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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Once again we embark on another year with its promises, opportunities, goals, resolutions and expectations. Will there be negatives among these positives? Sure there will be some, but we can do a lot to avoid these with our actions. Keep a positive outlook and do our best to work toward things that will improve our overall situation. If the Board can help with any suggestion you have for the betterment of SVLSRM, please let us know your idea. We want to be responsive to the membership.

Personally, I believe in the days to come we can attain goals and improvements to make the SVLSRM the premier live steam organization both for what it offers its members and what it offers to the public who makes it possible for us to be in the park.

For now, we wish you a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR and one with many live steam and personal successes.

DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

The December pot luck dinner meeting was well attended and the food brought by attendees was great. Left over ham was put into New Years Day plans for two kinds of soup and even sandwiches. Show and tell at the meeting added to the program and made the event even more successful. Two rail cars, a brake compressor system, two stationary engines (one under construction and one complete), a small steam tractor, and a small lathe were presented. If you missed the dinner meeting, you missed some fun

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The Santa Run Raffle winners were: Nancy, LeRoy Bailey and Son from Auburn, CA.



Left: Santa & Mrs. Claus (Joel Corbin & Barbara Moser) were key players for the success for the Santa Train on Dec. 3rd and 4th.

Below: Milon used his new steam engine to pull the kids to see Santa.



CALENDAR

- Jan 1 New Year's day run 10 AM and pot luck lunch
Bring your train and have a fun day.
- Jan 6 Board meeting 7:00 PM
- Jan 20 General meeting - Park building 7:30 PM
- Jan 21 Work day
- Jan 23 News letter deadline

- Feb 3 Board meeting 7:00 PM
- Feb 17 General meeting - Park building 7:30 PM
- Feb 18 Work Day
- Feb 20 News letter deadline

2006 public run day calendar available on-line.

Don't forget about work days, every Tuesday and Saturday after meeting. Contact a committee member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM web site (www.svls.org). There are always things to be done to support SVLS.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svls.org for current information on SVLSRM activities. Also visit Matt's on-line diesel discussion group. www.groups.yahoo.com.

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MEMBERSHIP

Amy Lutrel

It's that time of year again, **RENEWAL** !!! Time to get them in. I am asking everyone to please fill out the entire Form and send it in. I along with SVLSRM I am trying to update all information, and would like to make sure I have every-ones info correct. I will only be using the 2006 forms to update, so please take the time to fill them out. Thank you so much for the time !!

Also, for the new year coming I am asking all of you if you know someone looking for a new hobby, or run into an old friend tell them about SVLSRM. We are always welcoming new members.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jon and Liz Grabowski and children Micah and Alex

On another note, I want to say Merry Christmas to everyone and I wish you all the best for the New Year to come.



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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM



John who painted the Santa background with son and Santa. The backdrops really made Santa's workshop look GREAT!



Milon Thorley showed a working brake system (Tom Bee's) that uses an air pump from a GM auto where the pump was for air load levelers.

The pump works great giving 80 pounds of pressure.



The dinner line at our December pot luck. GOOD FOOD there was.

This is a new combo car. But really two.

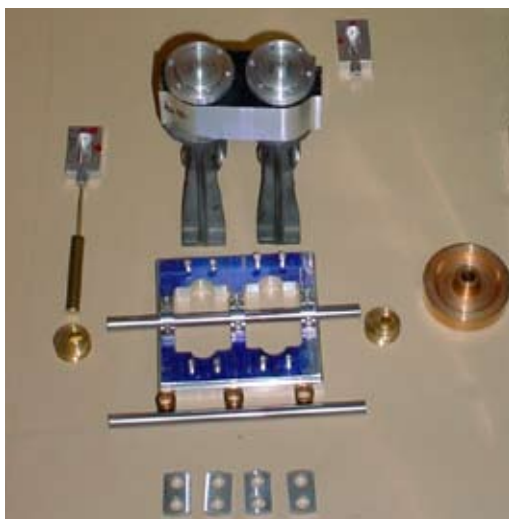
A wooden box car being built by the Taylors sits inside a bulk head flat car that was put together by Keith Berry.



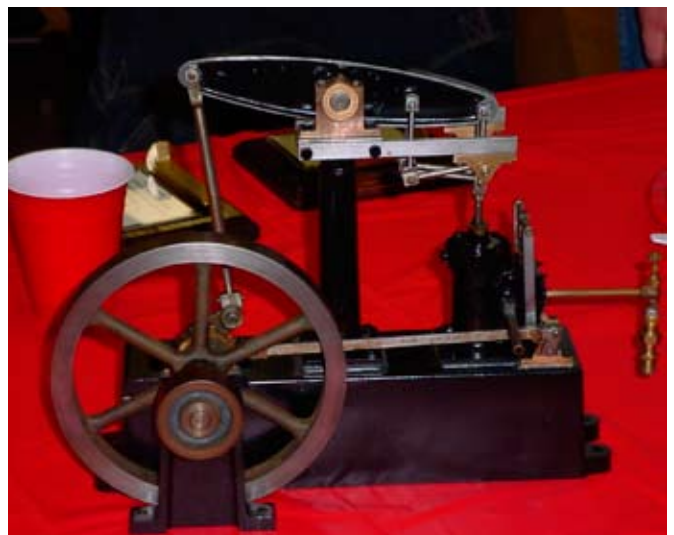
Casey Wilmunder had his small steam tractor steamed up for all to see.



Ross Crawford made this tool to clean the inside of your engine by inserting it through a fitting which then allows you to rotate the nozzle.



Jerry Thomas showed his progress on a small stationary two cylinder steam engine.



Red Hadler now has a "Walking Beam" engine that he showed. Engine came from Al Shelly and after some clean up it runs on air just fine.



10 Years ago: "Happy 1976" It was bright and sunny through the morning and all afternoon on New Year's day as plumes of steam and puffs of smoke drifted in the brisk air over the SLVS roadbed. Joel Corbin, Roy Motz, Rallph McChesney, Milon Thorley, Don Yungling, Austin and Mary Knoff, Paul Quiring and Curt Janssen all had engines running and the beaming faces of Al Shelley and Earl McKenzie as their new, as yet unfinished locos, chuffed around the track were almost as bright as the sun. We missed Ken

Spicer's engine, which is undergoing repairs, but were delighted to see Ken looking so well after his recent accident. Others present were Ken Yeo, Larry Badger, Larry Edwards, Lori and Dick Esselbach, Barry and Marge Garland, Dick Quiring, Don Sprenger, Ed and Louise Yungling. Hope we didn't miss anybody. It was a fun day and an altogether successful meet. Ed Yungling is giving Ken's engine a "class C" overhaul -- New axles, Main bearings, installation of driver brake rigging and conversion to oil fuel plus whatever else is necessary.

20 Years ago:

"From the CAB" January 7th the first board meeting of the new year and the new Board was held. It was decided to start a tie renewal program. The back strip between the yard limits of Hagan and the siding, The Pines, hasn't been touched since the track was laid in 1972.

The Board discussed the location of where the box car and caboose is to be located in our compound. There was considerable confusion as to the location that was picked, so a meeting at the Park was scheduled for Sunday, January 12th at 11 a.m.

We would like the membership to start thinking about a track plan for our new land acquisition. Think about it, but keep your ideas to yourself! BECAUSE we are going to have a contest!!
-- Alan Shelley, President

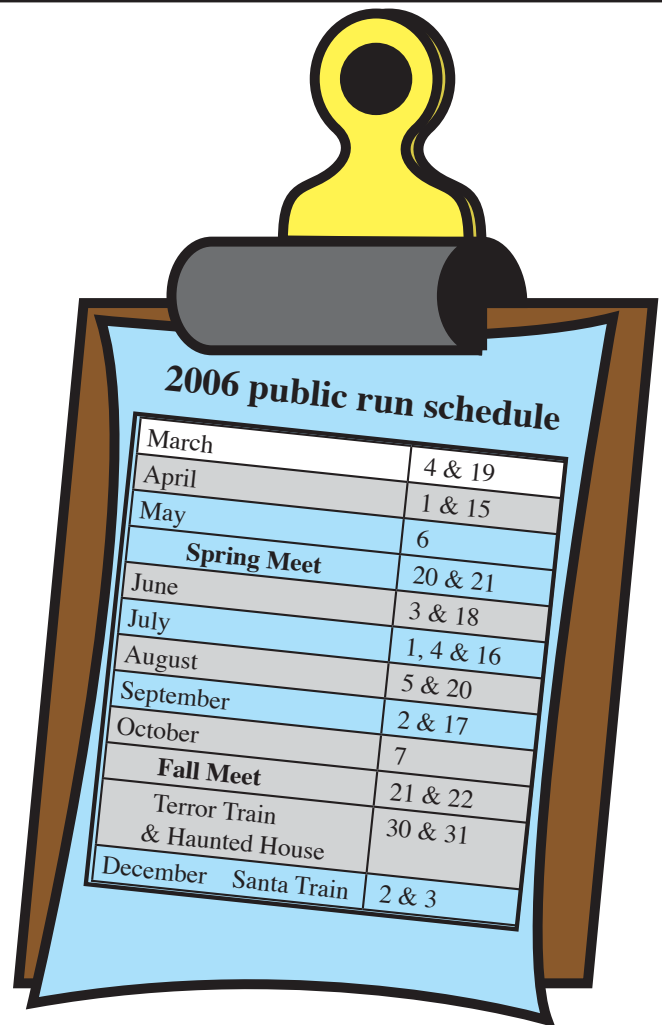
30 Years ago:

As we look toward the new year, our thoughts turn to New Year's Resolutions. As you reflect on my long list below, I hope you will think of SVLS resolutions that may interest you in 1996.

First: on my list is more trains. One can never have too many trains. Do we as a club have enough engines and rolling stock?
Second: more train trips. Where would you like to go? Bitter Creek and Western was great. And how about Train Mountain, one of my most favorite places in the world.

Third: more money for trains. Do we need to make more money as a club, or are we in good shape for our wish list?

Fourth: more train projects. What would you like to do? Paint the roundhouse, paint the picnic tables, plant flowers, or install landscaping? Would you like to build a town or make a bridge? Tell me your interests, I want to know them all. Lets have a great '96 together. I's, happy to be on the Fire Side of the Cab.
Annette Long, Vice President



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1116. Anyone consuming any alcoholic beverages, including beer, or use of any illegal drugs or narcotics of any kind shall be requested to cease. If they refuse, they will be asked to leave the club facility.

229. Chains will be installed between any riding car on which the Engineer is riding separate from his locomotive. Chains will also be installed between any fuel cars and the locomotive which it supplies. Chains will be installed on all cars carrying the general public.

303. All Trainmen and engineers must be able to demonstrate thorough knowledge of basic rules of safe operation to the satisfaction of the Trainmaster or his designated alternate and in addition all engineers shall be thoroughly briefed on the individual engines they are to operate.

403. Dummy or solid type couplers shall be constructed so they operate with the standard working knuckle coupler. Coupler height shall conform to I.B.L.S. standards.

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with your friends. Be sure to attend each time so you are not left out of the fellowship.

Also, at our December Meeting, I presented awards to those folks whom I perceived had the positive attitude mentioned above. They expressed it by their actions over the past two years (my first term as President). There were thirty six plaques awarded to members who rose to the various occasions and the SVLSRM was a success as a result. Once again, in this article, I thank them and list them for you to see. As I start another two year term as President, I hope to see your name added to this list if not there already.



Thanks and a plaque went to:

George Altstatt, Keith Berry, Paul Clifton, Ross Crawford, Dale Dennis, Marilyn Drewes, Bill Floyd, Butch Floyd, Dale Fowler, Lorra Fowler, Lee Frechette, Jack Friedman, Clio Geyer, Vern Geyer, Darrell Gomes, Red Hadler, Dale King, Robert Kownacki, David Lubliner, Amy Lutrel, Richard Lutrel, Karle Mahler, Dave Mattox, Barbara Moser, Gordon Moser, Linda Nance, Thomas Nance, Kevin & Anne Sach, Paul Skidmore, Bill Son, Milon Thorley, Jason van Horn, Ken, Nadine & Terry Willes, Cindy Wilmunder, Les Wilmunder, and Bill Yoder.



A special **GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD** was given to two people who were responsible in many ways for the continued operation of SVLSRM and always took on many different tasks. These awards went to:

LOIS CLIFTON and PETE ARNEY

SANTA RUN 2005

Thanks to all who helped with the Santa Run. Pictures are appearing in this issue of the very successful event, arranged by Lois Clifton. Participants included, Clio Geyer, Vern Geyer, Kevin Sach, Anne Sach, Marilyn Drewes, Cindy Wilmunder, Les Wilmunder, Darrell Gomes, Mary Mahler, and Dennis Gramith. Paul Clifton was not feeling well enough to don the Santa suit so yours truly did the job with my real gut and store bought whiskers. Thanks too to Barbara Moser (Mrs. Claus) who did an excellent job with the kids and the candy canes.



This annual event is becoming very popular with the folks in the area and attendance improves each time. Photos of kids with Santa were provided for a nominal charge and with the goodies, hot chocolate and spiced apple juice, the activity was enjoyed by all who came.

TREE TRIMMING AND PLANTING AT THE PARK

Pete Arney, Lee Frechette and I met with a representative from the Tree Foundation and were given a hands on explanation on how to trim young trees. Many trees were planted last year and it was time to do their first pruning. We made the rounds and those trees are in better condition now. Next year, we will have phase two of the trimming process.

Since some of the trees died, replacements were provided and were planted by Pete Arney, Richard Lutrel and Vern Geyer. The cooperation with the Tree Foundation has been great and our facility will show the benefit as these grow. Thanks to all who helped in the overall tree project.

WHAT'S NEXT

Our next train running activity is scheduled for the first Saturday in March. We have about two months off due to weather. We do not plan to be idle, however. Plans are in the works to keep the grounds maintained, sprinkler plumbing to be installed, rolling stock to be gone over, and track work to be completed. Look at the website for the list of tasks or call Pete Arney for more information.

Again, best wishes for the New Year, and I'll see you at the track.

for sale



Shay: \$14,000
 1985-1988 1-1/2" scale Design based on Kozo Hiraoka's "Building The Shay"; see Live Steam February, 1989. Coal fired Primary construction material = brass
 Cylinders = steel Pistons = phosphor bronze
 Connecting rods= s. steel w/ p. bronze inserts
 Piston rods, valve rods, eccentric straps = s. steel
 Boiler = steel w/ s. steel tubes & jacketing; tested at construction to 350psi



Engine water = steam injector, simplex-duplex pump, Worthington pump (dual function), axle pump, hand pump in engine tank
 Fire pump water = Worthington pump (dual function), hose, reel
 Steam oil, engine = axle pump
 Dimensions:
 Engine length = 5'-3" ; 3rd truck car = 1'-10"; total = 7'-1" coupler to coupler
 Engine width @ cab = 1'-8"; @ pilot = 1'-2"; 3rd truck car width = 1'-3"
 Engine height @ cab = 1'-8"; @ stack = 1'-10"; @ whistle = 2'-0";
 3rd truck car = 1'-4" Engine weight = 800#, est.

The Shay and the Steam Roller are on sale from Henry Stefani family and Joel Corbin and Pete Arney are helping the family sell these steam engines. Henry has moved to Southern California.



For sale: 1" scale, 4 3/4 gauge live steam 4-6-2 southern pacific p-4 class locomotive. Diesel fired. Will pull many adults and children. Complete with all blue-prints and spare parts. Ready to fire and current boiler certificate. Has the following:
 4-Chime whistle, super-heater, working feed-water pump, axle pump, tender mounted hand pump, working headlights and marker lights, steam generator, mechanical lubricator, atomizer, blower, steam operated cylinder cocks, steam brakes on loco & tender, prototypical firing valve, twin safety valves- 1 set at 110 lbs. And the other at 115 lbs. Copper boiler, super detailed and prototypical lettering & numbering. Will add all lubricants, display cart, auto carrier, and accessories. A must for the southern pacific rail fan! You should hear her bark! Great sounding exhaust! Asking price \$ 13,000.00 O.B.O. Contact: Shane Jackman- (209) 312-7525 or Keith Jackman- (530) 272-8531 located near sacramento, ca.
 E-mail me at sj_drummerboy1@yahoo.com



Roller: Early 1990's
 1-1/2" scale Design based on Bill Harris Live Steam articles March-October 1990
 Propane fired (tank and connecting hose not available)
 Dimensions:
 Length = 3'-4" Width = 1'-4"
 Height @ boiler = 1'-8"; @ stack = 2'-6" Weight = 80#, est.
 \$600

RAILROAD WORD PUZZLE

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Find the following words in the above matrix - vertical, horizontal, or diagonal.

Brakeman
 Caboose
 Chinese
 Conductor
 Coupler
 Cowcatcher
 Crocker
 Diesel
 Engineer
 Fireman
 Gandy
 Gauge
 Gondola
 Hobo
 Hopkins
 Huntington
 Lantern

Locomotive
 Omaha
 Porter
 Promontory
 Pullman
 Rail
 Reefer
 Roundhouse
 Sacramento
 Semaphore
 Sleeper
 Standford
 Tarriers
 Telegraph
 Turntable

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS RAILROAD MUSEUM
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND DUES INVOICE

To be filled out upon application for membership and/or membership renewal



NEW RENEWAL DATE: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: INDIVIDUAL
 FAMILY
 ASSOCIATE

Your Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Children living at home (names and birthdate):

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ (Spouse) _____

Occupation: _____

Operable live steam equipment or under construction:

Do you have track at home? Yes No Someday Gauge: _____

Special skills and ways you would like to help SVLS:

Affiliations with other railroads:

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ABOVE AND RETURN WITH YOUR DUES TO:

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS RAILROAD MUSEUM, INC
Attn: Membership
PO Box 273
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95741-0273

Make check payable to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc.
DUES RATE: REGULAR MEMBERSHIP (Individual or Family) is \$60.00 per year payable due on January 1.
ONE TIME INITIATION FEE: \$30.00 (In addition to the regular membership dues)
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: \$30.00 per year (NO initiation fee) Must live 100 miles or more from track or belong to a recognized live steam club. An associate member who moves into the 100 mile radius must convert to a regular membership by paying the \$30.00 initiation fee.
Membership is conditional for a period of six (6) months, at which time acceptance as a regular member will be voted upon by the general members at a regular meeting. In the event of a negative vote, the initiation fee and 1/2 of the yearly dues will be refunded.

Membership use:

Amount Paid: _____ Check _____ Cash _____

Name Badge Roster Rule Book Membership Card Car sticker Date completed: _____

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