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NEW YEAR Greetings

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Pete Arney

New Year's Day brought us together for our annual run day of steam and diesel trains and a great pot luck lunch. Weather was good and all had a good time.

Our December Board of Directors adopted the upcoming 2008 calendar. Most notable change is moving the Fall Meet from October to the last weekend in September. Reasons: better weather, less conflict with event of other railroad organizations, more time to prepare for Halloween, and expanded Halloween runs.

The Vice-president's position was vacated by the election of your president. Approved by the board to fill this position for the remainder of the present term is Lee Frechette. Lee has been a long time active member contributing time, talent, and resources for the improvement of SVLSRM.

SVLSRM has been invited to the Ione Rail Fair put on by the Recreational Railroad Coalition, Inc. (RRC). The fair will be held in Ione on May 10. We would be providing a static display. More information will be obtained then presented for a general membership approval whether to participate or not. Besides RRC, the fair will be attended by Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association (EDGETA), Folsom Railroad Museum, California State Railroad Museum, Portola Railroad Museum, as well as Motorcar Operators West

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by Milon Thorley (oil painting & 1.6 scale model 50' refrigerator car), Keith Berry (personal memories), Gerald Thomas (stationary twin cylinder engine), Les Wilmunder (desk top valve gear demonstrator), and Casey Wilmunder (Tich engine). Thanks to these folks for these demonstrations.

Following the dinner and show and tell, I took the opportunity to present some folks with a desk set award I made over the last several months. It was a locomotive made from electrical parts, tubing, washers and nails. It was a difficult process, but the criteria for the thank you award was contributions over two years above and beyond what was done by some. Those honored for their efforts were:

Pete Arney	Darrell Gomes
Keith Berry	Gail Gomes
Ed Bueltmann	Dennis Gramith
Lois Clifton	Matt Hall
Paul Clifton	Kristi Hall
Jim Colby	Leonard Houpt
Kay Crabbe	Amy Lutrel
Ross Crawford	Richard Lutrel
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Bill Floyd	Mary Mahler
Butch Floyd	Barbara Moser
Lee Frechette	Gordon Moser
Jack Friedman	Anne Sach
Clio Geyer	Kevin Sach
Vern Geyer	Paul Skidmore

CHRISTMAS DINNER WRAP UP AND AWARDS NIGHT

Friday, December 21, 2007 saw our last meeting for 2007 and we enjoyed a fine pot luck and Christmas Party. Lois, Clio, Barbara and others are to be thanked for their fine efforts in coordinating the food and everyone for bring their food contributions to make a great pot luck. Show and Tell items were presented



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Milon Thorley
 Jason Van Horn
 Ken Willes Family (Ken, NaDene, Terry)
 Bill Yoder
also,
 Grapevine Independent Editor Shelly Blanchard
 My two sons (for their emotional support of me), Richard Corbin and Robert Corbin



Once again, thanks to you all for your support of me during my four years as President of SVLSRM. ...Joel

MEMBERSHIP

by Amy Lutrel

Welcome New Members:

- Harry Voss of Sacramento, CA
- Lee Smoak of Roseville, CA (a member from the past rejoining)
- Charles Barnes of Modesto, CA
- John Burgess of Shingletown, CA
- Gail Gomes of Valley Springs, CA
- Ron Kitzmiller of Cannon Country, CA
- Sue Kitzmiller of Vacaville, CA
- Joe Rothwell of Sacramento, CA
- Richard Stark of Dublin, CA
- Paul Thomson of Concord, CA
- John Woods of Sonora, CA

Happy New Year Everyone!! This year is already getting off to a great start With lots of you sending in your renewal forms and dues (If you received a printed form in the mail after sending in one that you filled out don't worry about it) Remember to send in your dues if you haven't already so I can get the file updated and you can be in the 2008 roster!! I will send out the 2008 membership cards soon for those who send in there dues so look for those in the mail. My goal this year is to get everyone of you more involved with this great hobby, so I am asking you to make it your goal to get one person to join us in 2008!! Lets shear this great hobby!!! Also we would love to see more people down at the track so make a new years resolution to come down a few times (you might like it) and come more!!



I would like to also let the T.A.P. members know that we will be starting up in a few months and I am looking forward to learning much more. We will be building a caboos this year among other things.

I would also like to see more of our REGULAR MEMBERS helping out with this program... Keep in mind these kids are the Future of SVLSRM so lets show them railroading how its meant to be . . . Please see me or call if you are someone who would like to get involved!!

Amy~ Membership

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.

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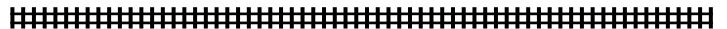
CALENDAR

- Jan. 9 Board Meeting.
- Jan. 18 NO MEMBERS MEETING IN JANUARY
- Feb. 12 Board Meeting 6:30
- Feb. 15 Membership meeting 7:30 in Park building 1
- Feb. 16 Saturday work day - Please come and help.
- March 1 Public run day Noon to 4 PM.
- March 11 Board Meeting 6:30
- March 16 Public run day Noon to 4 PM.
- March 21 Membership meeting 7:30 in Park building 1
- March 22 Saturday work day - Please come and help.

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?



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- Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM**



**Santa Run, (Dec. 1 & 2)
Thanks to all the helpers.**



**New Years day run. A good turn
out with many steam and other
engines and lots of good food.**



FALL MEET

While it has been a few months since the Fall Meet there were never any of the meets pictures in our news letter, so here are a few. There are many more on the web. www.svlsm.org





See you next time at our:
Spring Meet on May 17-18, 2008
Fall Meet in September 27-28, 2008.
Note Fall Meet date in earlier to accommodate Halloween run days and better weather for train riding. Also at the Fall Meet only Sunday will SVLSRM give public rides.

I wish all members of SVLSRM a very happy New Years.

This is my last Safety Committee report for 2007. I am not sure what the board is going to do for a new Safety Chairperson for 2008, I trust them to make the proper decision what ever it may be. I am happy to report that two of my project can now be removed from the to-do list. The up date of the fire extinguishers and the fireproof cabinet for the propane and gas containers are complete and ready for use with painting and re charging of one extinguisher to be completed.

If the Board selects me for 2008, I plan on doing safety checks and logging each piece of public riding equipment that need and are worked on. This will include The Museums locomotives. I also plan on painting the ends of the storage tracks a safety yellow and the same for the spinning turntables. This will be an on going project for the year 2008 until completed. I will also paint the leading edge of the stairs and steps. I sure can use some help if any member needs a project to take on.

I hope to see you all after the beginning of the New Year and please be safe at home and on the road.

J.J. Carbino,
2007 Safety Chairperson
Safety is Job # 1



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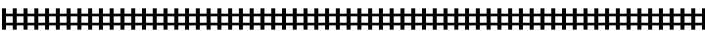
Association. We feel this event would provide good exposure for SVLSRM. For more information on RRC, go to <http://www.handcar.net/rrc/pr/>

A remembrance in the amount of \$75 for long time member Bill Quick will be donated by SVLSRM to the American Cancer Society.

Jerry Jewell and the Scary U performers presented SVLSRM with a Certificate of Appreciation along with a DVD with the highlights of the 2007 Haunted House and Pirate's Cove. This year we will start our coordination with Jerry at the beginning of the year and will be building more tracked events on our own in concert with the theme of Scary U. We are looking for a volunteer to head up our 2008 Halloween committee to develop scary events to be placed along our right of way. Call the president if you are interested.

For this coming year, the board of directors will be meeting in one of three rooms at Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Dr, Rancho Cordova. The building is one block south of highway 50 on Zinfandel and one block west. The January general membership meeting has been canceled. A number of board and general members are traveling to Maricopa Live Steamers for their 2008 Winterfest card order meet January 16th through the 20th.

Our next membership meeting will be held on February 15. In the meantime, check our website at www.svlstrm.org for the latest news and project information.



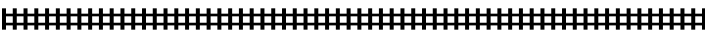
YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Richard Lutrel



Happy New Year!! Before the weather came we have been busy planting new trees down at the track. If you came out on New years Day you might have seen some of them out in the park near the river. Thanks to everyone who helped plant those. I have more to go in and they need to get done soon, If you can help with this please give me a call, I know the weather plays a part in this but maybe we can squeeze some sunny days in?? anyway, I am looking forward to this next year and hope you are to. HOPE to see more of your smiling faces in the coming year! THIS RAILROAD NEEDS EVERYONES HELP BIG OR SMALL!!

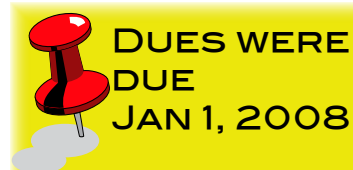
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SPECIAL thanks to Lois Clifton, Joel Corbin, & Bill Yoder for sharing pictures in this issue. Editor says "THANKS!"



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@svlstrm.org



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

Check the mailing label for year paid through.

THANKS

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





10 Years ago: Another New Year is upon us and we have a new crew at the helm. (At least a partial new crew.) They deserve all the help they can get from the membership to lead this mixed consist down the track. This past year we accomplished much for the good of the organization. Much of it done with few hands. Helping hands were a bit sparse this past year, but we survived. Your board cannot do it alone. They need your help. So come on out on workdays and

let's make this a banner year!

MILON THORLEY - VICEPRESIDENT

20 Years ago: On Wednesday morning, Dec. 30, 1987, a major theft was discovered by Vince Barto who came out to work on the track along the back stretch. Vince had planned to continue his project of replacing ties along the back stright-a-way. To his great shock and dismay, Vince discovered that a stretch of track 300' long was missing. It had apparently been removed with the aid of a chain or cable attached to a four-wheel drive small pickup. The ties were all that remained. In addition to the 300' of dual gauge track, approximately 90' of one rail was missing from the north end with another 80' of one rail pulled out of the south end of the damaged area. The low-lifes also removed brand new rail from four newly constructed track sections stored in the steaming bay area. All together approximately 1,200' of rail was stolen. The Sheriff's office was notified as well as places that might buy scrap aluminum which once was our track. A decision was made to appeal to the media for publicity in an attempt to help prevent any additional thefts. The response was great. The two Sacramento papers both ran articles the next morning. At least four radio stations picked up the article. The three major T.V. channels all mentioned it on the morning news, with Channel 3 showing Ed Yungling's Cab-Forward from old file tapes. All three channels had film of the damage on the evening news. As of this writing we have received several donations from people in the area who want to help get us back in operation, as well as from some of our members.

30 Years ago: New Year's Day Fun Run - The day was overcast but spirits were high and a god time was had by all. It was cool enough to show up every jet of steam and surround the engines with all the romance of those great steam days of yore. Happily we can live them again at SVLS. Dick Finn was first on the track as usual, with his 1" 4-8-4 and was soon joined by Al Shelley and his new 0-4-0 B&O switcher, unfinished, but running great and for the very first time out. No doubt about who owned it, for his name and address were sprawled the length of the unlagged boiler. The track became busy with Ed Yungling's cab forward, sporting new prototype trucks under the tender, Don Yungling's new industrial gas-electric, Darrell McWhirk's Pacific, Ken Spicer's Mike and Milon Thorley's American. Quite a few other members came, went or stayed the day and it was getting rather dark before we closed up shop, just beating the rain. There was trouble loading the Mallet when

the hoist motor burned out and Ed Yungling and Son, Dave, had to turn the pump with a rope to lift the engine up. Many of the gang retired to the Esselbach's for dips and drinks and conversation and thus ended another fine New Year's run.. Wish everyone could have enjoyed it with us. So onward to an even better time next year.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH



114. All SVLSRM owned material and equipment is for use of members and guests at the SVLSRM facility ONLY, and shall not be removed from the facility without specific permission from the Board of Directors. This includes treated or distilled water, fuel, cars, locomotive, tools, material, etc.

228. No locomotive shall be operated at an excessive speed, and shall not be operated at a speed greater than any speed from which the locomotive and its train can be slowed and stopped within a reasonable distance, depending on the traffic, track conditions, visibility and weight of the train. Absolute maximum speed of any train shall be 7 mph actual (10 seconds between milepost markers).

309. All operating personnel, while on duty, shall have a copy of these operating rules in their possession. (See rule #118).

401. Wheel dimensions (gauge, back-to-back, tread width, flange depth and thickness) must conform to I.B.L.S. standards to operate on SVLSRM track. The Board of Directors or safety committee may demand a check of any equipment before the equipment is allowed on the SVLSRM track. This applies to member's equipment and non-member's equipment.



For all those who asked what your editor was doing when the last 2 newsletters were published by others, he was helping the Red Cross during two different Disasters, San Bernardino fires and Oregon floods. I am part of the Disaster Services Technology Team and an operator of the Emergency Communications Response Vehicle.

This vehicle provides broadband communication via Satellite to Red Cross network or radio communications using any of its 15 onboard radios.



Special Thanks to Joel and others for getting the news letter done while I was gone. Bill Yoder - Editor

for sale

5 ton hydraulic car lift, great for use as train lift/turntable.
Gil Beard 530-823-8142

2 Riding cars for sale 1 Cannonball 6ft. gondola Ready to Run with mountain car co. modern trucks & couplers never used \$ 1,200.00 O.B.O. 1 Mountain Car Co. 6 ft. gondola Ready to Run with Mountain car co. modern trucks & couplers fresh paint great detail \$ 1,400.00 O.B.O. call Dave 916-315-9574 Rocklin Calif



Rail Systems SW-1500 Diesel 1.7 scale Southern Pacific switcher. 16 H.P. Briggs & Stratton engine coupled to hydraulic drive. 16 powered wheels on track. Electronic hand control. Custom three chime horn. Should pull 15 riding cars easily. \$13,000. Doc Carroll, GGLS. (925) 284-1269

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

Contact Bill Cody at (775) 674-6512 or steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net for additional information/pictures.

Old Tinplate Toy Trains. Collection Lot for a reasonable offer. John Haines, email dal455 at msn.com for inventory.

Got Something for Sale?

Send to Editor@svlsrm.org



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.