dessert: double chocolate ice cream **or** cherries jubilees.

Make your reservation no later than December 3, 2005! Space is limited to 60 persons.

Detach, complete, and mail this portion with your payment.

Fill out the member name:

Member Name _____

Total the number of dinners and complete the following:

_____ chicken dinners @ \$30/dinner = \$ _____ total

_____ fish dinners @ \$31/dinner = \$ _____ total

_____ steak dinners @ \$36/dinner = \$ _____ total

\$ _____ grand total

Please make your check payable to "LALSRM" and remit the grand total amount calculated above to

**2005 LALSRM Holiday Banquet
c/o John Friend
8650 Vinevalley Drive
Sun Valley, CA 91352**

For more information,
please call John Friend
at 818/767-3780

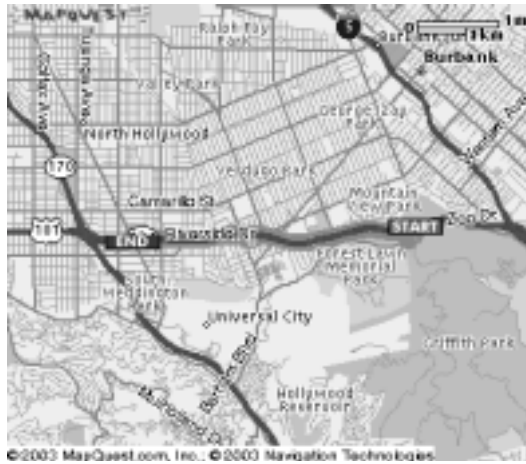
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| 1: Turn LEFT onto ZOO DR. | 0.17 miles |
| 2: Turn RIGHT onto FOREST LAWN DR. | 0.15 miles |
| 3: Merge onto CA-134 W via the ramp—on the left. | 3.08 miles |
| 4: Take the LANKERSHIM BLVD exit toward NORTH HOLLYWOOD. | 0.22 miles |
| 5. Turn RIGHT onto LANKERSHIM BLVD. | 0.04 miles |

Le Petit Chateau is located at the corner of LANKERSHIM BLVD and HORTENSE ST.
Total Estimated Time: 5 minutes
Total Distance: 3.52 miles



Directions and maps courtesy of MapQuest, www.mapquest.com.