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Our Fall Meet was well attended with people from Washington, Oregon, Nevada, and many parts of California. We had all ages enjoying trains from steam to pedal. It was great to see many young people with the interest.

We had 93 members register with 35 members from other clubs. Also 79 guests (member & public guests).

With the steaming bays nearly full and with mostly steamers what a great showing we had.

Thanks to all for coming and making this a success.

I would like to thank all the following people who helped me in the Caboose for the 2015 SVLS Fall Meet. Cooking breakfasts, Spaghetti dinner, Serving lunch, Bake sale, and Selling drinks.. If it wasn't for all of you it wouldn't happen.

Gail Gomes, Stephanie Huntingdale, Cindy Wilmunder, Lisa and Gordon Moser, Alison Berry, Marty Carapiet, Bill Floyd, Clio Geyer, Dennis and Christine Gramith Kevin, Andrew, Anne Sach, Toy Yungling Rob, Tami, Alexis Sharratt w/friend Catlin Dennis, Heidi, Maren, Ryan Bowie w/friend Deanna Kellom, and Abby Thomas and Aubrey Stranton

Thank you again.
Barbara Moser

We need your HELP!



International Railfair 2015

It's that time of the year again, folks. We can use all the help you can give us. The Railfair at Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville will be November 14 & 15 and we need to setup on the 13th. **We need** a Truck to haul the track trailer and another to haul supplies. *Anyone* willing to volunteer please **contact Bill Yoder (916) 652-7113**



Christmas Tree event Rancho Cordova. Nov. 29th.

We will be taking portable track to this event on 28th and running on the 29th. Help will be needed for setup and take down and running. --> **Contact Gordon Moser (916) 645-3425**

Santa Run - Dec. 5, 6 & 12, 13 Santa is indeed coming to town and we are going to need your help. We will be doing our Santa Train the first two weekends in December. We will need engineers, conductor, station help. village workers. baked goods and candy canes. We will start setting up earlier in the week and that requires help also.

Come on out and get in the spirit of the season.

Contact Dennis Gramith
(916) 988-7884



Photo by: Donald Yungling

SVLSRM Calendar

- Nov. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Nov. 12 SVLSRM load trains & equipment for Railfair.
- Nov. 13 Setup track and equipment at Railfair 9 a.m.
- Nov. 14 Run train at Railfair - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Nov. 15 Run train at Railfair - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Nov. 21 **November Annual General Membership Meeting**
and elections - 1 p.m. (at club track)
- Nov. 21 **Saturday** Member work day and run day. Pot luck
lunch, work in a.m., run your train in afternoon.
- Nov. 28 Set up track for RC tree lighting.
- Nov. 29 Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree lighting.
- Dec. 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Dec. 19 Membership Annual Christmas Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 1, 2016 New Year day members run & potluck lunch
Please bring food to share and enjoy the day.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

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 members. To gain access, each *member (now including Associates)* 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.

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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.



DUES ARE DUE JAN 1, 2016

Please complete your membership form noting changes. You can download forms at svlsrm.org. Send check or pay on-line at svlsrm.org. Send forms to SVLS P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

THANKS

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.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

At the October membership meeting, nominations were made for 4 board member positions for the 2016-2017 term. Below is the list of positions and the candidate accepting the nomination. Please vote for your choice by either mailing in your ballot or come to our Election meeting on November 16th at Hagan Park at the track.

ELECTION

President nominee: Heidi Bowie

If you take a look around, I am the only nominee for SVLS President. It will either be incredibly sad if I lose or completely anti-climactic if I win. That being said, I don't take the position lightly nor did I agree to the nomination without a huge amount of thought (and support from those around me). Like most people, my life is busy and full of things that chew up my time and focus...SVLS included. I have served on the Board for the last 2 years as the club's secretary, but I have also been heavily involved in the Public Run Days, the last 5 Spring/Fall meets, the last 2 years of Santa Train and member work days (including the majority of weekends in Jan/Feb 2015). It's been an eye-opening experience for me to be involved with a group that has such a long history, broad membership demographics and a distinctly mechanical slant. My strengths are in administration and I view my job as president to rely on the excellent people included on the Board, maintain the policies and procedures that are in place, and provide the structure and leadership to move SVLS forward in terms of projects, membership, and participation. My family and I enjoy this club and I feel that it has something truly unique to offer to all of our members. Everyone has a place and brings value to the club. That is what makes SVLS special and will help the club continue to for the next 40+ years. And since I cannot be president of a steamer club and not know how to run a steam engine, if I am elected, I will make the promise to be steamer certified by the end of my term. I can't be more committed than that!



Directors at large nominee: Gordon Moser

I am running for Board Member "At Large" for a second term. I have been a member of the Club for over 27 years now. I believe that I can still be a big help for the new members as they come into the Club. I was "volunteered" to make improvements this past year, including, updating the bathrooms, flower pots in Oasis and the W.P. Caboose project. I would like to help Dennis Bowie more next year on his track projects. Being "At Large" allows me to move around to wherever I am needed to help. I also help Barbara to get supplies for the Caboose, so she can keep the different crews fed.

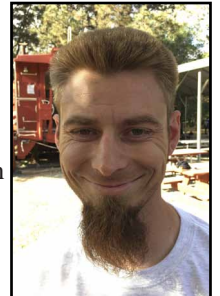


Trainmaster nominees:

Edward Zeis
The reason I am running for the Board of Directors is to help make The SVLS a better place and to improve the Organization for all. I am on the Board of the Sacramento Model Railroad Historical Society. I have been on the LALS and also I was a boiler inspector. I try to make all of the organization events. Respectfully Edward Zeis



Peter Welch
Hi I'm Peter Welch. I am running for trainmaster of SVLS because I feel I could well serve the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers in this capacity. I have a background working with gas and diesel engines having attended UTI, graduating with perfect attendance in Automotive - Diesel & Industrial Technology.



Since joining SVLS I have helped with many birthday parties, public runs and other club functions so I understand the importance of our equipment running safely and efficiently. I am an active member, not only showing up for the fun jobs but also for the work days. I am a problem solver by nature and have no trouble putting in the work needed to complete the tasks at hand. I am open minded, have a willingness to learn and work well with other people to complete common goals. If elected I will put forth 100% of my effort on every job serving as a board member for SVLS.

Secretary nominee: Chris Donhost

In preparing to write this piece for the newsletter, I took a trip down memory lane and looked at some of the old newsletters from the last time I had the privilege of serving on the board (2002-2003). Like the time before, I have been asked to join the board as secretary of the corporation. My motivation to be on the board has not changed: to be of service to the club. Being of service is a way to say "thanks" for all those who work tirelessly to make SVLS a place where my family and I enjoy running our trains. I want to see this organization continue for many years to come, therefore I accept the nomination for club secretary.



<i>Vote on each below</i>	<i>Vote for only one below</i>
Heidi Bowie Y N	Edward Zeis Y N
Gordon Moser Y N	Peter Welch Y N
Chris Donhost Y N	

- Cut out or copy and mail to SVLSRM - election
- PO box 273 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741 -> by Nov. 19th



Please mail in the ballot at right or bring to the meeting.

Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society had their visit at SVLSRM on Oct. 11 had an awesome turn-out of Espee locomotives and rolling stock.

Fall meet photos. Thanks to all who came and helped.



Vic Owens is pictured with Ed Yungling's cab-forward, and Roger Frymire's Daylight. Roger came all the way from Bakersfield just for this event.



Please look on-line on our web site for more photos of the Fall meet, thanks to Robert Forren, Donald Yungling, & Bill Yoder



Track Superintendent Report

By Dennis Bowie

Another installment of looking down the track...

I would like to thank everyone that came out and helped with the track work to get ready for fall meet. I would like to give a big thank you to Steve Milward, Phil Huntingdale, Bill and Butch Floide, Sid Madden, Andrew Sach, Les Gregory, Bill Noyer and Darrel Gomes. As far as I know we had only one major area with a problem, the switch that went to Sugar Pine. This switch was finicky, sometimes it worked without a problem and then the points would get picked and we had to put cars or engines back on the rails. On Sunday I spiked the points and posted that Sugar Pine was closed and everything was fine at this switch. So I will be disassembling this switch points and give it a complete checkup.

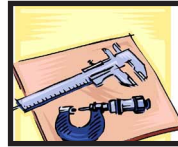
We had a few other places that needed attention but they were dealt with quickly. At the Friday night dinner I presented to Darrel Gomes a tee shirt for all his hard work that he put in to this railroad and his years of service. The shirt is bright orange with our log on the front and back. But what this shirt also says is the prestige's MoW on the front below the Breast logo and on the back below the logo, Track Crew. At first we thought of it as a joke but the more I thought it would be nice to recognize the people that put in a lot of hard work and hours of their time trying to keep this railroad working. So just think put in one or two hundred hours at the club and you too can have one of these shirts. And that way when someone says that there's a problem with the track they will look for the orange shirt and know who to talk to. And by the way yes you will have to buy it, but wear it with pride and know that this is your railroad.



Replacing ties in the upper yard coming out of the steaming bays.

Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach



It was nice to see a few larger steam locomotives during the meet, as well as old friends and a few new ones. Everyone seemed to have a good time despite the much needed rain on late Friday night.

Although we are done with our monthly public rides at the track, we still have a few more times out with the engines. First off we have the Roseville International Rail, Nov. 14-15 with setup on the 13th. Rancho Cordova Tree lighting Nov. 28-29. We will also be needing people to help with the Santa Run which is the first two weekends in December 5-6 & 12-13. This one is a fund raiser for us and the more help the better.

See you on the rails.



MEMBERSHIP

by Dean Sheets

You might recognize the last name of Donhost, Lewie and Becky Donhost joined during the Fall meet. Did they think their son, Chris, was having too much fun being a member and decided to join and share in the activities? I hope so! They live in Carmichael and are willing to be worker bees.

Todd Bishop is from Yuba City and works for PG&E. Todd showed up at the Fall meet with member Bob Forren so it looks like Todd will be in good hands.

Nathan Degerstedt was the lucky winner of the 1 year membership and comes to us from Sparks, NV. Nathan is a heavy equipment diesel mechanic and was very excited to win the membership.

Arnt and Kay Tonnessen live in Gardnerville NV. Arnt owns his own business and is also a member of NMRA. Maybe Nathan can team up with the Tonnessens' and come down for club activities.

David and Rosemary Houston live in Rocklin and own Daylight Sales which I think everyone knows of. On the application David wrote that they were, "Willing to learn" and qualify for, "Crew"

Alan and Tammy Shifley drove down from Philomath OR. I saw his rig backing in to off-load and I can attest to the fact that this family is into 7½ scale, they have a track at home.

As always, if you see any members walking around looking bewildered go over and introduce yourself and offer any help you can getting them involved with our great Club

On a bad note one of member's car was keyed Friday night, not a pleasant thing to happen. Let's hope it was someone who WAS NOT involved with the Club or this meet.

SLVS October Board Meeting Summary**Current/Future Projects Around the Facility**

- WP Caboose (Gordon) – IT'S GORGEOUS AND IT'S DONE!!!
- Irrigation grant – Planning is ongoing and funding should be arranged by the end of 2015.
- Cleanup of Container 1 & 2 and other places – Things are being spruced up and gotten rid of!
- Continuing work on the donated 0-4-0 (Steamer #2)!
- The Boxcar retaining wall – Completed! Thank you to Marty and everyone who helped get it done!
- New Engineer/Conductor cars (Dennis G.) – Continuing!
- Improvements to the facility's gate system (Marty & Kevin) – Scheduled for Jan/Feb.
- New perimeter fencing around Cordova Station is being planned (Rob)
- Additional signals being planned for Jan/Feb

Current Issues before the Board

- Fall Meet planning!
- Nominations for next year's Board.
- An additional "Training day" has been scheduled for Nov 21st ...come out and get train certified.
- Additional SVLS signage throughout Hagan Park has been approved! Look for it in the near future!
- \$500 donation from Republic Services – THANK YOU!
- New t-shirts have been purchased...did you get yours?
- Board approval for repairs to the club trencher.
- Planning is in the works for this year's Santa Train. Volunteers for train crews & Santa's Village will be needed!
- Upcoming events with the portable track: Roseville Rail-fair and RC Tree lighting.
- Updates and Additions to the SVLS website (Bill)...Public and Member only areas.



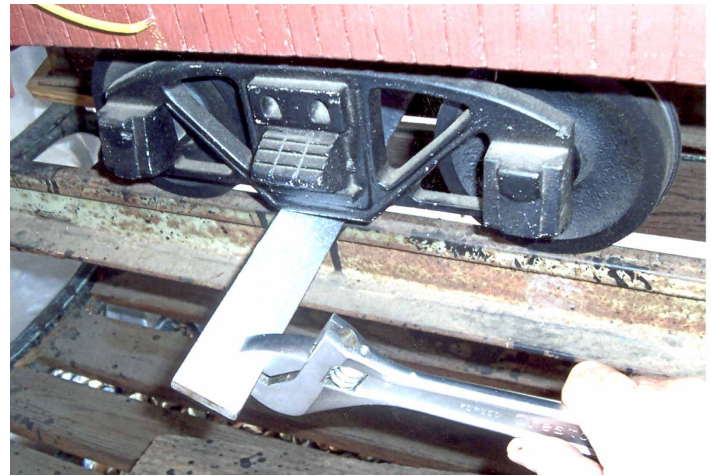
A new 4-10-2 locomotive built by Joe Yetter made it's debut.

Wheelset lifter for bearing checks

No doubt many of you have experienced a bearing failure on rolling stock that turned into a major repair job or a change out of the truck. We all would like to have a way to easily identify a bearing that is going to fail without inverting every car once a month. Here is a solution: take a piece of steel 1 1/4 x 1/8 x 14, push it across the rails, under the truck side frames, in front of the wheelset you want to check (see photo). Rotate the steel bar with a crescent wrench until the wheelset is free to turn. Spin the wheelset and if it is noisy or does not make 4 revolutions, change out the truck or mark the axle.

You can check a whole string of cars in 15 minutes and done on a regular basis will eliminate all bearing failures on the road. Oh yes, if you want to get fancy attach a folding handle and paint the "Wheelset Lifter" yellow.

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10 Years ago: SVLSRM participated in the celebration of the completion of the light rail into Folsom. We were invited by the historical society there. In our display we had Ross Crawford's steam engine, a gondola and a box car from our rolling stock. Many people came up to speak with us and there was much interest in visiting our track. I personally spoke with over 100 people and we gave out many of our newly revised brochures. We received many thanks from officials for our attendance and participation. These events help solidify our presence in the community and show what we are doing for the public. All this while we enjoy ourselves operating trains.



Young Casey Wilmunder at Fall meet with his small scale steam tractor which he had running.

20 Years ago: The truss bridge that serves as the centerpiece of our railroad is currently 2/3 of the way completed. I have taken this project on. I have worked on it for two years. It is my intent to complete the project and paint it -- by the 1996 Spring Meet. This bridge is unique in the hobby. The Club receives positive comments from visiting members on a regular basis. As far as I know, our bridge -- the built up detail that is -- exists only on our railroad. It certainly has been, and will be, worth the time and effort. I certainly hope you agree. Bob Lovell, Vice-President

The November 1995 issue of MODELTEC has a great article on the Western Live Steam Ramble. There are two pages of photographs taken at SVLS.

30 Years ago: "KEEPING FIT" Here is a snippet from an item by Frank Fleury on how to get exercise while still working by simply engaging in some of the following strenuous activities:

- beating about the bush - 75 Calories
- jumping to conclusions - 100 Calories
- bending over backwards - 75 Calories
- pushing your luck - 250 Calories
- running around in circles - 350 Calories
- making mountains out of molehills - 500 Calories

40 Years ago:

President Barry Garland will be the featured personality in the January 1976 issue of Railroad Magazine. Barry says after filling

out a very lengthy questionnaire, he discovered some new facets to Barry Garland.

Ken Spicer, the Yunglings, Ed, Don, Margaret and Michelle attended the Riverside Live Steamers meet in October. They had great weather and a good time.

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Fall meet was a great success!! We had two safety issues. One of our guest trip over a mile post marker by the G Scale set up area. The other was the Safety Chairman, me, tipped a car while backing up to park it. The good thing is no one was seriously hurt.



The Greeters did a great job again!! Big thanks to Gail and Darrel Gomes, Peter and Jim Welch, Phil Huntingdale, Kerry Wilson, Butch Floyd, Steve Perry, and Dick Patton for all your efforts and support. Let's continue with safe practices, and enjoy the hobby we have been given.

Safety for month: 1.02.09 Mode of Seating
Passengers must remain seated, straddling seat, and facing forward, on the cars at all times, unless directed to do otherwise, until the train returns to the station. Arms and legs must be kept inside the cars at all times while the train is in motion.

President's Report

By Bill Yoder

First many thanks to all that showed up to make the Fall meet; a fun event, lots of trains, and friendly people. Please check photos on our web site.

I want to give special thanks to Tom Nance who has done a great job as our Treasurer, but now with a full time job in the bay area he is finding it difficult to make our meetings and events has resigned the position. His new job is at Disney family museum as Guest associate and Museum ops. (must be fun). I have appointed Alison Berry as Treasurer. She has many prior years with the club and recently rejoined and is full of energy and ideas. Thanks Alison for accepting; your efforts are appreciated.

Steve Perry was appointed in August as board member at large to replace Dale Fowlar. Steve is a great asset to the board and has been a great volunteer on several projects over the last couple of years. Thanks Steve.

While the year is winding down, we still have several very active events that will need the support of many. See page one for more detail, please come out and support your club!

Please take the time to send in your ballot with your vote (on page 3) either copy or cut and mail to club address. If more people had Chris Donhost's reason for running, then we would have had more members on the ballot. Member elections meeting is Nov. 21 at 1:30 at our track.

Keep it steaming!

