

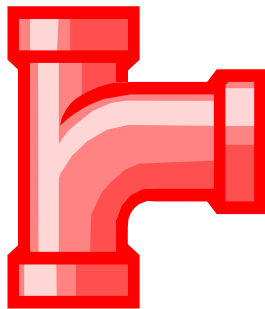
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Massive DWP Pipeline Project

By Donald Frozina



On December 6, 2005, Dave Johnson and I attended a briefing given at the Ranger Station by the Department of Water and Power to the entities in Griffith Park on the planned pipeline improvements going through the Park. This is a massive project!

Back in the 1940s, a 66-inch diameter concrete water pipeline was placed in the Park, along Zoo Drive and Crystal Springs Drive. Now, due to increased water demand, aging pipe and reduced water pressures, a new pipeline will replace this old pipeline.

This new pipe will be a 96-inch diameter steel pipeline (more than double the capacity of the old), except near our Museum, where an additional 84-inch diameter pipeline will be added. In all, approximately 37,400 feet of steel pipeline will be installed by project completion.

Construction time is estimated to take up to eight years and is scheduled to begin September 2006. The work will be divided into five units and will be concurrent and shared between many contractors. The first unit begins on Forest Lawn Drive over by Forest Lawn and ends at the dirt parking lot just outside our public entrance. The second unit begins at the dirt parking lot and ends on the north side of the Zoo parking lot. The third unit begins at the south side of the Zoo parking lot all the way down to Los Feliz Blvd. via lower Crystal Springs Drive. (The remaining two units involve only the Zoo parking lot and the residents in the Los Feliz area.)

As many of you are aware, the old 66-inch diameter pipeline runs directly under our west end from Travel Town. We are fortunate in that construction of the pipeline (the 96-inch and the 84-inch) will be tunneled and not trenched in this area. The tunneling will end at the dirt parking lot outside our public entrance.

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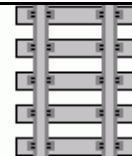
Membership Renewal Form Included

Included in this issue of the *Engine Booster* is your personalized copy of your membership renewal form. Please double-check your information, make corrections as necessary, and then send it, along with your check, back to the Membership Chairman. Please be aware that all dues are payable by Feb. 1, 2006.

Member Calendar

Jan. 9	Board Meeting
Jan. 21	Work Day General Meeting

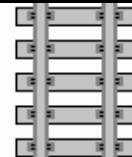
Feb. 6	Board Meeting
<i>Board/General Meetings begin at 7 pm.</i>	



Public Service Schedule

Jan. 15	Disney Barn Open Steam Plant Open

Feb. 19	Disney Barn Open Steam Plant Open



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Splinters from the Board

December 5, 2005

By George Bass

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm after an Executive Session.

The New Directors for 2006 held an Organizational Meeting where, after discussion, the following were elected as Officers for the coming year: Don Frozina, President; Gary Baker, Vice President; Peter Fuad, Secretary; and John DePhillip Jr., Treasurer.

New members Steve Ruatta and Bill Vetrisek were presented by Steve Harris and accepted by the Board.

Three letters were presented by the Secretary concerning the height requirement, trademark assistance, and withdrawal of a party request. The correspondence was accepted.

The Treasurer's End of Year Report was presented and accepted.

There has been research started on credit card acceptance by Gary Baker and Eric Fields. It was decided that more study is needed.

Bids from paint contractors are needed to paint railcars and bridges. Willie Wilhelm, Dan O'Brien and John DePhillip Jr., will be asked to obtain these bids.

Steve Harris presented the Shed Credit P&P, and new maintenance time cards. There was a lengthy discussion regarding sheds for next year, security, Phil West/Alkire dead tracks, trains to haul public, etc.

The meeting went into Executive Session at approximately 9:45 to discuss carryover items with the new Board Members and to discuss personnel matters.

Banquets, Awards and Boards

December 9, 2005

By George Bass
Photo by Wilbur Dong

The meeting was held at Le Petit Chateau restaurant in North Hollywood, which included a magnificent dinner and much fellowship. An FCR to relocate the flagpole to the North side of the facility, just west of the Sutchville station was approved. President Don Frozina distributed 64 Certificates of Appreciation thanking those who served the Museum throughout the year. Later, the 2006 Board of Directors were installed in a brief ceremony



Donald Frozina, President; Peter Fuad, Secretary; John DePhillip Jr., Treasurer and Wolf H. Fengler, Director.

Not present for the picture were: Gary Baker, Vice President and Directors Roger Bacon, Todd Moore and John Smith.



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FROM THE **General Superintendent**

By Tom Downing



The New Year is upon us. When making your New Year's resolution list, don't forget to include coming out to the Museum on work Saturdays! At this time it looks like it's going to be a quiet winter at the Museum. There still some maintenance-type repairs to be done, as this is the only game in town at this time. I'd like to thank Willie Wilhelm for providing me the blueprint of the underground piping. I know this must have taken him a lot of time and this will be a big help for future projects at the Museum. It has been getting really old when at times it seems like we're digging for buried treasure when looking for these pipes. I look forward to working with our new Board Members and of course I would like to thank the departing Board Members for all of their assistance. They helped me get things done around the Museum. It looks like there's going to be several good-size projects that need to be addressed this coming year. Now is not the time to sit. Please come out and get involved.

A reminder that there is a new shed credit time card for work hours performed at the Museum. This card should be signed only by a Board member, Steve Harris or me. If you cannot find any of the aforementioned people, put your unsigned card in the Superintendent mailbox located in the UP caboose and I will sign it and pass it on to the Shed Manager. This is a little different system than how we handle the other time cards. I am looking forward to working with all of the members in the New Year.

Remember When...

By Doug Alkire

Doug Alkire lays new 1" scale mainline track on the South side of the West end curve at LALS. 1969.



President's Message

By Donald Frozina



Here we are again beginning a brand new year. (It seems like just a couple of months ago, I was faced with writing this column for the beginning of 2005.) Time does fly!

The year 2006 will prove to be an interesting and challenging year for us at the Museum. Interesting for the changes it will bring; challenging for those very same reasons.

The year 2006 is our 50th Anniversary Year. What we have today, we owe to a small group of men, who 50 years ago, decided to pool their resources, and add their hard work, to create the foundations of the Los Angeles Live Steamers. Unfortunately, only a few of these men remain with us today, but we do honor them for their time and efforts.

Our Vice President, Gary Baker, will be our Spring Meet Chairman, with Chris Solak as co-chair. I have no doubt that they will plan, and execute, a party befitting of our 50th. Gary has chaired several Meets in the past, and all have been exceptional.

I'd like to thank Tom Akins, who for the last 15+ years has handled our sprinkler and plumbing repairs. Tom has decided to retire from the repair scene and pass on his solvent can to someone else. Volunteers are needed!



"Silver Belles"

Text and Photo by Diana Manchester

Carolers from the Costumers' Guild performed for the public in New Sherwood Station on the second Sunday of December. Bonnie Kaufman made the arrangements. Glen and Diana Manchester decorated the station with the help of Rich and Lindie Bures.



Engineers and Conductors November 2005

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
11/06/2005 923 passengers	Ron Tarjany	Pat Miller	Tarjany
	Chuck Mohr	Ray Secara	Mohr
	Bernie Harris	G. Woodward/S. Harris	S. Harris
	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Rory Hawkins	Robert Lamont	Hawkins
	Bonnie Kaufman	Roberto Lopez	Kaufman
	Larry Mitchell	Fred lack	Mitchell
	Peter Nott	<i>unknown</i>	Nott
Station Master: Fred Lack			
11/13/2005 1,045 passengers	Dick Brennan	<i>unknown</i>	Brennan
	Ron Tarjany	G. Woodward/P. Miller	Tarjany
	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Rory Hawkins	James Dederian	Hawkins
	Bonnie Kaufman	Larry Smith	Kaufman
	Larry Mitchell	Leni Goldberg	Mitchell
	Ted Naimy	J. DePhillip Sr./B. Sissons/ G. Klose	LALSRM
Station Master: John DePhillip Sr.			
11/20/2005 1,125 passengers	Ron Tarjany	Pat Miller	Tarjany
	Peter Fuad	Roberto Lopez	Fuad
	Bernie Harris	Gene Heiman	S. Harris
	Mel Bresee	Tom Downing	Bresee
	Chuck Mohr	Ray Secara	Mohr
	Ted Naimy	John DePhillip Sr.	LALSRM
	Larry Mitchell	Joe Hayes	Mitchell
Station Master: Lucille Secara			
11/27/2005 966 passengers	Rory Hawkins	Bill Gomez	Hawkins
	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Doug Ward	James Dederian	LALSRM
	Ron Tarjany	Skeet Simpson	Tarjany
	Wolf A. Fengler	Wolf H. Fengler	Fengler
	Larry Mitchell	Phil Tucker	Mitchell
	Leni Goldberg	R. Lopez/M. Casey	LALSRM
Station Master: Roger Bacon			

4,060 Total passengers for month
46,166 Total passengers to date

For Sale

FREE Live Steam and Modeltec magazines from the 80's and 90's. Contact Roger Schenck, 562/425-7996.

Allen 4-6-0 Machined Kit. All machine work done and is complete. Comes with finished boiler and fiberglass tender tank. Asking \$11,500.00 or make an offer. Contact Bill Barbe, 818/325-9227.

Who's Been Workin' on the RR Nov. 20—Dec. 17

Berg, Ginny
Berg, Ted
Bresee, Mel x4
Gomez, Bill
Quinn, Bob

DWP (Continued from page 1)

From outside our public entrance, the 96-inch diameter line will continue and be installed using a trench. As this is a very large pipeline, the trench will need to be about 12-feet in width. This will cause one lane of Zoo Drive to be out of commission. Traffic will be one direction only: basically westbound from the intersection of Riverside Drive (i.e., Victory Blvd.) and Zoo Drive to the intersection of Zoo Drive and Forest Lawn Drive. According to DWP's schedule, construction near us will happen between January 2007 and April 2010.

Trenching will also be used from the Zoo parking lot to Los Feliz Blvd., utilizing lower Crystal Springs Drive. Upper Crystal Springs Drive will be converted into a two-way street for the duration of the construction. This will be the first unit worked upon.

The DWP has said that they will try to minimize issues with being able to get into/out of existing driveways and parking lots.

The total impact to the Museum is currently unknown. It might mean that for a while, we would use our east gate as the public entrance and temporarily relocate the public station to the east side. But, it's still to soon to really tell...

New Griffith Park Superintendent

By Donald Frozina

Right after the already mentioned DWP meeting, Dave Johnson and I had the pleasure of meeting Vicki Israel, the new Superintendent of Griffith Park—who now oversees us.

Vicki, her assistant, Dave and I, then drove over to the Museum and went on a 2-hour walking tour of the facility east of the tunnels.

Vicki asked many questions and was genuinely interested in our operations.

She is personable, engaging and brings a very positive attitude to her role as Superintendent. I truly believe she will be an asset to the Park and to our Museum.



Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum 2006 Membership Renewal

All members must respond to this renewal and membership renewal fees must be paid by February 1st or the Member's name will be dropped from the Roster.

I am renewing my membership (includes the Engine Booster) as a (please check one of the following):

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