



December 2010

Celebrating 55 Years

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DePhillip Jr., Kovacs, Mohr, Westphal Elected Directors

Holiday Party December 26



The Museum's annual holiday party is scheduled this year for Sunday, December 26 at the Smokehouse Restaurant in Burbank. No host bar opens at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm. The party will again be held after Christmas to get a better price and location for the affair and to minimize conflicts with other events of the holiday season. The event this year has been planned again by Silvia Tucker.

Newly elected directors will be installed at the event, and awards given to members who have especially helped the Museum this year.

The cost for each dinner is \$30. Reservations are due by December 20. Please see back page of this *Booster* for more details.

John DePhillip, Jr., Les Kovacs, Chuck Mohr and Collin Westphal were elected directors last month. The ballots were counted on November 20 at the Annual General Meeting. Vote totals are on page 2. New officers listed in Splinters on page 2.

Public Service Calendar

December

- 19 Public Rides; Disney Barn and Steam Plant Open
- 25 **Christmas**
- 26 Public Rides

January

- 2 Public Rides
- 9 Public Rides
- 16 Public Rides; Disney Barn and Steam Plant Open
- 23 Public Rides
- 30 Public Rides

47-Year Member Bruce Ward Passes

By Jim Kreider

Longtime LALSRRM member Bruce Ward passed away November 27 at the age of 76.

Bruce was a true fan of anything steam and particularly locomotives from the models up to their full size prototypes. He was very knowledgeable about their design and was always more than willing to share that knowledge and help others with their projects.

He was an exceptional designer and well versed in cad software which con-

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Bruce working recently on smoke box and cover for his Garratt locomotive project in his ship. Flemming Nielsen looks on. More photos inside. *(Robert Lamont photo)*

From the Super



By Steve Ruatta
General Superintendent

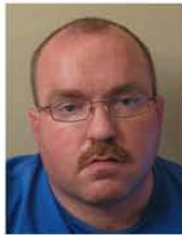
You may have noticed that the 1" barn over near the Cooper yard is now completed. With Chris Mahoney's approval, I coordinated with local eagle scout candidate Evan Boukidis of Troop 118 who completed it a few weeks ago. Evan collected donations, planned the work and executed the project with the help of others. John Smith completed the electrical, and it is ready to go. Thanks to local contractor Charlie Jones of Glendale for helping and directing the scouts on this project.

It's Fall. That means the leaves are falling and every little bit of cleanup helps. If you come out and can't find something to do, you can call me – my number is in the book. If you have problems with tools, leave a note on the clipboard in the shed. If you use tools, please put them away when done. Thanks to everyone for helping take down all the Halloween decorations – we still have a bit more to do on the west end. The defibrillator is now mounted in the UP caboose. I hope we never have to use it, but if we need it, we will be glad to have it – take the CPR class next time it is offered.

The other hat I wear is for the LALS nominating committee with Lew Soibelman and Peter Bowen. I would like to thank everyone who ran for the BOD. If you ran and were not elected this time, remember that we need to have a bunch of people running for the board every year. To remain a viable club, we need a good selection of folks who are willing to step up and run things. Thanks again

As a reminder to everyone, please make sure you fill out a time card or write your name in the "Who's been working on the Railroad" section of the red notebook in the gazebo. This is

Splinters



By Michael Murphy
December 6, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Sam Calderwood.

Secretary's Report:

November's minutes were approved. A party request was approved for Dan Humfreville on 1/8/11.

Treasurer's Report: November's treasurer's report was approved. Several things were discussed. Ridership holding steady. The Tehachapi Loop fund was discussed; it requires a two-thirds membership vote to change the accounts.

Membership: Collin Westphal introduced Randy Addison of Alhambra.

Facilities: Plans for the new station are back again for several minor ADA requirement changes.

Superintendent: In the last month or so, we've gotten the 1" barn completed, the defibrillator mounted and the UP Caboose door repaired. Drains and gutters cleaned out, a new state flag and lots of leaf raking and general cleanup done. In

especially important for new members – if you don't get your hours recorded on a time card, you will not pass your probation. For regular members, there is some attempt at figuring out how many volunteer hours it takes to run the club. If you don't normally fill out a card, perhaps during 2011 you could fill them out so we can get a better estimate. Thanks for your help. Happy Holidays!

Election Votes

Name	Votes
1. John DePhillip, Jr	115*
2. Les Kovas	101*
3. Chuck Mohr	94*
4. Collin Westphal	82*
5. Peter Fuad	67
6. Flemming Nielsen	34
7. Peter Bowen	28
8. Russ Wahr	25
* Elected	

from the Board

the next few months we want to get some new trees planted and some additional tree trimming done. As a club, we need to think about sealing the driveway and parking lot to prevent cracks from turning into potholes. I could also use some help to clear dirt on the mountain division.

Announcements: New board officers were elected, Les Kovacs-President, John DePhillips Jr.-Vice President, Chuck Mohr-Secretary, and Bob Crone-Treasurer. Steve Ruatta, John Smith, Wolf Fengler, and Collin Westphal are the other directors.

Holiday Party will be on December 26th, \$30 per person. If you plan to attend, you should contact Silvia Tucker. Trains will now change direction two times a year, instead of three. The change will be on January 1 and July 1.

Reminder: *ALL* train crew members, which include **Engineers** and **Conductors** and **Visiting Engineers** have to have a radio when running their trains on Sundays. Even if you are running your private train during Sunday run hours, you are still required to have a radio.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.



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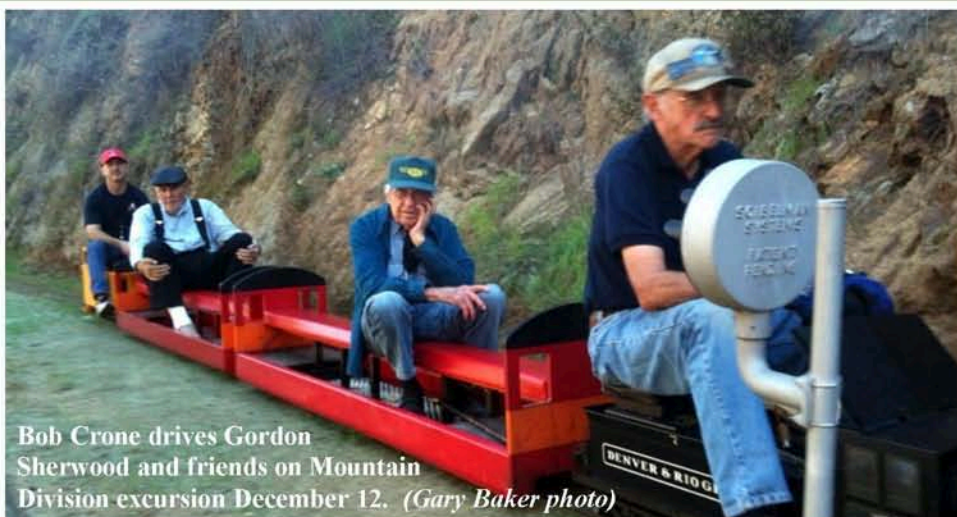
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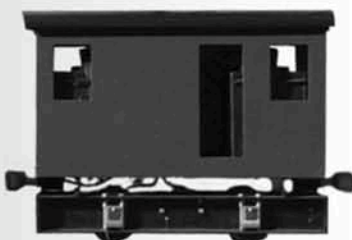
Theodore (Ted) Cheesman
 1927— November 21, 2010

Ted Passed away on November 21, 2010, following complications of a major stroke. He was an avid railroader, a founding member of the Goleta Valley Railroad Club. He will be remembered for his 1 1/2" Circus Train that was featured many times at the South Coast Railroad Museum in Goleta. Ted also served as a volunteer docent on Amtrak between Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. Services will be held on December 18 at 10:00 AM at the Arlington Theatre, 1317 State Street, Santa Barbara.



Bob Crone drives Gordon Sherwood and friends on Mountain Division excursion December 12. (Gary Baker photo)

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47-Year Member Bruce Ward, 76, Passes

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tributed to making his help all the more valuable. He had built three live steam locomotives and was working on a 1.5" 0-4-0+0-4-0 Buyer Garrett on which he had made significant progress. Bruce and his 1.5" Invicta were a common site at LALS and the Invicta was one of the more traveled locomotives in the club as he had run at many tracks in the United States and Canada.

Bruce had done extensive 16 mm photography and was able to capture the last days of steam power in the US as well as Mexico, South Africa, and England. Much of his US steam and streetcar work is commercially available. Many LALS meetings were made all the more enjoyable due to Bruce and his exceptional photography.

Bruce studied electrical engineering and worked at Lockheed for many years.

He made many friends at work and in the live steam railroading community.

Bruce's unassuming nature would always make others feel at home, and being in his company was a relaxing experience.

Sadly Bruce was diagnosed with bladder cancer this past summer. He had been a LALS member for 47 years.



1963—“Gold Spike 5:” from left, Bill Barrows, Bruce Ward, George Pacal, Doug Drifka and Doug Alkire
(Photos courtesy Duog Alkire)

Member Schedule

December		January	
19	Public Rides; Disney Barn and Steam Plant Open	1	<i>Change Directions</i>
		2	Public Rides
25	Christmas	9	Public Rides
26	Public Rides	15	General Meeting
26	Holiday Party	16	Public Rides; Disney Barn and Steam Plant Open
		23	Public Rides
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The Combine arrives at Walt's Barn

By Fred Lack

November 5, 2010, 5:00AM: the Santa Fe & Disneyland Railroad Combine car #101 started its journey to its new home at Walt Disney's Barn in Griffith Park, CA. LALS RM and Carolwood member Tim Lagaly and his son, Andrew, opened up their warehouse in Ventura, where the car had been restored over many years. They got it ready for loading on a truck that was designed for moving special loads like the Combine. Carolwood members Bill Barbe, Debra Turner, Bill Reyes, Gary Stenberg, Larry Boone and Fred Lack, met Tim at 5:00AM to help load the car and film the trip to Griffith Park.

The car was loaded and started south around 5:45AM. Following behind were three chase cars with members filming the move as the Combine headed south on the Ventura Fwy. Having fought rush hour traffic, the car made it to the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum's parking lot where the car had to be unloaded and turned around and reloaded so it faced the right way for its final move. The truck then headed down the LALS drive way, stopped and backed and made a 90 degree turn to line up the trailer with the specially prepared snap track that had been

installed over the LALS model tracks and on to the display track in the former picnic area at the Barn.

Los Angeles Live Steam members Les Kovacs, John De Phillip Jr., John Derosa, and others pitched in to help the Carolwood crew unload the car and guide it to its final resting spot on the display track.

By 10:00AM the car had been pushed in place, the snap track removed and a shelter from LALS was installed over the car. Another tarp was placed over the car for further protection. This was all after weeks of moving picnic tables, extending the fence line, removing a light pole, grading the track area, installing concrete forms and laying ties, track, and ballast rock.

November 21 was the first Barn Day that guests had a chance to see the car in person. Tim Lagaly is in the process of prepping the Combine for paint and lettering, and installing the windows and doors. The car should be completed by the start of 2011. The next time the car will be on exhibit will be December 19, 2010, and then January 16, 2011. Photos of the Combine's move will also be on display.

This culminates the acquisition of the Combine from the Norred family that the Carolwood Foundation announced July 19, 2009 at the 10th anniversary of Walt Disney's Barn's movement to Griffith Park. However, the Carolwood Foundation



now has to raise money for the final payments for the car and pay for a permanent structure that will preserve and protect it for future generations.

To meet these goals, the Carolwood Foundation is in the processing of raising money by offering a rail trip on May 21-22, 2011 on private dome cars with guest speakers, from Los Angeles and Oakland, CA to the Santa Margarita Ranch near San Luis Obispo. The Combine will be transported north and will join four cars of the original Retlaw 1 passenger consist that ran on the Santa Fe & Disneyland Railroad. One of the Pacific Coast Railway's steam engines will pull the cars at the ranch, so don't miss this one chance in a lifetime to ride in Walt's favorite car, his Combine! Go to carolwood.org for details and the other exciting events planned for this trip.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance for this experience and help preserve Walt's favorite car, the Combine!



President's Message



By Sam Calderwood
President

Well, it is the end of my term, and you will no longer have to read my silly notes. You can read someone else's silly

notes.

I want to thank both halves' of the boards that I got to work with and all of the club members that helped to make my reign of terror easier.

I could not have done most of what I did with out the help of my V.P. Gary Baker. The senior members that helped me like Doug Alkire, Lew Soibelman, and Willie Wihelm and the most senior of them all Gordon Sherwood really helped with their input.

I also want to thank the crews that help to get things done around the club like John De Phillip Jr., Miles Kristman, Mel Bresee, Steve Ruatta, and I can't leave out the Kountry Kitchen King Roger Bacon who always made sure we had hot dogs on Saturday for Lew. I know there are others out there that helped me and I just don't have the room to list them all and spell check is starting to smoke; but thanks all!!!

The club on the whole is very lucky to have so many people that can do so many different things and for the most part play together well. You should all be proud to be members of a group of people like this.

Don't forget to send in those dinner reservations for dinner at the world famous Smoke House. That great lady Mrs. Silvia Tucker has been doing a great job on setting this dinner up and keeping the cost down. So please come down and have some cheese bread with us. You can also watch me swear at the new board. What fun.

And as they say in the Navy I wish you all "Fair Winds and Flowing Seas." Good luck to the new board.

Sam

Eagle Scouts Help Complete One-Inch Barn at Cooper Yard

Eagle Scouts recently completed the 1" barn near the Cooper yard. Eagle Scout candidate Evan Boukidis of Troop 118 collected donations, planned the work and executed the project with

help from others. John Smith completed the electrical. Local contractor Charlie Jones of Glendale helped and directed the Scouts on this project.



From frame to finish:

Top: Barn frame before work. Above, left to right: James Ripple, Oliver Jenkins, Evan Boukidis, Danny Mardirousi, Jack Bradley. Right: completed barn.



Who's been Working on the Railroad

November

Tom Akins	Glenn Lane
Steve Altmayer	Roberto Lopez
Gary Baker	Thaine Morris
Jim Baker	Ron Nelson
Roger Bacon	Alastair Palmer
Mel Bresee	Al Rowsell
Ray Burden	Steve Ruatta
Sam Calderwood	John Smith
John DePhillip, Jr.	Lew Soilbelman
Jon Goulding	Michael Soibelman
Les Kovacs	Ron Tarjany
Miles Kristman	Doug Ward



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2010 Officers and Directors

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Vice President	Gary Baker
Secretary	Michael Murphy
Treasurer	Bob Crone
Directors	Roger Bacon
	Wolf Fengler
	Steve Ruatta
	John Smith

SUNDAY EXTRA BOARD

Engineer	Conductor	Road—Owner
November 7, 2010 —664 Riders		
Ron Hitchcock	Harrison Hitchcock	SP PA—LALSRM
Ray Secara	Bob Quinn	Santa Fe—LALSRM
Roger Frymire	Roberto Lopez	LALSRM Steam
Collin Westphal, Terry Spahr	Don Kallgren	Moguls—Crone, Spahr
Safety Coordinator	Chuck Mohr	
Station Master	Martha Figueroa, Garibalde Figueroa	
Souvenirs and Tickets Luci Secara, Liz Calderwood		
November 14, 2010—588 Riders		
Peter Fuad	Al Palmer	City of LA—Fuad
Ray Secara	Andy Blake	Santa Fe—LALSRM
Terry Spahr	Don Hallegren	Mogul—Terry Spahr
Safety Coordinator	Chuck Mohr	
Station Masters	Roberto Lopez, Larry Mitchell	
Souvenirs and Tickets	Liz Calderwood, Luci Secara	
November 21, 2010 —402 Riders		
Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	City of LA—Fuad
Terry Spahr	Gary McCabe	SP Center Cab—LALSRM
Gary Baker	Roger Bacon	Thomas—Baker
Safety Coordinator	Chuck Mohr	
Station Masters	Bob Crone, Collin Westphal,	
Souvenirs and Tickets	Liz Calderwood	
November 28, 2010 —522 Riders		
Dan Humfreville, Ron Hitchcock	Roberto Lopez, Ron Hitchcock	SP Daylight—LALSRM
Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	City of LA—Fuad
Chris Mahony	J. DeRosa	LALSRM #8
Safety Coordinator	Chuck Mohr	
Station Masters	Ray Secara, John DePhillip, Sr., Bob Crone,	
Souvenirs and Tickets	Liz Calderwood, Luci Secara	
Riders: This year to date—40,779		
Last year to date —38,990		



2010 LALS Railroad Museum Holiday Party and Officer Installation

Date: Sunday, December 26, 2010
Time: 6:00 p.m. (No Host Bar)
 7:00 p.m. Dinner Served
Place: The Smokehouse Restaurant, Toluca Room
 4420 West Lakeside Drive
 Burbank, California 91505
 Phone: (818) 845-3731

Dining fare for the evening is a choice of Filet Mignon or Chicken Buena Vista
 Vegetarian meal is Pasta Primavera

Please make your reservation, no later than December 20, 2010!

Save this portion as your reminder.

Detach, complete, and mail this portion with your payment.

Please fill out the form below:

Member
 Name: _____

Number of dinners:

_____ Filet Mignon (s) @ \$30.00/per person = \$ _____ Total
 # _____ Chicken Buena Vista (s) @ \$30.00/per person = \$ _____ Total
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