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April 2019 Helpers:

Run Days 4-6 - Bill & Butch Floyd, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale & Grand Daughter McKensie, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Dennis Gramith, Dennis & Maren Bowie, Richard Lutrel, Colton Snell, Dillon

Post, Steve Milward, Peter Welch, Bob Dean, Paul Brink, and Tom Reese.

4-7 - Bill & Butch Floyd, Colton Snell, Richard Lutrel, Harry Voss, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Dennis Bowie, Dennis Gramith, Bill Yoder, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Paul Brink, Robert & Wendy Farren, Nick Zamora and family, Diego Zamora, Christin & Liam O'Leary, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Alison Berry, Craig Griffen, Gordon & Barbara Moser, and Andy Berchielli.

Seen in April on Tuesday & Saturday Workdays:

Bob & Mary Dean, Butch & Bill Floyd, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Harry Voss, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Alison Berry, Peter Welch, Dennis Gramith, Paul Brink, Craig Griffen, Andy Berchielli, Glen Wilson, Bill Yoder, Stacy Reese, Tom Vance, Colton Snell, and Dennis Bowie.

4-13 - Cordova Care FunFair: Rob & Cody Sharratt, Gordon & Peggy Durham, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Harry Voss, Tom Reese, Bill Yoder, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Bill & Butch Floyd, Alan & Tammy Shifley, Keith & Gloria Berry, Dennis Gramith, Colton Snell, Steve Milward, Dennis, Heidi, Maren, Ryan Bowie, John Bailie, Matt & Ryan Mason, Scott Jepsen, Chris, Evelyn, Eli, & Paul Donhost, Lewie Donhost, Chris & Kloie Roberts, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Alison Berry, and Peter Welch.



Alison Berry planting new ground cover around the club memorial.

President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

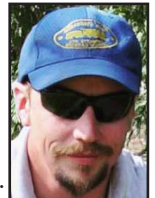
I would like to thank everyone who has helped out with the yard maintenance this Spring. The memorial garden has received some love with the addition of some new plants from Green Acres. Along with weeding and pruning out dead stuff, the garden is looking good. The garden at Midway has also received attention with lots of dead wood cut out. With this great weather we are having, the grass is growing faster than ever. Between Richard, Rob and Myself we have been keeping up on the mowing needs.

With the donation of a gas line trimmer from Don Youngling the task of maintaining the hard to reach areas has been made easier. Thanks to everyone for making our place beautiful.

The G gauge crew is making great progress. As of today there are 2 complete loops with a third loop underway. Decomposed granite has been spread creating a nice surface to walk on. Access into the G gauge area is made accessible via three crossings located in front of Mercer tower.

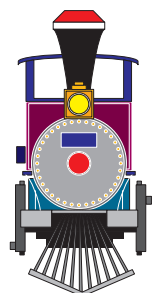
Now our Spring Meet is just a few weeks away. So have you reserved your train and RV space yet? Click the link on website now. RV space numbers have been made and installed on the South Fence. Vinyl numbers were provided by Kevin and painted by me. These will stay up creating one less thing we have to do before a meet.

While we all enjoy running our trains at a meet please take time to see how you can help out. Between setting up, greeting, meals, cleanup and registration there is always something you can do.



Pacific Regional Spring Meet - May 17, 18 & 19.

Bring your engine and train cars and ride our rails. Visit old friends and find new ones and have a fun day of steam engines and trains. For details of the meet, make a reservation (steaming Bay, Spur track, or RV) and to buy meal ticket please see: <https://www.svlslrm.org/meet-notice.php> Please RSVP for Saturday dinner by May 13.



SVLSRM Calendar

- May 4 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- May 5 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- May 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- May 17 - 19 Spring Meet - Info & sign up on-line
- June 1 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- June 2 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- June 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- June 15 Member WORK day - please help on club projects.
- June 16 Member RUN day - bring your train to run all day.

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.svlsrcm.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 and again.



Help us save money.

The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. is organized and operated exclusively for public benefit charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C.) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.
Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs



Welcome to New Regular Member
Chuck San Filippino & wife Barbara,
El Dorado Hills, CA



DUES ARE PAST DUE

Please complete a membership form noting changes. You can renew on-line or download form at svlsrcm.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



Train Masters Report

By: Peter Welch

If you are running a steam engine during our meet please have a current boiler certification tag ready. You will not be allowed to fire up without one. I will accept current tags from other clubs as well. If you need boiler test done please set up a time by sending me a e-mail. I will be testing on Friday from 9 am - 1 pm and Saturday from 9 am - 12 pm. If you need to set up a different time please let me know and we can work something out. Thanks, if you have any questions please e-mail me. trainmaster@svlsm.org



Director - Steve Milward

Here we are, just a few short days from the 2019 Spring Meet! It should be a great opportunity to get out and run trains. In addition, it will be a chance to showcase the best that SVLS and the membership have to offer. In the days leading up to the event there will be a multitude of tasks that need to be done. If time allows, consider coming out early to help – even if just a couple of hours, so we can be ready for our guests. Unfortunately, what most folks won't see are the hundreds of man-hours that go into the planning, preparing and orchestrating a meet like this. If you see something that needs doing, do it. If you're not sure, just ask. The more involvement, the better for all!

On a more personal note, I feel that we as members need to do a better job of showing respect and kindness to other members. People are different. We have different goals, different ideas and different personalities. None of that makes anybody a better or lesser person. Each of us brings something to the table. Bad mouthing or belittling others accomplishes nothing. I've caught myself doing it on occasion, and for that, I'm sorry. We're all part of a team, and perhaps it's best if we appreciate others for who they are, rather than for who we wish them to be. Simply put, let's try to be good humans.



Bill Floyd helping with filling in hole by new walkway across the tracks going to the G scale table.

NEW G SCALE TRACK FOR SVLSRM

By: Phil Huntingdale

Are you coming to the Spring Meet? If so, bring your G scale trains because the new SVLSM G scale layout is ready to highball with three tracks in place! As of this date, steam, battery, and windup locomotives may be operated on the track. Electrical wired tracks for locomotives will be available shortly. Our inaugural run was at the Cordova Cares Funfair, hosted by SVLSM on April 13.

Time to say a big THANK YOU for help with donations and/or labor to get this project off the ground. SVLSM could not get this done by one person, it took our whole train family. Andy Berchelli, Craig Griffin, Tom Reese, Jim and Peter Welch, Bill Yoder, Dennis Gramath, Harry Voss, Bill and Butch Floyd, Gordon Dunham, Paul Brink, Bob and Mary Dean, Gordon and Barbara Moser, Richard Lutrel, Kevin Sach, Alison Berry, Stephanie Huntingdale, Chuck Sanfillipo, Chris Roberts, Dean Sheets, and Mike Falkinstein. Forgive me if I have missed anyone. You all were important!

Now, we are seriously thinking of Phase 2. However, we need funds to purchase additional materials for the expansion. Please step forward if you can! Make donations specifically for the "G Scale Project" thru the club Treasurer, Alison Berry, address as listed for the Club. You can also do Paypal online at the website.

If you have a G scale train, bring it out for the Public Run days, May 4 and 5. Now its time to have some fun!. If you have an interest in getting into this size, come out and talk with those members out having a great time.





**Busy
volunteers!**



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.

Cordova Cares FunFair Report

As was reported in last month's newsletter, we held a fundraiser on April 13th to support the Law Enforcement Chaplains of Sacramento (LECS) for the purchase of a mobile support vehicle. Victims of trauma need many things: comfort, privacy, warmth and a stable place to wait during a tragic time. That is the purpose for the vehicle and why the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers offered to host a fundraiser and partner with the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs in Rancho Cordova. This event was also supported by Rancho Cordova Police Department, Metro Fire, Sacramento County Park Rangers, Cordova Recreation and Park District, Capital Christian Center, Operation Lifesaver, Kona Ice of Carmichael, Pocket-Greenhaven Rotary, Dixon Rotary and East Sacramento Rotary. We wanted to have fun and raise funds for a good cause, and that is exactly what we did! Rancho Cordova Rotarians collected donations for an all access wrist band, and then patrons boarded our trains at Cordova Station for Oasis.



Once there, passengers disembarked the train to enjoy all the event activities including bounce houses, first responder displays, meeting Zoe the police K9 and Sophie, the LECS comfort dog.



Zoe & Sophie



Kona Ice was giving away a free kid-sized shaved ice to all the kids.

Operation Lifesaver had a table with information, swag, and kids coloring books to educate about rail safety.

Our very own G-scale railroad was open to the public for the first time, and we had many trains running all day. The Animal Barn was open to accept our visitors.

Law Enforcement Chaplains of Sacramento had a table giving away stuffed animals and they raffled off 4 kids bicycles!



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Cordova Cares FunFair Report continued.



The Kiwanis Club sold \$5 hotdog lunches with all the proceeds from the day's event (wrist bands and hotdogs) going towards the vehicle.

Another large benefit for this project was the media attention the support vehicle project received because of FunFair coverage on local radio and TV stations.



Sean Twilla with the Rancho Cordova Rotary with Media.



Rotarian Lewie Donhost is speaking with Leticia Ordez of Channel 3.

The FunFair event was really the kick-start of a long campaign that will bring together many of the different Rotary Clubs and businesses in the community. After seeing our event on television, the Rotarians received expressions of interest from local RV dealerships that want to aid in the endeavor. This event wouldn't have been possible without our amazing membership that came out to help: Rob & Cody Sharratt (with special thanks to Tammy Sharratt for all her help *before* the event), Barbara & Gordon Moser, Keith & Gloria Berry, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Steve Milward, Tom Reese, Alison Berry, Dennis, Maren & Ryan Bowie, Evelyn, Paul & Eli Donhost, Lewis Donhost, Scott & Tyler Jepsen, Dennis Gramith, John Bailie, Matt & Riley Mason, Colton Snell, Peter Welsh, Bill & Butch Floyd, Andrew Sach, Bill Yoder, Alan & Tammy Shifley, Harry Voss, Gordon & Peggy Dunham, Craig Griffin, Paul Brink, and Steve Arrigotti.

Our efforts, along with our partners in the Rancho Cordova Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, raised a combined total of \$3350 to go towards the chaplaincy vehicle. The Rotary Club will apply to their Rotary District #5180 for a matching grant that can double our efforts to \$6700! Not bad for a day of playing trains.

Two weeks after the FunFair, the Rancho Cordova Rotary reports they now have \$38,300 committed and/or being requested through our local Rotary District's matching grant program. We have had the support of 4 Rotary Clubs besides the Rancho Cordova Rotary, the Kiwanis Club in Rancho Cordova and the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers. Your efforts to jump-start this project have reaped tremendous rewards for the Chaplaincy.

For anyone who might want to make a donation to help reach the total vehicle purchase amount, make out your check (with note for chaplaincy vehicle fundraiser) and mail to: Rancho Cordova Rotary Charitable Foundation, PO Box 215, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741.

My sincere thanks,
Chris Donhost – Event Chairman



John Bailie and Peter Welsh giving the some of the Community Chaplains a train ride rolling on our scenic railroad, now they can be called the "Holly Rollers."



10 Years ago: Two new smooth riding trucks on our steamer tender.



New boiler for our 1973 steam engine.



Many new trees along Midway and the main line at South Cobble Creek.



New trees on East hill by twin bridges



Special Thanks to the Sacramento Tree Foundation for donation of trees and Rancho Cordova Rotary Club for their work in planting. 80 plus trees were planted. Great Work!

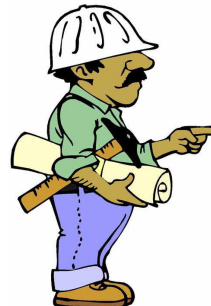
20 Years ago: The steam trials for the 1973 were completed on May 2. Thanks to all the SVLS members who have responded to our first three scheduled steam qualification classes. These students of steam operations and maintenance are in various stages of their qualification training. As soon as we have some graduates, we will put 1973 in revenue service. Thanks again for your support. Look in the newsletter for the next schedule of classes after the Railfair.

30 Years ago: Doug Fulton has had a great crew of hard working individuals out working on the track every available minute. Warren and Robby have worked extra hours on making the new steaming bays ready for the Spring Meet. John Bailie has been putting in many extra hours on projects for the Club including the construction of a metal end-dump car for working on the track.

40 Years ago: TO THE RESCUE - both Ed Yungling and Keith Kirsten will have some gasoline in barrels at the Meet for anyone caught short by the "shortage". The switch for the new steaming bay lead went in without a hitch April 21st and promptly was given a test by Al Shelley running Ed's Cab-Forward over the track. On the job were (ramrod) Tom Anderson, Dick Esselbach, Keith Kirsten, Ken Spicer, Ed Yungling, Darrel McWhirk, Al Shelley, the deFreitas boys, Gerry Carney, Chuck Corothers (proud owner of a Mack switcher) and Erich Quiring on the business end of a ballast shovel.

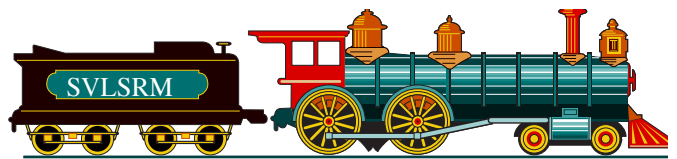


Do you like running trains? We are in need of conductors, engineers and hostlers for both steam and diesel. If you are interested in joining our operating crew, please contact Alex Wilde at secretary@svls.org to be added to our E-mail list. If you did not take a test last year, come out and learn the proper way to operate our equipment.



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SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.02 Speed Limit

No locomotive shall be operated at an excessive speed, and shall not be operated at a speed greater than that at which the locomotive and its train can be slowed and stopped within a reasonable distance,

depending on the traffic, track conditions, visibility and weight of the train. Train speed shall not exceed 7 mph. Trains transporting the general public shall not exceed 5 mph. All engines must be run at reduced speeds in congested areas and in areas with close clearance, such as yards, stations, etc.

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.

3.08 Signals

Trainmen should use hand signals whenever practical. Several trainmen in the same area using whistles can easily be mistaken for one another. The use of hand signals makes it necessary for the engineer to see the signal intended for them, eliminating the possible error and danger of mistaking another trainman’s whistle for that of their own. Hand signals may be given with the hand, flag or light, as follows...

- A. “STOP” . . . Swing at arm’s length down from the shoulders across the track.
- B. “PROCEED” . . . Raised and lowered vertically.
- C. “BACK UP” . . . Swung vertically in circles across the track.
- D. “REDUCE SPEED” . . . Hand or lantern above head with slight motion of hand side to side.

4.02 Requirement of Conductor

All trains hauling passengers shall have at least one qualified Conductor on the last car of the train, or facing backward on the rear seat of the Engineer car. It shall be their responsibility to protect the rear of the train and to assist the Engineer in the operation of the train. Each Conductor on duty shall have a whistle (police type) and a red flag or light on the train.

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 engineer’s 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



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