



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 Street, 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 February run day is [February 1, 2009](#), 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 10:30 AM. The next club meeting will be [February 21, 2009](#).

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January 17, 2009 Minutes

Meeting opened at 11:02 AM by President Tim Brothers. Lynn Fielding read the November 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes and they were accepted as read and published in the December 2008 newsletter. There were no December Minutes due to the Christmas Party.

Guests present: Carrie Fisher Pascual, Jonathan Pascual, Isaiah Pascal, Rory Hawkins, and Matthew Abbe.

Old Business

[Torrance Rail Park at Wilson Park](#)

Tim Brothers provided an update on the final plans for the Torrance Rail Park. The estimated cost of the project is

about eight million dollars and the City of Torrance would utilize professional fund raising procedures for the project.

[Steam Engines](#)

Phil Nyman motioned that Culligan water treatment tanks be purchased and utilized for the Club's water softening needs. Discussion was opened. Gene De Vito seconded. Questions arose about the proposed cost of project and if additional testing was needed before authorizing such a purchase. Motion failed. Phil Cohen motioned that additional testing be conducted before a new treatment system was purchased. Theresa Hiney seconded. All in favor.

New Business

[Donation](#)

Pat Dobbins donated a sign featuring a historic red car.

[Third Saturday of the Month Run Days](#)

Dave Kofahl motioned that Business Meetings begin at 10:30 AM so preparations for the third Saturday of the month run day can be made. Joe Manzo seconded, All in favor.

[Story Time](#)

Carrie Fisher Pascual is interested in conducting a story time with a train theme lasted about 20 to 30 minutes during run days. Linda Peters motioned that story time be tried on the February 1, 2009 run day in the clock tower area. Theresa Hiney seconded. All in favor.

[Special Run Day Activity](#)

Tim Brothers would like to have a special run day activity during the third Saturday Run Day. Lynn Fielding motioned that Tim's request be approved. Ray Martin seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM. There were 22 members and 5 guests present at the meeting.

Run Day [January 4, 2009](#)

1,962 Riders

It was a sunny and warm January run day, with a cool breeze developing from the northwest in the early afternoon. Attendance was steady all day with a large crowd of visitors enjoying the first run day of 2009.

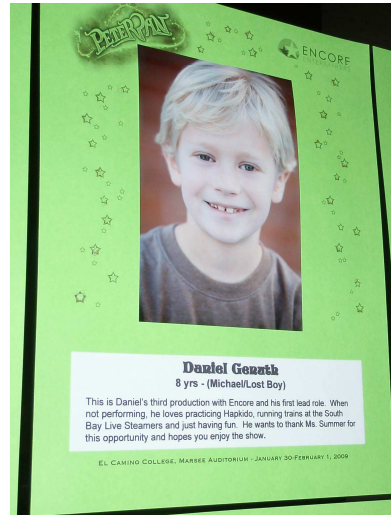




Pat Dobbins donated this sign featuring a historic red car to the Southern California Live Steamers



Photograph taken by Lynn Fielding.



Southern California Live Steamer Junior Member Daniel Genuth opened in the Encore Entertainment Production of Peter Pan at El Camino College on January 30, 2009 as "Michael".



Theresa Hiney donated a Cupressus Sempervirens Glauca (Italian Cypress tree) in Bergan's honor and Lynn Fielding and Daniel Genuth planted it next to Bergan's Tunnel on January 17, 2009. Photograph taken for Lynn Fielding by Theresa Hiney.



The cast of Peter Pan after the performance on opening night receives a hearty round of applause from the audience. Daniel Genuth as "Michael" is dressed in the blue pajamas to the right of the photograph.



Daniel Genuth takes his parents, Larry and Ann for a train ride after the business meeting on January 17, 2009.

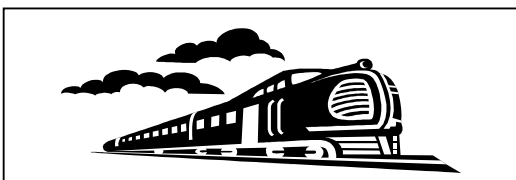
Proud parents Ann and Larry pose with Daniel holding a poster advertising Peter Pan. Photographs taken by Lynn Fielding.



Upcoming Club Events

Run Day February 01, 2009
Business Meeting
and Mini Run Day February 21, 2009

Run Day March 01, 2009
Business Meeting
and Mini Run Day March 21, 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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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Happy Valentine's Day

