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Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes

Progress on the track replacement project was slowed down due to weather and ground conditions in March.

The track crew was able to complete Cordova Junction in time for Opening Day, but limited to running on the original loop in the park.

We have relocated the switch on the north end of Midway and have laid the main line to the Cobble Creek girder bridge to the south. When Midway siding is completed, we will start work on the north end of Tin Man bridge. I am looking forward to dryer weather in April and a completion date of May 1st.

Saturdays will be work days all April, so come down to the track and bring your cordless drills. See You At The Track!!!!



Ben working on the extended Midway siding.



Midway work continues. Below Vern is working at the bridge.



Mike (foreground) setting gauge and Paul (background) working on Midway switch.



SVLSRM Calendar

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

May 7-8 Public run days - Noon to 4 PM
 May 10 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
 May 20 Member Meeting
 May 20-21-22 Train Meet - 3 days of trains, bring yours

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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Members News

Welcome New Members

Welcome to new members Dave and Jessica Daley of Rancho Cordova!

Dale Jay Dennis
 Membership Chair

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

VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Bill Yoder

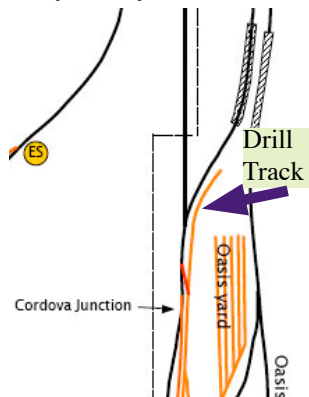
I hope you notice from the pictures on page one that the mainline track is being upgraded to new rail and ties. Well this month you get another change to make a difference. Your CLUB needs your HELP. Please come out and help finish so that we can make use of the full main line route. The best thing to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

Another task that I have been doing is signals, with new signals being done at Snakebite Junction and with the new rail and realignment of Midway siding some signals will need to be moved. If you have an interest to help please give me a call.

The editor told me this month that after his comments last month about wanting more newsletter input none was received. He was interested in what should be done differently with the newsletter. So here is your chance again to make a difference by sending the Editor suggestions for change to format, content, or a new editor. What would really be nice is to have some stories to publish from our great members.

Here's a bit of railroad track info you may or may not know:

The short stub north from Cordova Junction which has been called the "Drill Track" it has a curious name. This term seems to have been used since early railroad days and is still in use today. The book "The Railway Age" published in March 1905 shows the definition of "Drill Track" as: **"A track connecting with the ladder track, over which locomotives and cars move back and forth in switching."** The term Drill was reflecting the back and forth motion of the switcher.



At our Members meeting in March we had several discussions about our meetings in having more members participate. Several suggestions were to have door prizes/raffle, entertainment such as trains videos, or information talks, keep the business part of the meeting short so all had more time to visit, enjoy the snacks, show & tell, and the entertainment. We also discussed ways to honor members who are doing an outstanding effort for the club. Suggestions from those that did not attend would be appreciated.

We also talked about monthly work days and members run days. While members can run any day they want it is a benefit to the club to show up with your engine on our public run days as this helps show the public what this hobby is all about. So I encourage you to bring your engine to the track the first weekend of each month and enjoy. It was also thought that having the Sunday following the work day be a member run day too. Comments please!



Andy is busy working on landscape for the new memorial. The Granite memorial will be in place with a dedication in May.

Speaking of projects the warehouse and grain elevator need some fixing. They both need painting and it would be good if there was a roof over the silos. Now I only mention this for those



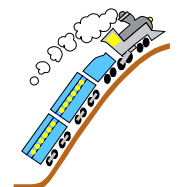
that want to help but don't do the heavy track work or digging ditches. Yes we need to wait until rain stops but late April should be just fine. I will have the paint and brushes and other supplies I just need someone that would like to spend some time in the sunshine (when it shows up) and help out their club.

Please check the club calendar for public runs and club events and help; also volunteer your time with the special events that Clio coordinates as she could use the help.

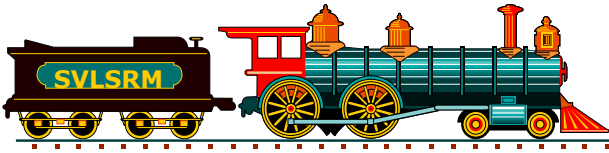
The Golden Gate Live Steamers (GGLS) will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year. The group started in 1936. WOW what an achievement. Their anniversary event will be held July 8-10, of this year. Please check their web site for details and to register for the event. www.ggls.org

Next month issue will have final details about our Pacific Regional Meet (Spring Meet) May 20-21-22. Please plan on being here as a lot of effort is being made to make it a success for all to enjoy.

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



Special run schedule



Thanks to Craig Craddock for the early SVLS photos from 1979 (or so).

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

| Date | Time | Event type | Num. | Engines |
|---------|------------|----------------------|------|----------|
| Apr. 9 | 11AM | Nieveredle Party | 25 | 2 Diesel |
| Apr. 23 | 10AM | Park Easter Egg Hunt | ? | Diesel |
| Apr. 27 | 9:45 AM | Empire Oaks School | 50 | Diesel |
| Apr. 30 | 10AM - 1PM | Kids Day in the Park | 50 | Diesel |
| Apr. 30 | 10:30AM | Dorn Party | 25 | Diesel |
| May 14 | 2PM | Daley Party (member) | 25 | 2 Diesel |
| May 28 | 10AM | Mame Party | 25 | Steam |
| June 7 | 11AM-Noon | Ridgeview School | 25 | Diesel |
| June 7 | Noon-1PM | Ridgeview School | 25 | Diesel |



Joe Yetter's SP articulated engine with his son Wayne as the engineer. (Fall meet in 1979)



The cab forward. Must be Ed in white hat. This is looking toward the river, to the left is the parks walk way and the stream running to the pond. The switch went to the old loading zone area out in the park. Today this area is over shadowed by the then small and now large pines that do not let anything grow on the line to the switch for the yard area and the current passenger station.



This is the old passenger loading area. Note the creek running into the parks pond through the tree branches in the upper right corner.

Right: Ken Spicer and the Mike he built about 1946. I understand he used hacksaw and file a lot in its building. He is on the current inbound track to the turn table. The RV's are in the transfer table area to the caboose area before the caboose existed. His engine was one of the back bone engine's that pulled the public. The club did not have an engine to pull the public until about 1983.



Pacific Regional Meet
(Spring meet) is May 20,21,22

Friday

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

Saturday

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

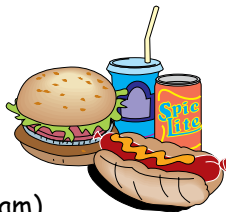
Sunday

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

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



Safety Rules Review

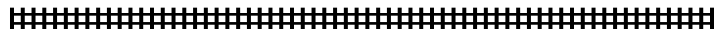


117. No pets of any kind shall be allowed to run free within the facility. All pets shall be confined on a leash not over six (6) feet in length, or inside the owners car, (as per park rules). The owner of such pets shall be responsible for immediately cleaning up any manure or other disagreeable mess 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.

201. All train movement shall be under the supervision of the Trainmaster, or a Dispatcher. An engine running light, on regular run days or during specific meets, shall be considered a train and subject to these rules.

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

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.



We need a members to provide snacks at the **June and July** meetings. Please give Clio a call if you will help. Below is the current schedule for the year. Please volunteer !



| DATE | NAME |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |



Check our web site FOR SALE page for pictures and more details.
<http://www.svlsrcm.org/>

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Thanks to David Lubliner I now have the missing news letters for 2001 - *Editor*.

10 Years ago: (*Mar. 2001 news*) Now we have reached the point where our founding fathers have left it up to other members of SVLS to decide who our future leaders will be and where the leaders will take the organization in the next five to twenty years.

It is the responsibility of each and every member to help make SVLS a success - to be there for future generations. How about it? Will we succeed like our SVLS founding fathers? Please plan on taking an active part in your club this coming season. - Tony Rohrs

Apr. 2001: Our March 17th work day followed the March 16th general meeting and was very productive. Six new engineers passed the written test and went on to make qualifying runs with Gordon Moser. Your new passengers qualified engineers are: Karle Mahler, Don Juergenson, Ross Crawford, Hans Feickert, Bob Bell, and Dale Fowlar. Gordon also directed as several new tree holes were dug and general cleanup was conducted. Others that deserve mention for their hard work that day are Brandan Feickert, Dick Esselbach, Matt Mason, Chris, Jamie and Piper(dog) Donhost and Barbara JMoser who provided lunch for the troops, which was greatly appreciated.

20 Years ago:

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) NMRA - PCR Railfun 81 will be history by the time you receive this but Ernestine Corothers will be out at the yards with hamburgers to meet the tour buses Saturday 11 Apr. The club's cars will be there, in the new roundhouse. Maybe, just maybe, the Cow will be there, not for hamburgers, but for revenue service. And surely there will be enough SVLS members there with engines to give our fellow hobbyists a real welcome.

Sometimes we tend to think that with our live steam and riding equipment we have a hammerlock on the best of the hobby. But then we see the fervor and the detail that characterize the work of our indoor brethren and all we can say is, "Hats off to the NMRA!"



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

