

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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The club celebrated life members Barbara and Gordon Moser. They have been the heart and soul of the club for countless years. They have helped from maintaining the grounds to feeding everyone to helping with train operations. You name it, they have been there to help with nothing but kindness and smiles.



President's Report

By Tom Nance



The month of July demonstrated record heat, and I would like to thank those who contributed to our operations and maintenance in the last month. While the park's 4th of July celebrations had a less than normal attendance, our members were still present to keep trains running and were able to enjoy a fantastic fireworks display.

Our membership got together on July 20th for a going away celebration for Gordon and Barbara Moser. I would like to thank Gordon and Barbara for their dedication during the many years that they have been part of this organization. Our railroad would not have been able to function with the success that it has without them. It has been our members like Gordon and Barbara that make this organization the gem of Rancho Cordova that it is. We wish them all the best as they get ready to move to Michigan, they will be missed dearly!

Our next Public Run Days are scheduled for August 3rd and 4th from 11-3, and volunteer help is always needed before, during and after each run day.

Members are welcome to join us on August 17th for the Hot August Run Day! Bring your trains and enjoy a fun filled day of running!



SVLSRM Calendar

*Please check on-line about Public activity.
Train tickets days may be purchased on-line.*

- Aug. 3 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Aug. 4 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Aug. 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom
- Aug. 17 **HOT August Night Run** Please bring your train and enjoy the day and evening.

- Sept. 7 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Sept. 8 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Sept. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom
- Sept. 21 Work day
- Sept. 22 Member run day

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.



**WELCOME,
NEW
MEMBER**

Laura & Mike Northcutt

RENEW membership on-line:

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

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Vice President
by Steve Milward

Greetings from the Vice President/
Track Dept.,

We asked for folks to come out and volunteer to help with trains on July 3rd and 4th, and you didn't let us down! Many thanks to the members who braved the heat to run trains for the public. After the train rides, our members and guests enjoyed a spectacular fireworks display.

On July 20th, a large group gathered at the Railroad to say "Farewell" to Gordon and Barbara Moser. We wish them very best as they prepare to move to Michigan. It would be hard to overstate the contributions have made to our organization over the last few decades. Gordon and Barbara's selfless devotion to the SVLS seemed to know no bounds. In addition to the many other things she did around the club, Barbara ran the Caboose kitchen with perfection and grace, smiling all the while. She and her coworkers made sure everyone was well fed, and oversaw meals for countless meets. Gordon never sat still. Track work, facilities work, train operations, landscaping and more, Gordon was there helping out.

Yet, more important than all of that, Gordon and Barbara are just good people. Modest, unassuming, kind and generous people. I will miss seeing and spending time with them, I know others will, too.

Looking ahead – Hot August Run, Saturday the 17th. Pumpkin Trains, October 5-6. Fall Meet, October 18-20.

Very little is going on in the track department. We're gathering and restocking supplies and waiting for cooler weather!

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

We hope you can join us at **Your** railroad.



Join us during the day and run your trains into the night for a good old-fashioned evening of Live Steaming SVLS style.

Come early and bring the kids. Bring engine and some rolling stock and your favorite food dish to share. The barbecue will be hot for cooking your own meat and the lights will be on for ya. So hang FRED on the last car and come on down!



Librarian - Alison Berry



The board has approved some monies to make repairs to the Library Caboose. The top project is to replace the windows. Twice we have had break-ins to the caboose and both came through windows.

I wonder if any of our members have any experience replacing caboose windows. We have a general idea but if someone has experience I would appreciate it if they would contact me with details. The best way to contact me is via email.

I am also looking for a volunteer to spearhead this project as it is not in my skill set. – Thanks! Alison



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

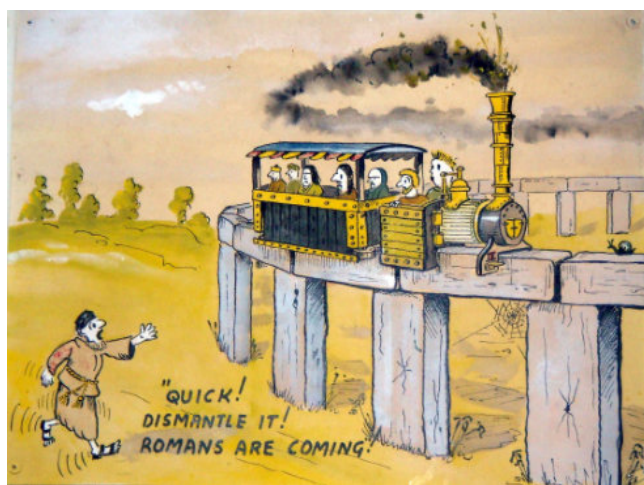
With the hot summer months we have those beautiful early mornings. Tuesday get together and enjoy our locomotives and consist, and visit with friends at the park. We have the same few steamers out playing trains. I have been reminisce to say I have not run a steam locomotive for several months. When the weather breaks I too will be out and play.

Hot August Nights, member run day will be Saturday, August 17th. Plan to bring your trains out for a fun time with members during the day and into the cool evening. Check this newsletter for the plans.

We have lost some key people out on Tuesday, Barbara and Gordon Moser have plans to relocate to Michigan and will no longer be out providing lunch. If one of you wish to step up we can still have a simple snack or hot dog lunch hour. Let's talk about it.

In any event stay out of this 100 plus weather that has decided to bless us in the afternoons and evenings. One good thing is the track is in the shade and if you go early, it's pretty comfortable.

See you about!



Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

The Board meets by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. Our next meeting is August 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m. In person at Rancho Cordova City Hall. To attend by ZOOM, contact Tom Nance, (714) 795-4630, for how to connect to ZOOM or Stephanie Huntingdale (916) 580-7377 for an Agenda.

Tom Nance contacted Mike Baker about 6 axle unit that he has for sale. Recommended not to purchase. Discussed purchasing a new locomotive and that the Dash 9 was purchased in 2018 and doesn't have a lot of hours on it. Tom Nance and Craig Griffin will research some new engines and report back to the Board

Previously Lil Blue was suggested to be a PR engine for display. They would welcome the engine at City Hall for 6-9 months. Temporally on hold. Chris Donhost and Tom looking into some other options to determine if it is feasible to pursue and the benefit to the club.

Steve Milward looking at August/September time line to install new turn outs and do road work. He will need volunteers.

Craig Griffin reported that the Santa Fe had truck replaced with pin. 8 axle bearings. Don Yungling refurbishing two trucks purchased Accucraft couplers and will install on new ride car.

Signal lights on north end from Hillview to Snow shed are not working. Alan Shifley will repair.

Rule Books – committee has not met.

Locomotive and Equipment sales suspended.

Pumpkin Event planning, October 5 & 6. Andy Birchielli has secured hot dog and Kona Ice for the event. Bounce House has been reserved. Pumpkins to be purchased in September. Tom Nance to handle scheduling of trains.

Fall Meet – Andy Birchielli will handle track assignments. No other plans at this time.

November Elections - Tom mentioned that VP, Treasurer, Track Master and Director at Large are open. Asked about the two current openings on the Board – Tom said they have not been filled.



We would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the members and friends from SVLS who came out and joined us at our going away party on Saturday July 20th. We never thought 37 years ago when we moved to California that we would get acquainted with the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers when we visited the California State Fair. We checked out the club in Rancho Cordova and fell in love, joining it the same day. We've made so many friends over the years (old and new) who have become family to us. SVLS became a second home for us, as we've spent many Tuesdays and weekends down there. Moving to Michigan wasn't an easy decision for us to make but we're looking forward to new adventures with our family and finding more trains to check out. We hope that SVLS continues to thrive and grow, bringing a welcoming environment to new members and old friends. We look forward to hearing updates from all of you and hope you stay in touch. You are always welcome to come visit us in Michigan and we'll be back to visit!



Gordon, Barbara, Paul & Lisa Moser

Watch the farewell video to honor Barbara and Gordon:
Video created by Chris Donhost.

[Click to Watch video.](#)



10 Years ago: Special thanks goes to Ken Willes who has donated his 0-4-0 steam engine to the club. This engine has made many trips around the track. Ken used the engine in the early days to do switching in the yard, and pulled many

passengers trains over the many years. He was always willing to give his time for pulling passenger trains to laying track or just about anything.



20 Years ago: Les and Casey Wilmunder siting on the float they put together for the parade to advertise the SVLS organization.



50 Years ago: The membership meeting for August will be held at Milon Thorley's Eldorado and Southern Railroad. A photo show is planned.

The Board of Directors will present the first reading of the proposed by-laws which will bring us in conformance with State corporation laws.



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.

2.08 Water Pumps and Injectors

All steam locomotives shall have at least two devices for transmitting water to the boiler. At least one of these devices shall be operable when the locomotive is not in motion.

3.15 Stopping

During heavy traffic no stopping on the mainline with exception for an emergency or signal. Any train that is stopped or fouling on the mainline must call out a flagman to protect to the rear with a red flag or light that may be clearly seen by a following engineer for a distance of at least 150 feet.

4.02 Requirement of Conductor

All trains hauling passengers shall have at least one qualified Conductor on the last car of the train, or facing backward on the rear seat of the Engineer car. It shall be their responsibility to protect the rear of the train and to assist the Engineer in the operation of the train. Each Conductor on duty shall have a whistle (police type) and a red flag or light on the train.



Have a neighbor or friend who has an interest in Live Steam /Trains? Bring them out, show them our fun, give them a ride and invite them to join.



locomotive is a complete set of castings including a brand new copper boiler. This was all purchased from Railroad Supply when it was owned by Chet Peterson. All the running gear castings have been machined and assembled on the frame, the locomotive is running on air. Twin cross head pumps, original blued sheet metal lagging for boiler. Comes with a complete Railroad supply fiberglas tender tank including frame, trucks etc. All of the drawings are included. The boiler is a copper boiler, never installed to frame as supplied by Railroad Supply and has the original shipping crate. \$6950.00.

**Locomotives are in Gardnerville NV.
Contact Ken Schroeder 775-265-3632
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