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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

SPRING MEET IS HERE....

I hope you have planned to come to the Spring Meet on May 20 and 21. Some folks are arriving on the 19th too, so we will not have our regular third Friday membership meeting. This would be a good time to get a jump on seeing your friends and running at night. Meet Chairperson Lois Clifton has made the usual arrangements for your enjoyment but most of all, we hope you will bring your locomotives and equipment for all to enjoy with you. As usual, there will be a raffle, bake sale, shirt sales and a Saturday banquet dinner. Note, also, that the G Scale track will be with us again for more to see. I hope to see you all there.

MEMORIAL

On Saturday May 6, 2006, several members joined the family and friends of SVLSRM Life Member Ed Yungling at the memorial held for Ed's Wife Louise Yungling, who passed away at the end of April. Louise was a fine person and all who knew her will miss her greatly. Ed has said the memories they had together will sustain him since their closeness was an example to all. The SVLSRM wishes to extend its condolences to Ed and his family during this time.

RESIGNATION

At the May meeting of the Board of Directors, Trainmaster Dave Mattox submitted his resignation from the Board. He plans to retire soon and advises he will be moving to Tennessee. In fact, he left the meeting early so he could be ready for a flight to TN to check out his options. The resignation was accepted with regret. A new Trainmaster will be appointed shortly.

BUSINESS UPDATE

At the May meeting of the Board of Directors, a great deal of SVLSRM business was discussed and many good decisions were made. First, the 2006

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During our Spring Meet (May 20,21) we will have some very special railroad equipment on display.

A 1914 Sheffield speeder.

A 1942 handcar from Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad.

Also a Velocipede thought to be made about 1880 - 1900.

This equipment is provided by Les Wilmunder, Ken Yeo and Friends.



In an effort to reduce our costs of producing and mailing the Golden Spike newsletter, to those of you that use the internet, we offer the option of receiving an E-mail notice to read (or download) from our web site which will be a full color format, and then not receiving the printed mailed version. Please notify membership that you choose this option. Thanks from the Editor.

CALENDAR

May 19 (no meeting) - see you at track for meet
May 20 & 21 SPRING MEET
 Public rides Noon - 4 PM

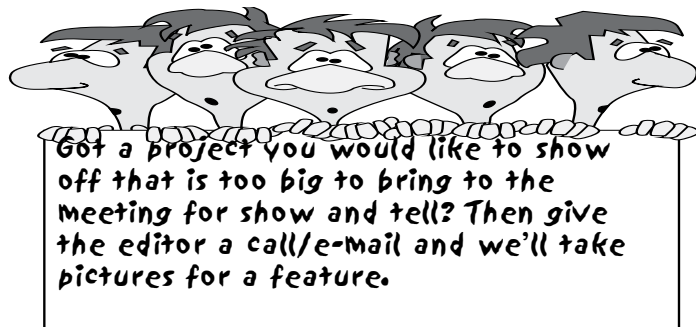
Jun 2 Board meeting 7:00 PM
Jun 3 Public run day - Noon to 4 PM
 Jun 16 General meeting - Park building 7:30 PM
 Jun 17 Work Day
Jun 18 Public run day - Noon to 4 PM
 Jun 24 Ramble to Train Mountain stop here

Jul 1 Public run day - Noon to 4 PM
Jul 4 Public run day - Noon to 4 PM

2006 public run day calendar available on-line.

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 SVLSRM web site (www.svls.org).

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svls.org for current information on SVLSRM activities. Also visit Matt's on-line diesel discussion group. www.groups.yahoo.com.

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SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH



117. No dogs or other pets of any kind shall be allowed to run free within the club facility. All pets shall be confined on a leash not over six (6) feet in length, or inside the owners' car, (as per park rules). The owner of such pets shall be

responsible for immediately cleaning up any manure or other disagreeable mess caused by such pet. Any violation of this rule may result in both pet and owner being asked to leave the club facility.

204. All engines must be run at reduced speeds in congested areas and in areas with close clearance, such as yards, stations, etc.

301. The chief concern of all operating personnel shall be the safety of visitors, guests, and members of the club.

408. Steam boilers shall have the water level gauge located with the bottom of the gauge high enough above the crown sheet level to show ample water covering the crown. The water glass shall be located so it is readily seen from the engineers operating position.

409. All steam locomotives shall have at least two (2) methods of putting water into the boiler. At least one (1) method of putting water into the boiler shall be operable while the locomotive is under steam, but not in motion.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

Vice Presidents Report - by Pete Arney

Golden Gate Live Steamers Open House



SVLS was invited by Ken Brunskill to attend the GGLS annual open house. Les Wilmunder, Lee Frechette, and Pete Arney took club steam engine #1973 to run at Tilden Park. Milon Thorley brought his Gene Allen consolidation for display at the GGLS steaming bays. Milon also brought his new wagon top B&O box car, new SP covered hopper, newly lettered Berwin coal hopper, bulkhead riding car, other box cars and reefers, and a caboose to pull behind the 1973. In addition, GGLS loaned us cars so that we were able to make up a mixed train of 15 cars. The GGLS cars were switched into our consist on the mainline next to the roundhouse by our able train crew.

All took turns driving the steamer around the GGLS track with the long train. Some grades are over 1-1/2 percent but with careful planning and driving, the steamer was up to the challenge. The bark from the stack was awesome and caught everyone's attention. GGLS pulled many hundreds of public riders with double headed steam engines and many members were present with both steam and diesel. Redwood Valley Railway was running steam as well nearby. The day was all steam all of the time. What fun!



Steamer 1973 with a 14 car consist.

GGLS had hand car rides for the kids on one of the yard tracks. The club had a model of their planned steam boiler shed and stationary engine interpretive display they are planning to build next to the steaming bays.

Thanks to Ken Brunskill, President Steve Vitkovits, and the GGLS members for their hospitality and providing us a fun day. Looking forward to more interclub events in the future.

Irrigation water line extension

Our new 4" water line from the Cordova Recreation and Park District is up and running. There is now enough volume to run many of our drip system heads all at the same time. In addition, all of our impact sprinkler heads have been converted to rotary gear driven heads with wide radius patterns on our high pressure

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FANTASTIC!
Volunteers

Thanks to Milon Thorley SVLSRM now has two new railroad signs. This one is at the two crossings by the RV area. The other sign is a cross buck that will be over west of the station tracks where visitors walk to the station. Please thank Milon for his donation and installation.



Marilyn Drewes is busy with spring painting of caboose steps and deck. Her T-shirt was white before she started. - Thanks Marilyn



Then there is Paul Skidmore who runs a mean cutting machine, just don't get in his way. Thanks Paul for spending hours on the mower.

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hose system. Fewer settings are required for complete coverage, making each water cycle considerably shorter than in past years.

Our Master Planning committee has been working on an underground system design that will eventually replace the hose drags we use now. A goal is to install one or two underground lines with automatic valves this year.

In the meantime, we are looking for volunteers that can help change sprinklers during a water cycle. We must water twice a week during hot weather (85+ days). We will be developing a hose/sprinkler setting map and instructions on how to place the hoses and heads for best coverage. Please call Pete Arney, 916-956-2870, to help on this important job. We want to keep our track green and growing. Watch our Web site projects page for additional information as it is available.

The SVLS Web site (www.svls.org) TRACK link has this caution: "Summer irrigation underway. Watch out for hoses across track." Due to the nature of our irrigation patterns, hoses will be placed across tracks. When the irrigation is turned off for the night, hoses are usually left in place for the irrigation resumption the following day. All engineers running public or private trains are responsible to note where the hoses are and clear the tracks before running.

Track Maintenance and Tie Replacement

Between now and the Spring Meet, there is quite a bit of track maintenance to do. Volunteers needed! Track leveling. Tie replacement. Switch maintenance, especially points, throws, and oiling. Installation and completion of 3 throws and/or covers.

Track Relocation Project

The quotes we received for the plastic tie material were budgetary and were received in January, 2006. New quotes were obtained from Plastic Lumber Depot on May 5, 2006. Two options were considered: Ordering 6600 linear feet for Phase 1 of the Track Relocation project or 12,200 linear feet for all three phases of the project. Two important factors were driving the option decision: the price of material is steadily increasing (\$.08 since January) and the Canadian/US exchange rate has gone up by about five cents per dollar, and going higher. The material quotes we receive are in Canadian dollars. We must pay the current exchange rate at time of order. As the Canadian rate approaches the US dollar, Canadian material becomes more expensive.

On Friday, May 5, the SVLS Board of Directors approved spending the estimated amount (\$7021 material and shipping) for the entire 12,200 lin. ft. order of tie material. This allows us to take advantage of current cheaper rates and saves over \$910 vs. ordering just what Phase 1 requires, primarily in shipping and material costs. The membership has already approved the expenditure of funds for the project. The amount spent for the tie material is within the Phase 1 budget.

Thank You

To all who called and all that purchased ! Please look for next months June ad. To those who wonder, we are not giving up the hobby !

We all know life has many set backs and sometimes you have to give a little. Just wish it could have been my Wife's Cook books and not the trains !!! Again Thank You.... The Conner Family

Membership report

by Amy Lutrel

Great News!!! The new program is up and running and doing really well. By now you should have received your 2006 Membership Cards or will be getting shortly. Also I will be at the Registration booth at the spring meet, Please drop by to pick up your roster, If not attending they will be mailed shortly after that date so look for it in the mail....

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meet ! ! ! !

Welcome New Members

Brad & Neena Stegmann

Eric Norris



THANK YOU 

Saturday and Tuesday Workers during the last month. (If your name is not shown then either we didn't see you or you didn't help)

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| Vern Geyer | Clio Geyer |
| Bill Yoder | Pete Arney |
| Rich Lutrel | Barbara Moser |
| Ross Crawford | Milon Thorley |
| Vivian Worth | Joel Corbin |
| Dave Mattox | Allison King |
| Matty King | Paul Skidmore |
| Les Wilmunder | Leonard Houpt |
| Paul Clifton | Darrell Gomes |

So how did you start an interest in TRAINS?? Darrell Gomes shared this photo of him which was taken in Redwood park in 1957 with a man that his dad worked with. This was the start to the dream that has become a reality - Thanks to all my new friends in the SVLS.



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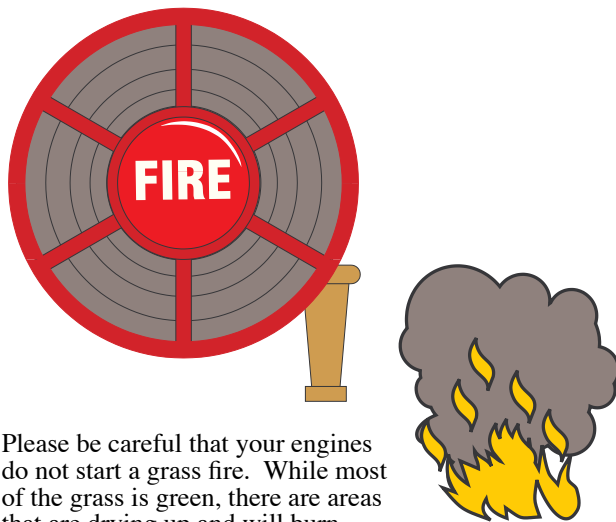
Budget was fully discussed and finally approved. This has resulted in the best and most focused budget in the last few years. All FCR's were discussed and approved amounts were listed with them. See the Website for the list of these projects. The first expenditure toward the track realignment near the station was approved in the purchase of tie material. We are getting close to an approval for the new riding cars, a signal modification was approved and it is hoped this will be working for the Spring Meet. A plan is being put on paper for those who wish to help with watering of our facility. With the new 4" pipe we now have, there is enough pressure to water everything at the same time but hoses are still needed until the sprinkler system is fully installed. The plan will have the hose "map" for all to use.

The Master Planning Committee has met recently and plans are under review for needed projects. Due to the resignation of Dave Mattox, the future of the rolling stock plans were reviewed at the Board meeting and preliminary construction was discussed. A final plan will be submitted next month and will be taken to the membership for review. Plans for handling more passengers for the Halloween Scary U event will require more riding cars so we are preparing now.

BARBEQUE

At the last Membership Meeting and again at the Board Meeting, Lois Clifton presented the idea of purchasing a large barbeque to use at all SVLSRM events. Her motion to buy a \$400 unit was amended to place it temporarily in the "donation" category. Les Wilmunder has already donated \$150 toward the purchase. If you are interested in donating to this purchase, send Treasurer Lois Clifton a check and mention that it is for the barbeque account.

That's all for now. See you at the Meet.Joel



Please be careful that your engines do not start a grass fire. While most of the grass is green, there are areas that are drying up and will burn.
- Stop, find a hose and put the fire OUT

In an effort to reduce our costs of producing and mailing the Golden Spike newsletter, to those of you that use the internet, we offer the option of receiving an E-mail notice to read (or download) from our web site which will be a full color format, and then not receiving the printed mailed version. Please notify membership that you choose this option. Thanks from the Editor.



10 Years ago:

I have no idea, we are missing several issues.

Again if you have old newsletter you could give the editor it would help us have a complete set of newsletters.

20 Years ago:

Many thanks to those who came out for the work day on April 12. Those who came were: Dave Magaw and son; Jim and Scott Durham; Vern Guess and son, Scooter; Warren Wagner; Ed Spall; Bob Lovell; Earl McKenzie; John Bailey; Dennis, Judith, Colleen and Bricket Gramith; Dick Quiring; Mike O'Connor, Howard Schrader; and Amandus Drewes.

We finished the grading for the box car and caboos. All of the fence post holes were dug to move the fence by the box car site. There were some ties renewed and the grass was cut. On Sunday morning the fence posts were all set in concrete by a hard-working crew. Matthew Merkh and Robbie Sharratt took it upon themselves to work for a couple of hours getting rid of weeds around the track. (Believe it or not, they did it without even being asked!). We are trying to keep up with the present work, but it is going to take a better work day party in order to progress with the planned new projects of making our facilities bigger and better. Hope to see you there next month.
- Amandus Drewes, Superintendent

GGLS PARTY REPORT. According to all who attended, the food and fellowship were great; the band was a great high-stepping jazz band. SVLS had a good turnout and a plaque was presented to GGLS from SVLS by Al Shelley in honor of GGLS' 50th Anniversary and wishing them many more successful years.

30 Years ago: Equipment for sale by Doc Harris - 1 1/2" scale, 7 1/2 gauge Rutland 4-6-0 as illustrated and described in Live Steam May 1973 Railroad Supply Co. of Texas ad. Constructed new by Torn's Machine and Engineering Co. of Austin, Texas. Delivered May 1, 1974. Boiler checked and run regularly on SVLS tracks. Propane fired; consists of three units, locomotive, tender with 15 gallon water tank and custom made model of prototype propane gas car - 35 gallon capacity. Improvements include mechanical oiler, Pyle headlight, U.P. 3 chime whistle (R.R. Supply Corp.) and new R.R.S.C. throttle installed by Ed and Don Yungling of SVLS **BEST OFFER - TERMS.**

A letter was sent to SVLS from THE EL DORADO AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD which read in part as follows:

The management of the El Dorado and Southern Railroad, a subsidiary of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers System, is pleased to announce that a gold spike will be driven at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 27, 1976, thereby completing the main line for regular service. Due to the sluggish state of the economy and the austere budget allowed by the financial director, unloading and elevated steam up facilities, though planned, are still not available. Only engines light enough to be man handled can be accommodate at this time. Steam up and servicing must be done at ground level. The line consists of an 1100 foot, 7 1/2" gauge main line with 3.5% grades at the 1700 foot level of the Sierra Foothills south of El Dorado, California. - Milon Thorley



for sale

Shay: \$14,000 (obo) 1985-1988 1-1/2" scale Design based on Kozo Hiraoka's "Building The Shay"; see Live Steam February, 1989. Coal fired Primary construction material = brass



1 inch scale Heisler. Coal burner. Flat car. Make offer.



These trains show above are on sale from Henry Stefani family and Joel Corbin and Pete Arney are helping the family sell this steam engine. Henry has moved to Southern California.



For sale: 1" scale, 4 3/4 gauge live steam 4-6-2 southern pacific p-4 class locomotive. Diesel fired. Will pull many adults and children. Complete with all blue-prints and spare parts. Ready to fire and current boiler certificate. Has the following:
 4-Chime whistle, super-heater, working feed-water pump, axle pump, tender mounted hand pump, working headlights and marker lights, steam generator, mechanical lubricator, atomizer, blower, steam operated cylinder cocks, steam brakes on loco & tender, prototypical firing valve, twin safety valves- 1 set at 110 lbs. And the other at 115 lbs. Copper boiler, super detailed and prototypical lettering & numbering. Will add all lubricants, display cart, auto carrier, and accessories. A must for the southern pacific rail fan! You should hear her bark! Great sounding exhaust! Asking price \$ 13,000.00 O.B.O. Contact: Shane Jackman- (209) 312-7525 or Keith Jackman- (530) 272-8531 located near Sacramento, ca.
 E-mail me at sj_drummerboy1@yahoo.com

Complete set of 1.5" freight car straight air brakes for sale. These are made by "MOUNTAIN CAR" and are almost new and comes with the air line kit.\$100.00

"MARS" light for sale that would be good for a 2.5" to 3.75" narrow gauge engine. It is a little large for a 1.5" loco, but it would look o.k.\$150.00

A dual air brake valve system with two brake handles for controlling train brakes and engine brakes separately. It has 3 pressure gauges attached and plumed into the system. They are all 0 - 100 psi. The center gauge is for air pressure indicating total pressure in the system. The other two gauges indicate independently air pressure to the engine brakes, and the train brakes during application..... \$200.00

300 rail joiners made of aluminum with 4 holes and ready to go. They will fit most rail made including western profile rail.....\$60.00

Gordon Briggs timbercreekrr@yahoo.com (530)273-9145

South Bend 9 inch "Junior" model lathe from late 1920s. The "Junior" model predates the more common "Workshop" model which most people find today. The "Junior" is a much heavier. The machine comes with change gears, 3 jaw chuck, 4 jaw chuck, faceplate, jacobs tailstock chuck, tailstock wrench, steady rest, tool holders, toolpost, motor, countershaft, belts, and reversing switch. In short, this is most everything you will need to get started. It is a good little machine. Interested buyers are welcome to inspect the machine in Stockton, California and take a cut or two. Price is \$650.00. I also have a new (and very nice quality) Bison 6" 3 jaw chuck with reversible jaws for this lathe which I would include for a bit more.



Stathi Pappas: (209) 603-7363 SouPac@aol.com

Live Steam Magazines for sale from 1969 to 2004. Call June Riddle at 916-361-7905.

The following items are for sale:

1. Car Key, Adlake, brass 3.6 inch long, stamped SP
2. Late, Unimate, all tooling, in box.
3. Weather vane, cast aluminum, CPHuntington 3 feet long with roof mount.
4. Switch locks
5. Other items.

Call: Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162

WANTED:

I am looking for a well built 2-6-0 or 4-6-0, 1 1/2 inch scale, 7 1/2 inch gauge. Preferably Winton or Allen type locos. It must run well, be in good shape and be a turn key loco. An Allen 4-4-0 would also work.
 Please call John Bothwell at (949) 294-5719 or write to john.d.bothwell@biola.edu if you have or know of an engine.