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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jackets

by David Lazarus

Throughout 2008 you can send in your Dickies® jacket for silk screening and embroidery. The cost of silk screening and embroidery is only \$35.00 per jacket for the front and the back. **This does not include the price of the jacket, or shipping.** You can purchase Jackets at J.C. Penny or OSH, or online at [www.dickies.com](http://www.dickies.com), or at [www.workingperson.com](http://www.workingperson.com). You need to order 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](mailto:jackets@lals.org)



## Electric Locomotive Training Class!

If you have ever wanted to learn how to operate the club's Santa Fe electric locomotive, here is your chance! On February 16, at 10:00 am, our own Roger Bacon will instruct you on the operation of this fantastic engine. The class should take 1 hour, and is open to all person wishing to learn. This is a great way to help with the Public Run days, the more qualified engineers. the more public the club can take on the pike!

## Member Calendar

- Feb. 04 BOD Meeting
- Feb. 16 Work Day  
General Meeting
- Feb. 17 Small Scale Sunday  
Gourmet Lunch

## Public Service Calendar

- Feb. 03 Sunday Public
- Feb. 10 Sunday Public
- Feb. 17 Sunday Public  
Disney Barn open  
Steam Plant open
- Feb. 24 Sunday Public

## Like to Eat?

(And Who Doesn't?)

We're still looking for folks to serve our "Gourmet Lunches". But remember that they don't have to be "gourmet" meals. We just want some good, old fashioned, hearty food to serve our hard working crews. How about sandwiches, lasagna, or mac and cheese?

What's your specialty?

Call Bonnie to sign up.

(626) 833-9315

Thank You.

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## Splinters From The Board

By John Friend

President Ron Bergmann commented on the death of longtime member Bart Sissons on Sunday, December 9, 2007.

Party Request by Jon Newbill for Saturday, February 9, 2008 was approved.

Membership Chairman Steve Harris introduced new resident members Pam Metts of Los Angeles, Bill Marshall of Toluca Lake and John Formia of Aqua Dulce. Andrew LaGaly was welcomed as a junior member. The Board waved Andrew's probationary period due to his longtime service with the Museum.

Shed move day and clean up rescheduled to Saturday, January 13.

### Shed Committee Recommendations:

- 1) The Board approved the recommendation that all hours earned doing Museum activities are equal. Public hauling, maintenance hours, etc will count towards shed credit. Bonus hours will remain at their current level.
- 2) The recommendation that the Phil West Barn tracks be used exclusively for rolling stock was not approved. The Board did not see "non-railroad related items" as a current problem.
- 3) The Board approved the recommendation that the P&P's be amended to reflect that shed credit is earned by working on Museum approved activities.
- 4) The Board approved the recommendation that shed credit for offsite activity require the submittal of an FCR-like request to the BOD, including an estimate of the number of hours to accomplish the task.

- 5) The Board rejected the recommendation to change the current method of crediting engineers and locomotives. The current method of crediting a locomotive and its engineer will remain in effect.

Ron showed those in attendance the results from the photo shoot at the Museum utilizing Lew Soibelman's Santa Fe.

NMRA Convention: Ron reported that NMRA conventioners will visit the Museum during Wednesday, July 16 in a series of bus tours. A limited number of 'self guided' tours at the Museum will be available of Saturday, July 19.

Signal Bridge: David Lazarus presented sketches and calculations from David Moore for the semaphore signal bridge. The BOD asked that the design be wet stamped by a registered engineer prior to the presentation of an FCR to the Board.

Board Appointments: The current Board appointments were approved. New member John Formia will take over the Museum Webmaster position.

Use of Museum locomotives and rolling stock: Ron noted that Museum equipment was being used for non-Museum related purposes during weekdays. This is in violation of the Museum policies and members are reminded that Museum equipment is only to be used for approved Museum activities.

Museum Locomotives: The Museum Alco PA and the C415 center cab locomotive were discussed. They are currently out of service awaiting maintenance. The BOD will wait several months to see if they can be put back in service, otherwise the Museum may investigate divestment of the locomotives.

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### Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum Engine Booster

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*(Splinters continued)*

**One-inch track:** Chris Mahony asked the BOD to consider purchasing ready-made 2 x 2 material so that 2 x 4's do not need to be split into 1-inch tie stock. The Board will consider on receipt of a quotation from the vendor.

**Booster:** Chris Mahony asked approval to increase the page count of the Booster to six pages. As this does not require additional postage the BOD granted his request.

**Phil West Transfer Table:** Jim Baker asked when the table will be powered. John DePhillip Jr. indicated that he still requires time on the project.

**Kountry Kitchen Heating:** David Lazarus discussed I-R heater replacements for the Kitchen. The Board will consider recommendations at a later date.

## New on the Lines

Donated to Carrolwood Foundation by Ken, son of Olie Johnston, famous animator and live steamer, a beautiful Victorian style station that was at Olie Johnston's private layout in La Cañada. Club member, Lloyd Davis disassembled the station and brought it to the club. The foundation raised the funds for its restoration. It is an attractive scene for the 1-inch line.



## President's Message

*By Ronald Bergmann*

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great holiday and are looking forward to 2008. The new Board has now met once and the new members are settling into their new roles.

One of the projects I want to really get moving this year is the new Sherwood Station/office building. John De Phillip Sr. suggested we ask our members for donations to complete the station with recognition on a "Donors Wall" such as they do when a hospital wing is built. I am going to present that idea to the Board at our next meeting. What do you think? Let me know when you see me at the Club.

Yearly equipment inspections are in full swing and will be conducted on Saturdays until completed. Ensure your Level One equipment is inspected for safety and standard compliance.

Board member Doug Young and former Board member John De Phillip Jr. have taken on the job of Diesel Superintendents. They will attempt to get our two Club diesels back on line as soon as possible so members can utilize them on Sundays.

And, as a reminder, Club locos are not to be used for anything except maintenance duties, public hauling on Sundays, and for special runs.

Happy railroading.  
Ron Bergmann

## Small Scale Sundays

*By John De Rosa*

We had a wonderful response to Small Scale Sundays last year. Thank you all for bringing out all those tiny trains. We love them. It is always nice to see those rails full.

Coming this year, will be the new Steam Plant Junction Yard with four storage tracks under the trees, west of the steam plant. If you would like to help construct the yard, please contact the 1-inch track foremen, Chris Mahony and John De Rosa.



## Who's Been Working on the RR

Dec. 1- Jan. 1

T. Akins  
L. Soibelman  
T. Akins  
M. Breese  
J. De Rosa  
C. Mahony  
T. & G. Berg  
M. Kristman  
K. K. & M  
Casey (x2)

P. O'Connell (x2)  
P & T Metts  
Thank you for your work.  
Please, remember to sign the work book.

## Training Classes

**Conductor:** Want to learn to be a conductor? Call Peter Fowler at 310-265-9720 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.

**Safety:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Level II (private use) class at 10AM. This is a half-hour class with a multiple-choice test. Level I (public operations) class at 11AM.

This is an hour class with a multiple-choice test. (Level II is the prerequisite for this class.) Station Master/Safety Coordinator class at 1PM. This is an hour hand-on class. (Level I is the prerequisite for this class.)

## Engineers and Conductors

November 2007

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
December 2/685	M. Breese D. Lazarus P. Fuad	C. Westphal/G. Harris S. Ruelle/R. R. Secara	Breese L. Soibleman LALS
	Track Inspector: C. Mohr Safety Coordinator: C. Mohr Station Master: J. De Phillip Sr. Station Assistants: R. Secara, C. Westphal & L. Mitchell		
December 9/502	M. Murphy P. Nott P. Fuad	B. Crone Fleming B. Quinn	Woodward Nott Fuad
	Track Inspectors: C. Mohr Safety Coordinator: C. Mohr Station Master: J. De Phillip Sr. & R. Bacon Station Assistants: R. Secara		
December 16/681	P. Fuad T. Morris M. Murphy G Heiman P. Nott	R. Lopez P. Fowler C. Solak R. Secara D. Valencia/R. Hawkins	Fuad Morris Woodward LALS Nott
	Track Inspectors: C. Mohr & W. Fengler Safety Coordinator: C. Mohr Station Master: C. Westphal Station Assistants: R. Secara, L. Mitchell & J. De Phillips Sr.		
December 23/864	T. Morris P. Fuad T. Naimy M. Breese B. Harris	P. Fowler B. Quinn S. Rodstein C. Westphal R. Secara	Morris Fuad Naimy Breese Harris
	Track Inspector: R. Bergmann & T. Morris Safety Coordinator: R. Bergmann Station Master: John De Phillip Sr. Station Assistants: C. Westphal & R Secara		
December 30/1,006	C. Mohr T. Morris P. Faud M. Murphy M. Breese R. Secara	R. Secara P. Fowler B. Quinn B. Crone/C. Solak C. Westphal L. Mitchell	Mohr Morris Faud LALS Breese Faud
	Track Inspectors: R. Bergmann & T. Morris Safety Coordinator: R. Bergmann Station Master: J. De Phillip Sr. Station Assistants: R. Secare & C. Westphal		
3,053	Total for the month		
46,618	Total for the year		