

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

Several members have expressed interest in running for the board for this coming up election. Nominees will be accepted 7:30pm Oct 16 at the track. Then elections will be held Nov. 21 at 1:30pm.

2020 has definitely thrown a switch on how we operate for the public and the members this year. With all the concerns associated with COVID19 the board decided not to do our major fundraising events this year. This is the Pumpkin and Santa Train. Even though we won't be doing these events as had been in the past, we still plan to do a low key event. First is the Harvest Express. We will run for the public the **first two weekends** in October from 11-3pm. It will be a standard public run operation with the exception that the track will be decorated with Fall Theme decor.

Setup of decorations will be on Oct 1+2 and will be left up thru the Fall Meet. The Santa Train will be the same kind of operation as the Harvest Express. It's still in discussion on how to decorate but the schedule remains the same. Dec 5+6 and Dec 12+13. If you have decorations for either of these events the club could really use them. Our financials have definitely taken a hit this year so any donations of holiday decor will be greatly appreciated.

This brings us to our Fall Meet. This too will be different. It will be basically a run event. All meals will be your responsibility with the exception of the Saturday night dinner hosted by SacTaco. Dinner tickets are \$15 & child under age 10 is \$7. Attendees must preregister to get track assignments and would be greatly appreciated if you paid for Saturday dinner at this time too. **Attendees are asked to observe all social distancing requirements.** Picnic tables will be moved to encourage distancing. We look forward to hosting a safe event for all to enjoy.



Please read our meet plan on page 4.
Registration will start Sept. 28th on our website: www.svlsrcm.org

Please use the **on-line registration** to reserve steaming bay, storage sidings, RV spots and Saturday Dinner. Priority is given to those that come from out of the area.

2nd option is to mail in your registration and payment for Saturday dinner.

If you have questions send email to meet@svlsrcm.org or call a board member.

Get involved! Board members needed!



Elections for Vice-President, Treasurer, Track Superintendent, Yardmaster, and Director at Large (1) are upon us, and we need you!

If you consider SVLS to be an asset to yourself, your family, and your friends, then please consider making yourself available to fill one of the open positions. Serving on the board can be very rewarding to those who fill those roles in that they help ensure the viability and continuity of our organization. Most of the positions don't require specialized skills to do the job. Only the treasurer position necessitates an aptitude to care for our club's financials.

What is most beneficial is a willing member who has a desire to see the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers thrive now and into the future. Service to the club in this way is beneficial to all concerned: our members, our riders, our community, and guests that visit us from other live steam clubs within this unique hobby.

Every regular member should consider serving our club by taking a role on the board of directors. Those interested should contact the nominating chairman Chris Donhost at (916) 208-7295. Specific job duty information will be provided to those considering a board position.

To register for the meet by mail, please give us the following information:

Name:

Phone number:

Number of people attending:

Reserve Saturday Dinners:

Pay for dinners: \$15 adult, \$7 under age 10

Arrival date:

Leave date:

Locomotive type & length & scale:

Train storage needed:

RV space needed:



Mail to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers
Railroad Museum, Inc.,
P.O. Box 273,
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

SVLSRM Calendar

Club future activity will depend on VIRUS GUIDELINES. *Please check on-line about Public activity.*

- Oct 3 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Oct 4 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Oct 10 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Oct 11 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Oct 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM
- Oct 16-17-18 Fall Meet, Special Guidelines due to Covid-19 - See details newsletter & online

- Nov 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM
- Nov 21 Membership meeting 1:30 at club track, elections.
- Nov 21 Member run day.

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



Help us save money by not mailing your newsletters. Read it on-line.

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.



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.

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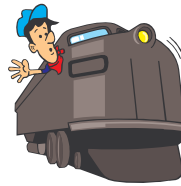
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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month. Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

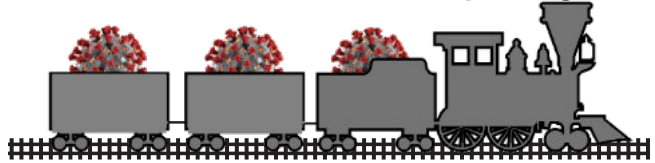
by Barbara Rohrs



2021 dues are to be paid by January 1. You can pay online or send a check in the mail. Please note any correction to your email, phone number or other information.

Thanks.

For the latest info on our public runs and activity Please check on-line. www.svlslrm.org



Board of Directors

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

Again this last month the G gauge rail- roaders were out having great runs. De- spite the smoke from the fires, the morn- ings were generally clear, and cool.

This month the club will be having the Fall Meet, October 16 thru 18. You will need to pre-register on line or mail your registration. Let us know if you will be operating G Gauge equipment.

There has been a suggestion that steamers have a Shay Up and a Ruby Run. If you have them, bring them. We will do the runs on Saturday afternoon. Many have expressed in- terest in running in the evenings. For sure we will be here on Friday and Saturday evening. Questions? call me, 519- 599-1200. That said, you may wish to operate and come out for the camaraderie on all three days.

This is a great opportunity for all to get acquainted with SVLSRM members and guests.

If you have an interest in steam, electric, or battery locomotives, come out and run. Please plan on social distancing and wearing a mask. See you about!



Treasurer

By Alison Berry



Fall is finally here. I don't know about you but this has really been a long year. October is always a very busy month for the club.

This year we are running the public the first TWO weekends in October as the Harvest Express Train. This replaces our popular Pumpkin Train and Pumpkin Patch. We will need help putting out our Halloween and fall decorations along the track on **October 1 and 2.**

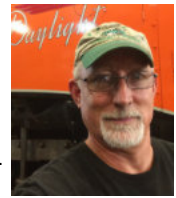
We hope to leave our decorations up through our modified Fall Meet on October 16-17-18. We will also need some **help setting things up for the meet on October 14-15.** We will be following our established COVID-19 plan for Public Run days for the Harvest Express Train.

Our modified meet means we will not be serving daily meals except for the Saturday dinner from Sac Tacos.

We will not have a registration tent set-up. We will have membership forms available for those that want to renew their membership. You can fill it out, attach your check, put it in the envelope supplied and, drop it in a locked box. Or, make it easy and **pay online** instead. Please notify our membership chair, Barbara Rohrs, of any corrections to update your membership information.

Please contact me if you have any questions about volunteering for the Harvest Express Train setup.

Director - Steve Milward



Hello, I hope all are well and managing through these trying times.

The Cambridge Dictionary defines Volun- teerism as, "The practice of doing work for good causes without being paid for it". True, those members that come to the park to work on the railroad, or serve in other capacities won't receive monetary compensa- tion.

They'll receive their payments in the form of the satisfac- tion of being a part of an organization that preserves and in- terprets railroad history. The satisfaction of assisting other like-minded folks in the club. The satisfaction of taking on long or difficult or challenging tasks and seeing them through to completion. Finally, the satisfaction of knowing that the time that you spent volunteering made a real and tangible difference.

I know I've said it before – People have a lot of demands on their time nowadays. Family, careers, and other activi- ties all fill the calendar. We've seen some pretty busy work sessions with good member turnout, and we've seen very sparsely attended workdays, too. Covid and social distanc- ing have played a part in this, but the unfortunate fact is that fewer members are shouldering a larger share of the work at the railroad. Ultimately, the ability and willingness of members to step up and help out may determine if we survive or fail as an organization. Rather than sitting back, to see if an organization is going to succeed, I propose that it's far better to jump in and ensure that it does!

Next up – The first **two** weekends in October (3,4 – 10,11) are the Harvest Express trains for the public (No pumpkins this year) We'll need folks to help decorate a couple of days before, and of course we'll need train crews too. The weekend of October 16-18 is our fall meet. Get your trains ready and head out for a weekend of fun.

Until then, see you on the rails. Steve



COVID-19 plans for Fall Meet 2020

Event Host: Andy Berchielli SAFETY

In accordance with state guidance, social distancing of 6' is required by all attendees.

In confined spaces where social distancing is not practical a mask must be worn. The confined spaces on our property are the round house, WP caboose, WP boxcar and all storage containers. If in these areas with anyone not in your household wear a mask to prevent spread. Frequent hand washing and/ or hand sanitizing is a good practice to prevent the spread after coming in contact with frequently touched surfaces. Public access will be discouraged

HEALTH SCREENING

It is important to make sure you are not sick before arriving at the club. If one is experiencing one of these symptoms please stay home. Symptoms of COVID19 can include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fever or chills; muscle body aches; vomiting and loss of taste or smell. Older adults and people with underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications. If you were exposed to someone with symptoms of COVID19 within the last 14 days please take all precautions to protect yourself and others.

RESERVATIONS

All Attendees will be required to make a reservation before the meet including name, phone number and equipment. The easiest way is to use the link via our website, svlsrm.org. No early arrivals for this Fall Meet 2020. The event is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday October 16-18, 2020. You can also pay for the Saturday night dinner at this time. Upon arrival check in with event host or check reservation list located in the air host lift to see your assignment. Public access will be discouraged due to the safety of our guests. The normal tent setup for registration and membership is not available. You can still pay for next year membership dues at this meet. Forms will be available. Hand to event host. Or renew through the website.

STEAMING BAYS, YARDS and RVs

We will first start reserving every other steaming bay to encourage social distancing. This process allows for 16 steam engines. Adjoining bays may be used after the 16 bays are filled. Those with additional equipment may request to use an additional bay next to them. All yards will be filled as normal for use of diesels, electrics and rolling stock. RVs will be reserved for out of town member first.

We can accommodate up to 20 RVs with light power usages. Any high power usage must use a generator. Camping will be allowed as normal practice.

MEALS

Due to the concerns of preparing and serving food due to the current conditions; all meals will be your responsibility. The normal practice of providing breakfast, lunch and dinner by the club will not occur for this meet.

The picnic tables under the covered area by Oasis will be scattered throughout the area to encourage social distancing. The Saturday Night Dinner will occur and be hosted by SacTaco. They will offer food from 5:30-7pm

Saturday night. This way not everyone is required show up when dinner is served. You will be allowed to get food anytime between 5:30 and 7pm. If you did not prepay for Saturday dinner, contact event host. Our normal tent setup for drinks and snacks will not occur for this meet. For drinks contact event host. All drinks are \$1.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms will be cleaned on a regular basis to ensure a clean environment for our guest. A whiteboard outside the restrooms will display the last time it was cleaned and sanitized. Restrooms will be cleaned between 8am and 8pm.

CLUB EQUIPMENT

Club equipment will be available as normal. Equipment will be stored in boxcar. Young engineers must have a current adult member on the train at all times. Borrowed equipment must be returned to the boxcar after finishing with use. Club locomotives controls must be cleaned between members use. Cleaning supplies will be located in boxcar. The one gallon spray pump has a germicide in it used to clean controls and bench seats.

TRACK USAGE

The inner and outer loop will be available for use all weekend. The diamond is fully signaled from all directions. If red you must stop and proceed only when yellow light appears. All powered switches are active. Proceed only when signal has changed. Green is main and red/yellow is always yard. Although our track crew stays on top of the track conditions, always check to make sure points are fully closed before proceeding. Switch throws and power buttons on the track do not get cleaned regularly.



Public Run Day Helpers 9/5-9/6:
Stephanie & Phil Huntingdale, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Gordon Dunham, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Butch Floyd, Tom & Stacey Reese, Craig Griffin, Harry Voss, Dennis Gramith, Chris Klevasalh, Richard Lutrel, Austin Unruh, Dennis Bowie, Chris, Paul, & Eli Donhost, John Bailie & family, Rob & Cody Sharratt, Colton Snell

Saturdays - Work Day Helpers 8/15-8/22-8/29-8/30-9/19: Gordon & Barbara Moser, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Chris Klevasalh, Butch Floyd, Dennis Gramith, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Dennis Bowie, Steve Milward, Harry Voss, Tom Nance, John Bailie, Steve Arigotti, Steve Milward, Gary Cousin, Dylan Post

Tuesdays - 9/13-9/15: Dennis Bowie, Bill & Butch Floyd, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Gordon Dunham, Dave Fredirini, Bob & Mary Dean, Bruce Runner, Ralph Merrill, Earl Martin, Colton Snell, Ken Crawford
Dennis Gramith, Harry Voss

Member Run Day 9/20: Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Dillon Post & friends, John Bailie, & family, Chris Klevasahl, Dennis Bowie

Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

September 2020 Board summary: The Board continues to meet by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. The next meeting is October 12, 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, contact Andy Berchielli, (916) 752-6697, for how to connect to ZOOM or Stephanie Huntingdale (916) 580-7377 for an Agenda.

FCR 2020-03 – Replacing lights in the Steaming Bay. Work has started with light testing.

Bridge by the station to the round table will be replaced before Fall Meet.

The park has repaired the irrigation well and they will begin helping us with cleaning out the sand in our sprinklers.

Repair to the front end of the UP is done and it has been painted by Kevin Sach.

Harvest Express volunteers are needed to help decorate the park on Thursday, October 1st and Friday, October 2nd. Please come out and help if you are able. Public Runs will take place on October 3 & 4, October 10 & 11, train crews are needed.

Fall Meet October 16, 17, 18. – You MUST Pre-register to attend. The Registration form is in this newsletter. Please register early so we know how many will attend. Always check the website for up to date information.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.08 Mode of seating Passengers must remain seated, straddling seat, and facing forward, on the cars at all times until the train

returns to the station. Arms and legs must be kept inside the cars at all times while the train is in motion.

2.08 Water Pumps and Injectors

All steam locomotives shall have at least two devices for transmitting water to the boiler. At least one of these devices shall be operable when the locomotive is not in motion.

3.16 Propane Fueling

The Trainmaster and his appointees are allowed to fill approved propane tanks. All filling must be done at least 10 feet from the round house door. Round house door must be closed.

4.09 Brake Requirements - Large Trains

Any train consisting of more than 7 cars available for passengers shall have at least one half of the cars equipped with operable brakes, such brakes to be operated by the engineer from the locomotive.

Track Superintendent Report

By Dennis Bowie



Another installment of looking down the track... Well time finally caught up to the small trestle in the lower yard. This was a project that I had been watching for some time, but when we had wood rotting and no longer supporting the track it was time to replace this. With the help of Steve Milward, John Bailie, Tom Nance, Harry Voss and others, we made short work of this. Most of the work was done on Saturday about 7 hours and finish placing ties and rock Sunday morning. So this should last for at least another 20 years.



Also Steve and myself went out to the track to replace ties on the switch that is on the out bound Y that is for the 1 inch yard in lower yard. We felt that this needed some TLC before the fall meet. You will notice the old fashion sepia tone to the picture that is from all the smoke from the fires in the air.





10 Years ago:



With a car load of trains and going to a meet we can always take a couple more cars to run on the rail



20 Years ago: T0 Years ago: Projects recently completed are #2 meadow baika path crossing with steel rail and new ties. Thanks to Ed Yungling, Keith Berry and Milon Thorley. Club Steam Locomotive: Thanks to Don Yungling for making parts and installing the injector on the engine. I did a cleaning and inspection of it, tightened up some loose items, and repaired the pump. A test run was done and all went well. We will have steam at the meet. - Red Hadler

40 Years ago: 30 Years ago: Words of Wisdom from Eagle Eye AL... Many thanks to members who answered the call Sat 4 Oct, the day we poured the "roundhouse" pad a week ahead of the date scheduled Sat 20 Sep. The 4 Oct. happening was much more than just another work day's work. One observer recalls it as an experience of the spirit watching our many- talented fellow members tackle that concrete. Only erection and dedication to go before we have ourselves that long-awaited club building. With luck and \$100 the building will arise in a shower of glory soon after the meet.

Alas, Al Shelley has left Roseville and old 1192 (with the rose on her cab) has a new master... Al's now switching in Sacramento. That's railroading for you. Ed Yungling just returned from Colorado he rode the 8444.



Please stay safe and follow State guidelines to do your part in preventing the spread of this Covid-19 virus.

FOR SALE

Menards Mill/Drill Machine & Accessories \$1250



Quantity	Brand	Description
1	Menard	Model KDS-25-4559 Mill/Drill Machine on Stand
1	Serug	Type 150 Power Feed X-axis
3	Phase II	Collets 1/4 - 3/8 - 1/2
2	QA	Collets 5/8 - 3/4
1		End Mill 1 1/2" - R8 Collet - 3 Tooth - Indexable
1		End Mill 1" Indexable
2		End Mill 3" - R8 Collet - 4 Tooth - Indexable
1		Magnetic lamp
1		Mill Table Clamp Set
2		Plain Tooth Side Milling cutter 3 1/2 X 1/4 X 1 HS
1		R8 End Mill Tool Holder
1		R8 Jacobs Chuck 1/2"
1		R8 to MT3 Taper Adapter
1		Single Angle Mill Cutter 3 X 1/2 X 1 - 60°
2		Single Angle Mill Cutter 4 X 1/2 X 1 - 60°
1	FRU	Stub Milling Machine Arbor R8
5		End Mill Cutters

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