

The GOLDEN SPIKE

Celebrating our 40th Anniversary

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Rancho Cordova Mayor Linda Budge presents a Resolution from the City in honor of our 40th anniversary. Our thanks to the City of Rancho Cordova and Hagan Park for their support.



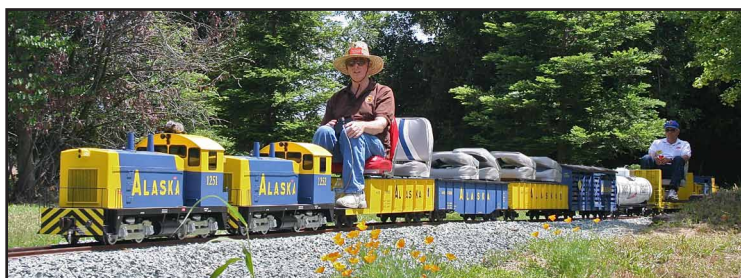
Steaming bays were very busy during the three day meet.



Dave Bardwell readies his Alco RS-11.



Tim Willard #3004 Atlantic along side Mike Reeves # 1586 Pacific.



Roy Bennett running his SW1200s.



John Kelso with his lead engine #2402 Pacific followed by Joe Yettters Day Light engineered by Roger Frymire.

SVLSRM Calendar

June 1 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 June 2 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 June 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall.
 June 15 Members run day, bring your train and have fun.
 Work in AM, Potluck Lunch at Noon.

July 4 Celebration, trains run 5 to 8 PM, Train crews needed
 July 6 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 July 7 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 July 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall.
 July 20 Members run day, bring your train and have fun.
 Work in AM, Potluck Lunch at Noon.

Dates to mark on your calendar:
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 then read on-line.

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MEMBERSHIP

by Clio Geyer

We had a GREAT 40th Spring Meet!!! There were so many engines it was a chore getting around the track!!! Hope to see everyone again in the Fall.

Welcome the following New Members:

Gerald and Diana Edie from Grizzly Flats, CA
 Curtis Ferrington from Reedley, CA
 Kenton and Jeanne Hastings from Folsom, CA
 Mike and Bessie Reeves from Ridgecrest, CA
 Gary and Julie Taylor from Victorville, CA
 Suzanne Waterman and son David from San Rafael, CA

Come see us as often as you can. Hope to see you soon.



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



Thanks to Keith Berry for bringing one of the original “SVLS Golden Spike Ceremony” engines to the 40th anniversary. This engine was built by the late Milon Thorley during a military tour of duty in Vietnam in the 60’s.



Founding member Ed Yungling runs his Cab Forward through our 40 year banner to celebrate our success.



Dave and Geraldine August



Scott Herring -WSL Shay #7



Ed Yungling on his Cab Forward.



Carl Kitzmiller



George Garrison and his Custom Alco SW4



Robert Butler lead and Chris Donhost double heading



Ken Burns - RGS #41



Warren McCowan on his Heisler



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

Wow, what a great Spring Meet! I think all the sidings were filled with peoples cars. I know I enjoyed seeing and talking with most of you.

We are always looking for people to come out and help with run days. We have the test available online, so all you have to do is print them up, take the test and bring it with you the next run day. Don't forget that it is an open book test. Also the third Saturday of the month is member run day. This is a day for members to come down and run trains and to have fun. See you on the rails.

Presidents Report

By Bill Yoder

Our meet was obviously great fun and very successful. More than 200 visitors and 60 trains provided three days of excitement and opportunities to see the engines and share ideas and creations with fellow train enthusiasts.

I thank our Board of Directors who planned and worked on many tasks numerous hours to make this meet a success. No one can do it all. Many members and guests came early to help setup tables, shade covers, clean, and some even did the unthinkable and stayed after the meet to put away everything and clean up the area. Special thanks from me for that.

We had a great raffle and we had a silent auction with donations from several hobby vendors, and our members who helped us raise over \$500. Thanks to Cannonball, Miracle Graphics, Betty Arney, Keith Jackman, and John Kelso for their donations.

Our master plan now includes having more bays usable for steam engines and more sidings for parking. Thanks to Darrell and Kevin for keeping all the engine parking running smooth.

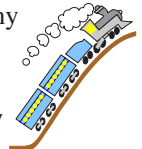
We have many pictures on our web site and some in this newsletter from the meet thanks to Steve Perry, Andy Berchielli, Charles Garcia, Dale Fowler, Linda Pruitt, and Don Yungling.

I also want to give special thanks to Paul Skidmore who worked and worked on building track panels and switches for the new Oasis Hump Yard. Also Les Gregory and Jack Friedman gave many hours building the new yard. This gave us 5 new tracks with 2 tracks 84 feet long and 3 tracks 48 feet long, and that made a big difference in parking for the trains at the meet.


People also benefitted from the new shade cover that just got installed the Friday before the meet. We need to thank Vice-President Dennis Gramith for his dedication in getting the required permits, prep work and moving the water fountain.

They say "it takes a village to raise a child." It also takes many members to keep our club advancing. There are many other projects that need to be done; please ask what you can do to help.

Keep it steaming!



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Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes

WOW ! What a GREAT SPRING MEET ! I want to Thank all the Members and Guests for their contributions of Help, Patience, and Understanding for making the meet a Success !

It was a task fitting 25 RVs and 11+ tents in to our facility ! This was made possible by parking train trailers outside the fence. Thanks for making my assignment easier.

We Thank The Track Crew and the Sage Brush Short Line Crew for their help in completing the 5 new sidings at Oasis. There were a LOT of Locomotives and Rolling Stock at this meet and the use of CONES to ID your sidings made it easy for all to Enjoy.

Tie replacement and switch maintenance will be the focus of the Track Crew to repair the areas that showed up during the meet. Thanks Again to Everyone who dropped what they were doing to Help Me with QUICK Repairs.



SPECIAL THANKS to George Pruitt, Tom Fagen, Les Gregory, Gary Taylor, John Padget, Robert Butler, Mike Reeves, Warren McGowen, Tim Willard, and Bill Noyer

Safety Rules Review



114. All SVLSRM owned material and equipment is for use of members and guests at the SVLSRM facility ONLY, and shall not be removed from the facility without specific permission from the Board of Directors. This includes treated or distilled water, fuel, cars, locomotive, tools, material, etc.

229. A chain or draw bar must be installed between any car on which the Engineer is riding separate from his locomotive. A chain or draw bar must also be installed between any fuel car or cars and the locomotive which it supplies. Chains will be installed on all cars carrying the general public.

302. All members share equal privileges and use of the facilities. All members also have equal responsibility for the safety and maintenance of the facility, equipment, and the observance and enforcement of these rules. Every member is responsible to, and for, every other member. There are no so-called "privileged" members.

420. Car and truck bolsters shall be constructed to provide three or four point suspension for the car body. Side bearing clearance shall allow trucks to swivel freely, and provide stability for the car body with maximum load shifting. Kingpins for unequalized trucks shall be loose enough to allow equalizing with respect to the car body.



The Volunteers from Sage Brush Short Line



Board member Dale Fowlar and "borrowed" Huntington loco.



10 Years ago: Matt Schroedle started an On-Line Diesel Discussion Group for all the club members who have a diesel locomotive or are interested in diesels. Matt started this group on yahoo called livediesel with intention to gain and share information about 1.5/1.6 scale diesels. The group focuses on the maintenance and building of diesels and rolling stock. This group is open to anyone and can be found at www.groups.yahoo.com. You can then use the search feature and type in livediesel. We are 128 members strong and welcome any new members to the group. Thanks and enjoy.

20 Years ago: - no archive news as we are missing newsletters for March through June of 1993. Please look and see if you have those so we can get a copy. Thanks. Editor.

30 Years ago: The County Park Commission voted 5 - 0 in favor of granting us a lease for future expansion. The next step is to bring this matter before the County Board of Supervisors for the final approval. We will keep you posted on the progress. The board discussed the possibility of extending the shelter area roof. It was determined that the extension could be framed using donated materials on hand, and the decision was made to proceed immediately. The board decided to sell hot dogs, beer and soda on Saturday, June 18 (GGLS Day). They will be sold between the hours of 11:00 and 2:00 ONLY. Don Juergenson presented the latest modification to our proposed Bathroom Plans. It will be presented to the Cordova Park District for approval. The board has also, unanimously, agreed to purchase an industrial type replacement engine for the Club Loco.

On Saturday, June 18, 1983, The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers will host a "Special Run Day" for our closest neighbors and good friends, The Golden Gate Live Steamers.

40 Years ago: SVLS become a Railroad with 2000 feet of track. *Editor request: I am missing any news letters or notes from 1973; if you have info please share. Thanks Bill*



This railroad requires teamwork to make it a great place to run trains. While we have a good team that works hard, we don't have enough people on the team. While everyone enjoys running their trains on the club rails, we need all members to work on the rails and other projects that need to be done. Please make time in your schedule to help. You will be glad you did.

FOR SALE

1" scale, 4.75" gauge train consisting of : Maxitrack 0-4-0 side rod diesel (new transistor throttle, professionally rebuilt motor, battery) , 2- Scale RR Supply gondolas (50" long with SKF sprung, roller bearing trucks, 1 painted, 1 aluminum) , 1- Little Engines Box Car painted red w/fixed doors, 1- Little Engines old style caboose (32" long w/ hand rails, SKF sprung, roller bearing trucks, red w/ brown roof), approx. 260' aluminum track w/plastic ties.
 Asking \$2,750 at Sacramento. Contact Gerald D. Thomas if you would like to see the equipment. samoht-4@att.net.



An Andy Clarici original one of a kind. Hall Scott car with trailer car 7.5" gauge, roughly 2" scale. Includes 5' x 10' trailer with custom cover. Also includes spare engine. Asking \$10,000 (or best offer) for all. Located in Sacramento area. Contact: Lois Clifton 916-722-8514



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.



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

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