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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

December Activities

Remember, our annual **December membership meeting is a pot luck dinner** and fun for all of us. On **Friday, December 15, 2006**, bring a dish and come out to our usual park building meeting place. We will start at 6:30 PM and will go until our conversations are over. **Remember, bring a show and tell item!** Do not be concerned if it is not a railroad item, just bring something to demonstrate what you have been doing or what may be of interest to everyone. If you have something under construction, bring it. Just finished, bring it. Just started, bring it. An interesting antique, bring it. Old photos, bring them. Etc., etc.

As you receive this newsletter, on the first weekend in December, we will have our annual **Santa run**. Kids will ride the train to see Santa, have a photo made with him, get refreshments, and then ride the train back to the start. This is our fourth time for this event which is enjoyed by all. Lois Clifton is the coordinator and is organizing the helpers. A lawn decoration is being raffled off too!

Election

The votes have been tabulated and the unopposed candidates were elected. Elected were Pete Arney as Vice President, Lois Clifton as Treasurer, Darrell Gomes as Track Superintendent, and Richard Lutrel as Yardmaster. They will join other Directors, Secretary Keith Berry and President Joel Corbin. Since Richard Lutrel was Trainmaster (Appointed to fill Dave Mattox's remaining term), this position is vacant as of January 1, 2007

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We will need lots of goodies (candy canes for Santa to give out to the children) cookies and etc. We will be serving hot chocolate, hot apple cider along with the cookies. Kevin and Anne Sach will be taking pictures with Santa. We will be charging \$7.00 a picture. Clio and I will have our printers there so we can print the pictures. The pictures are 4X6 and will come with a little card holder.



Lunch will be served on Friday for everyone who comes out to help. Saturday morning we will have a brunch with waffles, eggs, bacon, etc. Donated by the Santa and Lois.

We will have our Santa Raffle, \$1.00 a ticket. We will pick the winner at 4:00 on Sunday and you don't need to be present. The prize is a large blowup Santa that is driving the train and he is pulling a car that has a merry-go-round.

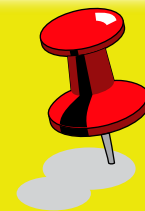
If you have any question or suggestion please give me a call at (916) 722-8514 or my e-mail address is loismjune1@surewest.net. Looking forward to seeing you at SVLSRM Santa Village. Oh yes can't forget Barbara Moser will be Mrs. Clause, Marilyn Drews is going to let us use her train again this year.



We had our first Trainmen Auxiliary Meeting Nov. 18th and it was a big hit. I'd Like to thank Joel Corbin for taking the kids around the track and teaching them a lot about our railroad. I'd also like to thank Jason Van Horn for bring some of his steam train parts and sharing. The kids really enjoyed it and are looking forward to the next meeting on Dec. 16th @ 12pm, not to mention they have already learned a lot. If you have a youth that loves trains please bring them out, we would love to have them! Lets not let all the knowledge go to waste, if you would like to help out please contact me.

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**DUES ARE DUE
JAN 1, 2007**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID
THEN YOU SHOULD
FINE A RENEWAL FORM
ENCLOSED TO VERIFY
AND SEND BACK WITH
YOUR DUES.**

THANKS

CALENDAR

Dec 1 Board meeting - 7:00 PM Park building
 Dec 2 & 3 Santa Train - Photo with Santa
 Dec 15 Christmas pot luck - at park building 6:30

Note: Board meetings for 2007 have changed

Jan 1 New Years Day - Members run
 Jan 3 Board meeting - 6:30 PM Park building ** new date **
 Jan 19 General members meeting
 Jan 20 Work day
 Jan 30 (Feb.) Board meeting - 6:30 PM Park building

Feb 16 Membership Meeting 7:30 park building

Public run day calendar available on-line.

Don't forget about work days, Every Tuesday also Saturday after members meeting. Contact a committee member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM web site (www.svls.org).

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

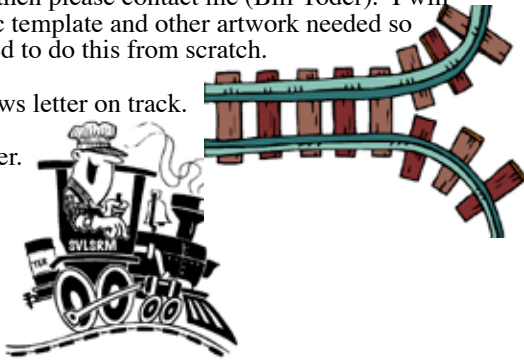
A note from the Editor:

This issue has been published ahead of board meeting due to a conflict with my schedule the first week in December.

There may be other conflicts this coming year so I would like to find a substitute editor that could publish the news letter. If you will do this then please contact me (Bill Yoder). I will provide the basic template and other artwork needed so one does not need to do this from scratch.

Lets keep the news letter on track.

Thanks Bill Yoder.



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MEMBERSHIP

by Amy lutrel

Hello again, Its that time of year where we Renew our dues. I have included a per-printed renewal form for you to make things easier. Just look it over if your info is correct send it back with your dues or if something needs changed then correct it and send it back with your dues.

Please send as soon as you can.

The Trainmen Auxiliary Program welcomes:

Austin Unruh - El Dorado Hill
 Joshua Skutley - Placerville
 Hunter Lohse - Rancho Cordova
 Thomas Nance - Orangevale
 Jacob Stealmen - Concord
 Andrew Ford - Rancho Cordova



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svls.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

Vice Presidents Report

by Pete Arney

For some time, members have talked about additional space to store our rolling stock, particularly our new riding cars in progress. In early November, Richard Lutrel came across a lead for obtaining a container through his contact at Pacer Stacktrain near Lathrop.



Pacer operates an intermodal rail yard just south of Stockton. The UP furnishes rail service for the large operation and on the average moves over 2000 container cars a week. Steve Marziano, manager of rail operations at Lathrop, was contacted. Steve said he had a 48 foot container available now at no charge. Upon onsite inspection by Joel and Pete, it was discovered that there was some damage to the skin but determined that it could be repaired. Steve Marziano offered to transport the container to their facilities in West Sacramento so that our expense in transporting it to Rancho Cordova would be minimized. Steve said he would hold the container in West Sacramento until we are ready to place it at the track.

Joel sent an FYI email to the board members as a heads up due to the short interval of time we had to respond. At the November SVLSRM membership meeting, the issue was presented and the members voted to accept the container and locate it between the upper box car yard and the lower Oasis yard. While the container was free, some expenses will be incurred to transport it from West Sacramento to Rancho Cordova, for repairs and paint, for concrete pads at each end to support the container, and for a small retaining wall.

On Tuesday, November 21, excavation began between the two yards. The container will be moved by Pacer to West Sacramento by Friday, November 24. We will be able to pick up and place it anytime after that.

Special thanks go to Richard Lutrel for the lead and to Steve Marziano of Pacer Stacktrain for his important contribution to our organization. At this point on, we will need willing volunteers to complete the installation. Watch our Projects web page <http://www.svls.org/projects.php> for the tasks, status, and schedule of this container and other winter projects.



Above: Richard, Amy and Sarah work on digging to make space for container.

Below: Andrew and Jacob work on moving the dirt.

Thanks all.



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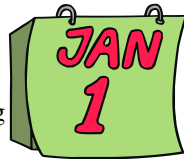
and will be filled by appointment shortly. Several candidates are under consideration.

Speaking for the membership, I would like to thank Yardmaster Vern Geyer and Track Superintendent Les Wilmunder for their many efforts during their terms in office.

The November Membership Meeting was well attended and the election had a large number of in person and absentee votes. Following the voting, very nice refreshments were provided by Clio Geyer and Milon Thorley presented photos of his eastern trip to several other live steam railroads.

New Years Day

Several of us plan to brave the cold and run our engines on January 1st. How about joining us for this members only event? Six of us did this last year and we thought more would have added to the fun. Prove us right and come out. January 1, 2007, 9:00 AM until???. **Bring your own lunch.**



Trainmen Auxiliary Program

The first meeting for juniors (age 13 to 17) was held on Saturday, November 18. The program started by Amy Lutrel will prepare young people for membership at age 18 with a full speed ahead start. The program will include track work, safety study, nomenclature of the track, facility, and locomotives, work programs, testing on station work, etc. The first meeting was conducted by Jason van Horn and me. We are off to a good start. Please support Amy if she comes to you with a request for help.

Other Things

Many thanks to all who helped at International Railfair in Roseville. Folks who don't come out too often were there and their efforts were appreciated. Many visitors helped make the event successful for us also.

Thanks to Clio and Vern Geyer for scheduling and running the many school events and birthday parties. The last one was on December 18th and the next ones will be next year.

Our public operations are now on hiatus until March. Work days will continue but we have a partial respite. My thanks go out to all who made this a special and successful year. You live steamers are the greatest!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year....
Joel Corbin



10 Years ago: ROSEVILLE RAILFAIR by Don Juergenson

Perched on a scale 40 foot high trestle, a freight train was the first thing to capture the attention of fairgoers. Made up of a short flat car loaded with Bettendorf truck (belonging to John Bailie), an SD&AE boxcar and UP stock car (who else but President Berry's), another flat with continuous live steam video on board (also John's), and a bobber caboose by Don J.,

presented a respectable 20' long train. On stands in front of the freight were classic examples of steam for visitors to see up close: Bob Lovell's 0-6-0 switcher was flanked by Red Hadler's 4-10-0 ("El Gub") and Dick Quirings recently completed 2-8-0 Consolidation. A table in front held a 2-4-0 chassis under construction by the outspoken Bailie himself. Many questions and reminiscences came from visitors passing the display, as well as inquiries about run days and membership.

Thanks and a pat on the "caboose" to the ones mentioned above as well as Curt Bonville for getting the trestle "off the ground", Dick Esselbach for having signs and fliers available, and Dale Fowler for relieving those in the booth so they could see some of the activities.

20 Years ago: The donated air compressor for the club is now on site. I think it was Ken Willes, Ed Spall, and Dennis Gramith who moved it to our track. Thanks Guys.

Had some good show & tell again. Ed Yungling had springs & spring brackets plus the molds for castings. John Ballie had brass brake cylinder castings that he has made. Jim Durham had signal box castings for track signals that he is working on. Don Jurgensen had wheel patterns in wood and aluminum. Also journal box castings and patterns.

30 Years ago: The "Fence Party" of November 20th was a big success and at one time 17 men working at various jobs along the fence line. This was a much larger project than had been anticipated and had it not been for Mr. Hershey and the park crew we would not have completed setting the poles in one day. Our thanks to Mr. Hershey for getting the post holes dug and the poles and fence down on the one section to be moved. It was a very cool day and the hot lunch provided by the wives was greatly appreciated and delicious; just what was needed to give the guys a break and energy to carry on until late in the afternoon. Thank you ladies.

At the last regular meeting we saw the films taken by Barry Garland on this voyage to England to ride Live Steam Trains. Also on the trip were Ed Yungling, Steve Banks, Bill and Kay Fisher. The filming was excellently executed and a really interesting look into railroading and the people of England who are so devoted to their work or hobby.

The fun of 2006



2007 schedule

Board Meetings will be on the last Tuesday of each month with a couple of exceptions due to holidays and calendar issues. All meetings start at 6:30 PM to accommodate retired folks and those still working.

BOD Dates:

- Wed., January 3
- Tue., Jan. 30
- Tue., Feb 27
- Tue., Mar. 27
- Mon., April 30
- Tues., May 29
- Tues., June 26
- Tues., July 31
- Tues., Aug. 28
- Tues., Sept. 25
- Tues., Oct. 30
- Tues., Nov. 27 (Last 2007 Board meeting.)
- January 2008 date to be decided by the new Board.

Membership Meetings are on the third Friday all year, starting at 7:30 PM.

New Year's Day member only run day on Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, starting 9:00 AM.

Spring Meet is for the third weekend in May.

Independence Day celebration is for Wednesday, July 4th plus additional days desired by park staff and organizers of the park event. (This could lead to activities for several days.) We will participate in the parade on the 4th again, with a float.

Fall meet third weekend in Oct.

Haunted House on Oct. 31 plus additional days.

Santa Run on December 1 & 2, the first weekend.

2007 public run schedule

March	3 & 18
April	7 & 15
May	5
Spring Meet	19 & 20
June	2 & 17
July	4, 7 & 15
August	4 & 19
September	1 & 16
October	6
Fall Meet	20 & 21
Haunted House	31
December Santa Train	1 & 2



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

108. The use of gondola cars will not be permitted for riding the general public.

211. All relief engineers shall be thoroughly briefed on the individual engines they are to operate.

307. SWITCH TENDERS:

A. Qualifications: Any member of S.V.L.S. or other Live Steam club or guest of S.V.L.S., who demonstrates to the examining committee that he has the knowledge, judgment, and ability to operate track switches or turn-outs competently and safely and who passes the qualification test will be qualified as a switch tender.

B. Responsibilities: A switch tender shall have a whistle (police type preferred) and a red flag or light in his possession at all times while acting as switch tender. He shall align switches (turnouts) for sidings, station tracks, yard tracks, crossovers, and etc. when requested to do so by the engineer, Stationmaster, or Yardmaster. After any switching movement involving mainline tracks he shall align all turnouts for mainline operation. He shall be certain the points are closed tightly on point switches and that tracks are positively aligned on stub switches. He shall become familiar with the operations and alignment of any unusual track switches or turnouts that he

may have to operate, such as -- slip switches (double or single), scissors switches, crossovers, spring switches, "rubber frogs", spring loaded frog switches, turntables, transfer tables, and of etc.

419. All steam boilers shall be equipped with a 1/8th inch NPT pipe fitting or fittings sufficient to join either male or female 1/8th NPT pipe fittings for purposes of hydrostatic boiler checks.



If anyone would like to save paper (& money) please let me know so we can put you on the list to receive your news letter online. Once again if you live close and have some extra time we would love to see you down at the track....Remember it's up to all of us to keep it running!

for sale

Gene Allen Models 4-6-0 Ten Wheeler casting set and plans. Tender complete, all water, set up for propane. Side frames done. \$3,000.

Stock car set up for propane. \$1,000.

2-6-2 Prairie, based on Little Engines 0-6-0. Rolling chassis except for valve motion and cross heads. Has copper boiler. Have most castings, parts, and plumbing needed for completion. Tender complete, all water, set up for propane. \$7,000.

Contact Cris Morgan
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Switch stands for \$85.00 each. They can be viewed on my website under photos in the "for sale album":
<http://www.timbercreekrr.zoomshare.com/>
Gordon Briggs timbercreekrr@yahoo.com (530)273-9145

South Bend 9 inch "Junior" model lathe from late 1920s. The "Junior" model predates the more common "Workshop" model which most people find today. The "Junior" is a much heavier.



The machine comes with change gears, 3 jaw chuck, 4 jaw chuck, faceplate, jacobs tailstock chuck, tailstock wrench, steady rest, tool holders, toolpost, motor, countershaft, belts, and reversing switch. In short, this is most everything you will need to get started. It is a good little machine. Interested buyers are welcome to inspect the machine in Stockton, California and take a cut or two. Price is \$650.00. I also have a new (and very nice quality) Bison 6" 3 jaw chuck with reversible jaws for this lathe which I would include for a bit more.

Stathi Pappas: (209) 603-7363 SouPac@aol.com

WANTED:

Ready to run 7.5 inch gauge / 1.5 scale cars, looking for Flat car, Box car, and Tank car.
Contact Les Wilmunder at (916) 372-2423

I am looking for a well built 2-6-0 or 4-6-0, 1 1/2 inch scale, 7 1/2 inch gauge. Preferably Winton or Allen type locos. It must run well, and be a turn key loco. An Allen 4-4-0 would also work. Please call John Bothwell at (949) 294-5719 or write to john.d.bothwell@biola.edu if you have or know of an engine.