

# LALS ENGINE BOOSTER



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## Halloween Run Information

*By Roger Bacon*

Well folks, if you have been out to the club, you will see that we have started to set-up for the Halloween Runs. We need volunteers in all aspect of this event from the set-up, to the operation of public trains, and finally, the tear down of the effects. Please call Gary Baker for assignments. The dates of the Halloween Run are:

Friday through Sunday: October 17, 18 & 19  
Friday through Sunday: October 24, 25 & 26  
Wednesday through Friday: October 29, 30 & 31  
Public run times will be 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Gates open at 6:30 pm.

These nine nights are for trains that are hauling the public only. There will be no private trains on the tracks during the public runs. All the train crews for the public runs will receive shed credit and dinner each night at 5:00 pm.

However, on November 1, there will be a "Members & Friends" dinner and night run. There will be no public allowed for this event. This is the night to bring out your private trains! A donation only catered BBQ dinner will be served at 5:30 for all who attend. All children and adults are encouraged to come in costume. We want this to be a special event for everyone, plus a thank you to all who worked the Halloween Run.

There are sign up sheets in the Kountry Kitchen area for the public runs. We need train crews and station crews. A separate sign up sheet for the "Members & Friends" dinner will be there also. We need to know the approximate number of members who will be attending the catered BBQ dinner, so please RSVP.



## Member Calendar

- Oct. 03-05 Fall Meet
- Oct. 06 BOD meeting
- Oct. 18 Work Day/Member Meeting
- Oct. 19 Small Scale Sunday
- Oct. 31 End Shed Year

## Public Service Calendar

- Oct. 05 No Public Rides
- Oct. 12 Sunday Public Rides
- Oct. 19 Sunday Public Rides  
Disney Barn open  
Steam Plant open
- Oct. 26 Public Rides

## How Many Does it Take to Change a Light Bulb?



Only one Kyle Casey.....

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# Splinters From The Board

By John Friend

September 8, 2008 BOD Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ron Bergmann. All the Board members were present except David Holman. 21 General Members signed in.

Secretary's report: August minutes were approved. Party requests were approved for Fred Lack / Carolwood Pacific for September 3rd (retroactively), September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and November 5<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report through August 2008 was approved.

Membership & Shed Committee: Steve Harris presented resident members Robert Woolley of Thousand Oaks, Steve Morantz of Lake Balboa and Darwin Macatiag of Walnut. Applications were also received from Ronald Bright of Burbank and David Glidden of Long Beach. Steve reported that the updated shed credit list would be posted in a week or so. Steve also reported that the souvenir stand dedicated credit card phone circuit is in effective September 5th.

General Superintendent's Report: The next workday will immediately follow the General Membership meeting on September 20th. See you at 9:00 AM for the meeting. Charles Westphal noted that brush needs to be trimmed that is blocking the signals since the direction change.

Facilities: Roger Bacon reported that the proposed nights of the Halloween run are Oct 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30 and 31. A special Museum members and guests night will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. Ron and Roger will be meeting with Rec and Parks on September 16<sup>th</sup> regarding the new station building and narrow gauge barn.

Old Business: The BOD approved a motion to return Peter Nott's donation for the new yards, as he appears to be unhappy with the results. Ron noted that members have asked about the use of Museum cars and locomotives. The P&P's allow the use of Museum cars by the membership. The Museum locomotives are for sanctioned events and maintenance of the Museum grounds. The BOD will offer the Carolwood group the continued use of the Museum diesels, reserving the electric for Museum Sunday public hauling and special events. The work on the Kountry Kitchen radiant heaters is proceeding. Provisions are being made to upgrade the gas service to the Kitchen at the same time.

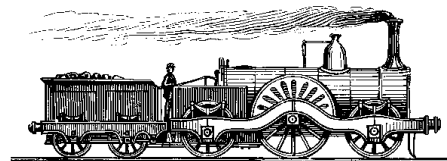
New Business. The large pine tree behind Richardson shed will be removed for safety reasons. A proposal to obtain a lawn tractor for use in grounds maintenance was tabled for further study.

The Fall meet will be another 'Run what you bring' event October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. A few panoramic photos of the 50th Anniversary Meet will be available for purchase. See Ron if interested.

Les Kovacs noted that a switch point became unbolted and caused a derailment. The Safety Coordinator should examine switches closely before run days.

Announcements: Steve Harris thanked John Smith for the installation of the free exit detector at the east gate. A member asked about the Museum policy on alcohol at the Museum. Ron stated that alcohol is illegal in Los Angeles Parks and will not be tolerated at the Museum.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM.



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## Club Diesel News!

*By Michael Murphy*

All three club diesel locomotives are up and running again. On September 14, 2008 all three club engines were out pulling public at the same time, for the first time in many years. Many thanks go out to Bob Crone and the others who have worked on the Rail System locomotives. Remember that the club locomotives are to be used only for club approved events, such as Sunday runs and work Saturdays. Each locomotive has a logbook and needs to be filled out each time they are used.



## Fall Meet Information

*By Ron Bergmann*

We will be doing the Fall Meet the same way we did it last year. We will host an abbreviated, informal meet on October 4 and 5. We will again call it the "Run What You Brung" Meet.

This should be a fun time when members get to run their equipment under the self-inspection doctrine we utilized for the Spring meet. It will not be publicized other than in this notice.

There will be no formal activities on Friday, October 3, but you are welcome to come down to the Club that afternoon and evening. Saturday will start out with a breakfast cooked by Les Kovacs, Steve Altmayer, Tim LaGaly, and me.

Lunch and dinner will be by the Kountry Kitchen cook. Sunday will feature a breakfast, and lunch at the Kountry Kitchen. The President's Auction will be Sunday afternoon.

We will be closed to the public on Sunday. There will be no band Saturday night and no catered dinner.

This will be primarily for our members to dust off that equipment and have some fun. No one will man the front gate. Overnight camping will be permitted. Outside clubs and members are welcome.

## President's Message

*By Ronald Bergmann*

I want to update you on our two capital improvement projects; the new station and the new narrow gauge barn. Les Kovacs, Steve Altmayer, Roger Bacon and I met with the Department of Recreation and Parks (R&P) staff on September 16<sup>th</sup>. We found that R&P has reorganized. The Metro Region has absorbed the Griffith Region. The superintendent is Debby Rolland, someone I have known for years. She asked some good questions regarding our construction proposals and stated her commitment to assist us.

R&P staff is reviewing our plans to determine whether the Americans with Disability Act will require an elevator to the second floor of the station. Another thing we learned was that the community is favoring historical status for the park to reduce or eliminate development. That could have a huge impact on our plans. I expect some further information in approximately one month after Ms. Rolland meets with her staff.

The Children's Hospital event was a huge success on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Mel Bresee, the Chair, did an outstanding job coordinating the event. Over 300 people came out to enjoy our trains, the food, and the games provided by the Hospital. Thanks go to Mel and all those members who volunteered their time to provide the train rides.

I would like to briefly talk about the rules of our organization. We have rules for a reason. Whether you agree with the rules and/or the reasons for them, it is incumbent on you as a member to obey them. Some of them are in place for your safety and security. Disobeying our rules could jeopardize the welfare and future of LALS RM, so please be good members and obey the rules we have in place.

The General Membership Meeting on the work day was again a success. I will continue the work day General Membership Meetings at 9AM as long as there is interest. Please continue to 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.

Happy railroading.

## Calendar Correction

**Please note that the Halloween Runs dates printed in the printed version of the 2008 Calendar of Events has the dates wrong. Please use the dates on Page 1 of this Booster. The online version is correct.**

**Thank You**

## Who's Been Working on the RR

G. Becker (x5) Please try to  
M. Bresee (x2) come out and  
B. Quinn help with the  
C. Solack maintenance  
C. Mahony of the club. It  
L. Siobelman is up to all  
J. De Rosa members, to  
S. Siobelman keep it clean.  
T. Akins

## 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.

## Engineers and Conductors

August 2008

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Aug 03/724	P. Fuad G. Baker W. Fengler C. Mohr R. Tarjany Track Inspectors: R. Tarjany Safety Coordinator: J. Smith Station Master: M. Murphy Station Assistants: M. Bruce, L. Mitchell, B Lieberman	B. Quinn C. Solack C. Westphal R. Secara L. Mitchell	Fuad Baker Calderwood Mohr LALS
Aug 10/755	T. Morris B. Kaufman G. Baker R. Bergmann Track Inspectors: C. Mohr/R. Bermann Safety Coordinator: C. Mohr Station Master: J. De Phillip Sr., R. Bacon Station Assistants: S. Bass, P. Miller, R. Secara	P. Fowler J. Bass C. Solack R. Secara	Morris Kaufman Baker LALS
Aug 17/853	B. Crone P. Fuad C. Mohr T. Morris T. Naimy G. Baker L. Mitchell Track Inspectors: R. Tanjany Safety Coordinator: R. Bergmann, R. Bacon Station Master: M. Murphy Station Assistants: M. Bruce, P. Miller, B. Liebman	B. Marshall B. Quinn R. Secara P. Fowler M. Bruce P. Metts B. Liebman	Woodward Fuad Mohr Morris Naimy Baker LALS
Aug 24/782	T. Morris S. Calderwood P. Fuad G. Baker C. Westphal Track Inspectors: R. Bermann Safety Coordinator: C. Mohr Station Master: M. Murphy Station Assistants: R. Secara, M. Bruce, B Liebman	P. Fowler W. Fengler B. Quinn C. Solack M. Bruce	Morris Calderwood Fuad Baker LALS
Aug 31/687	T. Morris P. Fuad C. Westphal Track Inspectors: C. Mohr/L. Kovacs Safety Coordinator: C. Mohr Station Master: M. Murphy Station Assistants: R. Secara, B. Liebman	P. Fowler B. Quinn C. Westphal	Morris Fuad LALS
3, 801	Total for the month		
24, 430	Total for the year		