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President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

Our hot august night run lived up to its name with temps above 100. There were still a few engines running and handful of people enjoying each others company.

If you have been to the club this past month you may have noticed things are a little dry. The park well pump went out once again and we haven't had water for two weeks.

Hopefully our landscape will bounce back once irrigation gets back on.

Parties are still booked most weekends. If you can help out reach out to me to let me know what days you can be there. The parties are listed on the event calendar on the website.

Plans are in the works for our Pumpkin train event. The operation this year will be held all inside our fenced area. The main entrance will be the RV gate. Trains will run on the inner loop. There will also be a big bounce house, tractor rides, G gauge running and plenty of pumpkins and photo opportunities. The more hands to help with this event the better. I'm in charge of the event so let me know where you can help. Line control, train operations, food drink sales, crossing guard, ticket sales and more all places that need bodies.



Wyatt Thomas and his new Steam Engine

Hot August Night Attendees

Robert Forrren, Todd Bishp, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Matt, Wyatt, Abbey Thomas, Les ,Cindy, Casey Wilmunder, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Mike & Rosanna Sharp, Colton Snell, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Bill & Butch Floyd, Barbara Schoellkopf, Michael itzgerald, Austin Unruh, Judy Zegler, Dennis Gramith, Kaden, Jena, Kat Prudhamme, Jim & Sherie Hearn, Dave Cladianos



Les Wilmunder & Phil Huntingdale



Mike & Rosanna Sharp

SVLSRM Calendar

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

Sept.. 3 Public run day 11AM - 3PM
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 Sept. 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
 Sept. 17 Club Work day.
 Sept. 18 Member RUN day - Bring your train

Oct. 1 Public run day 11AM - 3PM
 Oct. 2 Public run day 11AM - 3PM
 Oct. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
 Oct. 14, 15, & 16 Fall Meet

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



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.

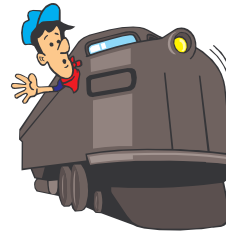
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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month. Member articles wanted.



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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



TRACK UPDATE
By Phil Huntingdale

As I write this, we just completed our Hot August Night club event. Weather was certainly HOT but just perfect to enjoy the camaraderie with the club members. Several G scale members attended and had a great afternoon prior to the potluck running steam and electric engines. It was great so see Les and Casey Wilmunder run their UP F units and consists, Colton Snell, Michael Fitzgerald and sister Barbara, Jim Hearn, Dennis Bowie, and myself with locomotives and consists. It was nice to have the Purdhomme family out with Caden enjoying the trains. There was a train running most of the day and into the string of lights as night began to fall. From the larger 7.5 gage locomotives, I counted eight locomotives on the rails. Wyatt Thomas showed several how to operate his new 2.5 scale steam locomotive. It was a great day for all the club members that attended!

Remember that the table is available for running on the Public Run Day (first weekend), mark October 1 and 2 as the Pumpkin Patch event, and of course on Tuesday or any other day you wish to play. The weather has been kind to us, beautiful mornings and early afternoons.

See you about!

Happenings at the track.



Don Yungling and his new Steam Engine he built himself.



Ralph Merrill - G-Gage



Jim Hearn & Colton Snell enjoying the evening in Redwood Flats.



Trailer is ready for Halloween rides.

Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

The Board meets by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. The next meeting is September 15, 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.

August Public Run ride count for is 495 riders.

Chris Donhost, Election Chairman, 5 vacancies this year. If you are interested in serving please contact Chris at 707-301-0739.

Homeless issues at the park. No trespassing signs will be put up and if there are further problems Rancho Cordova PD will be contacted.

Track: Issues with aluminum track have been resolved.

Trains: Pacific will get some new copper tubing installed.

Yard: Chris Klevensahl has installed new sprinklers. We were informed at the meeting that the park pump is not working again.

Two dead/dangerous trees by steaming bay have been removed. Andy is contacting the tree removal company for a bid to remove 4 more trees.

Club will not participate in Folsom Railroad Days, Sept. 24th and 25th. We don't have enough volunteers and the organization has not responded with information.



Other local RailRoad History



The Mt. Quarries Railroad 110 year anniversary is this year. The Mountain Quarries RR engine # 202 the last one of 6 engines used on the MQRR. The locomotive was constructed in 1913; ran on MQRR until 1942. It also did service on the Virginia & Truckee line. The Mountain Quarries RR hauled limestone from the mine in the canyon to Flint station in Auburn where Southern Pacific hauled the gondolas to Solano County for processing.

The photo below shows the engine on the MQRR bridge over the North Fork of the American river (near Hwy 49 bridge).

For other details see: <http://www.trainweb.org/foothill/mq100years.html>





Members Working.

August - Tuesday and Saturday SVLS workers seen at the park, plus some Misc. Days:

Dave Cladianos, Paul Skidmore, John Bailie, Mike Skums, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Harry Voss, Colton Snell, Bill & Butch Floyd, Barbara Schoellkopf, Michael Fitzgerald, Dennis Gramith, Steve Milward, Keith Berry, Richard Corbell, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Chris Klevesahl, Jim & Peter Welch, Andy Berchielli, Tom Nance, Crag Griffin, Larry Curtin, Tom & Stacy Reese, Jeff Blake, Dennis Bowie.

G-Gage - Redwood Flats - Tuesday:
Rich Nelsen, Matt Abreu, Chuck San Filippo, Steve Arrigotti, Bill & Butch Floyd, Ralph Merrill, Jim Hearn, Barbara Schoellkopf, Michael Fitzgerald, George Blount, Colton Snell, Jeff & Harrison Stanford, Lon Brunken.

Public Run Day Helpers 8-6, 8-7:
Todd Bishop, Robert Forren, Rob Sharratt, Leonard Cassieri, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Don & Toy Yungling, Dennis Gramith, Harry Voss, Tom Nance, Dave Claaianos, Glen Wilson, Chris Klevesahl, Stephanie & Phil Huntingdale, Tom & Stacy Reese, Graig Griffin, Peter Welch, Andy Berchielli, Ed Zeis, Jeff Burke, Colton Snell.



BEFORE YOU COMPLAIN...
...HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED YET?



Special thanks to Barbara Moser for sharing her photos.

The Editor is always in need of photos - Please send to: editor@svlsrm.org

Members at the track.



Keith & Phil working on trailer



Gordon Moser & Todd Bishop



Leonard Cassieri - Engineering



10 Years ago: Hot August Night run had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed running trains and eating a good BBQ. If you missed it then mark your calendar for next year, it is a great SVLS event.

While we have been taking the August hot work days off, we now need to get busy and get ready for our Fall Meet. This was changed from September so make sure your friends know we

changed the date.

We are having a special “work, eat, meet, & run day” Saturday September 15. We need members to come out and help with projects in the morning at 9 am. We will work until lunch time. We then will have the rest of the day to run trains. If you have not run the steam engine and want to learn, then come out, help out, and have fun doing something new.

20 Years ago: “The Third Rail” Well, after a few years in the making and a few weeks of actual work, the 1” yard is done. Mie Yard, as it is called, consists of three tracks about 15-20 feet long and is tied into the outbound lead of the turntable.

The whole yard is on a slight grade to ensure culvert that drains from the passenger station and DeFrietas Duo Cut. A few details are still left to be put in, but the yard is entirely usable now. - Matt Mason

As anyone who has run trains at the club recently has noticed we have been adopted by a group of deer. It looks to be 3 stags and 2 doe’s. They have been hiding in the logn grass in the center of the expansion area, but also at night come down to the transfer table area. They are quite the sight, and seem used to the trains. Passengers really enjoy them. Hope they stay awhile.

40 Years ago: From the Board: Principle items of interest that were discussed at the board meeting included: automatic sprinkler system, storage building, and proposals for a master plan for future development. Included in this bulletin you will find a list of materials needed for the new bathroom facilities. If you have any of these and would like to donate them, it would certainly help the project along and reduce the cost to the club. That old 2x4 that is always in your way could be part of the building. Any materials that you care to donate can be placed in the roundhouse.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.06 Loading and unloading

All passengers will be loaded and unloaded only at designated passenger stations, or as directed by the crew.

2.07 Emergency Shutdown

Steam boilers shall have the facility to shut off heat immediately in case of emergency. Oil fired (diesel, heating oil, kerosene, etc.) and LPG (liquidized petroleum gas) gas fired boilers shall have a valve or other means to stop the flow of fuel to the burner. Solid fuel (coal, charcoal, nutshells, fruit pits, etc.) fired boilers shall have a means of dumping the fire out of the fire box or smothering the fire with steam, water, carbon dioxide, etc.

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.

4.13 Accident Guidelines

To insure that members of the SVLSRM are aware of the proper procedures to follow in the event of the accidental injury of a passenger or other visitor to our facility (or any sanctioned SVLSRM activity), the following guidelines are to be followed.