



President's Report

By Steve Milward

Greetings to all, 2024 is behind us, and we're looking forward to a productive and enjoyable 2025!

Our New Years Day run and pot luck was a grand success. Lots of members, family and friends enjoyed a chance to relax and have fun. As always, thanks to those folks who stepped up to set up, serve, and clean afterwards. You're the ones that made it work. At these types of events, we really need everybody to pitch in. Please don't stand back and wait for someone else to do it, as little help goes a long way.

Stephanie and Phil Huntingdale have been coordinating some very productive mid-week work days for some time. To allow for better attendance, these have been rescheduled to Wednesday. Come out and enjoy the comradery.

Our first weekend work days have been very productive. Leaves were raked, blown and discarded (there's plenty more...), a dead tree and dead limbs removed, and weed whacking. Stephanie and Stacy tackled organizing the decorations and other items in containers 1 and 2. In addition, work on the Lower Yard track renewal continues in earnest. Two turnouts were rebuilt, and some of old track panels were rebuilt. As always, there's a lot to do to maintain and improve our railroad. Some of these aren't really exciting or glamorous tasks, but they need to be done. Come on out and be a part of it.

One thing that comes to mind - With Barbara and Gordon having migrated to sunny Michigan, folks are getting a real sense of how much they did for SVLS. Gordon never lacked for the many little chores that he was quite happy to accomplish, and now we're without Barbara to keep us happy and fed. That said, we're looking for folks who might be willing to work an occasional day here and there in the caboose, particularly on members work days. This will become far more important as our Spring Meet approaches in May. Please let me know if this is something you might be able to help with.

So, off my soapbox. We hope to see you at our railroad soon and often!

TEAMWORK



Track Department

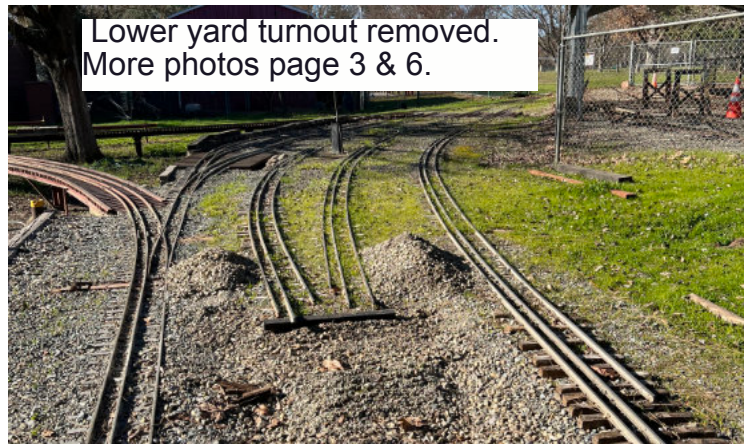
by Jeff Burke

Greetings members, The track department has made good progress replacing ties underneath the two switches in Lower yard that are being relocated. We replaced the ties while the turnout was in the ground so we wouldn't disrupt the geometry too much. Big thanks to Kevin

Sach for finishing up the screws in the curved turnout after the outside rail started floating too much on day one. After that, the turnouts were lifted and brought to their new locations for a test fit. A few of the regular track panels have been lifted out and had their ties replaced already but we still have many more to go. Please come out and help replace ties, shovel ballast or help with any other task that our railroad needs. The railroad continues to succeed with your support.

Traditionally our members work day is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, and we will continue to hold it on that day but, I would like to try utilizing our email system to remind members that we are having a work day or to announce any non-newsletter scheduled work time.

We tried sending out an email last month but might have gotten it out too late for anyone that wasn't not already coming to change their plans. Other members also reported that the email went to their spam folder. It would be a good idea to check that any SVLSRM email is on your safe sender list. If you think your email on file with us out of date, please contact us with your new one.



SVLSRM Calendar

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

Feb. 5 Member work day - Winter Projects

Feb. 10 Board meeting

Feb. 12 Club work day - Winter Projects

Feb. 15 Club work day - Winter Projects

Feb. 19 Club work day - Winter Projects

Feb. 26 Club work day - Winter Projects

Mar. 1 Public run day

Mar. 2 Public run day

Mar. 5 Club Work day

Mar. 10 Board meeting

Mar. 12 Club Work day

Mar. 15 Club Work day

Mar. 16 Member Run Day

Mar. 19 Club Work day

Mar. 26 Club Work day

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



See www.svlstrm.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@svlstrm.org.

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

MEMBERSHIP

by Stacy Reese

RENEW membership on-line:

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



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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

Secretary Report

By: Robert Ress

Summary of January 13, 2025, Board Meeting

President reported that we had a good Santa Train event this year.

Vice President reported that the Memorial changes had been paid for, and the new stones should be in place this month.

The winter's track work is progressing. Two switches have been relocated. Now we need to reconnect the track and tamp up the track.

The tow behind vacuum has been damaged. Ordering a repair part was approved by the Board.

Alison will be working in the library during February.

The next board meeting will be February 10th at 6:30 via Zoom. Contact the Secretary for an agenda and Zoom information.



SVLSRM Calendar Contest

Now that the club no longer has Gordon Moser providing the caboose with a yearly train calendar, I thought it might be fun to have a calendar featuring locomotives run on club track. I am asking you to send me your best shot(s) to alibearry@yahoo.com. Multiple entries are encouraged. Please give me some description of the locomotive, date or event, and who is in the picture. It would be nice to have October feature the Pumpkin Train with December featuring the Santa Train. I should have asked for this in December but still can pull something together pretty quickly. I hope to make this an annual project.

Please let me know if you have any interest in purchasing one for yourself.

Thanks, Alison Berry



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

We have had some beautiful cool mornings with days warming mild, and dry. A few steam and electric locomotives were running. The steam exhausting from the stacks is impressive on those brisk mornings, so enjoy! We need to reset the schedule for the group to attend if necessary. Remember, human contact with fellow railroad enthusiasts down at the park is great therapy from the virtual world we live in.

During the month Craig and Rich removed the dead pine in the middle of the layout, with some minor collateral damage to the table. I will attempt to repair the two fragments that were broken loose. If any switches or track is acting up with your equipment, please advise. Also, we need to clean the table and remove some of the oil residue. We'll coordinate that for a later date.

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.

The Senior Railcare is meeting at the club on Wednesday's, if that's a better day for you. Also, you can come help them with various projects, they would appreciate the help. This applies to all club members.

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



Yard switch with new ties



10 Years ago:

Thanks to others working on this trestle and twin bridges trestle including Steve Milward, Steve Perry, Butch Floyd, Paul Skidmore, Bill Floyd, Dave Bardwell, Gordon and Barbara Moser, Bill Yoder, Don and Toy Yungling, Andy Bechielli, Marty Carapiet, Kerry Wilson, Jeff White, Richard Lutrel, Ken and Douglas Van Camp, Keith Berry, Kevin and Andy Sach, Rob Sharratt, Jim & Peter Welch, Dennis Bowie and Family, and several unnamed volunteers.

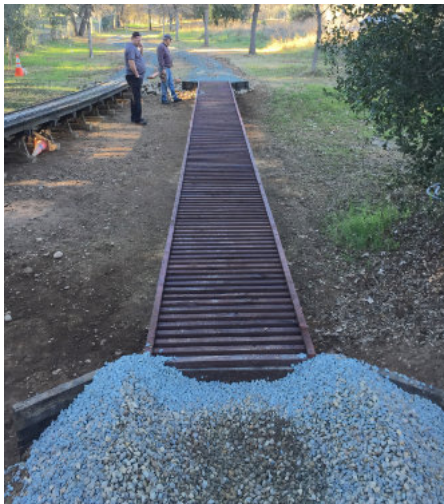
Thanks to all listed and special thanks to those I forgot to list.

It needs to be noted that Andy Berchielli and Dennis Bowie have, and are working many of hours on these projects. I thank them for their dedication to the club.

From President Bill Yoder.



The new replacement for inbound Oasis trestle. It is now ready for placing rail on the deck



20 Years ago: Those of you who missed the January meeting, missed out on one of the best meetings in recent memory. Ken Yeo spoke on the Nevada County Narrow Gauge ARCHIVE Railroad and showed many historical slides. The presentation was so complete and the pictures were so interesting, I think this is the best meeting I, personally, have ever attended. Plans are underway to have a special guest at more of our monthly membership meetings. Watch for the announcements. This month, Milon Thorley will give a presentation on his trip to Eastern Live Steam groups. Come on out to see the pictures and comments. Based on past presentations, I sure we will get new ideas for our operations and our equipment.

30 Years ago: Some trees blew down during the rainstorms. At one point the new area was so flooded that only the track could be seen in a lake of water. John Bailie is working on the project of adding additional steaming bays which should be completed by the Spring Meet. The steam engine is out of commission until the water glass problem is resolved. Bob Lovell has donated a riding lawn mower to the Club

40 Years ago: Progress at last! Last month we finally got the gates built and the fence moved. This month's Work Day we hope to start cutting and welding the frame members for our "Maintenance Equipment Building". With any luck at all, the building will be completed, the remaining scrap metal hauled off and both the Roundhouse and the Maintenance Equipment Building will be painted by early Spring. These basic goals will only be attainable with your help, so when the Work Day comes around, please respond by giving us a few hours and the job will be easier for all of us.

50 Years ago: At the last meeting of the Board of directors, a slate of current priorities was established. First on the list was the objective of completing the new siding. We are well on the way to accomplishment of this item, since one switch and two thirds of the track are installed. Second, the Board listed a station building as the next construction project. Included as part of this item will be the platform and water line. Third was the maintenance project of moving the miscellaneous supplies and junk from the front of the steaming area and general clean-up.

We'll let you know when a work crew is being set up. If we all pitch in, we will soon be adding to our enjoyment of our facility.

Wednesday Senior Railcare

The Wednesday Senior Railcare spent the better part of today raking leaves around Oasis, caboose to steaming bays, and area from containers to track. Keith and Gloria Berry, Rich Corbell, Mike Skums, Stephanie and Phil Huntingdale. Many more volunteers are needed for leaf raking.

Keith, couldn't spray and the steaming bays need to have someone weed eater the growth. See photos. If it can be cut down to about 6 inches, he can spray and hopefully slow/stop growth this spring. We have dry weather for the next 10-14 days.

Next Wednesday, Keith, Rich and Mike are going to paint the addition of cover for the Santa Train. Rustolium Brown. The straps that are on the addition will have to be removed. We plan to put them in a well marked box for storage in Container One. Shouldn't take long and then they will continue picking up branches, raking leaves or spraying the steaming bays if the grass has been cut.

Thank you to a great group of volunteers!
Stephanie



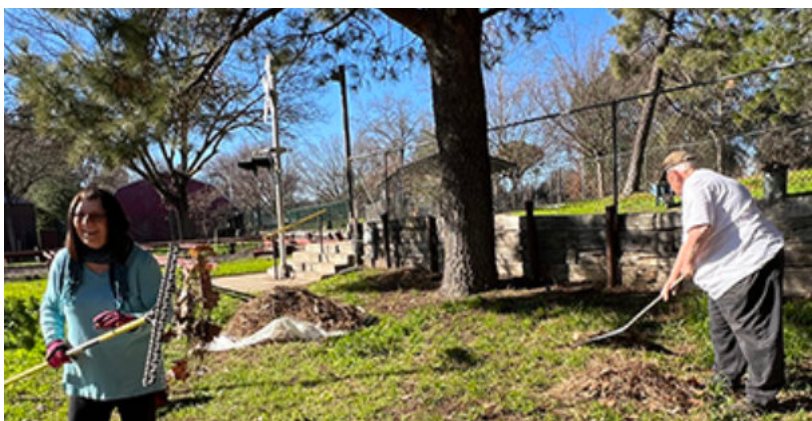
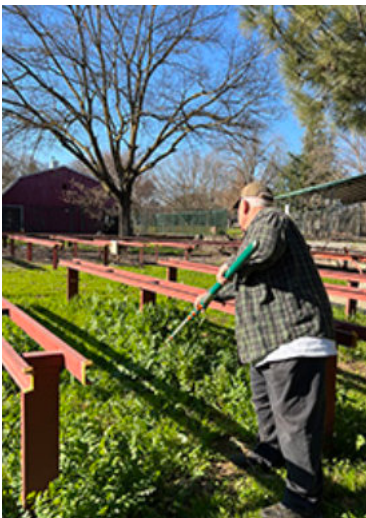
The consist in this photo should look oddly familiar to club members.

Western Pacific GP7, #705, currently on display at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum, pulls a boxcar and caboose over the Tule Canal near Woodland, CA.

The consist matches our storage boxcar and Barbara's Kitchen caboose. However, a closer look reveals that the road numbers do not match. Our placement of the boxcar and caboose just proves there is a prototype for everything.



Join us on Wednesday work days. Help is always needed.





Lower yard switch with new ties



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

3.19 Bad Order Cards

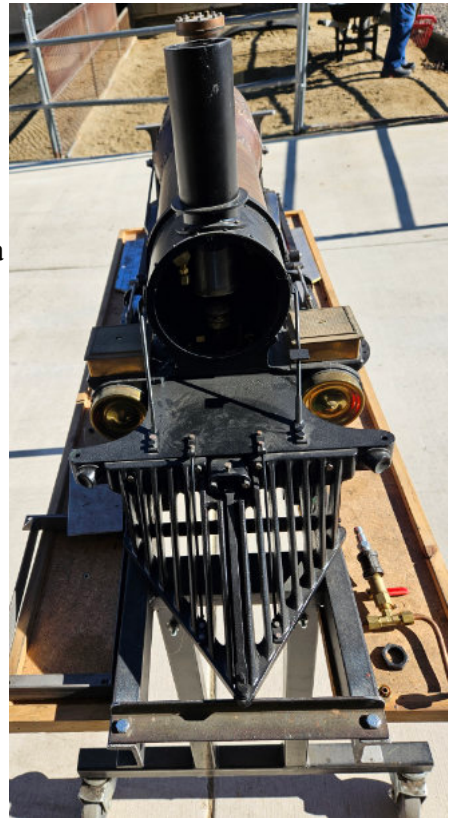
Equipment that is taken out of service shall be tagged for cause. Tagged equipment must not be operated or coupled to any engines or cars except for repairs or corrections. The bad order card shall not be removed until repair is fixed.

4.04 Responsibilities of Stationmaster

The Stationmaster will have complete charge of the Station. The Stationmaster shall have a whistle (police type), red flag, and flashlight in their possession at all times while acting as a Stationmaster. They shall supervise the loading and unloading of all passengers at the passenger station. They shall discreetly refuse passage to passengers who obviously cannot fit or sit safely on a passenger hauling car. They shall make certain that all passengers have been advised and understand the safety instructions before the train leaves the station. They shall work in close cooperation with other operating personnel to keep passenger-hauling trains moving without causing congestion on the mainline.



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