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Vice President's Report

By Dennis Gramith

Rob Sharratt advised me that there has, at long last, been some movement on our Measure H irrigation project. Stacy Delaney, of the City of Rancho Cordova, has indicated that the first contract has been signed for the topographical survey. We will be meeting in September to iron out questions on access, timing, and other details.

As the fall meet approaches we once again will have a great need for volunteers to help with set up, registration, food service, greeters, assigning sidings, dumping trash, enforcing safety rules, bathroom cleanup, taking down tables and tents, putting away club equipment, helping our visitors load their equipment, pulling down the shades, turning out the lights and securing the facility. If that sounds like a lot, try getting all of that and more done with just the board members and a very few helpers. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE step up and offer to help make this meet a success.

Fall meet is Oct. 14, 15, & 16 Please plan on being here.

One more item: **Elections** will be in 2 months with nominations in October. *Want to make a real difference?* Then be a voice on the board. This year 5 positions are available; Vice President, Treasurer, Track Superintendent, Yardmaster, & Board member at large.

Special Thanks

to the members who 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.

Heidi, Dennis, Maren, and Ryan Bowie, Deanna Kellom, Andrew and Kevin Sach, Alison Berry, Bill and Butch Floyd, Dale Dennis, Dean Sheets, Seth Hansen, Jeff White, Ed Zeis, Steve Milward, Garrett Garnes, Nick Zamora, Peter Welch Christin O'Leary, Liam O'Leary, and Diego Zamora.

Sorry if your name is not in the list. Either we did not know you were present or you did not show up to help.



It's almost time for the Fall Meet. Time to dust off your favorite cookie, cake and other sweet snack recipes for the Bake Sale. We will need volunteers to man the bake/drink sales. We also need volunteers to help serve food at meal times.

Any and all help is greatly needed & appreciated.

Please contact Alison Berry (916) 983-9712 to offer baked goods or volunteer for the Fall Meet.



September 3 & 4 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.

The following quote is from a long-time member's note sent with renewal. That says a lot about our club!

SVLSRM is more than a live steam club to me. It is family!

NEWEST LIVE STEAM CLUB IN SACRAMENTO

December 1969
from Live Steam

The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers with home offices in Sacramento, California, is the first such organization in the area in many years. The first meeting was held in September 1968 and since then membership has more than doubled in spite of the fact that six names had to be dropped. The present mailing list is 24 names long with about 60% attendance at meetings which are held at various members' homes. Normal time is 1 PM on the third Sunday of each month.

The members have laid 60 feet of 4 3/4" track at the home of member Earl McKenzie. The track is planned

to encircle the house and will be available to all members for steaming. Dual gauging for 3/4" scale is possible if there is enough interest.

As a result of the organization, a number of members have made more progress on their engines in the last eight months than in the previous three to six years. Others have started to build what might otherwise have been no more than a pipe dream.

If you live in this area and like Live Steam, you belong in this organization. For more information contact David A. Hall, Secretary at 3517 Altamont Drive, Camichael, CA 95608.

SVLSRM Calendar

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.

Oct. 1 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
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 Oct. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Oct. 14 Members nominations meeting at track.
 Oct. 14 Fall Meet
 Oct. 15 Fall Meet
 Oct. 16 Fall Meet

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.

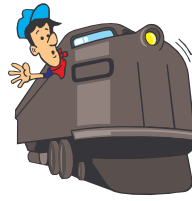
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Donors may deduct contributions to The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. to the fullest extent allowed by law as provided in Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.



Welcome New Member:

Bruno Carr

Spring Creek, NV

Have a neighbor or a friend who has an interest in Live Steam / Trains? Bring them, out show them our fun, give them a ride and invite them to join.



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlsrm.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.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

Safety Chairman Report

by Marty Carapiet



Safety For the month

5.01.03 Qualifications of Crew

Trains hauling General Public must be operated by qualified Engineers and Conductors who are members of SVLSRM.

All operating personnel, while on duty, shall have a copy of these operating rules in their possession or on the train. (See Section 5.01.09)

The Board of Directors may restrict or suspend from duty any operating personnel who consistently violate safety rules.

August Board Meeting Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary.

- Motion approved to allocate donation funds from Linda Budge, City Council Member, City of Rancho Cordova for the boiler repair of "Little Blue".
- Please bring all items identified that need to be done to Heidi.
- Santa Run planning has begun- a new flat rate fee will be instituted per rider, rather than per photo. Guests will be welcome to use their phones/cameras to take pictures. SVLS will continue to offer a professional photo for an additional fee.
- New club locomotive policy being developed for the Fall Meet. Members who want to operate a club loco will need to sign out/sign in. The aim of this procedure is to protect club equipment, and ensure a member is responsible for club assets at all times.
- Member Bill Yoder has offered to sell the rail and tie material he no longer needs to SVLS. Heidi will contact Bill to arrange the purchase.
- The club steam locomotive is being used on non-run days, and items are being broken by an unidentified member. The board has approved a motion to lock the locomotive until a camera security system is installed at the roundhouse and mower shed.



The club need more members to be active with our public ride days, and our special events (Parties) as we are short of people to provide this service. **These events provide our main source of income so please come out and help.**

If you need to qualify you may download the test from the club web site. Do the test at home then bring it to the track to finish your qualification.

Be a volunteer and enjoy the fun of sharing the hobby.

Photos by Donald Yungling at Bitter Creek Western RR.

See more at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/dyungling/albums/72157672459847535>



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Call 559-281-3724 for more information. Email dboudrrtrain@sbcglobal.net Doug Boudakian



Trolley for Sale.

Price \$1500 OBO, plus engine stand for sale.
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(916) 645-9154

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



10 Years ago: August was a good month. Not too busy, but enough to keep us going. One event in particular was a good one. We had the Rainbow Land Christian Pre-School out for their last day of summer school. Sandy, the owner, always brings out at least one class each year. This year was her 18th with us. She was telling me that Ed Spall approached her at church one Sunday and handed her his business card with the comment, “If you would like to give the kids a train ride, give me a call.” The rest is history.

20 Years ago: Great News! After several months and continued correspondence with the State of California, the SVLS is now officially a nonprofit, public benefit corporation. We are clearly serving the public benefit and enjoyment and can utilize all donations to maintain and improve the railroad. Thanks to all who served the SVLS in this worthy endeavor.

The SVLS is pleased to have assisted member Dale Fowler in the operation of the portable track/trains at the last Southern Pacific Railroad picnic in Roseville. As a memento of sorts SVLS received an SP check to cover insurance costs. Maybe this is one of the very last SP checks as the railroad is now a “fallen flag” under the UP ownership.

Please extend your warm regards and encouragement to Red Hadler (knee) and Milon Thorley (back) in their efforts to avoid real work. They are both reduced to bed rest with train riders at their side, however, their absence is noticed at the park. Red is no longer a second story man, and Milon brings new meaning to the term “back breaking” work.

30 Years ago: (by Don Juergenson) The other day I was sitting in the shop pondering some seemingly insurmountable problem concerning locomotive construction when a thought occurred to me. Being somewhat unaccustomed to this kind of think I immediately took a cold shower but the thought persisted: “surely other members of the club have been faced with some kind of problem and solved it... why not share these innovations with the rest of us, through the Spike?”

40 Years ago: Sept. 25-26th Dedication of the new railroad museum in Old Sacramento. This should interest all SVLS members as so many of our members have given much of their talent and time to the development of the new museum. Ken Yeo is the man in charge of restoration of the old equipment and is aided by Barry Garland, Ed, Don and Dave Youngling, Joe Passentino, Bob Church, Ron Pape, Denny Anspach, and others that are members and no members. It was a large undertaking, but the guys have achieved a part of their goal and are ready to tackle the next project. On display will be four vintage locomotives from the Historical Collection. The newest acquisition is the Empire -mogul 2-6-0 from V & T R; a 1930 passenger coach and a Central Pacific coach. Amtrak’s new Diesel SD 40 and new Amtrak passenger coach for a comparison of old and new. The SP, WP, and ATSF will be showing their latest freight equipment.