

LALSRM Timeline by Year

- 1956 – [Founded](#) September, Fall Meet Oct 24, 1956
- 1957 – Circular [Steaming Bays](#) completed March, Inner Loops (Venolia Loop) completed in May for three gauges 7-1/2", 4-3/4" and 3-1/2"; Golden Spike Ceremony #1; first Roster of 51 names distributed. Even back then, the public lined up for rides.
- 1958 – Construction of [Winnersten Station](#) on north side of facility
- 1959 – First [Eastern Expansion](#), Third Golden Spike Ceremony concurrent with 90th Anniversary of Transcontinental Golden Spike; first Club toilet installed with Park's permission
- 1960 – First [IBLS Meet](#) hosted at LALS, thereafter BLS Meets were held every 5 years at LALS through 1995 (IBLS says the org has always been international)
- 1963 – Stationary Steam display (temporary tabletop)
- 1964 – Sutchville Station completed; Walt Disney donated his track
- 1965 – [BLS Spring Meet](#); re-filed for incorporation & instituted an eight-director Board;
- 1966 – First issue of the [Booster](#); [Disney Loop completed](#); complete rewrite of bylaws; big floods and mudslide during Feb rains buried the south side of facility
- 1967 – [Signal Tower](#) and Water Towers installed
- 1967 – Original Stationary Steam display built next to small scales circular steaming bay
Official [Hauling the public begins](#)
- 1968 - First onsite restroom, [October 1968](#)
- 1968 - First operational signal is installed, [October 1968](#)
- 1969 – [Parallel steaming bays](#) built
- 1970 – BLS Spring Meet; Webb Yard completed; [Alkire Shed Plan approved](#);
Signal system installed; Handicapped Run started; small scales work started on Cooper Yard; plans approved for Alkire car barn
- 1971 – [Cooper Yard built](#) for small scales, included track, switches, spurs, turntable & 13-car barn
- 1975 – BLS Spring Meet
- 1980 – BLS Spring Meet; Eastern Expansion started; Lake Schirmer (filming of "The Jerk")
- 1981 – Eastern Expansion (McKelvey Loop & Bridge) completed and Golden Spike Ceremony held at Fall Meet (per Cary Stewart)
- 1981 – [Western Expansion](#) started
- 1984 – Western Expansion & O'Brien-Moore Bridge completed for Spring Meet; Signal system upgraded
- 1985 – IBLS Meet – railroaders came from all over the world
- 1986 – [UP Baggage-Dormitory](#) and Passenger Cars installed
- 1988 – Stationary Steam Plant moved to present location & enlarged; modern members' restrooms & showers built
- 1990 – Automatic Members Gate installed. BLS Spring Meet
- 1991 – Kountry Kitchen begins operations west of UP Caboose with gas grill (taking over the Conway Commissary, which cooked over the firepit)
- 1993 – (June) Public station moved from Sutchville to present location (handicap access)
- 1994 - [Phil West Barn](#) built
- 1995 – New Westward track north of [Eucalyptus Canyon](#)
- 1995 – [IBLS Spring Meet](#) (the last time at our Club)
- 1999 – Not-for-profit status granted & name change to LALSRM, [Walt Disney Barn installed](#) with dedication ceremony in July
- 2000 – [Disney Barn](#) open to the public

- 2001 – [Kountry Kitchen](#) moved to east of UP Caboose
- 2001 - [Halloween Night Run](#) begins with 357 riders, 1 night
- 2002 – Smith Valley Line completed for Spring Meet
- 2004 – [Vintage cars](#) installed: Santa Fe Caboose, UP Caboose (club car), SP Caboose (office)
- 2004 – [Electric locomotive](#) Completed, Santa Fe Warbonnet paint scheme built from scratch by club members
- 2006 – [DWP Pipeline](#) replacement begins
- 2007 – [50th anniversary](#) celebrations, first color picture in Booster
- 2008 – [Number 8](#) is purchased, Roll Models steam engine
- 2009 – [Retaining Wall](#) installed to protect Alkire and Richardson barns
- 2009 – [Full color Engine Booster](#) newsletter begins
- 2011 – [Disney Combine Car](#) arrives
- 2012 – [New Sherwood Station](#)
- 2013 - [East Driveway paved](#)
- 2016 – [Union Pacific Baldwin S12](#) diesel added to club locomotive, Gauge 1 [Elevated Track](#)
- 2018 – [Halloween Ghost Train](#) last run with 10,906 riders
- 2020 – Closed for COVID, [March 2020](#)
- 2022 – Opening after COVID, [April 2022](#)