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Inchberg Faux Forest Growing

By Christopher Mahony

The new Inchberg Faux Forrest, near the one-inch track roundhouse, has been growing recently. The faux pine trees, ranging from 10 to 30 feet in size (in the 1 inch to 1 foot scale) have grown well. The photo below shows the Inchberg Fire Department rescuing a trapped climber on one of the trees.



There will be other improvements on Southern California's only small-scale track. Construction of the new Steam Plant Junction Yard is finally underway, with a planned opening in late April.

If you know of any person with a small steamer, or diesel that has not run on the track, please tell them about it. They do not have to run only on Small Scale Sunday. Anytime is train time! We want to see a large group of small scale trains at the Spring Meet.

We Need Your Help!

Now is the time for all club members to come to volunteer for two of the most important events at LALSRM: The Spring Meet & The Halloween Spooktacular! For the Spring Meet, contact Gary Baker and help plan one of the best live steam meets in the country! Contact Roger Bacon to find out what your talent can be used for in the planning and operation of the Halloween show. These cannot be done without you, the member.

Member Calendar

- Mar. 03 BOD Meeting
- Mar. 15 Work Day
General Meeting
- Mar. 16 Small Scale Sunday
Gourmet Lunch

Public Service Calendar

- Mar. 02 Sunday Public
- Mar. 09 Sunday Public
- Mar. 16 Sunday Public
Disney Barn open
Steam Plant open
- Mar. 23 Sunday Public
- Mar. 30 Sunday Public

Love to Eat?

Thanks to the people who have volunteered to help change the menu at the Dinning Car in the past. Great food and drink by all. What we still need are families or couples to show off their cooking prowess. Does not have to be fancy, just good home cooked meals. All expenses will be reimbursed.

Call Bonnie to sign up.
 (626-833-9315)
 Thank You.

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Splinters From The Board

February 4, 2008 BOD Meeting

By John Freund

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ron Bergmann. All the Board and 14 general members were present.

Secretary's report: December and January minutes were approved. Correspondence regarding the NMRA Layout Tour Wednesday, July 16 was received.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Westphal has purchased Intuit Quickbooks for the Museum at his expense. The Treasures' Report through January 2008 was approved. Charles' detailed 2008 budget presentation was approved after various adjustments were made in the estimates. A 'sinking fund' mechanism was approved to fund the New Sherwood Station improvements. This is to be funded from the 2007 Halloween Run and subsequent Halloween Runs.

Membership: New resident member Chris Bedke of Rialto and non-resident Russell Tidd of Tehachapi were approved. A list of 36 special members was approved.

General Superintendent's Report: Tim LaGaly will be present on the 3rd Saturday of the month for general workdays. Current efforts have been made to fix a large water leak in the City's piping under New Sherwood Station.

Safety Committee: President Ron Bergmann and Wolf Fengler held meetings with the car inspectors to discuss rolling stock. Many cars are out of spec, especially in the back-to-back dimension. The squareness of wheel sets has also been an issue. Ron pointed out that LALSRLM specs are somewhat looser than those of other clubs. Skid bars on cars were discussed. Their purpose is to maintain the cars up on the track after a derailment. Dave Holman and Les Kovacs volunteered to interface with

the Safety Committee to update any forms to match the Safety Committee's requirements.

Locomotive 3100: A new team is being formed up to get 3100 back on the rails.

Museum patches: Liz Calderwood was notified by Ron to obtain the necessary patches she requires for souvenir items.

Kountry Kitchen Heating: David Lazarus provided quotations for new radiant heating units. Steve Altmayer will look into obtaining better pricing.

Museum Web Site: Ron invited everyone to take a look at the Museum's web site, which has been updated by new member John Formia. The Board approved of the new look.

Surplus Rail: The Board will look into the current costs of aluminum rail. It was suggested that the Museum's price may be out of line with new rail from other sources.

Parking Lot Lighting: It was pointed out that the parking lot lighting need attending to. Charles Westphal will assist John Smith with the necessary bulb change outs.

SP Riding Car: The SP riding car was discussed. The Board passed a resolution to put the car in service.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 PM.



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Engagement By Rail

By Greg Hoff

On January 20th, there was a special "Love Train" that was run after the public had gone home. The special, handled by two club members, consisted of a private steamer, and two Pullman cars. The couple was seated in the last car and taken out for a lap of the track. When they returned to the station, club members were sure that they heard wedding bells..

Here is photograph of the bride to be and the groom to be:



Sister Club Event

By Bonnie Kaufman

In September, an LASRM group (Fenglers, Calderwood, Manchesters, Kaufman & Gibson) will travel to Germany to help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Rossdorfer Eisenbahn Club (REC).

REC will be honored by the local dignitaries. LALS RM will be presenting certificates of recognition from LALS RM and the City of Los Angeles.

The LALS RM group will have an opportunity to run at REC and spend the next ten days touring RR museums, riding high speed trains and much more.

Want to join the group? Reservations are open until April 13th



President's Message

By Ronald Bergmann

The LALS RM website has been redone by new member John Formia. Please take a look. The site has been updated for a modern appearance. Many thanks to John.

Our Museum is in good shape financially. We have set a budget for 2008 that reflects that condition. The Board is going to move money every month into the new station account to amass the funds needed to build the entrance showplace we deserve. I have asked Roger Bacon to look into increasing the size of the second floor to ensure our office space can keep pace with the needs of the Club. He and I will be meeting with the Department of Recreation and Parks to get tentative approval to move forward with permits and construction.

I was at the Club on Sunday, February 10th, and we handled nearly 1000 passengers. I ran the Club electric for most of the day and was pleased at how everyone pitched in to handle the crowd.

Please come out to help on Sundays or on our work Saturdays (third Saturday of every month). We can use all the help we can get. Don't think you are not needed. Keeping a facility as big as ours is a lot of work.

Happy railroading.
Ron Bergmann

Where Is It Now?

Once in a while we all wonder what has become of a locomotive that has been seen in a photograph from the early days of LALS RM. Below is a photo of Jack M. Fesco's highly detailed 1" scale Daylight (GS-4) 4-8-4. Does anybody know what has become of this gem, and if so, please send the answer to:

Booster@lals.org

We will publish the answer next month. If you have any other inquires of early locomotives, with pictures, send them to the above address.



Who's Been Working on the RR Jan 1- Feb. 1

P. & T. Metts (x3) Please try to come out and help with the maintenance of the club. It is up to all members, to keep it clean.
T. & G. Berg
J. Baker
D. & J. Holman
B. Crone
To get credit: Sign the book!

Engineers and Conductors January 2007

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
January 06	Rained Out		
January 13/874	M. Murphy	C. Westphal	LALS
	R. Bergmann	R. Lopez	LALS
	P. Fuad	B. Quinn	Fuad
	T. Morris	P. Fowler	Morris
	D. Lazarus	R. Hawkins	Soibelman

Track Inspectors: C. Mohr
Safety Coordinator: C. Mohr
Station Master: J. De Phillip Sr.

Station Assistants: C. Westphal , R. Secara & L. Goldberg

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.

January 20/862	P. Fuad	B. Quinn	Fuad
	M. Bresee	C. Westphal	Bresee
	M. Murphy	R. Secura	Woodward
	S. Calderwood	R. Lopez	Calderwood
	T. Morris	P. Fowler	Morris

Track Inspectors: C. Mohr
Safety Coordinator: C. Mohr
Station Master: C. Westphal

January 27 Rained Out

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.

1736 Total for the month
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Safety: 3rd 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.



Buy, Sell or Trade

Estate Must Sell 64 piece collection of Marklin Ho Trains Circa 1970'S - 1980'S.

For more information please contact:

Bill at (818)265-2018 (broker)

The entire Marklin set is being sold as is - and as a set only - with extra pieces. The set comes with 3 custom made wooden display cases with glass display fronts. The cases can be wall or rack mounted. The set was last appraised 3 years ago and was estimated to be worth roughly \$8,000 Euro's. This equates to approximately \$12,000 in USD today. The family is willing to sell the entire set at a greatly reduced price so that they can pay medical bills.