

LALS ENGINE BOOSTER



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Garden Railroad at LALSRM (G-Gauge Area)

John Friend - Secretary

At the December Board meeting it was pointed out that there has been problems with some members' children damaging the track and equipment in the G-Gauge area. Younger children need direct supervision by their parents when using the G-Gauge facility. The Policies and Procedures that established the Garden Railroad need to be adhered to by all members so that we all can continue to enjoy this aspect of our hobby.

P&P L109 covers the Garden Railroad in the garden within the public station area. The policies and procedures are:

1. A wrought fence will be installed around the area allocated to the Garden Railroad to provide security.
2. LALS members and their children, who must be at least ten years old, may participate in the operation of the Garden Railroad.
3. Members who are not operating the "G" scale equipment, their children and guests shall view the Garden Railroad from the New Sherwood Station area.
4. The wrought iron gate leading from the station area to the Garden area is to be locked at all times. Members who are operating "G" scale equipment will enter the garden area through the gate next to the restroom building.
5. All train equipment shall be removed from the garden area and stored after members are finished running. Storage shall be in approved plastic cabinets only. Wood or cardboard boxes shall not be used or left on LALS premises.
6. It is the responsibility of members who participate in the operation of the Garden Railroad to maintain the track, structures and landscaping so they are always presentable.
7. No member shall operate another member's equipment without first obtaining permission from the owner.

Member Calendar

- Jan. 03 Change Directions
- Jan. 03 Shed Changeover
- Jan. 05 BOD meeting
- Jan. 17 Work Day & Member Meeting.
- Jan. 18 Small Scale Sunday

Public Service Calendar

- Jan. 04 Sunday Public Rides
- Jan. 11 Sunday Public Rides
- Jan. 18 Sunday Public Rides
 Disney Barn open
 Steam Plant open
- Jan. 25 Sunday Public Rides

Guess Who?

Who is the handsome devil riding behind Jim Kreider in the 1970's?



Attention! We Need Your Input!

I am putting together the 2009 calendar to be published by late January. I need any dates for special runs, meets, shed year, or any other important events that you might think needs to be on the calendar.

Send all information to: Booster@lals.org

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Splinters From The Board

By John Friend

January 5, 2009 BOD Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:57 PM by President Sam Calderwood. All the Board members were eventually present.

Secretary's Report: December minutes were approved. Parties were approved for David Holman, 1/3/09; Fred Lack, 1/14/09; Wolf Fengler 1/24/09; Pedro Ruggiero, 1/25/09; Tim LaGaly, 2/20/09; and Rob Woolley, 4/4/09.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report through December 2008 was approved. Treasurer Westphal is looking for ideas for improvements to place on the budget. Please contact a Board member with your suggestions.

Membership: Steve Harris introduced into the record non-resident member Paul Taylor. There were three Junior members: Andrew Davis sponsored by his father Lloyd, David 'Buddy' Salazar sponsored by Steve Harris and Mark Speer sponsored by Ron Tarjany. Resident members Larry Boone of Los Angeles, Larry Becker of Lancaster and Larry Ross, Tarzana were also introduced.

Shed: Steve Harris noted that the shed move day went smoothly and that all lease payments will soon be in the treasury. Steve introduced a petition by Bill Barbe asking for shed credit for opening the Disney Barn on special occasions. While the request was denied, the BOD passed a motion to provide credit in the future for opening the Barn when requested as an official act by the Board.

General Superintendent: Steve Ruatta has volunteered to be the new Superintendent. He asked for members to come on out the third Saturday of the month for the regular workday. Steve also plans to be at the facility in

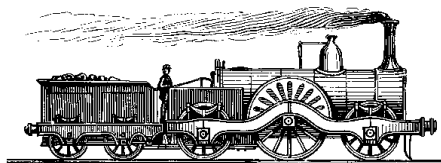
the morning of every Saturday to help members get started on any special tasks.

Facilities: Roger Bacon noted problems with the roof of Richardson Shed. He has also provided a quotation for replacing the tie retaining walls. The retaining wall work has been tabled until after some trees have been removed and or trimmed.

Safety: Wolf Fengler and the safety committee have inspected 34 pieces of Museum equipment as of January 3rd. Air brakes have been installed on the new 3.75-inch steamer and they work great. The second Daylight car is almost finished. Insulation for the 3100 boiler jacket has been received. Those wanting to help on the 3100 and Caroline projects can meet at Wolf's shop in Gardena on most Mondays. Contact Wolf for details.

Old Business: 3.75-inch locomotive shed: Les, Tim and Ron have been waiting until after the holidays for the start of the shed construction. Kountry Kitchen space heaters: Roger Bacon will contact David Lazarus to see what's going on with this project.

New Business: Safety: There was discussion as to whether we could operate the station with only one person acting as both safety coordinator and stationmaster. The consensus is that the answer is yes as the coordinator is also a qualified stationmaster. To receive the safety coordinator's dual credit requires the person to assume the stationmaster position as well if another person is not available.



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Membership Renewal

By Steve Harris

Just a reminder to everyone. In December's edition of the Booster you should have received your Annual Membership Renewal and for Level 1 Certified members, an open book test to re-certify for 2009.

Please forward your check, money order, or credit card information, along with the renewal form and your test if applicable, to the Museum as soon as possible but before February 1st if you wish to stay listed in the Roster.

Please make any changes on form if you need to update any information. If you need to petition the Board of Directors concerning income membership, the form is available on line or by contacting me, or a board member. Petitions should be sent in with your dues and will be reviewed in confidentiality at the February Board meeting.

If you did not get a form with your booster or need a new one, please contact the Membership Chairman (Steve Harris) and he will e-mail you one.

From the Superintendent:

By Steve Ruatta

I've been a member here at LALS for about 3 years and I've met many of you while working around the club. I thought that as long as I'm out working around the layout anyway, I would give the Superintendent's job a shot.

On the 3rd Saturday of each month is the general meeting at 9am followed by the scheduled work day. This is a good time to find out what's going on, meet other members and get a few hours of work done. If you can't make it on the 3rd Saturday, my goal is to try to be at the museum every Saturday between 9 and 9:30 to help people get started. If I'm not here, there is a notebook in the patio with a list of things that need doing. Anytime you can show up for a few hours – Great!

On the work day in November, we had almost a dozen people helping to take down the Halloween decorations and clean up the forest behind the compressor building. The work always seems to go faster and easier when more people are there to help.

Hope to see you soon!



President's Message

By Sam Calderwood

Well I made it through my first board meeting and no one yelled at me, and we keep the meeting to 1 ½ hrs long. We went over some of the projects that we are planning for this year, and one major project is already under way. The one I am speaking of is the repair of the back wall by the Disney loop. So for the next few months GO SLOW when passing through that area.

Last Sunday was the maiden run of our new steam locomotive, and Michael Murphy was at the throttle with Collin Westphal bringing up the rear as the conductor. We hope to soon have classes on this engine so all who want to run it can. Please note that it too is a club engine; and can only be run when it is a club event or function. NOT FOR PRIVATE PARTIES.

In general our club has mostly been pretty safe and members have always respected and looked out for other members property. I did not want to have to bring this up, but it looks like I will have to:

TO ANYONE THINKING OR ACTING ON THEFT IN THE CLUB, IF YOU ARE CAUGHT YOU WILL GO TO JAIL.

One of the club members had 2 battery chargers stolen out of the Phil West barn. We have cameras and we are looking for you.

I have just learned that Pat Miller had an accident. She slipped and broke her hip. So keep her in you thoughts and prayers.

We had 3 new resident members and 3 new junior members join last meeting; so when you see them say Hi and make them feel welcome. You can tell who they are; they will be the ones that look lost. Give them a hand.

Sam

Gourmet Lunches Return!

By Roger Bacon

Back by popular demand, every third Sunday, the Kountry Kitchen will feature a different gourmet lunch. In December many members of the club enjoyed rib eye steaks, barbecued chicken, cheesy mashed potatoes, salad, plus a drink for \$7.50. Such a deal!

So plan to come for a different feast on the third Sunday of the month, and enjoy some great food.



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

Engineers and Conductors

November 2008

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Nov 02/486	P. Fuad R. Tanjany Track Inspectors: R. Tarjany Safety Coordinator: W. Fengler Station Master: M. Murphy Station Assistants: C. Westphal, P. Miller	B. Quinn R. Secara	Quinn LALS
Nov 09/768	D. Lazarus P. Fuad G. Heiman Track Inspectors: R. Tanjany Safety Coordinator: R. Tanjany Station Master: C. Westphal Station Assistants: R. Secara, J. De Phillips, P. Miller	C. Westphal B. Quinn R. Secara	Soibelman Fuad LALS
Nov 16/657	P. Fuad P. Fowler C. Mohr M. Murphy R. Bergmann B. Crone P. Tucker Track Inspectors: R. Tanjany Safety Coordinator: R. Tanjany Station Master: M. Murphy Station Assistants: P. Miller, C. Westphal	B. Kaufman C. Westphal R. Secara C. Westphal S. Rodstein B. Liebman S. Munoz	Fuad Morris Mohr Westphal LALS LALS LALS
Nov 23/677	S. Calderwood T. Morris B. Crone G. Heiman Track Inspectors: C. Mohr Safety Coordinator: C. Mohr Station Master: R. Tanjany Station Assistants: R. Secara, B. Woolley, B. Liebman	W. Fengler P. Fowler R. Woolley R. Secara	Calderwood Morris LALS LALS
Nov. 30/708	P. Fuad T. Morris C. Mohr M. Murphy Track Inspectors: R. Tarjany Safety Coordinator: R. Tarjany Station Master: J. De Phillips Sr. Station Assistants: L. Mitchel, P. Miller	B. Quinn P. Fowler R. Secara B. Crone	Fuad Morris Mohr Murphy
3, 296	Total for the month of November		
41, 486	Total for the year		

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 Mike Murphy at 213-247-0776 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: 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.

LALS Booster Changes

By Christopher Mahony, Editor

Effective January 2009, the Booster will be published again after the Board of Directors meeting, but before the General Membership Meetings. Due to these changes, any article, photographs, and for sale/wanted items needs to be submitted to the editor by the 20th of every month. There will be no exceptions to the submission date, unless there is an emergency that needs to be posted in the Booster.

I hope that the members understand the need of the changes. Remember to send anything for the Booster to:

Booster@lals.org

Splinters from the Board II

December 1, 2008 BOD Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ron Bergmann. All the Board members were present except Tim LaGaly. 16 General Members signed in.

Election of New Officers - The following Museum Officers were elected. They will serve during the 2009 calendar year: Sam Calderwood – President, Gary Baker – Vice President, John Friend – Secretary, Charles Westphal – Treasurer; Directors Steve Altmayer, Roger Bacon, David Holman and Michael Murphy.

Secretary's report: November minutes were approved. A party request was approved for Glen & Diana Manchester, 4/25/09. Correspondence: A letter from Lawrence Mitchell was received regarding shed credit, he seemed to think that an engineer on his locomotive is being shortchanged. The BOD's consensus was that the current system provides the correct incentives for the various tasks that need to be accomplished.

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

Membership: Steve Harris was absent, but Dave's son Zachary Holman was introduced as a new resident member as well as Dave Gliden of Long Beach.

Facilities: Ron noted that Rec and Parks is still trying to schedule the meeting with Metro Region; probably after the historical status meeting in the next several months. The BOD allocated \$10,000 for maintenance of the Museum's retaining walls and fences; several projects are requiring action soon.

Old Business: Ron discussed the new Roll Models 3.75" locomotive. A committee to oversee training and maintenance has been formed. The committee members are Wolfgang Fengler, Sam Calderwood, Les Kovacs, Mike Murphy, Bob Crone and Ron Bergmann.

Ron noted the Rec & Parks steak fry was held November 14th. Thanks to Chris Mahony, Les Kovacs, Mel Bresee and Ron. Our guests had a great time.

New Business: Ron noted that there have been some problems with the operation of the G-gauge Garden Railway. Young children are damaging equipment when left without adequate supervision from their parents. P&P L-109 covers the requirements for operation of the G-gauge. (Please see an article elsewhere in this issue on the G-gauge layout.)

The Children's Hospital run has been scheduled for May 9th according to Mel Bresee.

Announcements: Quentin Breen of Train Mountain passed away on Nov 21. Wilbur Dong has sent a photo scan of Walt Disney at the Museum. Dave Holman volunteered to try to clean up the image for our archives.

Ron Bergmann commented on stepping down after two years as BOD President. He noted that lots had been done and while there was some frustration, the members pitched in and accomplished much. Ron thanked the Board and the Museum membership for their support.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 PM.

From the desk of Gary Baker

The Metrolink Holiday Toy Express was a huge success this year bringing Christmas joy to 52 stations over 15 nights of operation. The train project collected over 100 thousand toys for the firefighters Spark of Love Toy Project. The 50,000 light and decor project is designed each year by Gary Baker; and was built this year with the help of LALSRM members Les Kovacs as construction foreman, and John DePhilip Jr, and Doug Young as construction crew. Sam and Liz Calderwood normally help also; but this year it was more important to all of us to have Sam recover from cancer treatment. He is doing much better and they both came along with us twice this year to assist with the show. I just wanted to say special thanks to Les, John, and Doug for really stepping up and making the project flow smoothly. Cancer can happen to any of us and Sam has been doing really well with his recovery. He even took on the club presidency this year; and we are very proud of him! We all wish he and Liz well!

Halloween was a spooktacular success also! We created a great event for the public and our members and guests; made enough money through our public guest rider donations for this very special event to pay for a approx. half of our new Roll Models 3 and 3/4 steam engine for the club! Special thanks to the board for choosing to purchase this item that will benefit so many; and add to our commitment to the steam hobby! The members and the public just love it! I just wanted to thank all of you as members again who came out and participated in this very positive club event! I also wanted to thank Miles Kristman and Mel Bresee for all the work they put in to help take down and clean up after October 31st. They both spent many days working on the tear down that takes us 3 weeks to install!

New Officers – Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum

John Friend – Secretary

The following Officers of the Museum Board of Directors were elected at the December 1 BOD meeting. They will serve during the 2009 calendar year:

Sam Calderwood – President
 Gary Baker – Vice President
 John Friend – Secretary
 Charles Westphal – Treasurer

They join Directors Steve Altmayer, Roger Bacon, David Holman and Michael Murphy.

What Have You Been Up To?



I started building this Railroad Supply Consolidation in April, 2003. The Railroad Supply Consolidation (2-8-0) is a relatively new product for the company. The original plans were completed by Bill Donovan (Real Trains) many years ago when Railroad Supply was located in Burbank, CA. The company was owned by Tom Sommers at that time. Sadly, Tom passed away on the day that Bill delivered the drawings and the Company was sold and went through several owners in the years ahead. Eventually, Railroad Supply was purchased by Mike McClure and Roland Gosselin. Then everything was moved to Nashua, New Hampshire.

The locomotive is loosely based upon a Baldwin Consolidation from around 1920 or so. The basic design and many of the parts are from the Railroad Supply Baldwin 0-4-0 and their Mogul (2-6-0). It is a relatively compact locomotive and should be a good puller. My construction had Mike and Roland do the most complex machine work and I did the rest. Mike also broke-in a new CNC program for my side rods, main rods, and parts of the valve gear. Along the way, he developed a very handy tool for setting the eccentric cranks.

I had the boiler built by Paul Boschan in Carson, CA. Paul consulted with Mike and Roland and we built the boiler a bit larger than the original specifications called for. This should provide better steaming but required that I fabricate a new, larger smokebox and, with Mike's help, machining a newly designed "sandwich" for mounting the smokebox to the cylinders and saddle.

The tender is basic Railroad Supply mogul tender tank and I reinforced the frame with extensive welding and some heavier metal stock. Then I laminated hardwood to the deck to provide a more cushioned surface for mounting the molded water tank.

I also spent several months building Dave Moore's Alco power reverse gear. The gear is working fine on air and I'm praying that it likes steam too. For boiler water, I have two Superscale Chicago injectors, a two cylinder axle driven pump, a tender mounted hand pump, and a single cylinder steam powered water pump.

To complete the locomotive, I have a little more painting to finish, mount all the appliances, and then lots and lots of plumbing. With a little luck, I hope to have the engine running at the club sometime this year.

Jay Carsman