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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

TRACK REARRANGEMENT AND VOTE OUTCOME

At the February General Membership meeting, a presentation was made by Pete Arney in line with his article in the supplemental newsletter. Covered was the track rearrangement in the station area, identified as FCR 20. This will allow for a better passenger loading system and for the future station building. Following the presentation there was a discussion and a vote was taken on this three year project. The membership approved the plan with only one dissenting vote.

This plan is a major step in track improvement and in planning for future plans of the Park Board. Working together with the Park people is a part of our program to continue with our mutually beneficial arrangement. Thanks to Pete Arney, Bill Yoder and others on the Master Planning Committee for their hard work.

NEW MEMBERS

A second vote was taken at the February Meeting and the following folks were approved for membership following their probationary period: John Carleton, Michael Collins, Richard Hintz, Leonard Houpt, Kenneth Huez, Darrell Gomes, Shane Jackson, Ali Mackani, Robert Shilling, David Simich, Jason Van Horn, Ernst Von Ibsch, and Bill Wissel.

HISTORY DAY

As I write this article, plans exist to do a special presentation at American River College during History Day on March 11. The SVLSRM is the only outside organization invited to do this during the

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February was a busy month for Special Events. We had two birthday parties and 2 school runs. We had the Cordova Unified School pre-school children for 2 days. We had the three year olds on one day and the four and five year olds the second. They were a lot of fun and seemed to enjoy their train ride very much. I would like to thank Butch Floyd, Bill Floyd and Bill Son for coming out and help run the February events. - Clio Geyer



Down with the old and in with the new: Vern and Darrell tearing down caboose deck cover on Tuesday workday while Richard, Amy, and Sarah Lutrel put in new trees.

CALENDAR

- Mar 3 Board meeting 7:00 PM
- Mar 17 General meeting - Park building 7:30 PM
- Mar 18 Work Day
- Mar 19 Public run day - Noon to 4 PM**
- Apr 1 Public run day - Noon to 4 PM**
- Apr 7 Board meeting 7:00 PM
- Apr 9 Sale and auction 9 to 1 at GGLS.
- Apr 15 Public run day - Noon to 4 PM**
- Apr 21 General meeting - Park building 7:30 PM
- Apr 22 Work Day

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?



Got a project you would like to show off that is too big to bring to the meeting for show and tell. Then give the editor a call/e-mail and we'll take pictures for a feature.



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

The New year has started and its looking great as far as membership goes... However if you have been busy and have forgotten to renew for 2006 then check the address label it shows the last year of your paid dues. If this shows a year before 2006 then you owe your dues. **Please send in your renewal ASAP to continue your membership and receiving the News Letter.**

The format of the renewal forms has slight changes regarding how you receive your News Letter. If you would no longer like to received your news letter Via Snail mail, and Would rather receive an e-mail to tell you there is a new issue of the News Letter instead so you can read it on-line. **Please contact me so the change can be noted.**

The 2006 Membership Cards will be coming out soon, I apologies for the time delay, Part of the input of the new data base includes Membership cards.

2006 New Members - Philip & Ellen Sanchez

Welcome I look forward to see you at the track as do I for all members!



The April 9 meeting of Golden Gate Live Steamers will be centered around a disposal sale and auction, and we would like to invite SVLSRM to join us on that day at our track site at Tilden park. Items for sale may be on the outside tables, or from your vehicle, marked with a price and the name of the owner so buyers can locate you. Items may also be auctioned inside. Hours will be from 9:00 until 1:00. (Call Joel Corbin for more detail)

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

FIRST RUN DAY OF 2006

by Clio Geyer

Saturday, March 4 was the first Run Day of 2006. The weather was very “iffy”, but we had a great turn out at the passenger station. At last count we had 307 people ride our trains Saturday. Pretty good for a cool and windy day.

There was quite a turn out of members as well: Les & Cindy Wilmunder, Paul & Lois Clifton, Vern & Clio Geyer, Keith Berry, Bill Son, Dave Mattox, Dale King, Matt & Vanessa Mason, Butch Floyd, Milon Thorley, Kevin & Anne Sach, Matt Hall, Joel Corbin, Pete Arney, Marilyn Drewes, Ross Crawford, and John Carleton, If I missed any body, Sorry.

Kevin Sach and Matt Hall worked to get the new steps for the caboose in place. Matt came down the hill with the bed of his truck full of snow. By the time Casey Wilmunder, Andrew Sach, Tiphani Sach and Rick Hall got through making snow balls and snow men there was very little left to take home.



Paul Clifton cleaning in the caboose after finding it left a mess by others. **Please keep the caboose clean!**



Don & Ruth Wise found we had a work day from our web site and came out to help. Thanks Don & Ruth !

YARDMASTER REPORT

by Vern Geyer

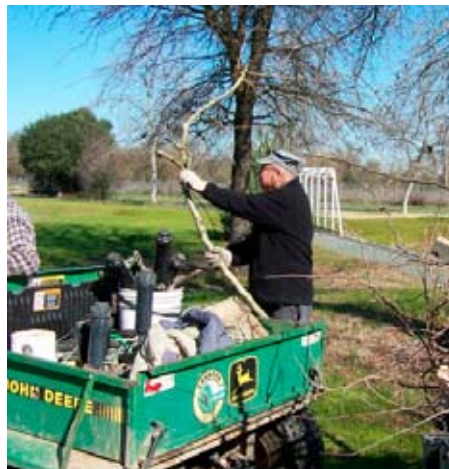
I would like to thank Darrell Gomes for coming out every Tuesday to see what needed to be done and taking on any task no matter how difficult or boring. Paul Skidmore for coming out and doing the first heavy mowing with the big John Deere tractor. Rich and Amy Lutrel for coming out and digging the holes and planting six of the eight oak trees the park had donated to us. They also followed up and watered them after they were in the ground.



Without folks like these the areas around the track would not look as good as they do. We have also had the help almost every Saturday from the Sheriff’s crew. They have done a good job of raking all the leaves that didn’t get raked during the Fall and Winter months. They have also been helpful in hauling all the cuttings that were left from the tree pruning that the Sacramento Tree Foundation put on, as well as the debris from the trees that had to be removed because of disease or had died.

Spring is about to spring and that means there will be even more watering and mowing that will have to be done to keep up with the growing season and to keep everything in shape for any visitors that come our way. That includes the Spring Meet. If there are any of you that would like to come out either Tuesday or Saturday of each week and help out, it would be most appreciated.

Some of Tuesday’s work crew - while the sun was shining in February.



Jack Friedman cleaning up tree limbs.



Keith Berry killing the weeds.



Bob Kownacki getting our ice maker ready for the new season.



Paul Skidmore doing multiple tasks.

Thanks



Vice Presidents Report - by Pete Arney

Track Relocation Project

The track relocation project was outlined in the February 2006 - Extra edition of the Golden Spike. Essentially is a three-phase project that will install a bypass track to the lower yard, move the inbound approach to the lower yard further west, provide right-of-way and track to move the passenger station west of it's present location and replace the present aluminum rail with steel rail and plastic ties.

The Master Planning Committee submitted the plan to the SVLSRM board of directors on February 3rd and was approved. The plan was then submitted to the general membership for consideration on February 17 where it passed with near unanimous approval. The proposal is now in the hands of the Cordova Recreation and Park District for park approval.

Sacramento History Day

As a result of our exposure at the Eureka Admission Day event last September, SVLSRM has been asked to participate as an exhibitor at this year's Sacramento County History Day. This event will be held at American River College (ARC) on March 11.

For the past six months, students from local schools have created historical papers, exhibits, performances, and posters related to history themes. The student's efforts will culminate in the judging of their projects on Saturday, March 11. The students will present their projects to judges, wait for the judging to be completed, and then return for the results. During the wait period, about 400 students will be occupied in part by our exhibit of an operating steam locomotive and static displays of rolling stock and Ross Crawford's steam engine.

SVLSRM volunteers will set up about 100 feet of our portable track near where the judging will take place on the ARC campus. Engine #1973 will steam up and down the track while volunteers talk about the history of railroading.

Irrigation water line extension

As previously reported, a new 4-inch tap was provided off of the park's new irrigation pump for use by SVLSRM to augment the present 2-1/2 inch line now in place. This is the main feed for the entire high volume sprinkler lines used in the expansion area. The park is ready to install the line and valve to the demarc point. On March 3rd, the board of directors approved reallocating \$650 that was originally approved in August, 2005, for the purchase of a demarc valve to be applied to 4-inch plastic irrigation pipe instead. An additional \$200 was approved as well for a total of \$850 for the irrigation upgrade project.

SVLSRM and the park have tentatively scheduled Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25, weather permitting, to complete the initial installation of pipe from the pump, under the fence and boxcar yard tracks to the east side of the yard tracks. Volunteers are needed. Call Pete Arney if you would like to help out.

Plastic Ties

Last year, Kevin Sach donated a large number of pieces of 2" x 6" plastic lumber material. Recently, Darrell Gomes ripped the boards into 1-1/2" square lengths of tie stock. The tie stock, because of its longer lengths, can be used for switch tie replacement. Thanks to both for helping to maintain our track.



Pete Arney and Darrell Gomes (doing multiple jobs on work days) loading the gravel car after re-ballasting the ties. This is a never ending task that always needs good help to keep the track in good shape. Thanks !!!



In an effort to reduce our costs of producing and mailing the Golden Spike new letter those of you that use the internet we offer the option of receiving an E-mail notice to read (or download) from our web site which will be full color and not receiving the printed mailed version. Please notify membership that you choose this option.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

115. No one under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or illegal drugs of any kind shall be allowed to ride on any train.

202. All engines must be run at a safe speed and under complete control at all times. (Refer to Rule 229 for a definition of safe speed.)

311. The Stationmaster and all members of every train crew of any train hauling passengers shall ascertain that all passengers are told and understand the passenger safety rules before the train leaves the station, as set forth here:

- A. Remain seated facing forward at all time while the train is in motion.
- B. Remain seated on the train until it returns to the station.
- C. Do not lean out nor reach for anything along the right-of-way while the train is in motion.
- D. Keep hand and feet inside the car at all times while the train is in motion.
- E. Do not yell or scream while riding on the train, except in an emergency.
- F. Anyone disobeying these rules may be asked to leave the facility.

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event. Our invitation is as a result of our participation in the "Eureka Days" event, in downtown Sacramento, several months ago. Students are preparing research essays and reports about many historical topics for presentation during the day and we will be asked to speak with them during breaks. Once again, I am proud to say we are continuing with our involvement in community affairs to secure our position as a recognized railroad history and operation entity in the area.

SPRINKLER INSTALLATION

The Board has been working with Park staff concerning a tie in with their new well installation so our area can be fully sprinklered. Pete Arney and I met with Park leadership several weeks ago and as a result, the Park will install a 4" valve that we can attach to for this purpose. The work is on the schedule now and as you read this, we hope the work has started on our portion of the installation which will involve underground pipe inside the fence, running north/south. With trees planted by the Sacramento Tree Foundation, we hope to provide adequate water to them without Vern Geyer and others having to drag heavy hoses all over the place. We already have an automatic control mechanism to use in controlling the system so things are progressing very well.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Safety Committee has been reorganized and is more formal in nature. Keith Berry was appointed chairman and he has begun to run with this new responsibility. One meeting has been held with members he suggested and were appointed. Our first seasonal public run day on March 4th started with a safety orientation and the review of our rules and whistle signals. This type of meeting will take place at every run day and meet, Keith advises. Be sure to review the rules and comply. Keith advises he will uphold those rules, boiler checks included. Remember to run at a safe speed.

BITS AND PIECES

You may have experienced some problems in using the phone at the track. The line has been out of service for a number of weeks due to SBC problems. It is now working.

The 2005 audit and the 2006 budgets are in the works. There has been some delay due to the use of a new computer. There will be more to come on these issues.

A new membership card was approved at the Board meeting and you will be receiving yours soon per Amy Lutrel, Membership Chairperson.

Approval of our station canopy is still pending with the park staff.



Annual Maintenance of GP40 Trucks.

From Ross Crawford 916-718-4162

Some of you may remember that a couple of years ago Milton and I completely rebuilt the GP40. My part was to rebuild the trucks. I re-machined the truck frames and converted to steel journals and needle bearings with side bearings.

The needle bearings require a couple of cc's of oil and the gearboxes need 2 shots of lithium grease annually. The bearings require partial disassembly to add oil and it would be nice to have another interested member to learn this procedure. If you are interested please call me and I will show you how.

The Museum has (8) Clyde Johnson trucks frames that need rebuilding and also some wheel-sets. They need new journals and bearings and wheel turning. These are worth \$100 per pair as is where is. I rebuilt (6) of these a couple of years ago and will be glad to show you how to do it. When rebuilt these trucks would be commercial grade and worth \$400 a pair.



10 Years ago: The long requested RV electrical service will soon become a reality. What has become the battle of extension cords will phase into a easily accessed, protected source of reliable power. For those attending the Spring and Fall Meets, the only dilemma will be that the established locations will be on a first to arrive basis. The project team is being led by the ever dedicated and faithful Mr. Amadus Drewes, under the consultancy of Mrs. Drewes. Amadus has received broad authority to proceed. Chuck Miller,

Park Maintenance Director, has reviewed the concept and has approved the installation. Initial expense will be covered by the generous project donation from Art and Gen Crisp of Chiloquin, OR. Thank you Crisps!

20 Years ago: CELEBRITIES OF THE MONTH (That is in addition to the 4449). Once again our very own Don Yungling made the TV News on channel 10. Don was seen being interviewed in connection with the "Daylight" 4449 as she arrived in town late at night. As you may remember it was just a few months ago Don and nephew, Scott were seen unloading his engine at Tehachapi on one of our local TV stations. If you ask him nicely, I'm sure Don will gladly give you his autograph!

30 Years ago: "PUFFS OF SMOKE" At the March meeting, Mary Knopp volunteered to look into the purchase of fencing for the steaming bays. She not only got prices, but 163 feet of good used fence (about half of the total needed) for \$50.00 and a lot of hard work. It had to be removed immediately so she and husband, Austin pulled the fence and posts with their jeep, rolled it, took it home where off spring, Linda and Brian, pulled bushels of ivy out of the mesh. Estimated cost of n fence was many times that, so three cheers or TOOT-TOOT-TOOT for Austin, Mary, Linda and Brian Knopp for their hard work and shrewd buying on behalf of SVLS.

for sale



Shay: \$14,000 (obo)
 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.

Live Steam Magziene for sale from 1969 to 2004. Call June Riddle at 916-361-7905.

These trains show above and below are on sale from Henry Stefani family and Joel Corbin and Pete Arney are helping the family sell this steam engine. 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



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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.

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