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Track Superintendent

By Darrell Gomes

February was the month that started the removal of all the track at Midway, Cordova Junction, and sections of main line around Reverso and Hill View to allow the installation of irrigation pipes. The track crew has started rebuilding track and switches at Cordova Junction so that equipment can be removed from the box car and open our original loop for operation. The expansion area will be closed until 700 feet of main line can be installed. This will take a lot of man hours and I need help from the membership to complete this task by the first of May. Starting in March, I will be at the track on week ends so members who work can come down and help. At the end of this project, I will acknowledge all the members who have participated in the Spike and at our Spring Meet. Call Me.



SVLSRM Calendar

Mar. 5-6 Public run days - Noon to 4 PM
 Mar. 8 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
 Mar. 18 Member Meeting - 7:30 Hagan Park meeting room
 Mar. 19 Work Day / Member run day

Apr. 2-3 Public run days - Noon to 4 PM
 Apr. 12 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
 Apr. 15 Member Meeting - 7:30 Hagan Park meeting room
 Apr. 16 Work Day / Member run day

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

Mark your 2011 Calendar

Pacific Regional Meet (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?



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



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Don't fall in a hole and drop out of the club. Please renew now.

Send your dues to:
 SVLSRM
 PO Box 273
 Rancho Cordova, CA
 95741

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

Got a project you would like to show off that is too big to bring to the meeting for show and tell. Then give the editor a call/email and we'll take pictures for a feature.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli



Americorps has finished their three week project with us. During that time they got most of the track replaced in Midway and from Tin Man to Reverso switch.

They also expanded the water main from Thorley's berm to the other side of Tin Man Bridge and from Placerville to the north fence line. They also helped clean up the yard and lay cobble down in South Cobble Creek. All their work is much appreciated and has helped us come a long way with the track replacement. Now we need your help to finish the project. The track needs to be ballasted and level. And there are three to four switches that need to be rebuilt. Contact Darrell to help out in any way you can.

I am getting the area by the flag pole ready for the new memorial that is ready to go. The plan is build a raised bed for the memorial to sit on, surrounded by a decomposed granite patio and outlined with a mulched flower bed. My plan since becoming yardmaster was to eliminate most of the push mowing around the track. Once this area is complete the only area left to mow by hand is the loading bays, Hall's cut, and near oasis siding. Thank you to Americorps and all that helped out for the month of February.

Picture on page 6 also.



The Americorps crew. They did a great job working on track or yard work.



It really is Cobble creek.

VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Bill Yoder

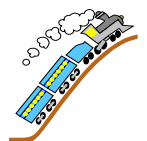
I hope you notice from the pictures that the mainline track is being upgraded to new rail and ties. The new rails always get appreciated by all but it only seems to be a few that make it happen. Well this month you get another change to make a difference. Your CLUB needs your HELP. Please come out and help finish so that we can make use of the full main line route. The best thing to do is call Darrell (our Track Sup.) and volunteer. Extra effort is being made on weekends so come down and help so we can enjoy the railroad.

Another task that I have been doing is signals and there some being done at Snakebite Junction and now with new rail and re-alignment of Midway siding some signals will moved. If you

have an interest please give me a call.

The editor this month told me that the same editor has been doing that task for 8 (That's Eight) years. While he was not complaining as we know others in the club have been working for many more years helping SVLS. He was interested in what should be done differently with the news letter. So here is your chance again to make a difference by sending the Editor suggestions for change to format, content, or new editor. What would really be nice is to have some stories to publish from our great members for our members.

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



Pacific Regional Meet Updates

(Spring meet) is May 20,21,22

by Matt Mason

More information on the Pacific Regional Meet for you, also known as the Spring Meet.

I am still lining up the seminars, but they should have some interest to you. The big announcement is that we will be having a very special opportunity of a shop tour at the California State Railroad Museum shops led by their lead restoration specialist. More info to come, but a tentative schedule is listed below.

We will also be having a consignment table where you can bring items to sell, and the club will watch your stuff for you. We'll even take and hold the money for you until the end of the day, Saturday. All we ask is a 10% donation. If you want to sell something outside of the table, that's just fine with us too.

I still need to have someone chair the **registration table** and the **steaming bay** to assign bays and check boiler certificates.

Friday

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| Noon-4:00 | Registration No Lunch Prepared Today |
| 5:30 | Spaghetti dinner |
| 7:00-Midnight | Night Running |

Saturday

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| 8:00-9:00 | Breakfast |
| 9:00-4:00 | Registration/T-Shirts |
| 9:00-4:00 | Consignment table |
| 10:00-4:30 | Raffle Table |
| 11:00-1:00 | Lunch Served |
| 11:30 | Seminar #1 |
| 12:00 | Seminar #2 |
| 4:45-5:10 | Raffle Drawing |
| 5:30 | Dinner |
| 7:00-Midnight | Night Running |
| 7:00 | Campfire |
| 7:30 | Old SVLS Videos Shown |

Sunday

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| All-Day | Change directions for reverse running |
| 8:00-9:00 | Breakfast |
| 11:00-1:00 | Lunch served |
| 2:00 | CSRM Shop Tour (tentative time) |
| 4:00 | Meet Over and Lock-up |



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



Long time member Tony Rohrs passed away on February 1, 2011. Tony served as President of SVLS from 1998 through 2001.

Our condolences to his family and our thanks for his service and support.



Spring Meet Meals: (Spring meet) is May 20,21,22.

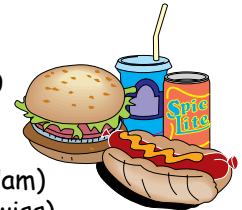
Friday Night \$5.00

Spaghetti
Salad ,French Bread
Sheet Cake



Lunch Saturday & Sunday \$5.00

Hamburger/Cheeseburgers,
Hot Dogs, Chili
Sandwiches (Roast Beef ,Turkey ,Ham)
Choose of Cheese (American or Swiss)
Chips and a Drink (Gateraid .25 more)



Breakfast

Saturday \$3.00 Continental



Sunday \$5.00 Waffles,
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage
Orange Juice

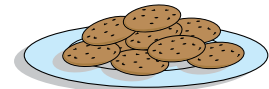


It is a new year and we need a members to provide snacks at the meetings. Please give Clio a call if you will help.

Below is the current schedule for the year.

Please volunteer !

- | DATE | NAME |
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| 18-Mar | Linda Jones |
| 15-Apr | Marilyn Drewes |
| 20-May | Spring Meet - Friday Dinner @ Caboose |
| 17-Jun | |
| 15-Jul | |
| 19-Aug | Hot August Nights Pot Luck |
| 16-Sep | Fall Meet - Friday Dinner @ Caboose |
| 21-Oct | Lois Clifton |
| 18-Nov | Clio Geyer |
| 16-Dec | Christmas Pot Luck |



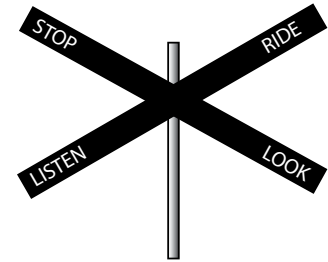


10 Years ago: SVLS fell into a black hole as I don't have any news letters for February or March of 2001, if you have a copy I would like to make copies.

Thanks - Editor

(Jan. 2001 news) SVLS lands on page B1. For those of you who do not receive the Sacramento Bee, there was an excellent story written about the club's New Years day run. The story, which ran on the front page of the Metro section January 2nd, and featured on the Sacramento Bee web page, was accompanied by excellent pictures

of Don Yungling's GS1 and included many quotes from members. It was nice exposure for the club and our hobby.



20 Years ago: *(Mar. 1991 - news)*

Group activities: Our next group activity is the trip to Craig Craddock's April 12-13-14. Craig does have room for a few tents on the lawn by the pond. He has a large parking lot for RV's and campers, etc, and portable bathrooms with be available.

Photos thanks to Clio taken at Craigs place with Vern running the train and others taking a ride in Craigs 1923 Stanley steamer.

The Editor needs news letters for February, April, May & June of 1991, if you have a copy I would like to make copies.

Thanks - Editor

30 Years ago: (1981) The ramp leading from the roundhouse to the lift is complete except for a "drawbridge" at the lift end. I wouldn't be surprised if the track is even laid by now. Oh, yes, and we netted forty-seven dollars from the Feb. run day!

Celebration of the opening of the California railroad museum in appropriate manner by SVLS has been the subject of considerable discussion at recent board meetings. It is the board's feeling that SVLS can best assist in promoting the good fellowship among railroader that should highlight the ten day period 2 May - 12 May by maintaining open house at the park, so that visitors can bring their engines and rolling stock in for a run if they should so desire.



Safety Rules Review



116. Anyone consuming any alcoholic beverages, including beer, or use of any illegal drugs or narcotics of any kind shall be requested to cease. If they refuse, they will be asked to leave the facility.

231. Any member wishing to use any SVLSRM owned rail equipment at the facility must make this request to the Trainmaster (Article IV Section 11.) The member must report to the Trainmaster any damage or operational problems that occurred while in their care at the time of the equipment return. The member must return the equipment to the location from where it was issued.

308. For insurance purposes: engineers and conductor on trains hauling the general public MUST be qualified members of SVLSRM, and pass a qualification test.

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



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