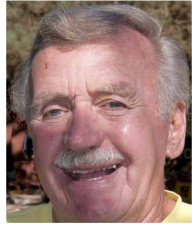




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Vice President's Report

By Dennis Gramith

I have the passes for entry into the park on the 4th of July! If you need a pass, please contact me at (916) 988-7884. I live in Rancho Cordova, about 4 miles from the track. The regular park entrance will not be available on the 3rd and 4th. We must enter thru the Ambassador drive gate, next to our facility. The street will be closed, and you will need a pass to get through. On the 4th, Coloma Road will be closed in the morning from Chase drive to McGregor Dr, for the parade. Coming from Sunrise turn right on El Manto Dr, to Ambassador Dr, left on Ambassador to the gate at the West end.

At President Andy's request, we will be having an un-scheduled Public Run Day on July 7 and 8. Yes, I know it is right after the July 4th event, but the park has been busy every weekend and this could be a busy and profitable run weekend. I have heard from several members who plan to attend, so please come join us and help share the work load.

Our club seems to be getting smaller with each event. Where are all the members hiding when we need crews to man the trains on public run days? We also need train crews for parties, which are a main source of revenue for our treasury which is being depleted rapidly by purchasing silly things like track supplies and a locomotive, along with supplies to maintain our rolling stock, and facility. Please **DO NOT** try to hide behind the old "I am not certified to be an Engineer or Conductor" line. The test questions and tests are on line, the books are available in the caboose, and there are people who will help you get it done. **PLEASE** come out and help!!! There is some confusion about the new Work day and Members Run days schedule. We have, at the members request, reverted to the old schedule from years ago. The **THIRD SATURDAY** is the monthly Work Day. the next day, **SUNDAY**, is Members Run Day. Come on out and let's have some fun with our equipment! Thanks.

Do you like running trains? We are in need of conductors, engineers and hostlers for both steam and diesel. If you are interested in joining our operating crew, please contact Alex Wilde at secretary@svls.org to be added to our email list. We are in the process of creating updated tests to match our latest rule book release earlier this year. On the job training is available!

President's Report

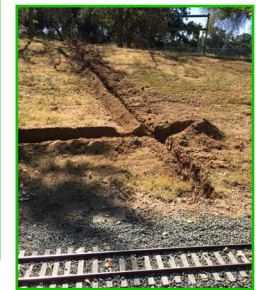
By Andy Berchielli

Here we are in July and things are very busy at the track.

Please join us for Rancho Cordova's 4th of July Celebrations. We will run trains on the 3rd + 4th from 4-8pm. On the 4th we will also be running from 12-4pm. All members must enter thru Ambassador Dr gate. **Contact Dennis Gramith if you need a pass to enter.** Lunch will be provided on the 4th. Dinner you are on your own. There are some of the best food trucks real close to the barn. We also have burgers and dogs if you wish to BBQ your own.



Currently our long term water irrigation project is finally coming to an end. We applied for a Measure H grant two years ago. Work was began at the end of June with completion sometime in July. I am extremely excited to see this project completed. It has been a long time coming. Work is to be completed by an outside contractor. When completed,



the entire fence area will be under automatic irrigation as well as the park area. No more dragging hoses!

Another new addition to our fleet is an electric RMI speeder with car. We received this as a donation from a gentlemen in Placerville who no longer had a need for it. It will be fun to have around the club and will come in handy to spray weeds or just to enjoy for all ages.

Join us on the third weekend of the each month as work continues on many fronts. Work on Saturday. Run on Sunday. **See you at the track!**

SVLSRM Calendar

July 3 Fourth of July special run day - 4 PM to 8 PM
 July 4 Fourth of July special run day - 4 PM to 8 PM
 July 7 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 July 8 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 July 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 July 21 Member WORK day - please help on club projects.
 July 22 Member RUN day - bring your train to
 run all day.

Aug. 4 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Aug. 5 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Aug. 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Aug. 18 Hot August **Night Run** Please bring your train
 and enjoy the day and evening.

Dates to reserve on your calendar:
 Fall meet Oct. 19, 20, & 21

Please volunteer to support the club events.
How will you support SVLSRM this month?

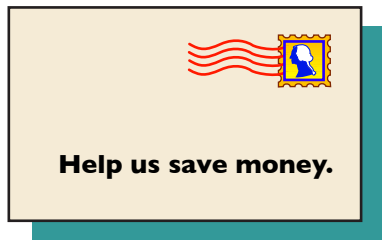


Come to the track August 18th for a Fun Time Train Run and Pot Luck Dinner.

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!*

Save SVLSRM some money and read the news letters on-line. Tell Membership that you don't need the mailed copy, we will notify you by E-mail so you can read it on-line.



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlstrm.org for current information. If you have not looked for a while, 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



VOLUNTEERS

Kids Day in the Park:

Steve Milward, Dennis Bowie, Harry Voss, Dave McFarland, Dennis Gramith, Jim Welch, Thomas Vellanoweth, Butch Floyd, Richard Weitzenberg, Paul Skidmore, Dave Cladianos,

Ryan, Tyler, Gordon & Barbara Moser.

May 5: Dennis Bowie, Peter Welch, Marty Carapiet, Harry Voss, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Bill Floyd, David Arrow, Dennis Gramith, Alison Berry. Dale Dennis, Steve Milward, Paul Skidmore, Andy Berchielli, Rob Sharratt, Bill Yoder, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Andrew Maret, Colton Snell.

May 6: Cliff Gertz - Visitor from American Flyer Club, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Bill & Butch Floyd Aaron, Lisa, Cora, & Will Hoerner, Harry Voss Barbara Rhors, Barbara & Gordon Moser.

Father's Day: Marty Carapiet, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Harry Voss, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Dennis Gramith, David Arrow, Ed Yungling, Carter & Austin Unruh, Peter Welch

Helpers getting ready for Spring Meet - May 17th, 18th:

Steve Milward, Butch & Bill Floyd, Harry Voss; Kevin & Andrew Sach, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Dennis Gramith, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Peter Welch, Carl & Linda Kitzmiller, Alison Berry, Andy Berchielli

June 2 - 3 Public Run Days: David McFarland, Bill & Butch Floyd, Marshall & Dillon Post, Dennis Gramith, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Peter Welch, Dennis & Ryan Bowie, Paul Skidmore, Seth Hansen, Tom Reese, Alison Berry, Harry Voss, David Arrow, Dean Sheets, Andy Berchielli, Matt & Riley Mason, Phil Huntingdale

Work Day June 16: Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Barbara & Gordon Moser, Dennis Gramith, Steve Milward, Harry Voss, Alison Berry, Paul Skidmore, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Austin Unruh, Marty Carapiet, jim Welch, Bill Yoder



Gordon working on Oasis Siding



Director - Steve Milward

The dog days of summer are upon us, and even with the heat, there's a lot to be said for enjoying time at the railroad. Our fine stand of trees provide a lot of shade and once the sprinkler system is improved, there will be more green grass to help keep things cool.

Summertime means vacations, kids are home from school, and time spent with family and friends. There are many demands on our time, and often we have to choose one activity over the other.

Sometimes our work and run days draw good number of folks, others are lightly attended. That said, there's a lot of work and activities that take place at our club that often goes unseen, and is taken for granted.

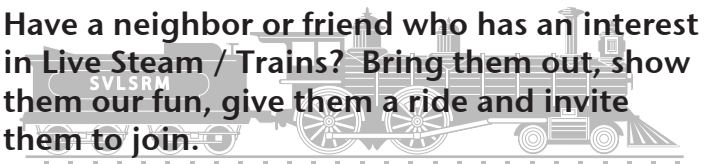
We have members that come out during the week and mow all of that green grass. We have members who drag hoses around to water keep the grass and trees alive. The improvements to the overall infrastructure occur only because people make and take the time to come to the railroad and make those contributions. There's lots of paperwork, accounting and administrative chores that take place. All of those track panels and turnouts used for new additions to the railroad and upgrading existing track are thanks to one or two dedicated people who, like the others, spend many hours at the park making it a better place for all of us.

Sometimes what you don't see, is what you get. If you get a chance, seek out those folks who work quietly in the background for the common good, and thank them for their time!



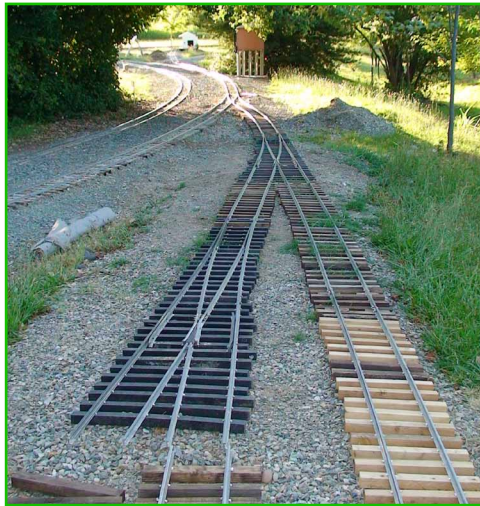
Donated RMI speeder

Have a neighbor or 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.





10 Years ago: The 2nd switch is in and after this picture was taken four more panels of



track have been put in place for the new Midway yard. Special thanks needs to be given to those special members who come out and worked about every week this month (June) such as Paul Skidmore, Jack Freedman, Terry Willes, and fearless leader Darrell Gomes on this project. (While others have helped also, the editor does not have the list of names.) - But Thanks to those that did!!

20 Years ago: THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE

This is the time of year when we look back at the beginning of our country and its founding fathers. We take the time to remember why our country was formed and be thankful for the insightful visions and unselfish sacrifices that has made the United States the greatest country in the world today. The establishment of our nation afforded our ancestors and ourselves the freedom of choice - speech, religion, happiness, etc.

Thus, we can choose to be a member of Sacramento Valley Live Steamers - to build and/or purchase locomotives and rolling stock - to operate SVLS-owned equipment - to volunteer time and talent to help maintain and operate this club and its facility - to serve on the Board of Directors - to operate your equipment at our facility or another club's.

At the same time, we have the freedom to choose not to participate in our club in any way - but then, we are not supporting the purpose of SVLS which is to promote and stimulate interest in live steam engines and related equipment as stated in our By-Laws Article II. The freedom of choice is yours

Tony Rohrs - President

30 Years ago: We had a very successful Run on July 4th. We had a rather small turnout of our members and all who were there worked very, very hard. In spite of that, everyone seem to have a good time. We gave rides until almost 5:00 P.M. We then started the coals a'glow'n and set up the most delicious Pot Luck Table full of good food, thanks to EVERYONE! Everybody re-fueled and kicked back and rested for a spell, then we started the home-made ice cream, to enjoy while we watched the beautiful display of Fireworks.

40 Years ago: If you were out to the park a few weeks before the 4th of July, you were up to your sweet bippy in weeds in the

steaming bay area. If you returned a week or so later the weeds were gone and the area was taking on a green grassy look. With out any invitation or fanfare Dennis, Judy, Colleen and Christine Gramith cut, chopped and pulled weeds for days. Since the weeds are gone they have been out there watering on a regular schedule. If the SVLS gave tributes every year to the people who contributed the most hours of labor, these four people would be first in line for all the back breaking, hand blistering hours they've spent this year. They don't toot their own horn, so let's give them four big whistle blasts along with our thanks.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH



1.10 Food and Refreshments

Passengers shall not take food, drinks, or other refreshments other than water aboard any train. Nor may any person, passenger or crew member, smoke while on board. Dumping of trash while on the train is

strictly prohibited.

2.03 Night Time Operations

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

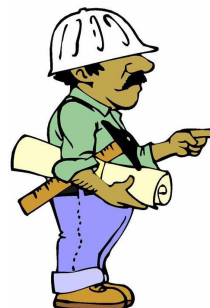
- Working headlight.
- Lighted cab on steam engines.
- Marker light or lantern on the rear of the last car.
- Conductor/Brakemen shall have a lighted lantern or flashlight suitable for making hand signals.

3.09 Whistle

Engine whistle signals shall be used by the engineer whenever practical to give, ask for, or acknowledge information about train movement. When double heading, the lead engine will give the whistle signals when possible. The whistle shall not be used unnecessarily. The whistle is a signaling device and should be used as such.

4.12 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 (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.



There are plenty of projects to work on at the railroad so you need to come out and give time to your organization.

Come and help. Your help is needed. Don't know what to do then call a board member and ask, then volunteer.

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

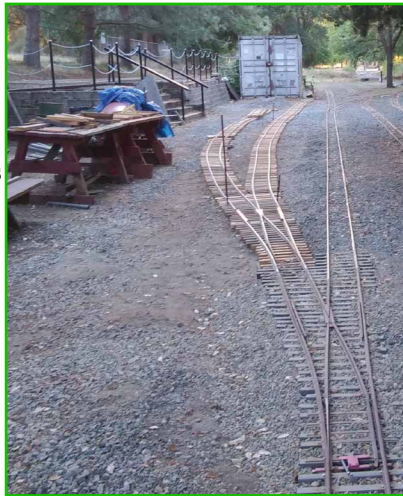


Track Superintendent Report

By Dennis Bowie

Another installment of looking down the track...

For those that didn't notice, summer is upon us. So what better time to work on track than now, just kidding. But there are always projects that need to be done and track that needs attention. One of the projects that we are working on is the sidings that will be used to move the work train into storage container 4. This will consist of two tracks in the container to put the work train, the weed spray car and the generator car. The switches are in place and the track has started to be placed. We need to clean out the container to put down steel bar for the track inside and build the loading ramps. These tracks outside of the container will also serve as additional parking sidings at the meets.



In addition we have so far purchased steel rail and tie material to start making steel panels for the replacement of the aluminum

track that is on Hillview east and west. This is main line track that will be replaced with steel. This will starting in January of 2019. This project will consist of replacing all the switches (7) that are on the main line. The center track at Hillview will stay as aluminum; this is a passing track and does not see a lot of traffic. But we will be replacing the road bed for all three tracks.



So with all this said we need to make sure that we have finances to acquire the needed track material, that is steel rail and tie material and rock for road bed and all the nuts, bolts and screw that go into making this project happen. If you feel that you can help please donate to the track fund, this is your railroad and we want to last many years.

See you on the rails

Darrell & Gail Gomes dropped in for a visit during a Tuesday workday. Great to see Darrell doing well!



Secretary

By Alex Wilde

June Board Summary

- The UP is back in service but may need hydraulic fluid. The lubricator on the 1973 is working.
- SW-1500 is having a battery issue.
- The new tracks by the SP caboose need some leveling and one track needs more work. This phase of the FCR is completed.
- Santa Train planning might begin on July 15th during the member run day.
- The quarry pad has been completed.
- The next work day we hope to cut in a steel switch for container #4 at Oasis siding.
- 36 sticks of new steel rail was purchased from RMI and brought up North from the LA Spring Meet. This will allow us to replace 360 feet of track. We don't have enough ties to finish but we can get started.
- Titan Trains is supposed to have our dash 9 locomotive completed soon. Delivery should be in early July.
- The club got a lot of compliments on the food at the Spring Meet. The siding reservations worked well. There will be a few adjustments for the next meet but we were able to fit every train.
- The club will begin working to have videos playing to advertise our special events during public rides on our TV at the station. Use of additional signage around the area was discussed, especially near the bike trail as 50,000 people pass the track each month.
- The possibility of attending Colfax Railroad Days was discussed but the club is unable to commit the man hours required.
- Non-members will pay \$10 per year to place ads in the newsletter for one year.
- The club will have a static display at the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad's Folsom Railfest in September.

FOR SALE

South Bend 1929 engine lathe. 16x60 swing, 3 HP 240V single phase motor, threading gearbox, 3 jaw & 4 jaw chuck, steady rest, follower rest, 16 inch faceplate, belt drive, live center, 3/4 inch Jacobs chuck. Bearings rebuilt by Gene Allen in 1972. Lathe is great shape.

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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](#)



7.5" ga. Morris EMD style switcher and car

This is a Morris EMD profile locomotive and gondola riding car. The locomotive is rigged to run cab forward moving the noise, heat and exhaust away from the engineer. This is totally ready to run and needs nothing. The locomotive has been painted with prototypically correct, professionally applied automotive paint and fresh vinyl graphics. An upgraded hydrostatic drive has been installed as well as a pressure driven air brake system using a GAST 12 volt compressor. Mountain Car Company brakes are installed on the engineers car using Tom Bee controls. The brakes have proved a must for handling trains with five adult passengers down the grades at Train Mountain.

Includes everything pictured including dual seats in gondola and storage rack. Shows some wear from normal use.

Features included: Rigged to run cab forward, may be changed to hood forward Head lights Horn Reliable Honda motor, very fuel efficient Upgraded Eaton hydrostatic transmission Prototypically correct automotive paint, applied by body shop Fresh Miracle vinyl graphics Marine quality wiring Brake system compressor system using premium Gast compressor Air brakes installed in engineers car Battery charging by magneto and installed charging port Trickle charger included Safety cables
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