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Come to the track for a Fun Time Train Run and Pot Luck Dinner. Dinner at 6 PM. Show up anytime during the day to run your train.

Join us during the day and run your trains into the night for a good old-fashioned evening of Live Steaming SVLS style. Come early and bring the kids. Bring your engine and some rolling stock.

For dinner bring food for you and your favorite dish to share. The barbecue will be hot if needed and the lights will be on for ya. So hang FRED on the last car and *come ride the rails*.

If we can find the right equipment we will show a Train video at 8 pm or when dark. So members please come to the track and let's have some fun!



Our engineer Jeff White is driving one of the "Aussies" diesel engines. He said it was great fun.

Our Friend Vern Geyer passed away on Friday July 6th, 2012. Vern joined SVLS in June 1993. He was a very active member and served on the board of directors for several years. Our condolences to Clio and family.

His wife Clio is our current club secretary and special event chairperson.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those who attended Vern's services in Lincoln as well as all those who sent cards. It was wonderful to see how many of you liked Vern and thought so well of him.

Clio

Notice: The Fall meet for 2012 has been changed to Oct. 19, 20, & 21. See page 3 for details.



There were 3 locos from Australia here July 10th. This was part of the south bound ramble from Train Mountain.

See photos on page 4 & 6.

SVLSRM Calendar

See Special run schedule on page 3 and please come help.

- Aug. 4 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- Aug. 5 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- Aug. 14 Board Meeting at 6:30, Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Aug. 18 **Hot August Run - All Day & Night Saturday.**
Pot luck dinner.

- Sept. 1 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- Sept. 2 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- Sept. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30, Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Sept. 15 Member Run day.

Mark your 2012 Calendar as dates have changed

Fall meet is now October 19, 20, & 21

Don't forget about work days. Contact a board 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?



Other news of railroads & hobby interest.

On August 18 and 19, 2012, the Historical Society of Dayton Valley (Dayton NV.) is holding its third annual Railroad Days, celebrating the Carson & Colorado Railroad and the Dayton, Sutro and Carson Valley Railroad narrow gauges and the 1881 C&C Dayton Depot. In addition we've added the newly donated SPC/SPNG #84 freight car, donated by the Linda Graves family at Bishop, CA.



The annual Pacific Southwest Region/NMRA Convention will take place next September 5 thru 9 (Wednesday - Sunday) in Oxnard at the Courtyard By Marriott.

You DO NOT need to be an NMRA member to attend and participate (An extra \$9.95 fee applies).

The convention will feature modeling clinics, manufacturers' displays, contests, exhibits, an auction, swap meet, raffle, prototype tours and layout tours.

The banquet Guest Speaker will be actor and model railroader Michael Gross.

Website:
<http://www.psrconvention.org/ventura12/index.html>



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

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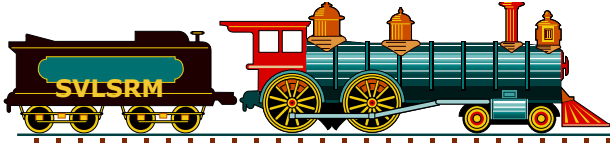
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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

Special run schedule



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

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
Aug. 1, 2012	10-Noon	YMCA Summer Camp	????	Diesel
Aug. 18, 2012	Noon-????	Member Meeting & Run Day	?????	?????
Aug. 25, 2012	2-4 PM	Cuevas Party	25	Diesel
Sept. 8, 2012	12:30-2:30	Wiley Party	25	Diesel
Sept. 9, 2012	10-Noon	Nelson Party	25	Diesel
Sept. 29, 2012	1-3 PM	Sharratt (Member) Party	????	Diesel

Presidents Report

By Bill Yoder

Not only was the start of July HOT, it started off with a bang. We had a good turnout of running trains in the evening of July 3rd & 4th. Many members attended, taking a prime spot on the hill by the river to watch the fireworks in Hagan Park. Our July weekend run days had low attendance due to heat.



On July 10 we had a group of visitors from Australia after their visit to Train Mountain. We had a good time seeing their engines. They were very well made.

Up coming events are our annual Hot August run, on Saturday the 18th, see notice on page one for details.

We have several great projects in the works, including a cover for our passenger station which is being donated by Bob Silva. We also are working on plans to rebuild the shade structure and deck at the caboose. We are looking to get a grant to help with the funding. Kevin Sach has been working on plans to provide a propane filling station which would save trips of hauling our steamer tank and provide filling for others at meets. Progress is good.

Last year during much of October, SVLS assisted with the

Yard Masters Report

By Andy Berchielli



Due to a recent donation from Dan Skoglund to be used to expand our water system, I was able to install one more valve to the water timer. This valve will control half the RV area. It's nice to see all the hard work from Pete + Lee installing the water main several years ago finally come to the surface.

We now have Midway, 1/2 the RV area, caboose + steaming turf, and the memorial all hooked up the to timer. Thanks to Adam Kessler + his son and Lee for helping me install this new valve. When it seems I am out there by myself most times, it is nice to have an extras set of hands to help me do the hard work of trenching. Once again, thanks for the help! Installing these valves will cut down on the amount of time it takes to water the rest of the grounds.

Thanks to Wayne and Adam for helping with the watering needs during these hot summer months. The place looks great!

Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach



Hope everyone is having a good summer so far. At the last member run day we had three members bring their equipment to run around. Speaking of member run days the next one coming up is our Hot August Nights run day. I hope to see those who can make it, out there.

I have had a few inquiries into the flat car project, I would like a few more people if possible to help bring the cost down. Please let me know if you are interested. Hope to see everyone during Hot August Nights.

Haunted House activity by using our train to transport visitors. The Haunted House required the use of our concrete pad and the RV area, so our SVLS Fall Meet was held in September.

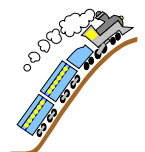
However, there will be no Haunted House this year. Therefore the Board has accepted the advice of members who expressed a desire to hold our meet in cooler weather and decided that our Fall Meet will take place Oct. 19, 20 and 21st.

Our SVLS Ghost Train will run the last weekend - Oct. 27 and 28 - and again Oct. 30 and 31st.

Please update your calendar and join us for a great Fall Meet and fun with our Ghost Train. More details will be published next month.

Thanks all.

Keep it steaming !



Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes



The track crew has used all our steel rail that we had on hand to use on this winter's track project. There is a lot of steel rail on wood ties that will be removed and rebuilt with plastic ties to be used on future track replacement.



Tom, Paul, & Scott building track panel. It is great to have such hard workers.

SVLS was host to some larger scale engines from Australia.



Shane Ferris is driving one of the diesel engines.

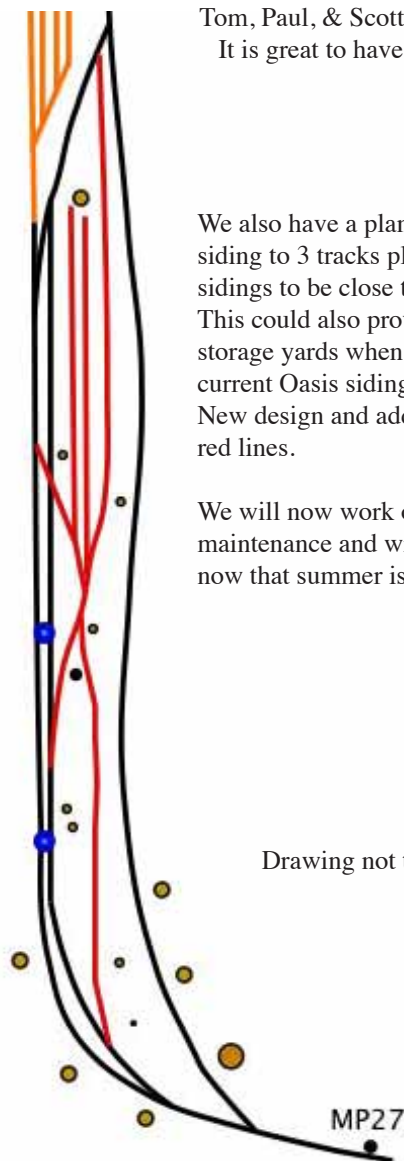


Simon Briggs driving the gas-electric engine with Butch Floyd looking on.

We also have a plan to expand the Oasis siding to 3 tracks plus some speeder sidings to be close to the picnic tables. This could also provide a exit for both storage yards when trains block the two current Oasis sidings by the caboose. New design and added track is shown as red lines.

We will now work on switch and track maintenance and will try to stay cool now that summer is here.

Drawing not to scale



We had a several members some out to visit and learn about these train engines. Member Nicholas has the engineer seat and also drove it. They were built by Peter Laws (with the Australia blue shirt). Thanks to Peter Laws, Simon Briggs, Halley Wright, & Shane Ferris for taking the time to visit us. We really enjoyed seeing these engines.

The three engines had been at Train Mountain for their Triennial meet.



10 Years ago: “President’s Message” I am happy to report that the bathroom roof rafters have now been leveled and the prospects for the new roof are looking promising. The anticipated discount supply of lumber from Pat Mattox;s employer did not pan out and we are exploring other avenues. An estimated from local suppliers indicates a cost of just over \$600 for the main construction material minus the shingles.

There have been several derailments with different train sets on the Memorial Grove curve. Milon Thorley and the Tuesday work day group has reworked the curve, eliminating the square joints and applying joint bars to replace the Spall joints.

Milon’s flag pole is on site, having arrived in Lee Frechette’s trailer. Some clean up is required and should take place soon.

20 Years ago: The Board is looking at a RS-3 diesel road switcher from Rail Systems in Oregon. The base price is \$6800 without options.

During the month of July, work in the expansion area has slowed down somewhat over previous months in order to tend to some problems areas on the original part of the railroad. Concrete has been poured for the abutments for the girder deck bridges at the southernmost crossing of the dry creek. The I-beams are in place and temporary track has been laid across the bridge.

We now have two doors in the end of the box car thanks to the effort of Doug Youngberg. Doug deserves a lot of credit for a job extremely well done. Doug engineered the project, procured the materials, and did the work all by himself. The additional access will allow us to have four storage tracks and to make better use of the floor space.

**** I am missing Sept. Through Dec. of 1992 news letters. If you have a copy please share with us.**

30 Years ago: The bathroom facility was discussed and the basic layout was approved. The board also decided to accept Cliff Gnevo’s generous offer of labor to construct four new picnic tables, that are so badly needed, for the club. And a special thanks to the hard working faithful who maintain the grounds and right-of-way so that we may ALL enjoy running trains.

Saturday, July 17, we revived an old practice. When the work day came to an end, the smell of coal smoke drifted across the steaming bays as Ken Willes steamed up his pride and joy. Since then, several other people have expressed an interest in running as a fitting end to a work day. It is fun and it does make the hard work worth while. Since this has worked out so well, we definitely plan to continue this procedure on our August work day.

When the President speaks... listen! Ask Ken Willes! Ken Willes was busy doing some repairs on the main track out by

the pumping station. The president walked out to tell Ken that it was... “Time for a break”. As usual, Ken did not want to stop working. As the president stood talking to Ken, he was idly poking a small “gopher hole” with the damaged rail that Ken had just removed. All present were extremely surprised to find “bees” swarming out of the ”gopher hole” not gopher!



Part of the July 4th crowd now watching a grass fire in the distance East of our property after watching fireworks.



Help is needed with our public ride days and party events.
Please help support your club.
Call Clio for info. (916) 645-9154



Safety Rules Review

118. Visiting engineers, trainman, and their guests are to observe these rules and abide by them. Copies of these rules shall be made available to visiting engineers while they are operating on SVLSRM tracks. Visitors may purchase copies of these rules to keep.

217. Hand signals may be given with the hand, flag or light, as follows:

- A. “STOP” . . . Swing at arm’s length down from the shoulders across the track.
- B. “PROCEED” . . . Raised and lowered vertically.
- C. “BACK UP” . . . Swung vertically in circles across the track.
- D. “REDUCE SPEED” . . . Arms held horizontally with slight motion of hand.

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

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.



Above picture is the cab of the electric "Vine" engine which shown below uses a gas engine to drive a DC generator which then powers the electric motors in the trucks



These engines have diesel motors and transmission. The were built using off the self parts or parts from car savage yards. Sitting in them and driving gives a new perspective of the track

FOR SALE



Freelance 7.5"
Gauge 0-4-0,
7.5" Gauge,
1.5" Scale,
Oil Fired,
2" Winton
Cylinders

This locomotive was built by Mr. Terry Taylor in 1972. It features an axel pump and a hand pump. There is also the necessary plumbing for an injector. The locomotive is fired up on a regular basis at the Golden Gate Live Steamers. It holds 3 gallons of fuel oil and about 10 gallons of water if I recall correctly. It was weighed in at just about 350 lbs. It has hauled the club public train with a total of 22 passengers on board.

The locomotive is very complete with detail. I have had this locomotive for 2 ½ years and it has been an interesting journey through the ups and downs of locomotive ownership. It's all part of the fun. I am selling my locomotive because I'm ready for a bit of change and I would like someone else to enjoy my locomotive as much as I did!

\$12,000 OBO
David Waterman steamfreak22@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 1 ½-inch scale detailed gondola car with Winton's fully sprung Bettendorf trucks. Over 6-feet long and made from aluminum/steel castings and plate. Perfect for hauling a family around the track or at your home railroad. Car is perfect for mounting a propane tank for propane fired locomotives while seating 1-2 passengers. Gondola may be viewed at GGLS most Sundays-please call to schedule. Asking \$1100 - will consider reasonable offers. Michael B. Smith (415) 558-4536



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