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November 30, December 1st -3rd
Decorating at the Club will begin on Tuesday around 9:30 am, – many hands are needed! Come out and you will have lot's to do.
Santa Train Weekends: 9 am at the park to set up engines and ride cars. 4 run days, train crews needed for 4 trains, crews for two stations (Cordova & Oasis), Santa & Santa helpers, Ticket sales, Camera crews, & Credit Card person.

Take down crews needed on last Sunday.

Happy holidays to everyone.

My family enjoyed some great food for thanksgiving. Hope you were able to enjoy the day as much as our family did. This marks the kickoff for some busy weekends for us. To start the Christmas season we setup our portable track and run the train around the Cordova Tree lighting ceremony on Sunday November 28 from 4-7pm at Village Green Park. Setup for the event is Saturday November 27. Meet at Village Green Park at 10am to help put track together.

President's Report

By Andy Berchielli



Santa train is the next two weekends. December 4, 5, 11, + 12 from 11-3pm. This has become the club's main fundraiser and has been well attended. All hands on deck make this event go smoothly. This year we are changing the way we do things. First we offered presale tickets for the first time ever. This is to hopefully reduce the wait time at the station. Another change to speed things up is our photography. This has always been our main source for slow downs due to computer issues. So this year we have eliminated the need for computers and printer onsite. All photos will be digital downloads. How does this work? Every time we take a photo, we will scan a QR code before taking a picture. This QR code is assigned to the time frame of that group of photos. Each group of people will have their own unique QR code with a unique password. They will be able to download the photo from ProofPix website later that night when the photos get uploaded. We have ran test days and the program worked as promised.

November 30 we will start setting decorations around the track. Dec. 1 I plan to build the ticket booth. I'm sure we will have more days to decorate too. Contact Stephanie to see when you can help decorate.

Elections were held on November 20th. The list of candidates were all accepted, including me. Yes I was convinced to stay on for at least another year. Mainly due to you the membership. Several people expressed their appreciation to me and where the club is now. A lot of improvements have happened over the past several years and I'm proud to see what has been accomplished. I will try to balance my work load and club functions better so I'm not so overwhelmed with work, personal life and club functions. Thank you to all that pitch in to make the club a more enjoyable place to visit.

SVLSRM Calendar

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

- Nov. 27 Village Green Park at 10am install track.
- Nov. 28 Cordova Tree lighting & train rides 4-7PM
- Nov. 30 Set up for Santa Train at club 9:30 am
- Dec. 1 - Set up for Santa Train at club 9:30 am
- Dec. 2 - Set up for Santa Train at club 9:30 am
- Dec. 3 - Set up for Santa Train at club 9:30 am
- 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
- Jan. 8 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Jan. 10 - Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- Jan. 15 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Jan. 22 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Jan. 29 - Club work day - Winter Projects

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



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@svlsrm.org.

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



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.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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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Director - Steve Milward

Fall is in the air, and with it is the promise of families looking forward to seeing Santa at our railroad!

What this means for us is an opportunity to put our best foot forward for the public. A lot of folks have made a visit to the Sacramento Valley Live Steam Railroad Museum part of their family holiday tradition. It means an opportunity to showcase our railroad. It means an opportunity to generate much needed revenue to allow us to grow and improve our organization.

It also means work, a lot of it. Our Santa Trains are scheduled to run the first two weekends of December. We're going to need folks to help decorate during the week before December 4th. We'll need folks to help get the trains ready to go, we'll need train crews, station agents, folks to manage and direct our visitors. We'll need folks to sell tickets, help the photographers, and others to assist with a myriad of other tasks.

To be blunt, we'll need help! Lots of it, too! It's unfair to rely on and expect a handful of dedicated members to perform all of these tasks. We're an organization of volunteers, and we would hope that folks would be willing to take time to pitch in. Sometimes this happens, sometimes not. Please, come on out and be a part of these events. It's a lot of work, but making our guests happy is well worth the effort!



Treasurer

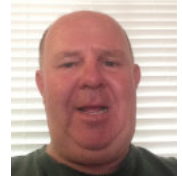
Tom Nance

As we completed a successful (and busy) Pumpkin run and Fall Meet in October, we are quickly coming up on one of our busiest times of the year with our Santa run. I encourage you to

come on out and volunteer, whether it be helping to set up and decorate the track, and/or during our Santa Run weekends from 11-3 on December 4th-5th and 11th-12th, there is no shortage of work to be done to make the club look it's best!

In addition to our standard walk-up ticket sales, and with the goal to reduce wait times at the station, we offered a limited number of presale tickets for designated time slots. These presale tickets were sold out well before Thanksgiving, and many of the people I have spoken to are very anxious to see Santa and Mrs. C.

Director - Craig Griffin



Larry told me he had never run Live Steam and wanted to learn. So we met at the park one Saturday and I took Larry through all the steps to fire Levi up. He also learned what all the parts of a steam locomotive were. After the safeties lifted Larry got his first chance to run Levi.

We did many laps around the track, with Larry gaining more experience with each lap. He also learnt about topping up water and adding oil when needed.

By the end of the day Larry was doing a great job of running Levi and had a huge smile on his face. I think Marty would have been smiling down upon Larry the whole time, as this is one of the reasons that Marty donated Levi to the club, so she can be enjoyed by all.

Give me a call if you would like to learn how to run Levi.



Larry Curtin on board Levi.



The other change we made is all photos will be a digital download, available to our guests by the end of that day. Our goal has been to improve the flow of the event, and in going this route, we were also able to avoid expenses that we would've normally made in the past.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving, and we will see you at the track.

Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

November Board 2021 – Secretary's Report

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. Proofpix will be used for Santa photos. Fareharbor will be used for pre-sale tickets for Santa Train. Volunteer hours, June thru October, 2,227 hours. FCR 2020-03 Steaming Bay Lights – on hold. FCR-2018-27 – Storage Building – on hold. FCR – 2020-96 Signal Crossings – on hold.

November 20,2021 Annual Membership Meeting:
Election of New Officers: Andy Birchielli, President, Stephanie Huntingdale, Secretary, Steve Milward, Director at Large, Craig Griffin Train Master.

Bylaws: Membership rejected the proposed Bylaws. They are being sent back to the Board for more consideration about Family memberships.

Membership voted to start new dues structure on January 1, 2021. All categories will be raised \$15



Tuesday Work Day Helpers, Misc.
Other Days , G-Gage friends,
10-26-2021, 11-2-2021,
11-11-2021,11-16-2021, 11-17-2021,
11-21-2021, 11-23-2021.

Keith Berry, Richard Corbell, Alison Berry, Dennis Gramith, Michael Kinress, Gordon & Barbara Moser,

Larry Curtin, Rich Nelsen, Glen Wilson, Bill/Butch Floyd, Colton Snell, Jim & Henry Meyer, Stephanie & Phil Huntingdale, Bob Ress, Butch & Bill Floyd, Michael Fitsgeraled, Barbara Schoellkoph, Ralph Merril, Richard Van Slyke, Bart Cook, Dave Fontes, Steve Milward, David Frediani,

Saturdays - 10-30-2021,11-6-2021, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Tom Nance, Larry Curtin, Andy Berchielli, Tom Nance, Peter Welch, Dennis Bowie, John Bailey, Bob Ress, Craig Griffin, Richard Corbell, Ron Mean/guest.

November Birthday Party's,, Andy Berchielli, Tom Nance, Gordon Moser, Phil Huntingdale, Harry Voss, Dennis Bowie, John Bailie, Chris & Eli Donhost.



10 Years ago: The track crew has another year of accomplishments to be proud of. We have replaced 1,000 + feet of track, built 8 switches, and installed 3 more signals at Midway. Paul Skidmore has been very busy with track projects this last year. He has been doing the machining and fabricating for all of our projects. Jack Friedman has cut so many ties, that he wore out the cutoff saw! I don't want to forget

the Many members who have come out thru the year and helped when they could. - Darrell Gomes, Thank You!!!!!!

20 Years ago: (From the Yardmaster - Gordon Moser) Many different projects were completed this past year. Some that were started, will be completed next year. A lot of these projects were finished without any fanfare or recognition. I want to thank everyone that helped me with all of the work that is necessary to make our area of the park look nice. This includes Lee Frechette, Hans and Barndon Feickert, David Arrol, Dale Fowlar, Barbara Moser, Pat Mattox, Pete Arney, Dick Esselbach, Paul Clifton and many others. I could not have done it without your help. Thanks. Our biggest project this year has been the Sprinkler project. This project has come a long way and will continue next year. Once the water project is completed, many man-hours will be freed up for other things that need attention. Many of our trees have become stressed from the lack of water. This allows insects to attack the trees and eventually kill them. We are presently looking at every individual tree and mapping a plan on what needs to be done to keep them healthy.

30 Years ago: It must have been around the sixth or seventh grade when I would bundle up against the icy fog of the valley and trundle down to the yards. Every Saturday I repeated the ritual, and the reward was usually a steamer or two waiting for orders or for the Daylight to come streaking through. If I stood around long enough and close enough (partly to stay warm), I might get a glimpse of the Engineer through the cab window. I may even get a chance to talk to him! At the time I didn't realize that there was someone else on the other side of the cab that made the whole thing go. Nothing's changed! It's still the "someone" on the other side of the cab that make your club go. Someone to fill the coffee pot, pick up the mail, dump the trash, call for track bids, replaced ties, provide raffle prizes, tell you about dues, and a hundred other things that keeps us on track. To all those people I offer my admiration and my humble thanks. It has been a privilege to serve as your President that past year. - Don Juergenson, President

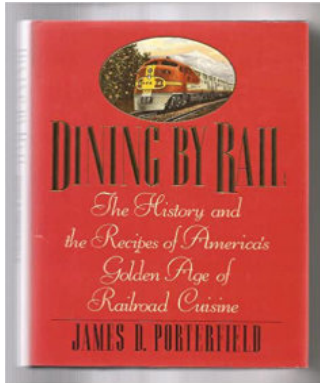
40 Years ago: Our outgoing eagle eye, Alan Shelley, feted new and old board members at a sizable Chinese food bash. Al thanks board and club members for the tremendous measure of support extended him during the two-year stint as Pres. Al has guided the organization through some of the best and some of the most trying times since it was incorporated. With the grace of God, he'll be with us many, many years exerting his quiet but constructive influence in all the club's efforts. That Al, he's all heart...the kind of fellow who'll delay paying his dues until after 1 Jan. just so he can throw in that extra two dollars!

Librarian - Alison Berry

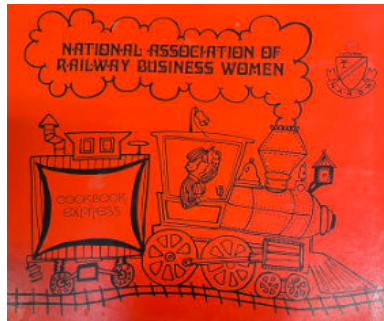
The holidays have such a strong association with food I thought it would be appropriate to feature the two cookbooks we have in the library. The first book is "Dining by Rail: The History and the Recipes of America's Golden Age of Railroad Cuisine". James D. Porterfield's book of history and recipes from America's



golden age of railroad cuisine. Porterfield is a devotee of railroad history and a gourmet cook, and while preparing this book he sorted through 7,500 railroad recipes. Full of authentic menus and classic recipes like Lobster Newburg, deviled eggs and blanc mange, Dining by Rail is the book for anyone who has ever dreamed of returning to the days of glamorous travel.



Our second book is very unique. National Association of Railway Business Women-Cookbook Express which features recipes from every state. This is a collection of recipes – some very unusual by today's standards. It was a fundraiser and the book originally cost \$5.



There is no publishing date but I would guess the 1960's based on the number of recipes using gelatin, canned meat, and, canned vegetables. Doesn't "Lime Horseradish Mold" sound delicious? Yum!



NEW YEARS DAY 2022 Lets start the New Year with a lot of steam, or smelly diesel and bring out your locomotive, rolling stock and enjoy a members run day on January 1. Bring food to share (potluck) for lunch. Mark your calendar for Sunday January 1, 2012 running starts at 10 AM. with lunch about 1 PM.



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

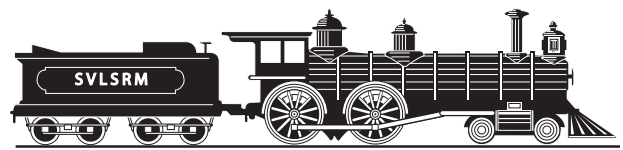
Again this last month the G gauge railroaders were out having great Tuesday and public run day run days. The members show up, some bring locomotives, and some just enjoy the camaraderie. Thanks go out to you for enjoying the park and participating in the club! Looking back over the year and the Live Steam hobby at what it has meant to so many members! The club has provided a location for fellowship and camaraderie. We have grown together to appreciate the railroads and mechanical locomotion. The park has provided a gathering place, a refuge. The beautiful trees and grasses, the water features, the weather, and the structures are amazing. It provides a fulfilling experience to members; the club has provided the same to the public that comes out to share our hobby. The club has provided a place for several birthday parties' events, and I can tell you the families that share with us have big smiles and will continue to support this hobby.

This club is for all members whether having large or small locomotive equipment, or none at all, it is for you!! Andy Birchielli for being the President of this club and each of the Board members for keeping the club on an even track; Dennis Bowie is tinkering with the 7.5" track; Dennis Gramith is making modifications of the club equipment; Barbra Moser always thinking of how she can satisfy the hungry members on works days; many members comes down often and clean trees and the yard freely without complaining; Ralph Merrill has been keeping the G switches functioning better; Kevin Sach is completing the water mill project; and Bill Yoder who puts together this wonderful monthly publication. There are many others, too many to mention them all. **THANK YOU**, it can't be said enough, **THANK YOU!!!!**

Many members have been planning for the Christmas Santa Train public runs for the first two weekends of December. Come to the park on November 30, December 1st through the 3rd to help with yard cleanup and help place the decorations around the park. Steve Milward brought down fir trees for the photo backdrop; Keith Berry and Richard Corbell for painting the plywood tree standups; and especially Santa and Mrs. Clause for visiting the park! There are many things going on besides running locomotives.

If you have a Christmas G train, please bring it out on the weekends between 11:00 and 3:00 as the public runs will be passing by on the trains, however they will not be allowed to get off the train. I know they enjoy our trains. Don't forget New Year's run day.

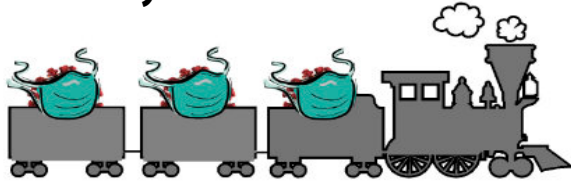
See you about!



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

Not Vaccinated then

Wear your MASK!



FOR SALE

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

1.08 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.

2.10 Brakes

All locomotives or engineers' riding cars shall have the means to do a control stop in a safe manner.

3.07 Separation of Trains

Any engine following another train must keep at least 75 feet behind the train ahead. When entering mainline, yielded to mainline traffic.

4.11 Conduct of Passengers

The Stationmaster and all members of every train crew of any train hauling the public shall ascertain that all passengers are informed of passenger safety rules before the train leaves the station.

Passengers shall remain on the train during unscheduled stops unless otherwise directed. Engineers and Conductor are responsible for orderly passenger conduct.

The train crew shall inform the passengers to:

- A. Remain seated facing forward at all times while the train is in motion.
- B. Remain seated on the train until it returns to the station.
- C. Not to lean out or reach for anything along the right-of-way while the train is in motion.
- D. Keep hands and feet within the boundaries of the riding car at all times while the train is in motion.
- E. Not to yell or scream while riding on the train, except in an emergency.
- F. Do not lean over or turn around while taking pictures when the train is in motion.
- G. Anyone disobeying these rules may be asked to leave the facility.