

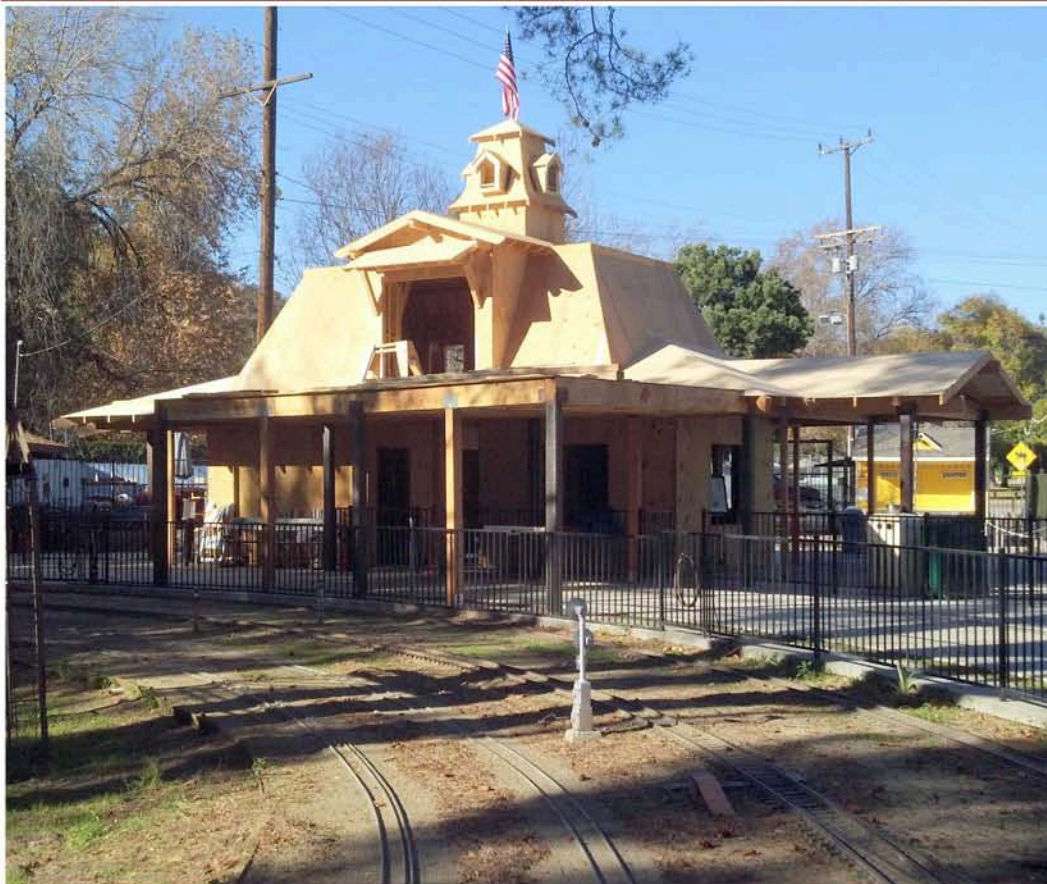
LALS ENGINE BOOSTER



January 2012

57th Year

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Taking Shape

Construction work on the Sherwood Centennial Station rapidly continues. Structural elements are largely completed. Next steps include tenting, structural inspection, dry in, roofing and exterior finishes. The station is scheduled to be completed by March 24.

Public Service Calendar

January

- 22 Public Rides
- 29 Public Rides

February

- 5 Public Rides
- 12 Public Rides
- 19 Public Rides; Disney Barn and Steam Plant Open
- 26 Public Rides

New Station Dedication March 24

Gala dedication ceremonies are scheduled Saturday, March 24 for the new Sherwood Centennial Station, a few days after the 101st birthday of Gordon Sherwood, for whom the new station is named, on March 22.

City officials and media will be invited and refreshments served.

New POS System

A new computerized point-of-sale system is being planned for the ticket and souvenir stand in the new station. The system will have touchscreens for purchases, automatically keep track of inventory and instantly print tickets upon purchase.

Splinters from the Board



By Charles Mohr
Secretary

January 9, 2012

Party Requests: There were nine party requests: Serve Harris for May 12 and August

25, 150 people for each party; Alan Way for June 23, 150-200 people; Steve Waller for August 4; Fred Lack for August 4, 200 people; and Steve Waller for movie nights, June 23, July 28, August 25, and September, 75 people each time.

Membership: Collin Westphal introduced two new resident members, Matt Marchioli and Joe Wilke.

General Superintendent: Steve Ruatta distributed a to-do list and invited board members to add items to it. He will submit a budget next month.

Facilities Planning: Rodger Bacon reported that everything is going well on Sherwood Station. He hopes to have a structural inspection this week by the structural engineer and the City inspector, and to start with dry in, roofing and exterior finishes next week. Completion date is scheduled for March 22, 2012. The station will need to be tented to kill all the termites that come in with new lumber.

Roger installed a two-inch conduit from the rest room area to west of the first tunnel so a new electrical panel may be installed. This was paid for by Thaine Morris and Miles Kristman, whom the Board and attendees thanked.

Safety & Standards: Wolf Fengler requested that there be a safety walk along the entire main line prior to running on Sundays. He still needs members to come out on January 21 to help with inspection of equipment.

Operations: Chuck Mohr submitted a tentative budget for souvenir and ticket stand. Many new items will be needed. A new POS system was approved because of the long lead time.

Old business: The new AC/heat

From the Super

By Steve Ruatta
General Superintendent



“Time flies when you are having fun” is how the old saying goes – so we must be having a lot of fun because another year has come and

gone in what seems like the blink of an eye.

If you're like me, there just aren't enough hours in the day to get everything done, so you have to set priorities: Make your number one priority working on your train and your second priority coming out to help take care of the track where you will run it. We have about 23,000 feet of track and there are about 230 resident members, so each of you should be taking care of 100 feet of track somewhere!! Hop to it!

This time of year is always busy because of the leaves and erosion – not terribly exciting work, but it's much easier to run on tracks that you can see than ones that are covered with leaves, branches and dirt. For those of you who have forgotten,

pump is working well. Michael Soibelman submitted new drawings for Lew's Garden. The Board requested a budget.

New business: A paper mockup of the builder's plaque for new station was presented by Les for comments by members.

Russ Warr is offering to sell lead ingots at a discount for the five new club cabooses to add weight to help keep them on the track. The Board accepted the proposal.

A proposal by the City of Los Angeles to use the layout for rail accident training was tabled, pending receipt of more information.

Installing new carpeting for the club meeting car and cabooses was approved, pending receiving more bids. Martha Figueroa was directed to repeat the Museum's advertisement in Live Steam Magazine for the Spring Meet and to place an ad in Discover Live Steam.

the work day is the 3rd Saturday of the month. Come out, meet some people, get something done and we might even feed you.

New members, this is a good opportunity to interact with other members and since some members like running their trains on Saturday, it's a good way to learn something about trains.

As always, I try to keep a list of things that need doing in the red notebook in the patio area. If you are at the club and need something to do, you can generally call my cell and I can help direct you. Don't forget to fill out a time card for shed credit or probation time credit.

On Saturdays, I try to come out about 9am or so to help get people set up with things to do. We have been moving a lot of leaves and debris with the work train and the gondolas. If you are a new member, you can drive the work train after passing your probation, conductors and engineer's tests. See Colin Westphal or Mike Murphy about taking those tests.

Happy railroading!



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President's Message



It's 2012, a New Year, and a lot of new things are happening. First thing, Roger has promised the station will be done in March and he has a definite incentive because Gordon Sherwood is turning 101 on March 22nd. We will be dedicating the Sherwood centennial station in his honor on March 24th with a ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration.

The spring meet is just around the corner. Check out our ad in Live Steam magazine. We've had a great response to the ad and expect many to attend. Martha Figueroa is chairing the meet again and will need lots of help. Please let her know if you can help.

We are still looking for help in the souvenir stand. Please call Flemming Nielson at 818-843-2751. It's just a few Sundays a year.

Don't get dropped from the Roster... Feb 29th is the deadline for your membership to get your name listed.

Guys if you can spare some time on Saturdays the club can use your help to clean up. It's a never-ending job, and you get a free lunch on the 3rd Saturday of the month. For Sunday operations we could use a few more train crews to pull the public so if you have the time please come out and help.

Now, if you read this far you will notice a theme ...HELP, HELP, HELP!!!! This is the only way we can keep operating. The club runs on volunteers and the only way things can get done is with your time. Please stand up and say I'll do that and just don't expect those other guys to do it. Because those other guys are all of us.

Les

Herb Rosenbloom Passes

Herbert Rosenbloom, age 55, passed away June 27, 2011. Herb was a geometry teacher at San Fernando High School. Joe Powell recalls that in the tenth grade in 1985 Herb took him to the IBLIS meet and

sponsored me as an LALSRM member in 1992. Herb had been an LALSRM member since the 1980s. He was a good friend of Joe and they took many rail-related trips together. He will be missed.



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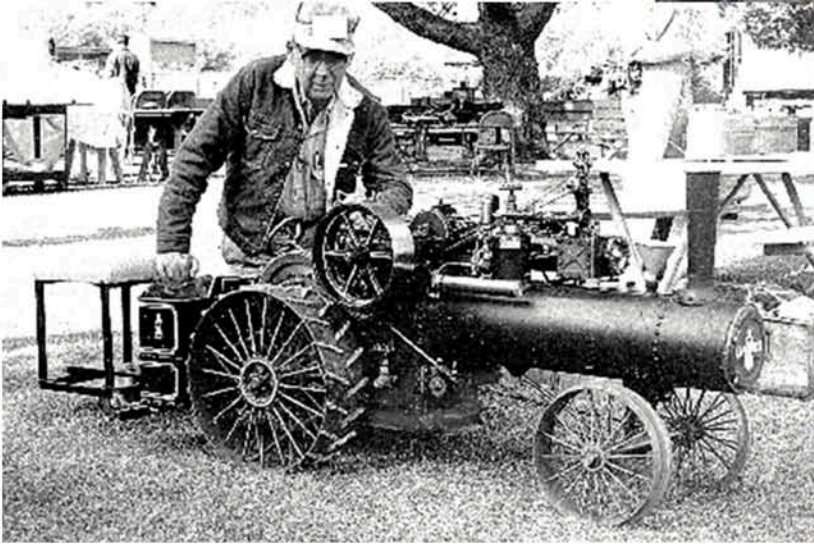
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Observation Car

Steam Tractors— Then and Now

Steam tractors have been on the layout a number of times over the years. **Below left** is the 3" scale "Case 65" steam tractor built by Carl Whitis at the 1975 IBLs meet at LALSRM. **Below right**, 37 years later, Terry Spahr stands next to his steam tractor which was built in 1998. **Right**, a shed to store Terry's tractor has been erected adjacent to the inner parking lot and steaming bays. Terry will rent the shed from the Museum. Terry is offering to make "Steam Cream" at cost with an ice cream maker attached to the steam tractor by belts. See ad on page 6.



2012 Board of Directors and Officers— At Holiday party. Left to right: Les Kovacs, President, Chuck Mohr, Secretary, John Goulding, Peter Fuad, Tim LaGaly, Treasurer, Doug Young and John DePhillip, Jr. Not pictured: Collin Westphal.



Who's been Working on the Railroad

December

Jim Baker	Donavin Johnston
Roger Bacon	Les Kovacs
Sam Calderwood	Miles Kristman
Andrew Chaves	Roberto Lopez
John DePhillip, Jr.	Gary McCabe
Garibaldi Figueroa	Alex O'Donnell
Martha Figueroa	Steve Ruatta
J. Kent Inasy	Doug Ward
Nancy Johnston	Brian Webster



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Secretary	Chuck Mohr
Treasurer	Tim LaGaly
Directors	Peter Fuad
	John Goulding
	Collin Westphal
	Doug Young

SUNDAY EXTRA BOARD

Road	Engineer	Conductor
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December 4, 2011 — 521 Riders — High 61°

City of LA—Fuad	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn
SP Daylight—LALSRM	Andrew Chaves	A.T. Smitrovich
<i>Safety Coordinator</i>	Collin Westphal	
<i>Station Masters</i>	Bob Crone	
<i>Souvenirs and Tickets</i>	Chuck Mohr, Jeffrey Geller	

December 11, 2011—522 Riders —High 57°

SP Daylight—LALSRM	Mike Romanucci	A.T. Smitrovich
City of LA—Fuad	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn
<i>Safety Coordinator</i>	Collin Westphal	
<i>Station Masters</i>	Bob Crone, Martha Figueroa, Brian Webster	
<i>Souvenirs and Tickets</i>	Les Kovacs, Chuck Mohr	

December 18, 2011 — 583 Riders —High 61°

City of LA—Fuad	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn
SP Daylight—LALSRM	Andrew Chaves, Larry Mitchell	Desiree Machado, Gail Woodward
Santa Fe—LALSRM	Gene Heiman	Bob Crone
Thomas—Baker	Gary Baker	Scott McCulloch
<i>Safety Coordinator</i>	Collin Westphal	
<i>Station Masters</i>	Ron Hitchcock	
<i>Souvenirs and Tickets</i>	Chuck Mohr	

Closed December 25 and 31

Riders: December— 1626

2011 — 39,902

2010 — 41,528

Member Schedule

January		19	Public Rides
		18	Work Day/Member Meeting
21	Safety inspection; Change Direction	19	Public Rides
		26	Public Rides
22	Public Rides		
29	Public Rides		
February		4	Public Rides
		5	BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
1	Membership Renewals Due	11	Public Rides/ <i>Time Change</i>
5	Public Rides	17	Work Day/Member Meeting
6	BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18	Public Rides
		24	Station Dedication
			March



LALSIRM 2012 Calendar

January

- 1 New Years Day No rides
- 9 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Work Day/Member Meeting
- 21 Safety inspection
Change Direction

February

- 1 Membership Renewals Due
- 6 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Work Day/Member Meeting

March

- 5 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Public Rides/*Time Change*
- 17 Work Day/Member Meeting
- 24 Station Dedication

April

- 2 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Public Rides/*Easter*
- 14 Work Day/Member Meeting
- 30 Shed Credit Earning Period Ends

May

- 1 2012-13 Shed Credit Earning Year Begins
- 7 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Work Day/Member Meeting
- 25-27 **SPRING MEET**

June

- 2 City of Hope Run
- 4 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Work Day/ Member Meeting
- 23 Pot Luck/ Night Run/Disney Barn Movie night
- 30 2011-12 Shed Lease Year Ends

July

- 1 2012-13 Full Shed Lease Year Begins
- 1 Change Direction
- 2 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Work Day/Member Meeting
- 28 Pot Luck/Night Run/Disney Barn Movie Night

August

- 4 TTOS Run; Work Day/ Member Meeting
- 6 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Pot Luck/Night Run/Disney Barn Movie Night

September

- 2 Public Rides/*Labor Day Weekend*
- 10 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Work Day/Member Meeting
- 22 Children's Hospital Run
- 22 Pot Luck/Night Run

October

- 1 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Work Day/Member Meeting
- Halloween Runs (10 nights): 13- 14, 19- 21, 26-28, 30- 31 (dates tentative)**
- 28 Club Halloween Party

November

- 4 **Time Change**
- 5 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Work Day/Annual Member Meeting/ Election

December

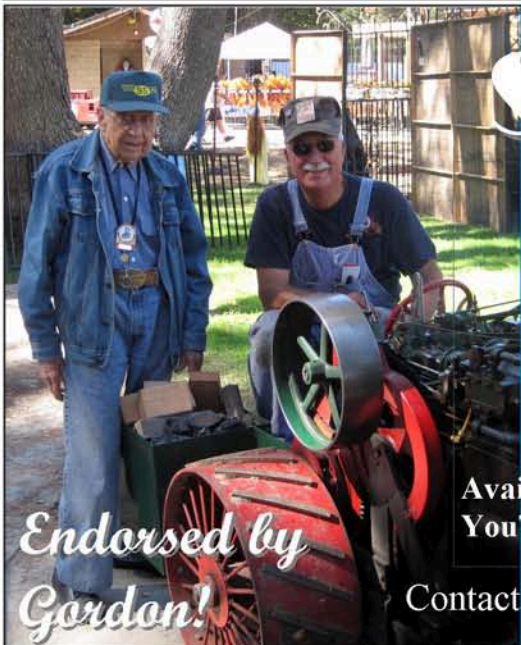
- 3 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Work Day/Member Meeting
- 30 Holiday Party and officer installation

Recurring Events Every Month

- Sundays** Public Rides 11am-3 pm
- 1st Monday*** Board Meetings 7 pm (*except September 10)
- 3rd Saturday** Work Day; Member Meeting
- 3rd Sunday** Disney Barn /Steam Plant; Small Scale Sunday/ Gourmet Lunches

COLOR KEY

- Disney Barn events
- Membership events (some dates tentative)
- Halloween runs
- Special Events
- Shed rental dates



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