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Come to the track for a Fun Time Train Run and Pot Luck Dinner.

Join us during the day and run your trains into the night for a good old-fashioned evening of Live Steaming SVLS style. Come early and bring the kids. Bring engine and some rolling stock and your favorite dish. The barbecue will be hot and the lights will be on for ya. So hang FRED on the last car and COME ON DOWN!



Willow Creek Trip

We had 21 people attend WCRR's first meet. The place was in great shape and had many interesting things to see. If you couldn't make it this year, make plans next year. Thanks for the invite WCRR. We had a great time with you guys and enjoyed your place very much. You can view a video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cd6lyeFbMVA>

Thanks

To the Willow Creek Railroad for their great Hospitality!



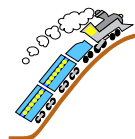
VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Bill Yoder

On behalf of SVLSRM I want to thank Mark Adelblue (President of Willow Creek Railroad) and Mike Baker for their efforts in making the SVLSRM visit a wonderful experience. The rest of us who did not make the trip are hearing great things about WCRR and the wonderful visit. I hear we should visit again.

Items from the board and meeting (as reported to me): 1. Brad has completed two new riding cars. He would like to have some volunteers to help him with future cars. (Please call Brad to help.) 2. The gate locks will have their combination changed soon, please contact a board member for the new numbers.

From the July Members meeting the discussion on placement of the Caboose seems to settle on either north of the Pad or by the spur to the gravel pits. Several members also expressed concern on the moving expense and upkeep to where our money could be better spent on current maintenance of our facility.



Evening dinner at WCRR for the SVLS group.

SVLSRM Calendar

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.

Sept. 4 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 Sept. 14 Board meeting 6:30
 Sept. 17 Member Meeting 7:30 at park building
 Sept. 18 Work Day
 Sept. 19 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 Sept. 24-25-26 FALL MEET

Mark your Calendar

Hot August 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?



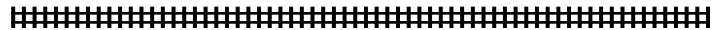
Help is needed with our public ride days and party events. Please help support your club.


Call Clio for info. (916) 645-9154

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.



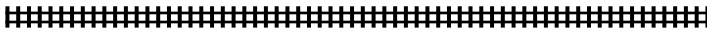
Your editor is looking for pictures or movies of SVLS activities so we can make a copy and add to our Historical collection. If you have some please notify the editor. Thanks - Bill





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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Hagan Haunted Express



The Hagan Haunted Express, in a couple of months, will be loading with Halloween revelers with the anticipation of a very scary trip to two haunted houses. Our trains are just one attraction at the new Haunted Hagan Screampark. We will entertain passengers on their journey from Cordova Station to Heartstoppers Haunted House and Hangtown Haunted House in the “Deadlands” themed common area of SVLSRM.

When passengers board our trains, they will travel back in time, back to the old west...the undead west. This ride through the haunted woods and the surrounding land will be the only way into and out of The Deadlands, where the haunted houses await. SVLSRM will have trackside events along the way, most with an old west theme. The trackside events will be constructed and operated by SVLSRM volunteers. The haunted houses will be operated by Joel Watson of Heartstoppers, and Jerry Jewell with students of Scary-U haunted house school.

Web sites to check out:

- SVLS [Hagan Haunted Express](http://www.haganhauntedexpress.org) at www.haganhauntedexpress.org. Our site, primarily for members and volunteers, will have up-to-the-minute info on our work schedule, planned trackside events, tasks to be done, volunteer information.

- [Haunted Hagan Screampark](http://www.hauntedhagan.com) at www.hauntedhagan.com. This site, primarily for the public, will have information for the public with ticket information and pricing, haunt descriptions, operating hours, and much more.

Volunteers will make the Hagan Haunted Express part of the Screampark happen. There will be many tasks over the next two months for all to help with including the construction of a small railroad station and western town front, hobo camp, bat tunnel, spider cave, ground breakers, creepy mannequins, skeletons, toxic waste dump...let your imagination run wild.

Some immediate jobs will be to identify and modify electrical circuits around our yard to assure we don't overload the facilities, extend air lines from our round house air compressor to the groundbreakers, check out and costume the air operated ground breakers, test fog machines and fluids, install lighting and sound systems, install trigger systems, build our bat and spider tunnels, and more! We need costume makers, carpenters, electricians, sound and light people.



Thanks to Andy Berchielli, Ben Kleinwachter, Brad Jones, Ross Crawford, Marilyn Crawford, Lois Clifton, and Barbara Moser who have already volunteered.

Tentative work days for August and September are:

Day	Date	Hours	Notes
Sa	8/7	8a-12n	Run day
		12n-4p	
Sa	8/14	8a-12n	
Tu	8/17	10a-2p	
We	8/25	10a-2p	
Sa	8/28	8a-12n	
Th	9/2	8a-12n	
Fr-Sa-Su	9/10-11-12	8a-12n	
Fr-Sa-Su	9/17-18-19	8a-12n	Run day
		12n-4p	
Mo thru Su	9/20 thru 26		Fall meet;
			no scheduled work
Daily	9/27-10/7	9a-open ended	

Additional days will probably be scheduled as work begins on the events.

Halloween run days for October are:

Days	Dates
Fr-Sa-Su	10/8-9-10
Fr-Sa-Su	10/15-16-17
Fr-Sa-Su	10/22-23-24
We-Th-Fr-Sa-Su	10/26-27-28-29-30-31

Haunted House runs: 7:30p until about 10:30p

Volunteer hours: 5:30p until after last run. Some tear-down may take place after each run night.

Work days will be scheduled in between run weekends for repairs and updates.

To join in on the fun, email us at

hauntedhagan@pacbell.net

or call Pete Arney at 916-988-2000.

Updates will be provided through www.haganhauntedexpress.org, emails, and direct postal mail for those who request it.



Nathaniel Hawkins engineering Darrells train at Willow Creek RR with Marylin and Linda enjoying the ride.

Train Masters Report

By Bradley Jones



For the first time in several months I am happy to report progress on the new riding car project. I was able to spend enough time to complete the original prototype that was started a couple years ago and essentially

complete the new car based on a design similar to the original but more suited to take advantage of my expertise and equipment. The new design needs a little adjustment but I am sure it will serve our purposes for years to come.

Of course the driving force to complete these cars is the Haunted Hagen Express where our equipment and members will be part of a fund raiser that could bring new improvements to the organization because of the potential revenue that can be earned. The success depends on the support of our members. This could also be an opportunity for more of us to get involved. We will need conductors and engineers to man the train and I am hoping that in the next couple of months we can qualify some of our new or less involved members to handle the task. If anyone is interested in operating the train or working as a conductor or stationmaster I hope you will attend one of our upcoming events and get tested. It is quick and easy, the test is open book and we will be glad to check out anyone interested in learning how to run the engines.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Andy for helping to organize the Willow Creek trip. It was worth the long drive to the Salem area. Also thanks to the folks at the Willow Creek facility for their outstanding hospitality. I hope that we can reciprocate sometime in the future. For those of you that missed it they have an incredible facility.

Again if anyone is interested in getting qualified to work as a member of a train crew please call me and we can work something out. Also anyone interested in working on the new cars at my shop also call me I need all the help I can get.



YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli



The park is growing like crazy this time of year. I could always use help trim mowing and more mulch needs to be spread around. The pad needs to be clear in the next couple of months for the Halloween event. More mulch is needed around the redwoods by Tin Man Bridge, around the cedars just past Twin Bridges, and Thorley's Berm. I also have about 150 plants ready to go into the ground. Contact me if interested in helping with planting. The places looks great! Thanks to those that help out!



WCRR Track view to station, notice the electric switch machines and indicator lights showing direction of switches.



Track Superintendent

By Darrell Gomes

The track crew has been busy building track panels in preparation for the winter upgrade project. Andy is making the arrangements with AMERICOR to get a crew to help prepare the new roadbed and lay track. They have done a great job helping the last two years with track and other jobs around our facility.

Our safety man Ed Zeis, recommended that I put safety lock pins in the switch throws at Cordova Junction and the entrance to Oasis. The locking pin are on chains and should only be used when riding public.

Remember that Hot August Night will be held on Saturday Day and Night of the 21st. Join me in a camp out and night cruise.

Our visit to Willow Creek was GREAT ! The group really made us feel welcomed and they FED us vary well. Riding there track was a fun experience with the signal protect crossovers. I enjoyed the visit and hope that they will invite S V L S every year.

See You At The Track



FALL MEET UPDATE

by Clio Geyer

Well we have come to the final menu for the Saturday night dinner. Cost \$10 per adult, Children under 12 is \$7.

Bar-B-Q - Chicken (Breast & Thighs) Pork Tenderloin
Green Salad, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Desserts + Sheet cake

Friday night dinner: Is still a don't know for sure. We thought we might try to do a Pot Luck. People need to bring a dish to share. They can choose hot dish, salad or bread to share with others. We will provide the Lemonade, coffee or water.

Matt Mason has proposed doing an "Auction" (see info below from Matt). We will also be doing the Raffle, so don't forget to bring any items you would like to put on the Raffle tables, either the Adult or Children. If there is someone out there who would like to be responsible for the Raffle, please let us know. We will provide funds to purchase items you would like to see on the table (within reason).

I have received two requests for parking and dinner so far. Please call and make your reservation for either or both by the first part of September. Parking will be limited due to the "Haunted" program being built.



Going once

Going twice

SOLD

The Auction is Back on Saturday, 3:00 at the Fall Meet!

It has been a few years since we have held the auction at the meet. These auctions are old stuff that you have lying around and want to get rid of, but don't want to take the effort or think you'll get enough for that effort. So why not donate it to the club? You get rid of that stuff lying around and more space in your shop, someone gets something they need, and the club gets a few bucks. It really is a win for everyone.

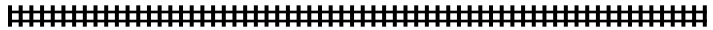
We'll take your old projects and junk. Bring in that odd wheel casting, half the plans for a boxcar, pattern for a car part, books you don't read anymore, that part you have no idea what it goes to, old engine stand, old camera, whatever. Ladies can get involved as well. Bring in that old afghan or cast iron pot, we'll find a new home. We'll turn it into some good for the club and you.

Last time, you made over \$300 for the club, but donating your old junk. Remember, one person's junk is another man's treasure.

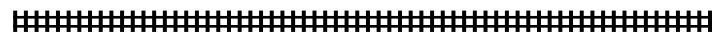
If you have questions, call Matt Mason at 916-812-0055.

Special run schedule

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
Mon. 8/2/10	5:00-7:00 PM	Stephens Party	25	Diesel
Sat. 8/14/10	9-11AM	Porter Party	25	Diesel



Willow Creeks BBQ with Mike Baker providing the cooking for the dinner. - Thanks Mike



Safety Rules Review



109. Cargo weight should be evenly distributed between the trucks of each car.

222. Color signals, lights or flags:

- A. Red – STOP
- B. Yellow – APPROACH – Proceed with caution, prepare to stop at next signal.
- C. Flashing Yellow – APPROACH MEDIUM – proceed to next signal at reduced speed.
- D. Green – PROCEED

302. All members share equal privileges and use of the facilities. All members also have equal responsibility for the safety and maintenance of the facility, equipment, and the observance and enforcement of these rules. Every member is responsible to, and for, every other member. There are no so-called "privileged" members.

407. Steam boilers shall have a facility to shut off heat immediately in case of emergency. Oil fired (diesel, heating oil, kerosene, etc.) and LP Gas fired boilers shall have a valve or other means to stop the flow of fuel to the burner. Solid fuel (coal, charcoal, nutshells, fruit pits, etc.) fired boilers shall have a means of dumping the fire out of the fire box or smothering the fire with steam, water, CO2, etc.



10 Years ago: A word from the Vice President -- Milon Thorley

It's that time again. Before we know it November will be upon us and we will elect new officers for our board who will steer our ship for the next two years. The pool of grey haired old Geazers who have been heavily represented on the board for years is rapidly dwindling. During the last 8 months, we have lost six of our members to the great rail-road in the sky. If the SVLS is to survive, the younger generation of members are going to have to get involved either as decision makers or workers. The days to have fun but never contribute to normal and required upkeep of our facilities. From time to time I hear members say "I didn't join this club to eat grass" or "I didn't join this club to lay or fix track." If we all felt that way we wouldn't have a track to provide pleasure for us on run days.

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.*

In addition to hauling passengers several members worked on Saturday. Keith Berry, Amandus Drewes, Gordon, Paul and Lisa Moser, Marie Bailie, and Coleman Bueltman all worked on digging out the cut just outside of the passenger station and removing the piles of dirt. All in all it was a very productive day. I certainly hope that I have not missed anyone. There may have been other individuals helping out on these three days, but I neglected to write down their names. We did pretty good in the station even though the weather was quite warm. Several of us got together again, afterwards and had a nice cool, relaxing dinner out.

From the Cab - This long hot summer has been a scorcher. Our faithful few (and I do mean few) have not been slowed by the heat. Track work has been moving right along. The new switches in the Station replace the double switch which was moved down near the Box Car to augment the yard storage capacity. We are once again exhibiting at the State Fair, this time with an indoor (air conditioned) static display. - Dennis

30 Years ago: Put It In Writing, says Lori Esselbach. She should know. She was Spike editor the first five years ten months of its existence. From now on, people who want to see something in the Spike will please provide same in writing.

The hose bib at the passenger siding is now protected by a steel casing with a cover and hasp for a lock. Casing and a hard-faced tamping bar were compliments of Zeke Lewis, Karl's dad. Relocating the bib and construction of two stairways and a lot of work on weeds was due to the efforts of the DF2, Warren Rose and Chuck Corothers. Ultimately the intention is to make a nice smooth bank where the large switch stands are sitting and to move the coal to the pile next to the pear orchard. The ridge between the orchard and the canopy is also going to be taken down.

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. 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.svlsm.org/>

MARICOPA VISITORS – by Clio Geyer

We had a couple of visitors from Maricopa come by to visit us on July 10.

Jerry Grundy from Maricopa, AZ and Carl Christmore from Spreckels, CA spent from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm playing on our track. They were very happy to see all our wildlife, trees, grass, etc. I received several phone calls from them thanking us for allowing them to come and play.

They also left a donation. Thank you!