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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

FALL MEET

Once again we all have an opportunity to get together with our friends and fellow live steamers. The Fall Meet is scheduled to happen on October 21 & 22. Some folks plan to arrive on Friday, October 20, which is the day for our monthly membership meeting. Plan now to bring your engines and rolling stock and be an active participant in the event, which is our last full membership run for the year. We plan to have a dinner on Saturday night, but will have a new plan for this since the caterer we have used in the past is no longer in the business. We will have a raffle too. A training class will be held on Saturday at 10:30 AM so meet attendees can qualify as Conductors and partially qualify as Diesel Locomotive engineers. Written tests will be given by Clio Geyer, and Gordon Moser will give hands-on-operational training. Now is time to get the most out of your membership in SVLSRM by your full participation. We hope to see you there!

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Gordon Moser working on his CliShay, with the watchful eye of Bob Lovell.

SPECIAL EVENTS by Clio Geyer

August was a good month. Not too busy, but enough to keep us going. One event in particular was a good one. We had the Rainbow Land Christian Pre-School out for their last day of summer school. Sandy, the owner, always brings out at least one class each year. This year was her 18th with us. She was telling me that Ed Spall approached her at church one Sunday and handed her his business card with the comment, "If you would like to give the kids a train ride, give me a call." The rest is history.



September promises to be also pretty busy. Sunday the 10th is the Garden Railroad group annual picnic. This is a potluck and all those SVLS folks that would like to bring out their equipment and a dish to share are welcome. Last year was the first time we have hosted their gathering and it was a lot of fun. We provide rides and they for the most part provided the food. This year it is hot dogs and drinks they are furnishing. Those who participate provide everything else. Please put this on your calendars and come out and enjoy a day with fellow railroaders.



Dave & Mindy Morgan and Joel Corbin.

A good time was had by those that came to our annual pot luck. The evening was nice and everyone enjoyed the food and rides.



Vern with the SVLS train giving rides.

CALENDAR

Sep 15 General Meeting - Park building 7:30 PM
 Sep 16 Work Day
Sep 17 Public run day - Noon to 4 PM

 Oct 5 *NEW DATE* Board Meeting 7:00 PM Park building
 Oct 20 General Meeting - 7:30 PM Park building
 Oct 21 - 22 FALL MEET
 Oct 28,30,31 Halloween Scary U trains

 Nov 3 Board meeting Park building

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?



Special Events Schedule

| Date | Time | Event type | Engine(s) |
|--------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Sep 10 | All Day | Garden Railroad Pot Luck | |
| Oct 1 | 12n-1p | Birthday | Diesel |
| Oct 8 | 8a-12n | Birthday | Diesel |
| Oct 8 | 1:30p - 3:30p | Family event | Steam |

Please call Clio to volunteer on special events.

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MEMBERSHIP

by Amy lutrel

Welcome New Members:

Steven Hadley & Family - Walnut Creek

Eric Olds - Folsom

Edward Buitmann - Auburn



If anyone would like to save paper (& money) please let me know so we can put you on the list to receive your news letter online. Once again if you live close and have some extra time we would love to see you down at the track....Remember it's up to all of us to keep it running!



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svls.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has been put in place. The members are Gordon Moser, Chairman, Milon Thorley, and Jack Friedman. They are already moving to come up with their suggested slate for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, Track Superintendent, and Yard Master. The nominees will be announced at the October General Membership Meeting. If members have a candidate who is not on the suggested list, nominees can be made from the floor at the October Meeting. A second to the nomination and confirmation either in writing or in person that the nomination will be accepted is required.

CONSTRUCTION GROUP

For some time we have had plans to form a group of members who want to participate in the construction of a project for SVLSRM. The intention was to build an engine at first, and plans were being developed with Al Shelley. When Al passed away unexpectedly, the group was on hold for lack of a project. We are starting the group again now, and several folks have come forward to work on the new riding cars for public passenger use. The plan has been developed by Pete Arney with the help of Bill Yoder and others. Pete and I went to a steel supply company to acquire 1 x 2 steel tubing needed. After this trip, Milon Thorley, Pete Arney, Richard Lutrel, Bill Yoder, and I got together for a day of cutting, and all of the steel was cut to proper length for welding. That welding will follow shortly. When this project is done, we will have six cars toward our goal of twelve. If you would like to be involved in this or our next project, let Pete or me know. Also, let us know the type of skill you would like to use or learn. This is a great way to actively get involved. Also, at our September meeting on the 15th we will have, as a program feature, an explanation of the car assembly. The cut pieces, the plans and the prototype car will be there for your inspection. We will have all the parts and plans for you to see. If you come, you may be encouraged to build your own car.

Concurrent with the riding car start, the Construction Group is developing plans a new steam engine for SVLSRM use. Now is the time to get involved as things are getting moving.

OTHER THINGS

A joint meet is being held Sunday, September 10th at SVLSRM with the Garden Railway Club. This is their event and picnic and we are invited to participate by running our engines and having hot dogs with their members. Come out and join this two-group fellowship.

Halloween Scary U trains will run on October 28, 30 & 31. Jerry Jewell and his theater group will have their haunted house up and running and we will run our trains to carry visitors to the venue. This is lots of fun for us and works to provide funds for our insurance. Again, an opportunity to run a train and help SVLSRM.

Plan to attend the Roseville International Railfair at the fairgrounds in Roseville November 11 & 12, 2006. We will be participating with our snap track and engines. We need volunteers and this is a special time for us all (and a pass is included for all who help). Let me know if you want to be on the list. Their website is www.internationalrailfair.com for more info.

Some time ago, members approved the expenditure for tie material as a part of track realignment in the station area. Shortly we expect delivery of the material which was ordered months ago from Canada. This is a major undertaking but will significantly improve the track around the trees.

Good steamin' to all.....Joel



Rainbow Land Preschool kids mothers taking pictures of the kids shown on page 1.

Introducing The Home Railway Journal

There is new magazine devoted to those who have built or are interested in home railways. The Home Railway Journal focuses on those live steamers who have a track at home. The articles are also useful for those who want a magazine devoted to live steam railroads.

For many years, the hobby has been limited to finding articles in various periodicals. This meant enduring lengthy articles about foam scenery for HO railroads or multi-year construction series about building a locomotive you'd never use.

Now we have our magazine, published by a home railroader for home railroaders.

With The Home Railway Journal, you get valuable and fun information in every issue. Articles include:

- Home railroads in various scales from around the world
- Construction projects that make your home railroad look better or increases its functionality
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SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

103. Public passengers shall be carried only on 7 1/2" gauge equipment approved, by the Safety Committee.

208. Any train that is stopped on the mainline, must call out a flagman to protect to the rear with a red flag or light that may be clearly seen by a following engineer for a distance of at least one-hundred fifty (150) feet.

304. ENGINEERS:

A. Qualifications: any member of S.V.L.S. or other Live Steam club, who demonstrates they has the knowledge, judgment, and ability to operate a locomotive and who passes the qualification test, will be qualified to operate as engineer on the type of locomotive for which he has applied (steam, electric, etc.) No one under the age of 18 will act as engineer on any train pulling the general public. Persons between the ages of 13- 17 may operate as engineer of the locomotive only with permission of the owner, or in the case of S.V.L.S. owned equipment, by permission of the Trainmaster. They will not carry passengers except a flagman. Children under the age of 12 may operate locomotives only while accompanied by an adult (the owner or another adult who is familiar with and qualified to operate said locomotive). The adult must sit directly behind the child and have full access to and can easily reach the controls in case of emergency. Children under 12 years of age may operate trains in the above mentioned manner with passengers who are live steam club members or family members. Children under age 12 may operate non-steam locomotives such as small electric or gas powered engines with simple controls without an adult supervisor as long as they do not carry passengers except for a flagman. Engineers under 18, at the discretion of the Trainmaster or his designated alternate, may be restricted from operating during periods of heavy traffic such as during invitational meets, birthday party runs, and major holidays such as 4th of July.

B. Responsibilities: the engineer is responsible for the safe handling of the train and the cars at all times. He must be in close cooperation with all other operating personnel, observing all rules and signals (whistles, hand, flag or light) given by the trainmen and stationmaster. He must run his engine in conformance with club safety rules at all times. He must see that any club equipment used by him is returned to its proper storage space at the end of his run, unless another engineer takes over the responsibility of such equipment and agrees to see that such equipment is properly stored after its use.

414. All locomotives shall be equipped with a whistle, horn, or sounding device for sounding locomotive signals. Such sounding device be powerful enough to be heard distinctly for at least 150 feet.



10 Years ago: Great News! After several months and continued correspondence with the State of California, the SVLS is now officially a nonprofit, public benefit corporation. We are clearly serving the public benefit and enjoyment and can utilize all donations to maintain and improve the railroad. Thanks to all who served the SVLS in this worthy endeavor.

The SVLS is pleased to have assisted member Dale Fowler in the operation of the portable track/trains at the last Southern Pacific Railroad picnic in Roseville. As a memento of sorts SVLS received an SP check to cover insurance costs. Maybe this is one of the very last SP checks as the railroad is now a "fallen flag" under the UP ownership.

Please extend your warm regards and encouragement to Red Hadler (knee) and Milon Thorley (back) in their efforts to avoid real work. They are both reduced to bed rest with train riders at their side, however, their absence is noticed at the park. Red is no longer a second story man, and Milon brings new meaning to the term "back breaking" work.

20 Years ago: (by Don Juergenson) The other day I was sitting in the shop pondering some seemingly insurmountable problem concerning locomotive construction when a thought occurred to me. Being somewhat unaccustomed to this kind of think I immediately took a cold shower but the thought persisted: "surely other members of the club have been faced with some kind of problem and solved it... why not share these innovations with the rest of us, through the Spike?"

Therefore, I am proposing a regular column for the Spike, entitled "Shop Talk", or whatever you prefer, and authored by various members of the club who "think" they have nothing to offer. The subject matter to be construction and machine shop related such as: Using a Rotary Mower to File Flanges off your Lead Truck, or Proper Care and Feeding of Rerailing Frogs, or Removing Broken Castings from Taps.

30 Years ago: Sept. 25-26th Dedication of the new railroad museum in Old Sacramento. This should interest all SVLS members as so many of our members have given much of their talent and time to the development of the new museum. Ken Yeo is the man in charge of restoration of the old equipment and is aided by Barry Garland, Ed, Don and Dave Youngling, Joe Passentino, Bob Church, Ron Pape, Denny Anspach, and others that are members and no members. It was a large undertaking, but the guys have achieved a part of their goal and are ready to tackle the next project. On display will be four vintage locomotives from the Historical Collection. The newest acquisition is the Empire -mogul 2-6-0 from V & T R; a 1930 passenger coach and a Central Pacific coach. Amtrak's new Diesel SD 40 and new Amtrak passenger coach for a comparison of old and new. The SP, WP, and ATSF will be showing their latest freight equipment.

FROM THE YARDMASTER

by Vern Geyer

Thank goodness the heat has stayed normal for August. This has given us an opportunity to try to get water to the trees that suffered the most from the July heat wave and see if they could be saved. Thanks to the efforts of Paul Skidmore I believe most of the trees have decided they want to live after all and are putting on new growth and leaves. I know that Rich Lutrel, Pete Arney as well as Lee Frechette have also been doing watering of the lawns and what trees the sprinklers hit. Rich has been helping with the mowing as well. Thanks to all these folks.



As soon as the fruitless Mulberry trees in and around the steaming bays have lost their leaves for the Fall, I am hoping to get the help of the Park to cut these down before they cause any future problems. There is planned some additional trimming on the one in the steaming bay to hopefully not have the same loss we had after the Spring meet. We were lucky everyone had gone home before the whole north side of the tree came down.

There are a number of dead trees in the old area that need to be replaced. Before we can cut any of them down, we need to know how they will be disposed of. There are a number of stressed trees in the Park that have lost limbs and they have not been completely cleared out as yet due to lack of disposal facilities, so that means we also have the same problem. If there are any of you who would like the wood, please let me know and if you can come out to take the wood at the time the trees are taken out, I will schedule a day for that.

Life Member Harry Harward passed away on August 22 at the age of 96. He had been seriously ill for a while and spent time in the hospital before passing away. The attached link to the Sac Bee obituary indicates a remembrance ceremony will be held in Worcester, Mass, at interment with his wife Georgette.

Harry loved to come to the track and talk to the people at the station with his engineers overalls, kerchief, and cap on.
<http://www.legacy.com/sacbee/DeathNotices.asp?Page=LifeStoryPrint&PersonID=19055007>

Member Henry Aguirre passed away in Mid-August. When we were told of this, his wife said his memorial would be held on September 24, 2006 at 11:30 AM at Crete Hall, Hutchins Street Square, 125 Hutchins St., Lodi, CA.

The SVLSRM sends its condolences to Harry Howard and Henry Aguirre families and friends.



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

WANTED:

A 1.5 or 1.6 scale 10 or 12 wheel steamer. Looking for a unfinished kit for first time builder. If you know of someone or have something close to what I'm looking for email me at strokedmustang66@yahoo.com. Looking to spend around 3k or trade for a 17 ft boat & trailer, turn key ready

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, 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.