



# The Fire Door

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The Southern California Live Steamers, Inc. 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 Saturday of the month). Member support is especially needed on run day! The August run day is August 3, 2008, so please come and support the Club.

Regular meetings of the club are held on the third regular Saturday of each month in the club house at Wilson Park, Torrance, California beginning at 11:00 AM. The August Club meeting will be August 16, 2008.

## 2008 SCLS Officers:

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## July 19, 2008 Minutes

The meeting opened at 11:03 AM by President Tim Brothers. Minutes from June 2007 were published in the July newsletter and accepted with no corrections. Kelley Smith provided the treasurer's report.

Guest present: Paul Anderson.

## Old Business

### Club Engines

Gene DeVito, Phil Nyman, and Jim Cummings continue work on the Club engines.

### Proposed New Structure

The City of Torrance is requiring an Architectural program for the proposed HO Club Structure. Tim Brothers suggests adding the concept of a "green", environmentally friendly design to the project. In addition,

Tim suggested installing solar panels on top of the containers to generate the electricity for the Club.

### Fourth of July Pot Luck

Lynn Fielding reported that the Fourth of July Pot Luck when well and the Club partnered with a vendor once again.

## New Business

### New Member

Phil Cohen was accepted as a new member of the Club.

### Cleaner Fuel

Bio diesel may soon be used for the Club engines. Tim Brothers will test a 50 - 50 mixture to see how the engines operate.

### Tractor

Joe Manzo wants to see his interest in the tractor to the Club. Jo Ann Cope motioned that the Club buy the tractor from Joe Manzo and Kelley Smith for \$1,200 (\$600 for Joe's interest and \$600 for Kelley's interest). Linda Peters seconded. All in favor.

### Conductor Flags

Jo Ann Cope made and donated six conductor flags to the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM. There were 18 members and one guest present at the Club meeting.



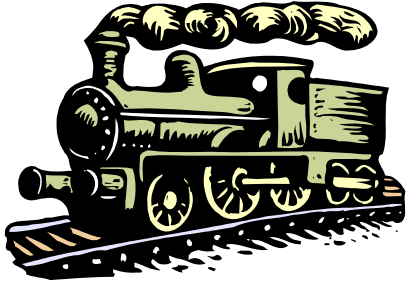
Run Day - July 4, 2008  
1,603 Riders

It was warm, sunny, and clear on the Fourth of July in Wilson Park. A light breeze developed in the afternoon. As usual, many of the Club's regular riders did not visit on July Fourth due to parking congestion and large number of park visitors who come to spend the day and enjoy the annual fireworks show. However, there were some first time riders who discovered the Club's free monthly train rides.

Members enjoyed a potluck prior to the start on run day. Several members stayed to operate their engines and socialize after run day and enjoy the fireworks show.



**Of Interest:**  
**Riverside Live Steamers Night Run**



A night run will be held at the Riverside Live Steamers on Saturday, August 30, 2008 beginning at 5:00 PM. Locomotives need to have a headlight, illuminated red marker on the rear of the train, and a radio compatible with those used by the Riverside Live Steamers. The Riverside Live Steamers are located in Hunter Park, 1496 Columbia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507. Call (951) 779 – 9024 for additional information.



# Upcoming Club Events

Run Day  
Business Meeting  
and Mini Run Day  
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Business Meeting  
and Mini Run Day

August 3, 2008  
August 16, 2008

September 7, 2008  
September 20, 2008

## 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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