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TEAMWORK

Special thanks to the following for helping and making our last member day a fun one.

John and Jackie Bailie, Marie and Tom Tuner - Bailie with children Alys & Tomm, Dick and Clarice Bailie - John Bailies, Parents, Clio Geyer, Gordon and Barbara Moser, Dale Fowlar, Melissa Flores (Jacob Flores' Mom), Jacob Flores, Ed Zeis, Reed Hickman, Gary and Jan Wilson, Kevin, Anne, Andrew Sach, Dennis, Heidi and Ryan Bowie, Bill and Butch Floyd, Jeff White, Steve Milward, Bill Yoder, Dennis Gramith, Rob Sharratt, Marty Carapiet, and Alison Berry (renewing her membership).

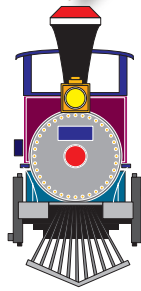
Gordon and Barbara Moser went to the park on Monday 4/20 and meet up with Bill & Todd Dukes, active live steamer members and founding members of the Friends of Nevada Southern Railway Live Steamers. Bill Pardee from Maracopa Live Steamers was also with them. They were in Sacramento on a NARCOA speeder excursion. After their tour with Gordon and a ride on our train they were wishing they had their train with them and seemed interested in returning for the Spring Meet. Bill Dukes was particularly interested in our Safety set up and our rules we have now and took samples of our paperwork to bring back to their club to study.

Our next member day is during the meet, but if you are willing to come out and help before, there is work to be done. See Dennis's track report and you know help is needed, so give Dennis a call. There is still a lot of junk around the place so any help in removing such would be also helpful. Call Bill Yoder if you want to help.

The June member work/run day is being moved back to Saturday the 20th and not the 21st, as while we have been trying to have some work days on Sunday, that Sunday is Fathers day so no work. But you can take your engine out and have a great Fathers Day running your own train. Please do. - Happy Rails --



I cannot forget to pay my dues. Supporting SVLSRM is needed. Please send your 2015 dues. Mail or [pay on-line](mailto:pay@svlsrcm.org) at svlsrcm.org
P.O. Box 273
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741



The annual Pacific Regional Spring Meet is May 15-17.

New for this meet:
Special track for Kids peddle cars.
Friday sack lunch \$6.
Kids raffle, (items for kids to win not win kids)

For more details see our web site [Meet-notice](#).

Food: Spaghetti dinner Friday night \$6.
Breakfast Saturday or Sunday mornings \$6.
Lunch on Saturday or Sunday \$7.
Saturday big dinner of BBQ Beef or Chicken, with several side dishes is \$15. Special meal ticket will be available at a discount for the 6 meals, Friday Spaghetti dinner, Saturday & Sunday servings and 3 drink tickets. The meal ticket provides a \$6 savings: adult \$40, teens \$35, or kid (12 & under) \$25.

Buy your meal tickets or Saturday dinners only tickets [on-line](#) through PayPal or you may RSVP by Calling Clio (916) 645-9154 or E-mail: meet@svlsrcm.org

Saturday dinner must be bought or RSVP by May 10th.

As always we will need help for setup & clean up, also we can use donations of goodies for the bake sale. Please let us know if you will help. Thanks, and will be great to see you at the meet!

The safety committee is proud to announce our new revised and updated Rules Book, April 2015. The old book was outdated and needed many revisions and a change in layout. This process has taken many months of meetings and revisions to complete. We are very excited to present the new book in its simplified easy to get to sections for all the question and information you might need. The book will be available at our spring meet, please pick-up your copy.

I would like to thank the entire board of directors, and the safety committee for all their hard work and dedication to completion of this project.

As you review the new book and have any questions, please reach out to myself or the Board members for assistance. See everyone at the Spring meet, and remember, Be Safe.

Safety Chairman,
Marty Carapiet.

SVLSRM Calendar

May 2 Public Ride day - 11 AM - 4 PM
 May 3 Public Ride day - 11 AM - 4 PM
 May 8 Deadline to RSVP for Dinner at meet.
 May 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 May 15,16,17 Pacific Region Meet at SVLSRM. Join us,
 bring your train and ride the rails

Jun. 6 Public Ride day - 11 AM - 4 PM
 Jun. 7 Public Ride day - 11 AM - 4 PM
 Jun. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Jun. 20 Member work day and run day. Pot luck lunch, help
 work in AM, run your train in afternoon.

Dates to reserve on your calendar:

Fall meet Oct. 16, 17, & 18

Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 19th.

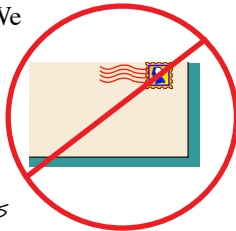
Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



Help save SVLSRM \$1.58 each month per newsletter and read your the newsletters on-line. Printing & mailing is costing the club over \$1,763 per year. We could be buying 100 yards of gravel, or over 800 feet of steel rail. So let spend the club money on

building more railroad, not paper piles. We still have more than 43% of the members receiving printed copy, so let's move to the digital age and tell us that you don't need the mailed copy, we will notify you by E-mail, then you can read on-line and download if you want to print it. *Thanks*



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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

by Dean Sheets

SVLSRM new members and their families:

Alison Berry has returned after a 10 year hiatus, Welcome Back Alison !

New Family Membership

Michael and Judy Gomes live in the Asparagus Festival City of Stockton, CA. Occupation shows retired soooooo. . . lets all see if we can get him and Judy out to the club.

If you see Alison and/or Michael and Judy walking around looking bewildered, go over and introduce yourself, and offer any help you can pertaining to our great Club.



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

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Track Superintendent Report

By Dennis Bowie

Another installment of looking down the track. The saga continues...

First, I want to thank Andy for all his hard work in installing the new sprinklers in the Redwood area and around Reverso. This will help keep the area green and the trees healthy. In the process of trenching for the new sprinkler lines, we had to remove two sections of track panels. In the process of moving the panels, it became apparent that we needed to replace the wood ties (in other words the old wood ties were falling off). We moved the old track panels up to the box car for rebuilding. Paul Skidmore did a fantastic job of replacing the wood with Plastic/composite ties and the track panels looked great. After seeing this, I realized that Reverso was in need of an overhaul. So, last Saturday, with the help of Bill and Butch Floyd, Steve Milward and Bill Yoder, the rest of the track panels were removed, as well as, the switch and taken to the box car for repair and installing new ties. With the help of Bill Yoder's tractor we removed the old road bed.



After digging down about 4 inches, we then placed weed block material in the new cut and then started bringing in new road bed.



As you can see in the pictures, we have more to bring in. After we get the bed to the correct height, we will go over it with the tamper to lock in the road bed.

With the new road bed locked in, it will be a simple task of bringing back the rebuilt track panels, placing them and then adding ballast and tamping. When completed, this will give us a nice reverse direction cross over. I also want to thank Steve, Butch and Bill for helping replace old wood ties on the Oasis main line.

Retired Lt. Colonel Kenneth Willes



Ken has been a SVLSRM member since late 1973. He served in the Air Corps / Air Force for 29 years and was active during three wars: WWII, Korean, and Vietnam. He proudly displays his Distinguished Flying Cross, which is for heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight. Ken was a Navigator on B24 aircraft during WWII and was awarded the Flying Cross for the longest flight under combat fire during the first daylight raid over Bangkok, Thailand. That mission was his 50th.

He was also awarded a second Flying Cross and 4 Air Medals for meritorious achievement while participating in combat aerial flight. In addition Ken has 9 more medals for his achievements.



Ken is a life member of our club, was an eager and hard worker spending many hour building our railroad. He also built a 0-4-0 switcher and ran it at the club for many years. Last year he donated the switcher to the club. The switcher is now being rebuilt by the club.

Thank you, Ken for your Service.



The club need more members to be active with our public ride days, as we are short of people to provide this service.

Please come out and help. If you need to qualify you can take the written tests on line, then come to the track to finish your qualification.

Sights from April member work/run day



John & Jackie Bailie with new grandson Tommy and son-in-law Tom.



Gary Wilson painting letters on garbage cans.

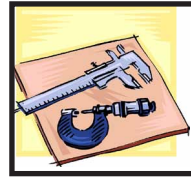


Jeff White, Butch Floyd, Steve Milward.



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Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

With the spring meet coming up, I will try and be available on Friday and Saturday morning of the meet to do boiler inspection for those who need it.

Work has started on the 0-4-0, it was noticed that the bearings were in need of replacing so they have been replaced. Also with the frame being bare metal plans are in the way to clean off the rust and oil and to paint the frame before reassembly of the locomotive. I want to thank Jeff White and Andrew Sach for helping me with this.

With safety being a top priority of the club, a spring has been added to the clutch side of the RS-3 so that the engine cannot remain powered without the engineer holding the clutch lever forward. Also the temperamental starting solenoid has been cleaned and works consistent now.

See you on the rails.



SLVSRM April Board Meeting Summary

Current/Future Projects Around the Facility

- WP Caboose (Gordon) – Upgrades postponed until after the Spring Meet
- New Water/Sprinkler stations at the Redwood Grove and east of Tin Man Bridge (Andy/Rob) – Completed! Thank you!
- Repairs issues- tractor, large lawn mower and Round House Hydraulic pump...Continuing.
- Planning for a new fence around Cordova Station.
- New signage at Cordova Station for Public Run days is Completed! Thank you Kevin, Jeff H. and a bunch of people who watched.
- Club Memorial to be updated by the Spring Meet.
- Repairs and maintenance work being done on the donated 0-4-0 steamer from Ken Willes.
- Planning started for remote electrical signals coming into Oasis.
- Ordering new permanent signage to be placed around facility.

Current Issues before the Board

- The Rule Book has FINALLY been updated and approved! Thank you Marty, his committee and the Board for getting it done!
- Birthday parties need train crews. Contact Andy about helping out.
- Looking to tap the larger club membership for help with additional committees. Find your interest and help out!
- Spring Meet is COMING!
- Applying for grant funds from the City of Rancho Cordova to complete additional irrigation stations and add concrete side-walks.

Memories from the past

Alison Berry brought some old pictures she had from the early 90's and shared them with our club members.

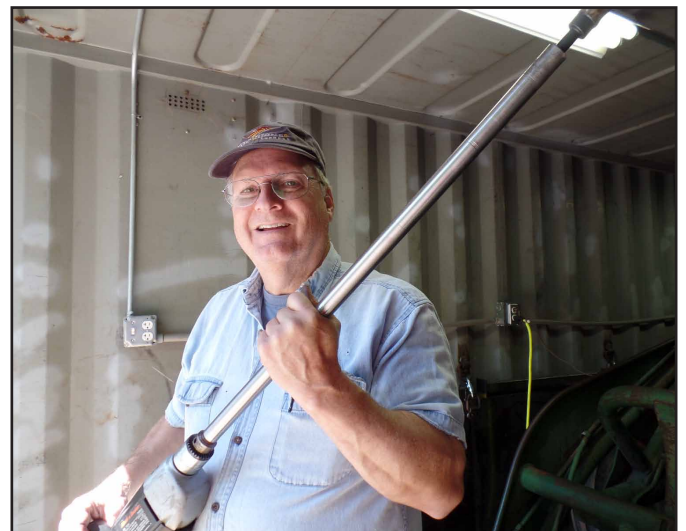


We have added two new signs that are permanently mounted to show who we are and reference our public ride days and web site.

A third sign on the double gate to RV area shows our name but gives notice that there is "no river access".



Our tractor repair in making progress as the pin that was rusted in place got removed by sawing, drilling, sawing, cussing, and finally a big sledge hammer. Part of the old pin is show in the red circle. Dale Fowler holds the long drill extension needed as they needed to reach through the front of the tractor. The new pin is sitting on frame in picture.

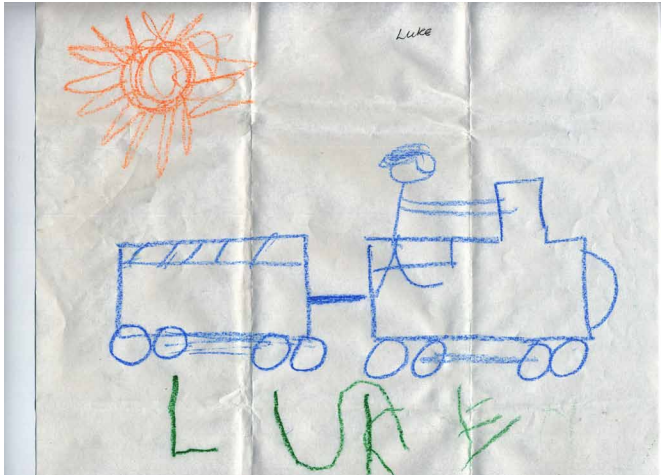




10 Years ago: Our young Train fans Mark and Luke Powers, two young boys who live in Folsom, had come to Hagan Park with their parents to ride the trains. They were very disappointed when the trains were not running due to the track being gone.

The boys came again with their dad and grandfather to give us a nice donation and some pictures they had drawn showing their

view of the trains and needed track.



Special thanks to the Powers family for their generous donation and to Mark and Luke for their concern about the trains.

20 Years ago: John Bailie has refurbished another pair of trucks for the riding cars. He also has a letter published in *Live Steam*. Keith Berry reported that the Garden Railroad society is expecting about 200 people to come. They have asked us to have engines operating from 3 - 9 PM June 17, 1995 (special event).

30 Years ago: On Saturday, April 20, 1985 Super Power Meet found a wide variety of motive power present including: Ed Yungling's Cab-forward, the Danley's Allegheny and Glenn Strawn's SD-45-T2. Glenn coupled his SD-45 to Craig Craddock's big Pacific and they proudly announced that they had fulfilled the definition of an "articulated locomotive" (in honor of Super Power Day): two engines with only one boiler supplying all the steam, and it did bend in the middle with the boiler remaining straight! Where else have you ever seen a 4-6-2-6-6, or was it a 6-6-4-6-2?

40 Years ago: If you were one of the attendees of the May 3rd & 4th SVLS meet you already know that it was a big success. Twenty locomotives from around the territory were operating and pulling passengers. Engines under construction and several other stationary projects were on display. Including the NMRA Conventioneers, there were several hundred rail fans visiting our Cordova Park track. The highlight was the Saturday Banquet. Our guest speaker was Chet Peterson of Railroad Supply Corp. and he offered a most interesting talk on the interest in Live Steaming around the Country.

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 user ID/password to view the protected area via the link shown on the registration page.

FOR SALE

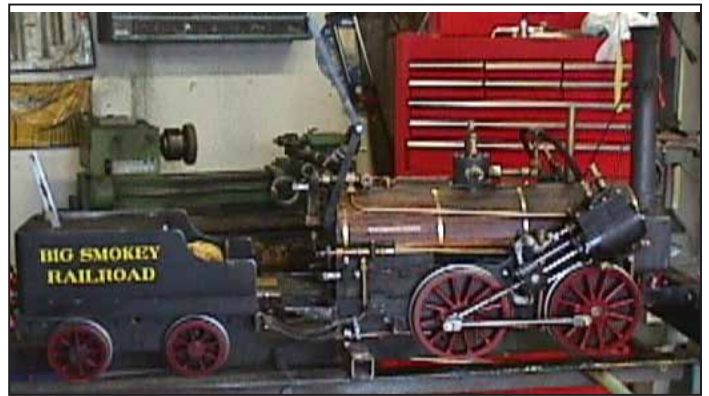
Fuel tank, pressurized, soldered brass construction.
9x7x4 \$20. obo - Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162



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

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.



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