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Got Steam? We did at the 2010 Spring Meet.

President's Report

By Lee Frechette

I am pleased to announce that the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum has acquired a major new artifact: Southern Pacific caboose #1272. This acquisition is special because, unlike our Western Pacific caboose, #1272 comes with all its original interior components and is fully restorable.

We acquired this full sized caboose from the estate of Milon Thorley with financial help from the estate of Dick Esselbach and a generous donation from Lois Clifton. We still need to raise the money necessary to move the caboose and, most importantly, we need to decide where to place it down at the track. That placement was the focus of a brainstorming session at our May monthly meeting which produced several proposals.

This is a big acquisition for SVLSRM and its placement will be a big decision. Our planning committee will evaluate all the proposals and develop recommendations for each. These evaluations and recommendations will be reported to the membership at the June general meeting where we will discuss the proposals and funding options. The planning committee reports and discussion will be reported in the July newsletter and the final vote on the placement of the caboose will take place at the July general membership meeting.

Spring Meet wrap-up

May 1st and 2nd saw our 37th annual Spring Meet. This year we tried an experiment and moved the Spring Meet to the first weekend in May instead of its traditional 3rd weekend, which is the anniversary of the driving of the golden spike in 1973. Although attendance was down slightly, we had a good crowd and by all accounts had a good meet.

After a successful meet there are so many people to thank that I could never name them all, but there are a few I want to single out.

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Mark your Calendar

Please plan on riding the rails of Willow Creek RR on July 9th, 10th and 11th, 2010. They are located in Brooks, Oregon. Check out their web site at: <http://www.willowcreekrr.org/>

If you are planning on going please let Bill Yoder know so we can tell WCRR how many people and trains are arriving. Camping and Motel details on page 5.



Christine Mahler making adjustments on the club's rebuilt steam engine.

SVLSRM Calendar

June 5 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 June 8 Board meeting 6:30
 June 18 Membership meeting 7:30
 June 19 Work Day and Run day for members.
 June 20 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.

July 3 - 4 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 July 9-11 Our Visit to Willow Creek
 July 13 Board meeting 6:30
 July 16 Membership meeting 7:30
 July 17 Work Day and Run day for members.
 July 18 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.

Mark your Calendar

July 4th weekend events July 3rd & 4th
 Club trip to Willow Creek Railroad July 9-11
 Hot August Night Run Saturday Aug. 28th
 Fall Meet changed to Sept. 24, 25, 26 Due to Halloween events

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?

Welcome New Members

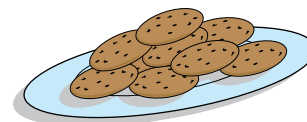
George & Sandy Garrigan - Sonora
 Marianne & Daniel Ward - Auburn
 Tatiana & Aaron Edson - Sacramento
 Augie & Judy Berchielli - Sacramento
 Phillip Dunn - Madera
 Norman M. Morris - Paradise



Thanks to All that have volunteered to (or did) provide snacks at our membership meetings.

The rest of the meetings for this year now have volunteers to provide snacks.

Thanks... (cookies for all)



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



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YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli

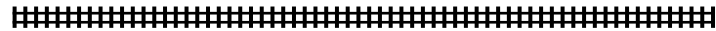


Our spring meet turned out pretty good. It was nice to see the different trains running about. Thanks for the many compliments about the grounds. It is always a work in progress.

So what is going on now? The grass continues to grow. It takes about 8 hours to cut our 10 acres on the riding mower. I can use help with the push mower. I made a map showing the areas that needs the push mower. The laminated map is located in the bathroom with the areas highlighted and a brief description. The mower is located behind the roundhouse in the shed. These items are always available. You are more than welcome to use it anytime, work day or not. I am also working on eliminating some areas that are tough to cut and replacing with mulch and plants. Thanks to Charlie Meinershagan for helping me during the Saturday Work Day. We were able to remove those grass areas and now the mulch needs to be spread around.

I have 200 cuttings of plants at my place which will probably be ready to go in the ground this fall to fill in these areas. Also, the permanent light fixture went up in the steaming bay thanks to Brad Jones and Lee Frechette. Should be working shortly. Set aside time to keep our place looking great.

One brief reminder to all, before you leave please make sure everything is locked up. Thanks for everyones help.

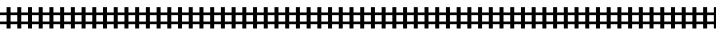


Track Superintendent

By Darrell Gomes

The Spring Meet was Great and track ran good! Thanks to the Track Crew for all their hard work and time. With Summer starting, the crew has started building 400 feet of track panels to have one hand for future projects and upgrades.

Bill Yoder has started on the signal system at River View. This will protect Snake Bite Junction and the blind curve.



Halloween at SVLS: Trackside Events *from Pete Arney*

At the April membership meeting, those present voted to direct the SVLS Board of Directors to enter into negotiations with several vendors to operate Halloween Haunts at SVLS much like has been done in the past. Halloween operation dates were tentatively set: we will operate for (14) nights in October, beginning two weeks after our Fall Meet in September. The dates are October 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, & the 31st.



There are only four months between now and October. Not much time. We already have a few basic displays, some of which we have used in the past. We need more to make the ride interesting. Our budget is limited so will need volunteers who are creative on the cheap. We do have some sound systems including amplifiers and speakers, scary sound tracks, some fog machines and black lights, some electronic trip circuits. We need to borrow or beg for canopies (for more scary tunnels), mannequins and costumes (for creatures), skeletons, and other props that your creative minds can come up with.

Los Angeles Live Steamers (LALS) has been successful with their Halloween runs by doing nothing but trackside events, about 40 of them. Last year, LALS hosted over 7850 riders in nine days. Their target audience is families, preteens, and young teens with some scary and gruesome scenes but also a number of amusing events as well.

The President and our Board of Directors (BOD) will be providing overall coordination and information on the progress of the negotiations with the haunt vendors. One of the vendors wanted a name for the event for marketing purposes so the BOD and some members have selected: Hagan Haunted Express.

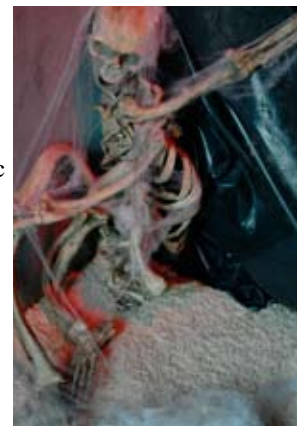
Part of the Hagan Haunted Express experience will be the train ride from Cordova station to the haunted houses as it has been in the past. To that end, Betty and I have volunteered to coordinate the Halloween-theme trackside events this year. The BOD will be coordinating the overall volunteer effort to staff the station and train crews. We will need volunteers to help conceive and design the events, build and maintain them, and operate the events on our scheduled Halloween nights.

This is fun stuff. Almost as much fun as running trains. Building neat events, then standing back in the dark of night watching train loads of visitors scream, laugh, and have a great time.

A new website will be published later in June: www.haganhauntedexpress.com to provide a description of the trackside events, coordination progress, volunteer updates, donations of material and props needed, among other information.

The site will be primarily for members and Halloween volunteers rather than the general public, although it could morph into a public venue.

If you are interested in volunteering, providing creative effort, or participating in any way in the Halloween trackside events, please let us know: Pete and Betty Arney, parney@pacbell.net 916-988-2000.



Spring Meet photos. More photos on our web site with links to even more pictures.





VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Bill Yoder

After some discussion about projects and priority at the last membership meeting it was requested that the planning committee do some long range planning and list projects as planned for 1 year, 3 year or 5 years. I will be reforming this committee and so if you would like to participate please contact me. - Thanks.

Program Note: Interested in shortlines railroads of California? Then come to the June members meeting (June 18). The program will be about several shortline railroads showing live action (film/video) from the 1940s and before.

Notes from the May board meeting:

- Reported that vandals broke 4 Sprinkler heads, tore up the siding north of Twin Bridges, and pulled up milepost signs.
- Riding cars project - Brad stated he now has time again to work on them. Karle is working on new truck design.
- Budget approved for 2010.
- New policy for ads in newsletter if they are commercial ads a charge of \$1/month or \$10/year will apply. Member ads for their equipment sales are free.
- Used Aluminum rail to be sold.
- Track department needs more tie plates, 4000 will be ordered.
- Purchase of Milons Caboose was approved with donated money, club will need to pay for moving it (donations will be accepted).
- Milon Thorley's American - Milon's son has agreed to transfer ownership to SVLS once we have space to store it.
- SVLS Gondolas - request was made to sell. Board voted they are Not to be sold as they provide freight cars for members to use.

Reservation info for Willow Creek RR visit:

You will need to make reservations for camping as I believe there are other activities going on during the same weekend you will be visiting, so the sooner you are able to make reservations, the better. Just as a note, the camping is not free.

You can call Western Antique Powerland directly and talk to Shawneen for camping reservations. Just let her know that you are part of the SVLS and are visiting WCRR for the invitational so that she knows who you are. The number of the business office is (503) 393-2424.

As far as timing for arrival, I believe that someone will be on the grounds all day on Friday the 9th. You should be able to arrive at anytime during the day on the 9th...

Below is a short list of hotels that are the closest to Antique Powerland Museums.

Roadway Inn
3340 Astoria Way NE Salem, OR 97303
503-393-6000

FALL MEET INFORMATION – by Clio Geyer & Lois Clifton

It is official; Lois and I are going to try and put together the Fall Meet this year.

As you probably already know the Fall Meet has been moved to September 24th, 25th and 26th. If you didn't before, you do now. The reasoning is that we are going to be involved with the Halloween Haunted House again this October. Preliminary schedule is for 15 nights during October. Therefore we can't do our usual Fall Meet.

We are looking for some suggestions as to what you would like to see and do during the Fall Meet. We are planning to have a B-B-Q dinner for Saturday featuring Chicken breasts and thighs, Tri-tip and/or Pork Tenderloin. We thought the cost would be \$10 per person with children under 12 for \$7. Does anyone have any other suggestions? If so please let us know.

The Raffle was not held this spring because of lack of time and planning. We hope to have it better organized so that we can do a Fall Raffle. Any of you who have things you would like to contribute, please bring to the Meet and add to the table. We are also looking for items to add to the "Kids" table.

There is also a need for volunteers to help with the bake sale, T-shirt sale, sodas, and lunches. We are going to ask about buying some T-shirts for the kids this time. We have plenty of adult T-shirts, but nothing for kids. We would like to have all the canopies set up on Thursday so that the sodas can be stocked on Friday as well as the T-shirts, bake sale items and a place for registration.

We hope to provide shade awnings again but we will need more so if you have one we suggest you bring it - Thanks.

1 King bed \$59.00 per night , 2 Queen beds \$69.00 per night *
Includes Continental Breakfast and has an indoor heated pool

Best Western - Pacific Hwy Inn
4646 Portland Rd NE - Exit 258
Salem, OR 97305
1-800-832-8905

1 King bed \$84.59 per night *
Includes Continental Breakfast and has an indoor heated pool

Keizer Renaissance Inn 5188 Wittenberg Lane N. Exit 260B
Keizer, OR 97303
1-800-299-7221

1 King bed \$79.00 per night, 2 Queen beds \$89.00 per night *
Includes Continental Breakfast and has an indoor heated pool

*Hotel rates are as of April 18, 2010 Does not include hotel tax

When booking a room, please indicate that you are "attending an Antique Powerland event".

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Jack Friedman and Richard Lutrel for everything you've done and continue to do. Thank you everyone whose names I don't have -- your contributions do not go unnoticed. Thank you to all our board members who do so much behind the scenes. And, most importantly, thank you to everyone who traveled near or far to take part in the Spring Meet. It is the participation by everyone that makes our gatherings successful.

1973 back in service

SVLSRM achieved another milestone as we put our ten wheel type steam locomotive (#1973) back into regular service this last month after two back to back forced maintenance cycles. 1973's burner collapsed after 30+ years of service at the beginning of the run season in 2008. Karle Mahler researched, designed, built and installed a new burner for the locomotive and had it back in service before the end of the 2008 run season only to have the boiler fail shortly after returning to service.

That failure resulted in virtually a complete rebuild of the locomotive and tender. 1973 now has a new boiler, new piping, new electrical system and many other improvements. The tender was completely rebuilt including new trucks designed and built by Karle, tender brakes were added including an operating hand wheel and a new liner was put in the tender. The locomotive was returned to a more prototype appearance now sporting an all black livery in Sacramento Valley Railroad lettering.

Many thanks go out Karle, Christine, Ross and everyone who had a part in 1973's return to service.

New Safety Committee Chairman

Welcome aboard to new our new Safety Committee chairman Ed Zeis. Ed is a former yard master for Union Pacific in LA, was active in LALS for well over 40 years and owns a 1" Pacific type steam locomotive. Ed has been very active at SVLSRM after moving to Rancho Cordova a couple of years ago. It is with great pleasure that I welcome aboard Ed Zeis as our new Safety Committee chairman.

Halloween

At our April membership meeting the membership approved a plan that will bring the haunted house back to the railroad this fall. While not without its impacts, I believe that the benefits far outweigh the downsides and help address serious financial needs of our organization. Our support of this event will please the community leaders who want to see the haunted house return to Hagan Park. The biggest impact will be the expanded schedule. The haunted house will be open for 14 nights this year. As a result we will be moving the Fall Meet to September 25th and 26th. The haunted house is our most important fund-raising event of the year and is critical to our success. We need as many members as possible to help with this event. Please contact Pete Arney, who will be talking more about this event in this newsletter.

4th of July

If you have not spent the 4th of July with us at the track you have missed one of the best 4th of July experiences around. Hagan

Park goes all out with big name entertainment, carnival rides, lots of food and family oriented entertainment for all ages. We play a key part in the festival by providing train rides during the day. In the evening we have a great pot luck BBQ and as darkness falls we board our trains for a ride out to Meadow where we enjoy the best viewing area for the fireworks.

We are promoting our 4th of July run as a "mini meet" and encourage members and guests to spend the night Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You will need an access pass to get into the park during the festival which will be available from any board member. During the 4th of July festival only we will be able to enter the track off Ambassador Drive, the residential street next to the RV area.

This year, Coloma Road will be closed on Saturday July 3rd for the parade from 9 a.m. to noon, so please plan accordingly. There is a back way around the parade route and a map will be available when you get your access pass.

The 4th is also a fundraiser for us so if you don't have plans yet, plan to spend the 4th with us, support SVLSRM and have a great time.

Willow Creek

Looking ahead, I hope you have blocked out July 9, 10 and 11 for our group trip to Willow Creek Railroad. We will be taking some of the SVLSRM equipment along with us so there will be plenty of trains. Reservations aren't required, but as a courtesy Bill Yoder is putting together a list of people going on the trip. If you're planning on going please give Bill a call. Our friends at Willow Creek are pulling out all the stops for our visit. It will be a trip to remember, I am sure.

See you at the track,
Lee



Special run schedule

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
Sun. 6/6/10	2:30-4:30PM	Lambert Party	25	Diesel
Mon. 6/7/10	11AM	Ridgeview School	50	2 Diesel
Mon 6/7/10	Noon	Ridgeview School	50	2 Diesel
Sat. 6/12/10	10-Noon	Friedman Party	30	Diesel
Sat. 6/12/10	3-5PM	Day-Engle Party	25	Steam/ Diesel
Tue. 6/22/10	1-2:30PM	BRIDES Group	10	Diesel
Sat. 6/26/10	11-1PM	Carmichael Moms	30	2 Trains
Sun. 6/27/10	Noon-2PM	Colan Party	25	Diesel



10 Years ago: (June 2000 issue)

The Third Rail - by Matthew Mason

Since I have been working hard on my own 1" railroad, the American River Navigation and Railway, I have not had much time to work on the new Yard. I plan to have the first workday for this yard on the regular workday. So come out and help with our railroad; whether it is this projects or something else, we need you help. Remember, if you run on the track, it is also your **RESPONSIBILITY** to help maintain it. I'm not talking about people that have to travel long distances such as our associate members, but those that live in the area. Remember, there is much more to be done than meets the eye. We need people to do projects such as tack maintenance (leveling, tie replacement, manicuring roadbed with a broom), there is some new track to be laid, mowing needs to be done -- you get the picture. The people that contribute to our facility can hold heir head high, knowing that they have made a difference. This is a participation hobby, which means one has to participate. There is more than just running trains. In fact, that is the last thing we get to do after everything else is in place. We don't pay anyone to do the work for us; this isn't Disneyland where everything is done for you. Next time you run around our track, please think to yourself, "How did all this work get done?" I can tell you it's the hard work of members (and all of you are one if you get this newsletter) that makes our club so special, giving us the chance to share our hobby with each other. Have a safe day.

20 Years ago: *EDITOR request: I need newsletter copies for the months of: 3,9,10,11,12 of 1990. If you have these please call Bill.*

(June 1990) The Spring Meet this year was not blessed with very good weather. Never-the-less, we still managed to have a fairly good Meet. Financially, we did almost the same as we had done the previous year. "Thank You" to Gordon and Barbara Moser for the wonderful job that they did on the Big Door Prize Drawing (The best that we have ever done). And, "Thank You", to all those wonderful people who donated items to that on Saturday. The steaming bays were not overflowing but we did have about 20 pieces of equipment running and on display.

30 Years ago: (June 1980) Back Pressure from the Prez - It was a tremendous meet at SVLS last month. To the people who helped put it on, "THANKS", also for the fabulous dinner the Gnevo family put out. It makes a tough act to follow...can we get them to do it again? SVLS was well represented at the IBLS meet at LALS and I'm sure that our members that attended enjoyed themselves.

Beat the Drum about the Club Building, said the board. I don't have to pound very hard to remind members who have waited lo! these many years of the many advantages of a building. With one of reasonable size, say, a nice big roundhouse, and strong enough to depend on, we have a whole new ball game. Engines and cars can be stored at the track, track workers can use the rolling stock,

Safety Rules Review



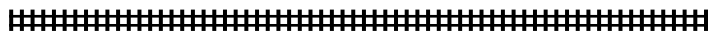
107. The Station Master will have complete charge of the station. He may appoint any qualified assistants needed. All passenger loading and unloading, and the arrival and departure of the trains, will be under his supervision.

220. Communicating signals are used by the conductor when necessary to convey a message to the engineer while the train is running. Communicating signals are blown on the conductor's whistle, loud enough for the engineer to hear above the noise of the engine.

311. The Stationmaster and all members of every train crew of any train hauling passengers shall ascertain that all passengers are told and understand the passenger safety rules before the train leaves the station, as set forth here:

- A. Remain seated facing forward at all time while the train is in motion.
- B. Remain seated on the train until it returns to the station.
- C. Do not lean out nor reach for anything along the right-of-way while the train is in motion.
- D. Keep hand and feet inside the car at all times while the train is in motion.
- E. Do not yell or scream while riding on the train, except in an emergency.
- F. Anyone disobeying these rules may be asked to leave the facility.

405. Steam boilers shall have at least two (2) safety valves set to operate within ten (10) pounds (psi) of each other.



Help is needed with our public ride days and party events. Please help support your club.

Call Clío for info. (916) 645-9154



someone besides Tom can use the riding mower and the Club engine becomes a possibility. Scheduled weekly runs at 10 min. intervals from 11 to 4 every Sunday could be worked by four members, bringing in, say, \$50 a week. Anyway, your board has not forgotten.

for sale

RMI 45 ton centercab 2.5 scale 7.5 gauge

Complete except for siderod, wiring harness, controller that can be bought from RMI. The engine can be running for under 900.00.in light gray primer. It can be delivered to SVLS for a fee of 75.00 asking 3,500.00 O.B.O or possible trade for model T parts or Live Steam Garden railway engines or 4by4 trucks.
Contact Les wilmunder(530) 533-2163 or email cindy194@att.net

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1.5" scale Pyle National extended case or flush mount dual GYRALITE.

They operates "True to scale" from the prototype and is constructed primarily of brass. The light operates on 2.5vdc. Price \$395.00 allow five weeks receipt of order. 12vdc to 2.5vdc voltage regulator/reducer for GYRALITES. \$30.00

1.6"scale, 7.5"ga Southern Pacific C-30 Caboose drawing package. Contents: 58 fabrication and assembly drawings (produced using autocad); 11 pages Assembly Procedures; 3 pages List of Materials, Suppliers, Detail items and Paint Specs.; 55 detail photos of prototype and 1.6" scale model caboose. The information contained in this package along with your skills will produce an excellent prototypically correct caboose. Price: \$85.00.

Keith Jackman

Ph: (530)272-8531 OR kpjackman@sbcglobal.net

#1. Mechanical cylinder cocks for 1 to 4 inch cylinder. 1/8 NPT.

Four per set, \$80 per set.

#2. Steam oil \$10. per quart.

#3. 6 wheel common wealth passenger trucks for 7 1/4 or 7 1/2 gauge. \$1200. Per pair.

Ross Crawford 916-718-4162

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

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.

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



Check our web site FOR SALE page for pictures and more details. <http://www.svlsrcm.org/sale.php>