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President's Report

By Tom Nance

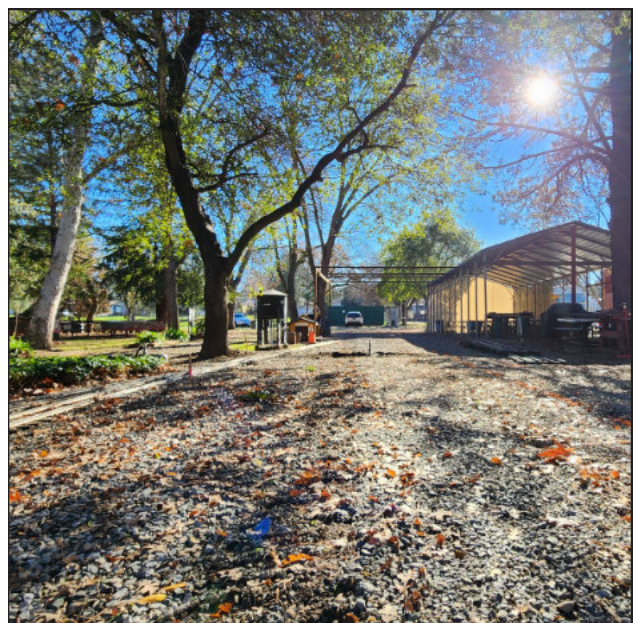


Hello everyone, and I hope you have all had a great start to 2024! With the first month of our winter projects in the books, there is some great work taking place around the railroad. At the start of the new year, our new compressor was delivered and has been installed in the roundhouse. While this unit is currently connected to the existing air lines, future projects will include replacing these air lines that run from the roundhouse to the steam bays, as well as installing new universal fittings at the steam bays. Our volunteers have also been busy removing the aluminum rail and worn-out double track at Oasis, and this will soon be replaced with steel rail on plastic ties. With the track removed and roadbed cleared, we are also using this time to run conduit for future signals into Oasis. Additional signal work will soon be started at the south end of Hillview West as well as Midway South, and this signal work is anticipated to be completed before the 2024 Spring Meet.

While these projects are taking place, ongoing tasks that always need attention around the railroad continue to be well managed by our volunteers, and I would like to thank everyone who has spent time helping to keep the railroad looking its best.

Diesel (gas and electric) and steam locomotive party & event rentals have gone on sale for 2024. Our party & event rentals run between March and September, and serve as an excellent opportunity for public outreach, these events bring in additional funding to the club, and provide an opportunity for members to get familiar with our railroad and operating practices. If you are interested in helping with our party & event trains, please contact Andy Berchielli at (916) 572-7857.

During our January board meeting, Steve Milward was appointed and voted in by the board to the position of Vice President and Richard Lutrel was appointed and voted in by the board to the position as Director at Large. I would like to thank them both for committing their time and effort to serve in their positions.



SVLSRM Calendar

Please check on-line about Public activity.

- FEB 2** Groundhog Day
- FEB 3 - Work Day**
- FEB 4 - Work Day**
- FEB 10 - Work Day**
- FEB 11 - Work Day**
- FEB 12** Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- FEB 17 - Work Day**
- FEB 18 - Work Day**
- FEB 24 - Work Day**
- FEB 25 - Work Day**

- Mar. 2 Public run day – **check on-line**
- Mar. 3 Public run day – **check on-line**
- Mar. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom

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



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.

Dues are due. Please stay onboard.



RENEW membership on-line:

<https://www.svlsrcm.org/membership.php>

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Track Superintendent
by Steve Milward

Greetings from the Track Department,

Well, we asked for folks to pitch in and help with the track renewal project at Oasis Station. The response has been nothing short of fantastic!

Over the first 3 weekends of January, more than 20 different members of our SVLS family have come out to lend a hand! Many of those folks have been out all three weekends. We've experienced every kind of weather – bright and sunny, rainy, cold, windy, and foggy. Through all of that we've made great progress! The old track was removed and disassembled. The trenches for future signal installations were dug and the conduit was placed and buried. The old ballast was removed and hauled away. New turnout kits were built. Except for the tractor work, everything else was good old fashioned hard work!



By the time you read this, we'll be laying the new base, ballast, and starting to lay track panels and turnouts. We've accomplished a lot, but we have a long way to go. The turnouts will need to be carefully aligned. The new track panels will need to be connected, leveled, and tamped. The existing yard tracks will need to be connected to the new track.

A tall order, to be sure. Yet, due to the dedication and enthusiasm of our members, it'll get done! If you've not been out yet, feel free to jump in. We'd appreciate the help, and you'll have chance to work with some really nice, really dedicated people.

As always, if you're willing to help out, please contact me at stevo2472@yahoo.com, or text me at 530 559-2472.

To all – A heartfelt **Thank you!**



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Trainmaster Report
by Craig Griffin



Gday Everyone,

Well it's been a cold wet start to our winter break work at the park.

On New Year's Day we had an issue with the Santa Fe and a broken wheel flange. We got the truck out and found the wheels to be cast iron. Talked to Don Youngling and he recommended all new steel wheels. The front truck now has all new steel wheels thanks to Ed & Don Youngling. The rear truck will come off next and have its wheels replaced with all new steel wheels soon.

We will also be servicing all the public ride on cars over the break as well.

The new air compressor arrived a couple of weeks ago. Andy and I removed the old compressor and got the new one installed in the roundhouse. It's tall and green and very "pretty." This leads to another project which will be the installation of new underground airlines throughout the steaming bays. The old ones leak badly, especially around the turntable area.

Don't forget there is track work going on at Oasis station with replacement of Oasis sidings.

So any time you can come down to help/volunteer will be greatly appreciated!!

The mainline is still open so trains can still run too!!

Hope to see you down the club soon.
Craig



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

This January has brought some days of steaming on the table between the damp and rainy days. The steam exhausting from the stacks is impressive on those brisk mornings. The rain has helped keep those at home working on their locomotives, and getting ready for the warmer spring days ahead. The electric and battery locomotive are operating as well. Come share the table.

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. We will be replacing the four switches and some track something in the next month. If you wish to help, let me know. Others are working on other projects in the park and can use help.

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

Secretary Board Report
By Stephanie Huntingdale

The Board meets by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. The next meeting is February 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, contact Tom Nance, (714) 795- 4630, for how to connect to ZOOM or Stephanie Huntingdale (916) 580-7377 for an Agenda.

Board appointed Steve Milward to fulfill the VP position and Richard Lutrel to fulfill the Director position. Steve will complete the winter track project and afterwards a new Track Superintendent will be procured.

Ride cars will have maintenance during the winter work months.

Membership, about half of members have renewed. Notice in Gold Spike

New compressor has been installed in the Round house. Board considering replacing steaming bay piping as the next project.

Phase Two of the Signal project will begin by Alan Shifley this winter. New piping will be added to the Oasis project for future signal work.

Additional Tie material will be purchase for future needs. Winter Oasis Yard Project - Volunteers are needed, contact Steve Milward (530) 559-2472 for scheduling and volunteering to help.



10 Years ago: NewMember: Tom Nance, from Orangevale.

Our 2014 Track Replacement Project is off to a great start. Thanks to Dennis Gramith and Dale Folwar, their phone calls to members assembled one of the largest group of members and friends that I have the pleasure of working with.

In January, we were able to remove and dismantle 200' of track and grade the new roadbed. In February, we will prepare our road bed, lay track and ballast. I also will want volunteers for tie replacement and throw repair on switch's. Don't be shy, we will share and teach all that want to learn.



working on mainline: Steve Perry, Gil Dominguer, Steve Milward, and Dave McClain on tractor.

20 Years ago: Gil Beaird completed his Berkshire locomotive testing at Riverside Live Steamers and will be bringing No. 765 Nickel Plate Road Steamer home and he expects to have it at the club in march.

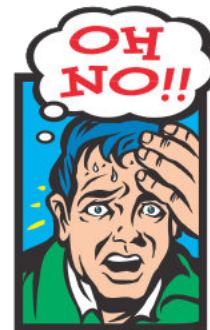
Inbound and outbound lead tracks from the transfer table along with 4 more bays are planned to be built before the Spring meet.

Thanks are expressed to Dale and Lorra Fowlar for some fine belt buckles presented to those who helped them during Dale's Presidency. They were made by the Fowlars and sport the SVLS logo.

40 Years ago: The Bathroom Building Fund continues to grow through generous donations from: Bill Fisher, Berl Jennings and Henry Stefani. As we wade through the mountains of red tape required for: plans, permits, approvals, bids, sewer connections, etc., we hope that you will find it possible to help provide the financial support required to de the job right. If you find your self unable to wrap your hands around a pick or shovel for your club (due to time, distance, or physical condition) here is a Chance to help on this much need project. Any amount you feel you can give, large or small, will be greatly appreciated. Please send your checks to:

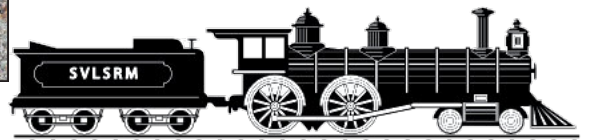


- Tom & Stacy Reese
- Steve Milward
- Kevin & Andrew Sach
- Tom & Emily Nance
- Harry Voss
- Jeff Burke
- Dave McClain
- Glen Wilson
- Henry Nanjo
- Craig Griffin
- Mark Madewell
- Jim Welch
- Richard Lutrel
- Margaret & Alex Dobbins
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- Dennis Bowie
- Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale
- Vince Barto
- Brian Schaubmayer
- Chris Klevesahl
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- Andy Berchielli
- Kat & Kaden Prudhomme



I cannot forget to pay my dues. Please send your 2024 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

1.14 Pets

No pets of any kind shall be allowed to run free within the facility. All pets shall be confined on a leash not over 6 feet in length, or inside a crate or pen. The owner of such pets shall be responsible for immediately cleaning up any manure or other disagreeable mess caused by such pet. Any violation of this rule may result in both pet and owner being asked to leave the facility. Animals may not ride on public passenger trains. Owners may be asked not to have their animals ride at the discretion of the station master. Animals must be kept away from any areas of food preparation or consumption.

2.12 Boiler Inspection

All steam boilers operated at the SVLSRM facility shall carry a current boiler inspection tag, or card. This tag or card shall state the hydrostatic test pressure, the maximum operating pressure and the safety valve settings. The SVLSRM will accept valid current boiler inspection tag or card issued by recognized Live Steam Clubs for operation of steam locomotives and equipment on the SVLSRM facilities.

3.01 Responsibilities of the Engineer

The Engineer is responsible for the safe handling of the train and the cars at all times. They must be in close cooperation with all other operating personnel, observing all rules and signals (whistles, hand, flag or light) given by the conductor and stationmaster. They must run their engine in conformance with SVLSRM safety rules at all times. They must see that any SVLSRM equipment used by them is returned to its proper storage space at the end of their run, unless another engineer takes over the responsibility of such equipment and agrees to see that such equipment is properly stored after its use.

A pair of battery powered lamps marked Union Pacific for sale.



Tom Artzberger designed 2 1/2 inch scale ten wheeler (2-6-0) steam locomotive kit with boiler and tender. All parts have been machined by Pike Lake and Eastern Hartford Shops and waiting to be assembled. Chassis has been assembled and run on air. Includes all drawings. \$23,000.00.

Contact George at sagebrushslrr@gmail.com



**\$20.00 for the pair please.
(new batteries are needed)
Donald Yungling - 916-471-9100**