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At the November membership meeting, Elections was held for the 4 board member positions for the 2016-2017 term. Below is the list of the positions and the candidate that won.

## ELECTION

**President:** Heidi Bowie

**Secretary:** Chris Donhost

**Trainmaster:** Peter Welch

**Directors at large:** Gordon Moser

## President's Report

By Bill Yoder

This has been another productive year for the club. We started the year with great support on rebuilding three trestles that need replacing, did a regrade of twin bridges grades, and always continued yard work and track work each month. We did a rebuild of the caboose kitchen with the support of many. Thanks to those who help keep your club railroad rolling along.

The Club again hosted more birthday parties this year than last year thanks to Andy Berchielli and his crews running the trains. These events provide needed income to the club, and brings many smiles to the kids (and adults) riding the train. Great work Andy and those who helped. But of course it takes volunteers to do this, please be one of those in 2016.

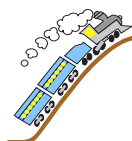
My wish is to see more member participation because without your participation, nothing will change. There will be several extra work days in January and February - stay tuned.

The board always appreciates feedback from our activities and planning, so take a few minutes, contact a board member and talk. Club members are always welcome at the board meetings.

As I am ending my 4 years of serving this great club as President I very much appreciate the current board and committee chairpersons for all you did in 2015, with your hard work and support and commitment to the club. I thank you board members. I also really think our members are the best resources for anyone interested in this scale of railroading.

The members who have volunteered to be on the board in 2016 bring new energy and ideas for the club, please give them your support both with time and money. See ya.

Keep it steaming!



## We need your HELP!

**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 Thursday & Friday (3rd & 4th) and that requires help also.

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

Contact Dennis Gramith  
(916) 988-7884



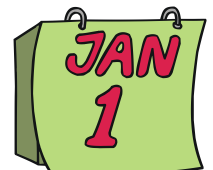
## NEW YEARS DAY 2016

Let's start the New Year with a lot of steam, or smelly diesel, and bring out your locomotive, rolling stock and enjoy a members run day on the first day of the new year. **Bring food to**

*share for potluck lunch.*

Mark your calendar for Friday January 1.

Running starts at 10 AM and lunch about 1 PM.



**Christmas party Dec. 19th 6:30 PM at Rancho Cordova City Hall 2729 Prospect Park Dr.**  
Potluck dinner and White Elephant gift exchange. Bring your favorite food dish to share. The club will provide the paper products, drinks (coffee, hot chocolate and lemonade) and a meat entrée.



## SVLSRM Calendar

- 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.  
Rancho Cordova City Hall
- Jan. 1, 2016 New Year day members run & potluck lunch  
Please bring food to share and enjoy the day.
- Jan. 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room  
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Jan. 16 Members Work day

Stay tuned for other work days in January and February as we work on the mainline.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

***How will you support SVLSRM this month?***

A **members only area** has been set up 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](http://svlsrm.org). Send check or pay on-line at [svlsrm.org](http://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**



### Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

Congratulations to Peter Welch for winning the nomination of Train Master.

Coming up the first two weekends in December we have our annual Santa Run which will need as much help as we can get. One last reminder that we are only as good as our volunteers, so please take some time and help out.

It has been my pleasure to have served as the Train Master for the last 4 years. I would like to thank all who have helped me during my term. I still have a few things that I have started that I will be finishing up as time allows.

See you on the rails.



### MEMBERSHIP

by Dean Sheets

New Members:

Fred Jakolat and Grandson Jacob Bowen came down from Reno to check out our club. They happened to come by during our general meeting and were met by Rob Sharratt who gave them a tour of the property. Joined by Gordon, Kevin and Steve Perry I think they know more about the club than most of us. Seems Jacob is a train fanatic (nut) and should give The Weasel a run for his money. Kevin took them out for a ride and soon after Steve turned them over to me to sign them up. They are already looking to car pool with others in the Reno area to come down and enjoy their new club.

I think with Jacob and his Grandfather it's going to be: When Fred and his Grandson Jacob see a member they will ask if they can help in anything to get involved with their new great Club.



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

Please send your 2016 dues **now!**  
Send check or pay on-line at [svlsrm.org](http://svlsrm.org).  
Send forms to SVLSRM P.O. Box 273,  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

Safety Committee  
Marty Carapiet



With the year end approaching, the Safety Committee has some new projects starting in January. We will install our new automatic gate system to enter the park, and new hand railing in the steaming bays by the stairs.

We are looking for some manpower to help with these projects. Please contact or email me at:  
916-792-8803 [mrctrader@yahoo.com](mailto:mrctrader@yahoo.com)  
if you would like to help.

With the Santa Run approaching soon, let's take extra precautions with our passengers and visitors during this special event to insure a safe and enjoyable experience!!

### Safety for the month:

1.02.05 Loading and Unloading. All public passengers will be loaded and unloaded only at designated passenger stations, or directed by the crew.



### SLVSRM Nov. Board Meeting Summary

#### Current/Future Projects Around the Facility

- A Plethora of projects are planned for Jan/Feb!
- Facility Cleanup projects
- Improvements to the facility's gate system (Marty & Kevin)
- Additional signals (Kevin)
- New sidings (Dennis B.)
- New perimeter fencing around Cordova Station (Rob)
- Crossing buck installation
- Continuing work on the donated 0-4-0 (Steamer #2)!
- New Engineer/Conductor cars (Dennis G.) – Continuing!
- Irrigation grant – Planning is ongoing to secure funding.
- Parts purchased to repair the trencher
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#### Current Issues before the Board

- Upcoming events with the portable track: Roseville Rail-fair and Rancho Cordova Tree Lighting.
- Nominations and elections for next year's Board.
- "Training days" – get more members train certified!
- Additional SVLS signage throughout Hagan Park... Coming soon!
- Planning continues for this year's Santa Train. Volunteers for train crews & Santa's Village will be needed!
- Tom Nance resigned as Treasurer. Alison Berry appointed Treasurer through 2016.
- Christmas Party – Sat, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at Rancho Cordova City Hall!

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Bob Morris, can be reached at 925-240-9034 or cell 209-743-13



**10 Years ago:** With the Santa Run fast approaching, we were able to obtain the talents of a professional local artist to paint the canvas backdrop for the Santa area. Hopefully John has been given enough time to finish before the run date. Pictures of work in progress below.



**20 Years ago: "FROM THE CAB"**

After a minor set back last month, I am pleased to report that the electrical hookup is complete. We are now operation on our new transformer. We are also operating our own independent air supply. We owe many thanks to Larry Davis for the donation of the compressor.

**30 Years ago:** Now that the New Year is here, it is time to stoke the fires, adjust the Johnson bar, and pull the throttle for the 1985 plans and projects. High on the list of priorities is the acquisition and placement of a Box Car for rolling stock storage. Before we can place the Box Car, we must move the coal pile. Before we move the coal pile, we must move the fence and build the new gates, which will also allow us to build a Maintenance shed for mowers, etc. and the leg bone connects to the ankle bone!  
The Bathroom project has made a definite step forward with a generous offer by new member, Vernon Guess, To help with the plans and required approvals. It seems that Vernon is a contractor and this is right up his track.

**40 Years ago:**

If you'd like to exchange personal Holiday Greetings with your fellow railroaders there's no better time than the December meeting, Friday the 19th. Come and enjoy a fine program of sound movies taken by Barry Garland, Ed Yungling and Ken Yeo over a considerable period of time of the 4449. Also another exciting chapter of "Hurricane Express". You'll also have a chance to win a fine door prize and partake of refreshments and conversation with our happy group.  
New Year's Day, 10 a. m. to 4 p.m. will find trails of smoke and steam hanging over the tracks; maybe some frosty breath, too, but there's always a hot boiler to warm you hands over and there'll be hot coffee and donuts. You'll have to bring your own lunch. See you there.