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Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes



The trestle project had to be abandoned as further inspection revealed that all the verticals were weather damaged and had to be removed. We made a decision to place culvert pipes and add fill to put the track back in service. If some one is willing to take on the building of all the parts to replace the trestle and have them ready to install, we can remove the fill and replace it next year.

The track crew has hand dug most of the trench for the roadbed and Bill Yoder did the finish work with his small tractor. We also got our donated Oliver Tractor up and running and started filling the trench with ballast. The crew will be laying tack panels this month and we are working to open the track by April. I want to Thank all our volunteers for there hard work and I will recognize all when the project is completed.



Special thanks to those that have been working on the railroad during the last few weeks.

Bill & Joan Noyer, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Paul Skidmore, Jack Friedman, Kevin, Andrew & Tiffani Sach, Dale Fowlar, Frank Bartolomew, Ross Crawford, Jeff White, Dave Bardwell, Mark & Carson Wentz, Les Gregory, Andy Berchielli Barbara Moser, Richard Lutrel, Bill Yoder, Dennis Gramith, Darrell Gomes, Pam Hall, Clío Geyer.



Still work to be done, please come out and help Sat. March 2.

If I missed someone please let me know. Bill Yoder

SVLSRM Calendar

Mar. 2 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 Mar. 2 Work day to finish laying new track - please help
 Mar. 3 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 Mar. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall.
 Mar. 16 Members run day, bring your train and have fun.
 Potluck Lunch at Noon.

Apr. 6 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 Apr. 7 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 Apr. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall.
 Apr. 20 Members run day, bring your train and have fun.
 Work in AM, Potluck Lunch at Noon.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Spring Meet: May 17, 18, 19 2013 - 40th Anniversary

Fall Meet: Oct. 18, 19, 20 2013

Don't forget about work days, Contact a board member for information on needs.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

NOTE: The editor is missing 1993 news letters for the months of March, April, May, and June. If you have any of these please let me make a copy. Thanks.

Save SVLSRM some money and read the newsletters on-line. Tell us that you don't need the mailed copy, we will notify you by E-mail so you can read it on-line.



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MEMBERSHIP

by Clio Geyer

Welcome to **Val and Carrie King** of Rancho Cordova, CA

Welcome back to **Keith and Gloria Berry** of El Dorado, CA

It is good to see members returning as well as the new ones that want to help us keep our organization going.



All membership renewal forms were mailed out during November and December. Did you get yours???

Sometimes you set mail aside to be taken care of at a later date and then it "sort of" gets lost. If not please give me a call at 916-645-9154 and I'll see that you get a new one. Or, you can go on line and fill one out and mail in.

If you have not renewed your membership by March, you won't be in the new roster and all newsletter mailings will stop. We would sure miss having you in the "Club" for the next year. We are looking forward to celebrating our 40th year this May. It would be nice to have as many members there the help us celebrate. Hopefully YOU!!!



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

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach



The annual maintenance on the club steamer is coming along. I still have a few items that need attention. During the washing out of the boiler,

I saw the importance of doing blow down on a regular basis, as there was a lot of sediment in the boiler.

I have installed a new muffler on the GP-40 as the old one made it hard to hear with the engine running.

The running season is starting, we need people to help with train crews. If you are available to come and help it would be appreciated.

The propane tank is finally installed! A few minor items still need to be addressed to finish the permit process. This will make it nice to not to have to run out and get propane as we can now fill up at the track.



See you on the rails.

Presidents Report

By Bill Yoder

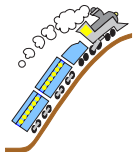
Many people have been helping with the track replacement but it is not done. Please come out and help this Saturday March 2nd. If you can not do track work then help run the trains as this weekend is our first run day for the 2013 season.

Our 40th anniversary is this year and the board is looking for input on activity you want to do or not do at the meet in May. There are many small projects that need done at our facility to either fix broken stuff, air lines, locks, replace track ties, or add signals, or paint the caboose, or other buildings. Make your talents known.

I want members to come out and run trains monthly not just at our Spring or Fall meets. So lets start this year of member run days and attend our March 16th members run day. Please come out, bring something for pot luck lunch and run your train **For Fun!** Come visit with friends. If you have a show & tell item please bring it, as we like seeing what other are doing.

Special thanks goes to our Editor as he is starting his 11th year of editing the SVLS news letter. I hear he would be happy to give the pen to another member - need a new challenge - then call me.

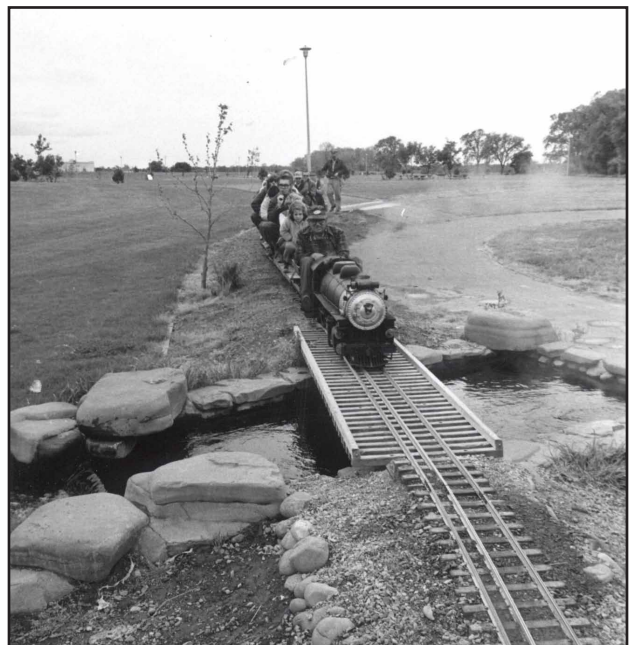
Please notice the list of workers on Page one, as they continue to work and fix things at the railroad for all to enjoy. When you see them please take a minute and thank them for giving their time. We need more help at the railroad, so please make an effort to give some of your time. All members should help in some way and not just let others do the work.



Keep it steaming!



Kevin Sach & his daughter Tiffani working on the pad for the propane tank.



The early years. Celebrate our 40th this May.



FOR SALE



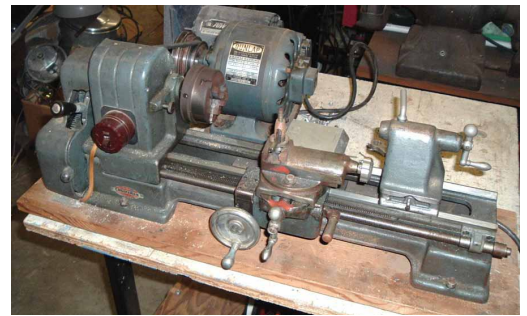
4-8-0 Lehigh Valley Champion which ran many hours there at the park. Selling the whole train, the support cart it sits on, a passenger car and caboose along with some track. Train is coal fired but has sat covered for many years. Plus some various train items. Asking \$25,000 for everything.

Austin Knoff - 916-485-4070.



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

6" x 10", overall length is 26". 3 jaw, 4 jaw and flat plate chucks. Threading drive gears and some other misc. tooling.



\$450 Contact: Mark Bruto (530) 621-1458



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 1/2 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

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SVLS needs a bandsaw. If you have one that you would donate it would be very much appreciated.



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<http://www.svlsrcm.org/>