



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 days! The November run days are **November 1, 2009** and **November 21, 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 **November 21, 2009**.

2010 SCLS Officers:

President:	Tim Brothers (310) 618 - 0674 TTBrothe@lasd.org
Vice President:	Rudy Guajardo (310) 984 - 9550 xcitedgoats@yahoo.com
Treasurer:	Kelley Smith (562) 598 - 4090 choochookelley@earthlink.net
Secretary:	Lynn Fielding (310) 533 - 8627 lfielding@elcamino.edu

October 17, 2009 Minutes

The meeting opened at 10:40 AM by President Tim Brothers. Minutes from September were read by Lynn Fielding and accepted with no corrections. The minutes were published in the October newsletter.

Guests present: Serree La Firenza, Nancy Johnson, and Donavin Johnson.

Old Business

Signals

Tim Brothers mentioned that moisture may affect the signal lights so a safety monitor will be assigned as needed. As a precaution, treat signal lights as a stop sign.

New Business

Shed Structure Upgrade

Tim Brothers suggested the Club replace the present canopy used in the sales area with a shed type structure. Kelly Smith presented a drawing by Jeffrey Smith of a proposed structure. Bob Bryant motioned that the Club move forward with this project. Carrie Fisher seconded. All in favor.

Donation

Fuel was donated to the Club by Bob Bryant.

Elections

Bob Bryant motioned that the proposed slate of officers be accepted. Ray Martin seconded, All in favor.

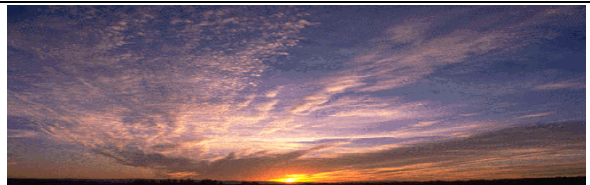
The election results are as follows:

President	Tim Brothers
Vice President	Rudy Guajardo
Secretary	Lynn Fielding
Treasurer	Kelley Smith

November Run Days

In addition to the two November run days, a special run day will be held on October 31, 2009 for Halloween. Volunteers will be needed to help with this event.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM. There were 18 members and three guests present at the meeting.



The October 4, 2009 Run Day weather was warm and sunny with a slight breeze. During the day, **2,601** rides were given.

On October 17, 2009, a total of 731 riders enjoyed a train ride on the warm and sunny November afternoon.



DUES

Annual club membership dues of \$40 are payable in November. Please submit your check payable to the Southern California Live Steamers as soon as possible, but by January 31, 2010.

Of Interest:
Southern California Live Steamers Christmas Party



Final details of the Christmas Party will be determined at the Business Meeting on November 21, 2009.

In the past, activities included:

The party being held at 11:00 AM on the third Sunday of December with catered Mexican food and a cost of \$10 per person being collected on the day of the party.

A gift exchange is generally held with participations bringing an unused, wrapped gift of approximately \$10 to \$15 in value. **Gifts would be adult gifts that are not gender specific and focus on railroad or tool related items.**

The rules of the gift exchange are that a member may select a wrapped gift or "take" an unwrapped gift from a member. Once the gift has been "taken" three times it is frozen and can not be selected again. The first person to select a gift will have the choice of keeping that gift or selecting an "unfrozen" gift.

For additional information, contact Lynn Fielding at lfielding@elcamino.edu or (310) 533 - 8627.



Those wishing to attend the Christmas Party would need to RSVP to Lynn Fielding.

Upcoming Club Events

Run Day	November 1, 2009
Run Day and Business Meeting	November 21, 2009
Run Day	December 6, 2009
Run Day	December 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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Steamers, keep on chugging along!

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



Happy Thanksgiving!

