



Enjoyment at First Post-COVID Spring Meet

By *Diana Manchester*

Our long-awaited first Spring Meet since the COVID shutdown was an enjoyable and busy success. We were delighted to see more steam locomotives running on our tracks than we have in a long time. The Meet was not widely advertised, but well attended by our own members and their families as well as visiting railroaders from surrounding live steam clubs.

Live Steam Hobby Represented

Clubs represented were: Riverside Live Steamers; Orange County Modelers and Engineers (Costa Mesa); Sagebrush Shortline Railroad (Ridgecrest); Bittercreek & Western Railroad (Arroyo Grande); and Sacramento Valley Live Steamers.

Trains of all eras, types and scales filled our three steaming bays and ran daily and nightly until Monday.

Live steamers of note who joined us included George and Linda Pruitt and Dell Braun of Sagebrush Shortline and some of their members (Neal and Mary camped out), Anthony Ruiz Duarte of Eccentric Engineer, and Oskar Frye with his latest 3-3/4" gauge steam engine.

Kountry Kitchen Gathering Place

Friday evening was the official kick-off with our traditional Board of Directors dinner; about 60 guests enjoyed an Italian

dinner with authentic pasta, meatballs, sausage and lasagna.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner were served Saturday and Sunday by our crew of volunteers managed by Bear Mustoe and Diana Manchester. The highlight was our famous Saturday night BBQ dinner, with chicken and ribs from Handy Market, and our crew providing side dishes and freshly baked pies, attracting over 160 hungry railroaders.

Other Activities

Movies were shown after dinner on Friday and Saturday, and a raffle was held after Saturday dinner, generating eight happy winners. The Souvenir table was open all day Saturday and Sunday.

People enjoyed several rounds of BINGO and prizes Saturday afternoon, and a Kids Krafts table was run by our talented Carolyn Hayes. And of course, RV and tent camping by a number of hardy souls.

President's Auction Netted Good Results

Our popular President's Auction was hosted by Nick Suncin on Sunday afternoon with many railroad-related items offered, including an electric-powered engine and riding car, a NY subway sign, machining measurement tools, books, and artwork.

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LALSRM Calendar

June

- 19 Father's Day - Public Rides; Disney Barn & Steam Plant open
- 20 Zoom General Meeting 7 pm
- 26 **Public Rides**
- 30 Shed Lease Year ends

July

- 1 Change Direction; 2022-23 Shed Lease Year begins
- 3 **Public Rides**
- 4 Independence Day
- 9 Work Day (KK open)
- 10 **Public Rides**
- 11 Zoom BOD Meeting 7 pm
- 17 **Public Rides; Disney Barn & Steam Plant open**
- 18 Zoom General Meeting 7 pm
- 23 Movie Night/Night Run/Potluck
- 24 **Public Rides**
- 30 Saturday Steam Up
- 31 **Public Rides**

President's Message

By Ross Harper, President



We had a great turnout for the 2022 Spring Meet at the end of May. It looked like everyone enjoyed themselves and appreciated the opportunity to get together around our common love of trains. Jay Leno even joined in on

the fun when he stopped by to show off one of his newly-restored cars. The Meet ran smoothly thanks to all the volunteers who served in the kitchen, at the gate, kept the property clean, and with many other tasks. A big thank you to Martha Figueroa for organizing it all for us.

It's great that we can host special events like the Spring Meet, but now we need get back to our main mission of serving and educating the public through our railroad operations every Sunday. It's a team effort to welcome the crowds, run the trains, and feed the volunteers each week. And there are also many volunteers working behind the scenes to keep the trains running, the signals working, and the grounds and facilities maintained throughout the week. It is this regular volunteer service that keeps this Club running and moving forward. With many taking summer vacations, though, we can get a little short-handed this time of year. So please plan to come out and help, especially with the Sunday operations.

There has been a lot of progress made recently with the Green Container project. We had a good crew on the recent workday that helped with cutting metal and assembling the shelving that Ted Merchant and Bill Schirmer designed. Ken Forbes and Ray Burden are working on welding it all together. We will have seven tracks and an additional 308 feet of storage. The next step is to pour cement footings to support the lift that will be moved over from the Richardson steaming bays.

Summer is also a great time to come out and enjoy your train Club! Bring a picnic for dinner and go for an evening run, but don't forget your headlights and F.R.E.D.! We are planning to have some

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SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD



By Bill Walker, Secretary

June 6, 2022

The June Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Ross Harper at 7:02 pm on June 6, 2022. The meeting was teleconferenced using Zoom. All Directors were present, as well as 46 Club members.

President Report: Ross welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for their help volunteering.

Secretary Report: Last month's minutes were unanimously approved.

Three party requests were presented and unanimously approved: (1) Andrew Chavez for a Theodore Payne Foundation event on Saturday, June 25 (100 guests); (2) Roderick Fritz on Tuesday, June 7 (15 guests); and (3) James Grzesiak on Saturday, July 9 (20 guests).

An amending FCR was submitted by Lloyd Davis for approval to complete wooden buildings for the "town of Mill Creek" on Nelson Summit next to the waterwheel. This project was verbally approved ten plus years ago and Lloyd is anxious to finish it. Board approval has been postponed until all board members have had time to review the FCR.

Treasurer's Report: The financials were briefly discussed and unanimously approved. Martha clarified that the Club's Paypal account was used for previous years' membership renewals, but not for 2022 renewals. A balance has been retained in this account to keep it active for future use.

Membership Report: Nick Suncin introduced a number of new probationary members: Anthony Ambriz, Ashley Morgan and son Ashton Morgan, Ryan Peder-son, and Matthew and Zachary Bassett. Oliver Tighe was announced as our newest Junior member.

Spring Meet Review: Ross and Martha took a moment to thank everyone who volunteered to make the Spring Meet a great success, especially all those that

helped out in the kitchen. We had a great showing during this meet with lots of visiting trains and members joining throughout the weekend. Everything ran smoothly. A great big thanks goes out to Martha who managed the whole program.

Superintendent's Report: Ron Nelson stated that many small projects have been completed around the campus: two new working lights have been added to the far east end of the Davis Mine; many critter holes were filled, and much of the West End cleaned up. Saturday, June 11 will be a workday. If members cannot find Ron at the Club they can view the white board list on the tool shed and select appropriate projects.

Ross reported on Green Container progress. Les Kovacs is finishing the concrete forms and is expected to pour concrete the weekend of June 18.

Younger volunteers are needed and requested for this job. Plans to relocate the electric lift are being discussed. Ted and team are starting to install shelving in the container and welding the rails in place.

Nick stated that the propane storage tank remains red tagged by the City and is empty. There is currently no date for it being approved for use. Members running propane-fired locomotives will need to purchase fuel offsite.

Shed Rental Eviction: The issue came up of members who are renting track but who have failed to complete the required minimum 36 hours of volunteer work over the last 3 years to keep their track. Such members have been paying their annual rental fee. There are currently eight members in this category; for one member, this has gone on for over ten years.

The Board approved a resolution in executive session evicting these members from their track. Pursuant to this resolution, such members were sent certified letters notifying them that they must vacate their tracks by the end of June.

Ross wanted membership input and a revote on this resolution. Members voiced many viewpoints. After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to reapprove the original resolution. All Directors voted yes except for Ross, who voted no.

The next General Membership meeting is June 20, and the next BOD meeting is July 11 at 7:00 pm.



Spring Meet

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Memorial Ceremony Sunday afternoon

Sunday afternoon we honored our recently-passed members, William Stewart, Christie Edinger and Jim Logan by a bell-ringing ceremony by the Memorial Tower. Ray Burden and Cary Stewart rang the bell; and we were honored to have five members of the Logan-Sunkes family in attendance.

Thank you, Coordinators and Volunteers

Martha Figueroa was our Meet Host and she did a wonderful job, planning, ordering, welcoming, managing and taking care of us. She was assisted by Tom Lang, Gate Manager (and all his volunteers); Bill Schirmer, Kitchen Manager in abstentia (and his crew); our Board of Directors, and many other volunteers.

Thank you everyone who came, participated, ran trains, helped out and hung out. We must do this again.

▲ **Memorial Bell Tower Ceremony.** Ray Burden rings the bell for Christie Edinger. Other late members honored: William Stewart and Jim Logan.

▼ Larry & Oliver Tighe. Thanks to Garibalde Figueroa for most photos in this issue.



Order Your LALSRM Name Badge Now

We are putting together a list of names for more name badges. To order your customized badge, please email Diana Manchester (dm.ad@verizon.net) with your first and last name and the quantity. We will order them in early July. Badges are \$10 each, payable when you pick them up at the Souvenir Booth. We'll send out an email when they are in stock.



New Members Warren and Brenda Lincoln

Warren and Brenda met at UCLA in the theater department. They have two daughters: Leanna is a mechanical engineer at Thaine Morris's company, and Theresa is an occasional fire truck engineer for the Angeles National Forest. Warren owns a 3.5 gauge Hornby Stephenson's Rocket which he is looking forward to demonstrating.

There is no "From the Super" in this issue. Ron Nelson, Superintendent, is on vacation.

Who's been Working on the Railroad

Andrew Chaves	Les Kovacs
David Bassett	Lisa Lipton
Bear Mustoe	Malcolm Cook
Bill Schirmer	Martha Figueroa
Carolyn Hoagland	Mel Bresee
Charles Rhoades	Michael Murphy
Chris Solak	Miles Kristman
Collin Westphal	Nick Guzman
Dan O'Brien	Nick Suncin
Darrell Payne	Peter Fuad
Diana Manchester	Richard Ronne
Don Donaldson	Rob Nuccio
Don Kallgren	Robert Guzman
Elizabeth Bergmann	Robin Walsh
Garibalde Figueroa	Roderick Fritz
Glen Manchester	Roger Williams
Greg McMurry	Ron Nelson
Jack Streit	Ross Harper
Jake Holman	Scott Hoagland
James Baker	Steve Rodstein
James Grzesiak	Stevy Brock
Jeremy Steinert	Ted Merchant
Joe Clow	Thaine Morris
Joseph Jackson	Tim Silver
Ken Robbins	Zak Holman

SUNDAY EXTRA BOARD MAY 2022

Engineers and Conductors

Andy Blake	Rodrick Fritz
Darrell Payne	Tristan Fritz
Andrew Chaves	Ron Nelson
Nick Suncin	Zak Holman
Michael Strawn	Sara Morris
Peter Fuad	Fred Lack
Karl Straus	David Lazarus
Tim Silver	Jim Dubensky
Mark Weiss	Elizabeth Bergmann
Scott Hoagland	

Station Masters

Gail Woodward	Robert Guzman
Glen Manchester	

Souvenirs and Tickets

George Becker	Carolyn Hoagland
Martha Figueroa	

Ridership

April 24	322	May 15	650
May 1	615	May 22	552
May 8	399	May 29	Spring Meet

Total Riders YTD — 2538

Safety Coordinators

Jim Cammarata	Robert Guzman
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President's Message

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movie nights on the fourth Saturday of the month beginning in July. If you're enjoying a stay-cation this year, be sure to put LALSRLM on your list of day trips with friends or family! See you at the Club!

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Many Cooks in the Kountry Kitchen

Members helped with Saturday dinner while eager eaters lined up.



Winners. Above left: Auction winners the Dorados with new train and former neighbor Mark Vreeken. Above right: Phil Tucker wins a raffle prize.



Players: Below: Jacob Jackson operates 1" loco; Right: James Grzesiak driving loco with Pineapple and Anthony Duarte. Bottom Right: Nick Guzman's client's loco at Nelson Summit



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President	Ross Harper
Vice President	Nick Suncin
Secretary	Bill Walker
Treasurer	Martha Figueroa

Other Directors

David Holman	Bear Mustoe
Richard Ronne	Steve Rodstein



Spring Meet!



Clockwise from upper left: Eian Sunkes and dad Charlie running Jim Logan's electric; Tim and Nick Silver with Nickel Plate Road loco; Collin Westphal and others on the rails; Scott Horgan with loco; Phil Tucker's Crab and three inch scale Chu steam locos; and Anthony Duarte.

