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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

MY SWANSONG

Well, the election is over and Pete Arney was elected President for the next two years, Bill Yoder was elected Secretary, and Karle Mahler was elected Trainmaster. These folks have done a fine job during their terms to date, and I am happy to see that they will continue on the Board of Directors. When I was elected President four years ago, I left the Vice President's position to move up a notch. It was then that I asked Pete Arney to take my position as VP. He was already Track Superintendent and just changed positions. When the Golden Spike Editor position became available, Bill Yoder took over a couple of years ago. He does the best newsletter in live steam in my opinion. This past year he also became Secretary. I was pleased to appoint him to this position as well. Karle Mahler was approached to take over when the Trainmaster position became vacant and he has done very well keeping our equipment running and properly maintained. I feel good about the privilege of appointing all three of these folks whom you just re-elected.

Since my term ends on December 31, 2007, this is my last President's report. I thought about what to say in retrospect, but since everything that was accomplished during the last four years was not done by me, but by a large group of you folks, I think listing things would not be appropriate. I just want to say that I had a great experience, and I enjoyed the leadership position and the live steamer

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**DUES ARE DUE
JAN 1, 2008**

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

THANKS

Remember Feb. 1 is the cut off
date for roster and newsletter
mailings.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY
& POT LUCK DINNER
DECEMBER 21, 2007
6:30 PM, BLDG. ONE
IN PARK COMPLEX**

Bring your family members, your dish to share, and your Show and Tell item, if you have one. Also, there will be some special awards for special folks. **BE SURE YOU ARE THERE!**



Members Run Day.
9 AM - Bring your train, your family and have a fun day at the track.



EDITOR BILL YODER WAS CALLED OUT FOR RED CROSS CATASTROPHE DUTY, SO I AM SUBSTITUTING ONCE AGAIN THIS MONTH.JOEL

CALENDAR

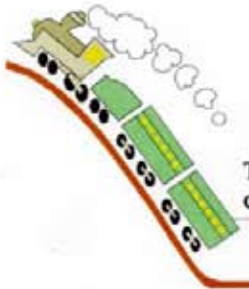
Dec. 18 Board Meeting.
 Dec. 21 Membership meeting 6:30 in Park building 1
 Christmas Pot Luck Dinner

Jan. 1 Members RUN DAY - bring your train and run.
 Jan. 2 News letter deadline.
 Jan. 9 Board Meeting.
 Jan. 18 NO MEMBERS MEETING IN JANUARY

Feb 12 Board Meeting.
 Feb 15 Membership meeting 7:30 in Park building 1

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.svlrs.org).

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



NEW UPDATE - Nov 28

Steam Up Procedure may be found on SVLSRM.ORG in the documents section as a PDF file to download or view.

The SVLSRM owned steamer will be out of service until March for needed repairs.

The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. is organized and operated exclusively for public benefit charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C.) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. to the fullest extent allowed by law as provided in Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

113. No one shall stand nor walk within five (5) feet of any track, unless his duties require him to do so. It shall be the duty of any and all SVLSRM members to help keep the public at a safe distance from the tracks. Responsible photographers and persons with recording equipment may obtain permission to get closer to the moving trains under certain conditions.

227. Trains carrying the general public in cars not equipped with operating brakes shall not exceed seven (7) cars in length, exclusive of the caboose or other riding car for the conductor.

308. For insurance purposes: engineers and conductor on trains hauling the general public MUST be qualified members of SVLSRM, and pass a qualification test.



Your editor is always wanting pictures for our news letter and our archives. If you have pictures of our activities that you would share please contact the editor. editor@svlrs.org

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

SANTA RUN 2007

The Santa Run this year was a great success as always. We all had a lot of fun even with the cold weather on Saturday and the wind on Sunday. This all couldn't have happened with out the help from the following people. Thanks again Lois Clifton.

Paul Clifton (Santa), Pete Arney, Keith Berry, Joel Corbin, Ross Crawford, Marilyn Drewes, Bill Floyd, Butch Floyd, Jack Friedman, Clio Geyer, Vern Geyer, Darrell Gomes, Gail Gomes, Dennis Gramith, Rich Lutrel, Amy Lutrel, Karl Mahler, Mary Mahler, Christine Mahler, Gordon Moser, Barbara Moser, Linda Nance, Thomas Nance, Pam Naylor, Kevin Sach, Anne Sach, Tiffany Sach, Andrew Sach, Paul Skidmore, Tia Skidmore, Lee Frechette, Dale Dennis, Milon Thorley & Bear, Jason Van Horn, Eric Olds, Terry Willis, Ken Willis, NaDene Willis, and Monica, Clifton.

RAIL FAIR 2007

I would like to thank the following people for helping me make Rail Fair a great success! It was a lot of hard work setting up and taking down. We were able to do that have fun in spite of the rain. Thanks again Paul Clifton.

Pete Arney, Gil Beard, Keith Berry, Gloria Berry, Lois Clifton, Joel Corbin, Ross Crawford, Marilyn Drewes, Bill Floyd, Butch Floyd, Jack Friedman, Clio Geyer, Vern Geyer, Darrel Gomes, Dennis Gramith, Rich Lutrel, Amy Lutrel, Karl Mahler, Gordon Moser, Barbara Moser, Frank Presley, Kevin Sach, Anne Sach, Tiffany Sach, Andrew Sach, Paul Skidmore, Milon Thorley, Les Wilmunder, Cindy Wilmunder, Casey Wilmunder, and Bill Yoder.



REMEMBER

**MEMBERS ONLY RUN DAY
(WITH YOUR FAMILIES)
JANUARY 1, 2008 – 9:00 AM
BRING YOUR ENGINE AND
JOIN THE FUN!**

RAIL FAIR & SANTA RUN FOLLOW-UP

By Clio Geyer

Thank you to all those who braved the weather (mostly wind) and came out to help at the International Rail Fair and Santa Run. (See Lois' list of those who attended to help.)

The Rail Fair was fun for all, as usual, and with the exception of wind the weather cooperated except for some rain the came in on Saturday as we were closing for the day. We had a little over 700 riders for the two days and passed out information on the Santa Run to follow after Thanksgiving.

On Tuesday, November 27th, Darrell and Gail Gomes, along with Lois Clifton, put up the painted canvas for the Santa Run. We found that we needed more tarps to put up on the outside to protect the canvas, as well as darken it a little for better pictures, so Paul & Lois took off and bought one great big one to cover almost two of the canvas.

Friday, November 30th was the day to do all the decorating. We had three trees, two small ones and a big one donated by the Clifton's. All the tree decorations came out of the container from previous years, and some that were added this year. Lots of lights were on the trees, and across the roof cover. It was all very festive. Each year we do it a little differently so that it is not always the same.

Saturday and Sunday had good turn outs and we were kept busy most of the afternoon trying to get the pictures printed and given to people, as well as keeping up with the hot chocolate and apple cider to go with all the cookies that were made by Barbara Moser, Marilyn Drewes and Anne Sach.

For those of you who have never been out for any of these year end events, please put them on your calendars for next year and come out and join us. Also, if, near the end of the year, you have some of your older ornaments that you are willing to donate to us, please let us know.

Safety Committee Report
John 'J.J.' Carbino

Well October is now behind us and I hope the spooks and goblins have departed. I received a report from our President that at or near the conclusion of the Halloween night run he had a roll over of the RS-3 he was operating. The engine went on its side causing slight damage to the paint and dented in the cab slightly. The engineer's car went to the 45 degree angle during the mishap. We are fortunate that the first orange passenger car did not follow. Let's be thankful to that no one was injured or hurt. I investigated this mishap on Tuesday the 6 Th. I spoke with the conductor, Ross, and he explained the event. I suggested that we inspect the RS-3 and the engineer's car. Ross and I went over the engineer's car and made sure all was intact, properly aligned and oiled. Upon further investigation I discovered that an axel was sheared of on the passenger car number 333. This was the first car following the engineer's car on the RS-3 run. If this axel sheared off during the mishap and some how locked on to the rail it might have been the cause of the engineers car and RS-3's derailment and roll over. I am suggesting that we inspect all the public riding cars for unusual wear. I know Karle and Ross are doing a great job staying on top of the servicing of each car. However, the work to inspect is enormous and requires members to help out. Please step forward and let's log the car and the inspection for our records and maintenance. I wish to thank Joel, Ross, and Pete for their help with this investigation. I believe this incident proves that we need to do a better job in maintaining our equipment and engines.



On a different note, the fire extinguisher problem is resolved and all extinguishers are back up to date on inspections and in their mounts. Signs to be install at a later date. A new cement pad was poured by Pete Arney, Lee Frechette, and I. I did what I could but let the pro's take over. Thanks for the beautiful job men.

On my next visit I hope to move one of the old elect. A cabinet on to the pad and Mr. Arney has informed me that he will anchor it to the pad. I will strip out all the old hardware, leave the shelves, sand and paint the cabinet. This will be our flammable cabinet for propane cylinders, flammable material and yes the gas cans.

The holidays are approaching. Let's be safe at home and at the park.

Let us all remember,
Safety is now Job # 1

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friends I made when many came to my door with questions, comments and information. Also included are the Rancho Cordova City officials, the Grapevine editor, CRPD officials, County Board of Supervisors members, etc.

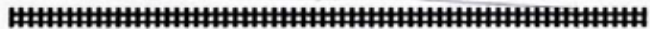
I will say that our new by-laws, financial improvement, dues, donations, and planning for future needs were part of my plan and we accomplished these things and are in very fine shape. Major expenditures have been funded and we have what we need to meet specific needs when they arise. Our name added the words "Railroad Museum" to assist with our community status, and we continue with our operations when other groups have gone under or almost under.

I hope you all will come to the December Holiday Pot-Luck Party on Friday, December 21, 2007. Even if you haven't been out for a while, come out and enjoy the fun that night. Also, bring a "show and tell" item, since we all like to see things in progress (railroad related or not). I would like to see you there and express my thanks to you for a job well done.

To all members, especially those who have devoted much of their time working in various capacities, I thank you for your efforts and your being part of this fine organization. I trust you will continue on in these efforts to support the current board under Pete Arney. I will still be around, even though health issues have slowed me down some. I trust my engine and I will run more often since this is what we are all about. Until I see you at the track, I'll just say my best regards to you all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

.....Joel



TRACK SUPERINTENDENT
by Darrell Gomes

This last year, the work on the right of way has been a vary productive. All the scattered track repairs and upgrades have made a difference and the plan will continue next year. The track crew has worked hard this last year to make the track smooth and safe for all of us to enjoy for many more years to come. Tie replacement on main line switches and rail joint upgrades are ongoing for winter projects. I am still looking for members to adopt a siding to help out the track crew and provide more space during meets.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Darrell & Gail Gomes



POT LUCK DINNER
DECEMBER 21, 2007
6:30 PM
****BE THERE****



10 Years ago: The Roseville Rail Fair was a great success. We had both an indoor static display as well as the portable track set up outside to run the public. The track was picked up by Dale Fowlar on Thursday and taken to his house as he lives close to the Placer Country Fairgrounds. This saved those that were doing the set up a considerable amount of time. The tent was set up over the track so that in the event of rain there was a certain amount of shelter for

those who were selling tickets and the train itself.

Dick Quiring brought out his Consolidation on Saturday and ran it around the track either behind or in front of the 649. It depended on how you looked at it.

Milon brought out his Pacific for Sunday. He managed to make a few rounds with the public when the timing went out for good, and he had to take the engine out and cool it down.

Harry Harward and Dick Esselbach were there both days to help either running the public or act as flagman, or ticket takers, or whatever needed to be done. Vern Geyer helped with engineering and acting as conductor taking tickets. Clio Geyer, Barbara Moser and Rose Stefani helped sell the tickets and load the passengers, as well as flag so that others could enjoy the rest of the displays and take necessary breaks.

Gordon Moser was the Superintendent going over the track innumerable times to make sure the bolts were tight and the shims were in the right places.

We managed to pull over 1000 people over the two days, and considering the weather, we felt we did very well.

20 Years ago: SPECIAL SAFETY NOTE - All operating personnel are advised to be especially alert for red signals during the period between sunset 12/24 through sunrise! The red signal of particular concern will be of a flashing nature and on the head end of an extremely high priority merchandiser with superior train status on all tracks. The aforementioned extra will not sound a horn or whistle, but it is rumored that passing train crews have heard bells of jingling nature and even an occasional, "HO, HO, HO"! Any crews delaying or impeding the progress of this extra shall be dealt disciplinary action four more severe than any listed in the rule books. Woe be the train crew passing through mountains, cities, and farms to which no children (of any age) will raise their hand to wave and mile after mile you'll never be greeted with a smile. You would be better off driving a, pardon the expression, truck!

30 Years ago: It has been a good year and much has been accomplished. While we can always look back and say this or that should have been done, still, I believe we should be happy with what the Club has achieved in the past 12 months. Some of the accomplishments and highlights of the year include; The trip to Reno on AMTRAK, completion of the fence around the steaming area, building of the shelter, installation of the hydraulic loading lift, building and installation of a chemical toilet, a manned booth for three days at the Sportman's show in Cal Expo, a two day exhibit of steamed locos at the State

Railroad Museum, 2 successful Meets complete with banquets, a special run day for the Air Force, acquisition of a large metal storage cabinet, 13 new members and a host of new friends. All of these things came about through the hard work of a fine Board and the many members who put in their time, money and effort. I want to thank you all, men, women and children, for there were whole families involved in these efforts, for making this such a rewarding and pleasant year for me, as President. Everyone have a wonderful Holiday Season and the best ever New Year. - signed Dick Esselbach.

AN UNPLANNED EVENT

By Pete Arney

When our 4" irrigation main broke, Cordova Recreation and Park employees came to our rescue with shovels and backhoe. Scott Lindvall, Martin Fonseca, Gary Lawrence excavated the area and replaced the defective 4" PVC Tee. The seam of the molded Tee fitting separated (not the joint) and caused a small stream of water, along with the fill sand in the trench, to act as a plasma cutter, cutting through not only the irrigation main but an adjoining conduit as well. Lee Frechette finished the job by replacing the adjoining conduit and pouring a thrust block to prevent future damage. Thanks to all for a great job and especially to the Cordova Recreation and Park District.



for sale

Got Something for Sale?

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5 ton hydraulic car lift, great for use as train lift/turntable.
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Old Tinplate Toy Trains. Collection Lot for a reasonable offer.
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Doug Boudakian, (559)325-9006.
email dboudrtrain@sbcglobal.net



SALES: Switch stands, point throw mechanism and point plate for attaching the points is included with the switch stand. A complete set-up for \$85.00 plus shipping. They may be viewed on my website under photos in the for sale album:
<http://www.timbercreekrr.zoomshare.com/>

Contact me by phone or e-mail for questions and quantity discounts.

Gordon Briggs timbercreekrr@yahoo.com (530)273-9145



7 1/2" Gauge 4-4 Beam Engine and tender with two 7 1/2 foot bench type riding cars equipped with Tom Bee trucks and couplers. Pneumatic



brakes on all cars. Current SVLSRM boiler certificate on a 12" diameter vertical steel boiler, propane fired with 306 3/8" diameter copper fire tubes. Twin cylinder double acting engine with Stephenson valve gear and a bore and stroke of 2"x2.75" driving 4.375" diameter wheels through a 20% overdrive. Drive chains are tight at all times. There is a constant speed universal joint in the center of each truck to allow movement while keeping the drive chains tight. Engine weighs about 400 pounds with eight driving wheels arranged in two four wheel trucks. I haven't found a track or turn I couldn't handle at normal track speed. The suspension is very flexible, rock solid on the rails and the engine has a working headlight. This engine is a runner, fast, with exceptional pulling power and is very easy to run, very forgiving. You can check and adjust either firing or water level in about two seconds. Because of having a vertical boiler the engine does not require any additional inputs to fire up, just open the valve on the propane tank and light the burner after you fill the boiler and the water tank with water.

The train is set-up on a new two wheel trailer for towing with a car or small pick-up truck. I estimate the weight of the complete train and trailer at about 1000 pounds. The train and trailer are located in Reno, Nevada.



Asking \$10,500

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