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THANK YOU

Winter is a time for us to assess what needs to be repaired for the upcoming season. This year was bridges! I decided to lead a team to rebuild trestle #5 heading into Oasis. Mainly due to my experience in wood construction. The original plan was all wood. Little did I know the plan would change for all steel construction. We went this route mainly from the help of the Yungling family. Ed Yungling donated us 90' of C Channel to used for the stringers also helped in construction by cutting the flat bar. Toyoko Yungling, Cutting metal, bent and fixture construction, cleaning the grime from the square tubing, moving metal, helping set up the work tables, moral support and making snacks. Dons brother David was able to get us steel at a decent price. So in the long run this bridge design didn't cost that much more than wood.

Thank you Don for letting us use your shop for fabrication. Also Thanks to Karl, Bill, and Kevin for help with welding. I also had several people helping in the construction process. Gordon, Rob, Dennis, Andrew, Kevin, Keith, Augie, Jeff and I'm sure I forget a few. Thank you all for helping me with this project. We will not have to worry about this bridge for a long time to come.

Andy Berchielli



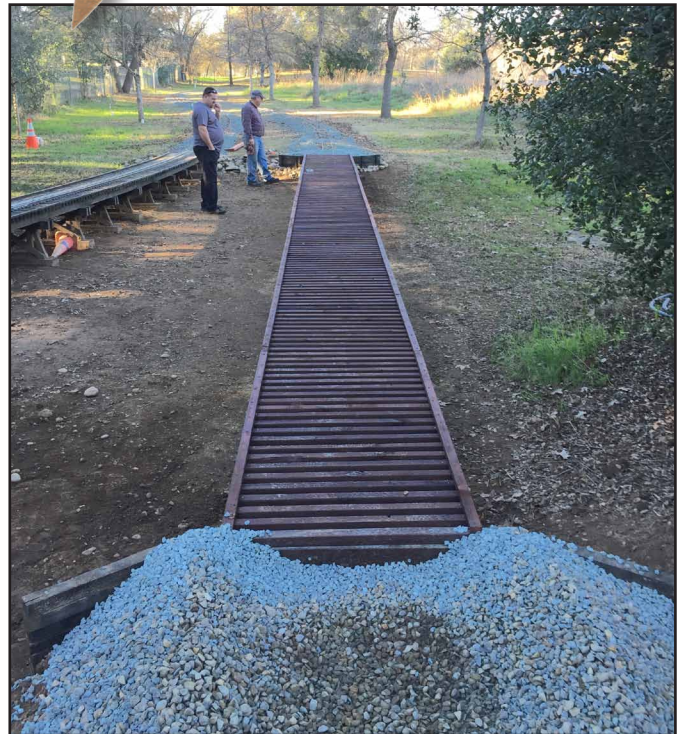
Thanks to others working on this trestle and twin bridges trestle including Steve Milward, Steve Perry, Butch Floyd, Paul Skidmore, Bill Floyd, Dave Bardwell, Gordon and Barbara Moser, Bill Yoder, Don and Toy Yungling, Andy Bechielli, Marty Carapiet, Kerry Wilson, Jeff White, Richard Lutrel,

Ken and Douglas Van Camp, Keith Berry, Kevin and Andy Sach, Rob Sharratt, Jim & Peter Welch, Dennis Bowie and Family, and several unnamed volunteers.

Thanks to all listed and special thanks to those I forgot to list. It needs to be noted that Andy Berchielli and Dennis Bowie have, and are working many of hours on these projects. I thank them for their dedication to the club.

From President Bill Yoder.

Please support the club efforts to make this a safer and better railroad.



The new replacement for inbound Oasis trestle. It is now ready for placing rail on the deck, so all hands are needed on deck this Saturday Jan. 31.



Andy Bechielli painting the trestle - getting this project done.

SVLSRM Calendar

JAN-FEB We will be working most weekends on track and Trestle rebuild, Come out and help.

Call Track Superintendent Dennis Bowie to offer your help.

Feb. 2 Ground Hog day
 Feb. 7 & 8 Work day - several projects - see note in news.
 Feb. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Feb. 14 & 15 Work day - several projects see note in news.
 Feb. 21 & 22 Work day - several projects see note in news.
 Feb. 28 Work day if needed to finish track.

Mar. 7 Public run day - 11 AM - 4 PM
 Mar. 8 Public run day - 11 AM - 4 PM
 Mar. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Mar. 21 Member work day and run day. Please help in the AM
 then run your train in the afternoon.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



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MEMBERSHIP

by Dean Sheets

Welcome New member:

Ron King - Nevada City



Membership returns have been great this year but there are a few stragglers so an E-mail will be going out to remind them that dues need to be sent in. Please update your membership form - note any changes and sign the waiver.

You can also download forms at svlsrcm.org.

Send a check or pay on-line with PAYPAL at svlsrcm.org.

Send forms to SVLS P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Steve Perry making the extra effort moving ballast to the correct spot along the new graded right-of-way for Twin Bridges.



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

Maintenance has begun on the club engines oil changes have been done and a speedometer has been added to the GP-40. I also plan on adding brakes to the new riding cars this year.

Next up is doing some maintenance on the steamer and to start working on the second steamer.

If anyone is interested in building any side attractions for the railroad please let me know. I would like to start seeing more buildings around the railroad.

See you on the rails.



President's Report

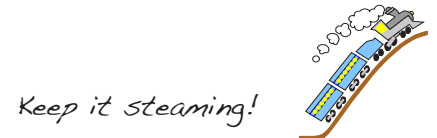
By Bill Yoder

We have made good progress on our trestle projects, but we have many more hours of work and the more people we have the easier it is for all and it will get done on time.

Members need to pay attention to our combination locks as unlocking them and locking them, in both cases the dials need to be set to ZEROS. This is to prevent non-authorized people from reading the code. Your attention is needed.



I would like to quote a previous president: Now, how do we improve what we get out of the SVLS? The answer is PARTICIPATION. The more you come out and share what you know, and receive what others know, the more you enjoy the experience. If you are there at SVLS activities, that happens. You know the sound of the term "work days" sounds bad. You may think I have enough to do around my own house, and this may be true, but are you true to yourself? If you cannot do the hard work, do something within your abilities. We don't care, we just want to see you.



Track Superintendent Report

By Dennis Bowie

January has seen substantial changes at the SVLS track. Both Twin Bridges and the Eastern Trestle bridge have gone through the "tear out" phase and the rebuilds are well underway. There's been painting, welding, cutting, cementing, pounding, cursing and a lot of other things that end with "ing"!

The work crews have been fantastic with all the hours being put in by so many people. But we still need more help and that means club members. This weekend we will be working on getting track put on the new trestle bridge and the roadbed leading up to Twin Bridges (maybe even laying track!). Ballast needs to be shoveled, track leveled, screws tightened, dirt moved from here to there. And there are even projects that have nothing to do with the bridges.

Every weekend through the end of February will be busy because we have our first Public Run Days on March 7th and 8th. Find a few hours in your schedule to spend at the club, so we can get things finished! There are activities for the kids to be involved in (leaves, pine needles and branches...oh my!), so it can be quality family time.

Check out the club's Facebook page for tons of photos documenting our awesome work (thanks to Andy for updating FB).

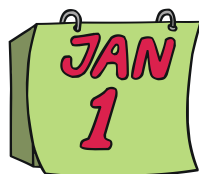


New Years Day Lunch - we had a great time.



New Years Day steamers.

Photo by Andy Berchielli



There was a great turnout for our annual News Years Day run. Many people were running their engines, the weather was warmer than normal, great food, and fun club members.

- Rob, Tammy, Alexis, Cody Sharratt
- Eleacia Pritchard
- Richard, Amy, Sarah, Breanna Lutrel w/Amy's sister Jessyca
- Curtis Bonville
- Matt, Kristi, Rick and Tony Hall
- Joe, Beth and Keagan McLean
- Robert and Wendy Forren
- Keith Jackman
- Dick Patton
- Judy Bond
- Steve Perry
- Bill, Butch Floyd
- Dennis, Heidi, Maren, Ryan Bowie
- Evan and Michelle Guintas
- Andy Berchielli
- Keith and Gloria Berry
- Dennis and Becky Webster
- Matt, Venessa, Riley, and Daniel Mason
- Kristin, Scott, Allison, and Mathew Maier (Mason Friends)
- Megan, Charlie, Johnny, Tommy, John (Mason Friends)
- Kevin, Andrew, Tiphani Sach
- Tom Nance
- Chris, Evelyn, Paul & Eli Donhost
- Scott, Jessica, Alyson and Tyler Jepsen
- Jeff White
- Victor Owens and wife
- Matt, Michelle, Abby, and Wyatt Thomas
- Ross Crawford
- Paul Skidmore
- Dale Fowlar
- Dennis Gramith
- Bill Yoder
- Les, Cindy, and Casey Wilmunder
- Ed Yungling
- Don and Toy Yungling
- Jim and Robbi Johnson
- Jim Greco (Manteca)
- Steve Cope (Stockton)
- Larry, Jeannie, Hayden, Buerer
- w/Emily Alves, Faith Downing, Erin and June, Rachel, Claire,
- Katy, Jack Wallace, Katy Jack
- Ed Zeis
- Andrew, Mary and Joe Maret
- Terry and Lisa Decottigries
- Vern and Mary Montague
- John, Jackie, and Marie Bailey
- Gordon and Barbara Moser

WOW!





10 Years ago: (Pres' report)

Those of you who missed the January meeting, missed out on one of the best meetings in recent memory. Ken Yeo spoke on the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad and showed many historical slides. The presentation was so complete and the pictures were so interesting, I think this is the best meeting I, personally, have ever attended. Plans are underway to have a special guest at more of our monthly membership meetings. Watch for the announcements. This month, Milon Thorley will give a presentation on his trip to Eastern Live Steam groups. Come on out to see the pictures and comments. Based on past presentations, I sure we will get new ideas for our operations and our equipment.

20 Years ago: Some trees blew down during the rainstorms.

At one point the new area was so flooded that only the track could be seen in a lake of water. John Bailie is working on the project of adding additional steaming bays which should be completed by the Spring Meet. The steam engine is out of commission until the water glass problem is resolved. Bob Lovell has donated a riding lawn mower to the Club.

30 Years ago: Progress at last! Last month we finally got the gates built and the fence moved. This month's Work Day we hope to start cutting and welding the frame members for our "Maintenance Equipment Building". With any luck at all, the building will be completed, the remaining scrap metal hauled off and both the Roundhouse and the Maintenance Equipment Building will be painted by early Spring. These basic goals will only be attainable with your help, so when the Work Day comes around, please respond by giving us a few hours and the job will be easier for all of us.

40 Years ago: At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, a slate of current priorities was established. First on the list was the objective of completing the new siding. We are well on the way to accomplishment of this item, since one switch and two thirds of the track are installed. Second, the Board listed a station building as the next construction project. Included as part of this item will be the platform and water line. Third was the maintenance project of moving the miscellaneous supplies and junk from the front of the steaming area and general clean-up. We'll let you know when a work crew is being set up. If we all pitch in, we will soon be adding to our enjoyment of our facility.



I cannot forget to pay my dues. Life may be busy but supporting SVLS is needed, both monetary and with labor, many projects to be done this year.

Please send your 2015 dues now.
Fill membership form in and send.

SVLS January Board Meeting Summary

Current/Future Projects Around the Facility

- SP Caboose – Interior plans still being researched.
- Eastern Trestle bridge (Andy B.) in progress
- Twin Bridges in progress to be repaired Jan/Feb.
- New sidings locations being discussed.
- Fence around Cordova station - taking inventory of fence material need and have.
- New towel dispensers ordered, will only need one style of paper and these will be automatic.
- Approved order to gravel for current projects.
- Formalized the Caboose Committee - Chairperson Barbara Moser

Current Issues before the Board

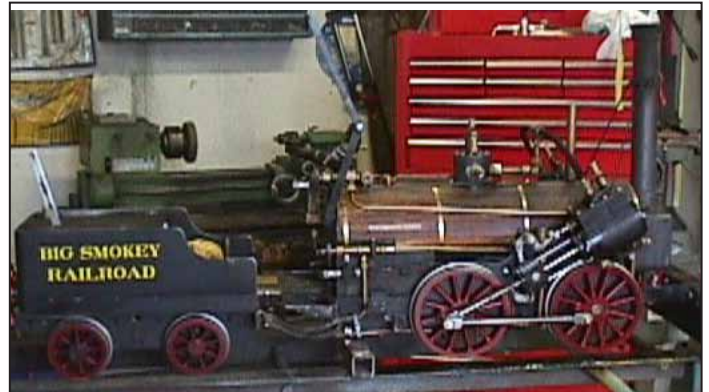
- Finalizing a schedule for safety inspections.
- Looking at adding a new event in October...a Pumpkin Train! Details to come.
- Clearly detailing member benefits (both Regular/Family and Associate).
- Looking at purchasing new radios for use during public runs and special events.
- Signs in Park - waiting for Park District new logo designs
- Everything in working order, Need all members to report problems, we will post list of contacts.
- Looking at shade for steaming bay - possible uses of Solar panels



We now offer larger scale train rides.

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.



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



Used commercial flood lights 480V.
 Best offer - Call a Board member to make a deal.

FOR SALE: JET Model #414458
 Horizontal/Vertical Metalworking Band Saw Asking \$350
 Lists at Home Depot for \$529
 Contact Dale Fowlar 916-962-0718



Fuel tank, pressurized, soldered brass construction. 9x7x4 \$20. obo
 Ross Crawford
 (916) 718-4162





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



- 109. Cargo weight should be evenly distributed between the trucks of each car.
- 218. Engine whistle signals shall be used by the engineer whenever practical to give, ask for, or acknowledge information about train movement. When double heading, the lead engine will give the whistle signals when possible. The whistle shall not be used unnecessarily. The whistle is a signaling device and should be used as such.
- 310. The Board of Directors may restrict or suspend from duty any operating personnel who consistently violates safety rules.
- 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 un-equalized trucks shall be loose enough to allow equalizing with respect to the car body.