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TTOS Run 2007

by Steve Waller

On Saturday August 18th, 2007, the Los Angeles Live Steamers Rail Museum hosted the Toy Train Operating Society-Southwestern Division's 7th Annual TTOS Run. Stationmaster Charles Westphal boarded more than 250 guests for multiple rides at New Sherwood Station throughout the day. LALSRM volunteers crewed a robust roster of 1/8th scale trains (listed below in alphabetical order):

- ATSF 163 EMD SD60M: Gene Heiman & Collin Westphal
- ATSF 5011 Texas-type 2-10-4 steamer: Lew, Michael & Steven Soibelman and David Lazarus
- D&RGW 1324 Baldwin S12: Rory Hawkins & Donna Valencia
- D&RGW 5203 ALCo RS3: Alan Way & Kevin Jung
- MoPac 2006 EMD F7: Thaine Morris & Pete Fowler
- Smog Belt 2899 ALCo FA: Bob & Gail Woodward

Caretakers John and Dani Smith made sure the facility was unlocked and that things ran smoothly. Volunteering at the Disney Barn were Bill Barbe & Fred Lack. Mike Houston ran the G scale railroad for the toy train fans. TTOS-SW president Larry Pearson made sure that all of the LALSRM helpers ate well, courtesy of TTOS volunteer chefs.

For more information about the toy train club, check out www.ttos-sw.org. They will be hosting the big Cal-Stewart toy train meet at the Pasadena Convention Center's new (temporary) Eastside Pavillion during the first weekend of November.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the TTOS Run!

Special Dinners!

- Oct. 19: Member Halloween Party Night Time Run: Potluck dinner, so please bring something to share. 5:30 sharp
- Oct. 20, 21, 26-31: Halloween Night Time Run dinners: Free gourmet dinner to all volunteers working. 5:30 sharp

Member Calendar

- Oct. 01 BOD Meeting
- Oct. 05-07 Fall Meet
- Oct. 19 Member Halloween Party
- Oct. 27 Work Day/Member Meeting
- Oct. 31 End Shed Year

Public Service Calendar

- Oct. 07 Closed to Public
- Oct. 14 Sunday Public (daytime)
- Oct. 20-21 Public Night Halloween
- Oct. 21 Sunday Public (daytime)
Disney Barn open
Small Scale Sunday
Steam Plant open
- Oct. 26-28 Public Night Halloween
- Oct. 28 Sunday Public (daytime)
- Oct. 29-31 Public Night Halloween

Holiday Party

By Shira Bush

Save the Date! The LALSRM Holiday Party and Installation will be held on the night of December 15th at Tony's Bella Vista Restaurant in Burbank. Dinner will be approximately \$29 per person. Flyer and reservation details will be in the next issue of the *Engine Booster*.

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Splinters from the Board

By Peter Fuad

Death of Tracy Beattie. With much sadness Ron Bergmann noted the passing of Tracy Beattie on September 10. Tracy was a 28-year member of LALSRLM. The meeting was adjourned in his memory. A memorial service for Tracy was held on September 13.

General Superintendent Still Needed. Ron said that the Museum still needs a General Superintendent.

Safety. Ron Bergmann noted that a member pulling the public on Sunday used the Smith Valley Line when the High Line was in use. Ron emphasized that only the line indicated on the board at New Sherwood Station is to be used on any given run day. The Smith Valley Line cannot be used for public hauling unless it is designated on the board. Only one line can be used on any given Sunday. Each Sunday before running the safety coordinator will cone off the switch post for the crossing to ensure that only one line is used that day.

As a one-time experiment, John Smith acted as a flagman at the crossing to permit the use of both lines on Sunday, August 19. Although judged a success, the use of both lines on the same day depends on someone willing to act as flagman. Because there was a derailment last Sunday on the Smith Valley Line at the crossing, the Smith Valley Line will not be used for public hauling in the current direction until the crossing is evaluated.

Ron also noted it was important for stationmasters to require parents to walk their children to the trains on Sundays to enable us to ascertain whether the children meet our minimum 34" height requirement. In other safety updates, Wolf Fengler will procure new Level I and Level II stickers.

New Center Bench Car Update. Willie Wilhelm reported

that two of the new center bench cars are now in service and Gary Baker's two center bench cars have also been outfitted for Level I hauling. He stated that the remaining new cars will be in service soon.

Phil West Barn Lease Extensions. The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion about extending the Phil West Barn leases and, if so, on what terms. Several alternatives were explored. Given the Museum's need for revenue, the overwhelmingly affirmative vote of the membership several years ago to extend the leases then, and that some equipment now stored in the Barn cannot now be used for public hauling because of the new safety regulations, the Board decided to grant current lease holders the option to extend their leases for another two years for 2009 and 2010. The terms of the extensions are as follows:

- Lease rates will be increased by \$1.00 to \$10.00 (bottom track), \$9.00 (middle track) and \$8.00 upper track. (This compares with rental rates of \$10.00 (full rent) and \$6.00 (rebated amount) for all sheds, including the Phil West Barn. The lease rental will be paid annually, beginning in January 2009.
- Lessors will not be entitled to a rebated rate. Renters in the Phil West Barn will continue to receive a rebated rate if they qualify.
- Lessors may not assign their leases, but they may sublet them.

FCRs. Installing an auto pad in the concrete at the front gate for automatic gate opening upon exit and/or installing a crossing gate were discussed. No FCR has been received.

An FCR was received and approved by the Board for the Ollie Johnson Station. It was noted that the 1" railroaders approved the site. It now goes to the general meeting for final approval.

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Splinters from the Board (*continued*)

Safety Cameras. Ron Bergman presented a proposal by a security company for the installation of a security system to monitor the sheds and related areas. The plan consists of installing 10 security cameras, monitors and a DVR for observing and recording, various motion detectors, and related equipment. The Board voted to approve the plan provided the entire amount can be funded with donations pledged by members within 60 days. Steve Altmayer will be asked to spearhead this drive.

Halloween Run. The Halloween run was discussed at length. After much discussion, the Board voted 7-1 to compensate Gary Baker and Thaine Morris for the use of their equipment. The Board also voted to post a suggested entry fee of \$5.00 per person.

Fall Meet. Ron outlined the plans for the Fall Meet. Since no one volunteered to be chairman, the Fall Meet, to be called "Run What you Brung" and held on Saturday and Sunday, October 6-7, will be a scaled-down event this year.

Other Items. The Board voted to designate Sutchville Station and the parking lot as a smoking area. Smoking is not permitted elsewhere. The Board voted that new members may not request parties until they have passed their probationary period and become full members. The Board discussed and confirmed the present policy of requiring the general superintendent's consent to holding parties on Saturday workdays. Ron presented a proposal by Eric Curry, who takes uniquely lighted photographs, to photograph selected steam locomotives at the Museum.

President's Message

By Ronald Bergmann

We will be having a different kind of Fall Meet this year: Since no one volunteered to chair the Fall Meet this year and, rather than cancel the event in its entirety, we have decided to host an abbreviated, informal meet on October 6 and 7. We are calling it the "Run What You Brung" Meet.

This should be a fun time when members get to run their equipment under the self-inspection doctrine we utilized for the Spring meet. It will not be publicized other than in this notice.

There will be no formal activities on Friday, October 5, but you are welcome to come down to the Club that afternoon and evening. Saturday will start out with a breakfast cooked by Les Kovacs, Tim LaGaly, and me. Lunch and dinner will be by the Kountry Kitchen cook. Sunday will feature a breakfast, and lunch at the Kountry Kitchen. The President's Auction will be Sunday afternoon.

We will be closed to the public on Sunday. There will be no band Saturday night and no catered dinner. This will be primarily for our members to dust off that equipment and have some fun. No one will man the front gate. Overnight camping will be permitted. Outside clubs and members are welcome.

A German Club Invitation

By Wolfgang Hell

On behalf of my 'other' railroad club, the Rossdorfer Eisenbahnclub (REC), you are cordially invited to join us for the celebration of the REC 25th anniversary on 20 and 21 September 2008. In addition to visitors from fellow live steam clubs in Germany, we are looking forward to welcoming people from the Pomona Fairplex Garden RR and from the Mid-South Live Steamers in Columbia, TN.

We want to get all those of you interested in it onto our track. All it takes is that you attend a brief crash course on our safety and operating rules and that you sign a liability waiver.

And if you liked the German food that Juergen prepared when we visited last year during Halloween and this year during your Spring Meet / 50th anniversary, you have to come. Juergen will prepare at least one meal and he announced something more elaborate than a stew.

Besides the club event, we would like to take the opportunity to show you a bit of Germany. Juergen, Brigitte, Dieter, Rosi, I and probably some others will be happy to serve as your tour guides for the remainder of your two week trip.

If all those interested in coming to Germany next year would send their email address Wolfgang.Hell@esa.int, I will keep you up-to-date on how the tour program evolves.

Who's Been Working on the RR Aug. 1 –Sept. 1

8/11 B. Quinn Don't forget to
8/15 C. Solak sign the work
8/18 B.Quinn book in the
pavilion when you
have finished
working.

Training Classes

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.

Diesel Engineer: Want to learn to operate the Museum's diesel/electric locomotives? Call Roger Bacon at 818/887-0898 or Gary Burdorf at 310/573-2019 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.

Webb-Stutson Thank You!!

To all of the club member's who helped with the Webb-Stutson Run on Sept. 15: Thank you for all of the work driving the trains, setting up the popcorn, snow cone, and cotton candy booths, cooking in the kitchen, and just being there to help. The guests visiting had a great time, and cannot wait until next year.

Engineers and Conductors August 2007

<u>Date/Passengers</u>	<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Owner</u>
August 05/1235	A.Way P. Fuad/F.Lack M. Murphy P. Fowler C. Mohr S. Pike F. Lack	K. Jung B. Quinn T. Harwood C. Westphal R. Secara M. Bruce C. Westphal	Way Fuad Solak Morris Mohr LALS Fuad
Track Inspector: Ron Bergmann Safety Coordinators: Ron Bergmann Station Master: John De Phillip Sr. Station Assistants: Charles Westphal, Larry Mitchel, Ray Saxon			
August 12/966	T. Morris Al Way P. Fuad C. Solak G. Baker T. Beattie	P. Fowler C. Westphal B. Arnu T Harwood E. Fields S. Calderwood	Morris Way Fuad Solak LALS Beattie
Track Inspectors: Ron Bergmann & Wolf Fengler Safety Coordinator: Wolf Fengler Station Master: Charles Westphal Station Assistants: John De Phillip Sr.			
August 18/TTOS	D. Lazarus G. Heiman A. Way B. Woodward R. Hawkins	S. Sobelman C. Westphal Caplupo/Jung G. Woodward D. Valencia	L.Sobelman LALS Way Woodward Hawkins
August 19/897	A. Way P.Fowler T. Harwood M.Murphy G.Baker	K. Jung C.Westphal C.Solak Woodward/Fields Fields/Pike	Way Morris Solak Woodward LALS
Track Inspector: B. Kaufman, A. Way Safety Coordinators: B. Kaufman Station Master: John De Phillip Sr. Station Assistants: Charles Westphal, Steve Pike			
August 26/890	B. Harris P. Fuad/F. Lack A. Way T. Harwood P.Fowler	M.Bruce B. Quinn R. Lopez J. De Phillip B. Crone	S.Harris Fuad Way Solak Morris
Track Inspector: Wolf Fengler/Steve Harris Safety Coordinators: Wolf Fengler, Les Kovacs Station Master: John De Phillip Sr., Roger Bacon			

3,988 Total passengers for month
28,089 Total passengers to date