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President's Report

By Heidi Bowie

The family actually got to take a little vacation this year, spending three days up in Truckee. Beautiful weather (no triple digits in sight), wonderful views, and some quality together time. As luck would

have it, the Truckee River Railroad was having a public run during our vacation weekend, so we hitched a ride behind their steam engine. In three short years, the club has been able to lay a circular line of track and they have been making a lot of progress toward their goal of financing an expansion project. Member Tom Smith gave us a tour, pointed out their fantastic new snow shed, and had a 30 minute discussion with Dennis about nuances of track (I assume the kids and I got off lucky!).

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Sunday work day in July AND those who stayed for the General meeting to discuss the purchase of track and tie material. There were a lot of good questions, discussion, and comments that helps the board when dealing with these issues. I know there were some side projects going on, but my attention was focused on yard maintenance and there were a lot of members who put out the effort and made huge improvements to the facility!

Returning member Barbara Rohrs has come back to SVLS after being away for a few years. The board needed a new Membership Coordinator and she felt ready for the challenge (or she could no longer withstand the tag-teaming hints from Alison and Dennis G.)! Regardless of how it happened, I am thrilled to welcome Barbara to the board and appreciate her renewed interest and commitment to SVLS.

And I can't believe we're down to one last month of summer. Join us for the public run on Aug. 6th and 7th (Steve Perry would love to get an e-mail about members helping out for train crews) and the Hot August Day/Night event on the 20th. The Fall Meet is only 2 ½ month's away, so make sure it's on your calendar. We don't want anyone miss the fun!



August 6 & 7 public run days.

Engineers, Conductors and Station attendants will be needed so please come out and help. Not qualified? Then come out and get qualified or help with other activities.

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.

July 2, 2016 - Run Day Helpers:

Heidi and Dennis Bowie, Harry Voss, Dale Dennis Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Kevin, Anne, Andrew Sach Alison Berry, Paul Skidmore, Peter Welch, Ed Zeis Don & Toy Yungling, Rob Sharratt, Colton Snell Bill and Butch Floyd, Marshall Post, Dennis Gramith Curtis Stout, Marty Carapiet

July 3, 2016

Heidi, Dennis, Maren, Ryan Bowie, Harry Voss, Peter Welch Garrett Garnes, Kevin, Anne, Andrew Sach, Grace Smith The Kitzmiller Family, Deanne Kellom, Alison Berry Andy Berchielli, Matt and Wyatt Thomas, Ed Zeis Richard Lutrell, Colton Snell, Marshall Post, Marty Carapiet Gordon and Barbara Moser, Dennis Gramith

July 4, 2016

Barbara and Gordon Moser, Steve Perry, Alison Berry Heidi, Dennis, Maren, Ryan Bowie, Dennis Gramith Harry Voss, Dylan Post, Janet Lee, Andy Berchielli Peter Welch, Dale Dennis, Ed Zeis, Jeff White Kevin, Anne, Andrew Sach



HOT AUGUST RUN

August 20. All Day & night
Everyone is invited to join us at the Caboose for our annual "Hot August 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 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!**



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlsrcm.org for current information. If you have not looked for awhile then you will have missed news or for sale items that are not in the newsletter.

SVLSRM Calendar

- Aug. 6 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Aug. 7 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 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.**
- Sept.. 3 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Sept.. 4 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Sept.. 12 (Monday) Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Sept.. 18 Sunday - Member work day and run day. Please help in the AM then run your train in the afternoon. Pot Luck Lunch.

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?

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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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members:

Hugues & Agnieszka Guazelli - Sacramento

Mark & Debdra Sharpless - Rancho Cordova

Yolanda Castaneda & Anibal - Rancho Cordova

Barbara Rohrs (rejoined) - Sacramento

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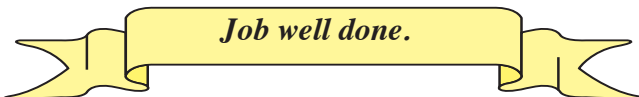
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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

June Board Meeting Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

- Discussed options to increase donations from run day operations
- \$600 approved to build book cases in the SP caboose, Phase II of the project
- The city will proceed with the site survey at SVLS as part of the Measure “H” project
- \$500 approved for boiler repairs of the 0-4-0 locomotive
- A design concept will be put together to add a “G” scale layout at SVLS



Early this year the board decided to retire the long yellow bench type riding car built by Clyde Johnson many years ago. The car suffered from bad bearings, worn flanges and too small bolts in too large holes retaining the trucks. Ross Crawford volunteered to rebuild the trucks and re-mount them. When Ross finished the work, the car was test run and performed very well. The Car was offered for \$500 at the spring meet. The best offer of \$300 was accepted.

The Board thanks Ross for his rework of this car making the sale possible.
Dennis Gramith - VP



July 17th General Meeting Attendance:
Dennis Gramith, Heidi, Dennis, Maren, and Ryan Bowie, Grace Smith and Deanna Kellom, Paul Skidmore, Steve Milward, Kevin and Andrew Sach, Steve Perry, Alison Berry, Gordon and Barbara Moser, Andy Berchielli, Leonard Houpt, Barbara Rohrs, Peter Welch, Rich Lutrel, Joe and Andrew Maret, Marty Carapiet, Stephanie and Phil Huntingdale, Marshall Post, Dylan Post, Rob Sharratt, Jim Welch

June General Meeting Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

- A “track fund” has been established for the purchase of rail and tie material
- Seed money from the existing locomotive, insurance, and general fund accounts totaling \$4500 will be transferred into the track fund
- Revenue disbursements have been changed to 20% Insurance, 20% Locomotive, 20% Track, 40% General
- The membership voted to approve spending up to \$4500 for the purchase of track & ties
- The one-time new member track fee will increase from \$30 to \$40 beginning January 1, 2017, and 100% of said fee will be deposited into the Track Fund, effective immediately.



Track Superintendent Report

By Dennis Bowie

Another installment of looking down the track... This month of July has been a pleasant break; we have not had the temperatures in the triple digits. We had our

General member work and run day July 17th and the weather was at its finest. I was able to employ some of our members to assist in work at the Reverse-O sidings. I had the help of Steve Perry, Marshall Post and Steve Milward.



It may not seem like much but with their help we were able to start work on the Reverse-O siding. We have added a 5 foot connecting track and installed one of the switches that will give access to the area that will become the Feed and Grain / Stock Yard and Fertilizer sidings.



This area has been on the back burner for some time, but we now have aluminum track to get things done.

Also thank you to Paul Skidmore for his time that he spends in building track panels and switches and for imparting his knowledge. I would like to thank Steve Milward for taking the time to work with Paul, so pay attention Steve. I would love to be there learning as well but I seem to get pulled in many directions at the same time.

Hope to see everyone on the rails and helping out.

Have a neighbor or a friend who has an interest in Live Steam / Trains? Invite them to join SVLS. Give them a Membership form to join SVLS.

July 4th fireworks and trains.



Truckee River Railroad snow shed



Jeff White hauling public



Paul Skidmore & Curtis Stout hard at work.

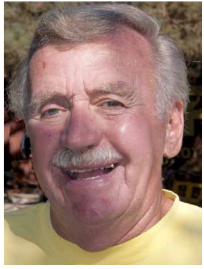


Matt Thomas brings his Engine out to SVLS to help give public rides.



Someone found a hot flame to roast hotdogs on, when the unexpected fire of burning fireworks launch tubes and pallets occurred at the end of the show.





Vice President's Report

By Dennis Gramith

After too many years of wrestling with that heavy 20' long ramp to get rolling stock up onto the upper level tracks in the boxcar, help has arrived! There is now a new elevator installed and working in the boxcar.

The elevator is powered by an electric winch rated at 1,300 pounds and suspended by four cables rated at over 1,500 pounds each. A fold down ramp on the North end guides the cars onto the elevator track, which can also slide between track #1 to track #2. Pressing the up button raises the elevator to the upper level where a hinged plate on the South end folds down to align with the desired track. Operation is easy and logical, but additional detailed instructions will also be posted in the boxcar. Those members who have used the elevator have given it a thumbs up.

Safety Rule for the month:

1.02.13 Proximity to Tracks

No one shall stand or walk within five (5) feet of any track, unless their duties require him to do so. It shall be the duty of any and all SVLSRM members to help keep the public at a safe distance from the tracks. Responsible photographers and persons with recording equipment may obtain permission to get closer to the moving trains under certain conditions.

3.02.01 Night Time Operations

All trains operating after sunset shall be equipped in the following manner:

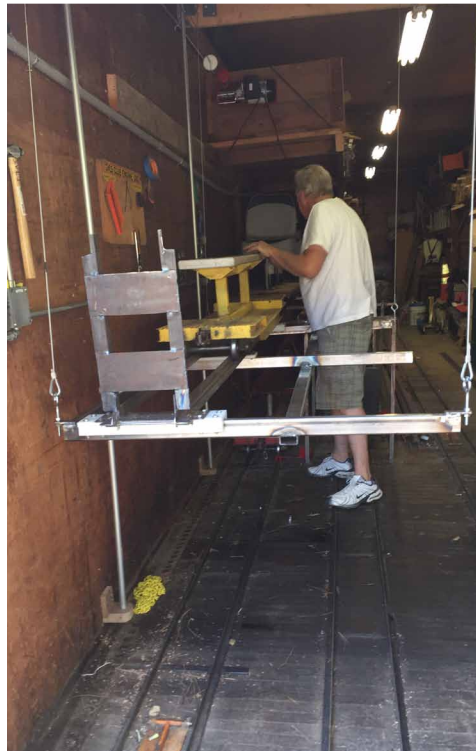
1. Working headlight.
2. Lighted cab on steam engines.
3. Marker light or lantern on the rear of the last car.
4. Conductor/Brakemen shall have a lighted lantern or flashlight suitable for making hand signals.

4.01.05 Responsibilities of the Engineer

The Engineer is responsible for the safe handling of the train and the cars at all times. They must be in close cooperation with all other operating personnel, observing all rules and signals (whistles, hand, flag or light) given by the conductor and stationmaster. They must run their engine in conformance with SVLSRM safety rules at all times. They must see that any SVLSRM equipment used by them is returned to its proper storage space at the end of their run, unless another engineer takes over the responsibility of such equipment and agrees to see that such equipment is properly stored after its use.

5.03 Boarding of Passengers

Passengers of the general public shall board and disembark only at the SVLSRM Depot or other locations as approved by the Board of Directors and or the Safety Committee (i.e., as during public open houses, club meets, etc.) Private passengers may embark or disembark anywhere along the track, but only if proper safety procedures are followed. (Public loading and procedures; refer rule 1.02 passengers and visitors).



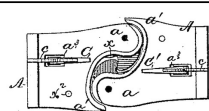
FOR SALE

1 1/2 scale, 7 1/2 " gauge 4 wheel Diesel locomotive with 5hp Briggs & Stratton engine. Hydraulic powered. Engine was designed and built with the late Glen Strawn. Easy to run and maintain. Flat car support car included . Has Mountain Car trucks and couplers.
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 Doug Boudakian



Trolley for Sale.
 Price \$1500 OBO, plus engine stand for sale.
 Call: Clio Geyer
 (916) 645-9154

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



10 Years ago: Last Saturday Run day John Haines, an associate from GGLS arrived with his Tintern Abbey (green English style 4-6-2) and graciously pulled our public which he did all afternoon. Thanks John!



20 Years ago: Congratulations to Dick Qiring for a highly successful first run of this 1 1/2" 2-8-0 on August 6th. "From the Yardmasters" Help in mowing, trimming and all that good yard work would be appreciated. Gordon has been traveling for work and Red has a bum knee so neither Yardmaster has been able to put in any time lately. Thank goodness for Vern and Clio Geyer and Milon Thorley as they have been taking the brunt of the workload. Many thanks for their help.

We need to keep up the grounds for the Fall Meet, so please come out. *Gordon Moser & Red Hadler, Yardmasters*

30 Years ago: Our Head Engineer, Alan Shelley, suggested that the club start a "car building contest". This would be for all members of the club, and not cars for club use. The club has their own cars. We think it would be nice to see some "mixed trains" running, even though many members do not own "locomotives". Cars like: boxcars, tank cars, cattle cars, grain cars, pickle cars, ore cars, piggy back flats, whatever the individual likes. This could turn out to be a nice "winter" project. We will be offering prizes, too!

With the Southern Pacific showing signs of eagerness to get rid of our Caboose and Box Car, it seemed to be time for action in the preparation process, so that we will have a place to put them when they arrive.

40 Years ago: Sunday, Aug. 15 (1976) this will be a work day and run day. There is much to be done about the weeds and some road bed maintenance. The little "critters" have been very busy undermining us. Please bring your garden tools.

The wives have been invited to a meeting at 2:00 p.m. to generate an interest in your hobby by forming a "Branch Line". The objective of this group would be to work toward making a family area within the steaming bay section. Do yourself a favor - bring the wife out on Sunday.

At our last regular meeting a few members and even friends of members were out at the steaming bay area fighting the weeds with a weed eater and bare hands. Thank you. There is still a lot more weeds to eliminate.



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<http://www.svlstrm.org/>