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Come to the track August 19th 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!*



Fun trips By Alison Berry

I had so much fun visiting the Portola Valley & Alpine Railroad last month I wondered where else we go as a group. Many years ago SVLS members would have "adventures" including one memorable day trip when we rode trains all over the Bay Area. That is a bit ambitious to try and duplicate but there are lots of other places (some local) we could check out.

- Placerville & Sacramento Valley RR
- Sacramento River Train
- Sierra Railroad in Jamestown
- Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum
- Nevada State Railroad Museum
- Virginia City
- Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad
- Niles Canyon
- Skunk Train
- Roaring Camp Railroad

Some are day trips, some might take an overnight stay. Any interest in day trips like this? Or even a weekend trip? E-mail me at aliberry@yahoo.com if this sounds like fun. I am open to other suggestions too.

July 3rd & 4th Celebration Train Crew Helpers & Guests



Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale; Gordon & Barbara Moser; Lisa and her 2 coworkers; Jessica & Joel; Alison Berry; Andrew Berchielli; Richard, Amy, Sarah, Brianna, & Linda Lutrel; Hermie Gonzales, Libby, Emarie, Addie, Danyelle, Taylor, Leim Lue; Andrew Peterson, Tom & Stacy Reese; Chris, Evelyn, Paul, Eli Donhost; Scott & son Tyler Jepson; Matt, Wyatt, Abbey Thomas; Kevin & Andrew Sach; Aaron, Tatianna Eckon, Adeline, Abe, Annie Tara/Sean/Rylee/Gavin, McKenzie & Kayla Wilson; Garrett Garnes; Leanna & Robert Stealman; Dennis Gramith; Marshall & Dillon Post; Janet Lee; Harry Voss; Heidi, Dennis, Maren, Ryan Bowie; Dale Dennis; Ed Zeis; Carl & Linda Kitzmiller & family; Jeff White; Jim, Alice, Peter Welch; Don Yungling; Monica Clifton & family.



Yard Masters Report By Rob Sharratt

It's been a busy couple of months and we have finally finished the fence around the station. I had lots of help from many. A huge thank you to all that helped to make this happen: Gordon Moser, Andy Berchielli, Andrew and Kevin Sach, Keith Berry, Richard Latrell, Peter Welch, Denise Bowie and Fred Jakolat.

While I have been staying busy and on vacation many have stepped up and helped with water mowing and all the general maintenance to keep our grounds looking great. A special shout out to the one and only Andy Berchielle with all around maintenance, Dave McFarland and his grandson for mowing, Richard Latrell for mowing, Lee Frechette for watering. All of these members have helped stepped up as needed. We always have many jobs that need to be done. The more volunteers the better! If you have some extra time and want to help out, get your work gloves on and come on down we'd love your help. There are so many opportunities to help including: landscape, track work, Pull public (once your certified) and much more. Come on out and enjoy our grounds and great company of fellow train lovers.



SVLSRM Calendar

- Aug. 5 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Aug. 6 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Aug. 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Aug. 19 Hot August Night Run - Please bring your train and
 enjoy the day and evening. Pot Luck Dinner is the
 plan, bring food to share.
- Sept. 2 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Sept. 3 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Sept. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Sept. 16 Members work & Run day.

Dates to reserve on your 2017 calendar:

Fall meet Oct. 20, 21, & 22

Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 16th.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



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.

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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.

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 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.

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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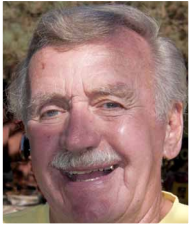
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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

Vice President's Report

By Dennis Gramith



I am currently working on permission and permits from the Park and City to move containers #1 and #2 back 20 feet to the fence, as well as the installation of the new container being funded by the Home Town Hero grant which we received. Also, it looks like we will need a building permit to finish the snow shed project.

The club received a wealth of historical photos, slides and movies related to our past from Milon Thorleys' grand daughter Jamie. For those of you who did not know Milon, he was very diligent about recording railroad events in picture form. We will establish a group to sort and catalogue the material for club use.

On the weekend of June 23 and 24, the Portola Valley Live Steamers hosted a meet for members of SVLS and GGLS. Their facility is located on private property high on a hilltop overlooking the San Francisco Bay area. They have an amazing array of tunnels, bridges and trestles, many of which seem to cling to the scenic hillsides. They also have great equipment storage buildings for members rolling stock, as well as a shop facility that would make most of us drool. Many of us opted to attend a tour of the remaining military vehicles from the collection of the late Jacques Littlefield, known worldwide for his armored vehicle restoration and collection. The dozen or more of us in attendance (I will not list names because I am sure to miss someone) all had a good time enjoying the Portola Valley hospitality which was top notch.



July Board Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

- Kevin reinstalled spring throws in yard near boxcar. Dennis B. is going to tell Paul that we have decided not to make any new kick switches.
- Binders with train crew qualifications are back in the caboose. Older tests have been archived and current tests (approx. 3 years or more recent) are in new binders.
- We will next begin the process of updating our Train Crew list online as it is out of date. We are also going to recertify our crew members.
- Dennis G. made a motion to purchase a pair of trucks up to \$500. 2nd by Rob S. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dennis G. reports that there are special regulations regarding temporary storage containers which is complicating the adding of the additional container, paid for by the Rancho Cordova Rotary's Hometown Hero Grant.
- Dennis G., Rob and Andy continue to wade through the "Measure H" funds for the completion of the irrigation system.
- Official invite received from International Railfair to participate this year in Roseville Nov. 10-12, and Dennis G. will act as point person for the distribution of access passes.
- Stephanie and Phil Huntingdale donated a refrigerator to SVLSRM.

* July BOD minutes were recorded by Alex Wilde



The new frig, donated by Phil and Stephanie Huntingdale. "Big" Rob and his friend, "Little" Mikey, spent about 3 hours on Saturday moving the old soda frig to Container 1 and then figuring out how to get the new frig into the Caboose. It was an extremely tight fit that needed the removal of doors, the brake wheel, and a little bit of pounding on the door jam! But it looks fantastic and give so much more room, both for moving around the Caboose and when it comes time to store food the meets. Thank you to everyone that made it happen! - Heidi Bowie



SVLS is always looking for new members but no one was expecting a rabbit to show up to help for Saturday's frig move. This sweet little girl (or guy...didn't look too hard), was seen out at the club for several days before being apprehended for excessive cuteness (and its own safety). Obviously had been a pet but no word from the neighborhood about being lost, so the search was on for a new forever home. Nicknamed BunBun (not the most original but it works), the Bowie family is providing foster services until the rabbit can be moved over to join others of its' kind at the Red Barn. Karin, the park employee who takes care of the animals, will make sure that BunBun can make the adjustment to its new surroundings at the barn or will be placed in a private home. We are certainly happy that everything has worked out well for BunBun and we've enjoyed our (blessedly short) adventure as rabbit handlers! - Heidi Bowie



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.

**10 Years ago:**

SVLSRM float with our steamer and supporting TAP members in the Rancho Cordova 4th of July Parade. Thanks to all who volunteered to build the float and be in the Parade.



20 Years ago: Milon said that we will be having visitors from Austria here in September. Date yet to be determined. Don Juergenson volunteered to do the static display this year at the November Placer County Rail Fair. John Bailie reported on his trip to Nevada the previous weekend to Ken Schroeder's. Tony Rohrs reported on a TV program that will be shown 7/22 on Channel 13 at 10 p.m. on our hobby and will approximately 6 minutes.

30 Years ago: "Club Locomotive" this is it!! Several months ago, when the membership was asked to share their feelings about the purchase of a new large Diesel Locomotive, there was substantial support voiced. At the time, we received promises of almost half of the approximately \$7,000.00 needed, in the form of shares. The shares will be repaid from the revenue earned by using the locomotive for extra run days. As of 1st of August we have approximately \$3300.00 in the Locomotive fund. Of this amount, \$3000.00 is in the form of shares, with the remainder from donations on non-scheduled run days. Now is the time! The shares are \$100 each. This dependable Locomotive will be a great help on run days and will attract new members who do not own equipment. Let's face it, it is fun to run a train!

40 Years ago: We're on display - August 13th and 14th at the Sacramento Railway Museum in Old Sacramento. We have been invited to take part in the park districts history displays. There will be many interesting and varied displays and we will have an engine or two (running stationery) and some other equipment. It will be set up something like the booth we had at Cal Expo. Time - Noon to 4:00 P.M. both days.

FOR SALE

Made by Columbian, 8" across the jaws. Serrated jaws that are in excellent condition. Extremely heavy, stand included, guessing 300-400 lbs. A vise of this size and condition is a rare unit. It is stamped, Made in USA. Asking \$400.00.

Contact Donald Yungling for info and to schedule appointment to view it. phone (916) 482-6129 or Email tmy1@att.net



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Contact Bill Cody at 775-674-6512, cell 775-233-1429 or Email tosteamboatbill@sbcglobal.net Engine is located in Reno, Nevada and can be delivered for a fee. To see and hear a video on the engine being fired and run on the bench, click on this [Video link](#)

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