



We are BayLUG, the Bay Area LEGO Users Group and Train Club. The name comes from combining “Bay Area” with “LUG” because we are based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Our LUG was founded in October 1998 during a meetup of LEGO fans at LEGO’s 25th Anniversary Traveling Truck Show in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. We wanted to start a train specific LUG (or LTC), but there weren’t enough train fans then so we started a general LUG instead. In 2000 we finally had enough interest to start a train-specific subgroup named BayLTC. Both groups have been very popular and are busy throughout the year with both train-specific and general LEGO events.

BayLUG is governed by a five member Executive Committee consisting of five Elected Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Quartermaster. There are also several Appointed Officers and Committee Chairs that help with club operations and activities. We have

membership dues that are paid upon joining and then again with each annual renewal. We also have an annual holiday show, and we split the proceeds 50/50 with the museum that hosts us.

Our growth is very organic and comes naturally through word-of-mouth from the events we hold. We are planning on participating in the largest train show in the USA in the summer of 2021, assuming the pandemic doesn’t interfere. We also have our 25th anniversary coming up in a few years, so we are looking forward to celebrating that. Right now all of our events and meetings have been cancelled through to at least December, which includes our annual holiday show/fundraiser. We are having unofficial weekly virtual hangouts and official monthly virtual LUG meetings, all done via Zoom. Many of the virtual tools we are now using due to the pandemic will continue to be used in the future because it will make things a lot easier going forward with respect to event planning and committee meetings.

Our relationship with the LEGO company has been great. I’ve been an Ambassador for several years now. The wealth of information I get to share and the opportunities we receive exceed anything I could have expected. I also get to use my experience to help new Ambassadors in the

Brickmate program. Two years ago we celebrated our 20th anniversary. This was a milestone that once seemed unachievable but we have made it there with the support of our membership.

<https://sites.google.com/view/baylug-holiday-show/holiday-show?authuser=0>

Gingerbread Falcon by Lia von Damm.
Ornaments by Joel Marbella. **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** collaborative display by BayLUG and compiled by Jenny Wiersema



