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President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

Our diamond is finally done. Some say 20 years in the making. This was made possible by Reno Farinelli who spent countless hours trying to get it right. From cutting the right of way to designing the diamond. After some trial and error he decided

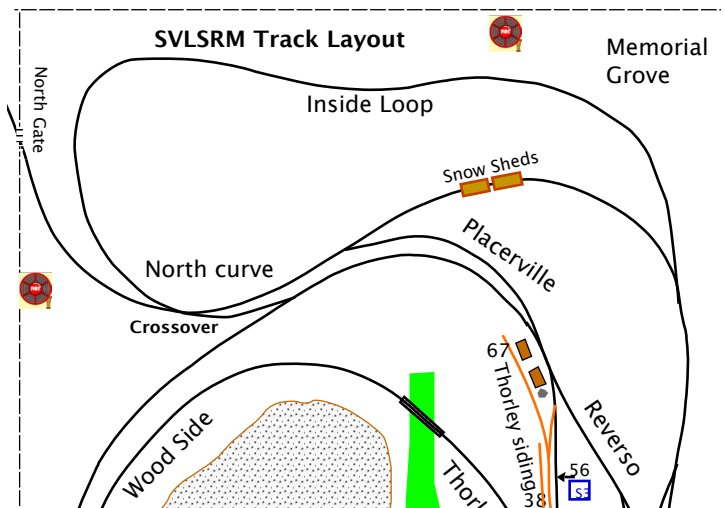
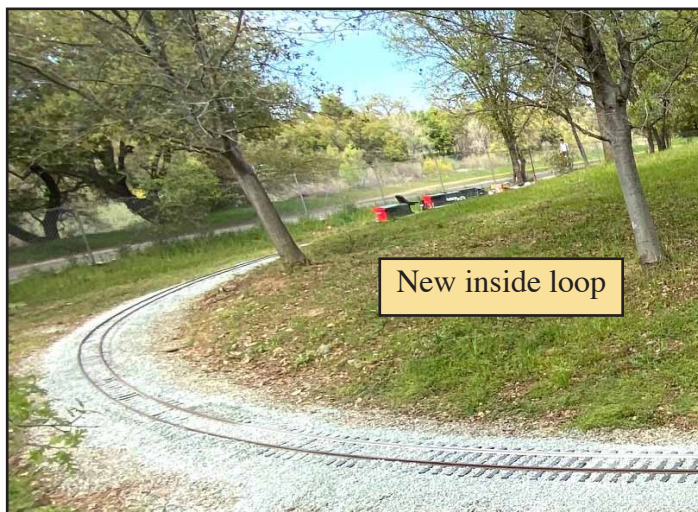
the best solution was to cut it out of a solid plate of steel. Mike Massee helped by writing a cad program. The 4'x8' plate was water jet cut by Reno's friend Gino with Rinaldi Tile and Marble. After Reno welded it all together it was brought down to the club. With help from Dennis Bowie, Craig, Harry, John Bailey, Peter, Chris Smith, Donhost + kids, Dave Herzog, Steve and Tom Nance we got the diamond installed and the inner loop finished and ready for operation. Many thanks to all involved with the process.



This month the club received a special dedication of an Allen 10 Wheeler built by Marty Carapiet. Marty has been battling cancer and decided now is the time to hand it over. Many friends and family came out March 7 to enjoy the day with Marty. He wants this engine to be enjoyed by all club members interested. Members will watch a video before learning the operation. Don Youngling will be the caretaker of the engine. The engine will be stored on track 4 of the boxcar. Initial training will be given by Craig Griffen and Ben Shell. It may be used for limited public operation. Thank you Marty for this special donation. Our hearts go out to you and your family during this next chapter of your life.

There will be no public runs for the first weekend in April.

Assuming things go back to normal the May public runs and Spring Meet are scheduled as planned.



SVLSRM Calendar

Apr. 4 Public run day - Canceled
 Apr. 5 Public run day - Canceled
 Apr. 13 Board Meeting To be Announced....

Club future activity will depend on VIRUS GUIDELINES.

Apr. 18 Member WORK
 Apr. 19 Member RUN

Apr. 25 Kids Day in the Park Canceled

May 7 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 May 8 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 May 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 May 15, 16, & 17 Spring Meet

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



MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Matt Abreu, Granite Bay

I cannot forget to pay my dues.



Life may be busy but supporting SVLSRM is needed.

If you wish your information to be included in the 2020 Member Directory & you have yet to pay your 2020 dues, please do so NOW.

\$60 for regular member,
 \$30 for associate member.

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

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Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlsrm.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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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.



Treasurer

By Alison Berry

The club needs to replace our 3 aging and broken file cabinets. One is behind the caboose door and has bent drawers so it is really a challenge to open the drawers. 2 cabinets are in Container 1 and also have barely working drawers. All 3 cabinets are 4 drawer vertical files.

Do you have any file cabinets you no longer need or know of any surplus? They should fit letter-size files, not legal. We could also use a lateral 4 drawer file in Container 1 instead of 2 vertical files. Please contact me if you know of any file cabinets that could be donated or purchased at a reasonable price. Thanks



Director - Steve Milward

Hello to all. I hope this message finds you in good health. Normally I would begin with progress and achievements at the railroad. I'll get back to that. Right now we are all dealing with a situation that most of us can't fully grasp. COVID-19 is changing our lives. Some have chosen to believe it, some deny it, and some declare it to be hoax. Regardless of your particular belief, we're all going to be doing things differently over the next few weeks, if not months. The railroad will not be hosting any public run days or events until such a time that it is deemed safe to do so. This is for our safety, our families and the general public.

What to do - Be educated and informed. Be prepared. Maintain good hygiene. Practice social distancing. Follow official requests, guidelines and mandates. Stay in touch with family and friends. In other words, be good people. What not to do - Panic. Hoard. Act in a manner that facilitates the spread of the virus. Repeat or spread questionable information based on opinion, versus proven scientific evidence. To varying degrees, this will affect all of us.

Whenever this series of events ends, how we acted and reacted will be a measure of our character. Okay, as promised, back to the railroad! A small but dedicated crew installed the crossover and has been putting the finishing touches on the inside loop. We now have the ability to run continuously within the fenced area. This gives us a new route and additional running perspectives. One thing to keep in mind when you run a train through the new crossover, slow down and look for other trains on, or approaching the crossover.

The G scalers have been every bit as busy with the new track addition in the garden scale area. When it's completed it will be an amazing attraction in and of itself! Thanks and welcome to the garden railroaders for everything they bring to our organization.

Until we can meet back out on the rails, be safe, and work on those projects you didn't find time for.



Train Masters Report

By: Peter Welch

Well the spring meet is coming up and will be here faster than you think. In order to keep everyone safe and to run your steam engine at SVLS you will need a current boiler certification from our club or any other clubs

but it needs to be current. Due to other duties I have to do, I will only be doing boiler test during the Spring meet Friday from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday from 8:30 to 12pm. If you are in need of a boiler test and can not make it during those times please send me a email or a phone call and we can work something out. Thank you for all your understanding. I repeat you must have a current boiler tag in order to operate your steam engine during the meet. My cell is 916-838-4998 Peter W.



Installing the diamond thanks to a few hard working members.





Before we all got Quarantined and had to stay home the following people came out to work at SVLS on some of the following work days - 2-25, 2-29, -3-3, 3-4, 3-17, 2020: Let's hope we can all stay healthy and back working at SVLS soon.

Paul Skidmore, Harry Voss, Bill Yoder, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Andy Berchielli, Peter Welch, Richard Lutrel, Bob & Mary Dean, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Alison Berry, Dennis Gramith, Bill & Butch Floyd, Bob Duncan, Keith & Gloria Berry, Glen Wilson, Andrew Sach, Dennis Bowie, Steve Milward, Craig Griffin, Chris Donhost, Paul & Eli.

Public Run Days 3-7, 3-8, 2020:

Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Tom Nance, Harry Voss, Dennis Gramith, Tom Reese, Bill & Butch Floyd, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Peter Welch, Austin Unruh, Andy Berchielli, Bill Yoder, Bob Dean, Reno & Leah Farinelli, Steve Milward, Marshall Post, Alison Berry, Dennis & Ryan Bowie, Craig Griffin, John Bailey Marty Carapiet and Family.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.12 Property of SVLSRM Material and Equipment All SVLSRM owned material and equipment is for use of members and guests at the SVLSRM facility ONLY, and shall not be removed from the facility without permission from the Board of Directors.

This includes treated or distilled water, fuel, cars, locomotive, tools, material, etc.

2.01 Ashpan

Steam boilers burning solid fuel shall have an ashpan constructed and installed to prevent dropping of burning ashes or fuel along the right-of-way. Except in emergencies, ashes shall be dumped only at the steaming bays. Engineers shall be responsible for immediately extinguishing burning ashes dropped on the track, wherever they are dropped.

3.17 Access to Round House

Access to the round house shall be available to all members by the the board of directors during members run days and events.

4.03 Length of Train

Trains carrying the general public shall not exceed 100 feet in length over all, exclusive of locomotive and tender or other motive power.



What does a hungry hoghead get when he blows live steam down a rabbit hole? Okay? How hold your sides! He gets "Hot, cross bunnies" ... got it?

Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

March 2020 Board summary:

The Diamond for the inner loop was delivered on Sunday March 8th. Expecting to install on Sunday, March 15th if no rain. Need track built.

Little Blue was out and running this past weekend. Ran well. Peter recommends that a horizontal propane tank be purchased and that the tank would sit in a boxcar, which could also hold a water tank. This would allow a more efficient use of Little Blue. Peter said the oil was changed on all engines before last weekend public runs. The horn on the 1500 needs repair; the RS3 plug for charging needs to be looked at and we need an automatic 12 volt charger for all equipment.

The carburetor is off the Gator, need to find Model and part number. John Deer does not make this carburetor anymore. We will need to find an alternative carburetor to adapt to the motor. Past Due Membership Mailing – Sent out 42 renewal notices, 19 have been returned with dues payments. 45% of the mailing as of 3/9/2020. Expect more before 3/31/2020. Bill Yoder will prepare a Roster to be handed out at the Spring Meet. FCR 2018-2 G Scale Layout – Phil Huntingdale reported that the plan is to have Phase 2 done for the Spring Meet. Discussed the need to have electrical to the table. Also water for landscaping. FCR 2020-01 Main line rail replacement. DONE FCR 2020-02 Track Plan for inside loop – should be done by next Board meeting.

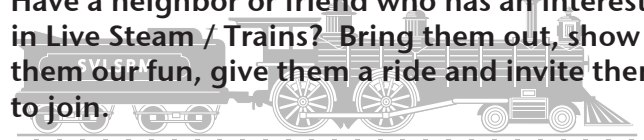
Insurance – Asset Inventory was reviewed by the Board. The inventory was updated to include the Pacific, Electric Trolley and LEVI. Added some gondolas and increased the value of the full cabooses.

Update - Replacing steaming bay lights with LED replacements. FCR 2020-03 submitted by Bill Yoder. Replace 5 lights and add 3 more. Photo cell and they could have a switch to turn them off when we are not using them all for events. Need 3 19' poles, necessary to weld brackets. Project to be completed by Spring Meet. Planned for Spring Meet, List of Names for Memorial.

Standards for Testing – Discussion of procedures and responsibilities to be held at next scheduled meeting.



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: We have been blessed to have AmeriCorps with us again for the end of March. They have been very busy digging, mulching, and cleaning the yard of debris.



The facility is in great shape thanks to the mulching of trees and planting areas with the donation from Arborwell. Also, the track has been completely sprayed. One more upgrade to the picnic area includes a new deck outside the caboose thanks to Larry and his crew from Coloma



Church of Christ. Thanks for the donation of time and material.

20 Years ago: VP Remarks by Milon Thorley - Svls is moving on in 2000. Run days have been well attended and the public has been riding with us in large numbers. We continue to pick up new members who are turning out to help operate and maintain our facility. Old or new if you want to be a part of the organization and not just a dues payer, come on out on work days as there is always plenty to do. A list of a few things needing or desirable to be completed that entered my mind as I write this.

1. Repair roof on mower shed that blew off in the March wind.
2. Lots of fence repairs big and small.
3. Build a second level for car storage in box car.
4. Water line to Hillview.
5. Reinstall full size switch stand at passenger station.
6. Remove large trees in steaming bay.
7. Pave passenger station platforms.
8. Clean and repair sprinkler heads in expansion area.
9. Build dummy down spout for Midway Water Tower.
10. Aid in bike path track replacement project.
11. And many more.

Thanks to Jack Rockett, Frank Smith and Dick Esselbach for their help installing the siding at Hillview.

30 Years ago: The work crews cleaned around the little oak trees that were planted in the new expansion area, and the pile of dirt that was blocking the gateway was moved out of the way. The grass was mowed and trimmed, many of the ties in the tie pile were split and stacked. The tree stump, in the passenger



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

March continued with beautiful weather, and as a result the G table Phase 2 project continued on schedule. As the month proceeded, the Covid-19 became a pandemic and resulted in a slowdown.

The table strut framing was installed in the early weeks with some Hardie Backer Board installed. Craig Griffith worked diligently on the strut and board installation. Stephanie Huntingdale painted some of the top with the primary color to be followed by final textured appearance. This is where the project slowed because of the quarantine. Hopefully, we can get a break and completion of the backer board installation, cutting the curved edges, and painting. Track layout will follow. Hard to determine how this will all play out and how the spring meet will fall into place. At some time we will have a railroad running in the future. Stay tuned.

A little tidbit, Ken Burn's wife Liz provided succulents for our landscaping projects. Stephanie and Barb prepared a landscape mound alongside Shady Hollow area. It seems the deer like the succulents and we found some stubs the following week. Bought a few deer resistant plants to put in with the succulents, but with the quarantine, we haven't been able to plant them just yet.

Hope to see you later this month when we are all released to play. I understand the inside loop is now working. Bring a big train or a G scale, we'll have fun and I think we can easily keep the 6 foot distance. We retired folks also work on Tuesdays, when we can. Come out and help, run a train, or just visit. See you then.

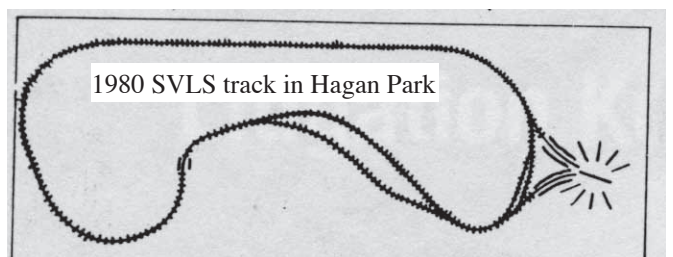


area, was dug out. The refrigerator that was donated by Mike and Gretchen O'Connor was installed in the Caboose.

The group activity for April is the trip to Davenport, April 21, 1990. We will travel, in a group, by bus to Davenport for a picnic. The locomotives will begin running and will take us on our journey through the beautiful, coastal countryside.

40 Years ago:

Spring meet: 2000 foot loop of dual gauge track. Water, air and electricity at steaming bays. Limited overnight space trackside for campers. Hotdogs, beer and soft drinks will be available for lunch both days.



FOR SALE

A complete 7.5" gauge train in 1/8 scale. Included is the locomotive, boxcar, gondola and caboose. There are many extras included, be sure to watch the video as there are many details explained throughout. Asking \$22,500.00 Please call (916) 208-7295
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