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Engineer Brake Control Panels

By Willie Wilhelm

The Museum now has Engineer's Brake Control Panel kits for sale to members. Each kit consists of a panel with a pressure gauge and a control valve, 8 feet of hose, a connector to couple to the passenger car, three plastic clamps and three plastic ties for fastening the hose as needed. The panel has four holes sized for #6 screws to make a rigid attachment to the member's riding car or tender. Each member will need to adapt the panel to their particular car.



To remove a hose from a barb for any reason, don't slit the hose with a knife or any other object. This will leave a scratch on the barb and it is likely to leak. You can use a pair of small, sharp side cutting pliers; that is how we remove a barb. Just cut along the edge of the hose at the barb with the pliers snipping away small pieces of hose without contacting the barb to the point it can be removed.

The price is \$40 per kit. Museum members, contact Donald Frozina at booster@lals.org if interested in obtaining a kit.

2007 Safety Stickers Available

By Donald Frozina

The 2007 Safety Stickers are now available. If you've requalified (i.e., passed the take home test) for Level I (public) operations, or have been recertified (i.e., taken the S/S course in 2007) as a Safety Coordinator/Station Master, please get your sticker the next time you're down at the Museum.

Member Calendar

Mar. 24	Work Day/ Member Meeting
Apr. 02	BOD Meeting
Apr. 28	Work Day Member Meeting
May 07	BOD Meeting

Board/General Meetings begins at 7 pm.

Public Service Schedule

Mar. 25	Public Rides
Apr. 01	Public Rides
Apr. 08	Public Rides
Apr. 15	Public Rides Disney Barn Open Steam Plant Open Small Scale Sunday
Apr. 22	Public Rides
Apr. 29	Public Rides
May 06	Public Rides

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Splinters from the Board

March 5, 2007

By Peter Fuad

General Superintendent's Report Tom Downing, general superintendent, reported that the cleanup campaign is making good progress, particularly with hauling away leaves.

Facilities. Roger Bacon reported that concrete had been poured to replace the Sutchville Station platform. Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction donated the concrete. Roger Bacon has submitted an FCR for the relocation of the wig-wag signal to near New Sherwood Station, which was also done last week. Roger reported on the Kountry Kitchen remodel and also announced that the gazebo kits for Sutchville Station will be erected in the next few weeks. The Board approved \$100 to extend the hoist near the pump house. Willie explained the parts that are needed to fix the leak in the screw air compressor. Willie urged, and the Board agreed, that seven gondolas and two wooden cabooses should be sold to free up shed space and to raise funds. Four gondolas would be retained. The cars will be advertised for sale in the *Engine Booster*.

Publicity. Les Kovacs emphasized that we must immediately begin publicity for the Spring 50th Anniversary Meet. Peter Fuad said he would prepare a flyer and, with Todd Moore, get the information to Live Steam Magazine. Don Frozina will post information on our website and other live steam web sites. Cary Stewart will provide information to IBLs secretaries.

Safety. Wolf Fengler stated that the 2007 safety stickers would soon be distributed. Willie displayed the worn trucks from the Super Train riding car.

Operations. It was noted that two center bench cars are in need of repair. The Board discussed making bad order tags more readily available and posting a notice of bad order items in a visible location so they can be fixed on a timelier basis.

Facility Improvements. The Board approved \$900 to erect poles and lights to illuminate the Sutchville parking lot, steaming bay transfer table and the east side of the Phil West Barn. The Board also voted to install parking bumpers for the Sutchville parking lot, at \$9 apiece. David Lazarus presented a concept for a signal bridge that would span the new Sutchville Yard and 1" tracks near the Sutchville Station. Semaphores would be installed on the bridge for each track. He presented a photo rendering of the project. The Board approved him proceeding to look into costs and feasibility on a conceptual basis. Todd Moore volunteered to buy two new first aid kits with extra supplies of items frequently used. Todd offered to purchase one, and the Museum will purchase the other. The Board discussed contacting the City regarding cleaning out the culvert under Zoo Drive near Bugland.

Spring Meet. The Board discussed safety requirements for visitors and their equipment at the Spring Meet. To ensure awareness of risks and our safety rules, the name tags given to visitors will have affixed to them the tickets used for public hauling, which contain our safety rules and warning on the reverse. Using inspection forms provided by us, visitors with equipment will be asked to self-inspect their equipment and certify that it meets our standards. There will be one inspection form for riding equipment and another for locomotives. The forms will be posted online at our website and be available at the door.

Weight on Center Bench Cars. The Board approved conducting a test of carrying the public on center bench cars having less weight than the current center bench cars. Implementation of the test is subject to concurrence by Mark Hanlon, the Museum's safety engineer. Wolf Fengler will meet with Hanlon to discuss the issue and to also explore alternative ways of enhancing car stability, such as lowering their center of gravity.

Steve Harris introduced new resident member Kenny Hopkins and the wife and son of new member Bruce Frye, who could not attend.

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FROM THE **General Superintendent***By Tom Downing*

The West End is getting there, as far as clean-up is concerned. There have only been a few members working on this project, but it is getting done. Lloyd Davis has been the lead man in trying to get the Smith Valley line up and running. It looks to be another month or so before we can get it inspected.

David Lazarus was the project leader on moving the wig-wag signal and it looks great by New Sherwood Station. Skeet Simpson will be extending the hydraulic lift by the pump house on each end making it longer. This will be a huge benefit in helping people with the loading and unloading of larger and longer equipment. This type of equipment seems to be becoming more popular in our hobby. Hopefully, this will be done before the Meet.

I want to thank Don Frozina for cooking lunch on the work Saturday. This was a big help even though he thinks it's not.

As you can see, what I have listed are projects big and small that are in the process or have been completed. I know a lot of members are apprehensive with getting involved or becoming a project leader. I think the biggest apprehension is the physical part of the job, but a lot of time what's needed is for a project to simply be managed and seen through to its completion. We have many members each with special skills. Sometimes it's just a matter of finding the one person that fits the piece of the puzzle. It's an extremely satisfying feeling when you know you've been part of a project that has been successfully completed. So if you have some free time, or are thinking about that special project, or would like to just get involved, please come out on any Saturday. Just call any one of the Board members, or myself, and we will try to get you pointed to the right direction.

Small Scale Sunday Reminder

By Chris Mahony and John DeRosa

Remember, if you have a 3/4 or 1-inch scale locomotive and equipment,

please come out every third Sunday for Small Scale Sundays. The response to date has been terrific, but we know that there's more small-scale stuff out there. We would love to see it, running or not. So bring it out, run if you can, and let us have a great time!

PS: If any Museum member knows of any other area club members with small scale equipment, but nowhere to run, tell them to come out to our Small Scale Sunday runs.

VICE **President's Message***By Les Kovacs*

Ron, our President, is recovering very well from his recent surgery. He would like to thank everyone for all the cards, e-mails and phone calls. He hopes to start participating in the upcoming month. We wish him all the best.

Well, it's almost time for the Spring Meet! It's a time to put our best foot forward, mend fences, and put our differences aside. So please come out and participate. We have a lot of clean up and maintenance to do.

If you don't know what you can do, call Tom Downing, General Superintendent, or Gary Baker, Meet Chairman. I'm sure they can use the help. Volunteer for kitchen or the front gate. Just plain help out.

Remember, it's our 50th Anniversary and our first meet in over a year. So come out and participate. Make it a pleasant experience for all who come. Lets make it the best Meet ever. Remember, it's your club and you make it what it is.

Thank you, Les Kovacs, V.P.

Cover it Up, Keep it Clean

By Willie Wilhelm

When working on the loco, it was found that the covers were not installed on the engine and riding car. We are trying to keep the equipment clean. Even in the shed, equipment collects dust. One of the covers had a large oil or grease spot. Neither the locomotive or riding

car have a source of oil or grease so the cover must have been put on the transfer bridge or some other oily area. I have taken the covers home to wash them.

Please vacuum the riding car and install the covers before rolling the equipment into the shed. I will have the clean covers back next week.

The riding car now has new trucks, replacing badly worn ones.

There was some comment that the brake system has leaks. We tested the locomotive, riding car, all of the red and maroon cars and the caboose. No leaks were found.

If there is a problem please provide the number of the car or cars that are suspect. It will make our job easier.

Who's Been Workin' on the RR

Feb. 4 — Mar. 5

Akins, Tom	Frozina, Donald
Baker, Jim	x2
Berg, Ginny x3	Guzman, Robert
Berg, Ted x3	Hritz, John
Casey, Kory x2	Lazarus, David x2
Casey, Kyle x2	Quinn, Bob
Casey, Michael	Ruatta, Steve x3
x2	Soibelman, Lew
Davis, Lloyd	



Training Classes

Safety: 4th Saturday. *Level II* (private use) class at 9:30 am. This is a forty-five minute class with a multiple choice test. *Level I* (public operations) class at 11 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 2 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.

Engineers and Conductors

February 2007

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
02/04/2007 936 passengers	Al Way Thaine Morris Peter Fuad Ted Naimy David Lazarus Larry Mitchell	Ray Secara Peter Fowler Bob Quinn Ron Tarjany Chuck Mohr Michael Casey	Way Morris Fuad LALSRM Lazarus Mitchell
	Track Inspector: Al Way Safety Coordinator: John Smith Station Masters: John De Phillip Sr., Roger Bacon Station Assistant: Lucille Secara		
02/11/2007 516 passengers	Thaine Morris Peter Fuad Gary Baker	Peter Fowler Bob Quinn John Hritz	Morris Fuad LALSRM
	Track Inspectors: Donald Frozina, Thaine Morris Safety Coordinators: John De Phillip Jr., Roger Bacon Station Master: Donald Frozina		
02/18/2007 1,222 passengers	Thaine Morris Al Way Peter Fuad Ted Naimy David Lazarus	Peter Fowler Doug Ward Bob Quinn Ron Tarjany Steve Ruatta	Morris Way Fuad LALSRM Lazarus
	Track Inspector: Al Way Safety Coordinator: John De Phillip Jr., Leni Goldberg Station Master: Roger Bacon Station Assistant: Ray Secara		
02/25/2007 636 passengers	Ted Naimy Peter Fuad David Lazarus	<i>unknown</i> Bob Quinn Wolf Fengler	Naimy Fuad LALSRM
	Safety Coordinator: Leni Goldberg Station Master: John De Phillip Sr.		
3,310	Total passengers for month		
7,005	Total passengers for year		

For Sale

Eaton #11 hydrostatic transmission and mounting bracket for Kohler 8 HP engine, \$350.00. Contact John De Phillip Jr., 818/241-5385.

Railroad Supply-type industrial switcher. 1½" scale, 25 ton Chessie engine #208. Great starter engine. Excellent condition, outstanding hauler. LALSRM compliant. Proven reliability. Has a 4 HP Kohler 4-cycle motor, hydrostatic transmission, working lights, dimmable headlamp, and all wheel drive. Priced to sell, only \$3,000. Contact Diana or Glen Manchester, 626/798-7189 or 626/222-6147.

Tank car, \$400. 1½" scale. Contact Dick Jensen, 310/326-5850.

Wanted

Reverse stand for 1½" scale steam locomotive; firebox door and frame, latch; smokebox throttle; Complete tender or tender parts suitable for light Pacific or Consolidation. Contact Jay Carsman, jcarsman@socal.rr.com or 818/727-1111.

Semaphores Return

By Armand Light



Arguably, the most complicated signal to decipher on the layout is the 4-triple headed one coming down off the McKelvy Loop. This signal tells you if you'll continue on the main line (inner loop), crossover to the main line (outer loop), crossover the mail line (outer loop) to Station Track 1 or crossover the main line (outer loop) to Station Track 2.

In order to improve the readability of this signal, the 4-triple heads have been replaced with semaphores. So now, you'll not only have lights indicating block occupancy and route, but a more positive visual indication as well.

Based upon our *Safety and Operating Rules* (2003 edition), it is very easy to determine (from the diagram at the left) that you must stop and wait until one changes.

Remember, that if a semaphore's arm is horizontal, that means red or stop. If the arm is at a 45° angle, that means yellow or proceed with caution (slow down!). If the arm is vertical, it means green or proceed.

Caboose Urbanized

By S. Ray Canns

Right after the UP caboose was repainted in prototypical colors last year, the powers that be determined that something was missing. After much thought and consideration, it was decided that the newly painted caboose lacked a touch of "urbanism", namely graffiti.

The powers that be searched high and low for someone with the expertise to add that touch of urbanism—after all we are a museum and we wanted both the public and the membership to experience prototypical railroading. Fortunately, a young but a qualified artist was found in the park right outside our main gate one Sunday evening.

So, for only the cost of a few spray cans, this budding artist was able to show off his talents for all to enjoy.



1-Inch Line to Expand North

By Chris DeRosa and John Mahony

The city and One Inch Track Foremen have penned an agreement that will allow the 1-inch scale line to expand into the city equipment yard across the street from the Museum. The tentative agreement will include:

1. The city agrees to vacate the equipment yard north of the Museum, on Zoo Drive.
2. With support from Water & Power, when their new water lines are to be installed down Zoo Drive, Water & Power will install two 4-foot concrete drainage pipes under Zoo Drive from the East Meadow of the Museum to the equipment yard site. These pipes will be used as tunnels under Zoo Drive. This agreement nullifies prior plans for twin spiral bridges over Zoo Drive.
3. Museum members shall have the entire equipment yard for expansion of the smaller scale layout.

The foremen applauded this agreement. "This new area will allow us build a new locomotive repair shop, lots of car storage, and finally help in my plan to build the world's first 1-inch scale riding model of the Disneyland monorail," said one track foreman.

This project will require moving a lot of dirt, but as part of the agreement with the city, the Museum will be able use the bulldozers and dump trucks in the equipment yard.

Members of the Museum who would like to assist in building this project, please be at the equipment yard site, north of the Museum, on first Sunday of April. Planning will commence then.

2007 Appointments

Subordinate Officers

General Superintendent	Tom Downing
Membership Chairman	Steven Harris
Program Chairmen	George Bass, Richard Jensen
Facilities Planning Chairman	Roger Bacon
Publicity Chairman	Vacant
Safety Chairman	Wolfgang H. Fengler
Standards Chairmen	Jim Baker, Robert Lamont
Operations Chairman	Tim LaGaly

Superintendents

Conductors	Steven Harris
Diesel Locomotives	Tom Downing, Gary Burdorf
Electric Locomotive	Willie Wilhelm
Riding Cars	Jim Cammarata
Signals	John Smith
Steam Locomotives	Wolfgang H. Fengler

Boiler Inspectors

John De Phillip Jr.	Rowland Fogarty	Douglas Young
Wolfgang H. Fengler	Daniel O'Brien	Bob Woodward
	Jim Cammarata	

Meets and Special Runs

50 th Anniversary	Gary Baker and Co-chair
City of Hope	Daniel O'Brien
N Scalers	Todd Moore
Toy Train Operating Society	Stephen Waller
Webb/Stutson	Roger Bacon
Halloween	Gary Baker
Holiday Banquet	Shira Bush

Special Committees

Advisory	Ronald Bergmann, David Johnson, Tim LaGaly, Daniel O'Brien, Lewis Soibelman
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Safety Committee

Wolfgang H. Fengler,
Jim Cammarata, Dave Clark, Todd Moore,
Larry Sack, Willie Wilhelm, Doug Young

Board of Directors Appointees

Air Compressor Maintenance	Dave Clark, Larry Sack, Willie Wilhelm
Art Director	Gordon Sherwood
Boiler Water System	Wilbur Wilhelm
Caretaker	John Smith
Cleanup and Recycling	James Baker
Electrician	John Smith
<i>Engine Booster</i> Editor	Donald Frozina
<i>Engine Booster</i> Mailing	Richard Jensen
Facility Film Rental	Miles Kristman
"G" Gauge Layout	Michael Houston
Key Master	Gary Baker
Kitchen Stocking	Roger Bacon
Insurance Coordinator	Steve Altmayer
Landscaping	Lewis Soibelman
Librarian	Sam Calderwood
Locksmith	David Artinian
Miniature Buildings	Ron Tarjany, Gary Baker
Plumbing Maintenance	Ray Misarahe
<i>Roster</i> Ads	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Roster</i> Database	Wilbur Dong
<i>Roster</i> Editor	Donald Frozina
<i>Roster</i> Mailing	Richard Jensen
Shed Manager	Steve Harris
Souvenirs Manager	Patty Fogarty (<i>temp. appt.</i>)
Sprinkler Maintenance	Tom Akins
Stationary Steam Plant	Bill Pascarella
Track Foremen, 4¾"/3½" Gauges	John DeRosa, Christopher Mahony
Track Foremen, 7½" Gauge	Melvin Bresee, John De Phillip Jr., Miles Kristman, Skeet Simpson, Douglas Young
Training Videos	David Johnson, Rob Simpson
Webmasters	Donald Frozina, Peter Fuad

A Couple of Sutchville Track Reconfiguration Project Photos



Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum



50th Anniversary Meet!

Memorial Day Weekend
Friday, May 25 — Monday, May 28, 2007
5202 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, California

Each Day Children's crafts
Visiting with friends
Day and night running
Souvenirs and vendors
Breakfast and lunch Saturday thru Monday

Friday Night Spaghetti dinner for a dollar – bring dessert to share

Saturday Night Catered dinner with Big Band music from *The Esquires*

Sunday Special Lunch

7-1/2", 4-3/4", 3-1/2" and G gauges

Live steamers, family, friends and equipment welcome
Register and run your own equipment after self inspection.

*Directions, equipment self inspection forms, and more details at www.lals.org
or call Wolf Fengler at (310) 515-2239.*

➤ *Vendors please contact us by May 11!*