

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

We definitely are seeing more members out at the park on Tuesdays to run on the table. Recently Earl Martin had his Garret and motorized bus, Bruce Runner had his new Namod, Steve Arigotti had his Frank S with three new beautiful coaches, Gorge Blount had his Ruby, Stephanie Huntingdale and Colton Snell were running their Roundhouse Millies. The table is definitely being used by steam locomotives.

Those that have run on the new rail installed last month have approved of the smooth curves and stability of the smaller locomotives in those areas. Weather has been generally fair, however, looking to warmer mornings this month. The locomotives have been of a wide variety of scales, some 1/32, 1/29, 1/20.3, and 7/8th, and were steam, electric and battery operated. Some members just got a chair, watched the trains and visited. That's what makes this hobby so much fun. We always have something to talk about, some idea to make your engine operate better and best of all we all share our knowledge and expertise freely. Everyone enjoys helping and sharing. Don't forget the first weekend of the month are the public run events, and the member third weekend. The guest families are inquisitive of the G layout, and they definitely wish to discover the operations of these smaller locomotives and cars.

The SVLSRM needs you on Public Run Days and the third Saturday for members work day. Learn to be a conductor or engineer by showing up on these weekends. Review the Safety and Operating Rules, and take the appropriate test. Learn by being there to develop these skills. Work days we continued to pick up tree branches and leaves. This last weekend while walking thru the park, it is obvious the small tree branches keep falling to the ground and need to be picked up. Be involved! The April Public Run Day, is the weekend of Easter Sunday. If you're not doing family events, bring your locomotives out and enjoy.

See you about!



President's Report

By Andy Berchielli



March Public Run days were a big success. We had about 600 riders for the weekend. The club's Pacific ran both days with no issues at all. In time we should set a schedule when to run the steam engines. Perhaps we run the Pacific one day then 1973 10 Wheeler another day. Or maybe even run both the same day. That way more people can get involved with what feels comfortable to them.

This month we got a donation of 1" scale cab forward built by Art Buck in the late 1950's. Upon Art's passing it went to his nephew Bill Eversult who lived in Fair Oaks. It has mostly been a mantle piece for most of its lifetime. Mr. Eversult wished it to go to a place where it would be appreciated after his passing. It is currently stored off property but will be on the track for display at our Spring Meet. By that time we will have a place to store and display it.

Again all members are encouraged to join us for the public run days. The public enjoys seeing all the activities going on. Run your G Gauge or 7 1/2" equipment and help out with the public operation. We have also started to host parties. If interested in helping contact me. I handle party bookings and it's a great way to help out without the hassle of dealing with public run days.

The Spring Meet is set for May 14-16. The board agreed to move forward with our standard meet with some changes. The raffle will be replaced with a silent auction. And we have some nice items to auction off. We also plan to serve food to members and guests. We will take added precautions to make sure food is handled safely. Reservations for RV's, steaming bays and track assignments will begin the 1st of May. We look forward to seeing everyone again.



SVLSRM Calendar

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

- Apr. 3 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Apr. 4 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Apr. 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- Apr. 17 Work day.
- Apr. 18 Member RUN day.

- May 1 Public run day - **check on-line**
- May 2 Public run day - **check on-line**
- May 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- May 14 Spring Meet.
- May 15 Spring Meet.
- May 16 Spring Meet.

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

*Please Welcome
Stacy Reese
as Membership
Chairperson.*

Please contact Stacy if you have membership questions.

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



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.**

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Alison Berry - Library Update:
 We are again working on getting the library open. We still have a lot to do before it's ready for use. I want to give a special thanks for all the work Maren Bowie did in creating the list of books/magazines/VHS tapes/DVDs as well as shelving everything. I am currently working on researching how to catalog all the books on the shelves. I will probably be using the Dewey Decimal System that is used in public libraries. I am still working out the logistics on how we will handle checking out items. I do plan to have the book list available on the club website for members to view.

We appreciate all the donations from everyone but due to space issues in the caboose, we are now only accepting railroad-related books. We have no more room for magazines and VHS/DVDs at this time. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

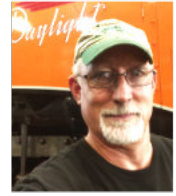


Treasurer
Tom Nance

Hello members, and to those of you that were able to make it out to our first public run weekend in March, thank you. We had a very successful weekend, and now more than ever, it is evident how much our organization means to the community and families that come out and experience our trains, whether it be their first or 50th time. I am very proud to be part of an organization that gives these families a place that they can come and escape the real world for part of the day. It takes people to make this organization function and grow, and there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved.

I came into this position at the beginning of the year and have been fortunate enough to meet several new and long-time members along the way. With that being said, our next public run weekend is coming up on April 3rd and 4th, and I look forward to seeing you out at the track.

Director - Steve Milward



Hello all,
 If you came out for our first public run weekend of 2021, you know how successful it was. For those who might have missed out, I'm happy to fill you in. 1st – Beautiful weather. Both days started out cool, making for great clouds of steam. Later, clear sunny skies and warmer temperatures made for perfect conditions. 2nd – Lot of riders. Families were ready to get out, mask up and enjoy a train ride or two! Looking at the numbers, this was one of the most successful public weekends in years. 3rd – Lot of members helping out everywhere.

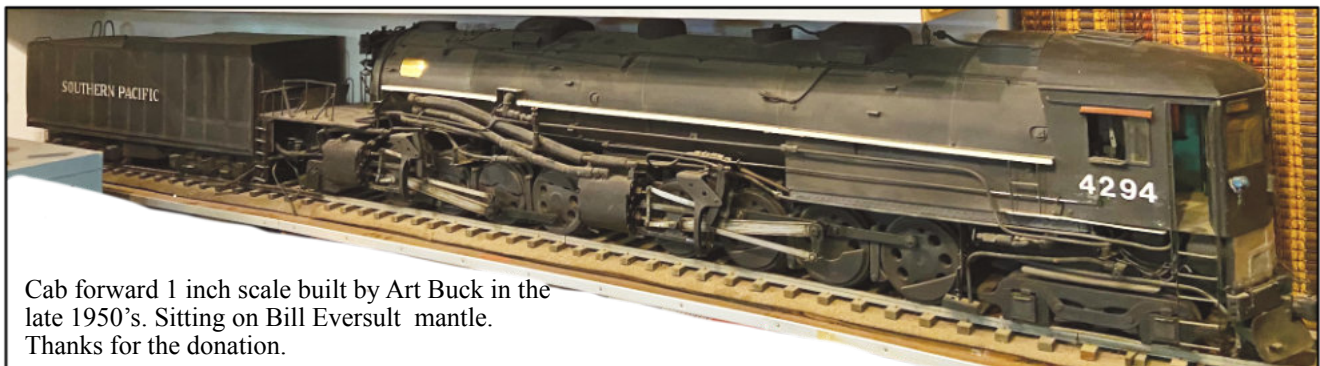
We're hoping we can keep up this momentum. Events like this are not only good for the visiting public, they also allow us to put funds back into the coffers. Years ago, American Freedom Train engineer Doyle McCormack was asked what fueled the 4449. His response? "\$100 bills, lots of them...". Happily, our financial needs aren't quite that dramatic. Nevertheless, every bit of maintenance, every improvement and repair or purchase makes a dent in our savings. Last year hurt us, yet we're crossing our fingers in the hopes that we'll do much better this year!

What's ahead? More public run weekends, work days, private parties and, of course, our Spring Meet. As always, your participation will make these events better

As always, we hope to see you at the park very soon.



Got a project you would like to show off that is too big to bring to the meeting for show and tell. Then give the editor a call/email and we'll take pictures for a feature.



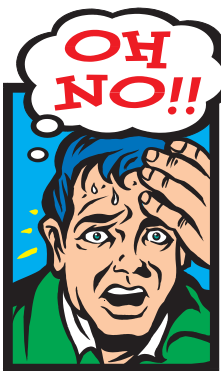
Cab forward 1 inch scale built by Art Buck in the late 1950's. Sitting on Bill Eversult mantle. Thanks for the donation.



NEW steps for the SP caboose, Thanks to Andy.



Now you know why it is called "Steaming Bay"



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



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.03 Passengers and Visitors

General public, when permitted within the steaming bays, shall be escorted by a SVLSRM member. General public who need to get close to tracks for photography shall have an escort to

keep a lookout for oncoming trains or equipment movement.

2.02 Daylight Operations

All Locomotives shall be equipped with a whistle, horn, or other sounding device producing audible signals. Such sounding devices shall be powerful enough to be heard distinctly for at least 150 feet. All locomotives shall carry a red flag and whistle to warn traffic of emergencies and for passing on visual and audible signals.

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.

4.01 Qualifications of Crew

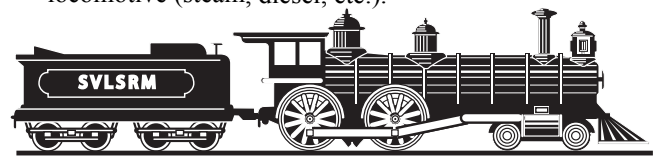
Trains hauling General Public must be operated by qualified Engineers and Conductors who are members of SVLSRM.

All operating personnel, while on duty, shall have a copy of these operating rules in their possession or on the train.

The Board of Directors may restrict or suspend from duty any operating personnel who consistently violate safety rules.

Qualifications/Restrictions of an SVLSRM Engineer

- 18 years of age or older.
- Member of SVLSRM in good standing.
- Passes a current Written Qualification test showing knowledge to operate specific locomotive (steam, diesel, etc.).
- Passes a current Practical Examine demonstrating the judgment and ability to competently operate specific locomotive (steam, diesel, etc.).



MILEPOST MARKERS / WHISTLE SIGNS

1. We now have 37 refurbished mile post markers along our tracks inside our fenced area.(Mile post #00 thru #37. They are set at 105 feet apart.)
2. There are also washers on a tie near the signs stamped with the mile post numbers. (MP00) The numbers let the train crews know where they are located, in case of an emergency and can call for help, if needed.
3. There are also 4 whistle signs "W" at various locations. The most important whistle sign is at mile marker # 26. This is to warn the people at the "G" gauge track that a train is approaching the area.

Gordon Moser



Run Day Weekend 3-6, 3-7



Tom Nance, Chris Klevesahl , Andy Berchielli, Glen Wilson, ,Leonard Casseri, Tom & Stacy Reese, Craig Griffin, Richard Lutrel, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Gordon &

Barbara Moser, Harry Voss, Dennis Gramith, Judy Zegler, Rose & David Jansson, Gordon Dunham , Bill & Butch Floyd, Matt Mason, Don & Ann Bruner-Welch, Matt Mason, John & Jackie Bailie, Colton Snell, Dave McClain, Sabrina, Colin & Richard Carrera, Dean Sheets, Don & Toy Yungling, Jim & Jamson Greco , Keith & Gloria Berry, Gary Cousin , Steve, Ian Milward & family, Glen Wilson,

Workdays 3-2, 3-16, 3-20:

Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Gordon & Barbara Moser , Bill & Butch Floyd, Steve Arigotti, Leonard Casseri , Gordon Dunham , Earl Martin, Ralph Merrill, Colton Snell, Keith Berry , Dennis Gramith, Rose & David Jansson, Glen Wilson, Dennis Bowie, Tom Nance, Alan Shifley, Alison Berry, Harry Voss, Andy Berchielli, Richard Lutrel, Jim & Peter Welch, John Bailie, Keith & Gloria Berry, Craig Griffin, Don & Toy Yungling.

Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

The Board meets by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. The next meeting is April 8, 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.

Public Runs began on March 6 & 7. 568 attended. The new Pacific steam train ran about 11 hours. We are continuing with our Covid procedures. Next run is April 3&4.

A possible donation to the club of a 1” scale Cab Forward, some G scale engines and track donated by Mark Haas.

The Board is looking for someone to repair the Gator. It’s hard to find a used one in California and very costly.

Stacey Reese was approved as Membership Chairperson beginning immediately.

The Board continues to investigate opportunities for Grant funding.

Northgate Crossing Phase II – will begin to finish the signals.

Portola Valley Alpine Railroad – SVLS and GGLS, new date October 23rd.

After lengthy discussion the Board voted to go ahead with our regular Spring Meet.

Library – Board activated the Library Caboose project that was started two years ago.

Tucker Smith, Challenger print, number 1266 of 1300, valued at approximately \$700 when framed was found in the container cleanup. Print will be framed and offered as a Silent Auction at the Spring Meet.



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



10 Years ago: Here's a bit of railroad track info you may or may not know: The short stub north from Cordova Junction which has been called the "Drill Track" it has a curious name. This term seems to have been used since early railroad days and is still in use today. The book "The Railway Age" published in March 1905 shows the definition of "Drill Track" as: "A track connecting with the ladder track, over which locomotives and cars move back and forth in switching." The term Drill was reflecting the back and forth motion of the switcher.

20 Years ago: Our March 17th work day followed the March 16th general meeting and was very productive. Six new engineers passed the written test and went on to make qualifying runs with Gordon Moser. Your new passengers qualified engineers are: Karle Mahler, Don Juergenson, Ross Crawford, Hans Feickert, Bob Bell, and Dale Fowlar. Gordon also directed as several new tree holes were dug and general cleanup was conducted. Others that deserve mention for their hard work that day are Brandan Feickert, Dick Esselbach, Matt Mason, Chris, Jamie and Piper(dog) Donhost and Barbara JMoser who provided lunch for the troops, which was greatly appreciated.

40 Years ago: NMRA - PCR Railfun 81 will be history by the time you receive this but Ernestine Corothers will be out at the yards with hamburgers to meet the tour buses Saturday 11 Apr. The club's cars will be there, in the new roundhouse. Maybe, just maybe, the Cow will be there, not for hamburgers, but for revenue service. And surely there will be enough SVLS members there with engines to five our fellow hobbyists a real welcome. Sometimes we tend to think that with our live steam and riding equipment we have a hammerlock on the best of the hobby. But then we see the fervor and the detail that characterize the work of our indoor brethren and all we can say is, "Hats off to the NMRA!"

BREAKING NEWS, literally.
(Photo cropped to hide the guilty.)

#173 took a dive



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