

LALS ENGINE BOOSTER

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A Splendid Time Was Guaranteed For All...

The City Of Hope Cancer Survivors Run on May 9th provided lots of fun for the Guests of Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum.



Member Calendar

- May 04 BOD meeting
- May 16 Work Day & Member Meeting.
- May 17 Small Scale Sunday
- May 22-25 Spring Meet

Public Service Calendar

- May 03 Sunday Public Rides
- May 10 Sunday Public Rides
- May 17 Sunday Public Rides
Disney Barn open
Steam Plant open
- May 24 Closed to public
- May 31 Sunday Public Rides

Correction:

Last month we made a mistake in the phone number and email address for Gary Baker. If you want to make a reservation for the Spring Meet Formal Dinner on Saturday night, contact him at:

626-926-4208 (cell) or showdev@yahoo.com

Sorry about that Gary.

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Splinters From The Board

There was no Splinters From The Board This Month.
Next Board Meeting is June 1st at 7 pm.

For Sale:

1) RRSC 4-4-0 frame assembly and driver castings. Frame is assembled. Four driver's are rough castings only. Includes prints. Asking \$400.00 for frame and \$100.00 for driver castings or \$450.00 if you take both.

2) 3 3/4 scale engine kit. Same design as the club's new steamer, but these parts came from Keith Watson in Australia. Engine can be built as a 2-4-0, 2-4-2 or 2-4-4. Includes all castings with main side frames and cylinders machined. All other parts are rough castings including castings to make Stephenson valve gear if desired. Drawings included. Asking \$4000.00

Also there is a boiler for this engine. Stainless Steel with copper tubes. Asking \$2000.00. Willing to deal if buyer takes parts and boiler.

Bill Barbe
wdbarbe@yahoo.com
818-325-9227

I am Spring Cleaning! I have a bench drill press for sale. It runs very well. Asking \$50.00 for it. I can bring it Saturday of the Spring Meet.

Contact: Chris Mahony @ 818-266-6958.

Spring Meet Button



Don't forget to get your Spring Meet Souvenir Button. They will be available at the rear check in gate and the souvenir stand for a donation.

Photo staged by Sam Calderwood and Gary Baker, photographed by Aaron Emmer. Button design and crop by Liz Calderwood

In Memory

It is with great sorrow that I inform the club the passing of Nils Anders Sandstrom. Nils was born on November 5, 1935 and was welcomed home to be with his Lord on April 21, 2009. He passed peacefully at home after a gallant flight with cancer. He was a member of LALS for 42 years. A precision machinist, his 0-4-4, 1-1/2" locomotive was of museum quality.

He will be missed by his many friends and family. A memorial service was held on June 21st. Nils is now at rest in his boyhood town of Oravais, Finland.

Mike Farrell, Relative

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Disney Barn 10th Anniversary

On Saturday, July 18, 2009 the Carolwood Pacific Historical Society and Carolwood Foundation will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Walt Disney's Barn here at the LALS RM.

Tickets are \$45.00 each and include a BBQ dinner, souvenir and a chance to meet and speak with Disney Legends and special guests.

Ticket information is available at:

<http://www.Carolwood.org/10thAnniversary>

Or contact Bill Barbe or Fred Lack here at the club. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are expected to sell out.

From the Superintendent:

By Steve Ruatta

It's here! The 2009 LALS Spring Meet is coming and by the time you read this, it will be the place for you to be. If you haven't been before, there will be trains everywhere – steam trains, diesel trains, electric trains, big trains, little trains – did I say steam trains? And more steam stuff – steam engines, steam shovels(?), superheated steam and wet steam (do you know the difference?). Expect to visit with other train folks, wear train clothes and buy train stuff!

The museum is in great shape thanks to the untold legions who work for ~~peanuts~~ hot dogs and chips. There are some new tracks going in and some new buildings taking shape for storing some of the bigger engines. There are some new lights that should make night running easier and make it easier to get around in the museum after dark. If you haven't been out in a while, you will be impressed by the new retaining wall behind the sheds. Lots of the usual tree trimming, leaf raking and landscaping. Too many things to list here, but lots of little improvements add up to make things look nice and run well.

My priorities for the meet – any problems, let me know:

- 1) Safety and Fire Prevention – It's hard to have fun without these!
- 2) All tracks open and in good condition.
- 3) Facilities – All the supporting equipment working and in good shape.
- 4) Landscaping – A visible reflection on our club.

If you didn't make it to the work Saturday before the meet, I guarantee you there will be a few small things still left to do before the meet written in the notebook in the patio. If you see something that needs some attention, take a minute and pick it up, clean it off or organize it – it's your club.

President's Message

By Sam Calderwood

Hi to all.

We had a great board meeting on Monday. Here are some of the highlights of what we talked about.

Plans for our the new replacement public station; which includes the two new handicapped accessible restrooms, are under way and should be done and ready for the city in mid June.

Plans for the Spring Meet are moving ahead speedily. We are still looking for several volunteers to man the drive way gate. There are a few 2 hour shifts still open; so please sign up if you can.

When you are working with the public running the trains, remember it is your job to make sure that your train and your passengers are safe. Remember the rules and guidelines especially no smoking, no talking on cell phones, no photography while the train is in motion, and for the conductors, no reading a book (not even the rule book) while conducting when the train is in motion! Safety is everyone's responsibility!

If you were not at the club this last Sunday you missed the return of Patty Miller. She was looking good and running around on her high speed walking stick. Everyone was happy to see her and Bern return.

There is a new crew that will be taking over the membership committee and taking care of the new member applications. The board thought that the club has worked Steve Harris hard enough and we are giving him some time off. It was decided to make it a committee so that at least one member would be present on Sundays to talk to potential new members who are many times in the public line. The new crew is headed up by Les Kovacs, Ray Secara, and Collin Westphal. If you see Steve tell him thanks and let's help the new guys!

The board also decided to limit the number of passenger cars that each engine will be allowed when we pull the public. From now on we will only use a maximum of five (5) passenger cars per train.

The new roster will be coming out soon; we are running a little late this year. If you are using the 2008 Roster just remember that you now have to dial the area code first when placing that call from a land line.

Happy Railroading! Sam

Who's Been Working on the RR

S. Rutta (x 4)
 T. & G. Berg
 L. Soibelman (x3)
 M. Soibelman (x3)
 G. Becker (x3)
 T. Akins (x3)
 C. & T. Metts (x2)

Please try to come out and help with the maintenance of the club. It is up to all members, to keep it clean.

Engineers and Conductors March 2009

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Mar 01/998	P. Fuad T. Morris C. Westphal D. Lazarus F. O'Donnell G. Baker	R. Secara P. Fowler B. Crone C. Westphal A. O'Donnell K. Cascadden	Fuad Morris Murphy LALS Steam LALS SF Baker
	Track Inspectors: F. O'Donnell Safety Coordinator: S. Bush Station Master: S. Bush Station Assistants: B. Kaufman		

Training Classes

Conductor: Want to learn to be a conductor? Call Collin Westphal at 818-846-2385 or Michael Murphy at 213-386-0540 to schedule a class. There is an excellent DVD available to either borrow or own (\$5).

Classes are scheduled only when a person wants to become a conductor.

The test will then be scheduled for the third Saturday of the month. Note: You must have completed 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: By Appointment only.

The Level I (public operations) class is an hour class with a multiple-choice test.

Station Master/Safety Coordinator classes are also available. This is an hour hand-on class.

If interested call Collin Westphal at 818-846-2385 or Michael Murphy at 213-386-0540 to schedule a class

Mar 08/831	P. Fuad G. Baker S. Calderwood P. Nott B. Crone	R. Secara B. Smith W. Fengler R. Lopez C. Solack	Fuad Baker Calderwood Nott LALS
	Track Inspectors: R. Tanjany Safety Coordinator: R. Tanjany Station Master: M. Murphy Station Assistants: R. Secara, L. Boone		
Mar 15/804	C. Westphal P. Nott P. Fuad B. Crone	C. Solack R. Lopez/F. Nielsen B. Quinn B. Liebman	LALS Nott Fuad LALS
	Track Inspectors: S. Harris Safety Coordinator: L. Mitchel Station Master: S. Harris Station Assistants: R. Secara, B. Liebman		
Mar 22/375	C. Westphal M. Bresee	K. Casey L. Ross	LALS Bresee
	Track Inspectors: M. Bresee Safety Coordinator: R. Tanjany Station Master: JC. Westphal		
Mar 29/747	D. Lazarus T. Morris G. Heiman P. Fuad C. Westphal G. Baker	L. Boone P. Fowler K. Casey B. Quinn R. Seccara B. Smith	LALS Morris LALS Fuad Murphy Baker
3, 755	Total for the month of March		
8, 555	Total for the year		