

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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President's Report

By Andy Berchielli



SVLS now has another steam engine to pull the public and for members to run. LOOKS GREAT!

We kicked off the new year with our annual member run day. It was well attended with 6 steam engines and 6 diesels running around the track. The next few weekends began our winter projects. The weather has been good for the weekends which has allowed us to get many tasks checked off our to do list. The containers have been cleaned and organized. The track coming off the Y trestle to the first switch in the yard has been pulled up, added new plastic ties, new ballast and roadbed and has been tamped and put back together. Great job track crew. Also the snowshed got another 10' longer. Kevin and I tackled that job.

About a year ago we acquired a Pacific steam engine from GGLS. It needed some love and care to pull public. I gave it to Brandon McCracken who completely re-plumbed the engine with stainless steel tubing. He also converted it to oil fired which required a bunch of work to the firebox. After all that was done he found out the fireman side rear spring perch and journal box was broken which is the main reason for the lost of traction. He machined new parts and put it back together. On January 10 he delivered it to the

club and we had most of the steam qualified crew there to learn how to run it. We spent 6 hours putting the engine through its paces. Everything worked to our liking. My hats off to you Brandon for taking on this project with a little persuasion by me. This gives the club another steam engine to pull public and adding a new type engine to fire for those interested.

Finally my annual call to the Sheriff Work Project paid off big with a group of 40 people showing up on January 24. They spent 4 hours raking leaves and got basically the whole area cleaned up. We still need to rake the pine needles around the propane tank, but the hard part is done.



SVLSRM Calendar

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

- Feb. 6 Work day.
- Feb. 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom.
- Feb. 13 Work day.
- Feb. 20 Work day.
- Feb. 27 Work day.

- Mar. 6 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Mar. 7 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Mar. 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- Mar. 20 Work 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.



See 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.

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Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: editor@svlsrcm.org.

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

MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs

Welcome New Member!

Gary Cousin

Dues were due January 1, 2021. Support your club, Send check or pay on-line. Please complete your membership form noting changes.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

I trust all are having a great New Year. We have had some beautiful days of steaming on the table. The steam exhausting from the stacks in impressive

on those brisk mornings, however, the days turned pleasantly warmer. Several members have been down on Tuesdays to play trains. With these hard times, remember, human contact with fellow railroad enthusiasts down at the park is great therapy from the virtual world we live in.

Just a reminder, during the months of January and February the club closes down the public run days, however, each Saturday is a work day. All hands can help with cleaning leaves and branches from the property. Dennis Bowie has had a great crew working on the rails leading from the steaming bays and adjustments to the 7.5" railroad. His crew can use added help. The snow shed on the north side has been lengthened by Kevin and Andy. If you can find some time on Saturdays, come on down.

Keep in mind that the club is there for all members, either to run trains or for socializing. See you about!



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

Director - Steve Milward



Greetings, and welcome to 2021! We rolled into the new year with a well-attended January 1st operating session. A lot of members, family and friends brought their trains and spent a great day at the club.

With that, beginning January 2nd repairs and upgrades on the track for the upcoming operating season commenced. The lead from the turntable into the Boxcar yard has been re-laid, as have tracks the from the transfer table. The one thing remaining is for the 1" scale yard track to be upgraded. One of the 1" users has volunteered to assist with that task.

Of course, many other projects shift into high gear during the days prior to our March operations. Maintenance and repairs of the locomotives, rolling stock, facilities and grounds, reorganizing our storage containers and lots of other tasks are happening now. Please consider coming to the park and lending a hand. We're there just about every weekend in January and February.

Finally, if you haven't renewed your membership yet, now is the time! More than ever, SVLS needs your help, physically and financially. Also, if your circumstances permit it, please consider making an additional donation to our organization. Any amount will help offset our reduced income of the last year. A donation receipt for tax purposes can be supplied.

As always, thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you at the park very soon.



Wear your MASK!





10 Years ago: January 1, 2011 Members run day. It was a little wet but about 18 people were there to play trains even with a little rain.

On January 25, we started on the winter track and roadbed upgrades for 2011. The first stage will be to rebuild Cordova Junction consisting of three dual gauge switches. Stage Two will be the north end of the Midway main and the relocation of the north switch to extend the length of the siding by 80' and make room for future spurs. Americorps has sent us a team for three weeks to help with this project.

20 Years ago: (Jan. 2001 news) SVLS lands on page B1. For those of you who do not receive the Sacramento Bee, there was an excellent story written about the club's New Years day run. The story, which ran on the front page of the Metro section January 2nd, and featured on the Sacramento Bee web page, was accompanied by excellent pictures of Don Yungling's GS1 and included many quotes from members. It was nice exposure for the club and our hobby.

30 Years ago: (Jan. 1991 - news) Due to the extreme cold, we had our share of broken pipes which needed repair. Unfortunately, the inside of the caboose did sustain some damage. Besides the plumbing problems, several tons of leaves (at least it seemed that much) were raked and moved to the park mulch pile.

FROM THE CAB: I'm looking forward to an exciting year with the live steamers. A great many things have been accomplished during the past few years, much of it due to dogged determination and tireless efforts of the work crews. The next time you're at the track look around ... its a facility we can be proud of. Then take a moment to say "thanks" to the people that made it happen. A few "attaboys" will go along way toward making all the time spent seem worthwhile. - Don Juergenson, President

40 Years ago: SVLS is alive in 1981 (No black hole). The roundhouse stands erected. some of the club's less valuable possessions are already stored therein. Before it will be safe for engines, cars and the like, some work will have to be done on the door ... hinges, locking provision and added stiffness against prying. Roster of Roundhouse erectors includes Dick Esselbach, Al Shelley, and Mary, the DF2, Tom Anderson, Chuck Corothers, Ed Yungling, Earl McKenzie, Karl Lewis, Warran Rose, Andy Anderson, Carmonh and Rodman Danley and probably a couple of others who have slipped my mind.

The long awaited CTC visit is now history of pleasant memory. Ken Willes' friend, Mr Kennedy, ex-SP CTC genius and the dispatchers on duty the evening of 11 Feb. did themselves proud. Between 15 and 20 members and friends showed up. Fortunately, it was a relatively quiet evening, railroad wise, so the dispatchers had plenty of time to explain their very demanding role in keeping them rolling on the SP.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.16 Fuel storage

All gasoline must be stored in the fuel cabinet by boxcar.

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.

3.14 Approaching Stopped Trains

An engine approaching a stopped train on the same track must come to a complete stop no less than 50 feet from the stopped train. The stopped train may then be approached slowly with caution.

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.



I cannot forget to pay my dues. Life may be busy but supporting SVLSRM is needed, both monetary and with labor, many projects to be done this year.

**Please send your 2021 dues now!
Send check or pay on-line at svlsrm.org. Send forms to SVLSRM P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741**

New Year's Day Members & Guests:

Andy Berchielli, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Barbara & Gordon Moser, Bill & Butch Floyd, Bob & Mary Dean , Harry Voss, Keith & Gloria Berry , Kevin & Andrew Sach , Colton Snell, John Bailie, Dave Silvernail, Gordon Durham , Craig Griffin, Chris, Evelyn, Paul, Eli Donhost, Steve Milward, Ralph Merrill, Andrew Maret , Alex & Earl Martin , Chris & Ernie Klevasahl, Ben & Vince Barto, Alex, Sawyer, Dakota Wilde, Richard, Amy, Sarah, Brianne Lutrel, Rob Sharratt, John Cooper, Chris Smith, Robert Cortoye, Gary Cousin, Evan Guinta, Dennis Gramith , Dennis, Heidi, Maren, Ryan Bowie, Tom Nance, Alison Berry, Terry Willis, Reed Hickman & Guest Shannon , Keith & Kathy McBride, Joe & toby Allan, Scott & Tyler Jepsen , Mike Skums, Gavin McCreary.



John Bailie shows his home made clock, he designed a unique gear set. Clock will run 36 hours per wind. Thanks for sharing John.



1-9-2021 - 1-16-2021, Dennis Bowie , Tom Nance , Steve Milward, Phil& Stephanie Huntingdale, Dennis Gramith , Kevin & Andrew Sach, Alison Berry, Harry Voss, Gary Cousin , Gil Dominguez, Keith Berry , Gordon & Barbara Moser, Robert Morris, Glen Wilson, Bill & Butch Floyd,

Craig Griffin, Chris, Paul, Eli Donhost , Richard & Sarina, Colton Snell.

1-12-2021 - 1-19-2021, , G-Gage Helpers & Workers , Gordon Durham, Steve Arigotti, Colton Snell, Bill & Butch Floyd, Ralph Merrill, Jim Hern , George.





The Sheriff Work crew doing a great job with the yard cleanup.



FOR SALE

1 1/2 scale Cannonball standard aluminum rail. 1" high, Minimal use. 10 foot long. 8 pieces 10 feet long. A few short pieces and 10 rail joiners. \$65 or best offer.

Steel rack for hauling live steam trains. Was in a Wells Cargo 5x8 trailer. Tracks are 6 ft long. 5 tracks. Rack is built from 1" square tubing. Floor tracks built from angle iron. Can be adapted to other trailers or pickup trucks. \$45 or best offer.

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