

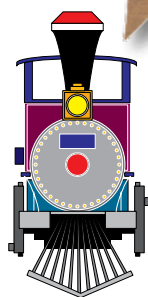
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Meet Report

by Matthew Mason

The Pacific Regional Meet is finally over. By all accounts, it was a large success. Most of that success can be attributed to our three main sub-chairs: Lois Clifton on food, Clio Geyer with registration, and Darrel Gomes on track. Without their help, the meet would have simply been a bunch of people getting together and not the well-run event it was.

People showed up on Friday in droves. I don't even remember how many engines we're already running when I showed up at 11 that morning. The spaghetti dinner was very popular and raised a few hundred dollars for the club. It was a nice gesture to the ladies who work hard to feed us hungry men.

Saturday was a great day as well. Trains ran well, people had fun, and the steaming bays were full. The consignment table had a few items on it and some of us were able to get rid of some unwanted items to homes where they are now loved. The raffle table was one of the largest successes of recent memory, and many people participated buying over 325 tickets. Thanks to our vendor donators: Bryterails with a switch lamp, Keith Jackman with a full set of plans for the C-30-1 caboose, and The Home Railway Journal with a year's subscription.

The dinner was a friendly event with delicious ribs and chicken from The House of Chicken and Ribs in Elverta. They have been voted "Best in Sacramento" by Sacramento Magazine. Afterwards, steamers steamed up and ran in the dark and old movies of SVLS dating back to 1982 were shown to an interested audience.

Sunday was a laid back morning with people turning their trains around for the reverse run. It took about 45 minutes to get some kinks out of the track. We have run reverse a few times, but never with this wide range of equipment. After the initial fixings, only minor tweaks were found to be needed. Everyone I talked to really liked the different view and challenges of running this way. It was a lot of fun and something we look forward to doing again.

The last scheduled event was the special tour at the California State Railroad Museum shops tour. We had about 20 people join

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SVLSRM Calendar

June 4-5 Public run days - Noon to 4 PM
 June 14 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
 June 17 Member Meeting - 7:30 Hagan Park meeting room
 June 18 Members Work Day

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

July 2, 3, 4 will be Public run days.
 Hot August Night Run - All Day Saturday Aug. 20
 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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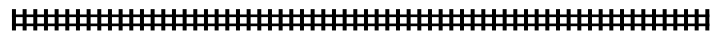
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Members News

New members:
 C. Dell and Connie Lindstrom from Minden, NV

Roy Bennett and Jenny from Salem, OR

and returning member:
 Bud Rogers from Grass Valley



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

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us to look inside the former Sacramento Locomotive Works shops where locomotives were built up from scratch since the 1860s. Chief Mechanical Officer Al Dipaolo took the members on a long route and showed us not only the extensive collection not on public view but also the working machine shop of the museum. A big thank you goes out to Al and Paul Hammond who allowed this rare event.



The bottom line is that if you went to the meet you had a great time. If you missed it, you really missed it.



President's Report

Thank you to everybody who helped make our recent Spring Meet such a great success. We were blessed with great weather, strong attendance and a whole lot of new track. Here is a standing ovation to all those who worked so tirelessly over the past several months to make the track improvements a reality. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

A highlight of our Spring Meet was the dedication of our new memorial, a lasting reminder of those who have built our outstanding organization over the decades. The memorial is set next to the flag pole in a new Memorial Plaza designed by Andy Berchielli. I want to thank the Memorial Committee for their diligence and thoughtful work on this project.

How did we get here? As you all know, Lois and Paul Clifton donated and maintained a memorial hanging on the wall in the caboose. The memorial is made of wood and uses brass name plates. Suggestions were made to create a permanent memorial that would be located outside where everybody could see and enjoy it.

Chris Donhost picked up the ball and ran with it, and offered to work with his employer to get the memorial created at cost. A committee was formed to plan and design. A search for names ensued. A pad was poured. Andy and Barbara Moser took clippings and donated the plants.

Thank you to the committee of Ken and Dadine Willes, Lois Clifton, Ken Henderson, Ron Rogers and chairman Chris Donhost, A special thank you goes out to Chris and his employer, Bryan-Braker Funeral Home of Fairfield, Vacaville and Dixon.

There are a few details that remain to complete the project. Due to the unrelenting rain, we were unable to install a wall cap on the brick work around the memorial. However, with sunny skies ahead, the project will be finalized. In the months ahead, the beautiful landscaping will grow and flourish, along with our memories of our departed friends. What a wonderful addition to the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum.

With the Memorial Plaza in place, we are turning our attention to the summer ahead. Our upcoming Fourth of July Mini Meet is a month away. More than 300 participants from the NMRA Convention have registered to spend the day at the track on July 3 and 4, and as usual, the Cordova Community Council is planning a spectacular celebration. New this year will be barbecue competition sanctioned by the Kansas City BBQ Society, and free concerts by Beach Boys and Chicago tribute bands. Two nights of fireworks, a carnival and a whole bunch more will make it a grand party, indeed.

Hope to see you there!

Lee Frechette

Photos from our Pacific Regional Meet





Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes

This years Track Replacement Project was hampered by the wet weather conditions and lot's of MUD! We replaced close to a 1,000 feet of track and 7 switch's. The main line opened on May 6 in time for the Public run. We ran out of time to complete all the sidings, and wouldn't you know that the attendance of our Spring Meet would be the largest collection of locomotives I have seen since I have been a member. Andy Berchielli counted 56 engines on Saturday! Rolling Stock took up a lot of room and Thanks to ALL for sharing what space we did have.

It is now time list the names of the members who came out to help on this years project..Bill Noyer, Dick Patton, Richard & Amy Lutrel, Andy Berchielli, Tim & Travis Gubbins, Norman & Devin Morris, Jason Van Horn, Sid Madden, Wayne Harmen, Lee Frechett, Mike Mehan, Americor, Nathaniel Hawkins, Matt, Rick, & Tony Hall, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Gary Holms, Tom Mercer, Leonard Houpt, Chuck Miller, Mark Cundiff, Jerry Thomas, Harry Voss, Mark & Carson Wentz, and Gordon Moser. Special Thanks go to my Track Crew Regulars Paul Skidmore, Jack Friedman, Bill Yoder, Bob Silva, and Ben Klienwacher. Thanks you Barbra Moser for all the Great lunches.

See You At The Track!!



Jerry Thomas, Harry Voss, Mark & Carson Wentz



Mark Cundiff



Paul Skidmore & Leonard Houpt

YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli

What a great meet we had. It was nice to see all the trains and new and old faces around. It was also nice to receive the many compliments about how well the yard is turning out. The plants I have planted over the past two years are filling nicely. They provide a break in the scenery and allow a natural screen in between tracks as not to see trains across the park. They also cut down the time it takes to maintain the facility and provides something pleasing to view while on the train.



The other project I have been working on is the new memorial area. I'm very pleased with the way it turned out and am glad so many enjoyed it. It is a nice way to show our appreciation to the past members who have made the club what is today. Thanks to those who helped the last week so it could be finished for the meet. I would like to thank Lee, Pete, Wayne, Tom, and Chris for giving some time to complete it. Until next time... keep on rolling!



VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Bill Yoder

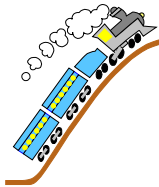
This was a fun meet with lots of engines and friends. A BIG thanks to those that made the effort to attend and enjoy.

GGLS is celebrating their 75th Anniversary July 8, 9, and 10. See page 7 for details.

There will be a discussion at our next membership meeting on changing our meeting date from Friday night to either Saturday combined with work day or to Sunday combined with a member run day or some variation of such. Please come to the membership meeting June 17th for this discussion. I will have a train video to show (unless someone has a better idea) for the program. We are looking for someone to host refreshments for June and July membership meetings - please volunteer.

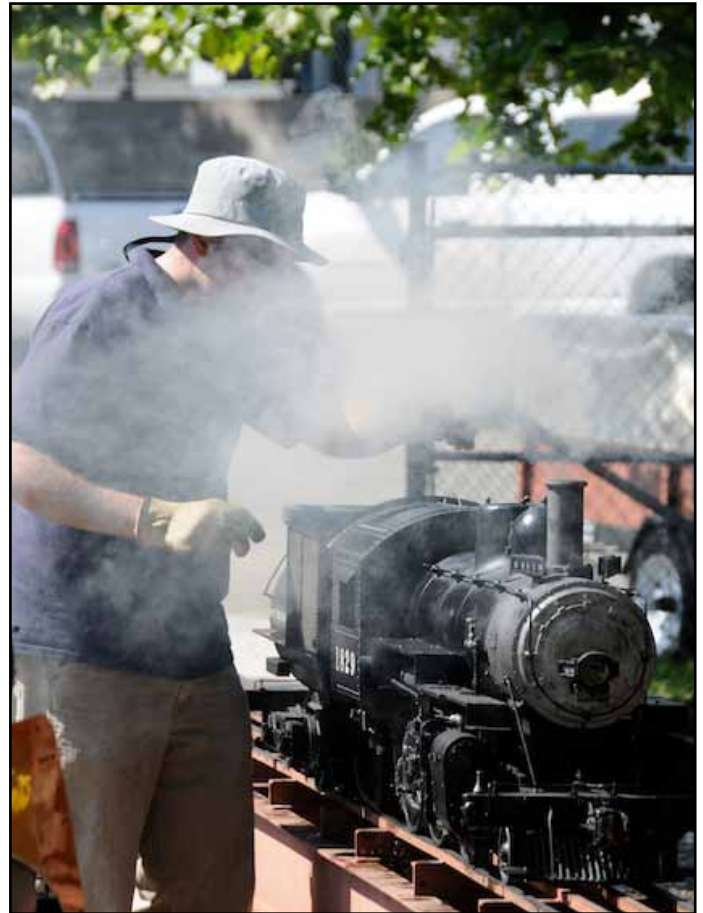
Notice of general meeting change for August. As this is our annual Hot August Night Run we will have our run All Day Saturday Aug. 20. Please mark your calendar. Details Aug. news letter.

There is still much work at the track. Please make an effort to help.

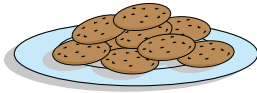


Any questions or need something to do then call me - Bill Yoder. Keep it steaming....

Here are more photos from the Meet.



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
- 17-Jun ?
- 15-Jul ?
- 20-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: It is always nice to have volunteered for a job and have more help than you ever had right to expect. This is what happened for me at the Spring Meet Public run!! It was at times very adventurous, and frustrating, but overall very gratifying to have many help out!! It is a very long list of people so hang on-- Bill Cody for help with an unexpected Birthday party and for pulling public both days, Wesley Freestone,

Don Hyberg, Jack Rockett for hanging out in the sun both days and helping at the station, Dale and Allison King, again helping with the Birthday party and pulling the public, and dale along with David Arrol for the unexpected cross country trip!!! Lee Frecheette for filling in when you had guests, and Ed Yungling and Scott, for pulling the public both days. Jean and Doug Fulton for pulling the public with their locomotive, next time we'll lighten the load a bit though. Bob Bell, Karle Mahler, Jim Doud and Vern Geyer for the first hour help on Sat., and Henry Stephani for diverting the non-public trains. Also Bud Rogers and Dick Esslebach for staying longer than planned, and Gordon Moser, Dave Mattox, Oam Naylor, and head over heels Hans Feickert, who really went down for the club. I also need to thank Don Yungling and Dave Mattox for their help in keeping both the trains and the track in running order. I'm not sure this is a job that I'd volunteer for again, but it was really great to have so many help out. - Pat Mattox Crew Chairwoman

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 - the Editor

30 Years ago:

(There was not a June news letter the note in the file said.) May 1981: By the way, seating the brakeman back to back with the engineer was tried the weekend of 9-10 May and worked quite well. Looking at faces instead of behinds gives the brakeman more control over passengers. The whistle can be used to warn passengers of safety violations. It is also easier to see what is approaching from the rear & one can use flag to punch hoghead if train must be stopped.

Letter from Golden Gate Live Steamers:



The Golden Gate Live Steamers are celebrating our 75th Anniversary. To our knowledge, we are the oldest Live Steam Club in America. We would like to invite the members of your club to join us in a three day, fun-filled weekend of festivities, July 8, 9, and 10, 2011, at our club facility in Tilden Park.

In anticipation of this memorable event, we have made many improvements to our grounds, including a 400' trestle at a 2% grade, a 40' concrete tunnel and a new signal system. We are one of the few clubs to feature 4 different gauges: our high track has 2 1/2", 3 1/2" & 4 3/4" gauge and our ground track includes 4 3/4" & 7 1/2" gauge.

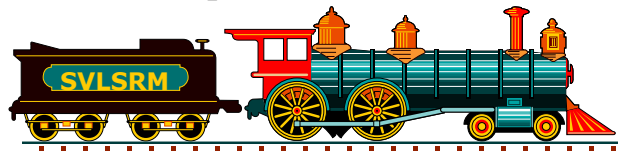
There will be a catered dinner on Saturday evening. Breakfast and lunch will be available each day, along with soft drinks, water, snacks and commemorative items. All at very reasonable prices. We anticipate that this will be a premiere event for live steamers and are doing our best to make it so.

A printable (PDF) [Registration Form](#) is also available on our website. We encourage early registration due to limited space. Please visit our web site at www.ggls.org for more information, current updates, local accommodations and maps. For additional information contact:
Pat Young, GGLS Secretary (phty95014@yahoo.com)
Bob Morris, Event Chairman (postwarbob@sbcglobal.net)

Sincerely,
Pat Young, GGLS Secretary



Special run schedule



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

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
June 7	11AM-Noon	Ridgeview School	25	Diesel
June 7	Noon-1PM	Ridgeview School	25	Diesel
June 11	1:30-3:30 PM	Rose Party	25	Diesel
June 12	11:30-1:30 PM	Buda Party	25	Diesel
June 23	11 AM	F/Cordova School	?	Diesel

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Safety Rules Review

103. Public passengers shall be carried only on 7 1/2" gauge equipment approved, by the Train Master.

203. Any engine about to back up must give the correct signal. All engines backing up shall run at reduced speeds.

311. The Stationmaster and all members of every train crew of any train hauling passengers shall ascertain that all passengers are told and understand the passenger safety rules before the train leaves the station, as set forth here:

- A. Remain seated facing forward at all time while the train is in motion.
- B. Remain seated on the train until it returns to the station.
- C. Do not lean out nor reach for anything along the right-of-way while the train is in motion.
- D. Keep hand and feet inside the car at all times while the train is in motion.
- E. Do not yell or scream while riding on the train, except in an emergency.
- F. Anyone disobeying these rules may be asked to leave the facility.

417. All equipment shall be built to clear all trackside clearances as shown in these rules and standards. Any equipment on which the engineer, conductor, or passengers ride with their feet outside the equipment shall have foot boards or bars to hold the feet of all riders in a position to clear all track side objects such as: switch stands, signals, mileposts, etc.



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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

