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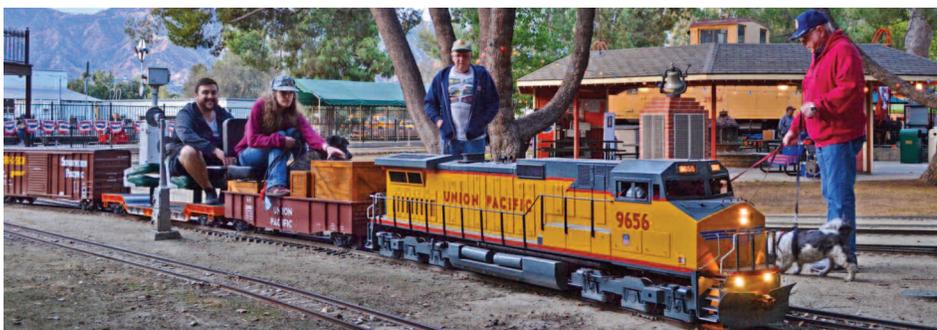
Fall Meet – October 6, 7, 8

Plan to Run – Let's Have Fun!



Photo by Garibalde Figueroa

Attention members and live steamists – we will be having our Fall Meet once again Friday through Sunday October 6, 7, 8. Bring out your trains in 7-1/2", 4-3/4", 3-1/2" gauges as well as gauge-1 and celebrate our heritage as a live steam club in Southern California for over 60 years. Since bringing back our Fall Meets in 2015, they have been a resounding success with attendance increasing year by year. As with our Spring Meets, camping and RV setup is permitted on a first-come-first-serve basis in the days prior to the meet, and meals will be provided by the Kountry Kitchen throughout the weekend. Our popular President's Auction will take place Sunday at 1:30 pm, so bring out your railroad-related items and garage salvage to donate. For more information or to sign up for volunteering in the Kountry Kitchen or gate, please contact Alex O'Donnell.



We're Back On Track with Our 2017 Fundraiser

By Gary Baker

Preparations for the 2017 Ghost Train fundraiser are progressing at a good rate, thanks to a lot of hard work by a small, but dedicated team of volunteers. By the Fall Meet we should have 95% of the sets up, with

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Public Service

October

- 1 Public Run Day
- 8 No Public Rides (Fall Meet)
- 15 Public Run Day - Disney Barn Open / Steam Plant Operating
- 22 Public Run Day
- 29 No Public Rides during Day (Ghost Train Public Rides from 7-10 pm)

President's Message



By Ron Hitchcock, President

The Ghost Train is back – what a surprise. There are a few very diligent players setting up the whole thing. THANK YOU. Fortunately the weather has cooled enough that triple digits are not a burden. Internet reaction has been most positive and we're expecting delighted return visitors. Plans have been made to remove the Halloween props within a couple of weeks following this huge Club fundraiser.

In fairness and consideration to those in the volunteer pool, let's keep Family Night to no more than 10-guests per family. Be in line by 6:30. Volunteers are certainly welcome and a few spots for service remain.

The Fall Meet is scheduled for October 6, 7, and 8. It's a little close to Halloween, which begins Friday the 13th and props are already in place, but Alex O'Donnell assures us a cool, calm, enjoyable weekend. Bring your steam toys and equipment you'd love to run. Please advise any guests not to touch the Halloween props, no matter how tempting they are.

Adopt-A-Track is working very well. Many new members have asked to keep their section of track even after their probation was fulfilled. We're even turning green again now that the newly-formed Landscaping and Irrigation Committee has begun work on the much-neglected sprinkler systems. The place looks great!

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

By Alex O'Donnell, Secretary



Membership: Nick Suncin introduced Scott and Matthew Carlin as probationary members. Congratulations to Bill Walker for completing his hours and becoming a full resident member.

General Superintendent: Ted Merchant showed a diagram representing the different sections of the railroad that new members could be responsible for keeping clean as part of the Adopt-a-Track program. Ted noted that there are roughly a dozen old decommissioned propane tanks that have been sitting outside on the ground for almost a year just south of the Phil West lift bay area. These tanks will be disposed by the club unless they are removed.

Program: Program Director Martha Figueroa reported that a small group of volunteers are needed for providing assistance in the kitchen during the Fall Meet – contact meet chairperson Alex O'Donnell to sign-up. The Board determined that a band would not be necessary for the Fall Meet since most attendees are more focused on running the railroad. Per suggestion by John Garcia, the Board approved the purchase of several Clover ticket printing machines for the ticket booth and kitchen to try out. Martha noted that several Halloween dinner sponsorships are still in need of hosts. Additionally, dinner hosts can be allotted a budget of up to \$300 to provide meals to Halloween crews, but are also responsible for kitchen cleanup afterwards.

Safety: Jim Cammarata inquired about the whereabouts of the safety coordinator certification document as well as a list of who is currently certified. He suggested that the practice of walking the track before the first public run on Sundays be reinstated on the basis that it allows the safe screening and removal of derailing objects like pinecones, large sticks, and rocks. Level 1 certification spot checks will be performed on public hauling cars and locomotives to ensure compliance to our safety standards.

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Baby News

A New Engineer has Joined the Brock Family

By Stevo Brock

(Left): Joshua Kanade Brock; (Right): Chika, Joshua and Steve



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Joshua Kanade Brock to the family. Chika and I have been in the process of adoption. A few weeks ago we traveled to Japan to pick up our 5-week old (now 10-week+) baby boy who we are glad to welcome to the family. —Stevo, Chika, Kayla, and now presenting Joshua!

Who's been Working on the Railroad

September

Steve Altmayer	Ray Burden
Larry Tighe	John Smith
Oliver Tighe	Ted Merchant
Steve Rodstein	Scott Hoagland
Steve Ruatta	Michael Murphy
Jim Baker	Stevy Brock
Mel Bresee	Jay Hawver
Ross Harper	Bob Crone
Doug Young	Sam Anderson,
Les Kovacs	Don Kalgren
John DePhillip	Roger Bacon
Charles Rhodes	Aaron Emmer
Steve Sauber	Kevin Walton
Wayne Crabb	Patty Lerma
Peter Fuad	Lissa Krovetz
John Garcia	Bill Krovetz
Brenda Garcia	Ken Robbins
Josh Garcia	Scott Carlin,
Alex O'Donnell	Mathew Carlin
Mark Vreeken	Tom Lang
Christie Edinger	Robert Guzman
Tim LaGaly	Bill Scheumer
Andrew LaGaly	Bill Walker
Gary Baker	Will Walker



The Kountry Kitchen needs volunteer cashiers on Sundays. A free lunch is provided plus work credit.

It's a great way to catch up with Members, fun to work with Jaime.

If 4-6 members and/or their spouses will sign up, each volunteer would only need to serve once every 4-6 weeks. Please contact John Garcia, KK Manager.

SUNDAY EXTRA BOARD

Locos	Engineers	Conductors	
City of LA—Fuad	Francis Barnes	Bob Quinn	Greg Pschaida
SP PA1—LALSRM	Christie Edinger	Roberto Lopez	Darrell Payne
Santa Fe Electric—LALSRM	Peter Fuad	Paul Liu	Robert Guzman
No. 8—LALSRM	Mel Bresee	Larry Tighe	Patty Lesma
ATSF 940—Bresee	Paul Liu	Matt McGinnis	Rodrick Fritz
CSRR #73—Edinger	Tom Harwood	Bear	Charles Rhoades
Union Pacific—LALSRM	Greg Pschaida	Fred Lack	William Walker
	Fred Lack	Sam Anderson	Bill Walker
	Ron Hitchcock,	Steve Rodstein	Jack Streit
	John Garcia	Tom S	Paul Liu
		Luke McGinnis	Jay Hawver
			Tom Crue

Safety Coordinators— Ron Hitchcock, Cuck Mohr, Wayne Crabb, Michael Murphy

Station Masters—Gary Evans, Robert Guzman, Wayne Crabb, Tom Crue,

Souvenirs and Tickets—Martha Figueroa, Larry Mitchell, Harrison Hitchcock, Sam Anderson, William

Ridership and Max Temps

August 6	926	84°
August 13	685	88°
August 20	968	82°
August 27	596	94°

Riders
 August 2017 — 3,175
 Total 2017 — 21,506
 August 2016 — 2,782



Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum

In Griffith Park 5202 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles, California

Mailing Address—PO Box 2156, Toluca Lake, CA 91610
 Phone (323) 661-8958

Website - www.lals.org

Member Schedule

September

24 Public Rides

October

- 1 Public Rides
- 2 BOD Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 6,7,8 **Fall Meet (No public rides)**
- 14 Work Day
- 15 Public Rides; Disney Barn Open/Steam Plant in operation
- 22 Public Rides
- 29 No Public Rides

2017 Ghost Train Run Dates

- Fri, Sat, Sun – **October 13, 14, 15**
- Fri, Sat, Sun – **October 20, 21, 22**
- Fri, Sat, Sun – **October 27, 28, 29**
- Mon, Tues – **October 30, 31**



From the SUPER

by Ted Merchant, Superintendent



Hello Train-Fans!

I am inspired by several new father-son teams coming out to work: Scott and Mathew Carlin, Larry and Oliver Tighe, Bill and Will Walker to name a few. It is amusing that the sons are bringing their dads to join the club! Thanks for joining us, guys! And thanks for your help!

We are starting an "Adopt a Track" process by which new members are invited to adopt a section of track to keep it clean and report any unusual problems. We have created a map breaking the track areas into zones. Already, several members have claimed zones and we will be asking new members to claim a zone for themselves. The map and associated owners will be displayed around the Gazebo. Established members are invited to adopt a zone as well. "Ownership" will not expire until the member "runs out of steam" in which case a new owner will be assigned.

Halloween preparation is in full swing which means we need everyone's help more than ever. Work crews are active every Saturday. The Super-Sucker is working well and rakes are abundant. Please clean up after yourselves and pick up any litter you see. Those who come out to work appear to be having a good time. The camaradery is great and food is abundant. So, come on down!

This is the last Booster notification that LALSRM will remove the multiple propane tanks left next to the mainte-

Ghost Train Back On Track

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the week of October 9 focused on lighting, wiring and setting up the special effects. Public response to the return of the event has been overwhelmingly favorable. Tickets this year will also be available for purchase online through EventBrite. John Garcia made the banking arrangements and details are on our Ghost Train Facebook page www.facebook.com/laghosttrain. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and the revenue will help us greatly with very needed and long-delayed infrastructure repair and maintenance. Your help and support is so important: engineers and conductors, station and line management, and souvenir booth volunteers – please contact John Garcia. A few dinner signups are still needed – please contact Martha Figueroa. There are also signup sheets in the Kountry Kitchen.

nance area south of the Phil West Barn. We have made several announcements over two months asking owners to store them. Expect the tanks to be gone before October.

Our September work-day was well attended. Please recognize those listed

on "Who's Been Workin' On the Railroad" and anyone else you see that has been helping.

Come on out and work or play; that is what we do! Your feedback is always appreciated. I'll see you at the rails.

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SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

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Old Business: David Holman has been progressing with work on the Club-owned Union Pacific S-12. The Board approved the order of several new parts to complete the rebuild.

New Business: After repairing and building a new foundation for the covered bridge, the Board voted 7-1 to consider it a permanent structure.

The Board approved the purchase of a forklift to assist with Halloween setup as well as other work around the club. Special thanks to Steve Altamayer for splitting the cost with the Club for the unit.

Nick Suncin reported that more books and records have been donated to the library, but the library annex will need to be moved to the corner of the SP Caboose in order to better store these auxiliary archives. The old annex in the UP Baggage car has become unsuitable for archival storage, so the Board approved this move to the SP Caboose.

Announcements: The Ghost Train is back on track with a contract stipulating

tear down requirements. Special thanks to all who've helped so far.

Credit card payments are now being accepted at the Kountry Kitchen. John Garcia is currently in the process of phasing out the old tab system.

Club locomotives are only to be used for club-sanctioned events, not private parties or events.

Miles Kristman and Thaine Morris are currently in the process of getting the GPS system operational for train tracking during Halloween.

As mentioned on Page 1, the Fall Meet dates are October 6, 7, 8.

Attention all members! Don't forget to come on out, participate, and run your equipment – Sunday is our official run day! Just be sure you have a working radio with you set to the proper channel. Steam engines are especially welcome, so come on out and run your trains, steam or otherwise, and enjoy your railroad. The public loves seeing our equipment and the more LALSRM is enjoyed by all, the better!