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HALLOWEEN HELP!!!!

By Clio Geyer

A call for HELP is going out to all those who are reading this message. As most of you are aware, we are running 14 nights this month for Halloween! That means we need all the help we can get. There are engineers, conductors, station help, ticket sales, etc. that all need to be covered by a number of bodies each night. We need to run at least 2 trains each night and cover 2 stations. One where people originally load and another where they reboard to come back to the main station.



Starting Friday Oct. 8th we will be taking passengers to the Haunted Houses from 7pm until 10pm. We will do it again Saturday Oct. 9th and Sunday Oct. 10th. This goes on for the next 2-week ends and finishes the last week of October starting on Thursday thru Sunday Oct. 31st.

If there are any of you out there that would be willing to bring your motor home or trailer out for the weekend to help, we would be happy to set you up with power and water and a secure place to park. All I am asking is that you spend ONE weekend with us during the October Fest of Halloween. Please call me at 916-645-9154 if you are willing to give us your help so that I may add you to those local folks that will be spending every weekend helping.



November elections:

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. Four of the seven Board positions are up for election this year: Vice-President, Treasurer, Track Superintendent, and Yardmaster. Incumbents will make their decision to run again or not prior to the October meeting.

The Nominating Committee is looking for dedicated individuals who would like to contribute to our organization in a meaningful way. We would like to have at least two names for every position. This is your opportunity to put into play your ideas and leadership skills for SVLSRM. Contact Pete Arney (916-956-2870) to offer your talents for our election.

Our next membership meeting is on Friday, October 15. The nominating committee will present the slate of candidates. 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 no further nominations will be taken, including on November 19, the annual membership meeting and election.

Absentee ballots will be mailed shortly after the October meeting, to be received back by November 19 prior to the annual meeting and election.



Wow! this is fun!

SVLSRM Calendar

- Oct. 2 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
- Oct. 8, 9, 10 Halloween event
- Oct. 12 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. city hall
- Oct. 15 Member Meeting - 6:30 at caboose - due to Halloween run.
- Oct. 15, 16, 17 Halloween event
- Oct. 22, 23, 24 Halloween event
- Oct. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Halloween event

- Nov. 9 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. city hall
- Nov. 13-14 Rail Fair at Roseville.
- Nov. 19 Member Meeting - Elections 7:30 PM

- Dec. 4-5 Santa Run Noon - 4 PM
- Dec. 11-12 Santa Run Noon - 4 PM
- Dec. 14 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. city hall
- Dec. 17 Member Meeting - 6:30 - Potluck dinner

Mark your Calendar

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 for current information on SVLSRM activities.



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Members News

For the Fall Meet, on Saturday, there were some sixty members who registered their attendance at the Fall Meet, and with them were more than seventy family members and guests in attendance. Twenty of those registered listed equipment that they brought to the meet.

My guests, the Haleys from Woodland, really enjoyed the event and all the trains. Their daughter, Camille, really like running my little speeder around the track, and her parents each got a chance to take the throttle as well. They all remarked on the beautiful setting and the wonderful experience of going around the track with such varied features and scenery throughout. They are hoping to come out again for the Haunted Hagan Screampark event in October!

Dale Dennis
Membership Chair

Welcome New Members

Robert and Corrie Sawatzky! from Bangor, Ca.

Board of Directors

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- Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM**

Hagan Haunted Express

Trackside events are progressing on schedule but more construction is needed before the Halloween runs begin on October 8. Our Halloween website, www.haganhauntedexpress.org has the latest status and up-to-date volunteer opportunities – check it out. An email can be sent to hauntedhagan@pacbell.net or a call made to Pete Arney at 916-956-2870 for further information as well.



Thanks very much to Ross Crawford in organizing a work party with his daughter Elizabeth and grandchildren to help build our Spiderville tunnel and move our Toxic Outhouse and Hangtown Station into place. Awesome, Ross!

Volunteers are still needed to finish construction of several other events and to help keep everything running during the Halloween public nights. There will be a lot of fog machines, fog fluid, electronics, lighting, and sound to attend to.

Due to security issues, all of the electronics and lighting, and many of our characters, will be picked up after each run night and set out again during the day before the next night run. Help is especially needed to do this. Give us a call.



Thank You All !!!!!!!

I would like to thank everyone for all there help this weekend. I now can't remember everyone who helped so please accept my apology.

- Saturday:**
- Caboose-* Mary Neville, Pete Arney, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Tiphani Sach, Codi Clifton
- Cooks-* Andrew Sach, Kevin Sach
- Soda and Bake Sales-* Isabella and friend, Jordon Clifton, Monica Clifton
- Dinner-* Roderick Clifton (cooking the meat), Barbara Moser (helping putting the meal together), Monica Clifton (collecting tickets) Shelley Blanchard & Barbara Moser (cleanup)
- Sunday:**
- Caboose* – Barbara Moser, Marilyn Drews, Tiphani Sach, Codi Clifton, Jordan Clifton
- Cooks* - Andrew Sach, Kevin Sach
- Soda and Bake Sales* – Isabella & friend, Monica Clifton

Without all of you there wouldn't have been a fall meet. You all did a great job it was really great working with all of you. I hope that everyone enjoyed the weekend and food. If anyone has any suggestions for the Spring Meet please let us now. Food you would like to eat and thing you would like to see happen.

Lois June Clifton



The auction run by Matt Mason was a great success - Thanks Matt.



Saturday Dinner included a wonderful spread of food.

As usual the BBQ lunch has them lined up for those choice hamburgers cooked by Kevin.



VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Bill Yoder

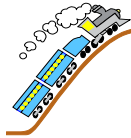
Changing hats now from Editor to VP to make a few comments. I found the Fall Meet to be great. I thought we had a wonderful turnout of people and trains. Thanks to all those that came from afar with many trains to add to the mix. With many steamers (with real steam) and Diesels (either gas or electric) to a couple of human driven hand cars. With more food than I needed to eat there was a good pot-luck dinner Friday, Great Caboose food for Breakfast and Lunch both Saturday and Sunday with the main dinner Saturday arranged by Lois Clifton and a great crew of helpers.

Please note special time and place for October membership meeting as it will be at 6:30 at the Caboose due to the Halloween event. Nominations will be made then for our annual elections at the November meeting - which you do not want to miss either.

October will be very busy with the 14 nights of train runs for the haunted houses. Please make an effort to help at least a few nights - call Clio 916-645-9154.

As I am running out of space and the Editor does not want to add more pages I will keep it short. I give big thanks to a group of people that have been working hard to keep the track and facilities in great shape. We had over 17 members put in over 326 hours during September and that was before the Fall Meet. There were also 15 hours or more by friends of members. Special thanks should be given to Paul Skidmore with 50+ hours, and Barbara Moser with 44+ hours and this is just at the track. I know they and others also do service for us away from the track. Now how many hours did you help SVLS (your club) this past month?? Please note your time working at the track in our log book.

Any questions or need something to do then call me - Bill Yoder. Keep it steaming....



Special run schedule

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
Sat. 10/2/10	11-3 PM	Edson Party	????	SVLS
Sun. 10/3/10	1-3PM	Hori Party	50	Diesel
Sat. 10/9/10	4-7PM	Sharratt Party	????	SVLS
Sat. 10/16/10	12-2PM	Twardosz Party	25	Diesel

Safety Rules Review



111. Passengers shall not take food, drinks, or other refreshments other than water aboard any train, nor may any person, passenger, or crew member, smoke while on board.

224. No person shall consume or use any alcoholic beverages, including beer, or any narcotics or illegal drugs while acting in the capacity of conductor or operating any equipment within the SVLSRM facility. Violations of rules 223 or 224 may be cause for immediate suspension of all rights of membership pending a hearing of the case.

308. For insurance purposes: engineers and conductor on trains hauling the general public MUST be qualified members of SVLSRM, and pass a qualification test.

409. All steam locomotives shall have at least two (2) methods of putting water into the boiler. At least one (1) method of putting water into the boiler shall be operable while the locomotive is under steam, but not in motion.

YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli



Thanks to those who helped me with the yard work for the month of September. Due to work schedule and a vacation I was only able to make it down here a couple of times this month. I appreciate those who helped keep the ground in good shape. The new plants are looking great and track is weed free.

We have an idea on what the new memorial garden will look like now. Instead of concrete benches we are looking to make some using railroad wheels. Anyone who has some wheels laying around or know of where to get some let me know.

I will see you at the the Halloween runs. If you haven't done so yet, let Clio know what nights you can help. If we all help a little this event will be easy and successful.

Safety Committee

By Ed Zeis



When at the track be careful around the track as in the past several weeks there has been about 8 to 10 rattle snakes killed they like to come out with warm weather. They can be anywhere.



Fall Meet Photos, thanks to Barbara Moser and Bill Yoder. See more online at www.svlsm.org



With a car load of trains and going to a meet we can always take a couple more cars to run on the rails.

for sale

Wards (Logan) Power-Kraft Model 25TLC-2136
Back Geared Screw Cutting Lathe with Quick-change Gear Box
10" Swing - 1-1/2"-8 #3 MT Spindle Bore
50" Bed Length - 31" Between Centers
Spindle Bore 25/32

Includes: 3-Jaw & 4-Jaw Chucks, Jacob's Chucks for Headstock & Tailstock, Collet Set, 6" Face Plate, 110 Volt Flat belt drive \$1000

Contact: Mike Dreiling 916-729-2200 or 916-201-0888(cell)
email mdreiling@macnexus.org



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.

Mountain Car wood caboose modified as a combine. Has steel frame, Mountain Car trucks, Cannonball aluminum couplers. Needs some attention and paint. \$550.

View and pick up at Merced California
Bob Silva
1232 S. Hwy. 59
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Check our web site FOR SALE page for pictures and more details.
<http://www.svlarm.org/>



10 Years ago: Projects recently completed are #2 meadow baika path crossing replaced with steel rail and new ties. Thanks to Ed Yungling, Keith Berry and Milon Thorley. Club Steam Locomotive: Thanks to Don Yungling for making parts and installing the injector on the engine. I did a cleaning and inspection of it, tightened up some loose items, and repaired the pump. A test run was done and all went well. We will have steam at the meet. - Red Hadler

And a word from the Yardmaster... I would like to extend a hearty thank you to all those that have been helping keep the grounds mowed and watered the last couple of months. New trees are being purchased to add shade to the steaming bays. I hope to have them in by Fall Meet. - Thanks Kristi Hall

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.*

30 Years ago: Words of Wisdom from Eagle Eye AL... Many thanks to members who answered the call Sat 4 Oct, the day we poured the "roundhouse" pad a week ahead of the date scheduled Sat 20 Sep. The 4 Oct. happening was much more than just another work day's work. One observer recalls it as an experience of the spirit watching our many- talented fellow members tackle that concrete. Only erection and dedication to go before we have ourselves that long-awaited club building. With luck and \$100 the building will arise in a shower of glory soon after the meet.

Alas, Al Shelley has left Roseville and old 1192 (with the rose on her cab) has a new master... Al's now switching in Sacramento. That's railroading for you. Ed Yungling just returned from Colorado he rode the 8444.