



The Fire Door

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The Southern California Live Steamers, Incorporated has been in existence since 1948. The [mission](#) of the Southern California Live Steamers is to educate and promote interest in railroad history by building and operating a miniature railroad facility.

New members are always welcome to join the club; just show up at Wilson Park, 2100 Washington Avenue, on run day (the first Sunday of the month) or at a regular meeting (the third Sunday of the month). Member support is especially needed on run day! The December run day is [December 7, 2008](#), so please come and support the club.

Regular meetings of the club are held on the third regular Sunday of each month in the clubhouse at Wilson Park, Torrance, California beginning at 11:00 AM. The next club meeting will be [January 20, 2009](#), since there is no business meeting in December.

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November 15, 2008 Minutes

The meeting opened at 11:00 AM by new President Tim Brothers. Minutes from October were read by Lynn Fielding and accepted with no corrections. The minutes were published in the November newsletter.

Guests present: Tom Downing.

Old Business

Torrance Rail Park at Wilson Park

Tim Brothers reported that the drawings for the proposed rail park have been updated. There is no funding available from the City. The present fund raising

committee consists of Tim Brothers, Heather Ambler, and Rudy Guajardo.

Run Days

Dave Cox has designed a better mounting system for the run day signs. A request to the riders for donations of seeds, plants, or gift cards will be made at the next run day.

New Business

Tunnel

Tim Brothers suggested designing doors for the tunnel so that it could be used as additional storage space for a train and animals would be kept out of the tunnel space. Lynn Fielding motioned that doors be designed and made for the tunnel. Linda Peters seconded. All in favor.

Friends of the Southern California Live Steamers

There was a discussion of the three levels of the friends of the Southern California Live Steamers. Depending upon donation level, "friends" would be able to host a birthday party in the caboose area. The caboose area would be fenced and the parties would be held outside in this area with the caboose to be utilized for displays of train memorabilia.

Christmas Party

Lynn Fielding will order the food for the Christmas Party from Monarca's Mexican Food. Those planning to attend should RSVP to Lynn by December 12.

New Member

Tom Downing was accepted as a new Club member.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM. There were 17 Club members and 1 guest present at the meeting.

Run Day – November 2, 2008

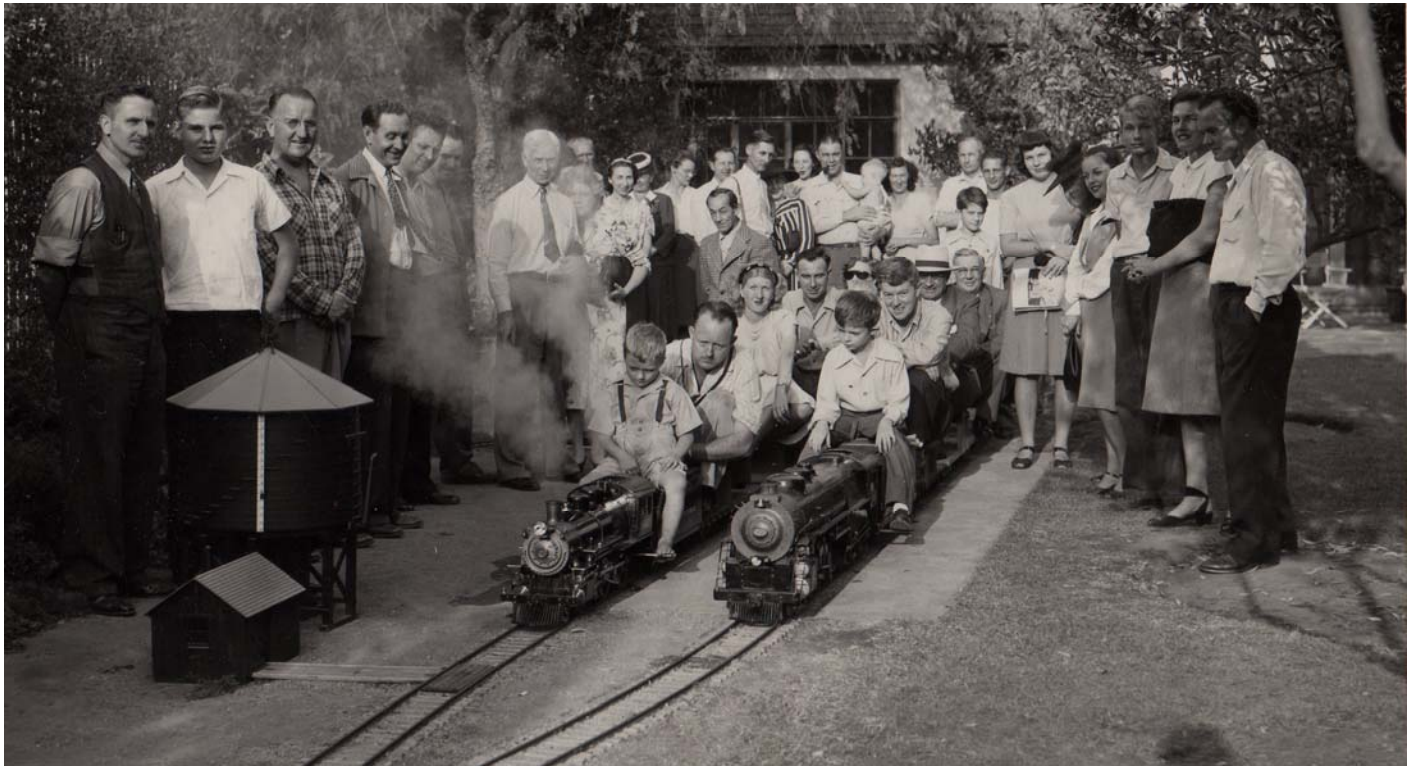
1,330 Riders

The weather for the November run day was cool with a light breeze. The Crenshaw Line was running again to the delight of many rides.

This year's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2008 at 11:00 AM. There is no business meeting. Lunch will cost \$10 per person (collected on the day of the party) and will include a Mexican feast catered by Monarca's Mexican Restaurant.

A gift exchange will be held. To participate, bring an unused, wrapped gift of approximate \$10 to \$15 value. **Please make these adult gifts that are not gender specific.** Gifts should be railroad related items or tools. For additional information, contact Lynn Fielding at lfielding@elcamino.edu or (310) 533 - 8627. Those planning to attend should RSVP to Lynn by December 12.





Sunday run day at Dick Jackson's for the Southern California Live Steamer members and guests on September 22, 1946 featured quite a crowd. Dick's 4-4-0, the 900, is pictured at left, and Jim Keith's 4-6-4, Number 300, is at the right with 8 year old Harlan Hiney posing as engineer for the photograph with his father Laurence Hiney on the car behind him.



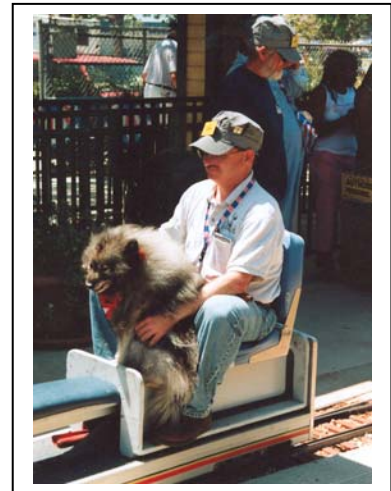
Laurence Hiney's membership card (Harlan's father) for October 1942 to October 1943 is pictured above. Dick Bagley was the Club's first president and his signature appears on the card. The card is signed on the back by Treasurer C.S. "Stan" Chovil.

Bergan

Spring 1993 – November 27, 2008



It is with deep sadness that we let Bergan's friends know that she died at 12:45 AM on November 27, 2008. Bart and I were with Bergan, holding her and comforting her until the end. She traveled with us to 43 states, 13 National Speleological Society conventions, and countless train related events. Bergan was born in the spring of 1993 and Bart and I will always treasure the wonderful times we had with her. There are no words to describe how much we miss her, but we know that her keeshond smile, beautiful face, and sweet personality will be missed by all of the people whose lives she touched.



Photographs taken by George Jones, Teri Mc Querrey, and Lynn Fielding.

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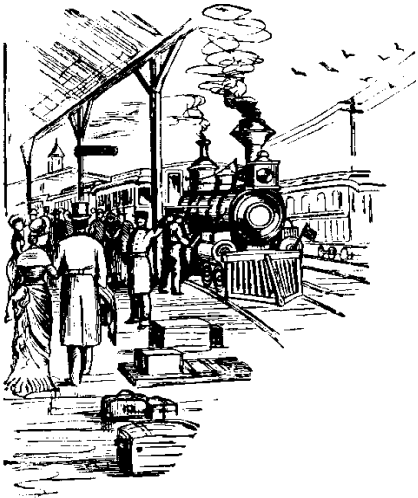


Remember that 2009 membership is due!

Of Interest:

Christmas Party Photographs

Look for pictures of the Southern California Live Steamers Christmas Party in next month's newsletter.



Upcoming Club Events

Run Day	December 7, 2008
Christmas Party	December 21, 2008
Run Day	January 4, 2009
Business Meeting	January 18, 2009

Comments, Ideas or Suggestions

As newsletter editor, I welcome your feedback, comments, corrections, and suggestions for material to include. Please contact me directly, at the address provided, by phone, or by e - mail.

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 Steamers, keep on chugging along!

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