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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

FALL MEET

I hope all of the readers of this article will come to the Fall Meet on October 21 and 22. For some reason, we have not had as many folks attend the Fall Meet as in the Spring due to varying schedules, so I am asking you to come on out to make the attendance better. If you do come, we will have more to see, but if you can't come, we'll understand and have more of the facility for ourselves. You decide...do you want to be a part of the event or do you want to leave the fun for others. Personally, I want to attend and will be there with my engine. I hope to see you too. Oh, and remember the Saturday dinner. Contact Lois Clifton with your reservation.

NOMINEES

Once again the election for SVLSRM Board Members is upon us. The Nominating Committee will present their confirmed recommended slate for the offices of Vice-President, Treasurer, Yardmaster, and Track Superintendent at the next membership meeting on October 20, 2006 at 7:30 PM, which is the night before the Fall Meet officially starts. If you wish to nominate anyone from the floor, it must be done on that night as nominations will close at the meeting. A second to any nomination is required and confirmation is needed to verify the nomination will be accepted. This can either be done with the candidate being present or if they send a communication in writing. Following this meeting, a ballot will be sent to every regular member who is authorized to vote. The voting will be finalized at the November Annual Meeting of SVLSRM.

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October 21 and 22

Bring your train and a friend to the Fall meet. There will be many trains to see, food to eat, raffles with great prizes, and always a good time to see old friends!



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In September we had the Garden RR folks visit for their outing. A number of our membership showed up to give them rides and share in the potluck. They served hot dogs and Red Hadler furnished the soft drinks. The rest was provided by those who shared their offerings. Lots of food!!!

Those who came included; Matt & Vanessa Mason, Red Hadler & Diane, John Haynes, Ken & Nadine Willes, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Jason Van Horn, Margie Haynes was there with John, Paul & Lois Clifton, Joel Corbin, Pete Arney and Vern & Clio Geyer. Dale King was there to celebrate his 40th birthday with his friends and family.

We look forward to next years' party!

CALENDAR

Oct 20 General Meeting - 7:30 PM Park building
 Oct 21 - 22 FALL MEET
 Oct 27,28,31 Halloween Scary U trains (help needed)

Nov 3 Board meeting Park building
 Nov 10 Setup track at rail fair start 6 am svls for pickups
 Nov 11-12 International Rail Fair in Roseville (train rides)
 Nov 17 General meeting & elections
 Nov 18 Work day

Dec 1 Board meeting - 7:00 PM Park building
 Dec 2 & 3 Santa Train - Photo with Santa

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)
Oct 13	4p-6p	Birthday	Diesel
Oct 14	11a-1p	Birthday	Diesel
Oct 15	1p-3p	Birthday	Diesel

Please call Clio to volunteer on special events.



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MEMBERSHIP

by Amy lutrel

Welcome New Members

Carl & Linda Kitzmiller of Stockton, California

Looking forward to seeing you all at the fall meet. Remember to come see me at the Registration Booth to sign in.



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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- Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM**

Parkway Plan report - by Pete Arney

American River Parkway Plan (ARPP) is in the process of being presented to the various community groups starting with the Rancho Cordova City Council earlier this year and continuing recently with another presentation to the city council and to the Cordova Recreation and Park District board of directors.

A good number of our members showed up for both the city and park meetings. In this political environment, numbers make a difference. Many times the hours were late and long but in the meetings so far, the proceedings were favorable. In the end, both the city council and the park board supported our realignment to the east.

At stake are several things: Most importantly, whether SVLSRM can remain in our present expansion area as part of the American River Parkway Plan. Will SVLSRM be given the opportunity to realign into the area to the east of our present location in return for giving up 150 feet or so at the north end of our present expansion area next to the bike trail as mitigation for a wildlife migration corridor. Will our present plus proposed realignment area have the land use changed to Developed Recreation (this is the only designation out of a possible six or so that would be favorable to us).

There are numbers of parkway enthusiasts in the ARPP presentation that do not want a miniature railroad at all in the parkway master plan. The plan is continuing to be presented to various community groups known as Community Planning Advisory Committees (CPAC's) throughout Sacramento County. Twelve of the twenty-five groups have been scheduled to hear the presentations by the Parkway Management Team through the end of the year. Joel and I will be attending most speaking out on the behalf of SVLSRM.

The various CPAC's will form an opinion of the ARPP in general and possible the live steamers in particular. Their opinions will flow to the final arbiters of the plan: County of Sacramento,

City of Sacramento, and City of Rancho Cordova. The final decision of these entities will result in state legislation to place the American River Parkway master plan into law. Once law, the plan can be changed only by state legislative action. It is anticipated that once adopted, the American River Parkway master plan will stay in effect for another 20 to 30 years before being reviewed again. This is why it is important for SVLSRM to persuade these various groups that we present a diverse environment along the twenty miles of parkway and can coexist with the planned naturalized environment the American River Parkway will become.

If again we need members at meetings, please consider the importance of the issue and respond accordingly. If any member would like to attend the meetings, please come. Contact Joel or myself for further information.

Railroad Maintance update:

Right-of-way: Darrell Gomes has been busy working on the roadbed and right-of-way in general, leveling and replacing ties. Darrell has been replacing ties in the area of Reverso and leveling the track getting ready for the reverse running we do during our Halloween Ghost Train. Mud has also been cleaned away from the tie at the Ponds siding area, always difficult to maintain. Thanks for your effort, Darrell. Much work remains to get the layout ready for the Fall Meet. Volunteers are needed to fine tune the track.

Tie material has been received for out track relocation project to the west into the park a distance. Phase one consists of placing new ballast and ties on our existing station and lower yard approach plus adding a new bypass track from the lower yard approach track through the present station. Following stages will provide roadbed and track that will align a little west into the park. Fill for this will probably be placed this winter to allow for compacting prior to laying track. A schedule of work will be published for those wishing to participate in the relocation project.



Run day photos by Leonard Houpt.

Everyone enjoys a pleasant day at Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum.



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TRACK REALIGNMENT

For several months Pete Arney and I have been involved with public meetings of various kinds in order to secure a new land designation for acreage east of our current track. This will allow our track to be greatly improved both as to layout and aesthetics. We have had much opposition from some groups and the final vote, expected in February, could go either way, for or against us. Lee Frechette has been actively involved in the planning with the Cordova Recreation and Park District and the City of Rancho Cordova. Due to the various possible outcomes of this process, Pete and I have asked Lee to put on a program at our next Membership Meeting on October 20. The Board has seen the diagrams and maps with recommendations and fully supports the process. Lee will give an explanation to all who attend the meeting so you all know what is happening. Please attend to see this complete update.

HALLOWEEN

Once again, the SVLSRM will work with Jerry Jewell and his theater group to present the Haunted House program. The dates are October 26 (our rehearsal only), Friday, 27th, Saturday, 28th, and Halloween night, Tuesday, October 31. This has been a great success for us and Jerry as well as fun for the families who attend. We need your help on the trains, in the several station points and overall coordination. Please let me know if you can make it out on any of the days mentioned.

INTERNATIONAL RAILFAIR

On November 11 and 12, 2006, the International Railfair for model railroaders will take place at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville. The SVLSRM has been a part of this event for several years with the "snap track" on the field adjacent to the display buildings. Paul Clifton has called many folks to help out and if you would like to do so, call him. We need volunteers to install the track on Friday the 10th and to move the locomotives. Train operators and station staff are needed for the weekend. Please let Paul or me know if you would like to help.

There will be a dinner for vendors at a nearby restaurant on Saturday, November 11th. If you help with our crew, you are invited. Here is the info: Moose Lodge (near the fairgrounds), Cost \$10.00. Dinner choice Baked Chicken or Swiss Steak. A raffle will take place too. Send reservations to Ben Hale, 1328 Longfellow Circle, Roseville, CA 95747 and include the dinner choice with your \$10 check payable to International Railfair. Reservation deadline is October 30. Tickets will be delivered at International Railfair.

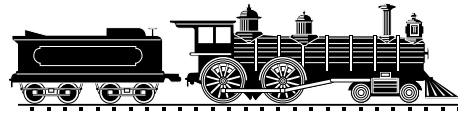
TEENS AND THE LIVE STEAMERS

At the last Board meeting, approval was given to Amy Lutrel to develop a program for teenagers to allow them to become familiar with the SVLSRM and how it is run as an organization. She calls it the "Trainmen Auxiliary Program" program. They will learn the safety rules, the needs for equipment and maintenance and will also learn how to operate equipment and locomotives as they demonstrate the character needed as

a responsible member. When they reach eighteen years of age, they will be eligible for regular membership, with, hopefully, a good live steam background. This is not a baby sitting group. Responsibility is the key to its success. Parents are encouraged to join so a family membership is involved.

ADVANCE NOTICE, SANTA IS COMING

Once again, Lois Clifton will chair the Santa Run, to be held this year on December 2 and 3. Clio Geyer has agreed to be a part of this event too. How about you? The kids that come out to see Santa have a great time seeing the bearded old man, riding the trains and getting a photo. Call Lois if you want to be involved.



Trainmen Auxiliary Program

by Amy Lutrel

Do you know a child interested in railroading?

SVLSRM will be starting a Trainmen Auxiliary Program to teach young people about trains.

In this structured program, students will have an opportunity to learn about different types of equipment, about steam and diesel locomotives and their operation and maintenance. They will learn about tracks and signal systems. They will get a chance to learn also about railroad maintenance, track repair and construction, as well as club guidelines. Joining in special events will add to their fun, such as helping club members design and build our parade float.

Parents will attend with students, at least initially. Youth will work toward earning merits, which will allow them to participate in more opportunities.

It's still a work in progress, but we believe this program will offer many fun opportunities for young people, and help grow a new pool of volunteers to enhance our club activities.

If you are interested, please give me a call.

Amy Lutrel (916) 344-8989

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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER by Clio Geyer

October is a very busy month. Not only do we have our Fall Meet, every weekend is busy with parties and/or the haunted house.

One party of note was on October 8th. The children of retired doctor Joe Pawlowski decided to celebrate his 78th birthday with a train party. Six of his seven children were in attendance as well as a number of his grand children. His children that were there came from Alaska, Oregon, Reno, Nevada City, Sacramento and San Francisco. Everybody got lots of rides



and seemed to enjoy themselves. Darrel and Gail Gomes were engineer and conductor for the steam train. Butch took turns as conductor as well as station master. Thanks to them for their help.

If there are any of you who would like to come out and help with the Haunted House please let me know. We need people to help at the station loading the passengers, people to take tickets, people to sell tickets, people to run the passengers down to the Haunted House and bring them back. The more people we can get the better because that means some can take a break while people to help.

Give me a call at 916-645-9154 if you could come out and help at least one night.



10 Years ago: I'm (Gordon) back again and trying to get the grounds in shape for the Big Meet in October. Most of the work will be done a week or so before the actual Meet - so it will look sharp. ANY help will be appreciated, to trim trees, mow, etc. Both Red Hadler and Milon Thorley are BAD ORDER at the present time (injuries). Thank you to whomever has been trimming low branches in the track areas. Once again, PLEASE LOCK UP EVERYTHING when you leave - if you are last out. Thanks.

20 Years ago: A "tidbit" from the September issue of "California Blacksmith", submitted by Don Juergenson.

DO YOU JUST BELONG?
 ARE AN ACTIVE MEMBER, THE KINK THAT WOULD BE MISSED, OR ARE YOU JUST CONTENTED, THAT YOUR NAME IS ON THE LIST?
 DO YOU ATTEND THE MEETINGS, AND MINGLE WITH THE CROWD, OR DO YOU STAY AT HOME AND CRAB LONG AND LOUD?
 DO YOU EVER GO TO VISIT, A MEMBER THAT IS SICK, OR LEAVE THE WORK FOR JUST A FEW AND TALK ABOUT THE CLIQUE?
 THERE'S QUITE A PROGRAM SCHEDULED, THAT MEANS SUCCESS IF DONE, AND IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE HELP OF EVERYONE.
 SO ATTEND THE MEETINGS REGULARLY AND HELP WITH HAND AND HEART, DON'T BE JUST A MEMBER, BUT TAKE AN ACTIVE PART.
 THINK THIS OVER MEMBER, ARE YOU RIGHT OR ARE YOU WRONG? ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER? OR ----DO YOU JUST BELONG?

30 Years ago: Those of us who went to the GGLS 40th Anniversary Meet and dinner had a wonderful time. We spent the day running engines and swapping news and technical INFO; then to our motels to clean up for the Anniversary dinner. At one motel we saw a gal clad only in high heels, panty hose and a bright yellow sweat shirt with Model Railroading forever and a picture of a steam engine embossed on the front, running up and down the hall and knocking in a panic at one of the doors. Someone in the group said they thought they knew her. The dinner was very good and SVLS members Richard and Debie Williams each won a door prize. Milon Thorley, Al Shelley, Ken Spicer, Roy Motts, Curt Jansen, Don Yungling, Earl Mc Kenzie and Austin Knoff all had their engines there; Also there were families of some of these men. Milon Thorley won a gold spike pen and pen holder and Ed Yungling won the Harry Dizon key chain and rail.



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 subscriptions or information, visit:
www.homerailwayjournal.com
 or call 916-363-6620.



Paul Clifton has been out asking people for their help during this time. If you have not heard from Paul and would like to help, please give him a call at 916-772-8514.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

106. All Public passengers will be loaded and unloaded only at stations.

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. Responsibilities: each trainman shall have a whistle (police type preferred) and a red flag or light in his possession at all times while acting as trainman. He shall assist in loading

or unloading passengers on the train. He shall ascertain that all passengers on his train have been told and understand instructions for passengers before signaling to the engineer to proceed from the station. He shall enforce all passenger safety rules while the train is in motion. He shall align all switches (turnouts) for the mainline after use of such switches by his train. He shall enforce Rule #111 and shall prevent any passengers from throwing any trash, garbage or other refuse from the train along the right-of-way. He shall assist the engineer when necessary and shall call for help when necessary to enforce any rules.

415. All locomotives operating during periods of low visibility or after sunset shall be equipped with a working headlight that may be seen clearly for a distance of at least 150 feet and sufficient lighting in the locomotive cab to read the gauges and see the controls clearly.

416. All trains running during periods of low visibility or after sunset shall be equipped with a marker light, or lights on the rear of the last car showing a red light to the rear and visible for at least 150 feet.



for sale

"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. new low price => \$100.00

Switch stands for \$85.00 each. They can be viewed on my website under photos in the "for sale album":

<http://www.timbercreekrr.zoomshare.com/>
I have a limited supply of 15.

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

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, CP Huntington 3 feet long with roof mount.; 4. Switch locks & more.
Call: Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162

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

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



WANTED:

Ready to run 7.5 inch gauge / 1.5 scale cars, looking for Flat car, Box car, and Tank car.
Contact Les Wilmunder at (916) 372-2423

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.