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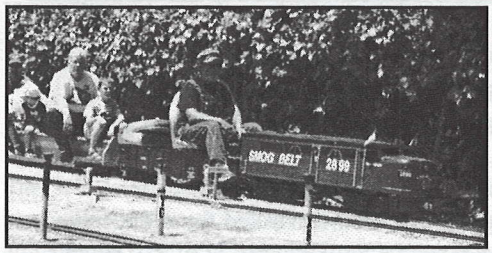
TTOS-SW Run Review

By Stephen Waller
Photo by Merv Lew, TTOS-SW

The sixth annual Toy Train Operating Society—Southwest Division run took place on August 12, 2006 at LALSRM in Griffith Park. The efforts of many volunteers from both groups made the event a huge success.

Among the first to arrive on that lovely Saturday morning was LALSRM Past President Lew Soibelman, who rolled out his Texas-type 2-10-4 locomotive, Santa Fe 5011. David Lazarus shared engineering duties on the little giant. A pair of heavyweights were coupled on the rear of the consist of center-bench riding cars, adding an authentic touch.

The Museum's electric locomotive, Santa Fe 163, in its striking red & silver Warbonnet livery, also did its share of hauling passengers. Doug Ward piloted the cowl-unit, while Janice and "Smokey" Bass were the conductors.



An ALCo FA lettered "Smog Belt" headed the third train running that day. This whimsical locomotive is owned and operated by Bob & Gail Woodward. They kept the train running to the last, making sure everyone who wanted a ride got a turn around the pike.

LALSRM President Don Frozina served as Stationmaster all day, ably assisted by Roger Bacon, who was the Safety Coordinator. Adjacent to the station, Mike Houston operated the G-scale layout. Bill Barbe and Debra Turner opened the Disney Barn, with its three operating train layouts inside. Several other LALSRM members volunteered, making sure that all the trains ran smoothly.

TTOS-SW President Larry Pearson arrived in his vintage Chevy pickup, hauling all of the picnic supplies. Guests who attended that day got their fill of delicious food and trains of all sizes, right down to the diminutive "Z" scale layout brought by TTOS member John Bowman. Thanks go to all the volunteers!

50th Anniversary Kickoff / Halloween Party

The member Halloween Party and 50th Anniversary kickoff will be on Friday, October 20th at 6:30 pm. Dinner is $2, bring a dessert. The Board **strongly** discourages private trains on any of the public night runs, so if you want to run you own train with your family and close friends, come on down October 20th only.

Member Calendar

Oct. 20 *(Friday)*	**50th Ann. Kickoff/ Halloween Party**
Oct. 28	Work Day Member Meeting*
Oct. 31	**End Shed Year**
Nov. 1	**Begin Shed Year**
Nov. 6	Board Meeting
Nov. 18	**Annual General Meeting** Election**
Nov. 25	Work Day
Dec. 4	Board Meeting

Board Meetings begins at 7 pm.
Party begins at 6:30 pm.
** begins at 5 pm; ** begins at 7 pm.*

Public Service Schedule

Oct. 21	**Public Night Rides**
Oct. 22	Public (Day) Rides **Public Night Rides**
Oct. 27-28	**Public Night Rides**
Oct. 29	Public (Day) Rides **Public Night Rides**
Oct. 30-31	**Public Night Rides**
Nov. 5	Public Rides
Nov. 12	Public Rides
Nov. 19	Public Rides Disney Barn Open Steam Plant Open
Nov. 26	Public Rides
Dec. 3	Public Rides

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Splinters from the Board
October 2, 2006

By Gary Baker and Donald Frozina

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as corrected. John Tweety of New Zealand was welcomed as a new non-resident member. Party Requests: Todd Moore for 10/7 and Bonnie Kaufman for 10/25 were approved.

Amendment. Wolf Fengler proposed that we add a bylaws amendment to the upcoming ballot to eliminate the Tehachapi Loop Fund, specifically, all of Article 4, Section 4. The motion passed unanimously to place this on the ballot.

Safety. Wolf reported that he and Robert Lamont continue to work on the track geometry car. Due to the weight of our center-bench cars, each set will have it's own re-railer. Our Safety Engineer, Mark Hanlon will be here on Saturday, 10/7 to inspect, and possibly approve, the Pullman-style cars owned by several members. Wolf mentioned that the 180 lbs. per car is the correct figure, not the 80 lbs. as stated last month. Don mentioned that the new safety speeches are with David Holman for recording and should be ready soon.

Station. Roger Bacon reported that he had contact with Marilyn White of R&P about the proposed new station project.

Nominations. The following persons are running for the Board. Ron Bergmann, Bonnie Kaufman, Les Kovacs, Tim Lagaly, Steve Pike and Doug Young. John Goulding has removed his name from consideration.

Disconnect Switch. Leni Goldberg made a presentation on the safety aspects of a manual disconnect switch for electric locomotives. The Board decided to study this matter further before making any decision.

Souvenirs. Leonard Evans made a presentation on new patches, buttons, magnets and DVDs for the souvenir stand. The Board voted to approve an expenditure of approximately $3,500 for all these items.

General Meeting Highlights
September 23, 2006

By Donald Frozina

The first order of business was to accept and announce the slate of candidates from the Nominating Committee. The slate is as follows: Ron Bergmann, John Goulding, Bonnie Kaufman, Les Kovacs, Tim Lagaly, Steve Pike and Doug Young. Don asked if there were any floor nominations; there were none. Don then thanked the Nominating Committee members, John De Phillip Sr., David Lazarus and Lew Soibelman for their efforts.

Don next reviewed the happenings of the September 11th BOD meeting. Afterwards, Gary Baker talked about the LALSRM Halloween T-shirt that will be available. Sam and Liz Calderwood designed this shirt with assistance from Fred Lack. Don pointed out that the time of October General Member Meeting conflicts with the public Halloween night run that evening. After soliciting member input, the consensus was to move the time of the meeting back to 5 pm, instead of its usual time of 7 pm. The time change would be for this meeting only.

Dan O'Brien mentioned that long-time member Roger Schenck has donated his wooden machinist's tool chest with tools to the Museum. It was decided to hold a raffle, with tickets costing $10; the drawing will be at the Holiday Banquet. It would cost many hundreds, if not thousands of dollars to furnish such a chest today.

Pole Chain Saw. Superintendent Tom Downing requested approximately $620 plus tax to purchase a pole-mounted chain saw to assist with tree trimming. The Board approved this expenditure.

Screw Compressor. Willie Wilhelm asked for and received Board approval to expend approximately $1,500 to service the screw compressor.

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FROM THE General Superintendent

By Tom Downing

Lots of little things at the Museum have changed recently so make it a point to come out and look. Autumn is upon us and it's time for us to rage war against the leaves. There's a lot of leaf raking, bush and tree trimming to do. This will clear the way for us to finish the painting projects. These would be a good family or group of friends activity project. With Board approval and Lew Soibelman's assistance, we will be purchasing a new pole chain saw that will enable us to trim hard to reach branches. (It is good to see that Lew has come over to the dark side on the tree cutting issue, but he may not quite see it that way…) By the time you get this issue, Halloween should be in full swing. Please remember that we will need assistance cleaning up and putting away all of the displays after Halloween. All this time applies toward shed credit. Hopefully, we'll see you out on the rails.

50th Anniversary Jackets Redux

By David Lazarus

All members who would like to have a new jacket for our 50th Anniversary celebration will be responsible for purchasing their own. The designated jacket is the Dickies® brand that is available from your local supplier, i.e., Orchard Supply Corp. (OSH), or on the web, **dickies.com**. You will need to order only these styles:

JT15 Lined Eisenhower jacket in navy color
JT75 Unlined Eisenhower jacket in navy color

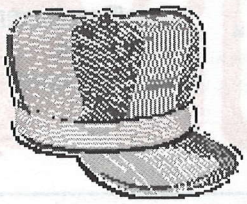
At this time, only adult sizes can be processed.

The 50th Anniversary logo will be printed on the back, plus your name and logo will be embroidered on the front. The anniversary logo will have white lettering, red ring and gold ribbon with navy text on the top, similar to the 2006 *Roster* cover. The cost for the printing and embroidery (not including the jacket price) is $42. We need at least 12 jackets for each run and this offer will continue throughout 2007.

You can deliver the jacket to me, David Lazarus, or to Leonard Evans, at the Museum. Or you can mail it to me, David Lazarus, 5824 Troost Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91601. I will advise you when I receive it. Be sure to place a paper in the front pocket with your name, address, and the name you want embroidered on the front of the jacket. The Museum will call you when it is complete so that you can pick it up, or we can mail it back to you. For payment, please send a check made out to "LALSRM" PO Box 2156, Toluca Lake, CA 91610. Or you can place the check in the front pocket of the jacket, if you mail it. For more information send an e-mail to **jackets@lals.org**.

President's Message

By Donald Frozina



In the last few months, the Museum has hosted several special runs: the Children's Hospital Run, our own Webb-Stutson Run for the Tri-Valley Special Games, and the Toy Train Operating Society—Southwest Run. The former in this list were to benefit those less fortunate than others, our giving back to the community, while the latter was for the general enjoyment of our hobby, model railroading.

We will soon begin our most intensive group of runs—Halloween! This year, like last year, we will be running seven nights for the public. We can sure use your help in staffing the trains, station, souvenir stand, and all of the other jobs that go with putting on this annual event.

The end of October also marks the end of the year for accruing shed time. Remember, the Board did not do away with the mandatory 30-hours of time to retain existing shed leases, the Board only changed, for this year only, the method of obtaining those hours, i.e., through the yellow, green or pink time cards.

In November, we will be holding elections to replace the four directors completing their terms at year's end. We will also have several interesting videos slated to view while the ballots are being counted.

And soon it will be December, and time for our annual Holiday Party and Officer Installation. This year should be a real treat, and at a cost much less than in previous years.

Shed Year Winding Down

By Steve Harris

Remember that Halloween will be the last opportunity to earn shed credit to qualify for a shed rental for this next year.

Holiday Party on Track

By Shira Bush

Save the Date! The LALSRM Holiday Party and Installation will be held on the night of December 16th at Tony's Bella Vista Restaurant in Burbank. Dinner will be approximately $27 per person. Flyer and reservation details will be in the next issue of the *Engine Booster*.

Training Classes

Safety: 4th Saturday of November. *Level II* (private use) class at 9 am. This is a forty-five minute class with a multiple choice test. *Level I* (public operations) class at 10:30 am. This is an hour class with a multiple choice test. (Level II is the prerequisite for this class.)

Conductor: Want to learn to be a conductor? Call Roger Bacon at 818/887-0898 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.

Note: There will be no training classes in December.

For Sale

Baldwin/Westinghouse electric loco and control car; 7½" gauge. Loco: 24-volt; lights; horn; ammeters; trolley pole; dynamic braking (batteries excellent, 12-volts). Control car: NEW; 2-seats; engineer's swivel; 10-point controller (not a rheostat). Both Level II certified. Both only $6,500. Contact Berne Miller, 626/794-2502 or at LALSRM on Sundays.

Two flat cars with O.S. Trucks, $400/each. One gondola with O.S. trucks, $500. One tank car, $400.00. All 1½" scale. Contact Dick Jensen, 310/326-5850.

Who's Been Workin' on the RR

Sep. 10 — Oct. 2

Crone, Bob
Hritz, John x2
Quinn, Bob
Ruatta, Steve
Soibelman, Lew

Engineers and Conductors

September 2006

Date/Passengers	Engineer	Conductor	Owner
09/03/2006	Michael Murphy	Bob Crone	LALSRM
730 passengers	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Ron Bergmann	John De Phillip Sr.	Bergmann
	Peter Fowler	Steve Ruatta	Morris
	Fred Lack	W. Fengler/G. Woodward	LALSRM
	Track Inspector: John Smith		
	Safety Coordinator: John Smith/Leni Goldberg		
	Station Master: Roger Bacon		
	Station Assistant: Larry Mitchell		
09/10/2006	Michael Murphy	Bob Crone	LALSRM
847 passengers	Ron Bergmann	Roberto Lopez	Bergmann
	Peter Fuad	Chuck Mohr	Fuad
	Fred Lack	Chuck Mohr	Fuad
	David Lazarus	Roberto Lopez	Bergmann
	Track Inspector: Wolf Fengler		
	Safety Coordinator: Wolf Fengler		
	Station Masters: Donald Frozina/Steve Harris		
	Station Assistants: Pat Miller, Michael Bruce		
09/16/2006	Chuck Mohr	R. Secara, S. Pike	LALSRM
250 passengers	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
Children's	Thaine Morris	Peter Fowler	Morris
Hospital Run	Ron Bergmann	Mike Capolupo	Bergmann
	Track Inspector: Troy Garren, Ron Bergmann		
	Safety Coordinator: Troy Garren		
	Station Master: Roger Bacon		
09/17/2006	Thaine Morris	Peter Fowler	Morris
810 passengers	Gene Heiman	Roberto Lopez	LALSRM
	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Jon Newbill	Dan Newbill	J. Newbill
	Track Inspector: Peter Fuad		
	Safety Coordinator: Wolf Fengler		
	Station Master: Roger Bacon		
09/24/2006	Michael Murphy	Bob Crone	LALSRM
816 passengers	Peter Fuad	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Thaine Morris	Peter Fowler	Morris
	Fred Lack	Bob Quinn	Fuad
	Track Inspector: Donald Frozina		
	Safety Coordinator: John De Phillip Jr.		
	Station Master: Donald Frozina/Roger Bacon		
	Station Assistant: Michael Bruce		
09/30/2006	Lloyd Davis	Miles Kristman	LALSRM
282 passengers	Gene Heiman	Steve Ruatta	LALSRM
Webb-	Jim Baker	R. Lopez/M. Capolupo	O'Brien
Stutson Run	Track Inspector: Donald Frozina, Lloyd Davis		
	Safety Coordinator: Steve Harris		
	Station Master: Donald Frozina		

3,735 Total passengers for month
18,111 Total passengers to date