



A Colorful and Fun Fall Meet

By Diana Manchester

A good turnout of LALS RM members, as well as many friends from local live steam clubs, brought an abundance and variety of train equipment to run our rails. A lively spirit of anticipation and camaraderie permeated the weekend. Add to that perfect Fall weather, lots of good food, the President's Auction, souvenir tables overflowing with new items, Bingo, camping, and a couple of movie nights, and you get a very colorful Fall Meet.

More Local Live Steamers

"The overall consensus that I heard was, we had about the same amount of people as last year's Fall Meet, but more locals ... and definitely more trains on the track this year. And it definitely appears fun was had by all!" said Collin Westphal.

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Pacific Electric 1200 series, scratch-built, all steel construction by SCLS members Kelley and Chris Smith.

(Photo by Nick Suncin)

LALS RM Calendar

November

- 6 Public Rides
- 7 In-Person/Zoom BOD Meeting 7 pm
- 12 Workday (KK open)
- 13 Public Rides
- 19 In person Ballots due by 10 am; Thanksgiving Potluck 6 pm; Election results announced
- 20 Public Rides; Disney Barn open
- 21 General Meeting – Zoom only 7 pm; Election results announced
- 22 Final day RSVP Holiday Banquet
- 27 Public Rides

December

- 2 Holiday Banquet – Castaway, 6 pm

Wilbur Dong Honored at Meet



Wilbur Dong receives gift and certificate of appreciation from President Ross Harper for his 30+ years of service. Pam Dong, Roger Bacon and Diana Manchester look on. (Photo by Nick Suncin)

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD



By Bill Walker, Secretary

The October Board Meeting was called to order by President Ross Harper at 7:03 pm on October 3, 2022. It was a hybrid meeting: members were invited to join the meeting in person or by teleconference using Zoom. Four Club members joined in person and 31 members connected using their digital devices. All eight directors were present.

President Report: Ross welcomed everyone and thanked them for volunteering. Ross announced he was cancelling the October work Saturday to allow more time to get ready for the Fall Meet.

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

Treasurer's Report: Martha Figueroa presented the month's finance report,

which was unanimously approved. She thanked everyone for making their payments for membership and storage track rentals, and reported that there were no longer any outstanding members' dues.

Membership Report: Nick Suncin stated that there were four new non-resident members: Michael Mayers, Thomas Armitstead, and Jenna Garcia. Jeremy introduced one new non-resident member, a work colleague, Amelia Asamoto.

Superintendent's Report: Ross filled in for Ron Nelson. He thanked everyone for volunteering around the Club and provided an update of recent work performed. The emergency medical kits have been restocked. Some further tree trimming is needed in some areas of the campus. Les Kovacs has been working diligently at the green container, and final preparations are underway.

IMPORTANT: NO Blowers are to be used to blow out any track in the Phil West Barn. A member used one to clean his track and covered everyone else's equipment in dust. Brooms or vacuums only, please.

Nick Suncin stated that the propane storage tank remains red tagged by the City

and is empty. He explained that we need a certified plumber to help rectify this issue. Members that use propane-fired locomotives will need to purchase fuel off site if they are planning to run.

Ross reported that the Clover registers were still not operating properly and asked the Board to consider the purchase of two new devices for the Station as the Kitchen unit is working fine. A motion to approve the purchase of two Clover units was passed unanimously.

Ross then asked the Board and membership that all passwords for our websites, cameras, and such need to be maintained by the Secretary in case of emergency or change requests.

Elections Time: Ross reiterated that Club elections were in motion. The last day for nominations was Saturday, October 8. Steve Rodstein announced that the next General Meeting would be our annual Town Hall to be held October 10. Each candidate running for the Board would have three to five minutes to introduce themselves, and then the members from the audience would be able to present questions to the candidates.

The October Saturday workday was cancelled in order to enjoy the Fall Meet. The "5th Saturday Steam-up" will be held all day Saturday October 29, with a potluck starting at 6 pm and movie at 7:30. The next BOD meeting will be Monday November 7 at 7 pm (hybrid meeting).

Scott Hoagland requested a QR code for the Club that the public and our guests could scan and have their devices go to our website. Further information and discussion is required.

Greg McMurphy stated that the Club still has the ability to purchase back the original LALS URL. He suggested he make an offer and see if the current owner would agree to the price. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Thanksgiving Potluck

Saturday, November 19 – 6 pm

Here are the food items we need

(Ready to serve – 12 - 15 servings)

Roast Turkey • Spiral-sliced Ham

Candied or Baked Yams

Stuffing/Dressing • Rolls

Macaroni 'n' Cheese

Cranberry Sauce • Fruit Tray

Pies – Apple, Pumpkin, etc.

Cookies or Brownies

Please sign up with Diana Manchester
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Election Schedule

November

- 11-3 to 8 Voting members receive director election ballots
- 18 Mailed election ballots due
- 19 Dropped off election ballots due by 10 am
- 21 General Membership Meeting – Election results announced

President's Message

By Ross Harper, President



The Fall Meet was a big success! I enjoyed camping out on Friday night and meeting lots of members and guests. It was fun to see so many smiling faces checking out the trains on display or enjoying a train ride. The food was great, thanks to Bill Schirmer and the kitchen crew. We raised some money through the auction, donations and merchandise sales. Thanks to everyone who helped get the Club in good shape beforehand, and thanks to those who volunteered to serve at the gate, at the tables, or in the kitchen crew that weekend.

With our biggest event over, now we can cool down and enjoy the Fall days around the Club. Take a ride around the park to enjoy the leaves changing color before they Fall off and we have to rake them up! Here are some Club activities coming up:

- 5th Saturday Steam Ups all day on Saturday, October 29 and December 31
- Gauge-1 Meet on Saturday, November 19
- Thanksgiving Dinner at the Kountry Kitchen on Saturday, November 19
- Holiday Banquet on Friday, December 2 at Castaway restaurant in Burbank

Election Update: Ballots will be mailed to you at the end of October and will include information on each of the candidates for the board. Ballots can be mailed back or dropped in the Secretary's mailbox at the Club, and must be returned by 10 am on Saturday, November 19 for the vote counting.

Live and Zoom Meetings: Please join us in-person in the Meeting Car for the next Open Board Meeting on Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. We can enjoy a social time and refreshments after the meeting. It will be broadcast on Zoom for those that can't make it, but the virtual donuts are not that satisfying. Our General Members Meetings will continue to be only on Zoom.

Volunteers Needed on Sundays to Keep the Trains Running! We are sometimes short-staffed on engineers and

conductors for our Sunday public operations. The more, the merrier! Those who haul the public qualify for a free lunch voucher for the Kountry Kitchen. There are also opportunities to serve in the kitchen or the ticket booth with new, easy-to-operate registers. See the Station Manager or Safety Coordinator for more information.

With all these activities going on, something might get overlooked, so if you notice anything, step in to take care of it or tell someone about it. This is a Club of volunteers and it's truly a team effort! Your comments and ideas for improvements are always welcome.

Ross Harper
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Do not use leaf blower in Phil West Barn; it blows dust and debris on other members' equipment. Please use only a broom and/or vacuum.

RSVP to Martha Figueroa for our Holiday Banquet. It will be held on Friday evening, December 2 at Castaway, Burbank. See ad in this issue.

Archival issues of Booster available in Members Resources section, from 2022 to 2017. More to come. Many thanks to Michael Strawn for scanning, and Zak Holman for uploading and categorizing.



Bill Walker runs Richard Ronne's steam loco. (Nick Suncin photo)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Holiday Banquet

at the Castaway

Seating is limited **RSVP now!**

6 pm No-Host Bar • 6:45 pm Dinner Served

Each plate will include: New York Strip Steak AND Chicken Breast, Potatoes, & Vegetables. Dinner also includes Caesar Salad & Chef's Dessert – \$70

Contact Martha: 83yosemite13mf@gmail.com / cell 626.232.7053

RSVP Deadline: Nov. 22 / Vegetarian request available when reserving




From the SUPER

By Ron Nelson, Superintendent

With the Fall Meet scheduled early in October, and based on all the good work that we have accomplished previously, it was decided to not have a work day during October. Consequently, there are no big accomplishments that I have to report on. However, I will report on some smaller tasks that were completed during the month.

Restroom Lights: Apparently the ballasts in the restroom light fixtures didn't like the LED bulbs I installed and they were starting to fail. John Smith took on this problem and got some different bulbs that did not require ballasts at all. He subsequently removed all the ballasts and installed the new bulbs. Thank you John.

Fuel Area Signage: I completed labeling the diesel fuel storage tanks, the propane storage racks and the gasoline storage cabinets with new NFPA chemical hazard signs.

Locomotives: While working on the PA, Miles Kristman noticed that the insulation on many of the wires was burned from the exhaust heat. Miles and Ray Burden completely rewired the locomotive and protected the wires from future damage.

Track: Ross Harper and Steve Rodstein repaired a section of track 1 in front of the restrooms. Ross and Miles fixed a section of track leading into the pit.

Green Container: Les Kovacs

worked on the green container lift connections and making sure that it operated properly.

The next work day will be November 12. I will be out of town, but Steve Rodstein will fill in for me. I am putting together a list of things to address and at the top of my list is the hillside behind the Santa Fe caboose, it is very overgrown.

I inspected that area and discovered another volunteer oak tree which I have marked with yellow tape. I love finding such young oak trees in good locations that we can care for and help grow.

They are beautiful trees and a wonderful asset to the Club. While in the area, we should also weed whack the "lawn" around the caboose. I will put additional items on the white board. Feel free to do something on your own.



1942 UP Caboose donated by UP in 1980 shown that year.

Fall Meet

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Hosting this year's Meet was a group of LALSRLM members, including Ross Harper, Bill Schirmer, Bear Mustoe, Tom Lang, Carolyn Hoagland, Bill Walker and Diana Manchester.

Many members jumped in to help in the Kountry Kitchen, and at the Auction, Members Gate, steaming bays, and parking lots.

Thanks so much, each of you. Larry Boone opened the Disney Barn Saturday; many thanks to him and his crew of four for making this possible.



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2022 Officers and Directors

President	Ross Harper
Vice President	Nick Suncin
Secretary	Bill Walker
Treasurer	Martha Figueroa
David Holman	Bear Mustoe
Richard Ronne	Steve Rodstein

1:32 Scale Gauge 1 Live Steam Meet

Saturday, November 19, 2022

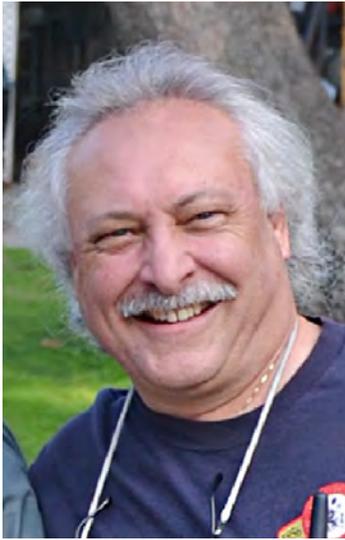
-Gauge 1 Meet

- ALL DAY EVENT
- 2 Mainlines
- 700ft of Track
- Multiple sidings for prep & servicing trains

-Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00pm



Your Board of Directors Candidates



Jim Cammarata
Michael Murphy



Carolyn Hoagland
Ron Nelson



Zak Holman
Collin Westphal



Don Kallgren
Roger Williams



“Meet the Candidates” Forum

By Diana Manchester

At our Town Hall Meeting on October 10, we had the opportunity via Zoom to meet some of the candidates for our 2023-24 Board term: Ron Nelson, Don Kallgren, Jim Cammarata, Carolyn Hoagland, and Michael Murphy. Zak Holman, Collin Westphal and Roger Williams were unable to attend due to work responsibilities.

After introducing themselves, each candidate told us about their skills and experience, past service at the Club, and what goals they hope to accomplish should they be elected. The floor was then opened up to the attending members to ask ques-

tions. Steve Rodstein was moderator.

Audience questions were: “What ideas do you have to attract new members, and get them involved?”; “How do you feel the Pit could be best utilized?”; and “What are your thoughts about the garden-scale railroad in the Sherwood Station area?”

All candidates agreed we need to reach out to the community, especially young families as well as college and trade school students who are engineering and mechanically inclined.

Other ideas included hosting a meet for a community non-profit, a New Members Day or Open House, and maybe a

public night run. As far as the Pit, several suggested storage of Sunday run equipment (and perhaps the narrow-gauge equipment), others said it is important we first set up a design plan with clearly-defined goals. Many thoughts were aired about the g-scale area and this topic will need more discussion.

The ballot materials will be mailed to paid-up Resident members and Honorary members the end of October. Included will be a Candidates Booklet with the candidates’ answers to 11 Club-focused questions. We will also be voting on whether Wilbur Dong should become an Honorary Member. The deadline for completed ballots will be Saturday, November 19 at 10 am. Ballots will be counted the same day and the results announced at our Thanksgiving Potluck that night.



2022 Fall Meet

Top: Dan O'Brien and family;

L to R above: Glen and Diana Manchester, Johnny Dorado

Collin Westphal;

Right: Richard Ronne with Johnny and Julio Dorado

Below: Ray Burden.

(Photos on this page by Garibalde Figueroa and Nick Suncin)





2022 Fall Meet Clockwise from top left: Ross Harper at President’s Auction; Garibalde Figueroa operates Thaine Morris’s steam driven pile driver; Anthony Duarte; SP10 built by Jarod Black ; Liz Bergmann; and Stevo Brock on Michael Strawn’s Chessie. (Photos by Nick Suncin, Nick Guzman, Joe Jackson, Alex Gillman, Michael Strawn)



SUNDAY EXTRA BOARD

SEPTEMBER 2022

Engineers and Conductors

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Hugo Budd | Justin Iversen |
| Tiffany Cammarata | Glen Manchester |
| Andrew Chaves | Steve Rodstein |
| Wayne Crabb | Ron Nelson |
| Julio Dorado | Darrell Payne |
| Peter Fuad | Richard Ronne |
| Nick Guzman | Tim Silver |
| Sean Hagen | Jack Streit |
| Sparky Hoagland | Michael Strawn |
| David Holman | Marc Weiss |
| Zak Holman | Bill Walker |

Station Masters

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| Robert Guzman | Bear |
| Glen Manchester | Wayne Crabb |

Safety Coordinators

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| Jim Cammarata | Wayne Crabb |
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September Ridership

Sept 4	Closed — Excessive heat	Sept 18	972
Sept 11	624	Sept 25	624

Souvenirs and Tickets

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Kathy Crabb | Diana Manchester |
| Julio Dorado | Carolyn Hoagland |
| Martha Figueroa | |

Public Riders
September 2022 — 2,220
Year to Date — 12,245

We thank everyone “Who’s Been Working on the Railroad” this past month



LALSRM Gift Shop News

We are excited to announce many new apparel and gift items in our LALSRM Gift Shop (a.k.a. Souvenir Booth). We have recently discovered a wonderful new supplier, Mobile Mart in Burbank, recommended to us by Bear Mustoe. They imprint logos on T-shirts and promotional items for clients like the Burbank Police Department, Disney, CBS, Warner Bros, Sparkletts, and more. Besides their wealth of experience, huge array of products, and "can-do" attitude, Carole and Carla also offer us a non-profit discount on all products.

New Gift Shop Hours: Sundays 9:30 -10:30 am for Members only. After 3 pm we will keep one souvenir window open for everyone until the last train comes back in.

New Services: If we have run out of your size shirt or an item you wish to have, there is a sign-up list in the Ticket Booth; we will notify you when the next order comes in. We can special order T-shirts up to size 6X when we order other sizes; they will cost a few dollars more. You can also reserve items that are coming soon. Contact Carolyn Hoagland at: panstinkerbell@yahoo.com



Adult T-shirts. Choice of 3 colors. Sizes S-XL – \$20. Sizes 2XL & 3XL – \$22.



Adult Long Sleeve T-shirts. Grey with logo on front only. Sizes S-XL – \$25. Sizes 2XL & 3XL – \$27. Some sizes sold out.



Engineer Panda Bear. Huggable plush bear, 10.5" tall, with engineer's cap and overalls; red LALSRM logo. \$15.50.



Engineer Rubber Duck. No-squeak floating bath toy; 3" tall, phthalate-free rubber; red LALSRM letters on cap. \$5.



Round LALSRM Key Tag. LALSRM logo on both sides of 2.5" white rubber disc; metal ring. \$5.



Womens Scoop Neck T-shirts. Choice of 3 colors. Sizes S-2XL – \$20.



Iron-on LALSRM Patches. 3" Patch – \$6 / 2" Patch – \$3

LALSRM Blue Wooden Train. Engine has rolling wheels and magnet couplers. Compatible with Brio and Thomas train systems. \$7



LALSRM Lapel Pin 1" diameter; red, gold, white & black, with tie tack backer. \$10



COMING SOON!
2" Wooden Train Whistle Keychain



Youth T-shirts. Choice of 3 colors. Sizes S-XL – \$10.