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President's Report

By Heidi Bowie

And so it is done! The Spring Meet is now behind us and it was a very wild ride. From the burst irrigation pipe on Wednesday, to the deluge of Friday and the sunny skies on Sunday, the meet is never boring or predictable. It is also a lot of work! These events cannot happen without a lot of people and my Board was deeply involved in every area imaginable. My thanks to all of them for the hours of effort and labor they put in leading up to AND during the Meet.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the members that spent time helping in many different areas during the weekend. I've always thought that asking people to help out for an hour really shouldn't be a big thing over the course of a weekend. But the members I'm thinking about put in **hours!** They offered, they were willing, they stepped up. Thank you!

SVLS has a new Membership Coordinator...Kerry Wilson. Kerry offered to take over the position after Dean Sheets needed to step away from the position and take a break. In a sort of "trial by fire" introduction to the position, Kerry spent the weekend in the Registration tent, learning the ins and outs of membership. Not the easiest way to go, but I really appreciate him jumping into things and providing so much of his time at the Meet.

Don't let the cool weather fool you, Summer is coming and so is the heat! Getting an early start to our work days is going to be really important...think 8 AM! By lunch time, everyone will be ready to switch over to playing trains, but let's get those work hours in first while it's cool.

There will be a General Meeting on Sunday, July 17th at 1 PM (member run day after lunch). Topic will be the purchase of steel rail and tie material.



June 4 & 5 public run days. Engineers, Conductors and Station attendants will be needed so please come out and help. Not qualified? Then come out get qualified or help with other activities.



Thank you to public run day Volunteers 5/7/2016:

Alison Berry, Rob Sharratt, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Steve Milward, Dennis Gramith, Dennis, Heidi, Maren, Ryan Bowie, Ross Crawford, Ed Zeis,

Butch and Bill Floyd, Colton Snell, Dave McFarland w/grandson Jacob and guest Hilton.

5/8/2016 - Mother's Day:

Bill and Butch Floyd, Alison Berry, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Don Yungling, Ed Zeis, Dillon & Marshall Post & Mom, Steve Perry, Paul Skidmore, Ross Crawford, Colton Snell, Carl Mahler, Andrew Sach, Don Denton, Frank Presley, Andy Berchielli, Robert Warren, Paul, Kirstie, Lisa Moser, Guests: Bette Schubert, Breanne Uno, Mitch Flemming.



for the great helpers in the caboose during the Spring Meet: Alison Berry, Gail Gomez, Joan Noyer, Linda Lutrell, Amy Lutrell, Rob and Tami Sharratt, Lisa Moser, Marshall Post, Toy Yungling, Heidi, Dennis, Ryan Bowie, Barbara Rohrs, Michelle Guinta, Anne, Kevin, Andrew Sach.

A Big THANK YOU to all of you.

A special THANK YOU to Christine Gramith for making those special Baked Beans. People were coming back for a second scoop. Thank you again.

Barbara Moser, Caboose Chairperson

SVLSRM Calendar

- Jun. 4 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Jun. 5 Public run day - 11 AM - 4 PM
- Jun. 13 (Monday) Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Jun. 19 Father Day & run day. Pot Luck Lunch.

- Jul. 2 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Jul. 3 Public run day - 4 PM - 8 PM * Special time
- Jul. 4 Public run day - 4 PM - 8 PM * Special time
- Jul. 11 (Monday) Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Jul. 17 Sunday - Member work day and run day. Please help in the AM then run your train in the afternoon. Pot Luck Lunch. **General Meeting at 1 PM.**

Dates to reserve on your calendar:

Fall meet Oct. 14, 15, & 16

Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 17

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

SPIKE editor requests ideas for articles.

I am also looking for members who would like to spotlight their projects - in progress or finished.

If you submit photos for publication please send high resolution photos. These would be files with a resolution of at least 240 dpi, or greater. A good rule is that the image file should be 1 megabyte, or larger is still better.



Please call or E-mail the editor. - Thanks.

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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members

- Brandon McCracken - Morgan Hill, CA
- Wayne Yetter - Salinas, CA
- Barry Blacklaw - Mulino, OR
- Mike Keiser - Tracy, CA

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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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

Renovation on our SP Caboose has begun. It will become our library of live steam and railroad books. Also will be used as a meeting room. The goal is to restore it as original as possible. So the walls and floors were painted back to its original color. I also restored the oil burning stove and put the conductor seats back in their spots and I will recreate the conductor's desk too.

We will also display the history and function of the caboose. The generator will be cleaned up and displayed and we will be looking for some Railroad memorabilia to display on the walls. Thanks to Peter, Gordon and my Dad Augie for helping me get this far. You can follow and see more photos of progress on our Facebook Page. Look for SP 1272 Caboose renovation.

Andy Berchielli



After



Before



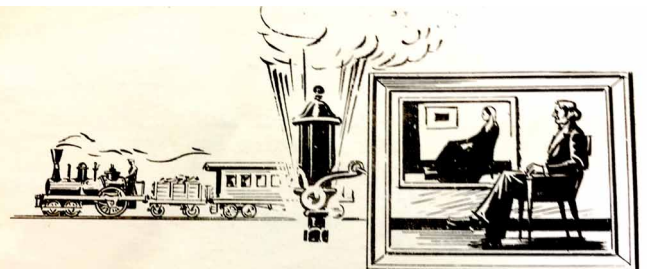
Party & Events Chairperson

Andy Berchielli

I spoke with many of you at our Spring Meet about joining us to a special invite to visit Portola Valley & Mountain RR. If you are interested in going you need to contact me so I can give a head and train count. It is the weekend of **July 23 & 24**. A great way to beat the heat. It's located near Palo Alto. Email me at events@svlsm.org. Thanks Andy



One person at the Spring Meet really impressed me with his energy, excitement, and his desire to see every train and engine at the event, making me reflect on what I enjoy most about this wonderful hobby. Sawyer Wilde is the biggest train enthusiast in the smallest package. Rain would not deter him. Nap-time only re-energized him. His dad, Alex, was the epitome of support...arriving early and staying late, so that Sawyer could make the most of his train weekend. I tip my train hat to the little guy! - President Heidi



First American locomotive to be equipped with a steam whistle was built (in 1836) by George Washington Whistler — the same man whose wife was immortalized by the famous painting "Whistler's Mother" done by their son.

Reprinted from Rail Oddities



Track Superintendent Report

By Dennis Bowie

And another installment of Looking Down the Track...

For all those that came to the Spring Meet, I hope the track was as smooth for you as it

was for me. To my knowledge, there were no major derailments out on the main line. Thank you to Darrell Gomes, Bill Noyer, and the rest of the track crew that found time before the Meet to work on all sorts of projects to make the weekend better, including the re-ballasting needed from the Water Geyser of 2016.

If you hadn't notice, the Boxcar yard is now sporting a new feature...Collapsible Bumpers! The 6 bright, yellow bumpers were designed by Ross Crawford, manufactured by Carl Mahler and Steve Milward, and installed by the aforementioned Steve. Say goodbye to runaway riding cars and the use of ties to stop those riding cars. These Collapsible Bumpers will be on everyone's Christmas wish list come December!



Upcoming projects for June and July will be cutting in the new, steel switches at the SP caboose and continuing to finish the track at Reverse-O.



A lock box has been placed near the swing gates at the mower shed that contains a key to the padlock for the yellow gate giving access to our area. It is important to put the key back after opening the gate and to insure the gate is also closed and locked once you have passed through. This is needed to stop illegal dumping to the parks containers.

If you have any questions call Dennis Gramith.



Safety Chairman Report

by Marty Carapiet

We had a safe and fun spring meet with no injuries or accidents. I would like to thank the entire membership for their participation in keeping our track and facility safe and enjoyable. Also special thanks to all the greeters that helped during the meet: Darrell and Gail Gomes, Dick Patton, Ron King, Steve Perry, Dean Sheets, and Butch Floyd. We appreciate your hard work and service to our club.



As summer approaches we encourage all members to continue with safe practices and procedures. I also request feedback and suggestions that will keep our facility thriving in the areas of safety and cleanliness.

Safety tip for the month:

1.09 General Restrictions

All equipment to be run on the club track is subject to inspection by the Trainmaster and/or Safety Committee at any time. Failure to submit to or pass such inspection may result in removal of the equipment from SVLSRM facilities subject to SVLSRM Trainmaster and/or Safety Committee decision.



May Board Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

- Heidi announced that Kerry Wilson has agreed to be Membership Chair.
- We have a new insurance broker- Kaliff Insurance of Texas. The restrictions from our former broker/ carrier are now gone. We can use any locomotive to run public trains.
- Peter Welch reported the 0-4-0 does run. The RS3 will be working by the meet.
- Andy stated that phase 1 of caboose remodel is done. Phase 2 will be installing bookcases for the library.
- The Park is having issues with illegal dumping so has been locking the yellow gate. Dennis working on a solution for members to have access via a lock box with gate key.
- A change will be made in the party rental agreement to make a portion of the deposit non-refundable to prevent a loss to the club from bank credit card transaction fees.
- A propane tank will be purchased for the 0-4-0 fuel car; Andy & Peter will build the car.

2016 Regional Spring Meet Memories. Photos from Robert Forren, Barbara Moser, Alison Berry



Ken Willes watching as his donated 0-4-0 is being readied for running. The club has spent several months rebuilding the 0-4-0.



First prize winners receiving their prize from President Heidi
Left - Cody Sharratt Right - Barry Blacklaw



Wyatt "Weasel" Thomas showing the effect of being at the throttle of several steamers.





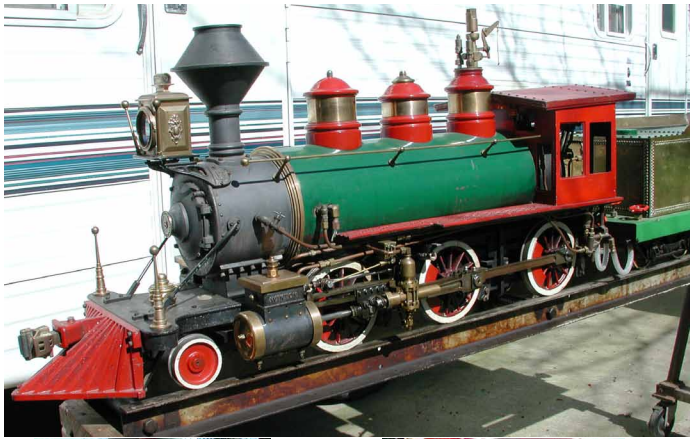


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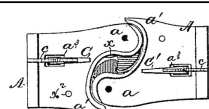


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Need a coupler repaired, then call Ross Crawford as he is offering to fix them free.



10 Years ago: A new tunnel showed up on our track one fine work day morning on the main line curve before the station. Thanks to the parks people for coming over and removing the fallen limb.



July 4th float
We plan to enter a float in the July 4th Rancho Cordova parade to both let the community know more about us as well as to give back to the community for their support over the years. The float will be very basic and will carry our steam locomotive as well some bunting and flags. We are not sure whether the locomotive will be under steam (low pressure) or air. Should we run on air, we will need to borrow a gas powered air compressor (hopefully a quiet one). If anyone has a compressor they would be willing to loan, please contact Joel Corbin or myself.

Thanks to... Darrell and Gail Gomes, for spending three hours repairing the station outbound track as well as many other locations over the last month. And Richard and Amy Lutrel, for regular mowing and irrigation of our railroad area.

20 Years ago: The 1996 Rail Festival in Old Sacramento is upon us and again SVLS is going to have an operating exhibit with our portable track. Consequently, we desperately need volunteers to sell tickets, man the station, and operate the locomotives during the event.

The Tuesday night supper club has begun. Please come down Tuesdays and most Saturdays to work on track and the grounds.

30 Years ago: On Saturday, June 7th, our first scheduled 1st Saturday-of-the-month Run Day showed a very sparse turnout. So those few dedicated souls who did turn out spent the day working extremely hard at making space for the boxcar and caboose. Many thanks to Warren Sharrat, Jimmy and Scott Durham, Stan Hindsley, Ken Willes, and Keith Kirstein. They turned a fun day into a work day and the rest of us all benefit by their work. Warren Sharratt and Robby have also spent considerable time during Warren's 2-week vacation preparing the location. Special bouquets to both of you!

40 Years ago: On June 20th some of our members went over to the Golden Gate Live Steamers meet and the day was cold and foggy but the hospitality was warm and sincere. Ken and Madeline Spicer, Al and Mary Shelley, Berne Crane, Don, Toyoko, Mark and Theresa Yungling, Earl and Dale McKensie, Ed, Louise and Marla Yungling, George Wardell and Dick and Lori Esselbach.