



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 2, 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 August Club meeting will be **August 15, 2009**.

2009 SCLS Officers:

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July 18, 2009 Minutes

The meeting opened at 10:35 AM by President Tim Brothers. Minutes from June 2008 were published in the July newsletter and accepted with no corrections. Kelley Smith provided the treasurer's report.

Guests present: Leonard Evans, Brandon Villapando, Karen Villapando, Jason Bostick, and Nicky Bostick.

Old Business

Club Engines

Roy Murdock's two engines and riding cars were discussed.

Safety

Tim Brothers outlined a section of the Club's safety policies as a review for members.

Web Site

Phil Cohen reported on the Club web site.

Work Day

Rudy Guajardo proposed a work day on July 25, 2009 to move and paint containers and construct more storage space for the trains and riding cars.

New Business

Eagle Scout Project

Brandon Villapando has proposed the concept of refurbishing the caboose for his Eagle Scout Project.

Donation

Pat Dobbins donated a book to the Club which was printed in 1958 and titled *This is Railroad*.

Upcoming Events

Steve Claude has planned a birthday party on September 12, 2009 and Carrie Fisher Pascual wants a party on October 10, 2009. A Palos Verdes Rotary Club lunch is scheduled for August 7, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 PM. There were 20 members and three guests present at the Club meeting.



Run Day – July 4, 2009

2,002 Riders

It was a warm and sunny day with a light breeze on the Fourth of July in Wilson Park. 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 socialize after run day, and enjoy the fireworks show.



Of Interest:
Special Work Day



A special Club work day was held on July 25, 2009 and many Club members came to help, including: Heather Ambler, Jo Anne Smith, Kelley Smith, Harold Hueler, Jonathan Pascal, Carrie Pascal, Isaiah Pascal, Mark Jordan, Tim Brothers, Rudy Guajardo, Charlie Giordano, Rory Hawkins, Lonnie Cope, Dale Van Inger, Tom Downing, Phil Cohen, Steve Claude, Joe Manzo, Rosalie Manzo, Dave Cox, Bob Diaz, and Jillian Brothers.



Upcoming Club Events

Run Day	August 1, 2009
Business Meeting and Mini Run Day	August 15, 2009
Run Day	September 6, 2009
Business Meeting and Mini Run Day	September 19, 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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