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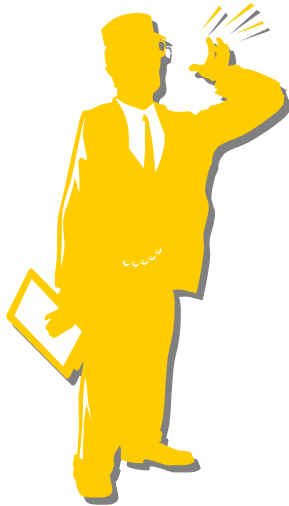
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All is Gold at the 50th Anniversary Meet

By Gary Baker



Our 50th Anniversary Spring Meet was overall a huge success according to everyone who attended. As your co-chairs, Gary Baker, Les Kovacs, Sam and Liz Calderwood, and Chris Solak, we received very positive feedback and everyone had a great time! This particular Meet was a huge undertaking mainly because we had not had a Meet last year partially due to all the construction of the Webb Yard and rebuild of the Sutchville Station. We wanted to make sure that project was completed enough so we would have additional space to park all of the visiting trains; and I want to thank the track crew John Jr., Doug, Skeet, Miles, and Mel for heading the project and for all who helped coming through with flying colors for their 18 months of hard efforts! Everyone had a place to park their equipment and we had room to spare!

For the last 18 months, we have also been repairing and painting many of the existing structures and elements, thanks to the money that was raised extending the Phil West Leases and the hard work of Larry our club painter. It certainly paid off from all of the compliments we received during our 50th Anniversary bash! We would like to thank all of you who came out and helped us get ready and all of you who gave of their time and talents to help us stage this awesome 50th weekend. Without your help as members, we could not have done it. I especially want to thank Les Kovacs for his support, stepping in as President during Ron Bergman's absence; bringing the Board's attention and support on many of the issues of pulling this Meet together. Also to Sam Calderwood for stepping

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East Valley Lines N-Scalers Run

Don't forget that the EVL Run is on Saturday, July 14th from 5 to 9 pm. The EVL group is our neighbor to the north, up in Travel Town. To be on a train crew, 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. 23	Work Day Member Meeting
Jul. 02	BOD Meeting
Jul. 14*	EVL Run
Jul. 21	Potluck/Night Run
Jul. 28	Work Day Member Meeting
Aug. 06	BOD Meeting

Board/General Meetings begins at 7 pm.
* Date change

Public Service Schedule

Jun. 24	Public Rides
Jul. 01	Public Rides
Jul. 08	Public Rides
Jul. 15	Public Rides Disney Barn Open Small Scale Sunday Steam Plant Open
Jul. 22	Public Rides
Jul. 29	Public Rides
Aug. 05	Public Rides

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Splinters from the Board

June 4, 2007

By Peter Fuad

50th Anniversary Meet. President Ron Bergmann reflected on the very successful 50th anniversary Meet held over Memorial Day weekend. In particular, the Board and audience thanked and applauded Gary Baker, Les Kovacs, Sam Calderwood, Liz Calderwood and Chris Solak for their careful planning and months of diligent efforts to make the Meet enjoyable and successful. The Board and audience also thanked and applauded John De Phillip, Jr., Miles Kristman, Doug Young, Skeet Simpson, Mel Bresee and all the volunteers for their work in laying the Sutchville Yard and display track that greatly contributed to the success of the gathering. Sam Calderwood was also thanked for stepping in as temporary General Superintendent at the last minute. Thanks also goes to Bonnie Kaufman for the great meals from the Country Kitchen. Ron also thanked Dan O'Brien for chairing the very successful City Of Hope Run.

Donations. A \$500 donation from Citigroup was noted. The donation was the result of Don Frozina's many hours of work at the Museum and a Citigroup program that makes donations to non-profit groups in which employees such as Don are active. Ron noted a "50th birthday present" of \$50 from members of the public, Tim and Christine Pham.

Safety. Ron Bergmann reported on the results of testing how much added weight is needed for the center bench cars when equipped with trucks supplied by Dan O'Brien. Because of the added weight of these trucks and their increased stability, it was found that 120 pounds of extra weight produced the same tipping moment as the current 180 pounds of extra weight. Wolf Fengler will present these results to Mark Hanlon for certification and then to the Recreation and Parks Department for final approval. Thereafter, the excess weights will be removed from cars when equipped with such trucks and such weights can be used on the new center bench cars (see below).

Ron Bergmann reported that Mark Hanlon will continue as safety engineer for the Museum in accordance with the

City's and Hanlon's understanding of our safety program.

Ron Bergmann reported on two safety changes approved by Mark Hanlon. Level II certification need only take place every two years instead of annually, and DG beneath rails need only cover $\frac{3}{4}$ of the ties instead of the entire tie as currently required. This change was requested to avoid rusting out tie plates, rails and switch points that was occurring when DG touched such items. This amount of DG coverage will still be sufficient to hold tracks in place. Hanlon will be asked to give his final certification for these changes for delivery to the City.

New Center Bench Cars. Ron Bergmann reported that Donovan has delivered parts for up to six new center bench cars to Dan O'Brien. Donovan is donating the parts. We will now weld, paint and assemble these cars. The Board approved using funds from the Phil West Barn Fund to purchase trucks from Dan O'Brien and all other necessary accessory parts and work to complete these cars.

Sutchville Track Reconfiguration Update. Doug Young and John De Phillip, Jr. reported that work on the Sutchville Yard track reconfiguration will continue.

Recreation and Parks Meeting. Ron Bergmann reported on a meeting that he and John De Phillip, Jr. had with Vicki Israel of Recreation and Parks. Areas of mutual concern, such as grounds maintenance, insurance, our safety program, relations with Travel Town, and renewing our permit to operate within Griffith Park, were discussed. Ron felt the meeting was productive in maintaining a positive relationship with the City.

Caretaker Contract. The Board discussed the legal status of the caretaker with the Museum and the state of contract negotiations with him. Ron Bergmann appointed Les Kovacs and Tim LaGaly to work on the matter and report back to the Board.

Ollie Johnson Station. Fred Lack reported to the Board that the Carolwood group had acquired a one-inch scale rail-

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Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum Engine Booster

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Conway and Lesovsky Feted

By Donald Frozina



On Saturday night, May 28, David Conway (left) was honored after the catered dinner. David is one of the surviving Charter Members that has maintained continuous membership in the organization. David was the owner of Conway Locomotives.

On Friday night, May 27, James 'Jim' Lesovsky (right) was honored after the spaghetti dinner. Jim is just one of three surviving Charter Members that is still a member. Jim was the organization's first Secretary-Treasurer.

Both of these Charter Members received an engraved awards plaque from Vice President Les Kovacs. Each said a few words about the founding of the organization.

Congratulations David and Jim!

50th Anniversary Jackets

By David Lazarus

Throughout 2007 you can send in your Dickies® jacket for silk screening and embroidery. The cost of the silk screening and embroidery is only \$17 per jacket.

You can purchase jackets at JC Penney or OSH, or online at www.dickies.com, or at www.workingperson.com. You will need to order only these styles:

- JT15 Lined Eisenhower jacket in navy color
- JT75 Unlined Eisenhower jacket in navy color

Be sure to place a paper in the sleeve pocket with your name, address, and the name you want embroidered on the front of the jacket. For more information, send an e-mail to David Lazarus at jackets@lals.org.

President's Message

By Ron Bergmann



The 50th Anniversary Meet is now history. And what history we made. I was able to get to Sunday's festivities after another untimely hospital stay. Everyone I talked to spoke about how great the Meet was and how much fun they were having. That is what this hobby is all about. We need to try to do everything we can to put the fun back into our pastime. So, thanks to our Meet chairs: Gary Baker, Les Kovacs, Sam and Liz Calderwood, and Chris Solak for a job well done. Thanks also goes to Bonnie Kaufman for not only funding a large part of the kitchen renovation, but also for producing some great meals for the Meet. Wilbur Dong wrote and edited the 50th Anniversary History of LALSRM. It is extremely well done and was available at the Meet. If you did not receive one, we still have a limited number in the office. Thank you Wilbur. All our volunteers deserve big thanks also.

On June 2nd we hosted the City of Hope Run, which was chaired by Dan O'Brien. It was a huge success. It always is good to do something for people who can use some cheering up. One of the organizers made a point of complimenting LALSRM to me regarding the yearly sponsorship and how much fun they have. Wow, there's that word fun again. Thanks Dan and volunteers.

Sutchville Station is completed. The new yard is finished. Thanks to John De Phillip, Jr., Miles Kristman, Doug Young, Skeet Simpson, Mel Bresee and the rest of the track crew.

John De Phillip Jr. and I met with Recreation and Parks staff during May to discuss items of mutual concern. I am happy to report that our relationship is still one of mutual support.

Happy railroading.

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road station that was built by Disney pioneer Ollie Johnson. They requested permission to locate the station on Museum grounds, which the Board approved. The station will remain the property of the Carolwood group, and they will also maintain the station. They will report back to the Board with suggested locations for final approval.

New resident member David Tavres was accepted. He is active with the Carolwood group and maintains their web site.

The following party requests were approved:

- Carolwood Movie Night - June 16
- Jeff de Oca - June 23
- Bonnie Kaufman - June 24
- Alan Way - June 30
- Thaine Morris - August 4



50th Anniversary Meet

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ay 25th through May 28th, 2007



For Sale

Complete train, 1-1/2" scale K-4 Pacific (propane fired), support flat car/riding car, tank car that's sealed to make it a rolling ice chest, riding caboose that's great for storage. \$17,500/OBO. Complete train, 1" scale GP S/P Black Widow (electric/battery), riding flat car, S/P caboose/storage car with marker lamps. \$11,500/OBO. 1" scale Little Engines Atlantic (coal fired), completely rebuilt tender, just repainted and detailed, \$6,500/OBO. 1-1/2" scale motorized traction car (built to be a pusher/braking car for the Pacific) 2-1/2 horse power motors (all drive motors and gearing made by Real Trains), 4 deep cycle batteries, very strong, can push or pull anything. \$3,500/O.B.O. Contact Steve Pike, 818/352-7705.

Must sell! 0-4-0 type industrial switcher. 1/2" scale, electric engine DRGW #57. Great starter locomotive. Excellent condition, powerful little engine. Level II compliant. Built by John Smith 2 years ago, it has 4 electric motors, working headlight, horn, side rods, and control box. I am including one battery charger and a Plum Cove Studios flatcar painted for Southern Pacific, \$2,400. Contact Doug Ward, 818/248-6330.

Hiawatha Hudson steam engine. Museum quality detail, runs on air, \$32,000. Matching streamline cars (2) \$5,000/each. Also new trucks for tender which have been completed, \$TBD. 2901 Pacific steam engine, \$25,000/OBO. Needs some work as generator and sanders were taken, and compressor was loosened. "Lucky 7" steam engine, \$7,500. Rolling stock, \$600/each: 2 gondolas, 1 caboose, and 1 pickle car. Contact Becker Rothhammer, 818/632-6807.

Electric locomotive and riding car. This set is designed to be easily handled by one person with a small car. Powerful, reliable, and batteries included! \$2,000. This engine tested very well at Maricopa Live Steamers during their Spring Meet. Contact Joe Powell at 702/434-8710 or ymmchn@earthlink.net for pictures/questions/etc.

Engineers and Conductors

May 2007

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
05-06-2007 653 passengers	Mike Murphy Ted Naimy David Lazarus Gary Baker Pete Fowler Ron Bergmann	Gail Woodward Ray Secara Steve Ruatta E. Fields/M. Bruce Jill Miller John De Phillip Sr.	B. Woodward Naimy Soibelman LALSRM Morris Bergmann
Track Inspectors: Bob Woodward, Mike Murphy Safety Coordinator: Ron Bergmann Station Master: Roger Bacon Station Assistant: Bob Quinn			
05-13-2007 458 passengers	Eric Fields Thaine Morris	Gary Baker Pete Fowler	LALSRM Morris
Track Inspectors: John De Phillip Jr., Gary Baker Safety Coordinator: Roger Bacon, Ron Bergmann Station Masters: Peter Fuad, Leni Goldberg Station Assistant: Pat Miller			
05-20-2007 734 passengers	Thaine Morris Peter Fuad Ted Naimy Mike Murphy Eric Fields	Pete Fowler Bob Quinn Ray Secara Gail Woodward Gary Baker	Morris Fuad Naimy B. Woodward LALSRM
Track Inspector: Wolf Fengler Safety Coordinator: Wolf Fengler Station Masters: Donald Frozina, Roger Bacon Station Assistants: Pat Miller, Gene Heiman			

05-27-2007 *50th Anniversary Meet, no public rides*

1,845 Total passengers for month
16,874 Total passengers to date



Training Classes

Safety: 4th Sunday. *Level II* (private use) class at 10 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 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.

50th Anniversary Meet *(Continued from page 1)*

forward into the Superintendent position up through the Meet; after Tom Downing had to step down. Again thank you to all of you who helped us make this once in a lifetime event, such a success!

Here are some of the highlights of the 50th weekend:

- Many guests arrived early in the week to stake out their camping space. By Friday evening we were full and everyone was ready for Liz and Patty's Fabulous 50's kickoff featuring their blue plate special Spaghetti Dinner with Eric Field's secret sauce. The kickoff event was packed with guests and the first 125 received a special badge with red, white and blue ribbon that was hand made by Liz. The best 50's costume prize went to Lucille Secara. The program honored Jim Lesovsky where Bob Woodward and Les Kovacs presented him with a plaque as a founding Charter Member. A presentation was made to the club by Mr. Toshio Ishikawa, President and Mr. Yasukazu Fujisaka, Sales Engineer, from O.S. Engines of Japan; of a state of the art high tech video camera as a gift to the club honoring our 50th Anniversary. They also brought and debuted their new 1½" scale Baldwin steam engine, which will be for sale through Bob Crone. The program was followed by a presentation of a beautiful 50th Anniversary cake featuring the LALS RM Logo specially designed and baked by Toby Nielsen, Flemming's daughter-in-law. Guests enjoyed eating desserts and riding trains while listening to 50's music provided by Sam Calderwood's private collection.
 - Saturday Steve Altmayer, Les Kovacs, and Skeet Simpson served a surprise complimentary breakfast. All weekend the kitchen was transformed into "The Dining Car" by Bonnie Kaufman and the kitchen volunteers with artwork featuring the history of the Harvey Girls. Saturday's lunch was such a huge success that it almost ran out of food after the first servings of "B & O Pie" were gobbled up! Thank goodness for Smart and Final
- being just up the street where we made an emergency dash for hotdogs and hamburgers to feed the rest of the huge crowd. Saturday afternoon the weather was picture perfect as we staged our 50th Anniversary panoramic photo "Kodak Moment". Everyone wanted to be in the picture and it came out great! The "Evening Under the Stars" dinner dance sold out at 250 guests by 12 noon. Guests enjoyed a barbecued dinner of chicken and ribs while being entertained by the big band sounds of "The Esquires". During the evening a second presentation was made to Dave Conway, honoring him as a founding Charter Member. A presentation was made acknowledging the Peter Nott donation that started the whole yard reconfiguration project, thanking the Sutchville Station crew chiefs Roger Bacon, Steve Altmayer, and Tim LaGaly along with the track crew; and a plaque featuring the names of all the past presidents was presented to dedicate the newly rebuilt Sutchville Station. Wilbur Dong presented his publication of "50 Years of History" a booklet he designed featuring the highlights of our past 50 years at LALS RM; and a copy was given to each family who attended. A raffle was also a highlight of the evening along with a night run of trains chugging to the sounds of the big band in the background.
- Sunday guests were treated to a special lunch of goulash soup prepared by Jergan and our friends attending from our sister German Train Club. A special President's Auction was well attended in the afternoon and raised funds to help buy new club center bench riding cars. The souvenir stand monitored by Liz Calderwood, Patty Fogarty, and Lucille and Ray Secara did really well all weekend and featured a special 50th Anniversary LALS RM FRED, T-shirt and a badge. The entrance gate was well staffed and expertly handled all weekend thanks to Tom Lang and all his great volunteers. All in all, everyone had a super weekend and really enjoyed all the hard work you as member-volunteers accomplished. Be sure to check out the pictures of the event in the centerfold and thanks again to all who helped!

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, June 2nd, was well received. 1,500 persons had RSVP'd for the event. These included the doctors, nurses, staff and some patients of the City of Hope.

There were again many carnival-style booths where the young ones could win prizes galore. Food also abounded, notably from Bristol Farms and Panda Express. The ever-popular Star Wars characters, along with a famous Disney character, also dropped by.

I'd like to thank the train crews, the station personnel, the safety personnel, the gate crew, and those helping in crowd management.

Continuous Membership Anniversaries in 2007

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.

45 Years James John 'Jim' Lawrence

40 Years John A. Mueller David F. Thompson
Nils Anders Sandstrom George D. Trahan

35 Years Gary R. Altman

30 Years Richard H. Farmer

25 Years Floyd J. Adams

20 Years Calvin M. Abernathy Glen Manchester
David J. Artinian Elaine C. Paral
Michael P. Belanger Robert A. Pedersen, Jr.
Thomas E. Fagan Gregory K. Ramsey
Kevin A. Gaston Allan E. Rowsell
David Hannah III Paul F. Staubach
Robert H. Hayes

15 Years Craig Bruce
Leonard 'Lenny' Bruce
Jay Carsman

Robert A. Filter
Truman Hefner
Ruthe Hintze

Bruno G. Platzer
Joe H. Powell
Betty J. Rose

10 Years Roger S. Frymire
Daniel D. Humfreville
Scott Lee
Michael Mayers

Charles E. Mohr
Eric B. Norris
Pedro A. Ruggiero
Eric A. Strauss

James A. Stutson

5 Years Jerry Albus
Janice Bass
Ginny Berg
Doug Blodgett
R. Kent Bolerjack
John DeRosa
Eric Fields
Michael T. Finch

Leni Goldberg
Fred S. Lack
Robert G. Lamont
Phil McFadin
David Wesley Moore
Daniel Newbill, Jr.
Jeff Pippenger
George Reiser

