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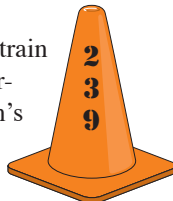


October 17, 18, 19

The SVLS Fall Meet is upon us and we have been busy adding more room for steam engines to steam up. We now have added water, air, and outlets to 10 more bays. The track is in good shape for a smooth ride so everyone can have good time running trains and seeing friends.

Bring your engine and enjoy three days of running. For additional fun we will have a Raffle on Saturday afternoon and a Silent Auction. We are asking members to donate a raffle item and the club will furnish the grand raffle prize plus several items. But since this is a fund raiser we need donated items.

As we did at the previous meets, for parking your train please bring your train cone to reserve a siding during the meet. Select a siding that will fit your train's length. Hope to see you at the Fall Meet.



This meet is a party for our members and guests and the success of the party depends on everyone pitching in to help where you can. If you have any questions or suggestions (gratefully received) please contact: Bill Yoder (916) 652-7113.

Food will be available starting Friday night with a great Spaghetti dinner. We will have Breakfast and Lunch from the Caboose on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, a big dinner of BBQ Beef or Chicken, with several side dishes is \$15. Please RSVP by Oct. 13 to Clio (916) 645-9154 or E-mail: meet@svlsrcm.org.

Special meal tickets will be available at a discount for all 6 meals. The price is: adults \$40, teens \$35, kid (12 & under) \$25.

Tell your friends about the Meet, it is a great time to see many locomotives and the craftsmen that build them. Need an answer on how to build or run your engine? Then ask, as the knowledge is here.

President's Report

By Bill Yoder

I hope you're looking forward to the upcoming Fall Meet, again the club has been making improvements for the benefit of members and guests. There are 10 more engine bays that now can be used for steam engines as they have water, air, and



electrical. Thanks to many members for helping.

When you arrive at the meet please make sure your engine has a ID tag (we have them available) and you register at our registration booth. If you have not signed our waiver, then you will be asked to, giving you access to our facility.

There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers to help with needs during the meet and we always need help at the end for cleanup and storing equipment. Help setting up is also needed, if you are here, please ask what you can do to help. Thanks.

Fall for this club also means that we will be having elections for the club. The board is looking for nominees to present at the October meeting during member run day at 1:30 PM. The ballots will be counted at the November Annual General Membership Meeting. The positions to be filled for next year (2015-2016 term) are Vice President, Treasurer, Track Superintendent, Yardmaster, and Board member at large. Everyone likes to use the facility and have ideas on things the club should be doing or not doing. Then here is your opportunity to join the board and provide guidance of the club.

During September the club was again present at the Colfax Railroad days, a two day event. This time we had a static



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SVLSRM Calendar

- Oct. 4 Public Run Day. Rides 11 AM to 3 PM
- Oct. 5 Public Run Day. Rides 11 AM to 3 PM
- Oct. 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Oct. 17 Please attend Special Members meeting at the club track at 7:30 PM for short meeting to vote on nominations.**
- Oct. 17-18-19 Fall Meet - Bring your train, share your projects

- Nov. 7-8-9 Roseville rail fair, Setup on Friday, Running train on Saturday & Sunday
- Nov. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Nov. 15 **November Annual General Membership Meeting.**
- Nov. 15 Members run day, bring your train.
Potluck lunch 1 pm please bring something to share.
- Nov. 30 Cordova Community Christmas Tree Lighting we will have our portable track there giving rides

- Dec. 20 Annual Christmas dinner potluck - Reserve date.

Please volunteer to support the club events.
How will you support SVLSRM this month?



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

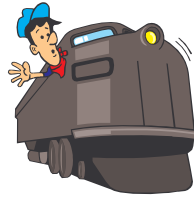


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Members that still need a roster can pick one up at the Fall meet, also for those that already have one there is a supplement.

2015 membership renewal forms will be available at the Fall meet for your review and use. We encourage you to renew your membership at the meet to save time and money on mailing the renewal forms.

Thanks.

A **members only area** has been setup on our web server where we will keep a current version of the roster, and other useful documents for our regular members. To gain access, each *regular member* must be a current paid member to register and create a user name and password.

Please use the link on the web page in the top menu section called "Members only". This is a two step process to register as the system will send an E-mail to verify that it is you. You will then use the link sent to complete the process. Please note this is to register so you can then use your userid/password to view the protected area via the link shown on the registration page.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach



Well, the riding cars are finally done for the most part. I had a slight issue with the paint, I had used a waterborne paint that peeled a bit on the edges when I removed the stencils and lifted the lower paint some. I will be going through and touching them up. They ran beautifully during the run day in September.



We have added air and water to the steaming bays nearest the caboose with electrical still being worked on. During the meet please try and reserve these bays for steam engines.

Also if anybody needs a hydro done feel free to come and find me and let me know. See you on the rails.



Public run day (September) using the new riding cars.



Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes

After 8 great years of holding the position of Track Superintendent, I am announcing to the membership that I am stepping down as of the January 1st. I cannot say enough about ALL the members that have helped with all the projects that WE have worked on. SVLS will need a member to step up to continue the position to maintain the track and the right of way. Paul Skidmore and I will assist the new superintendent to be sure that they get all the help they need to make the transition. Please contact me or the board ASAP!

I will be at the track every day from October 14 to be sure that the track is ready for our Fall Meet. Please come down any time during the day or evening to Help make the meet run smoothly.



SP caboose #1272 repairs and cleanup have been started by Jeff White, Andy Berchielli, Augie Berchielli, and Andrew Sach



The inside has also been cleaned and some plans are in the works to restore the look of it and also make storage space for our library of books. We are in need of real photos of what the inside should be for this age of caboose being a C-30 class (new in 1947 and 1951).

We are looking for a copy of *Southern Pacific Freight Cars Volume 2: Caboose* [Anthony W. Thompson] if you have a copy and would share it that would be greatly appreciated.



Painted SP caboose roof, with Frog lamp, & antenna base.

SVLSRM September Board Meeting Summary:

Current/Future Projects Around the Facility:

New riding cars – The first set of riding cars have been completed and put into service! Thank you Kevin & Andrew!

New Engineer/Conductor cars – This project is current and progress is being made!

Steam bay upgrade – Special work day scheduled for Sept. 20th. Funds approved for the upgrade.

SP Caboose – Roof painted, antenna mounted, cat walk reinstalled. Thank you Jeff and Andy! Interior plans being discussed.

Trestle bridges will be needing some care and attention during the winter work months.

Riding lawn mower received two new tires and a major water leak was repaired. Thank you Rob!

Fix to the Transfer Table – Bell fixed. New signage still needed.

Current Issues before the Board:

Lawsuit from the Oct. 2011 accident has been settled out of court and the case dismissed. The settlement that was reached contains no admission of liability on the part of our club. The board will look at reducing our insurance costs once the formal letter has been received.

Train crew coordinator – still looking for a club member to step up

Planning for the Colfax railroad days in September. This event requires 5 days for loading, transportation, set up, the actual event, and returning to the facility! Thank you to everyone who is getting involved.

Fall meet (Oct. 17-19) – extra planning meeting scheduled for Sept. 23rd.

Website – continuing development to members only (mo) area and board of directors (bod) area.

Rule book review - continuing

Safety inspections – board is continuing to develop and implement new procedures for track and equipment safety.

Re-railer plates – prototypes will be made for the board to review.

Documenting all club events (both on and off site).

Card reader – board is considering the use of a credit card reader for the Santa run as a way to increase revenue.

Tree swing - board is reviewing the addition of swings in one of the facility trees for use by member families.

Board positions – elections in November for vacant board positions. Please consider becoming involved in the board!



Thanks to many who help at Colfax, setup and running.
Pictured L to R: Robert Forren & Steve Milward



I would like to take this opportunity to say very publicly that this club owes a debt of gratitude to Bill Yoder for his efforts to resolve the lawsuit stemming from the October 2011 accident during the Halloween event that year. My family and I have only

been a part of this wonderful club for a short period of time (about 1 ½ years at this point), but we learned quite quickly that the club faced huge consequences from this event. It cost our club the comprehensive facility coverage that everyone enjoyed and never bothered to think about. It raised our insurance costs substantially this year and has caused our club to drastically change the way we interact with the public and our members. If the case had moved forward and SVLS found to be negligent, I think our club's future would have been in serious jeopardy.

The whole issue has been a major cause of stress and concern to the board and no one bore that burden more than Bill. The accident did not happen during his presidency, but its repercussions landed squarely in his lap and he chose to throw himself into support of our club. The amount of time that he spent making phone calls, reading documents, talking to lawyers, researching new insurance companies, dealing with paperwork and people related to this issue is truly mind-boggling.

I think it is quite plausible to say that without Bill's efforts on our club's behalf, SVLS was in serious danger of having to suspend or even end its operation. Without the ability to earn income through public and special events, SVLS would have to rely completely on membership support and I don't know how long we could've kept the trains running without substantial help or a serious reduction in facility costs/upkeep. I am thrilled that this possibility never became a reality because the lawsuit was settled, the case was dismissed and does not involve any admission of liability on our part. It is the best possible outcome for our club.

So, from the Bowie family... Thank you Bill, for your tireless efforts, long hours, endless headaches and possible ulcers from all the stress. We appreciate all that you have done for our club! You get a special cookie at the next board meeting. ☺

Sincerely,
Ryan, Maren, Dennis and Heidi Bowie

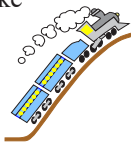


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display at the depot, and our portable track to give rides at the Community Center ball field. Having the display allowed us to get more interest of what our hobby is about. The rides were well received. The riding count seems to be about same as our public rides at the park. Next year their railroad days event will celebrate the 150th anniversary of when the Central Pacific railroad came to Colfax. It will be a bigger event and that should give us a better opportunity to advertise our club.

I hope those that feel the club should be doing different things will step up to the table and be on the board. The board needs to have feedback and can not work in a vacuum to make the club a greater success. It takes **Teamwork!**

See you at the Meet. *Keep it steaming!*



This locomotive was started by the late Art Brune and when Art realized he could no longer work on the engine he let Ed Yungling take over. Fidel Camargo decided he wanted the engine so he and Ed have been working on it trying to get it finished. It took several tries but most of the teething problems have been solved and it looks like another large engine will be polishing the rails at the SVLS facility.

Thanks to Donald Yungling for photos and info.



10 Years ago: Neil Heath, who is now in the process of making 64 metal milepost signs for the entire main line. The milepost signs are made out of sheet metal with the mile indication cut out in a vertical line. Neil is donating the signs. SVLS will pick up the tab for powder coating the mileposts, probably less than \$100, and furnishing posts the signs will be mounted to. The mileposts will be placed every 100 feet along the 6300 foot main line. The signs will also be used to clock speed limits as well (100 feet in nine seconds is about seven mph, our speed limit). After they are installed, we can better locate and reference points along the track. We still need to develop a naming convention for our sidings, yards, and spurs.

20 Years ago: The MAINLINE is now complete! We will try to have as many switches as possible operational at the fall meet.

Ed Spall receives honorary SVLS membership. In honor of all the outstanding contributions to SVLS, Ed is responsible for many items over the years. He designed a rail joiner that has saved hours and hours of work. Ed also created a jig table for making track panels. Up through phase II of the expansion, Ed personally built most of the track panels. Thanks Ed for all your contributions!

30 Years ago: The maintenance shed will be put up and the fence will be moved. These will be work parties by "special call".

On Saturday, September 22, the entire area was moved, some weed spraying was done, the holding tank in the "green house" was replaced, and some track work was completed.

A large group of our members visited Jacques Littlefield's track at West Valley on Sunday, September 30. They all returned with glowing reviews of the facilities and friendly people. Thanks to West Valley Live Steamers for your hospitality!

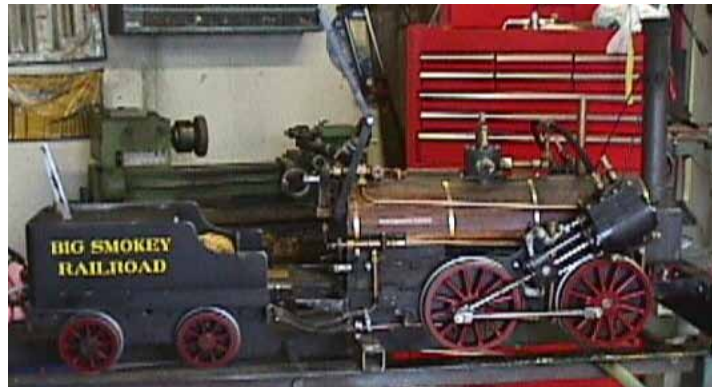
40 Years ago: The Golden Spike is off the ground, and is a milestone for the SVLS.

...Did you hear that a petting zoo will adjoin our track in Cordova Park? It's true.

... We understand someone (maybe Ed Yungling) displayed some of their RR equipment at Florin Shopping Center on Oct. 5 & 6 Was it you?

2nd annual fall meet saw fine weather and good steaming. We had guests from several areas and our own membership was well represented. Ken Spicer's engine had a gasket replacement and the Joel Corbin Camelback had a minor water leak. Following these repairs, the steaming went on as planned. The result was a good time for all.

FOR SALE



FOR SALE 7.5" gauge, 1.5" scale 0-4-0 INVICTA locomotive, tender and two riding cars. Steel propane fired boiler feeding 1.375" x 2.22" cylinders sleeved down to 1". Direction control is by a slip eccentric set-up. Six inch diameter drivers. Boiler make-up water supplied by an axle pump backed up by a hand pump in the tender. Manual brakes on the first riding car. The tender only holds about one gallon of water so I built a three gallon water tank in the first riding car along with a pump and battery so I can refill the tender on the fly. Complete - Ready to Run. I transport this train on its tie down board in my Prius automobile. Board is included.

Two GP 38's built by Rail Systems. 18 hp Briggs & Stratton engine with alternator and both units have hydraulic drive. Features an air over hydraulic disc brake system and electric fuel pump. Electronic controller is hand held. The second locomotive is equipped with a Phoenix sound system powered by a 350 watt amp. The first unit can be run without the second unit if desired. These locomotives are highly detailed with a custom paint job. Units can not be sold separately.

\$21,500.00 for the pair.


David Keitel
Cell Phone (707) 328-1130

Asking \$7,000 - Reasonable cash offers considered.
Contact Bill Cody - Home (775) 674-6512 or Cell 775-233-1429 for additional information/pictures.



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

SPIKE editor requests ideas for articles.
I am also looking for members who would like to spotlight their projects - in progress or finished.
Please call or E-mail the editor. - Thanks.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

215. When visibility is limited and after sunset, all trains shall have a lighted headlight (white) showing to the front on the engine and a marker on the last car showing red to the rear. Trainmen shall have a lighted lantern suitable for giving hand signals. Such lights shall be visible for a distance of at least one-hundred fifty (150) feet.

310. The Board of Directors may restrict or suspend from duty any operating personnel who consistently violates safety rules.

417. All equipment shall be built to clear all track side clearances as shown in these rules and standards. Any equipment on which the engineer, trainmen, 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.