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Track Superintendent

By Darrell Gomes



On January 25, we started on the winter track and roadbed upgrades for 2011. The first stage will be to rebuild Cordova Junction consisting of three dual gauge switches. Stage Two will be the north end of the Midway main and the relocation of the north switch to extend the length of the siding by 80' and make room for future spurs. Americorps has sent us a team for three weeks to help with this project. We will be working Tuesdays thru Saturdays and I hope to see members come out and help.



Busy days at the track, Americorps crew, Paul, Mike, Darrell, Jack, Lee, Ben, and others - BUT more help is needed.

Make the time and support your club.

Welcome New Members

Tim and Ardis Gubbins - Roseville
Wayne Harmer - Rancho Cordova

SVLSRM Calendar

Feb. 8 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
 Feb. 18 Member Meeting - 7:30 Hagan Park meeting room
 Feb. 19 Work Day / Member run day

Mar. 5-6 Public run days - Noon to 4 PM
 Mar. 8 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
 Mar. 18 Member Meeting - 7:30 Hagan Park meeting room
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Mark your 2011 Calendar

Run days for 2011 have been changed to the first weekend of Saturday & Sunday for the months of March through September Noon to 4 PM.

Pacific Regional Meet (Spring meet) is May 20,21,22, July 2,3,4 will be Public run days. Fall meet is September 16, 17, 18. Santa run December 3-4 & 10-11

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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It's Membership Renewal Time!

If you have not returned your Renewal form please check the information for accuracy or needed changes and submit, along with your dues payment, as soon as possible. Only those members who have renewed by the end of February will be included in 2011 year's directory, so please be prompt! Those who have already paid will not receive renewal forms, as they've already taken care of it.

Send to: SVLSRM P.O. Box 273
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We look forward to seeing all of you at the track during the coming year!

Dale Dennis - Membership

* The year your dues are paid through is printed on your news letter envelope.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli



Well it's that time of year. Americorps has come to help us again this year. The nine member team is here from 8-4 until February 12 Tuesday through Saturday. Feel free to come down to give them a hand or bring them some food for all their hard work. They are replacing track and cleaning up the yard. When you are there be sure to thank them for their work and the members that are working with them. Especially Darrell and his team who are guiding them in the right direction. Thanks to all that are helping out.



10 Years ago: SVLS fell into a black hole as I don't have any news letters for February or March of 2001, if you have a copy I would like to make copies.
Thanks - Editor

(Jan. 2001 news) SVLS lands on page B1. For those of you who do not receive the Sacramento Bee, there was an excellent story written about the club's New Years day run. The story, which ran on the front page of the Metro section January 2nd, and featured on the Sacramento Bee web page, was accompanied by excellent pictures of Don Yungling's GS1 and included many quotes from members. It was nice exposure for the club and our hobby.

20 Years ago: SVLS fell into a black hole (again - since I going back in time) as I don't have any news letters for February, April, May & June of 1991, if you have a copy I would like to make copies.
Thanks - Editor

(Jan. 1991 - news) Due to the extreme cold, we had our share of broken pipes which needed repair. Unfortunately, the inside of the caboose did sustain some damage. Besides the plumbing problems, several tons of leaves (at least it seemed that much) were raked and moved to the park mulch pile.

FROM THE CAB: I'm looking forward to an exciting year with the live steamers. A great many things have been accomplished during the past few years, much of it due to dogged determination and tireless efforts of the work crews. The next time you're at the track look around ... its a facility we can be proud of. Then take a moment to say "thanks" to the people that made it happen. A few "attaboys" will go along way toward making all the time spent seem worthwhile. - Don Juergenson, President

30 Years ago: SVLS is alive in 1981 (No black hole). The roundhouse stands erected. some of the club's less valuable possessions are already stored therein. Before it will be safe for engines, cars and the like, some work will have to be done on the door ... hinges, locking provision and added stiffness against prying. Roster of Roundhouse erectors includes Dick Esselbach, Al Shelley, and Mary, the DF2, Tom Anderson, Chuck Corothers, Ed Yungling, Earl McKenzie, Karl Lewis, Warran Rose, Andy Anderson, Carmonh and Rodman Danley and probably a couple of others who have slipped my mind.

The long awaited CTC visit is now history of pleasant memory. Ken Willes' friend, Mr Kennedy, ex-SP CTC genius and the dispatchers on duty the evening of 11 Feb. did themselves proud. Between 15 and 20 members and friends showed up. Fortunately, it was a relatively quiet evening, railroad wise, so the dispatchers had plenty of time to explain their very demanding role in keeping them rolling on the SP.



It is a new year and we need a members to provide snacks at the meetings. Please give Clio a call if you will help. below is the current schedule for the year. Please volunteer !



DATE	NAME
21-Jan	Clio Geyer
18-Feb	
18-Mar	Linda Jones
15-Apr	
20-May	Spring Meet - Friday Dinner @ Caboose
17-Jun	
15-Jul	
19-Aug	Hot August Nights Pot Luck
16-Sep	Fall Meet - Friday Dinner @ Caboose
21-Oct	Lois Clifton
18-Nov	Clio Geyer
16-Dec	Christmas Pot Luck @ Rancho City Hall



UPCOMING EVENTS by Clio Geyer

The New Year is here and we are already trying to prepare for the Spring Meet in May. As most are aware Matt Mason has agreed to chair the event this year. He will be putting out messages as the time gets nearer as to what to expect.

I know that he is really planning some good things. Raffle, Auction, and some vendors. There will also be a catered dinner on Saturday night, and reverse running on Sunday. This is something that most have been trying to get going for some time now. Hopefully the track repairs in process will make it possible to do just that!

The other thing that we are planning is the dedication of the memorial marker that we have been getting names for since last year. The plan is to have the dedication on a Saturday. If you know someone who has family on the marker please pass on the information so that they may attend. It would be nice to have some of the family for those we are remembering there.

Hope to see you there.



Safety Rules Review

115. No one under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or illegal drugs of any kind shall be allowed to ride on any train.

229. A chain or draw bar must be installed between any car on which the Engineer is riding separate from his locomotive. A chain or draw bar must also be installed between any fuel car or cars and the locomotive which it supplies. Chains will be installed on all cars carrying the general public.

303. All conductors and engineers must be able to demonstrate thorough knowledge of basic rules of safe operation to the satisfaction of the Trainmaster or his designated alternate and in addition all engineers shall be thoroughly briefed on the individual engines they are to operate.

413. All locomotives or engineers' riding cars shall have braking devices that can be activated easily and quickly by the engineer. Such braking devices shall have the power to slow and stop the entire train within a reasonable distance, depending on the weight and speed of the train.

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little wet but
about 18 people
were there to
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