

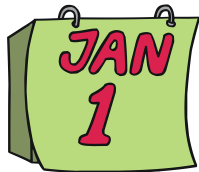
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NEW YEARS DAY 2019

Let's start the New Year with a lot of steam, or smelly diesel and bring out your locomotive, rolling stock and enjoy a members run day on January 1, 2019.



Bring food to share (potluck) for lunch.



NEW YEAR Greetings

President's Report

By Andy Berchielli



Mark your calendar for Tuesday January 1. Running starts at 10 AM and lunch about 1 PM. Ring in the New Year's Day behind your equipment and with fellow railroad members.

2018 was a busy year for us with 8 public run weekends and 30 private parties. We ended the year with our Santa Train with a little over 1,700 riders. We have a small dedicated group of members that continue to show up and help with our events. I would like to thank everyone that gives their time to support the club. The funds raised for these events helps pay our insurance and the various projects around the railroad.



We continue to build onto the railroad and need the membership and the funds to make it happen. With that said the winter project for this year is just as important as in the past. The boxcar yard is getting an overhaul! With a fourth track added in the boxcar to make way for our new riding cars. The tracks leading up to the boxcar are getting pulled up. We will reuse the aluminum rail and rebuild with plastic ties. New switches are also in the works. We will be working every weekend in January and February. The boxcar needs to be emptied along the west wall, track panels rebuilt, new ballast and not to mention all the leaves we have. We have a job for everyone. So hope to see you down there!

You are cordially invited to the first SVLSRM Winter Celebration (formally known as the Holiday Potluck).

When – **Friday, January 11, 2019** –

Dinner starts at 6:30 PM

Where: Rancho Cordova City Hall
(2729 Prospect Dr.)



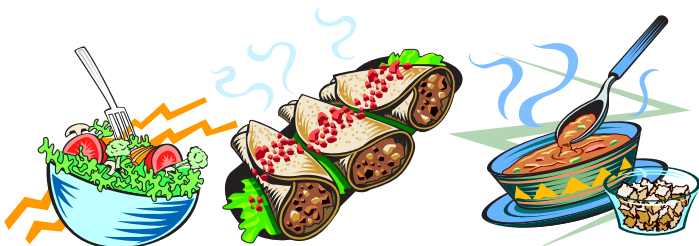
Please bring a potluck dish to share. The club will provide plates, plastic ware, napkins, coffee and lemonade.

The entertainment for the evening will be the membership.

Please plan to bring your show and tell projects and other items of interests to all. President Andy has created a short video of his trip to Tennessee last year to share with everyone.

Please RSVP to Alison Berry (aibearry@yahoo.com) so we know how many tables to set up for the dinner.

This year our Christmas Party is an end of year celebration party held at 6:30 on January 11 at Rancho Cordova City Hall. Bring a potluck dish to share and any show and tell items. I'll show a video of my trip to Tennessee and Georgia to run at two private Railroads. Until then enjoy your Christmas and New Year's.



SVLSRM Calendar

Jan. 1 Annual News Year day run, pot luck lunch.
 Jan. 5 & 6 Winter track projects.
 Jan. 11 SVLSRM new year dinner 6:30.
 Jan. 12 & 13 Winter track projects.
 Jan. 14 Board Meeting 6:30. RC city hall.
 Jan. 19 & 20 Winter track projects.
 Jan. 26 & 27 Winter track project.

Feb. 2 & 3 Winter track projects.
 Feb. 9 & 10 Winter track projects.
 Feb. 11 Board Meeting 6:30. RC city hall.
 Feb. 16 & 17 Winter track projects.
 Feb. 23 & 24 Winter track projects.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

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

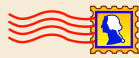
Come and help, Your help is needed. Don't know what to do? Then call a board member and volunteer.



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlslrm.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.

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.



Rates have increased again

Help us save money.

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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs

It is that time of year! 2019 dues renewal are being accepted. Regular - \$60; Associate - \$30. You can pay by a check in mail or Paypal (please mail in renewal form also). Please find a renewal form at the end of this newsletter that you can print out to mail in with your payment. New this year is a on-line form to submit, go to Membership web page and follow instructions. If you have any questions, please contact me. Merry Christmas. Barbara Rohrs, Membership



DUES ARE DUE NOW

Please complete a membership form noting changes. You can renew on-line or download form at svlslrm.org then send check or pay on-line.

Send forms to SVLS P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Santa Train Helpers:

Set up and take down: Stephanie & Phil Huntingdale, Barbara & Gordon Moser, Dennis Gramith, Andy & August Berchielli, Alison Berry, Bill & Willie Yoder, Harry Voss, Makenzie McConbrey,

Gordon & Peggy Dunham, Glen Wilson, Steve Milward, Rob Sharratt, Keith Berry, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Richard Lutrel, Mark Cundiff, Dennis Bowie, Colton Snell, Marty Carapiet.

Santa Village: Dennis, Heidi, Maren & Ryan Bowie (Deanna), Kevin & Andrew Sach, Barbara, Lisa Moser, Mitch Fleming, Ben Shell, Rob Sharratt, Abby Thomas, Eli & Paul Donhost, Gordon & Peggy Dunham, Gloria & Keith Berry, Bill Yoder, Les Wilmunder, Stephanie Huntingdale, Makenzie McCorbrey, Andy Berchielli.

Train Crews: Marshall Post, Glen Wilson, Harry Voss, Phil Huntingdale, Gordon Moser, Dennis Gramith, Cindy Wilmunder, Chris Donhost - Eli & Paul, Bill & Butch Floyd, Steve Milward, John & Jackie Bailey, Dean Sheets, Matt & Wyatt Thomas, Colton Snell, Tom & Stacy Reese, Richard Lutrel, Dale Dennis, Christopher Roberts, Robert & Wendy Forren, Peter & Jim Welch, Marty Carapiet, Andy Berchielli

Ticket Booth: Alison Berry, Bill Floyd, Bill Yoder, Andy Berchielli.



Santa Elf pulling into station to load passengers



Visitors at Santa experience



Track side displays



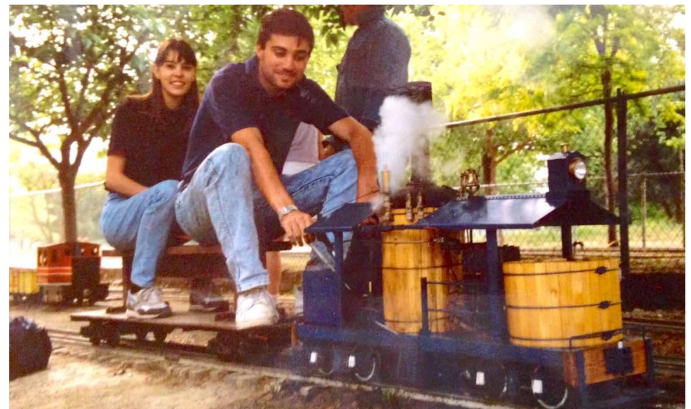
Santa with the last return train



Locomotive owner name is wanted. Photo was taken in May of 1991 at SVLS. The people are from Sydney, they were at Railfair 91 then here at our SVLS park and drove this engine.

Anyone know who owned the engine?

Let the Editor know, thanks.





10 Years ago: One of several Winter 2008-9 projects has started: On December 23 the track crew removed 300 feet of track in Hagan Park. This is the first of the 4 section roadbed and rail replacement project in Hagan Park. Section 1 starts at Cordova Junction and extends to the first grade crossing. Sugar Pine is also closed for roadbed replacement and track has been removed. We will need HELP laying track

when the new roadbed is ready so contact me and let me know



that you are interested in helping.

The passing siding at Ponds in section 2 will be eliminated due to virtually no use over the past few years. Approval was given to do so by a vote of the Board of Directors and by the membership at their respective December meetings.

20 Years ago: MESSAGE FROM THE VP

A major rebuild project has begun to improve the operation of our railroad. through a rebuild and regrading of the Meadow track. All of the track between the bike paths has been removed. The road bed had to be graded to lessen the steep grade at the south end of the meadow. This has been accomplished in most part by Reno Farinelli. THANKS RENO!!

The rebuild will make the right hand (outer) track the main line, the left one will be the siding. The switches entering and leaving the meadow will be rebuilt to make the main straight through and smooth the traffic flow.

Here is the part that needs your help. When the track was removed it became evident that a massive tie replacement is necessary before the panels can be re-laid. If you can help in this endeavor, please contact Amandus Drewes or myself so that we can schedule work sessions for that purpose. Work days are most Tuesdays and Saturdays, although the official workday is the 3rd Saturday. In any case, we need your help if the SVRR is to be operational by March.

Those of you who came out on New Years day probably saw the massive rebuild of the Box Car yard. This project is a big step in eliminating the bottle neck during meets in that area. Thanks to all who helped complete it before New Years day. Its benefits were already noticeable.

Milon Thorley - Vice-president

30 Years ago: "From the Cab: - (Presidents comments) - As

we hang up our new calendars and store away those Christmas Decorations, we started making plans for 1989. This year should be very busy year for our club. We will break ground on our long awaited expansion to signal the beginning of a very major project which will increase our trackage by several times over. We also have numerous unfinished projects left over from past years. The Board will attempt to list and prioritize projects for the coming year at the February Board Meeting. Your new Superintendent and Trainmaster will be looking for help to coordinate and complete some of these many projects. Let's all step forward and join together to do the work necessary to make our club the very best that it can be. Happy New Year! - Dennis!

40 Years ago: Starting 'em out young: The Honcut Creek Timber & Flume Co. Sent us this news clipping from the Dec 9th Marysville-Yuba City Appeal-Democrat:

"Since he was one year old, Bryan Badger, who will be three in April, rarely has missed the Sacramento Northern as it passes his Sierra Buena Home each evening around 6 (PM), bound for Chico. Standing on his front porch, he waves a greeting to the engineer and brakeman and they respond in kind. Tuesday night they did more than his greeting. They stopped the train and walked to the porch to present Bryan with a genuine railroad signal lantern. It's dark when they pass by now, they explained, but they'll know Bryan is there when he swings a signal with his lantern."

HCTF Co. Vice-President Vivian Badger adds: "...now the light goes everywhere with Bryan -- even to bed and bath!"



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

2.11 Safety Valves

Steam boilers shall have at least 2 safety valves set to operate within 10 pounds (psi) of each other. Under no operating conditions shall the safety valves allow the operating pressure to exceed a pressure 5 percent greater than the maximum boiler operating pressure. Safety valves must release and reset without the aid of the engineer.

3.04 Unloading/loading

Locomotives and equipment shall be unloaded and loaded only at the facilities provided at the steaming bays. All vehicles shall be removed from the loading area as soon as possible after loading and unloading. Small equipment may be unloaded/loaded at any siding.

4.07 Gondola Cars

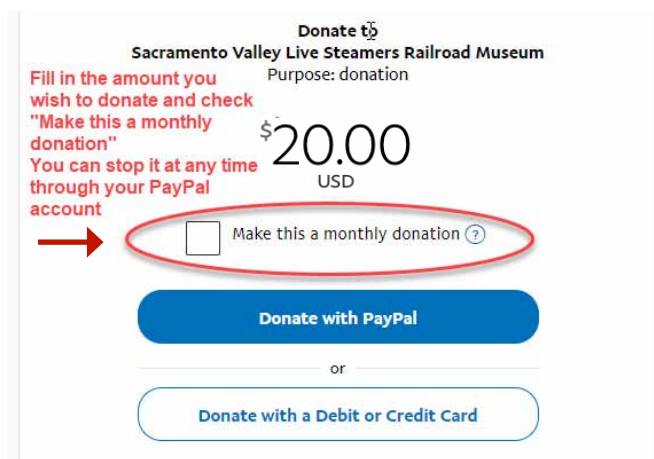
The use of SVLSRM gondola cars will not be permitted for carrying the general public. Bulky items okay.



A big thank you to all our members that have not only donated their time and talents but have also provided a monetary donation to SVLSRM.

If you need a written receipt for your donation for your tax records, please contact Alison Berry (Treasurer) and she will be happy to send you a form.

Did you know you can make a reoccurring donation to SVSRM? It is very simple to set up via PayPal. Go to the svlsrm.org website and click on the "Donate" button on the upper left side.



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.

\$3000. Call Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162



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Send to Editor@svlsrm.org

Check our web site FOR SALE page for pictures and more details.
http://www.svlsrm.org/



FOR SALE

7.5" gauge 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.



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. Prototypical 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.



Includes everything pictured including dual seats in gondola and storage rack. Shows some wear from normal use. \$9,500.00 or best offer. Contact Tom Via E-mail "maybelater65@yahoo.com" or 707-257-6464



**SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS RAILROAD MUSEUM
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND DUES INVOICE**

To be filled out upon application for membership and/or membership renewal

NEW RENEWAL DATE: _____

Type of membership desired: regular family associate

Your Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Family living at home (names and birthdates):

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ (Spouse) _____

List E-mail on web? ____ (Y/N) List E-mail on web? ____ (Y/N)

Please select one of the following means of receiving your monthly issues of The Golden Spike news letter:
Receive E-Mail notice and get it on line at: www.svlsrm.org or a printed edition sent US mail: _____ (on-line / Mail)

Occupation: _____

Operable live steam equipment or under construction:

Do you have track at home? Yes No Someday Gauge: _____

Special skills and ways you would like to help SVLSRM:

Affiliations with other railroads: _____

We have two classes of membership: Regular or Associate.

REGULAR class of membership (Individual or Family) is \$60.00 per year.
New regular membership includes a one-time track fee of \$40 and dues are prorated at \$5. per month from the month you join. For example: if you join in January, fee is \$100, in June \$75, or in October \$55.
New Membership includes one name badge with additional name badges available for \$10 each.
Regular membership is required for those living within a 60 mile radius of the club.

ASSOCIATE membership is optional for those outside the 60 mile radius who do not want the Regular membership.
Associate rate is \$30 per year with no track fee. Name badges are available for \$10 each.

Make check payable to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION then send with your dues to:

Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc.

Attn: Membership PO Box 273 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-0273

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