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50th Anniversary Kickoff / Haunted Oktoberfest

By Gary Baker



Our 50th Anniversary Kickoff / Haunted Oktoberfest promises to be a great evening of food, celebration, and haunting! According to Gordon Sherwood, on October 24, 1956 the first train was set on the tracks at LALS, so 50 years later, we have picked the closest weekend to that date to kickoff our one-year-long 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Friday, October 20th, Oktoberfest returns with great food, music, and draft beer (root beer of course) graciously hosted by Chris and Amy Mahony serving up a delicious menu of traditional Oktoberfest dishes (bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad and pretzels) starting at 6:30 pm. A small donation of \$2.00 per person will be asked to cover food expenses, and we would like everyone to bring a dessert to share!

One of the 'fests highlights will be a ceremony honoring our original founding members; because without their vision, hard work, and commitment of \$20.00 a year for dues, we would not have the great facility we have today.

Then, as darkness envelops the haunted LALS SRM grounds, you, your family and friends will be treated to an exclusive private VIP opening night preview of our "spooktacular" haunted ghost train ride Halloween attraction. Plan to board your train and be the first "to have your caboose scared off!!!" Please plan to come down and enjoy this kickoff evening.

We will have a list in the kitchen to sign if you are planning to attend or email to booster@lals.org with your count; so we can get a rough estimate on the amount of food needed. Since we are all volunteers, we could really use some help with the kitchen that night; and lots of help setting up the 30 displays for Halloween in all the weeks left in September and October prior to October 20th.

Please contact Chris Mahoney for the kitchen or Gary Baker for the Halloween set-up if you need further information and would like to participate! Looking forward to seeing all of you for this really fun kickoff!!!

Webb-Stutson Run

The 35th Annual Webb-Stutson Run is on Saturday, September 30th from 11 am to 3 pm. To participate in giving rides, you must be Level I certified. We also need members to help prepare and serve the food. Contact Roger Bacon, 818/887-0898.

Member Calendar

Sep. 23	Work Day
	General Member Meeting
Sep. 30	Webb-Stutson Run
Oct. 2	Board Meeting
Oct. 20	50th Kickoff
	Halloween Potluck
Oct. 28	Work Day
	General Member Meeting
Nov. 6	Board Meeting

Board/General Meetings begin at 7 pm.

Public Service Schedule

Sep. 24	Public Rides
Oct. 1	Public Rides
Oct. 8	Public Rides
Oct. 15	Public Rides
	Disney Barn Open
	Steam Plant Open
Oct. 21	Public Night Rides
Oct. 22	Public (Day) Rides
	Public Night Rides
Oct. 27-28	Public Night Rides
Oct. 29	Public (Day) Rides
	Public Night Rides
Oct. 30-31	Public Night Rides
Nov. 5	Public Rides

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Splinters from the Board

September 11, 2006

By Peter Fuad

The meeting began with a moment of silence for the victims of 9-11.

Equipment Safety. Willie Wilhelm presented an update on equipment certification. All work cars except the two hopper cars have now passed Level 2 requirements. It will take substantial effort to certify these last two cars, but it will be done. Tests on automatic skid bars were completed. In view of the fact that the thinnest skid bar that could be used still dragged on some areas on the track layout means that it is impractical to use this type of skid bar, and work on them will cease. Results of tests comparing our two braking systems demonstrated differences in performance, which will need to be resolved.

Wolf Fengler reported on an informal meeting he had with Mark Hanlon, our Safety Engineer. Hanlon reaffirmed that safety was integral to operation of the Museum. Wolf reported that Hanlon is comfortable with not requiring skid bars on Pullman cars provided we develop and document tipping moments for such cars. Hanlon confirmed that adding weight not exceeding 80 pounds per center bench car was adequate for him. We have added 180 pounds to each center bench car, making them difficult to re-rail if needed. Wolf stated that we will add 80-pound weights to two center bench cars now being worked on for public use. The stability of such cars will be assessed and results applied to existing and future center bench cars. Hanlon strongly endorsed developing a mechanical test vehicle to measure track metrics, and Wolf indicated he would expedite development of the vehicle.

Wolf mentioned that the Safety Committee was continuing to work on standardized rules for visitors running at the Museum when the public is not being hauled, such as during meets. Train Mountain has distributed a draft of similar rules. Wolf stated we should conform our rules to those of Train Mountain with a goal of establishing standards applicable to all live steam groups.

General Meeting Highlights

August 26, 2006

By Donald Frozina

President Don Frozina began the meeting at 7:05 pm and reviewed the happenings of the August BOD meeting.

Don also informed the members that, since the BOD meeting, we received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, registered trademark status of the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum name and logo. Thanks were given to Peter Fuad for seeing this process through.

Roger Bacon presented a proposal on a new, New Sherwood Station. Said station would include a handicapped bathroom, ticket booth and would cover the public queue. Since the station tracks would be shadeless, train shed-style awnings are also proposed.

Gary Baker gave an update on the Halloween happenings, including the 50th Anniversary Celebration kickoff on October 20th, and the 7-nights of public night running.

David Lazarus talked about the 50th Anniversary jackets. Members would buy their jacket, then send it to us and we will get the silk screening and embroidery performed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Insurance. Peter Fuad reported that an inspector retained by our insurance carrier had inspected the grounds last week. The inspector indicated the results of his inspection were positive and he would be preparing a written report.

Caretaker's Contract. The Board discussed the duties of John Smith, caretaker, and the proposed draft employment contract with the Museum. After discussion, a final contract and duties were agreed upon, and a final draft for execution will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

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FROM THE General Superintendent

By Tom Downing



Fall is upon us. It seems like the year is just flying by. Activity at the Museum seems to be up as of late. Now is a good time to come out and run your equipment or at least start thinking about it. There's plenty track to run on.

Out on the west end, you may have noticed one or two new water hoses in a new location. Thanks go out to Tom Akins for this. The idea here is to try to have an obvious place where you can get water. Hopefully, we'll get a couple of more so we can have the west end covered, if ever the need were to arise for you to have water fast.

Rob Lamont and I recently got both of the Museum's gas locomotives back on line. I could use some help with maintaining these two beauties so if you're interested give me a call. For that matter, I would think Wolf Fengler may be interested in finding a few people to help him with the Museum's steam engine as it has been down for a while. This is a great way to learn about running and maintaining this type of equipment without the great out-of-pocket expense that you would incur if you were to own this type of equipment.

50th Anniversary Jackets

By David Lazarus

We are offering new way to get Museum jackets! We now want you to buy one style (that is listed below) and bring it to the Museum or mail it to me and I will take it to the printer for you. If you bring it to the Museum, make sure you give it to Leonard Evans or me. If you mail it, I will let you know when I receive it.

The jacket will need to be the Dickies® brand and you can order it over the web or get it from a local supplier. The styles as follows: **JT15 LINED EISENHOWER JACKET** (order the navy), or **JT75 UNLINED EISENHOWER JACKET** (order the navy, or if you need the tall, order the midnight blue). Sorry, only adults sizes at this time can be printed on.

The price will be \$42 for each jacket for printing on the back and your name, plus the logo, embroidered on the front. The Museum will cover the cost for the return shipping. The anniversary logo has white lettering, red ring, and gold ribbon with text on top just like the 2006 Roster cover.

We will need at least 12 or more for the printer to do a run and this will be offered all through 2007 for your convenience. You will also need to put a postcard with all of your info, plus what name you want on the jacket—please put this in a front pocket of the jacket. You can send the check to the Museum (payable to "LALSRM") or put it with jacket if you send it.

President's Message

By Donald Frozina

Photo by Miles Kristman



The Dinner for a Dollar/Dessert Potluck, held on September 2nd, was a huge success. Over 80 persons feasted upon spaghetti sauce made from scratch by Teri Garren, spouse of member Troy Garren. There were oodles and oodles of noodles too, along with Italian sausages and meatballs to complement the delicious sauce. Desserts abounded with cookies, cakes, pies and ice cream.

After the repast, President Don Frozina made a presentation at the gazebo thanking those who contributed to its refurbishment—a new paint scheme, ceiling fans with lights, and six new 8' coated metal mesh picnic tables.

The tables (and their shipping) were donated by Steve & Georgia Altmayer, Mike Capolupo, the De Phillip Family, David & Laura Holman, Al Rowsell, John & Danielle Smith and the Ferrell-Paulin Family Foundation.



Vice President Gary Baker also spoke about the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration kickoff on Friday, October 20th, and on the upcoming Halloween Night Runs.

Small Scale Sunday Returns

By Chris Mahony & John DeRosa



Attention all small scale owners! Small Scale Sunday will return on October 15th. The track

is back in action, and we want to see your 3/4" and 1" scale locomotives and cars out running. Remember that most live steamers started with the smaller scales, and the public likes to see them run. If you have a locomotive that is not running, but you would like to show it off, please bring it for display in the steaming bays.

Small Scale Sundays are every third Sunday. Please plan to come.

Training Classes

Safety: 4th Saturday of October.

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.)

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.

1st Aid/CPR Certified Sep. 9

Baker, Jim
Calderwood, Sam
Clark, Dave
Davis, Lloyd
Downing, Tom
Emmer, Aaron
Fengler, Wolf
Hritz, John
Ruatta, Steve
Woodward, Gail

Who's Been Workin' on the RR Jun. 18 — Sep. 9

Akins, Tom	Heiman, Gene
Baker, Gary x9	Hritz, John x5
Baker, Jim	Kaufman, Bonnie
Berg, Ginny x4	x5
Berg, Ted x4	Lamont, Robert
Bresee, Mel	x4
Crone, Bob x4	Mahony, Amy x3
Davis, Andrew	Mahony, Andy
Davis, Lloyd	Mahony, Chris
De Phillip Jr, John	x8
DeRosa, John x8	O'Donnell, Frank
Downing, Tom x9	Quinn, Bob x4
Emmer, Aaron x7	Ruatta, Steve
Garren, Matthew	Soibelman, Lew
Garren, Troy x2	Villafañã, Henry
Goulding, John	x3
Hawkins, Rory x2	Young, Doug

Engineers and Conductors August 2006

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
08/06/2006	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
927 passengers	Gary Baker	G. Woodward/R. Secara	LALS RM
	Larry Mitchell	M. Capolupo/T. Naimy	Mitchell
	Track Inspector: Peter Fuad		
	Safety Coordinator: Wolf Fengler		
	Station Master: Roger Bacon		
	Station Assistants: Pat Miller, Lucille Secara		
08/12/2006	Doug Ward	Smokey Bass	LALS RM
394 passengers	Bob Woodward	Gail Woodward	B. Woodward
<i>TTOS Run</i>	David Lazarus	Michael Soibelman	L. Soibelman
	Track Inspector: Donald Frozina		
	Safety Coordinator: Roger Bacon		
	Station Master: Donald Frozina		
	Station Assistant: Jon Newbill		
08/13/2006	Ron Tarjany	Gail Woodward	B. Woodward
757 passengers	Thaine Morris	Peter Fowler	Morris
	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Gary Baker	Michael Bruce	LALS RM
	Track Inspector: Shira Bush		
	Safety Coordinators: Shira Bush/Roger Bacon		
	Station Master: Steve Harris		
	Station Assistants: Pat Miller, Michael Bruce		
08/20/2006	Thaine Morris	Peter Fowler	Morris
884 passengers	Ron Tarjany	Gail Woodward	B. Woodward
	Gene Heiman	J. Hritz/M. Bruce	LALS RM
	Ron Bergmann	Steve Ruatta	Bergmann
	Track Inspectors: Wolf Fengler, Jim Cammarata, Peter Fuad		
	Safety Coordinator: Wolf Fengler		
	Station Master: Roger Bacon		
	Station Assistants: Pat Miller, Michael Bruce		
08/27/2006	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
900 passengers	Ron Bergmann	John De Phillip Sr.	Bergmann
	Dan O'Brien	Troy Garren	O'Brien
	Peter Fowler	Roberto Lopez	Morris
	G. Baker	M. Bruce	LALS RM
	R. Hawkins	D. Skowronski	LALS RM
	Track Inspectors: Donald Frozina, Peter Fuad		
	Safety Coordinator: Donald Frozina		
	Station Master: Roger Bacon		
	Station Assistants: Michael Bruce, Larry Mitchell		
3,826	Total passengers for month		
14,285	Total passengers to date		

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Webb Yard. The Board and audience thanked John De Phillip Jr. and Doug Young for their continued hard work on laying tracks for the new mainline and Sutchville.

FCR Items. The Board voted to spend up to \$5,000 from the Phil West Barn fund for preliminary planning, design and city approvals for a new Sherwood Station that Roger Bacon has proposed. He has agreed to donate his time to build the structure, which is planned to be completed before the 50th Anniversary Meet. He also hopes to obtain donations of some materials such as lumber. Total cost of the new station is estimated to be about \$30,000.

The Board voted to spend up to \$5,000 from the money market fund, upon maturity, to purchase three metal canopies and roofs for the new Sutchville Station.

The foregoing projects were approved subject to obtaining requisite FCRs and general membership approvals. The Board also voted to budget \$1,000 for miscellaneous items for the Halloween Runs.

The Board asked John De Phillip Jr., treasurer, to work with other members in developing a sources and uses spreadsheet to set forth available funds and proposed uses of such funds for capital improvements; such as the new Sherwood Station, painting, Sutchville Station canopies and other projects. With that information, the Board can allocate funds for projects in the overall context of the Museum's resources.

Other Items. Gary Baker reported on the status of the new center bench cars and trucks the Museum has ordered. Don Frozina reported that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office had granted trademark status to the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum name and logo. A new cleaning service for the restrooms has been retained at a lower cost. Wolf Fengler and Todd Moore will look into whether additional qualifications should be required for Safety Coordinators. Todd Moore confirmed that he will develop new tests for recertifying members upon membership renewal.

New non-resident members Roswitha Kienast (Frankfurt am Main, Germany) and Richard L. Struble (Porterville, California) were accepted. New resident member, Fleming Nielsen, was welcomed.

For Sale

Baldwin/Westinghouse electric loco and control car; 7½" gauge. Loco: 24-volt; lights; horn; ammeters; trolley pole; dynamic braking (batteries excellent, 12-volts). Control car: NEW; 2-seats; engineer's swivel; 10-point controller (not a rheostat). Both Level II certified. Both only \$6,500. Contact Berne Miller, 626/794-2502 or at LALSRLM on Sundays.

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.

Halloween Runs Creep Up

By Gary Baker

LALSRLM will once again host "spooktacular" evening events for the public with our Ghost Train Rides for seven nights: Oct. 21, 22, and 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31; gate open from 7 to 9:30 pm. We need lots of volunteer help (be sure to bring your radio and a flashlight) for these very special events, and it is a great way for us to thank the community for supporting us all year; and helps the Museum with additional public donations. This year we are purchasing 6 new center bench cars with the projected gate donation money that will be raised from a very appreciative public who loves this traditional Halloween event. Please plan to help as much as you can by build props, setting up the displays, and helping crew the trains. It is a lot of work but it is really fun!!! We even have a special Halloween T-shirt and buttons this year developed by Sam and Liz Calderwood and Fred Lack! If you love Halloween, this is the event for you. Sign up sheets will be in the kitchen area for the projected 6 trains per night event. Please contact Gary Baker if you need further info at 626/926-4208 (cell).

REC Members to Visit

By Bonnie Kaufman

On Wednesday October 25th, our non-resident member, Dr. Wolfgang Hell, will be bringing a group of 12 from his train club, the REC (Rossdorfer Eisenbahn Club) from Germany, for a tour of LALSRLM. We will be having a night run and potluck dinner. Everyone is encouraged to come and meet our guests. Most of them speak English and are avid train enthusiasts.



I recently traveled to their train club and enjoyed tremendous hospitality from them. The town of Rossdorf has a festival each Au-

gust and the train club runs two full days. My granddaughter and I enjoyed running trains and pulling the public. If you want to learn more about the REC visit their web site: www.rossdorfer-eisenbahnclub.com.

Please be a part of this special occasion with food and run our trains. Also, I brought back a new non-resident membership application for Rosi Kienast of REC. She runs a coal fired steamer and will be here for the first time.

New at the Track

By Donald Frozina
Photos by David Lazarus

This engine had castings from Dave Moore. The engine frame was from Bob Calendar, which David bought from him around 1996. The frame was complete, cylinders and some of the valve gear was basically completed. All the drive wheels, lead truck, trailing truck were also finished.

David started working on the engine in Dec. 2002 and had it running on the track Apr. 2005. David built all the remainder, which includes the boiler, the tender and the cab (David used AutoCAD to the design the boiler). David got the tender truck



castings and smokebox door castings from Wayne Godshall. David also received help from the "Pennsy guys" on the East Coast.

Specifications

- Whyte classification: 4-6-2
- Type: Heavy Pacific; PRR K5
- Road and Number: Pennsylvania RR No. 5699
- Locomotive length: 6' 2"
- Locomotive weight: 1,100 lbs. dry
- Fuel type: Coal
- Operating pressure: 120 PSI
- Boiler: 3/8" steel outer firebox, 1/4" steel inner firebox, forty 3/4" copper tubes
- Cylinder dia. and stroke: 3-3/4" x 4"
- Driver diameter: 10"
- Engine braking: Steam
- Appliances: Has a smokebox throttle, two safety valves, working headlight, working cab lights, two blow downs, reflux water glass
- Tender type: PRR 130-P-75
- Tender construction: Steel frame with aluminum sides
- Tender length: 4' 11"
- Tender weight: 250 lbs. dry
- Tender trucks: 4 wheel "Kiesel" type
- Tender braking: Automatic air
- Tender capacity: 15 gals. water; 25 lbs. coal



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