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President's Report

By Lee Frechette

By now most of you have recovered from a very warm and enjoyable Fall Meet. Two Saturdays before the meet we had rain and lightning, the Monday after the temperature didn't break 80 degrees. One great thing about the Fall Meet is that the nights cool very quickly and this year we saw some of the best night time train rides we've seen in a while. Thanks to all who braved the sizzling day time weather in pursuit of our great hobby.

In the welcome letter people received at the meet I talked about the many changes and enhancements that are taking place around our railroad. One notable change to the track at the Fall Meet was the addition of the flashing cross bucks at the Cobble Creek grade crossing. This is the result of a generous donation from Keith Jackman. Members volunteering their time, moneys and materials make our railroad what it is today. The addition of the new cross bucks not only makes the ride around the railroad a little more fun, but helped make the meet more successful, thank you Keith Jackman.

After a successful meet like the one we just had there are so many people to thank that I could never name them all in this report, but there are a few I want to single out.

Thanks to:

Mignonne Tinkham – for a wonderful job on the long overdue cleaning of our tables we use for the meets.

Bill Nyoer – who arrived early and stayed late to lend a hand with anything he could. Hunter Lohse – who worked at the track every day after school the week before the meet.

Pete and Betty Arney – for a fun raffle. Shelly Blanchard – for Saturday dinner.



Ed Yungling's Cab Forward #4242 Photo by Don Yungling - see more of his Fall Meet photos at: <http://yungling.smugmug.com/Live-Steam/SVLS>



There were many types of locomotives at the Fall Meet. Thanks to all who brought their locomotives for all to enjoy.

Thanks to Don Yungling, Andy Berchielli, Darrell Gomes, Hunter Lohse, and Bill Yoder for sharing Fall Meet photos. Several which are in this edition of the *GOLDEN SPIKE* with more photos on the svlsrcm.org web.

Mike Baker – from Willow Creek and Bill Cody, two of our out of town members who went out of their way to give rides to the public and were great ambassadors for the live steam community. Thank you to everyone who helped with public rides on Sunday. Thank you Marilyn Drews, Mignonne Tinkham, Barbara Moser, NaDene and Terry Willes, and I believe others for pies, cakes, brownies and cookies. Thank you to Ross Crawford, Gordon Moser, Vern Geyer, Paul Skidmore, Ed Zeis, Carl and Linda Kitzmiller, Richard Lutrel, Jack Friedman and David Sander for everything you've done and continue to do. And, thank you everyone whose names I don't have as your contributions do not go unnoticed.

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SVLSRM Calendar

- Oct. 3 Public run day Noon to 4 P.M.
- Oct. 13 Board Meeting 6:30 P.M. (R.C. City hall)
- Oct. 16 General Meeting 7:30 P.M. at Park building
Nominations for November election meeting.
- Oct. 17 Work day, come out and do something!
- Oct. 18 Run day. Public rides are Noon to 4 P.M.
- Oct. 24-25 Pumpkin train rides Noon - 4pm **
- Oct. 30-31 Halloween Ghost train rides 7 -10 PM **
- ** Much help will be needed for these special runs

- Nov. 10 Board Meeting 6:30 P.M. (R.C. City hall)
- Nov. 13 Set up for Rail Fair at Roseville Fair grounds.
- Nov. 14-15 International Rail Fair - Roseville Fair grounds.
SVLSRM trains will be running.
- Nov. 20 Membership Elections Meeting 7:30 P.M. at Park building
- Nov. 21 Work and play day, come out, work some then run your train. Lets have some fun too.

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 (<http://www.svlstrm.org>).

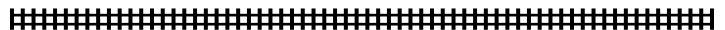
How will you support SVLSRM this month?



Special run schedule

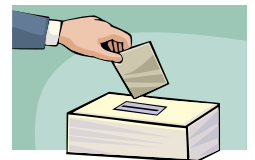
Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
Mon. 10/5/2009	12:30-2:30PM	Sawatzky Party	25	Diesel
Fri. 10/16/2009	11:30-1:30PM	Martins Party	25	Diesel
Fri. 10/16/2009	4:30-6:30PM	Bahouth Party	25	Diesel
Sat. 10/17/2009	Noon-2PM	Nelson Party	25	Diesel
Sat. 10/24/2009	Noon-4PM	Pumpkin Train	????	2 Trains
Sun. 10/25/2009	Noon-4PM	Pumpkin Train	????	2 Trains
Fri. 10/30/2009	7-10PM	Ghost Train	????	2 Trains
Sat. 10/31/2009	7-10PM	Ghost Train	????	2 Trains
Sat. 11/7/09	1-3 PM	Smith Party	25	Diesel

Please help by volunteering your time. -->>> Call Clio.



Members News

Elections will be in November, Nominations are made at the October meeting. Please attend.



Year 2010 dues may be now paid. Please pay before first of year. Thanks.



Please check the SVLS web site: www.svlstrm.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.



Help us save money.

Save SVLSRM some money and read the news letters on-line. Tell Membership that you don't need the mailed copy, we will notify you by E-mail so you can read it on-line.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM



Rail fans Brianna and Sarah Lutrel



Would you like to serve SVLSRM and be a part of our decision making team? We're looking for Board of Directors nominees for this November's elections. Three of the seven Board positions are up for election this year: President, Secretary, and Trainmaster.

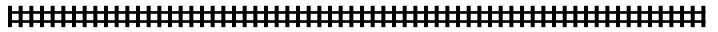


The Nominating Committee is looking for dedicated individuals who would like to contribute to our organization in a meaningful way. The goal of the committee is to have at least two names for each position. This is your opportunity to put into play your ideas and leadership skills for SVLSRM.

Contact Pete Arney (916-956-2870) or Red Hadler (916-455-7072) of our Nominating Committee to offer your talents for our election.

Our next membership meeting is on Friday, October 16. The nominating committee will present the slate of candidates that have agreed to run. Floor nominations will be taken at the October meeting as well. Floor nominees need not be present but the nominating person must be seconded and have the assurance in writing that the nominee will run.

Nominations will be closed at the October meeting and none will be taken at the November 20 annual meeting and election.



Track Superintendent

By Darrell Gomes



The 2009 Fall Meet is now in the past and it is time to start the Winter projects. Thanks to all the work and hours that the track crew has spent maintaining the Right of Way there were no Complainants and the trains ran smoothly during the meet. I want to thank Keith Jackman for the donation of the operating crossing signal. Bill Yoder picked the signal up on the Tuesday before the meet and supervised the installation and was able to complete the job in four days. Sugar Pine is the next and project completion by December.



Right: Bill Yoder and Jack Freedman installing signal.

Below: Keith Jackman with his train along with Gordon Briggs.



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE FALL MEET by Clio Geyer

Other than the fact it was extremely warm (HOT!), everyone seemed to have a good time. We signed in a total of 102 parties, some of which were 2 or more people. Almost all the steaming bays were filled up and a number of bigger trains were stationed out in the other sidings in the expansion area.

The whole area was in great shape. Lots of green grass, new flowers that Andy Berchielli had planted around in various places, and trees that helped shade from the sun. One lady picked one of Andy's flowers and wanted to know what it was. It was a flower from one of the Pineapple Sage that Andy had planted on Thorley Berm.

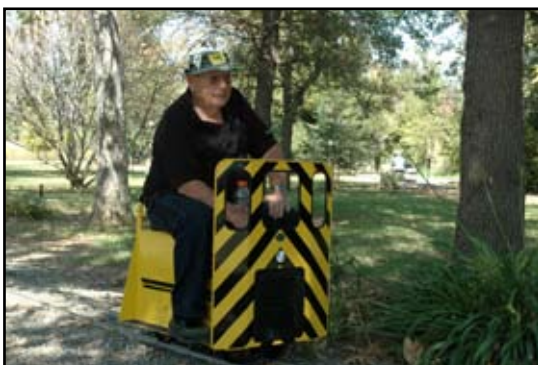
Thanks to Community Council and with Lees help we borrowed tables and sunshades for us. They really came in handy for people to sit under during the raffle. They were also very useful for the passenger station on Sunday. People standing in line as well as the trains in the station were all under shade. Thanks Lee.

Breakfast went really well. Everyone who wanted to eat, did. Thanks to Barbara Moser and Tia Skidmore for serving all the people. It was a challenge for Barbara as this was the first time she planned the breakfast. Ben Kleinwachter prepared his "famous" scrambled eggs to go with breakfast on Saturday. Those who tried them were very pleased. We will try to get him back for the Spring Meet in 2010. If there is anyone out there who would like to give the breakfasts a try for the Spring Meet, please let someone on the Board know.

A big thanks goes out to all those who helped...Pete & Betty Arney for the Raffle, Barbara Moser for Breakfasts, Lois Clifton for the Friday night dinner as well as all the lunches, Kevin Sach for doing all the cooking for lunches, Ann Sach and Mary Freeman for the lunches from the caboose, Darrell Gomes for helping with the set ups and take downs along with Bill Moyer, Lee Frechette, Bill Yoder, Lois Clifton, and Monica Clifton. Mignon Tinkham spent a lot of time in the drink tent putting cookies into bags, and selling drinks. She also spent Friday washing all the tables in the tents. They wouldn't have looked so clean without her efforts. Marilyn Drewes helped with the registration on Saturday. This is only a few that helped make the Meet a success. A very big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who contributed.



Congratulations to Alexander Owens who won the Grand prize at the raffle.



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Most importantly, thank you to everyone who traveled near or far to take part in the Fall Meet. It is the participation by everyone that makes our gatherings successful.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to our board of directors without whom none of this would be possible. To Andy Berchielli, whose devotion to the grounds clearly showed this past weekend; to Darrell Gomes, who not only made sure the track was ready, but also served as meet chair; to Bill Yoder for signals, newsletters, flyers and up-to-the-minute information on our website; and to Karl Mahler for keeping all our rolling stock in order and insuring safe operations in the steaming bays during the meet.

A very special thank you goes to Lois Clifton and Clio Geyer who do so many things unseen behind the scenes. Our meets would not be the same without them. You have my personal thanks and gratitude for all you do not only at the meet, but throughout the year.

Thank you one and all!

On the topic of name badges, as a courtesy to all of our members, please remember to wear your's whenever you are at the track. This will assist our newest members to learn everybody's name and foster the family atmosphere for which the SVLSRM is known. Additionally, name badges help us identify visitors to our facility so we can insure their safety and be better ambassadors for the live steam community.

By now you all know that the Haunted Hagan Mansion is not taking place at the track this year. We are sorry to see this important fund-raiser for SVLSRM go away this year as we are heavily reliant on this revenue source to pay our annual insurance premium.

In its place, we are exploring Pumpkin Patch Train and Ghost Train events. While much interest in both events has been expressed, the time has come to commit time and energy! The Pumpkin Patch Train will run in the daytime the weekend before Halloween and the Ghost Train will run Friday and Saturday nights on Halloween.



Time is short to make these important fund-raising events successful. We need as many members as possible to step up and help with these events. For more information and to get involved please contact me at (916) 205-6791.

Looking ahead, once again SVLSRM will be participating in the Roseville Rail Fair November 14th and 15th. We will need

volunteers to help set up and tear down the portable track in addition to running trains at the fair. To participate in the Rail Fair please contact Paul Clifton at (916) 722-8514.

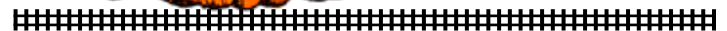
Following the Roseville Rail Fair we will be setting up the portable track around the Cordova Community Christmas Tree for the tree lighting event on Sunday, November 29th. This is the second year we've run a train around the Christmas tree. SVLSRM was honored by the city council for our contribution to last year's event with over 4,000 people at the event. So plan to be there on the Sunday evening after Thanksgiving for fun, food and a visit from St. Nicholas himself.

St. Nicholas will also be visiting our railroad on December 5th and 6th when we host our annual Santa Train. This has become a fun tradition and an important fund-raiser for us, so plan to come down to the track on the first weekend in December and support SVLSRM while enjoying this wonderful event.

I'm pleased to announce Pete Arney has accepted the appointment to chair this year's election committee. Anyone interested in running for a board position this November should contact Pete Arney.

In closing I'd like to reiterate my appreciation and gratitude for everyone who participates at SVLSRM. Whether planting tree or bringing a steamer to share with others, it is the membership that makes SVLSRM the great organization that it is and I'm proud to be a member.

Happy steaming



YARD MASTERS REPORT

by Andy Berchielli



The fall meet turned out to be another hot weekend. However, we had a good show of trains and lots of volunteers. Thank to the Sach family, Clio, Lois, Barbara, and all others who helped with the food. The food was great and the meet went smoothly due to everyone who helped out. A big thank you to all! I also

received a lot of compliments about how good the yard looks. I appreciate the compliments. It takes a lot of time to maintain the property and I'm glad that people realize the amount of work that goes into it. Thanks again. I enjoy riding the trains though the beautiful landscape and I hope you do too. I would also like to thank Steve and Linda Blanor for donating a redwood tree. I added it to the collection of redwoods in Midway. We will have our own redwood grove when these trees grow up. Hope to see you at the Halloween events coming up.



On the wish list of projects is one to provide RV electrical circuits in the current parking area. While we have done some work we do not have the money to finish the project. The total project (FCR#29) was estimated at \$6100. This would provide a breaker circuit for each RV position. We need donations to complete this project.



We thank two members, Joe Yetter and Cal Tinkham for their generous donations at the Fall Meet. With last years donations we now have \$2350. We still need at least \$3850 to finish. Contact Bill Yoder if you have questions or wish to make a donation of money, material, or labor. Thanks.



10 Years ago: (missing news letter - if you have Oct. 1999 let me know.)
 From 9/99: "Fruit of many labors"
 When you look at the SVLS facility today, you are actually looking at the result of ideas conceived back in the early 70s with the charter members of SVLS. Many are still members of the club and some are watching us from above; but these inspired men had a vision of what the club could be and would

look like in the future and started working toward that goal.

Without a doubt, it took a lot of good old-fashion hard work to make the club what it is today - a lot of body aches, sweat and blood when part of someone's anatomy was at the wrong place at the wrong time. But all that hard work can be and should be appreciated as one rides around our facility.

BUT it still takes a lot of good old-fashion hard work to keep SVLS operating today and to continue operating tomorrow as many of us well know. Those of us who are present members will need to continue to be futurists and perpetuate this legacy given us.

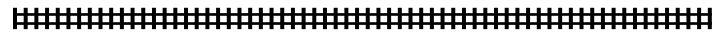
I believe that it can never be said too often so I am going to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to all of you hat have given us, your fellow members of the club, the fruits of your labors.

For those who have passed on, we say thank you to you too and ask you to watch over your new hard-working crew members.
 - Tony Rohrs

20 Years ago: "Roundhouse Rumors" by Keith Berry
 On Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1989, Red Hadler, Jeff Brown (a friend and prospective member), and I were re-laying track in the "Meadow" area near the bridge. Everything was going well until about 7:00 PM when he park sprinklers all came on with a "whoosh"! Red, sizing up the situation, grabbed the tool can and placed it over the nearest sprinkler which was directly blasting us from about 8 feet away. The can covered the sprinkler all right, but soon rose into the air and the water came pouring down. Red, always equipped with great insight, grabbed the can, ran over thru the

spray, and placed the can down over the sprinkler. This time he sat on it (he did not rise into the air). There he sat, water pouring down, sacrificing himself to allow Jeff and I to gather our tools, pick up the old railroad ties, and move the train over the bridge. Although we thought we were moving with great haste, Red kept reminding us of his plight, which we slowed down to consider further. Ted then resorted to threats which I thought was bold talk for a man, sitton on his "can", all wet, in the middle of the park. We think Red has taken the phrase "going to the can" to new heights! He should be commended.

30 Years ago: Work Day (9/22/79) found the Hilmar Heros Al and Joe DeFreitas leading the pack out at the track...but a wee sma' pack it was, consisting of Dick and Erich Quiring, Gerry Carney, Chuck Corothers and Tom Anderson (I hope I left no one out.) It was the same group, less Carney, who were out the previous work day, Sat. 8 Sept.



Safety Rules for the Month



105. The engineer and conductor are the final authority as to who may or may not ride on their train.

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

305. Conductor

A. Qualifications: any member of SVLSRM who demonstrates to the examining committee that he/she has the knowledge, judgment, and ability to supervise passengers and scale railroad equipment competently and safely, and who passes the qualification tests, will be qualified as a conductor. No one under the age of 18 will act as a conductor on any train pulling the general public.

B. Responsibilities: each conductor shall have a whistle (police type preferred) and a red flag or light in his possession at all times while acting as conductor. He shall assist in loading or unloading passengers on the train. He shall ascertain that all passengers on his train have been told and understand instructions for passengers before signaling to the engineer to proceed from the station. He shall enforce all passenger safety rules while the train is in motion. He shall align all switches (turnouts) for the mainline after use of such switches by his train. He shall enforce Rule #111 and shall prevent any passengers from throwing any trash, garbage or other refuse from the train along the right-of-way. He shall assist the engineer when necessary and shall call for help when necessary to enforce any rules.

418. Cars used to haul passengers that do not have built-in seats shall NOT have seats improvised with boards and objects laid across the sides of the car, except for the last seat which shall be reserved for the conductor. Passengers may sit on the floor of the car, to keep the center of gravity as low as possible.

for sale

TWO STEAM Trains for sale. Buy one or both.

1: 1.5" scale, 7.5" gauge Clishay locomotive and riding car. \$6,500. Engine is a two cylinder double acting 1 1/4x1 1/2". Boiler upgraded from the original 8" diameter water tube to a steel 10" diameter propane fired fire tube boiler with 73 1/2" copper fire tubes. Pneumatic FWD/REV shift and brakes on locomotive. Usual Accessories: working headlight, bell, new whistle, two new relief valves, engine driven feed pump and a hand pump. New body and trucks on riding car. Engine and tender set-up on a single axle trailer for transport.

2: Recently refurbished CRAB locomotive and tender. Loco is about 14" wide and 22" long. Two cylinder double acting engine with a bore and stroke of 1.375 x 2.5". Slip eccentric valve gear, a mechanical lubricator and crosshead driven feed pump. Boiler is about 9" in diameter and 14" tall, propane fired with 8 individual burners in a ring. Burner control manifold is on the tender along with the pilot light control. Boiler feed is by a crosshead pump with a hand pump for back-up.

Tender has mechanical brakes and is about 16" wide by 5 feet long. Holds about 12 gallons of water and a 5 gallon propane tank. Tender is freshly painted.

Asking \$3,500, RTR. Reasonable offers considered or will trade for a small diesel loco and riding car. I'm looking for something my grandkids can run, not too big, not too fast, not too heavy.

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

For Sale - Timber Creek Train stuff in 7.5" gauge

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- Train carrier with a loading extension for a pick-up that has a 76" bed, This was used in my 2000 Dodge Dakota with an extended cab. Has rails attached for two switcher type engines or two pieces of rolling stock. Not pictured are two flat irons for attaching to the tail gate and body of truck. This saves your tailgate cables from separating from the heavy weight of loading engines.. \$45.00 or offer for the lot.
- Crane and cradle for sale \$200.00, Capacity of 2 tons for crane, not sure of cradle, but it has lifted any piece of my rolling stock. There is two 3' lifting straps included.

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1/2 scale Brass Bell \$200 It is about 14" high, 12" around - on base about 50lbs. Was modeled after 1930 steam engines bell.

Two manuals (maintenance & operating) for a German ML4000 C' C' Diesel/Hydraulic (in English) \$15. each.

Contact: Charles Williamson (916) 363-2395

Editor note: SP bought several ML4000 models in the mid 1960s - The sole surviving unit (SP9010) is under restoration at Niles Cannon railroad. - from wikipedia.org

Freight cars for sale: Dome Tank car \$1000. Box car \$1000.

Contact: Bob Morris 925-240-9034 or postwarbob@sbglobal.net.

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