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## ELECTION

**Election 09:** Our annual General Membership meeting is also our general election meeting, and is on Friday, Nov. 20. Ballots will be cast and absentee ballots accepted. All will be counted to elect three individuals to the Board of Directors.

The nominees for our Board of Directors are: President, Lee Frechette; Secretary, Clio Geyer; and Train Master, Brad Jones.

The nominees for these offices were presented by our nominating committee to the October General Membership meeting with an opportunity for floor nominations for these offices. No other nominations were made so nominations were closed. No floor nominations will be taken at the November General Membership/Election meeting.

Ballots have been mailed along with instructions to all eligible members. Each position will also have a box to check off "NO" as well.

The ballots can be returned by mail to SVLSRM, brought to the November General Membership meeting, or a ballot picked up at the November meeting and cast.

Our incumbent Train Master, Karle Mahler, has served for three years and now is looking forward to spending time working on his own steam engine. Karle has offered to serve the new Train Master as the Road Foreman of Engines - Steam.

- Nominating committee: Pete Arney chariperson

**International Railfair's 33rd annual NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MODEL RAILROAD SHOW!**

**November 14-15, 2009**

Saturday 10 am - 5 PM and Sunday 10 am - 4 PM



SVLSRM will have Our engine running outside. To help SVLS in this event please call Paul Clifton.



*Thanks*

To Frank Presley who donated a switch stand complete with top reflector.

Got a suggestion on placement? One suggestion was to install it at Oasis siding and have it work the switch.

Contact Bill Yoder if you have suggestions.



We canceled our Ghost train event this year due to lack of people, trackside attractions, and time.

We will try again next year.

If you have ideas for scary stuff to put along the track please let us know.

**Happy Halloween!**



Terry Willes has been busy raking the pine needles. He made several piles of them on Tuesday work day. THANKS

## SVLSRM Calendar

- Nov. 10 Board Meeting 6:30 P.M. (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. Let's have some fun too.
  
- Dec. 5-6 Santa Train Take a train ride to have your picture taken with Santa. Noon to 4 PM.
- Dec. 8 Board Meeting 6:30 P.M. (City hall)
- Dec. 20 Membership meeting and POTLUCK dinner
- Dec. 21 - no work day -
  
- Jan. 1, 2010 Members New Years Day Run - bring your train and let's run all day.

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?*



Please check the SVLS web site: [www.svlstrm.org](http://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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### Special run schedule

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
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,

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



Your editor is looking for pictures or movies of SVLS activities so we can make a copy and add to our Historical collection. If you have some please notify the editor. Thanks - Bill



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**Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM**





### Track Superintendent

*By Darrell Gomes*

The track crew started laying the track panels for the Sugar Pine right of way last week. Paul Skidmore and Ben Klienwatcher unloaded and placed the track panels and Jack Friedmean, Bill Yoder, and I started bolting the panels together. Terry Wiles has been very busy raking and sweeping the track since the storm made a mess. Pete Arney & Lee Frechett have been installing the new crossing in the park. When completed the Hagan Park 7 1/2" gauge track replacement project will be complete. This will now give the operators of the 4 3/4" gauge the go ahead to complete their track.



### YARD MASTERS REPORT

*By Andy Berchielli*



The public runs are now over; however the yard still needs attention. With the winter upon us, the trees will be losing their leaves and the storms will be making a mess. If you find the time, grab a rake or gather some sticks and make some piles of leaves or branches. I will be picking them up as I come by weekly.

We will also be having the AmeriCorps work force with us again this winter. They were very helpful last year and appreciated our club very much. If you see them out there, tell them thanks for all their hard work. There will usually be between 8 & 12 team members working random dates though now till the spring meet. The dates will be posted on the web site. Check the site often for the dates and maybe bring them some food (donuts, cookies, fruit, etc.) to show our appreciation. If you do not know, AmeriCorps is located at McClellan Park and help out in disaster relief situations. They are also assign community projects to help fulfill their requirements to earn money for college. Thanks to everybody who helped this year with the public and special runs. Also, don't forget the events we are doing for the Roseville Rail Fair, Rancho Cordova city Christmas tree lighting, and our very own Santa Train. Member participation is always needed. Please come and give a hand. Thanks to all.

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## Safety Committee

By J.J. Carbino

We have just completed our October run schedules at the museum. I will leave the binder containing Locomotive and car 92 day inspection sheets in the caboose in November.

These are to be used and retained in the binder. I have placed a section for each locomotive in the binder that the museum owns and the working cars.

I would like to beg forgiveness for not being at most of the museums run sessions. I am in Hayward California and the commute is a bit much.

Most folks know that I have a lot of other hobbies and interests that keep me busy in the bay area. I believe that the museum is in the midst of finishing up on the safety problems that needed attention.

I read that GATOR has new breaks. It was a big safety issue that really needed fixing. I thank those who saw to this done.

The fire extinguishers are about to come due for inspection in a few months. Let's stay on top of these units.

I want to thank Ross for working on the 92 day inspection sheets for me. Also he gets a pat on the back for seeing the fire extinguishers were brought up to snuff as well.

The 92 day inspection binder is the last safety issue that I will be presenting to the museum. I will be stepping aside at the end of the year. I want to say thanks to all who stood behind me on the safety issues and were willing to help in manually seeing things to completion. My thanks also go to Mr. Pete Arney who felt we needed someone that was not scared to take on projects and asked me to help.

This will be my last official report as well. Hope to meet you at the Park. I will still be a member and will drop in at the park from time to time. Thank you all and be safe.

**J.J. Carbino**

**2009 Safety Committee Chairperson**

Safety is Job # 1



Mark your calendar now and decide on your potluck dish and get ready for the gift exchange.

## JOIN IN THE FUN!

You will not want to miss the Christmas potluck dinner and white elephant gift exchange on Friday, **December 18, at 6:30pm.**



## Santa Run 2009

We need volunteers to help at Santa's Home and at the station, engineers, etc.



I would like to have a meeting to do some brain storming and plan this event. We will need candy cane, hot chocolate, goodies for the apple cider, cookies, treats etc. We will be doing pictures with Santa. I would appreciate suggestion and ideas. You can call me at (916) 722-8514, my e-mail address is: [loisjune1@comcast.net](mailto:loisjune1@comcast.net). Donations of Christmas decorations would be helpful.

I was thinking of doing an evening run on Saturday night. If any one has any suggestions ,please let me now. I thought of Christmas lights on the trees, Christmas carols that you could hear through out the park. Or on each train. Santa Run Saturday and Sunday 12-4 If we have the night run it could be 7-9 I am still in the planning stage and I am looking for suggestions and help.

## Trainmaster candidate information Brad Jones

I am a Licensed California Contractor having certifications in Structural Steel and Ornamental Metals. I am also an AWS Certified Welding Inspector and a Certified Welder. I was an aircraft mechanic in the Air Force Reserves back when military airplanes had reciprocating engines and also was an electrician on 100 series Jets.

I have owned a body shop and have been welding and working with metals and on cars since I was a teenager.

I am currently building a 1-1/2" scale shark nose diesel in my metal shop. I was asked if I would help complete the live steamers new riding cars that were started a few years ago by several members of our organization and gladly accepted. I now have the car side frames and tube stock in hand and I am proceeding with the assembly of the cars and incorporating a few design changes of my own.

I have been married to my wife Linda for 37 years and have three grandchildren some of you have already met: Jaden, 4, Cameron, 3, and a granddaughter, Andria, who lives in Texas.

I am flattered and appreciative that you would consider me for the Trainmaster position and would work to the best of my ability to deserve your trust.

Bradley Jones





**10 Years ago\*:** The 1999 Fall Meet was undoubtedly a success. The number of locomotives attending was so great, that we didn't even have enough time to write them all down (sorry guys, that's my fault). Steam locomotives numbered in the 30's and diesel and electric added another 15 or so. In all, we had in the neighborhood of 50 locomotives running at the track over the three-day meet. This was one of the best

attended in my recent memory. The range of locomotives that showed up included everything from 0-4-0's, the Cab-forward, West Valley electric and large diesels. We also had locomotives under construction for viewing such as John Bailie's beautifully built Chloe-type locomotives. I have to thank everyone for operating safely, especially when the track becomes congested as it can. I also need to thank Dave Mattox for helping check boiler certificates of visiting and local engineers. - Matt Mason  
 (\* Thanks to Clio Geyer for finding needed 1999 news letter)-Ed.

**20 Years ago:** Well folks, it seems hard to believe that 1989 is almost over but, it is not so hard to believe a year has passed when you stop and think about all the improvements that have been made on our facility since January. Some of the most significant improvements are: New steaming bays with air, water and electricity and a second loading hoist with a 20' access gate, 50 tons of gravel spread in the steaming bays, electricity and lights in the box car, automatic sprinklers system extended to the pump house, 70% of existing mainline track has been re-tied, re-ballasted and re-aligned (to get an idea of how much track work has been done, consider the fact that we laid 40 tons of ballast, by hand!) new siding in switch yard. Lead track from new transfer table, completed, re-laid on new ballast and radius widened, new security light on roundhouse. All of these projects and more (and we didn't even mention all the work done to keep up the lawn and trees) represent a tremendous amount of work, much of which was done by many dedicated members of our club with a strong helping hand from the Sheriff's work Crews.  
 - Doug Fulton, Superintendent.

**30 Years ago:** The President Speaks ... Thanks, members, for your cooperation during the past year which saw the construction of the inbound track to the steaming bay, a new power line and lift motor and the purchase of a riding mower. Although the m/w storage building isn't started, it is well along in promotion and planning. Special thanks to members and guests who made such a success of the Fall meet in spite of the rain.  
 Fall meet memories includes new members John and Florence Faria. John has a miniature steam traction engine big enough to ride. John and Flo are regulars at our meets. They also include the perennial Joe Yetter and son Wayne with their SP2-6-6-2 and caboose, Don Brodhead and the little SP2412 with the great big whistle, Charley Steinmetz with his C & I "Elizabeth", Bob Petersen with his green and green American CP 173, Herm Volz 'American John Haines' Santa Fe 4-6-4, Bill Fisher's logging train and Ken Schroeder's Shay, plus many more engines from members and others.

**Safety Rules for the Month**



107. The Station Master will have complete charge of the station. He may appoint any qualified assistants needed. All passenger loading and unloading, and the arrival and departure of the trains, will be under his supervision.

212. All trains hauling passengers shall have at least one qualified conductor on the last car of the train. Each conductor on duty shall have a whistle (police type preferred) and a red flag or light in his possession.

**306. STATIONMASTER:**

A. Qualifications: any member of SVLSRM who demonstrates to the examining committee that he has the knowledge, judgment, and ability to supervise passengers and scale railroad trains competently and safely and who passes the qualifications test will be qualified as Stationmaster.

B. Responsibilities: the Stationmaster shall have a whistle (police type preferred) and a red flag or light in his possession at all times while acting as a Stationmaster. He shall supervise the loading and unloading of all passengers at the passenger station. He shall discretely refuse passage to oversize passengers who obviously cannot fit or sit comfortably and safely inside passenger hauling car seats. He shall make certain that all passengers have been told and understand the safety instructions before the train leaves the station. He shall work in close cooperation with other operating personnel to keep passenger-hauling trains moving without congestion on the mainline.

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



There are plenty of projects to work on at the railroad so you need to come out and give time to your organization.

Come and help. Your help is needed. Don't know what to do then call a board member and ask, then volunteer.



Please mark your ballot and mail back to SVLSRM. We want all members to vote.

Thanks.

# 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.

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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*

## \*\* New prices \*\*

**Freight cars for sale:** Dome Tank car \$600. Box car \$500. postwarbob AT sbcglobal.net.

1" scale Pacific. Plus flat cars, tender and the stand that the loco is on are all for sale. Also a box of odds and ends. Asking \$8000 or reasonable offer. Email for pictures or info.

Contact: Michael Savarino email: mssavarino@yahoo.com

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