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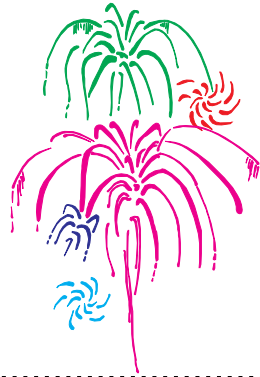


4TH OF JULY Summer Fun



July membership meeting (July 16) will be held at our track at 7:30. Board meeting will be at 6:30 ahead of general meeting.

Come out and enjoy the Summer evening at the park.



Join us on the July 3rd and 4th for two days of trains and fun.

Enjoy many activities: Fireworks at 9:45 each night. See the Parade on July 3 at 10am along Coloma Road and Chase Drive. Note SVLS members can get access pass to drive to track - see/call Clio.

This year we will be selling Hamburgers and Hot Dogs from the Caboose for our members. They will include chips and drinks for \$3.50. Also the Bar-B-Qs will be available for those who wish to bring their meals at night.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Bill Yoder

We had some guest from LALS and their sister club from Germany visit us on a Ramble in June. Several brought their trains to run. Carson Wentz (our member) enjoyed being their engineer for the day. Thanks to Jack Friedman for being a good host along with Barbara Moser with providing lunch.

Current projects:

- Memorial - (see page 3 for details)
- New Caboose placement (see page 3)
- Steaming bay light
- Signals at Snake Bite & Riverview.
- Building track panels
- Ongoing Tie replacement
- RV electrical (review)
- Container electrical, lights & power

Want to help then give Bill a call. Got an idea then make it happen.



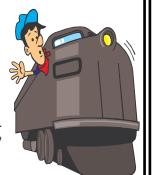
Mark your Calendar

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 Andy Berchielli (916) 348-7252 know so we can tell WCRR how many people and trains are arriving. Camping and Motel details were printed in last month's newsletter.

Willow Creek info: There are 15 museums at Powerland ranging from old cars to tractors to trucks + trains. It takes a good day to go through them all. We will get tours of them Friday and Saturday. Also dinner will be provided Friday and Saturday night around 6pm. Hope to see you there!

26 confirmed people going
6 confirmed trains going



SVLSRM Calendar

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

Aug 7 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 Aug 10 Board meeting 6:30
 Aug 15 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 Aug 20 Meeting moved to Saturday evening.
 Aug 21 Hot August Run for members.
 6:30 & pot luck dinner at track.
 Bring your trains and run all day and all night.

Mark your Calendar

Club trip to Willow Creek Railroad July 9-11
 Hot August Night Run Saturday Aug. 21th
 Fall Meet changed to Sept. 24, 25, 26 Due to Halloween events on four weekends in October.

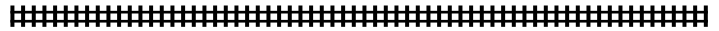
Public run day calendar available on-line.

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

David and Dawn Grundler, Davis, Calif.




Got a project you would like to share? Then let the editor know and we will help you share your good work in the news letter.



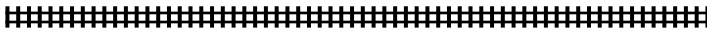
Your editor is looking for pictures or movies of SVLS activities so we can make a copy and add to our Historical collection. If you have some please notify the editor. Thanks - Bill





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.



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



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- Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM**

Hagan Haunted Express ... Halloween time at SVLS:



Plans are well underway for our scary trackside events along the right-of-way leading to the Heartstoppers' Haunted Houses and Deadlands concession area. Our trackside events will tend to have an old western theme that will compliment the Heartstoppers "Undead Westerns" haunts. Trains and the old west go together and will make a great show.

A new website is up and running for Halloween: www.haganhauntedexpress.com. This site provides a real time map and descriptions of the trackside events, coordination progress, volunteer updates, donations of material and props needed, among other information. The site is primarily for members and Halloween volunteers rather than the general public, although it could morph into a public venue and link to the Heartstoppers site later on.

We're beginning to assemble our material now in order to make our event the best in the area. We will need volunteers to help conceive and design many of the events, build and maintain them, and operate the events on our scheduled Halloween nights.

We can use canopies (for scary tunnels), mannequins and costumes (for creatures), clothes from thrift shops, scary masks. Carpenters and electricians for event construction. Electronic and media volunteers for event sense and timing, and sound systems. Our budget is limited so will need volunteers who are creative on the cheap.

Construction will start the first of August and continue to the first of October. Scheduling consideration will be made so as not to interfere with our Fall Meet, Sep. 24, 25, 26.

We can't do this without volunteers so sign up soon and often. If you can't make all the dates, then pick the ones you can help with. Specific construction dates prior to Haunted Hagan nights will be published on our website, www.haganhauntedexpress.com, and in the August Newsletter.

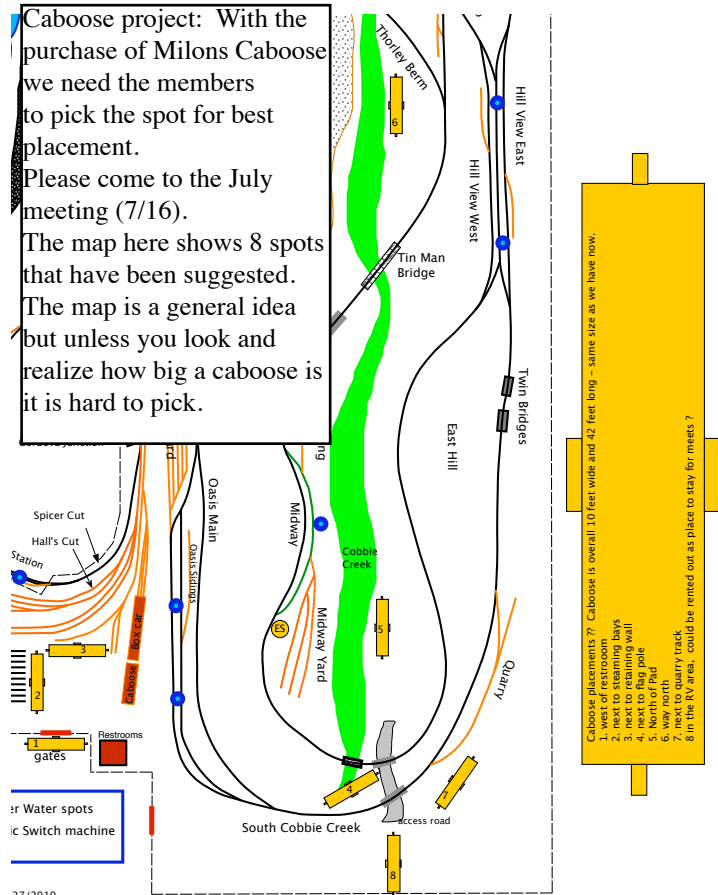


If you would prefer, frequent updates will be sent by postal mail. Just let us know.

Haunted Hagan nights:
 Fri - Sat - Sun: Oct. 8, 9, 10; Oct. 15, 16, 17; Oct. 22, 23, 24.
 Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat - Sun: Oct. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

Email us at hauntedhagan@pacbell.net or call us at 916-988-2000 to volunteer, ask questions, make suggestions, or brainstorm. - Pete Arney

Caboose project: With the purchase of Milons Caboose we need the members to pick the spot for best placement. Please come to the July meeting (7/16). The map here shows 8 spots that have been suggested. The map is a general idea but unless you look and realize how big a caboose is it is hard to pick.



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Memorial project: This is the current list of names to be placed on the new memorial stone that will be put next to the flag pole. Please help us and review for missing names or spellings. Contact Bill Yoder with corrections. Thanks.

Altstatt, George
 Aquirre, Henry
 Bonville, Roxie
 Breen, Quentin
 Brune, Art
 Bull, Howard
 Carlson, Lee
 Casney, Jerry
 Clifton, Paul R
 Coffee, Charles
 Corbin, Joel
 Danley, Rod
 Danley, Carmine
 DeFreitas, Joe
 DeFreitas, Al
 Drewes, Amandus
 Esselbach, Lori
 Esselbach, Dick

Fisher, Bill
 Fisher, Kay
 Galladay, Dick
 Garland, Barry
 Gnevo, Nettie
 Gnevo, Cliff
 Hall, Dave
 Hartwell, Fred
 Harward, Harry
 Harward, Georgette
 Hendricks, George
 Hindsley, Stan
 Johnson, Clyde
 Kirstein, Keith
 Lovell, Robert
 Mason, Roger
 McCalley, Bob
 McKenzie, Earl

McWirk, Darrel
 Murphy, Scott
 Murphy, Allen
 Quick, Willis "Bill"
 Quiring, Dick
 Schrader, Howard
 Shelley, Alan
 Simon, John
 Spall, Ed
 Spicer, Ken
 Stefani, Henry
 Stefani, Rose
 Swart, Earl
 Thorley, Milon
 Thorley, Connie
 Wagner, Warren
 Wetter, Lynn
 Yungling, Louise

June participants

By Clio Geyer

Thanks

The following people came out to work on Tuesdays, Saturdays and to help with parties during the month of June.

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Darrell Gomes | Gail Gomes |
| Paul Skidmore | Jack Friedman |
| Ben Klienwachter | Andy Berchielli |
| Bill Yoder | Lee Frichette |
| Barbara Moser | Gordon Moser |
| Ed Zeis | Butch Floyd |
| Bill Floyd | Pete Arney |
| Dick Patton | Dale Dennis |
| Betty Arney | Clio Geyer |
| Vern Geyer | Terry Willes |
| Mark Wentz | Carson Wentz |
| Mike Mechon | Miles Keisthan |
| Hunter Lohse | Jeff White |
| Marilyn Drewes | Ross Crawford |
| Richard Lutrel | Karle Mahler |
| Isabell Berchielli | Dave Morgan |
| Charles Meinershagen | |

Thank you all for your participation and assistance with the many events and chores that need to be done on a monthly basis.



RFE's Report - by Karle Mahler

In my last report I mentioned that 1973 was returning to the back shop for repairs to a safety that would not reset and an injector that would not pick up. Well, the good news is that both problems were caused by metallic chips left in the lines and boiler during the rebuild and have now "mostly" been removed. The pipe fitters have learned a valuable lesson about clearing chips from any work done on the boiler or piping. The chips caught inside, are going to go somewhere inconvenient and possibly damaging.

The aforementioned repairs were made plus a few others and the 1973 was finally released for service. Overall the engine ran well. We did have some issues maintaining pressure and water level. Ed Zels finally figured out that if you use the injector, instead of the mechanical water pump, you could get the train around the track without embarrassing yourself and return to the station with a water level and pressure you could be proud of. That's was the good news, the not so good news (it's a steam engine, you had to know that a down side was coming) is that while running we discovered that steam was blowing back through one of the lubricator lines. This steam condensed in the lubricator reservoir displacing the oil and effectively cutting

YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli



We received a donation of mulch from Tree Care Incorporated and Arborwell. About 32 yards worth. Thank You! We got most of that spread around during the Saturday work day. A little more needs to be added to the redwoods by Tin Man Bridge. We had a few trains running around and several helpers. Thanks to those that came out to help and play. Also thanks to those that have been helping with watering and mowing this past month. It takes more than one person to keep this place looking as good as it does. Anyone willing to help with watering let me know.

Make plans for the 4th of July weekend. We always have a great time. Bring your train and stay for the fireworks at about 9:45pm. You are welcome to stay at the track overnight. Any help at the track is much appreciated.



Track Superintendent

By Darrell Gomes

Now that the Hot weather has arrived, the track crew will be building track panels in the shade. Tie replacement will be done in the mornings so we can stay out of the sun. With the purchased of more tie plates and screws, we are stock piling track panels for more replacement this fall and winter. What we really need is 3/4 crush rock for the road bed so replacement can begin. Remember that Hot August night will be a camp out this year so we can run at night and load in the morning. See You At The Track

off lubrication to the cylinders. This has been a problem for years, I'm told, by a member who goes back over ten years. Yes! The check balls have been replaced, twice. I remember having the problem before the old boiler failed. The upshot is that the lubricator must be replaced because the existing unit is no longer available, nor are its parts, or so I have been told. If any of you gentle folk out there happen to have a ratchet style, twin feed, lubricator, that you would be willing part with I can make you a good offer. Please let me know. Otherwise we are going to have to wait for Cole's manufactory to produce another one.

Under the heading of it's a small world... several months ago, I was contacted by Jean Flanders, a member of the Pacific Northwest Live Steamers in Molalla, Or. It turns out that he has been reading copies of the Golden Spike that are sent to his group and recognized my name as a former member of the Belmont Shore Model RR club, from 35 years ago. I called him to confirm that I was a member and after talking for awhile we decided to meet at Train Mountain in early June. All I can say about T.M. is that it must be on your bucket list. My point in mentioning it is to provide a background for the people I met through Jean. John Kelso owns a super detailed S.P.4-6-2 class. P-4. John was a wealth of information on many subjects. The photos are of his

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10 Years ago: Two subjects are in order this month. First... A couple of thank yous are in order. If you haven't noticed, the long missing dummy fuel tank is back on the DP-38. Many thanks to Kristi and Matt Hall for making the special wooden forms that were required to rebuild the tank before it could be reinstalled.

Also, Many more thanks to Kevin Sach for the outstanding paint job on our SW1500. After some of us old timers procrastinated for over a year getting the job done Kevin, a fairly new member, assumed the task and in short order returned an outstanding professional job. Thanks Loads, Kevin.

Second subject... In August SVLS will be host to two rambles associated with the IBLs 2000 Meet. On the 20th and 21st of August, a group from New Zealand and Australia will be visiting our track on the way north. On the 29th of August a much larger group will be here headed south.

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.* (July 1990) - Making Steam: On Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, we had a fairly good turnout of locomotives and workers considering many of our members were out of town visiting other clubs. We had several locomotives there: Henry Stefani (Shay), Richard Bristow (Pacific), Warren Wagner (Cow and Calf), Bill Roscoe (Pacific), Sue Bristow, Jan Roscoe, Eric Harte (Mikado). There were several other individuals helping out on that day, but I neglected to write down their names. We did pretty good in the Station and the weather was great. Several of us got together afterwards and had a nice cool, relaxing dinner out.

30 Years ago: The last scheduled work day was a great success for everyone but the weeds. In addition to Warren Rose, Karl Lewis, Tom Anderson, John Siebert, DF2, and Cathy Lyons was out. The weeds certainly don't want to see her back again, although the rest of us rather enjoyed it to tell the truth. Once she got hold of that weed-eater all you could see was back.. she just never stopped. We also relayed the passenger siding washed out by the broken 2 inch water line.

Karl Lewis is new in the club but already a veteran on the track. He and his dad, Zeke, won their golden spike by relaying the 100 feet of passenger siding ripped u by vandals to late to replace by normal course of events. Then along comes Karl and Zeke, out to sweep a little track in the cool of a summer evening and wow! they found a job for themselves. Would you know the track had been out when you saw it on the 4th?> I rest my case.

The Gramith family showed up in style on the 4th and for a while passenger operation was an all -G affair.

Special run schedule

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
Sat. 7/10/10	10:30 - 12:30PM	Stetler Party	25	Diesel
Sat. 7/24/10	10AM - Noon	Horel Party	25	Diesel
Sat. 8/14/10	9 - 11AM	Porter Party	25	Diesel
Sat. 8/21/10	All Day	Hot August Party	????	SVLS



FALL MEET INFORMATION

by Clio Geyer

If you would like to have a place to park your motor home, trailer, etc., please let me know. There will be some limited parking inside the fence, so some may have to park outside. There will be some construction taking place in preparation for Halloween. They have assured us that it will be very limited and should not interfere with our activities.

As the time gets closer, please let me know if you want to reserve your dinner tickets. I will keep a list of those that reserve and you can pick up your tickets when you register on Saturday. Those who wish can purchase their tickets at registration, but tickets may be limited at that time.

Hope to see everyone there.



Safety Rules Review



108. The use of gondola cars will not be permitted for carrying the general public.

221. Communicating signals given by trainmen:

- A. OO When standing, proceed.
- B. OO When running, STOP.
- C. OOO When standing, back up.
- D. OOO When running, stop at the next station.
- E. OOOO When running, reduce speed.

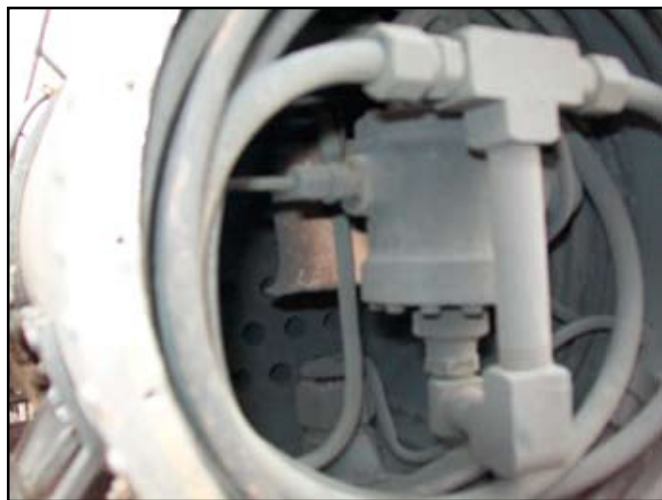
301. The chief concern of all operating personnel shall be the safety of visitors, guests, and members of the organization.

406. Steam boilers shall have an annual hydrostatic test. Such test shall prove the ability of the boiler to withstand hydrostatic pressures of at least fifty percent (50%) above the normal working pressure of the boiler. Such tests shall further prove the ability of each safety valve to work satisfactorily at its own set pressure. Steam boiler test certification issued by other recognized Live Steam organization within the past twelve (12) months shall be honored by SVLSRM

RFE report Continued.

engine. For some odd ball reason neither Christine nor I got a beauty shot of the over all engine but the cab is something to behold. John has a 1.5 inch human armature he called Dale Mac... that he sets in the engines seats to see if the controls are positioned correctly. Chris Brew, passed along his experience on how to re-tire a cast iron locomotive driving wheel with steel tires, something that our engine is going to need in the next few years. John's engine is an oil burner so we could not cross the road. (fire restrictions) We took the "short" route, it only took 3hr to make the circuit, talk about having your fun meter pegged. Chris and I are going to Willow Creek and hope to get to PNLs at Molalla this month. With any luck I'll have some information on our engine.

Keep your wheels on the steel, Karle,



Inside smoke box includes tubing for drying the steam and heating the feed water. The copper colored flared piece at the rear is one of 2 that form the petticoat pipe and also act as resonance chambers to increase the sound of the engine.

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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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.



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