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2010: Our annual General Membership meeting, also our election meeting, is on Friday, 7:30 P.M., Nov. 19. Ballots will be cast and absentee ballots accepted. All will be counted to elect four individuals to the Board of Directors.

ELECTION

The nominees for our Board of Directors are: Vice-president Bill Yoder, Treasurer Lois Clifton, Track Superintendent Darrell Gomes, and Yardmaster Andy Berchielli.

The nominees for these offices were presented by our nominating committee to the October General Membership meeting with an opportunity for floor nominations for these offices. No other nominations were made so nominations were closed. According to our bylaws, no floor nominations will be taken at the November General Membership/Election meeting.

Ballots have been mailed to our Regular, Probationary, and Lifetime members. Those not eligible to vote are Associate, Family, and Honorary members.

The ballots can be returned by mail to SVLSRM, brought to the November General Membership meeting, or a ballot picked up at the November meeting and cast. Each position will also have a box to check off "NO" as well.

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SP visit photos thanks to: Evan Werkema and Vic Neves - more photos on page 4



Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society's 2010 Convention was held in Sacramento and we were honored that about 50 from their group came out to SVLSRM to ride the rails.

Dave Stanley - Convention Chairman stated, "Thank you so much for hosting a memorable visit for our group. The SP equipment operating was a real joy, and I, for one, enjoyed running Ed Youngling's AC12. I know others enjoyed their throttle time as well, especially those highly detailed GP9s. And Chris, I hope I didn't tax your Mogul too badly! That was a fun lap around the park.

We certainly appreciated the barbeque (the food was delicious) and the welcome buttons. Both a very nice touch, indeed.

Although I had hoped more of our conventioners would have visited, those that did attend had a ball, to say the least!

Thanks again. "

Special thanks to our members Ed Yungling, Don Yungling, Matt Mason, Casey Wilmunder who brought their SP engines to show and ride and if I missed someone let the editor know. Lunch was served by Lois and the Caboose staff - *Thanks again.*

You can visit their web site at: <http://www.sphts.org/>



SVLSRM Calendar

Nov. 9 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. city hall
 Nov. 12 Setup portable track for rail fair at Roseville.
 Nov. 13-14 Rail Fair at Roseville.
 Nov. 19 Member Meeting - Elections 7:30 PM
 Nov. 27 Setup portable track for Christmas tree loop
 Nov. 28 Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree event

Dec. 4-5 Santa Run Noon - 4 PM
 Dec. 11-12 Santa Run Noon - 4 PM
 Dec. 14 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. city hall
 Dec. 17 Member Meeting - 6:30 - Potluck dinner

Jan. 1 Annual member run day & pot luck.

Mark your Calendar

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?



Have dinner on the 3rd bi-annual "Denver & Rio Grande Western" parlor car Durango, in the center of Southern California . Enjoy Mrs. Knott's famous chicken while you experience the ambiance of yesteryear. There will be entertainment from Knott's own Bandit Band and more as the Durango is pulled by one of our historic steam locomotives.

This special dinner train runs December 18th, 2 sittings each night: 6pm and 8pm.

December 19th and 20th 3pm and 5pm due to the park closing early those days.

Tickets are limited to 84 seats. Get yours now before they are sold out: \$35 for adults and \$30 for children up to 14yrs of age. Please state the day and time of your preferred seating. Listing a secondary preference will help ensure everyone wanting to experience this event is able to do so. Parking and entry to the park is included for the purpose of this event. Enjoyment of Knott's other attractions is an extra charge.

Please call or e-mail Jason Van Horn to add your name to the list. Deadline for the purchase of tickets is Dec 4th.

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



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VICE PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

By Bill Yoder

There have been many members and others working hard this month to make several events a success. The first weekend we were host to a group from the SP Historical & Technical Society’s Convention in Sacramento. Many SVLS members brought their engines and many more were here to support the event, I am sorry that I don’t have the list of names that helped but from the VP I say **Thank You for helping!**

Second we are running trains for the Hagan Haunted House. While attendance has varied each night and weekend, there is the last weekend which should be very busy since it is Halloween, and we will be running 5 nights (Oct. 27 - 31). So guess what - your help is needed. Please call Clio (916) 645-9154 and tell her when you will help.

Now when you thought you could take November off and just eat turkey, not so, SVLS will be at the International Rail Fair in Roseville location of Placer County Fairgrounds. Yes we will need help to setup the portable track on Friday Nov. 12, run the train during rail fair on Nov. 13 & 14, then take it back home the evening of the 14th. Please call and help. Thanks ahead!! <http://www.internationalrailfair.com/>

Please join your fellow SVLS members at our annual election meeting Nov. 19th. While you can send a mail in ballot, it is always nice to see you in person.



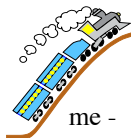
Now the following week you can have your turkey! Have a happy **Thanksgiving** as I feel we have lots reasons to be thankful - Family, Friends and fun with trains.

OK now that you had a great dinner turkey or another fine feast and feeling full the rest of the week, do I have a solution for you. The annual Christmas tree lighting in Rancho Cordova, where we get to run the train around their Christmas tree, is Nov. 28. This event is a great event for SVLS as we can give back to



the Rancho Cordova Community as they have been very supportive of us.

So come out and help up setup on Saturday Nov. 27 and work off those few pounds you added a couple of days ago.



Any questions or need something to do then call Bill Yoder. Keep it steaming....

Hagan Haunted Express

Halloween 2010: Our train ride events were mostly completed on time and were a lot of fun to do. Most of our train riders appeared to have enjoyed them. Our events complimented the haunted houses owned and operated by Joel Watson and Jerry Jewell.

The events were a mix of some scary pop-up creatures, foggy tunnels, a gory mad scientist as a coroner, and some fun things like skeletons waiting at a train station, a toxic outhouse with another skeleton, and a hobo camp. We had a skeleton driving an engine down a track adjacent to our passenger



track and ghosts floating overhead. Most events had triggered sound and action. Live actors performed in our graveyard.



The operations volunteers did a great

job running the trains under the direction of Lee Frechette and Clio Geyer.



Special thanks to these folks for the events: Betty Arney: character costuming, voice overs; Andy Berchielli: character costuming, construction, systems setup and teardown, event maintenance; Bill Yoder: skeleton car, floating ghosts; Lee Frechette: ground breaker, lighting, compressed air, overall SVLSRM management; Ben Kleinwachter: toxic outhouse; Ross Crawford family: spiderville tunnel construction; Hunter Lohse, Gordon Moser, Isabella Berchielli: skeleton car operators; Collette Freitas: spider webs in spiderville tunnel; Charlie & son: live action actors around the events. Many of these folks also served on the operations side running trains and the station.

Ready to do it again next year? You bet!
Pete Arney



Hobos have taken over Hillview siding.

SP group at SVLSRM - Oct. 2, 2010



Special run schedule

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
Nov. 6, 2010	12:30-2:30PM	Fulgham Party	25	Diesel
Nov. 7, 2010	10:30-12:30PM	Herzog Party	25	Diesel
Nov.13 &14	All Day	Roseville Railfair	????	Steam/Diesel



YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli



As the season is changing you may notice that the trees are starting to lose their leaves. I will need help in keeping the track clear and raking up leaves. Help out where ever you can. We are also going to be working with Americorps again next year. Right now then plan is to have them for January and February with track replacement and hopefully some irrigation work. We look forward to working with this group again. They have been very helpful the past two years and are a great bunch to work with.



Safety Rules Review



112. All passengers are required to wear shoes, however, sandals may be allowed. Shoe skates are not allowed.

225. Trains carrying the general public can be double headed; no helper engine can be elsewhere in the train, or pushing on the rear of the train.

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

410. Before leaving the steaming area operating steam locomotives shall have steam pressure brought up to operating pressure, have safety valves and pressure gauges checked and operating correctly, have water gauges and try cocks blown down, have feed-water devices checked and in working order, have whistle tested and operating properly, and have brakes checked and operating.



Annual elections at membership meeting on November 19, 2010

Please make an effort to be there.

Election - Continued from page 1.

Ballots returned by mail will be inserted into a generic white envelope by the voter, then that envelope put into a mailing envelope addressed to SVLSRM. Follow the instructions provided with the ballot. Once received, the mailing envelopes will be opened at the November meeting and the generic white envelopes removed and placed into a container without being opened. This ensures that ballots remain confidential and unidentified to those casting.

However, please place your return address on the outside of the mailing envelope. We need to know who has voted (just like civil elections) and if the voter is qualified to do so. Your name will NOT be associated with your ballot.

Pete Arney



Mail early please.



Now here are a couple of old photos.

Thanks to Craig Craddock for the early SVLS photos from 1979



10 Years ago: Engines running out the... The popularity of our club is no more evident than during the Spring and Fall meets. People arrive early in the week and by Saturday morning the Steaming bays are filled to capacity and beyond. This fall meet was no exception. We were able to fill every steaming bay with steam engines and fill the yards with Diesel and Electric type locomotives. Since we had the pleasure of not one, but two, large mallet locomotives during this meet, the inbound track and one of the lower yard tracks were used to fire up these two behemoths. The larger proliferation of engines is also accompanied with a plethora of cars. It was not an uncommon sight to see sidings as well as yard tracks filled with long strings of cars belonging to our members and visitors.

With a large gathering such as this it is refreshing to see the cooperation of our members and guests in their efforts to load and unload the equipment. Member volunteers at the steaming bay are ensure the smooth flow of equipment in and out of the bays. Keeping an eye on parking helps to keep the area clear so that others have the room needed to maneuver vehicles and trailers to and from the lifts. Considering the large volume of people and equipment handled during the meet, things went very well.

One last bike path crossing needs to be replaced. The track always needs maintenance. Switches in the lower yard need to be retired since they are 27 years old. That pesky roof panel that blew off last spring still needs to be replaced.

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.*

30 Years ago: Thanks, Thanks, thanks for your response to the plea for funds. Including income from the best, certainly most profitable, Fall meet ever, we're back up to \$1450. Contributors were many... plus Clyde Johnson who gave a riding car.

Now an "eyewitness" account of the big day by Bill Fisher, who says it was all started by Ed Spall, who wrote channel 10 TV station in Sacto about a feature on SVLS for their PM Magazine. "All engineers got their batteries charged by a personal interview on camera with tall, beautiful, friendly Diana Damron. Then things began to move...ably directed by Pres Shelley, trainmaster. All went smoothly ...Highlight of the day came (Late in the afternoon) when Diana climbed astride the Jolly Green Giant inbound to the turntable. She was to open the throttle and proceed into the turntable area - which she did at full speed with Ed Spall desperately trying to hold the engine from running off the end of the track. Everyone clapped! The whole camera crew were friendly, co-operative and patient. It was a fun day for the SVLS.

FOR SALE



1 1/2 scale 7 1/2 gauge Mountain Car Co. Wooden standard caboose. Improved with additional wood braces and the use of screws to build the body. Includes Mountain Car Bettendorf Trucks and Couplers. \$625. or best offer. Also will sell body without trucks at a lesser price.

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Contact Doug at dboudrrtrain@sbcglobal.net or 559-325-9006 evenings.

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Cannonball Little Gasser locomotive, 3.5 HP Briggs and Stratton engine, forward/reverse/neutral gearbox with side and rear shifter. Has electric horn, headlight and mechanical bell and lead weight. \$1,500.

Also Railroad Supply Company 5 foot Gondola with Karlson mfg. Bettendorf trucks, Cannonball aluminum couplers, removable/sliding/revolving seats and retractable foot pegs. Has full length steel center sill. \$600.00 (\$500 with loco purchase).

View and pick up at Merced California

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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.