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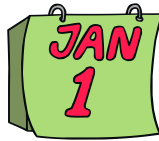
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Join us for our annual members New Years run day and pot luck lunch. Starting about 10am and having lunch around 1pm and playing all day.



Bring your engine and ride the rails.

SP Caboose Move - by Ross Crawford

On 1 December we moved the SP caboose to the SVLSRM facility from the old El Dorado and Southern railroad located at Milton Thorleys home.



Before this could be done I had to find a mover who was capable of the job and after some research and getting the approval of the Board we decided on Taylor Heavy Hauling who had experience moving railroad equipment.

I got help from Ben Kleinwachter and Andy Berchielli to prepare for the move, this involved cutting the overhanging tree so that the crane could position over the caboose. They Removed the radio platform, smokestack, and walkways from the roof to reduce height. Also removed brake rigging so body could be lifted off the trucks. We oiled the journal boxes so the caboose could be rolled from under the tree onto steel plates so the crane could swing it from the ground onto the hauling trailer. The crew pulled the fence back from the driveway so the flatbed trailer could have clearance. Pete Arney brought a load of railroad ties to fill in the ditch for the trailer to swing a wide radius and later returned them to the SVLSRM.

I arranged for the pad the caboose sits on now.

More pictures on Page 4.



Santa fans waiting to see Santa



Santa's sleigh with wheels

Well first I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday. Thank you all for two weekends of hard work. I hope you enjoyed some of the time spent with Santa, and friends.

I would have to say that Santa's helpers did a great and wonderful job. Santa's helpers: Clio, Vern & Dwayne Geyer; Anne, Kevin, Andrew & Tif Sach; Barbara & Gordon Moser; Marilyn Drewes, Ross Crawford, Ed Zeis, Dennis Gramith, Butch Floyd, Paul Skidmore, Jack Friedman, Andy & Isabella Berchielli, Lee Frechette, Ben Kleinwachter, Don Youngling, Eric Olds, Mark & Carson Wentz, & Terry Willis. If I forgot anyone I am truly sorry. But thank you all for helping me put on a great Santa Run. OH! I almost forgot to thank Santa and Mrs Claus for coming all the way from the North Pole.



Lois Clifton

SVLSRM Calendar

Jan. 1 Annual member run day & Pot luck.
 Jan. 11 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
 Jan. 21 Member Meeting - 7:30 Hagan Park meeting room
 Mark your 2011 Calendar

Feb. 8 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
 Feb. 18 Member Meeting - 7:30 Hagan Park meeting room

Mar. 5-6 Public run days - Noon to 4 PM

Mark your 2011 Calendar

Run days for 2011 have been changed to the first weekend of Saturday & Sunday for the months of March through September Noon to 4 PM.

Spring meet is May 20,21,22.

July 2, 3, 4 will be Public run days.

Fall meet is September 16, 17, 18.

Santa run December 3-4 & 10-11

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?



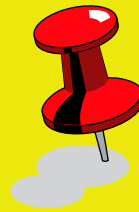
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It's Membership Renewal Time!

The forms for renewing your membership have gone out in the mail, so please check the information for accuracy or needed changes and submit, along with your dues payment, as soon as possible. Only those members who have renewed by the end of February will be included in next year's directory, so please be prompt! Those who have already paid will not receive renewal forms, as they've already taken care of it.

Send to: SVLSRM P.O. Box 273
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We look forward to seeing all of you at the track during the coming year!

Dale Dennis

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* The year your dues are paid through is printed on your news letter envelope.

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Pacific Regional Meet

SVLS will host its Spring Meet May 20-22 and feature it as the Pacific Regional Meet. Many of you heard that it would originally be a Discover Live Steam convention, but due to some issues, that aspect of the meet is not going to happen.

So, the Pacific Regional Meet will go on. The Home Railway Journal is still working on a tour of the California State Railroad Museum shops and some other special treats that will make this more than just a simple meet—it will be one that you don't want to miss. Also, if you'd like to give a brief talk or seminar, many attendees may be interested in that as well. Short sessions, 20-30 minutes would be great and a nice break for engineers throughout the day. It can be about a live steam topic or sharing a railroading story. You get all the benefits of a convention without the steep registration fee.

The raffle is coming back stronger than ever this year. There have already been a few donation confirmations made from some of the ladies and don't worry fellas, I'll be making a run to the tool store for some stuff we can use as well. (Kids won't be left out either; I remember growing up here and what the little ones – er, I – looked for on the table.) If you have something that you would like to donate, feel free to let me know so we can let everyone know and you get the recognition you deserve.

There will be night running, of course, as well as some movies played during Saturday evening about trains and live steam (including some old video from SVLS). Let's just say you won't want to leave right after dinner.

Sunday will have a nice surprise as well, but more on that later. I don't want to give away all the fun stuff we're planning yet...

Matt Mason
Meet Chairman
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Members and friends at the December pot luck dinner.

YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli



The last couple of years I have received help from outside organizations (Disney program, Americorps, +etc.) to help clean up the leaves at the park. I have not had any luck in getting help from organizations this year so I am relying on you to help.

I will send out Emails when I am out there. If you can help that would be appreciated or if you know of a group that is willing to help let me know. (ajberchielli@sbcglobal.net)

We are receiving another Americorps group to help replace the track this year. They will be here from 1/25 to 2/12 Tuesday to Saturday from 8 to 4pm. That is three full weeks. We need volunteers to guide them in the right direction. If you can help with that, contact any board member.

Until then enjoy your holidays and happy new year!



VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Bill Yoder

Well this has been a busy year, with two great meets and a lot of hard work by some of our members keeping the track and grounds looking good. The Halloween event was a new adventure for us trying to provide 14 evenings of running trains in both good and bad weather.

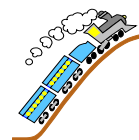
Now it is time to look forward and upward as they say, but in our case we may want to keep our wheels on the rails. I will be doing some calling on members to help with the Master planning committee, or if you would like to join first give me a call.

I hear many ideas but what we need is a plan so we spend our members' money as they wish and succeed in having a great railroad to run on and for all to enjoy.

When looking at old news letters (as I do for the history) of this club I would like to reprint part of an article that while 10 years old is still true today - And I hope you will take note.

“There is a lot of work out there with acres of land and over a mile of track to maintain, not to mention 20 plus cars and four locomotives. The individuals elected to your board cannot -- And are not expected to do all the work for you guys to run trains. It is a team effort, And without this team, it would not be possible to share the hobby with the public and share the magic of railroading and steam with the next generation.
- - Matt Mason”

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







10 Years ago: The weather was gorgeous for our New Years 2001 run day! Several engines had arrived by mid morning, with the majority being of the steam variety.

Riders found comfortable seating aboard our club passenger cars. Milon Thorley brought his diesel and a complete freight train. Don Yungling and Doug Fulton provided the bulk of the steam passenger runs. Barbara Moser

staffed the caboose and graciously coordinated a wonderful potluck lunch, brought to the park by a number of individuals.

Of particular note was Red Hadler and his "El Gobernador", Stathi Pappas and his Clishay, Ross Crawford and his Pensy 0-6-0 and Les and Cindy Wilmunder and their 0-6-0. Dave and Pat Mattox inspected track from their UP covered wagon and Ken Prather of San Francisco displayed his European 4-4-2 Chassis and boiler.

Two reporters from the Sacramento Bee came out to gather information and photos for an upcoming article. We even had a new member join, Karle Mahlor of Sacramento.

My thanks to Gordon Moser and Matt Mason for their help in setup and cleanup and Curtis and Rosy Bonville and Milon Thorley with put-away and lockup. There were several others that helped to make this event the pleasant and relaxing time that it was and I must apologize for non-fitting more in but it is time for me to get off my soap box. Thanks for a great time! - Dale Fowler - V.P.

20 Years ago: *Happy New Year from trackside!* I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for supporting me in assuming the position of superintendent. I will endeavor to continue the fine work by Doug Fulton over the past two years many projects have been completed through Doug's efforts and expertise.

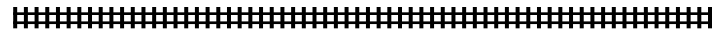
Also, special thanks to the "fallen leaf society", who struggled long and hard to capture the fallen leaves covering the track and steaming bays before the New Year Run Day. Many trips were made to the parks mulch pile using Dick Esselbach's pick-up. This crew also addressed several plumbing problems, caused by the sub-freezing temperatures. At this time permanent repairs are planned for the line valves delivering air/water to the steaming bays and the sector valve controlling the transfer bay watering line.

A top priority is re-tying the south meadow crossing and switch. This section is rotted, misaligned, and is missing a switch throw. Phasing our work, we can resolve these problems.

Lastly, the caboose needs some attention to relocate cabinets, install sinks, and upgrade electrical service. -- Keith Berry, Superintendent.

30 Years ago: All Aboard For Barn Raiser I! EE pinpoints Sat 17 Jan as erection day for the roof and the uppermost of the three cylindrical sections comprising the wall of our "roundhouse". (No skyhook needed... come out and see for yourself.) Depending on the progress made on BR I, we'll set the date for the finale, or BR II... hopefully the following weekend. Let's get our there and get this thing up and, believe me, we'll have the start of a completely new deal down at the yards. We have enough grommets to start and will have the sealant by meeting time. To get things moving, we are going to raise the barn first and add the fan later. If we don't shop right to it, work on the building may well telescope into the many projects and events that are planned for the first half of 1981. On the other hand, having a usable building for the first half of 1981. On the other hand, having a usable building in the yards will be a great help to us in whatever we undertake.

Big Day Video. Channel 10 and Diane Damron produced an excellent SVLS TV "Short" Even the banjo music in the background matched the general railroad theme although personally I would have liked to have heard the engines and cars speak for themselves in at least on of the segments. Thanks to Dick Esselbach and Channel 10, the club has its own tape of the feature.



Safety Rules Review

114. All SVLSRM owned material and equipment is for use of members and guests at the SVLSRM facility ONLY, and shall not be removed from the facility without specific permission from the Board of Directors. This includes treated or distilled water, fuel, cars, locomotive, tools, material, etc.

228. No locomotive shall be operated at an excessive speed, and shall not be operated at a speed greater than any speed from which the locomotive and its train can be slowed and stopped within a reasonable distance, depending on the traffic, track conditions, visibility and weight of the train. Absolute maximum speed of any train shall be 7 mph actual (10 seconds between milepost markers).

302 All members share equal privileges and use of the facilities. All members also have equal responsibility for the safety and maintenance of the facility, equipment, and the observance and enforcement of these rules. Every member is responsible to, and for, every other member. There are no so-called "privileged" members.

412. Steam locomotives shall be operated so as to prevent anyone from being burned or having their clothing soiled by steam from cylinder cocks, exhaust, blow-down valves, whistles, or other emissions.

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