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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

### GETTING OUT WHAT YOU PUT IN

As we begin another year at the SVLS, I think we should take a look at the reasons why we join each year. Of course, enjoying the activity of scale railroading and building steam engines, etc., is a major factor. The track in Hagan Park is a big draw too since it is one of the best. In a discussion like this, we should not forget that seeing friends is very important too. I received a call a few nights ago and spoke with a long time member who confirmed that seeing friends at meets is one of the main reasons he goes to those activities. You may have other reasons that suit your perspective as well.

The next thing we need to mention is how to improve what we get out of the organization. If you are a knowledgeable participant in operating, building and studying the history of railroads and the equipment, you may need nothing more. Most of us are not fully there, however. Since I am there often, I know almost everyone does not get the use of the track they could get if they were there more often. Also, I know that all of us could use more friends with similar interests.

Now, how do we improve what we get out of the SVLS? The answer is PARTICIPATION. The more you come out and share what you know, and receive what others know, the more you enjoy the experience. If you are there at SVLS activities, that happens. This newsletter always announces all activities of the group as does the web site. Be aware of these events and come on out. It could be General Membership meetings, run days (on the first Saturday of the month or third

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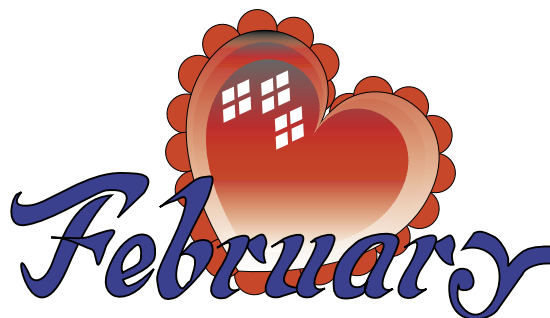


*"I cannot forget to pay my dues. Life may be busy but supporting SVLS is needed, both monetary and labor. . . ."*

Please send your 2005 dues now, \$60 for regular member and \$30 for associate member. Dues were due Jan. 1st, **Fill membership form in and send to:**  
SVLS  
P.O. Box 273  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741



New Years Day run day. Several members were out to enjoy the crisp sunshine at the park. John Bailie fired up a coal fired Crab locomotive that had been collecting cobwebs for years under the work bench. Robert Bristo is in the steam running it.



At the February meeting on the 18th Milon will give us some glimpses of a number of private railroads in the east and south west he visited during fall 2004.

A chance to see what is happening to the hobby in other parts of the country.

So be here.

**CALENDAR**

\*NOTE: BOARD meeting date changed.

Feb 4 Board meeting 6:30 at Park meeting room  
 Feb 18 General meeting 7:30 at Park meeting room  
 Feb 19 **Work Day - spring cleaning**  
 Feb 21 News Letter deadline

Mar 4 Board meeting 6:30 at Park meeting room  
 Mar 5 Public run day - noon to 4 PM.  
 Mar 18 General meeting 7:30 at Park meeting room  
 Mar 19 Work Day  
 Mar 21 News Letter deadline  
 Mar 26 Public run day - Also the Park Easter Egg Hunt

April 2 Public run day - noon to 4 PM.  
 April 8 Board meeting 6:30 at Park meeting room  
 April 15 General meeting 7:30 at Park meeting room  
 April 16 Work Day  
 April 17 Public run day - noon to 4 PM.

2005 public run day calendar available on-line, or hand-outs at caboose.

**Don't forget about work days**, every Tuesday and Saturday after meeting. Contact a committee member for Information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLS web site ([www.svls.org](http://www.svls.org)).

There are always things to be done to support SVLS.

*How will you support SVLS this month?*

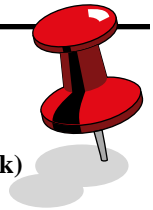
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Board meetings have been changed to the first Friday of each month except for April which will be on the 8th and October which will be a week earlier on September 30th.

The SVLS cookbook is still simmering and needs a few more recipes to complete. This is to be used as a fund raiser so please help by sending in your recipes to Lois Clifton.



**UPDATED - 2005 public run schedule**  
**Trains run Noon to 4 p.m. (weather permitting)**

**March 5 & 26 (Easter Egg Hunt at park)**  
**April 2 & 17**

**May 7**  
**21-22 Spring Meet**

**June 4 & 19**  
**July 2 & 3 & 4 Independence weekend**  
**17**

**August 6 & 21**  
**September 3 & 18**

**October 8-9 Fall Meet**  
**29-30 Ghost Train**

**December 3-4 Santa Train**

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**Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM**

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Sunday) starting next month, Spring and Fall Meets, and work days. You know the sound of the term "work days" sounds bad. You may think I have enough to do around my own house, and this may be true, but are you true to yourself? My health the last year has kept me from doing lots of strenuous activity but I have tried to come out on work days anyway. Relationships with other folks have really helped my attitude. Those days are the Saturdays I mentioned as well as each Tuesday. If you cannot do the hard work, do something within your abilities. We don't care, we just want to see you. In addition, Paul Clifton fixes lunch on Tuesdays for all who come out. What a bonus for us!

The caller I mentioned above commented on the differences of opinion between some of our members. In a group like ours, this will always be true. One thing I have found is that we can differ but still be friends if we focus on relationships. One of my best friends is a part of another political party than I, but we do not focus on this. We find that we have so much in common that our differences are not a significant and this means a great friendship for each of us. How rewarding this is! You and I have live steam and miniature railroading in common. How important is everything else?

See you at the meetings, meets and work days. If you don't know me, find me. I would like to know you and build on this contact. Do this with others too. We will benefit and SVLS will be a better place as a result.

**JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Those of you who missed the January meeting, missed out on one of the best meetings in recent memory. Ken Yeo spoke on the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad and showed many historical slides. The presentation was so complete and the pictures were so interesting. I think this is the best meeting I, personally, have ever attended. Plans are underway to have a special guest at more of our monthly membership meetings. Watch for the announcements. This month, Milon Thorley will give a presentation on his trip to Eastern Live Steam groups. Come on out to see the pictures and comments. Based on past presentations, I sure we will get new ideas for our operations and our equipment.

**COMING EVENTS**

Note that our regular run days start in March. The first one is Saturday, March 5, 2005. The second is in conjunction with the Hagan Park Easter Egg Hunt on March 26, 2005. Our Membership Meeting is March 18 and work day the 19th. Put these on your calendar now and make plans to come out.



Please check the SVLS web site [www.svls.org](http://www.svls.org) for current information on SVLS activities. Also visit Matt's on-line diesel discussion group. [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://www.groups.yahoo.com).

# THANK YOU

To the members that gave their time during January working at the track to make SVLS better.

Barbara & Gordon Moser  
Pete Arney  
Paul Clifton  
Bill Yoder  
Milon Thorley  
Ross Crawford  
Marilyn Drews  
Jack Friedman  
Red Hadler



Starting the year working on a SVLS Gondola is Pete Arney and Red Hadler replacing the trucks.



New Years run day SVLS pot luck lunch crowd.


# \$ALE

FOR SALE: 2,000 rail feet of west coast profile aluminum rail. In 20' sticks located just outside of Roseville, California. Will sell in whole or in part, pick up preferred but will ship at buyer's expense. Please contact Curtis Bonville for further details at (916) 655-1015.



I am looking for a person or company to complete a 7.5 gauge live steam locomotive modeled after the UP 844 (Northern 4-8-4). The engine is approximately 75% complete and was built from scratch. The boiler is complete and is of a Briggs design. The plan was to fire the engine with propane. The tender is 90% complete and appears to be missing the plumbing to connect to the engine. I believe the pistons are complete as well. I have some of the un-machined rods and other miscellaneous parts.

Fritz von Ibsch  
 (510) 282-1448  
 Santa Cruz, California



**SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH**  
209. Engineers and trainmen are equally responsible for proper alignment of switches (turnouts). All mainline switches must be returned to normal position as soon as the train has cleared the fouling point, except for remote switches that are operable by the engineer while seated on the locomotive. Normal position is for through mainline traffic.

305. TRAINMEN: A. Qualifications: any member of S.V.L.S. or other Live Steam club, or guest of S.V.L.S., who demonstrates to the examining committee that he has the knowledge, judgment, and ability to supervise passengers and scale railroad equipment competently and safely, and who passes the qualification tests, will be qualified as a trainman. He must be acceptable to the engineer for whom he is to operate. No one under the age of 18 will act as a trainman on any train pulling the general public.

<b>Caboose Menu</b>	
Chili Burger	\$3.00
Chili Dog	\$3.00
Hamburger	\$2.50
Hot Dog	\$2.50
Grilled Cheese Sandwich	\$2.00
Bowl of Chili	\$2.00
Nacho's	\$1.50
Meal Deal ( includes Chips, drink, salad & dessert)	\$4.00
Special of the Day	\$4.00
All hamburgers & sandwiches come with: Tomato, lettuce, & pickle. Onion upon request	
<b>Drinks / Dessert</b>	
Soda	\$ .50
Gatorade	\$ .75
V-8 Juice	\$ .75
Water, Ice Tea, lemonade	\$ .50
Hot Chocolate	\$ .50
Coffee & Tea	Free
Ice Cream Bar, Ice Cream Sandwich, Crunch Bar	\$ .50
Drum Sticks	\$ .75
Popsicles	\$ .50
Candy Bar	\$ .50