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Our run days during March have been fun. We started on March 6th with our first run day. We had three members Dale Dennis, Carl Kitzmiller and Garrett Augustus who brought their engines out to ride the rails and enjoy the good weather.

The public rides went well also, we kept the old UP engine pulling a full load all afternoon. Thanks to those members that give their time to support SVLSRM.

The second run day also had members with their engines and many rides were given to the public.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Spring Meet will be the first weekend in May, May 1st and 2nd.
Please mark your calendar
-- See more details on Page 3.



Karle has been very busy with our steamer along with Christine, Ross, and Brad. We should be seeing its new face at the track soon.
See article on Page 5.

SVLSRM Calendar

Apr. 3 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 Apr. 13 Board meeting 6:30
 Apr. 16 Membership meeting
 Apr. 17 Work Day and Run day for members.
 Apr. 18 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.

May 1 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 May 1 & 2 Spring Meet - All Day
 May 11 Board meeting 6:30
 May 16 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 May 21 Membership meeting
 May 22 Work Day and Run day for members.

Mark your Calendar

Spring meet May 1st & 2nd
 July 4th weekend events July 3rd & 4th
 Club trip to Willow Creek Railroad July 9-11
 Hot August Night Run Saturday Aug. 28th
 Fall Meet Oct. 9th & 10th

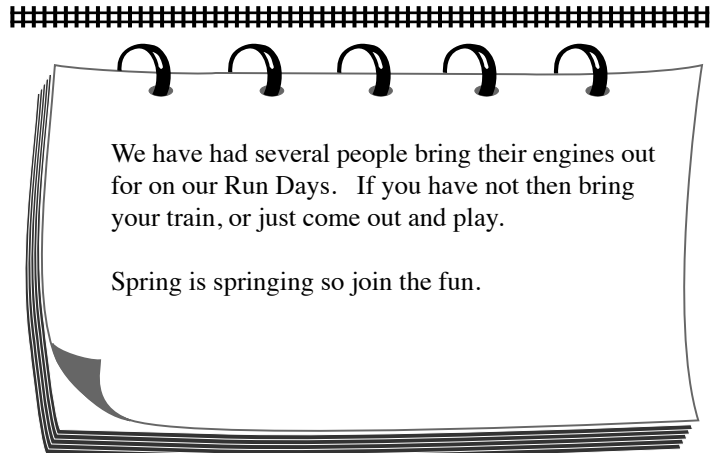
Public run day calendar available on-line.

Don't forget about work days, Every Tuesday also Saturday after members' meeting. Contact a committee member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM web site <http://www.svlstrm.org>.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

Welcome New Members

Mark Gundiff from Elverta, Ca



We have had several people bring their engines out for on our Run Days. If you have not then bring your train, or just come out and play.

Spring is springing so join the fun.



Yes I would still like to have you send in the survey that was in the Feb. Newsletter. Your input is needed.

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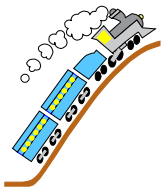
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Bill Yoder

The sign up sheet for providing snacks at our meetings is almost complete. We need June, July and September. Please call if you will help. Thanks.

The last two Saturday workdays have had a workday coordinator for the volunteers that come out to work. This way those that are looking for something to do can find it. With only 7 work Saturdays left in this year I am sure there are those of you that could help at least one of these Saturdays. Please call me.

With Spring meet in a few weeks it's time to plan your trip. First if you need a motel to stay in, the Comfort Inn near here is offering us a special discounted rate of \$59.99 per Single Room and \$64.99 for Double Beds. They are located at 12249 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 call: 916-351-1213 or Toll Free: 1-800-4-CHOICE <http://www.comfortinnandsuitesrc.com/>



Dinner plans for the spring meet will be a BBQ Saturday evening. Menu is: Grilled Tri -Tip & Chicken Teriyaki Home Made Potato OR Macaroni Salad Ranch Style Beans & Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter Unlimited Iced Lemonade \$9.00 adults, \$6.00 children

Please call Lee Frechette at (916) 205-6791 for your dinner reservations or an e-mail to svlsrm@svlsrm.org

Check our web site for latest details about Spring Meet.

Notes from the board: The board approved the appointment of Ed Zels as Safety Chairman. Please welcome him and give him your support to make our railroad a safe experience. Chris Donhost presented several suggestions for a granite memorial. The board approved concept, and at the next general meeting the membership approved the design and purchase.

At the General meeting an expanded Halloween event was discussed for more events and more weekends. No decision was made then but will be at the April membership meeting so please mark your calendar and come to the membership meeting on April 16 at 7:30.

Looking forward to Spring Meet - See you there I hope.

Oh yea we had a new visitor during a work day in March, a scrawny coyote.



Track Superintendent

By Darrell Gomes

The track crew has started Spring track repairs and enjoying the GREAT weather. We have been busy with tie replacement and rail joint upgrades in the Hill View area. The East siding is out of service waiting for replacement switch frogs ordered from Whistle Stop fabrications.

We have been working on rock donations so we can complete Sugar Pine and start more track replacement.

We are installing new lights for the loading area that will light up the hoist and transfer table area. The AmeriCorps crews have been busy digging the footings and trenching for the conduit. Thanks to their hard work, we are completing a lot of jobs that have been around for awhile. Its time to break out the Trains !

A NEW SEASON HAS STARTED !!



Thanks

to Bill Wells who made a donation of a box of our steamer (#1973) parts and some track parts that had come from Darrel McWhirk who had donated the 4-6-0 steam engine to us in the late 90's.



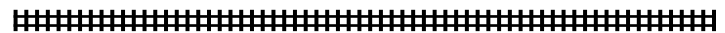
Invitation to visit Willow Creek Railroad.

Please plan on riding the rails of WCRR on July 9th, 10th and 11th, 2010. They are located in Brooks, Oregon.

If you are planing on going please let Bill Yoder know so we can tell WCRR how many people and trains are arriving.

Thanks Bill

Check out their web site at: <http://www.willowcreekrr.org/>



There are plenty of projects to work on at the railroad so you need to come out and give time to your organization.

Your help is needed. Call a board member and ask for a project, then volunteer.



YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli

We have been blessed to have AmeriCorps with us again for the end of March. They have been very busy digging, mulching, and cleaning the yard of debris.

We are putting lights in the first sea container and tractor container. We will also have commercial grade lighting for the steamer bays (Thanks to Brad Jones). This will provide better security and will be good for loading trains at night. This should be completed for the spring meet.

The facility is in great shape thanks to the mulching of trees and planting areas with the donation from Arborwell. Also, the track has been completely sprayed. One more upgrade to the picnic area includes a new deck outside the caboose thanks to Larry and his crew from Coloma Church of Christ. Thanks for the donation of time and material.

I believe the park is in the best shape I have seen it. Come and see us for the Spring Meet May 1 and 2.



Thanks

Thanks AmeriCorps. You really are a great team and really work hard.

RFE's Report for April



In my last report I thought that the 1973 would be ready by the beginning of March. Well it is the end of March, and as you can see from the pictures of the engine it is currently in a state of discombobulation. However! It is now painted discombobulation, there is a difference. Brad Jones did nearly all of the "heavy lifting" by prepping, masking, lettering and painting the tender and the engine's jacket, domes, running boards, and especially the cab which came out great.

Christine is in the middle of cleaning, prepping and painting the engine's frame, no mean feat considering the years of accumulated grim and grunge. She painted the smoke box and outer fire box side sheets a dark metallic gray to simulate a coating of graphite and linseed oil. Chris also made the brackets which support the piping under the running boards and is our resident calligrapher making the number stencils for the bug boards (train indicators).

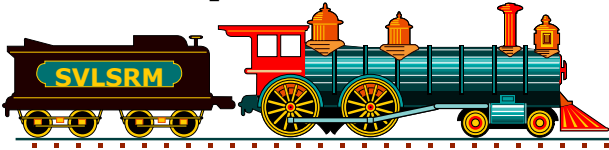
The boiler is shown to give an idea of what has been done before the insulation and jacket are installed. The stand offs provide the spacing for jacket and boiler while bands will hold them in position. Ross and I did a low pressure hydro to start the process of finding and correcting any leaks. We filled the boiler with water and pressurized it to 65 pounds. The boiler needs to be as tight as possible before the insulation is installed to reduce the chance of getting it wet and trapping water between boiler and jacket.

I've been keeping busy by painting pipes and continuing to build parts that the engine needs. When will it be finished, now that all parts are back from paint, 1973 should be back on its home rails at the end of April.

Karle Mahler, RFE Steam



Special run schedule



Please help by volunteering your time.
Call Clio to help.

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
Thur. 4/8/10	9:45 AM	Peggy @Cordova Rec	50	2 Trains
	12:45 PM	Angie @Cordova Rec	50	2 Trains
Fri. 4/9/10	9:45 AM	Peggy @ Cordova Rec	50	2 Trains
	12:45 PM	Angie @ Cordova Rec.	50	2 Trains
Sat. 4/10/10	1-3PM	Stevens Party	25	Diesel
Sun. 4/11/10	11-1PM	Penne Party	25	Diesel
Thur 4/15/10	10:45 AM	Edward Kelly School	50	Diesel
	12:30 PM	Sequoia School	50	Diesel
Fri. 4/16/10	4:30 - 6:30 PM	Fales Party	25	Diesel
Sat. 4/17/10	Noon-2	Luna Party	59	Diesel
Fri. 4/23/10	3-5 PM	Rozek Party	25	Diesel
Sat. 4/24/10	11AM - 3 PM	Kids Day in the Park	????	Diesel
Sat. 4/24/10	1-3 PM	Heron-Clark Party	25	Diesel
Sun. 4/25/10	1-3 PM	Engle Party	25	Diesel
Wed. 5/5/10	10-3 PM	Thompson Car Club	???	Cars Only
Sat. 5/8/10	2-4 PM	Varney Party	25	Diesel
Mon. 5/24/10	11 AM	CHEC Home School	???	Diesel
Tue. 5/25/10	10-12 AM	CCA School	50	2 Trains
Sat. 5/29/10	Pending	Crews Party	25	Diesel



Spring Meet
May 1st + 2nd

SVLSRM has emblem pins for sale and they look great. They cost \$5. See Clio to buy a pin.

(916) 645-9154



Tie replacement is an ongoing need. Here you see an example of how bad many of our ties are. There are many more to be replaced - come and help.



Your editor is looking for pictures or movies of SVLS activities so we can make a copy and add to our Historical collection. If you have some please notify the editor. Thanks - Bill





10 Years ago: VP Remarks by Milon Thorley - Svls is moving on in 2000. Run days have been well attended and the public has been riding with us in large numbers. We continue to pick up new members who are turning out to help operate and maintain our facility. Old or new if you want to be a part of the organization and not just a dues payer, come on out on work days as there is always plenty to do. A list of a few things needing or

desirable to be completed that entered my mind as I write this.

1. Repair roof on mower shed that blew off in the March wind.
2. Lots of fence repairs big and small.
3. Build a second level for car storage in box car.
4. Water line to Hillview.
5. Reinstall full size switch stand at passenger station.
6. Remove large trees in steaming bay.
7. Pave passenger station platforms.
8. Clean and repair sprinkler heads in expansion area.
9. Build dummy down spout for Midway Water Tower.
10. Aid in bike path track replacement project.
11. And many more.

Thanks to Jack Rockett, Frank Smith and Dick Esselbach for their help installing the siding at Hillview.

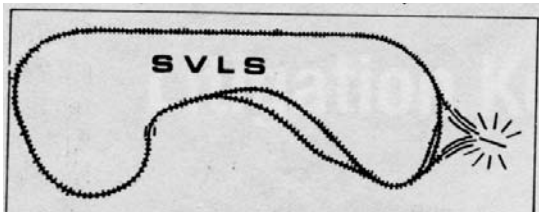
20 Years ago: *EDITOR request: I need newsletter copies for the months of: 3,9,10,11,12 of 1990. If you have these please call Bill.*

The work crews cleaned around the little oak trees that were planted in the new expansion area, and the pile of dirt that was blocking the gateway was moved out of the way. The grass was mowed and trimmed, many of the ties in the tie pile were split and stacked. The tree stump, in the passenger area, was dug out. The refrigerator that was donated by Mike and Gretchen O'Connor was installed in the Caboose.

The group activity for April is the trip to Davenport, April 21, 1990. We will travel, in a group, by bus to Davenport for a picnic. The locomotives will begin running and will take us on our journey through the beautiful, coastal countryside.

30 Years ago:

Spring meet: 2000 foot loop of dual gauge track. Water, air and electricity at steaming bays. Limited overnight space trackside for campers. Hotdogs, beer and soft drinks will be available for lunch both days.



What does a hungry hoghead get when he blows live steam down a rabbit hole? Okay? How hold your sides! He gets "Hot, cross bunnies" ... got it?

Safety Rules for the Month

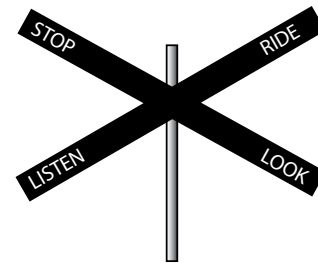


117. No pets of any kind shall be allowed to run free within the facility. All pets shall be confined on a leash not over six (6) feet in length, or inside the owners car, (as per park rules). The owner of such pets shall be responsible for immediately cleaning up any manure or other disagreeable mess caused by such pet. Any violation of this rule may result in both pet and owner being asked to leave the facility. Animals may not ride on public passenger trains.

218. Engine whistle signals shall be used by the engineer whenever practical to give, ask for, or acknowledge information about train movement. When double heading, the lead engine will give the whistle signals when possible. The whistle shall not be used unnecessarily. The whistle is a signaling device and should be used as such.

309. All operating personnel, while on duty, shall have a copy of these operating rules in their possession. (See rule #118).

403. Dummy or solid type couplers shall be constructed so they operate with the standard working knuckle coupler. Coupler height shall conform to I.B.L.S. standards.



Keep on Steaming!



Please check the SVLS web site: www.svlsrcm.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.



Help is needed with our public ride days and party events. Please help support your club.

Call Clío for info.

for sale

1" scale Pacific. Plus flat cars, tender and the stand that the loco is on are all for sale. Also a box of odds and ends. Asking \$8000 or reasonable offer. Email for pictures or info.
Contact: Michael Savarino email: mssavarino@yahoo.com

TWO STEAM Trains for sale. Buy one or both.

1: 1.5" scale, 7.5" gauge Clishay locomotive and riding car. \$6,500. Engine is a two cylinder double acting 1 1/4x1 1/2". Boiler upgraded from the original 8" diameter water tube to a steel 10" diameter propane fired fire tube boiler with 73 1/2" copper fire tubes. Pneumatic FWD/REV shift and brakes on locomotive. Usual Accessories: working headlight, bell, new whistle, two new relief valves, engine driven feed pump and a hand pump. New body and trucks on riding car. Engine and tender set-up on a single axle trailer for transport.

2: Recently refurbished CRAB locomotive and tender. Loco is about 14" wide and 22" long. Two cylinder double acting engine with a bore and stroke of 1.375 x 2.5". Slip eccentric valve gear, a mechanical lubricator and crosshead driven feed pump. Boiler is about 9" in diameter and 14" tall, propane fired with 8 individual burners in a ring. Burner control manifold is on the tender along with the pilot light control. Boiler feed is by a crosshead pump with a hand pump for back-up.

Tender has mechanical brakes and is about 16" wide by 5 feet long. Holds about 12 gallons of water and a 5 gallon propane tank. Tender is freshly painted.

Asking \$3,500, RTR. Reasonable offers considered.
Contact Bill Cody at (775) 674-6512 or steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net for additional information/pictures.

Two manuals (maintenance & operating) for a German ML4000 C' C' Diesel/Hydraulic (in English) \$15. each.

Contact: Charles Williamson (916) 363-2395

Editor note: SP bought several ML4000 models in the mid 1960s - The sole surviving unit (SP9010) is under restoration at Niles Cannon railroad. - from wikipedia.org

RMI 45 ton centercab 2.5 scale 7.5 gauge

Complete except for siderod, wiring harness, controller that can be bought from RMI. The engine can be running for under 900.00.in light gray primer. It can be delivered to SVLS for a fee of 75.00 asking 3,500.00 O.B.O or possible trade for model T parts or Live Steam Garden railway engines or 4by4 trucks.
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Switch stands, point throw mechanism and point plate for attaching the points is included with the switch stand. A complete set-up for \$75.00 (plus shipping) <http://www.timbercreekrr.zoomshare.com/>
Contact me by phone or e-mail for questions and quantity discounts.
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- #3. 6 wheel common wealth passenger trucks for 7 1/4 or 7 1/2 gauge. \$1200. Per pair.

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