

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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It was really a FALL MEET, Trains running on our mile of track through the woods and seeing the the full color of the trees and enjoying the day.



President's Report

By Andy Berchielli



Our pumpkin train was a big success. We nearly sold out of pumpkins on Saturday. Thanks to Jim Welch we got two more crates for Sunday which also sold out by end of day. Having multiple activities below kept everyone busy and happy. The G gauge was a big hit too. Thanks to everyone that helped make this a great event. We plan to build on this event and make it better for 2022.

Next up was our Fall Meet. We had 25 steam engines show up and 20 sidings used. We enjoyed each other's fellowship and had a steak and potato dinner on Saturday. Thanks to Phil and Craig for cooking and to everyone who prep and prepared the meals for the weekend. Barbara and her caboose crew are amazing and Stacy and Stephanie made sure everyone checked in. It takes many hands to make these events go as smoothly as they do. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time.

Our next event is the Rancho Cordova Tree Lighting at Village Green Park from 4-7pm on November 28. Track setup is on the Saturday November 27. This event kicks off the Christmas Season and leads us into our Santa Train. The Santa Train is the first two weekends in December from 11-3pm. Many opportunities to help. Pitch in and lesson the load on others.

SVLSRM Calendar

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

- Nov. 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- Nov. 20 Work day.& Annual General Membership meeting and Elections. 1:30PM
- Nov. 21 Member RUN day.
- Nov. 27 Rancho Cordova Christmas tree track setup - help needed.
- Nov. 28 Rancho Cordova Christmas tree lighting 4-7pm train to ride.

- Dec. 4 - Santa Train 11 AM to 3 PM
- Dec. 5 - Santa Train 11 AM to 3 PM
- Dec. 11 - Santa Train 11 AM to 3 PM
- Dec. 12 - Santa Train 11 AM to 3 PM
- Dec. 13 - Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom

- Jan. 1, 2022 New Year day members run

- 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.



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.



Help save money by receiving your newsletters 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.

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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

Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

The Board meets by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. The next meeting is November 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.

Pumpkin Run for October 1325 riders. 392 pumpkins sold \$5,841 profit after expense.

Trucks on the green riding cars need replacement before Santa train. Motioned to purchase 4 sets of trucks for a total cost of \$1,600. Motion carried.

Water main breaks by the caboose. Valve purchased for \$150, park department helping to install.

All fire extinguishers are being inspected and checked for replacement.

Board discussed optional photo programs for the Santa Train. Further discussion at Fall Meet.

Bylaws: Board agreed that Family memberships were being dropped from the Bylaws. Membership will be Regular, Associate, Life and Honorary. Will be presented at General Meeting to be voted on at November 20, 2021 Annual meeting.

Nomination Committee: Andy Birchielli, President, Stephanie Huntingdale, Secretary, Steve Milward, Director at Large, Craig Griffin Train Master. Slate to be presented at General meeting.

Santa Train will need more discussion at November meeting. Many volunteers are needed to have a successful event. Largest fundraiser for the club.

FCR 2020-03 Steaming Bay Lights – on hold

FCR-2018-27 – Storage Building – park getting overhead photo for more assessment.

FCR-2021-01 – Lift Replacement – DONE

FCR – 2020-96 Signal Crossings – on hold

Fry Electronics – Railroad Items. Fry's offered to donate items from the Roseville location. Prior to November 1st SVLSRM will pick up 4 railroad luggage cars and install them in track work area and one at G scale.



MEMBERSHIP

by Stacy Reese

Happy Fall everyone! I was so happy to see so many of you at the Fall Meet. Thank you to those of you that renewed your memberships and to our new members;

*Vince Barto
David Epling
Patrick Karnahan
Michael Lester
Phil Nilsson
Lon Brunken*

*Those of you that still need to renew can do so online or by sending a check to the club, if you do so before the first of the year you can save \$\$\$.
Right now the cost is \$30 for Associate and \$60 for Regular memberships, after December 31 the price goes up by \$15. Renew now and save!*

Please let membership know if there have been any changes to your address or phone numbers.



Thru the generous donation of Michael Epstein, of Sacramento, the SVLSRM received the headlight from Southern Pacific steam locomotive 5020, a 4-10-2 locomotive. The 5020 is a SP-2 Class steam locomotive, has 3 cylinders, built in 1926 by the ALCO, serial number 66792, at Schenectady, New York. The locomotive has 63" drive wheels, 317,500 pound weight, ran at 225 psi steam pressure, and was oil fired. The 2 outside cylinders were 25" x 32", and the inside cylinder were 25" x 28". It was used on freight, passenger trains, and as a helper in the mountain ranges through the system, however principally in Oregon, California and Nevada. In passenger service the top speed by 70 mph. The locomotive was retired in 3/31/53 and scraped 8/14/53 in Los Angeles.

The club is honored to have such a significant historical artifact from the modern Southern Pacific steam age. Currently the light is housed in the Museum Library. It has been wired to work on 110. What shall we do with it? Contact a Board Member if you have a suggestion.



10 Years ago: Good news comes from the City of Rancho Cordova, which has agreed to repair the drainage problem along Ambassador Drive that has plagued us for so long. The work will also include re-grading the area to allow for the expansion of the RV parking. The engineering documents are under way and the work is expected to be out to bid early next year. Both the city and park district have agreed to this expansion, and culminates a year and a half of negotiations with the city to get it accomplished.

20 Years ago: The Fall Meet Point 2 Point was something new for SVLS. On Friday afternoon we had 8 trains scheduled for moving "freight". At 30 minutes to start time we had only 6 trains so it became panic time to fill 2 more -- and of course we did. Rick Zoebelin and Dick Thomas from GGLS and newcomers Michael Presson and Lawrence Northrop from SVLS. The others included Dave Arrol, Gordon Moser, Dale and Allison King, Roy Anderson and partner, Scotty Muphy and Carol Stewart, Dave Mattox, Lee Frechette, Andi Guidry and Bob Platfoot. Robert Harold also filled in. Confusion seemed to reign at the start due to track work being finished by Dave Mattox, Dale King, and Dave Arrol. As with the "real railroads" our start time was pushed back a half hour. A solution to the time-table problem was to reset watches back the half hour, and that worked. (Oops guess Gordon forgot about that!) The steamers were ready and everyone got radios on channel and dispatcher Matthew Mason got it started, but for Scotty and Carol (luckily Curtis Bonville had the work train handy for them.) Due to the late start, cold, nighttime, meeting and food, the dispatcher called the trains in before all was finished. My thanks also go to John Tracy and Bev Thomasson for being the "maintenance away" train. I know they were out there, the dispatcher kept calling their position. - Pat Mattox

30 Years ago: he bylaws change will be voted on in November. This will change the board of directors from 6 to 7 by creating a new position "YardMaster" that would take the responsibility for grounds and maintenance, leaving track and buildings for the Superintendent.

40 Years ago: The Roseville fair brought out engines of Ed Spall, Warren Wagner, Dick Quiring, Earl McKenzie, Al Shelley and Ed Yungling. Also Old Faithful, just re-tubed by Al. There is even a possibility of a small monetary return to the club for this appearance. A portable track would surely be handy for occasions such as this.

Now here is a surprise ... I hear from the grapevine that Ed Spall has been invited out to lunch. Where? At the White House (the one in Washington, DC), no less! He'll be Nancy Reagan's guest on 18 Dec. Why? All because of a very modest donation Ed made to the White House renovation fund in answer to a request Ed saw on TV.



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

Your help is needed the first two weekends of December for our Santa Train. Prior to the first weekend we will be out helping with decorating of the park and raking leaves and branches. Do you have any Christmas decorations you can loan the club for the first two weekends? Many volunteers are needed for this task. This is the club's main fundraiser. Support the club with your time. Contact me or a Board member if you can help. If you have a Christmas train, please bring it out on the weekends between 11:00 and 3:00 as the public runs will be passing by, and I know they enjoy our trains.

The Fall Meet provided three days of small steam, electric, and battery locomotives in action. The weather in the days and evenings was great; those attending indeed had a great time. With the larger locomotives and passengers passing by, this was a wonderful event shared by all. A few new members and out of towners joined in with the fun and there was much interest with our trains. Channing and Bing with Accrucraft were selling several of their G gauge offerings. Their market has many smaller locomotives and a new SP Pacific locomotive and abundant selection of cars. Thank you to the club members that made this event possible. We now look forward to next year's Spring Meet.

If you have an interest in steam, electric, or battery locomotives, come out and run.

See you about!



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

Voting Members if you can not come to the meeting on Nov. 20th, then please mail in your ballot.

Vote Yes or NO on each.		
President	Y / N	Andy Berchielli
Secretary	Y / N	Stephanie Huntingdale
Train Master	Y / N	Graig Griffin
Director at Large	Y / N	Steve Milward
Bylaws changes	Y / N	Drop Family memberships & allow the board to set new Dues amount.



ELECTION

**Please mail by Nov. 16th.
Send to:
SVLSRM
P.O. Box 273, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95741**



Santa Train - is the largest fundraiser for SVLSRM. Over the two weekends we have about 2400 riders and visitors to see Santa. Your help is desperately needed! It takes many volunteers to put this event on. You ask, what do you need?

Train crews – engineers, conductors, station masters, operations manager. This is a two weekend event, Saturday and

Sunday. December 4&5, 11&12. Can you commit to helping for at least one day?

Prior to the first weekend – December 1, 2&3 - decorating the park, we have 8 acres and it all has to be decorated to enhance the experience and train ride for the visitors. Do you have any Christmas decorations that could be loaned to the club for the first two weekends in December?

G scale Christmas trains should be running. Do you have one?

Caboose – could use some help with providing lunch and refreshments for all the volunteers.

Volunteers to help with photos

Volunteers to help with some activities to ease the wait times for Santa.

Volunteers to help with crowd control

Relief volunteers to help with all positions.

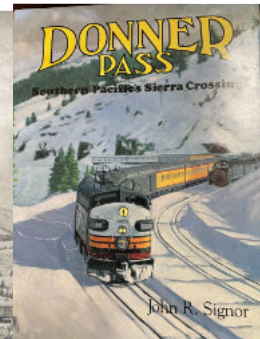
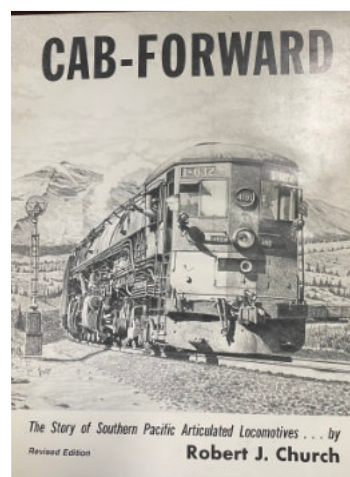
Are you able to give the club some time? Contact Andy Birchielli (916) 752-6697 to help with train crews, Stephanie Huntingdale (916) 580-7377 for decorations and other volunteer positions. Also, contact any Board Member; their numbers are on the home web page.

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Librarian - Alison Berry

The club was fortunate to receive 2 book donations during the Fall Meet – Cab-Forward by Robert J. Church and Donner Pass: Southern Pacific's Sierra Crossing by John R. Signor. These are a welcome addition to the library and will provide historical information on our donations we received in the spring – the 1" scale cab-forward and the diorama of the City of San Francisco snowbound in 1952.



I only had a few visitors to the library during the Fall Meet. The weather was perfect for running trains so I totally understand. Now that the weather is cooler, I can get back to working in the library. The majority of books are in order. I plan to work on sorting magazines next. I have a whole box of timetables that will need to be cataloged and sorted. My goal is to have all the boxes sorted by the Spring Meet.



October Work Days, Seen on the following days, 10-1-2021, 10-7-2021, 10-13-2021, 10-14-2021: Steve Milward, Alison Berry, Dennis Gramith, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Glen Wilson, Bob Ress, Chris Klevesahl, Peter Welch,

Andy Berchielli, Larry Curtin, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Augie & Judy Berchielli, Harry Voss.

Saturday , Public Run Days, Halloween Train , 10-2,3, 2021, Steve Milward, Gordon, Barbara, Lisa Moser, Dennis Gramith, Bill & Butch Floyd, Keith & Gloria Berry, Leonard Cassier, Larry Curtin, Chris Klevesahl, Tom & Stacy Reese, Raimund Dipper, Bill Bivings, Bart Cook, Dave Frediani, Tom Nance, Bob & Mary Dean, Barbara Schoellkepf, Michael Fitzgerald, Mark Cundiff, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Andy Berchielli, Judy Zegler, Glen Wilson, Colton Snell, Chris, Evelyn, Paul, Eli, Donhost, Lewie & Becky Donhost, Rob Sharratt, Chuck San Filippo, Ken Crawford, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Rich Corbell, Bob Bess, Ken Crawfock, Dick Friedman, Harry Voss.

Visitor: Jennifer Kehlet - Drewes, Olivia & Cole.

Tuesday Senior Work Days, 9-28-2021 , 10-5-2021, 10-12-2021, Sidney Madden, Keith Berry, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Larry Curtin, Jim Welch, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Richard Corbell, Butch & Bill Floyd, Dennis Gramith, Alison Berry, Harry Voss.

G-Gage Members - Tuesdays, Butch Floyd, Colton Snell, Ralph Merrill, Steve Arrigotti, Chuck San Filippo, Rich Nelson, Barbara Schoellkepf, Michael Fitzgerald, Leonard Cassier, Colton Snell.



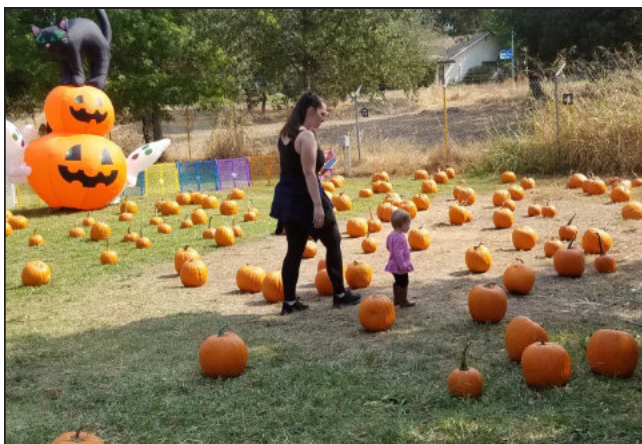
Judy Zegler dressed up for the kids



Dennis Gramith provided seating for old engines.



Stephanie, Lisa & Gloria - Sold tickets at Cordova Station



Big decisions which one do I want ...



With smiles on their faces Keith & Richard run the loading and unloading station at Oasis

FALL MEET



FOR SALE

California State Railroad Museum Santa Fe California Poppy Railroad China set. 8 place settings. Used once. \$400 or Best offer

Doug Boudakian
dboudrrtrain@sbcglobal.net



The RGS Story (Rio Grande Southern) Complete set Vols I-XII \$1500.
 Full Size Crossing lights & bracket (2 light) \$275.
 Full Size single Crossing light \$100.
 Full size Adlake Switch Stand light \$175.
 Full size Adlake switch light has only one lens \$100.
 Adlake Lantern , one lens missing \$350.
 Turntable for Model - dual track 7.25 & 7.5 gauge \$150.
 Various Boxcar/Caboose grab irons - Make offer

Contact Jeri Juergenson at 530 269-0443 (leave a message)



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.07 Cargo Weight

Cargo weight should be evenly distributed between the trucks of each car.

2.06 Wheel Dimensions and Coupler Heights

All wheel dimensions and coupler height standards shall conform to IBL standards. A copy of these standards can be found on the SVLSRM webpage.

3.02 Responsibilities of the Conductor

Each conductor shall have a whistle (police type) and a red flag or light in their possession at all times while acting as conductor. They shall assist in loading or unloading passengers on the train. They shall be certain that all passengers on their train have been informed of the safety rules before signaling to the engineer to proceed from the station. They shall enforce all passenger safety rules while the train is in motion. They shall enforce rules and shall prevent any passengers from throwing any trash, garbage or other refuse from the train along the right-of-way. They shall align all switches (turnouts) for the mainline after use of such switches by their train. They shall assist the engineer when necessary and shall call for help when necessary to enforce any rules.

4.10 Passenger Train equipment

Each public passenger train shall be equipped with proper documentation materials i.e.: clip board, Conductor report, incident/accident forms, operable writing pen, whistle, two way radio, red flag, and current rules book.