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## City of Hope Run Review

*By Dan O'Brien and Donald Frozina  
Photo by Dani Smith*



This year's City of Hope Run for Cancer Survivors Day celebration was both warm and warmly received. Temperatures soared above 95°; still approximately 1,500 persons attended the event. These included the doctors, nurses, staff and some patients of the City of Hope.

There were many carnival-style booths where the young (and not so young) could win prizes galore. Food also abounded, notably from Panda Express and Bristol Farms. The ever-popular Star Wars characters, along with a Disney character or two, also dropped by.

Besides providing the venue for the City of Hope's celebration, the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum provided rides to over 600 persons! We had four trains running. The train crews consisted of Gary Baker, John DePhillip Jr., Peter Fowler, Leni Goldberg, Larry Mitchell, Chuck Moore, Thaine Morris, Larry Sack, Ron Tarjany and Willie Wilhelm. Don Frozina was the station master and Steve Harris was the safety coordinator.

Train rides were provided from 10:30 am to just after 3 pm. Dr. Judith Sato, the event organizer for the City of Hope, was able to catch a ride toward the end of the day. Dr. Sato stated that this was the first time in five years she's had the time to ride around the Museum. Dick Brennan and Bob Beard were out at the east gate helping direct the throngs of people, and made sure that the numerous cars parked in an orderly fashion in the east parking lot.

Also on hand, lending their support were Steve Altmayer, Mike Capolupo, Steve Carlberg, Lloyd Davis, John DePhillip Sr., Leonard Evans, Mike Finch, Jon Newbill, Lucille Secara, Ray Secara, Dani Smith, John Smith and Lew Soibelman.

### East Valley Lines N-Scalers Run

Don't forget that the EVL Run is on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9 pm. The EVL group is our neighbor to the north, up in Travel Town. To participate, you must be Level I certified and sign up. We'd like to field 3 trains for them. Contact Don Frozina, 661/949-6107, to sign up or for more information.

## Member Calendar

Jun. 24	Work Day General Member Meeting
Jul. 8	<b>East Valley Lines Run</b>
Jul. 10	Board Meeting
Jul. 15	<b>Potluck/Night Run</b>
Jul. 22	General Member Meeting
Aug. 7	Board Meeting

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

## Public Service Schedule

Jun. 18	Public Rides
Jun. 25	Public Rides
Jul. 2	Public Rides
Jul. 9	Public Rides
Jul. 16	Public Rides
	Disney Barn Open Steam Plant Open
Jul. 23	Public Rides
Jul. 30	Public Rides
Aug. 6	Public Rides

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## Splinters from the Board

June 5, 2006

By Peter Fuad

At the June 5, 2006 LALSRM Board meeting, Gary Baker reviewed the Museum's new Lloyds insurance policy. He noted that Lloyds deleted the proposed sign-in and age requirements.

Safety Program requirements. Pursuant to the policy and our safety program:

- At least one person with CPR/first aid training must be on premises when any train is run (we are negotiating to get this modified for only public hauling, parties, meets and other organized group activities).
- Enhanced warning signage will be posted in English and an enhanced station script will be given in English and eventually in Spanish.
- Additional warning signs will be posted at the entrance to New Sherwood Station and the yellow box where party attendees and non members riding or operating equipment sign in and attest that they have read the warning sign.
- The Museum must continue to diligently observe all of its safety rules 24/7 as part of the new insurance policy.

Wording for the signs and script is undergoing further review to ensure its effectiveness. Gary Baker is leading the effort to arrange free or low-cost CPR/first aid training on a group basis for all members. The Board and audience thanked Gary Baker, Steve Altmayer, Todd Moore and Peter Fuad for their efforts in obtaining the Lloyds policy.

In safety updates, Willie Wilhelm and Dan O'Brien noted areas of trackage that need attention. These will be addressed by Willie Wilhelm and John DePhillip Jr. Willie also noted that the Safety Committee continues its efforts to improve the safety standards.

John DePhillip Jr. noted that track bed preparation for the Sutchville Yard was completed at no cost. John arranged

## General Meeting Highlights

May 20, 2006

By Donald Frozina

President Don Frozina began the meeting around 7:03 pm. Don reviewed the happenings at the last Board Meeting.

Don mentioned that the Board moved and approved to require operators to have at least Level II certification to run any equipment. The equipment group will soon inspect and, if necessary, upgrade any MOW equipment.

The Board moved and approved to allow the LALSRM safety program to be distributed to other clubs requesting them provided a statement of disclaimer and ownership was included.

Don said that the Board moved and approved changing the general meeting and workday to the fourth Saturday of each month in June, July and August, so they would conveniently follow each issue of the *Engine Booster*.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

the donation of time and equipment for this from California Paving. The Board and audience thanked Wolf Fengler and Sam Calderwood for replacing the fuel pump on the Museum's the tractor, which is now working.

Willie Wilhelm presented a proposal to purchase more O'Brien trucks for the six center bench cars whose trucks have not yet been replaced. Then reworking the removed trucks and placing them on up to four gondolas so that they can get Level I certified. The Board deferred taking action until at least the next quarter due to lack of funds.

The Board voted to reduce the party fee from \$150 to \$50 to reflect the decreased cost of the insurance rider to pro-

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**Splinters from the Board** (Continued from page 2)

vide such coverage. A \$50 fee was retained because of the Museum's current financial situation. A proposal to allow "distant" non-resident members to take the operator's Level II certification test at home without a class was defeated on grounds that safety requirements should not be lessened. Don Frozina was authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Museum for a new provider to host our website for a cost not to exceed \$10 a month. The current provider, which provided the service for free, is going on hiatus.

Membership chairman Steve Harris urged that new members be allowed to get conductor time as part of their probationary requirements and that existing members be allowed to get conductor time to earn shed credit.

General Meeting Discussion and Votes. The following items will be presented at the June 24 General Meeting:

- A recommendation by Gary Baker to hold only a low-key fall meet on Labor Day weekend as a "soft opening" to our facility and hold our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration next year as part of our 2007 Spring Meet.
- Dave Johnson presented a proposal by Lew Soibelman to remove the remaining portions of the inside fence just east of the O'Brien-Moore bridge, which was approved by the Board. To the extent feasible, material will be salvaged for use at the east end of the Museum.
- A revised track plan for the Sutchville Yard reconfiguration developed by Peter Nott, et. al. The plan consists of five segments. The Board approved the following four segments: the middle section (adjacent to the Phil West Barn), the western section, the steaming bay spur reconfiguration, and the track ramp at the far west end (which would be done last).

The fifth segment consists of reconfiguring the east end of the layout adjacent to the steam plant. The original proposal, which would have required moving the stem pipe and removing two trees there, was rejected by the Board. A revised plan for that area that avoids moving the stem pipe and trees will be presented by Peter. This plan will include moving the signal box, moving the mainline switch to the Phil West Barn leads further eastward to the Disney Barn crossing, and moving the switch for the Sutchville yard leads as far eastwards as possible without moving the stem pipe or the trees. Peter will also research a revised alternative based on moving the stem pipe and replacing the two trees.

In other items, Steve Altmayer was thanked for his donation of a copy machine to the Museum. New member Troy Garren from Arleta was introduced. A party request by Jon Newbill for July 4 in the Disney picnic area was approved.

In view of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, the next Board meeting will be July 10, 2006. The next general meeting will be June 24.

**President's Message**

By Donald Frozina



Our Safety Plan is getting a refresh due to requirements of our new insurance carrier. At least one person with First Aid/CPR training must be on premises during public hauling, parties, Meets and other organized group activities. We have also updated our

signage and station/conductor scripts. It is important that we all observe these updated safety rules 24/7/365. Soon we will be offering onsite First Aid/CPR training for those members interested. Please check out the "Training Classes" section of the *Engine Booster* to see when classes will be offered.

There will be several votes taken at the General Member meeting later this month. Please come on out, listen to the proposals, and vote!

Many thanks go to Henry Villafaña for the emergency exit gates on the west end for and the safety handrails on the O'Brien-Moore Bridge. Wolf Fengler and Sam Calderwood deserve many thanks for getting the Museum's tractor back into operation. Many thanks go to Steve Altmayer for the heavy-duty copier now in the office caboose. And many thanks to John DePhillip Jr. for arranging for the road bed preparation work on the Sutchville Track Reconfiguration Project.

**FROM THE General Superintendent**

By Tom Downing



Dancing in the streets. Thanks to Sam Calderwood and Wolf Fengler, we now have our Museum tractor up and running. Wolf took care of the injectors and pump rebuild and Sam installed all the items back on the tractor. This was a large amount of work and I am sure all our workers will greatly appreciate it.

Also a big "thank you" goes out to Henry Villafaña for finishing up the welding on the west end bridge safety rail project. Rob Lamont and myself painted it black to blend with the bridge. There is still a large amount of work that needs to be done around the Museum.

The Sutchville Track Reconfiguration Project looks to be going together at a good pace now, but everybody still needs to come out and get involved.

This month, the official work Saturday is on June 24<sup>th</sup>. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. I am hoping that this should free up some scheduling conflicts for most of you. I am also in high hopes that we'll see 40-50 members on the work Saturdays from now on. See you soon!

## Continuous Membership Anniversaries 2006

The following persons are celebrating a continuous membership anniversary this year—in multiples of 5 years. If you should run into one of these persons, tell them “Congratulations!” All have contributed to our Museum in their own way.

**50 years**

**David E. Conway**  
**Gordon L. Sherwood**

**45 years**

I. Douglas Alkire  
Philip H. Wiborg, Jr.

**40 years**

Eugene Crowner  
Pearson M. Davis  
Jim Kreider

Norman Oellerich  
Bill F. Semerau

**35 years**

Robert C. Hendrich  
Cliff S. Seimears  
Cary E. Stewart

William Joseph Stewart  
Dean C. Willoughby

**30 years**

James R. Baker  
J. Nicholas Edwards  
Arthur C. Meigs

Robert D. Simpson  
Linn T. Stonehill  
Matthew G. Swain

**25 years**

Larry W. Bradbury

**20 years**

William D. Barbe  
Kenneth G. Forbes  
Kevin M. O'Neill

Thomas A. Paral  
William V. Phillips  
Steven L. Rodstein

**15 years**

James S. Andersen  
Betsy W. Merchant

Lawrence Mitchell  
John E. Smith

**10 years**

Steve W. Benedict  
Lloyd A. Davis  
Robert D. Hall  
Willard Michlin

Larry W. Smith  
John W. Swanton  
Jack D. Wollard

**5 years**

Jane Artinian  
Kenneth A. Bain  
George Francis Bass  
William D. Bradford  
Duncan Cushing  
Donald J. Frozina  
John Gardner  
Michael R. Houston  
Thomas R. Kaar  
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Patrica J. Miller  
Ken Mitsch  
Mike Mulder  
David Palmer  
Larry Sack  
Robert B. Schwenke  
Alan Way  
Tom Wulf  
John Yells



## Training Classes

**First Aid/CPR:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of June at 9 am. Learn First Aid and CPR. Only 20 seats available. First come, first served. Level I personnel and Station Masters/Safety Coordinators have priority. 4½ hours, plus break for lunch. Cost \$20. The Museum will partially subsidize the cost of this first class. In the future, this class will cost \$35. (Another class will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of July.) Contact Gary Baker 323/666-7279 to register.

**Safety:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of June. *Level II* (private use) class at 9 am. This is a half-hour class with a multiple choice test. *Level I* (public operations) class at 10 am. This is an hour class with a multiple choice test. (Level II is the prerequisite for this class.) *Station Master/Safety Coordinator* class at 1 pm. This is an hour hands-on class. (Level I is the prerequisite for this class.)

**Conductor:** Want to learn to be a conductor? Call Roger Bacon at 818/887-0898 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. Note: You must have completed both your Level II and Level I safety training to attend this class.

**Diesel Engineer:** Want to learn to operate the Museum's diesel/electric locomotives? Call Roger Bacon at 818/887-0898 or Gary Burdorf at 310/573-2019 to schedule a class. The diesel class typically meets on a Saturday with the check ride on the following Sunday. Note: You must have completed all your conductor requirements to attend this class.



## For Sale

1½" scale, 7½" gauge Lionel and riding car. Replica of Lionel standard gauge #402 electric loco 0-2-2-0, fiberglass body, metal roof. \$3,000. contact Mel Bresee, 310/553-2039.