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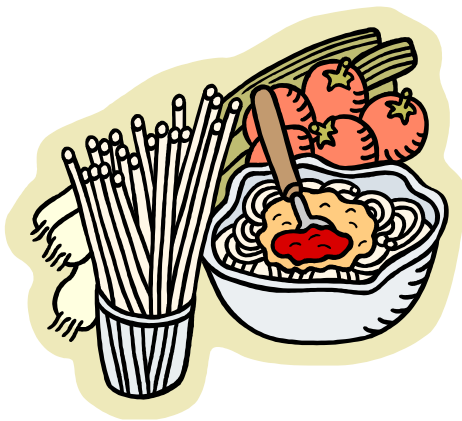
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Labor Day Dinner for a Dollar/Dessert Potluck

By Gary Baker



Due to all the reconfiguration of the track and switches in the inner loop and Webb and Phil West yards, the Board has decided to not host a Fall Meet over the Labor Day weekend; but instead to host our famous “Dinner for a Dollar” Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, September 2, 2006 at 5:30 pm.

All of you have made some great special desserts in the past so please bring a dessert to share. The Museum will provide sodas and coffee.

The plan would be to have the main line inner loop complete for the 1-1/2 inch and the 1-inch for you to come out and enjoy riding on anytime over the Labor Day weekend; and for you to see the progress of the construction of all the new tracks in Webb Yard. Please keep in mind that due to the construction, there are very few places to park trains.

We need lots of help over the next several weeks to lay track and just general clean up of the facility so we look good for Labor Day. Due to the construction dust, everything needs a bath!!! Please try to come down and help so we can all celebrate our “soft opening”.

TTOS Run

The 6th Annual Toy Train Operating Society Run will be on Saturday, August 12 from 11 am to 3 pm. We're hoping to run at least three trains for them. To participate, you must be Level 1 Certified and sign up. Contact Steve Waller 626/710-7768 for information.

The event is co-sponsored by TTOS-Southwest Division, which has their monthly gatherings in Arcadia, CA. TTOS caters to collectors of Lionel and American Flyer trains; also G-scale. The biggest TTOS meet of the year, Cal-Stewart, takes place November 17-19, 2006 at the Pasadena Convention Center. Check out www.ttos-sw.org.

Member Calendar

Jul. 22	Work Day General Member Meeting
Aug. 7	Board Meeting
Aug. 12	TTOS Run
Aug. 26	Work Day General Member Meeting
Sep. 11	Board Meeting
Sep. 2	\$1 Dinner/Dessert Potluck

Board/General Meetings begin at 7 pm.
Potluck begin at 5:30 pm.

Public Service Schedule

Jul. 23	Public Rides
Jul. 30	Public Rides
Aug. 6	Public Rides
Aug. 13	Public Rides
Aug. 20	Public Rides
	Disney Barn Open Steam Plant Open
Aug. 27	Public Rides
Sep. 3	Public Rides

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Splinters from the Board

July 10, 2006

By Peter Fuad

The follow matters were discussed at the July 10, 2006 LALSRLM Board meeting.

First Aid/CPR Requirement and Training. Gary Baker confirmed that our insurance requires that we have a person on site with First Aid/CPR training whenever trains are operating. This applies 24/7 and includes weekdays and non-public hours.

Safety Program Updates. The Board stressed the need to keep all trackage in good repair. Wolf Fengler and John DePhillip, Jr. will walk the layout and mark areas in need of attention. Don Frozina noted that he will arrange to have the new verbal safety script recorded in Spanish and English. Peter Fuad and Todd Moore had developed the revised wording.

Equipment Safety. Willie Wilhelm made a presentation on skid bars and improved drawbars for the center bench cars. The Board voted to allow Willie to equip two center bench cars used on the electric train to test the results. Willie also stated that additional weight ought to be required on private cabooses to increase stability. The Board directed the Safety Committee to produce a standard for Level I certification. Willie also wanted permission to install one switch post made out of PVC on a flexible base such that if it were hit it would simply bend over. The Board approved converting one switch post to this type as a test.

Written Waivers. Peter Fuad made a presentation on whether the Museum should require members of the public to sign a written waiver before riding. The Museum had received advice on a pro bono basis from a lawyer who represents gyms that such a waiver would provide an additional defense if we are again sued for an accident. The discussion focused on the practical ability to procure such written waivers without unduly adding to the workload of station personnel or requiring additional personnel or adding to wait times. Peter stressed that whatever the decision, the membership would have to buy into it in order for it to

General Meeting Highlights

June 24, 2006

By Donald Frozina

President Donald Frozina called the meeting to order at 7:00. After reviewing the happenings at the June BOD meeting, Don held and recorded the following votes:

- To hold only a low-key fall meet on Labor Day weekend as a "soft opening" to our facility and hold our 50th anniversary celebration next year as part of our 2007 Spring Meet. *Passed unanimously.*
- 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. *Passed unanimously.*
- A revised track plan for the Sutchville Yard reconfiguration. The plan consists of five segments.
 - Four segments (approved by the Board): 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. *Passed unanimously.*
 - The fifth segment (approved by the Board) consists of reconfiguring the east end of the layout adjacent to the steam plant without moving the stem pipe or the trees. *Failed: Aye 31%, Nay 69%.*

be successful. After considerable discussion and input from the audience on alternative ways to accomplish the task, such as on how and where to collect such signatures, the Board decided to ask Leonard Evans and others for ways to introduce waivers on a trial basis in order to see if it is feasible.

Equipment for Sale. Todd Moore reported that he had consulted with Mark Hanlon as to whether equipment being test ridden for sale should meet any sort of certification test. Hanlon was reluctant to approve anything more than a very limited exception. After discussion, the Board felt that such equipment should at least meet the standards that the Museum will require for equipment brought in from the

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FROM THE **General Superintendent**

By Tom Downing



The hot weather as of late has been slowing many of our projects down. John DePhillip Jr. continues his one-man band type of work on the new yard project. If you would like to work on this project with John, please contact him. I know it is a lot of work and he

could use some help. I'd like to thank John and Dani Smith for providing lunch at the May workday. If any member would like to help in preparing lunch during a workday, it would be very much appreciated. This is a good way to help and does not require a lot of physical strength as many of our projects do. Lloyd Davis and friends has started ballasting the Valley Line. There's still a huge amount of work to be performed on this line before it will be open for trains to run on. Please come out and help. Keep in mind that we will be doing the Halloween event again this year. Plans are in the works for new displays and, as always, this is a fun project. If you're interested in being involved, please contact Gary Baker.

We've had new members that have taken on trimming the ivy along the fence of the Museum. This is a good thing, but has exposed numerous leaks in our irrigation system. Tom Akins has done a great job in taking care of the leaks. This is not a bad job in 100-degree weather.

Please remember every Saturday we could use your help around the Museum. We hope to see you soon!

President's Message

By Donald Frozina



Many thanks go to John DePhillip Jr., Doug Young and several others for the progress being made on getting our inner-loop main line back in. It's a tough and exacting job, and the warm weather makes it all the tougher.

Thanks go to those 16 persons who took the first offering of the First Aid/CPR class in June. It was an enjoyable, albeit long, class and was presented in a non-threatening, yet entertaining manner. If you missed out on attending, the Board is considering offering future classes onsite.

Gary Baker is working on plans for us to celebrate our 50th anniversary year. Some of these plans include much needed painting of our most prominent bridges and buildings. The kickoff will coincide with our annual Halloween "ghost train ride" event in October. Stay tuned for more information in a future *Engine Booster*.

At our last Board meeting, the Board decided that for this year, and this year only, to grant rebates to everyone submitting time for shed credit, regardless of how those hours were accrued—public hauling or maintenance work.

50th Celebration Kickoff

By Gary Baker



According to my conversations with Gordon Sherwood, October 24, 1956 was the first date that a train was run on the very first track laid at the Los Angeles Live Steamers. By a unanimous vote, the Board and the general membership present at our July Board meeting, has decided that the closest weekend to that date should be the

beginning of our 1-year long 50th celebration kickoff.

Since the date is also the first weekend of our Annual Halloween Ghost Train Ride Event, we have decided to dedicate the first night as a private party for members only, where we will honor, (probably to their horror), our remaining living founding members; and later preview Halloween to our current living members and their families and friends. I hope all of you will plan to attend this spectacular evening of food, fun, and friendship. More info to come in next month's issue.

Small Scale News

By Chris Mahony & John DeRosa



We would like to update LALSRM members and friends about the reconstruction of the 1" track. As you know, there has been a lot of work related to the Sutchville Track Reconfiguration Project by the 1-1/2 inch track crew. When the new yard layout was approved, the 1-inch lines had to be removed for the new changes.

We are currently re-installing the inner dual track loop, and planning to install the two rail outer loop next. Current plans include a new 4-track yard next to the Steam Plant, signals, and some possible new structures along the ROW. These changes will help enhance the small scale line at LALSRM, and hope that we will see more of the smaller scale locomotives running very soon.

Small Scale Sunday will return as soon as the loops are complete. If you would like to help re-install the track, please feel free to contact either John DeRosa or Christopher Mahony (phone and emails in the Museum *Roster*) for dates and times.

Training Classes

Safety: 4th Saturday. *Level II* (private use) class at 9 am. This is a forty-five minute class with a multiple choice test. *Level I* (public operations) class at 10:30 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.

FA/CPR Certified Jun. 17

Roger Bacon	Rowland Fogarty
Gary Baker	Peter Fowler
George Bass	Donald Frozina
Janice Bass	Steve Harris
Mel Bresee	David Lazarus
Shira Bush	Robert Quinn
Pam Dong	Lewis Soibelman
Wilbur Dong	Steve Waller

Who's Been Workin' on the RR May 21—Jun. 17

Bacon, Roger	Evans, Leonard x5
Berg, Ginny x3	Frozina, Donald
Berg, Ted x3	Hawkins, Rory x2
Bresee, Mel	Hritz, John
Cascadden, Kory	Lamont, Robert x2
Cascadden, Michael	Mahony, Amy x2
Cascadden, Kyle	Mahony, Chris x4
DePhillip, John	Ruatta, Steve
DeRosa, John x3	Valencia, Donna
Downing, Tom x7	Villafañá, Henry x3

For Sale

Two flat cars with O.S. Trucks, \$400/each. One gondola with O.S. trucks, \$500. One tank car, \$400.00. All 1½" scale. Contact Dick Jensen, 310/326-5850.

Engineers and Conductors

May 2006

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
05/07/2006	Bob Woodward	Gail Woodward	B. Woodward
832 passengers	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Ted Naimy	Frank O'Donnell	LALSRM
	Todd Moore	James Dederian	Moore
	Dan O'Brien	James Dederian	LALSRM

Track Inspectors: Peter Fuad, Wolf Fengler; Safety Coordinator: Wolf Fengler
Station Master: Roger Bacon; Station Assistant: Pat Miller

05/14/2006	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
506 passengers	Doug Ward	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Michael Romanucci	Wolf Fengler	LALSRM
	Wolf Fengler	Michael Bruce	LALSRM
	Doug Ward	Fred Lack	LALSRM

Track Inspector: John Smith; Safety Coordinator: John Smith
Station Master: Don Frozina

05/21/2006	Peter Fuad	Steve Ruatta	Fuad
863 passengers	Ted Naimy	M. Casey/M. Bruce	LALSRM
	Larry Mitchell	Leni Goldberg	Mitchell
	Fred Lack	Steve Ruatta	Fuad

Track Inspectors: Peter Fuad, Todd Moore; Safety Coordinator: Todd Moore
Station Master: Roger Bacon

05/28/2006	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
829 passengers	Doug Ward	Steve Ruatta	LALSRM
	Thaine Morris	Peter Fowler	Morris

Track Inspector: Peter Fuad; Safety Coordinator: Willie Wilhelm
Station Master: Roger Bacon; Station Assistants: Pat Miller, Michael Bruce

3,030 Total passengers for month
6,597 Total passengers to date

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outside during meets. The Board directed the Safety Committee to continue to develop such standards and then to see how they might apply to equipment for sale.

Track Rebates. The Board discussed whether to reduce or eliminate the 30-hour minimum requirement for track rental rebates in view of the Museum's closure earlier this year. After discussion, the Board approved granting rebates to everyone for the next track rental year, regardless of how hours were accumulated this year, in view of the fact that members could not dependably earn even a reduced minimum number of hours because fewer trains are certified and running even after the Museum has been reopened.

Children in Garden Scale Railroad. The Board discussed what kind of rule, if any, to impose on younger children being in the garden scale railroad area. The current rule is that no children under 10 are allowed in the area. However, some children under 10 are mature and well behaved, while others are not. Some children are supervised by their parents, while others use the area as a babysitting service and leave their children. It was noted that some members have expensive equipment that they do not want damaged by children. On the other hand, the railroad is a way to encourage children to become interested in the hobby. After considerable discussion, the Board asked David Lazarus and Todd Moore to develop wording for signage and rules. Basically the rule will allow children

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Engineers and Conductors June 2006

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
06/03/2006 602 passengers <i>City of Hope Run</i>	Thaine Morris Larry Mitchell Chuck Mohr	Peter Fowler Ron Tarjany J. DePhillip Jr./G. Baker/ L. Goldberg	Morris Mitchell O'Brien
	Willie Wilhelm	Larry Sack	LALSRM
Track Inspectors: Don Frozina, Thaine Morris; Safety Coordinator: Steve Harris Station Master: Don Frozina			
06/04/2006 478 passengers	Peter Fuad Doug Ward	Bob Quinn F. O'Donnell/T. Downing	Fuad LALSRM
Track Inspectors: Don Frozina, Peter Fuad; Safety Coordinator: Wolf Fengler Station Master: Roger Bacon; Station Assistant: Pat Miller			
06/11/2006 777 passengers	Thaine Morris Peter Fuad Gene Heiman David Lazarus Peter Nott	Peter Fowler Bob Quinn Gail Woodward Michael Casey R. Bacon/B. Sissons	Morris Fuad LALSRM Soibelman Nott
Track Inspectors: P. Fuad, T. Moore; Safety Coordinators: T. Moore, L. Goldberg Station Master: Don Frozina; Station Assistant: Pat Miller			
06/18/2006 651 passengers	Ron Tarjany Gene Heiman Peter Fowler David Lazarus	Gail Woodward Mike Houston Steve Ruatta Michael Casey	B. Woodward LALSRM Morris Soibelman
Track Inspectors: D. Frozina, L. Goldberg, R. Tarjany; Safety Coordinator: L. Goldberg Station Master: Don Frozina; Station Assistant: Pat Miller			
06/25/2006 771 passengers	Thaine Morris Peter Fuad Ron Tarjany Larry Mitchell F. Lack/G. Baker	Peter Fowler Bob Quinn Gail Woodward Michael Bruce John Hritz	Morris Fuad B. Woodward Mitchell LALSRM
Track Inspectors: John Smith, Ron Tarjany; Safety Coordinator: John Smith Station Master: Roger Bacon			
3,279 Total passengers for month 9,876 Total passengers to date			

Halloween 2006

By Gary Baker

LALSRM will once again host 7 evenings, over 2 weekends, of delightful frightful chills to many local LA parents and their families who normally visit us at our Sunday operations. Our now famous "ghost trains" will once again ride the rails through over 30 haunted displays created by our very dedicated and talented members; who have graciously, once again, agreed to commit time, talent, and money to make this LALSRM event one of our most successful.

The creative team of Aaron Emmer, Jon Newbill, Phil Tucker, Ron Nelson, Thaine Morris, Tom Downing, Rory Hawkins, Robert Lamont and Dick Brennan, are all ready in Halloween planning mode along with the incredible engineering minds of Sam Calderwood and Les Kovacs, who have made this event happen since day one; and of course me, Gary Baker. This event could not happen without the incredible support of all of our members who come out to help, running trains, dealing with the public, handling tickets, safety and security, and feeding us.

I look forward to once again hosting another positive event for all of you which has become our #1 fundraiser. Please call me, 323/666-7279, if you have an idea or would like to join the Halloween creative team.

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under 10 in the area if they are responsible and well behaved and/or under adult supervision. If not, they will be excluded from the area.

Fall Dinner. Gary Baker recommended having a member-only dinner on Friday, October 20 to commemorate the Museum's 50th anniversary. This will be in lieu of any meet. This would be a so-called "soft opening," with a full scale meet in the Spring next year. This plan was approved.

Facility Upgrades. Gary also introduced what facility upgrades should be made with the Phil West Barn money for the 50th anniversary meet. The Board approved repainting the pavilion, entry gate, rear gate, the little bridge at Sherwood Logging and the small bridge on the west end for \$1,800, to

be followed by repainting the O'Brien-Moore Bridge for \$6,700 if the work is satisfactory on the first phase.

Sutchville Yard. The Board had a lengthy discussion on whether to relocate the liquidambar trees, water pipe and electrical box near the steam plant to accommodate longer sidings as part of the Sutchville Track Reconfiguration Project, as advocated by Peter Nott. The Board was concerned with delays this might cause and other matters. After considerable discussion, the Board approved completing the main line and lead to the Phil West Barn tracks as the top priority. The main line will be constructed to accommodate a switch, which will be built simultaneously with completing the mainline, that can be retrofitted into the main line to accommodate the expanded siding plan. Once the mainline and yard track are completed the Board will consider Peter's plan.

New at the Track

*By Donald Frozina
Photos by Bruce Ward*

After more than 20 years in planning and construction, member Lew Soibelman finally took delivery of his ATSF 2-10-4 "Texas", No. 5011, locomotive and long distance tender. Lew and fellow member David Lazarus drove up to Medford Oregon to take delivery of this 1,600 lb. locomotive and 600 lb. tender from builder Gerry Bowden.

Gerry has been working on the locomotive and tender for the last 4 years. Gerry is a retired mechanical engineer, who has built over 30 miniature locomotives—both steam and diesel.



Many persons contributed to the successful completion of Lew's "Texas": Doug Alkire made most of the drawings; Carl Eppich made most of the patterns for the locomotive; Jack Corrick designed the boiler; John Braun built the boiler; and Gerry Bowden put it all together and made it work.

Specifications

Whyte classification:	2-10-4
Type:	Texas
Road and Number	ATSF No. 5011
Locomotive length:	9' 8"
Locomotive weight:	1,600 lbs.
Fuel type:	Propane
Operating pressure:	120 PSI
Boiler:	3/8" steel plate, 46 steel tubes
Cylinder dia. and stroke:	3-1/4" x 4-1/2"
Driver diameter:	9-1/4"
Appliances:	2 SuperScale injectors, 3 muffled SuperScale safety valves, Mosley generator, working headlight, working cab lights, steam power reverse, smoke box throttle, SA Worthington feed water system, 2 cross-compound air pumps, 6 blow downs and a reflux water glass, and others.
Tender type:	Long distance
Tender length:	7' 4"
Tender weight:	640 lbs.
Tender wheels:	2 8-wheel "Buckeye" trucks
Tender braking:	Air brakes with 16 cylinders
Tender capacity:	47 gals. of water (fuel carried in another car)

ATSF 5011

