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President's Report

By Heidi Bowie

Summer is the time for vacations, pool parties, and A/C because it is getting "Melty"! But don't skip a visit out to our club. Summer may not be the best time for work and projects but it can still be great for getting together and having a great time...especially in the mornings!

4th of July weekend will be busy with a regular run day on Saturday and the two day park event Sunday and Monday. Help out by being a part of the train crews. July's member work day is on Sunday the 17th and we do have projects to work on (plus a General Membership meeting to discuss rail and tie purchase). Better to get going in the early morning and really look forward to the potluck lunch. Our last play day of the Summer is August Night on the 20th.

Put the club on your summer schedule and hitch a train ride!

Hagan Park maintenance has requested club members lock the yellow gate when we leave (**last one out**) if it is after about 5:pm on week days. On weekends or holidays, the gate can be open while we are in the area, but needs to be locked when we leave.



Fathers Day



Those attending Fathers Day run (members day) were: Colton Snell, Barbara and Gordon Moser, Alison Berry, Dennis Gramith, Paul

Skidmore, Steve Milward, Butch Floyd, Kevin & Andrew Sach, John, Jackie, Bailie w/daughter Marie & her family, Ed Zeis, Dennis, Heidi, Maren, Ryan Bowie, Rob & Alexis Sharatt.

4TH OF JULY



INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS

As you know, Independence Day falls on Monday and we will be running trains for the public on the July 2nd from 11 AM to 3 PM then the 3rd and 4th from 4 PM to 8 PM. A car pass is required to enter Hagan Park going to SVLSRM via the back road gate at Ambassador Drive. Passes may be picked up on July 2 at the park, or call Heidi if needed. The park will have Fireworks display, that will appear when it gets dark on the 3rd & 4th.

Crew help is needed, to volunteer please Call Steve Perry (209) 323-5490. Please come and support your club.

Lunch will be served July 2, 3, & 4th to our train crews.

Those members who want to come for the fire works on the 3rd and 4th of July we will be having a Pot Luck and your welcome to participate. Will serve food around 6:00 PM.

Special Thanks to the members that come to public run days to crew the trains, station and feed the crews. These members are supporting the club, more members need to help on these functions.

6-4-2016 - Public Run Day

Butch Floyd, Rob Sharratt, Dale Dennis, Steve Perry, Heidi, Dennis, Maren, Ryan Bowie, Deanne Kellom, Dean Sheets, Andrew & Kevin Sach, Marty Carapiet, Peter Welch, Gordon and Barbara Moser, Alison Berry, Ed Zeis, Colton Snell, Paul Skidmore, Phil Huntingdale, and Dennis Gramith.

6-5-2016 - Public Run Day

Butch & Bill Floyd, Paul Skidmore, Barbara & Gordon Moser, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Alison Berry, Andy Berchielli, Dennis Gramith, Peter Welch, Don Finton, and Don Yungling.



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlsrcm.org for current information. If you have not looked for awhile then you did not see the *Spring Meet video* on-line.

SVLSRM Calendar

- 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.**

- Aug. 6 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Aug. 7 Public run day - 11 AM - 4 PM
- Aug. 8 (Monday) Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Aug. 20 Members run day and Night, bring your train and have fun. This is our annual Hot-August-Nights run. **Potluck Dinner so please bring something to share.**

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?



Special order for custom apparel SVLS items.

If there is something unique you'd like to order, email Heidi at president@svlsrm.org for a price quote. Order will be place around August 1st

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Come to the track for a Fun Time Train Run and Pot Luck Dinner.

Join us during the day and run your trains into the night for a good old-fashioned evening of Live Steaming SVLS style.

Come early and bring the kids. Bring engine and some rolling stock and your favorite food dish to share. The barbecue will be hot and the lights will be on for ya. So hang FRED on the last car and **come on down!**

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Party & Events Chairperson

Andy Berchielli

We have 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@svlsrm.org. Thanks Andy



6-11-2016 What an enjoyable afternoon we had running trains for Veronica and Dale Taylor's Square Dancing group. Couldn't of found nicer people to socialize with. It



was fun to watch them Square Dancing out on our cement pad too and they seemed to love the train rides.

Train Crews - Kevin, Anne, Andrew Sach, Peter Welch, Colton Snell, John & Jackie Bailey, and Barbara & Gordon Moser.

Reported by Barbara Moser.



June Board Meeting Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

- The community council trailers have gone back to the community council.
- 0-4-0 boiler needs to be rebuilt, or replaced. Peter will look into both options
- 16 new members, 7 renewals reported.
- Phase 1 of SP caboose remodel is complete, Andy will be working on bookcases next.
- Yellow gate now has a key box on the fence for members to access the loading area.
- Having a daytime pumpkin run was discussed, a planning committee was formed.
- The old lift doesn't work in the cold- looking into repair/replacement options.
- The park department is moving forward with the topography mapping project or SVLS.
- Discussed use of club equipment, cones, restrictions for dogs, and behavior of kids at meets.
- Editor/webmaster is looking for feedback on the newsletter and the website.
- Purchase of tie material and steel rail was discussed.

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10 Years ago: The parade on July 4th was a great event that had the crowds yelling “trains, we love you” and parents telling their kids “look at the steam engine that runs in the park”. As the float passed the judge’s stand, the MC said to the cheering crowd “your children and grandchildren rode the



trains at the park”. We had the engine mounted high on the trailer. Thanks to Amy Lutrel for decorating the float,

Joel Corbin, Jack Friedman, and Pete Arney for building it. Kids from SVLS members (Clifton’s, Lutrel’s, and Andrew Ford) put a family face on SVLS. Immediately after the parade, we had double the number of riders of the previous days. Over the four days, we had close to 1000 riders.

20 Years ago: “From the Yardmasters” Things are getting HOT at the park now. Summer is definitely here - so the grass is not growing as fast, which means more watering. The various flower beds still look great. Our donation (station) caboose has been fixed up and repainted. It looks great! Thanks to Pam Naylor who took on this project. Red has been unable to mow etc.. lately - as well as myself (Gordon) - due to long hours at work. So, we can use any help mowing, watering, etc. *Gordon Moser & Red Hadler, Yardmasters*

30 Years ago: Lori Esselbach Overheard at the “Over-the-Hill” Live Steamers” “Those Sacramento Valley Live Steamers are the travelinest club. One runs into them everywhere. Wonder when they get time to run on their track”? (It was said as a compliment) June 14th and 15th found Warren, Robby and Christy Sharratt, Keith and Helen Kirstein, Stan Hindsley, Dick and Lori Esselback, John Bailie, Al and Mary Shelley, Ed Spail, and Robey and Betty Roberson (of Idaho) swatting mosquitoes at Ed St. John’s in Chiloquin, Oregon.

40 Years ago: The 4th of July run at Cordova community Park saw Ken Spicer’s 2-8-2 hauling six and seven cars of delighted passengers and Al Shelley, Don Yungling, Milon Thorley and Earl McKenzie all running engines. Bill Fisher, without a doubt, had the toughest job. Bill spent the day on the rise down by the river keeping watch to prevent vandals from placing rocks on the track. This has been a real problem area in the past. It was a long, hot, thirsty afternoon for Bill and we appreciate and thank him for his help. Marla Yungling spent most of the day as ticket agent and also deserves a big thank you. It’s great to see the young people like Marla taking an active part in the club. There were others out there in the hot sun lending a hand and a great big THANK YOU to all of you. Everyone enjoyed the Fireworks spectacular that evening. It was the finest display of pyrotechnics in the area and well worth the long wait to get out of the park after the show.

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

