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SVLSRM has been asked to participate in the Travis AFB air show on July 30 and 31. We will be setting up our portable track in hanger P 14. If you would like to help please contact Karle Mahler at 916 334-8283 to schedule when you can be there. The base will be open to the public at 8:30 on both days so you will not need a base pass. Please wear a SVLS T-shirt to help identify who you are. We will be bringing the steam engine, one of the "diesels" and 6 straddle cars, and plan on operating from about 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. Come out to help and take in the Air Show. Lee will be loading the track on Friday morning and I'm sure he would like some help. Some of our usual Stalwarts are not available for heavy lift so if you have a trailer and can carry equipment contact Lee.



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!

Potluck Dinner at 6:30, Short meeting at 7:30

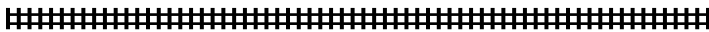
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SPECIAL EVENTS – by Clio Geyer

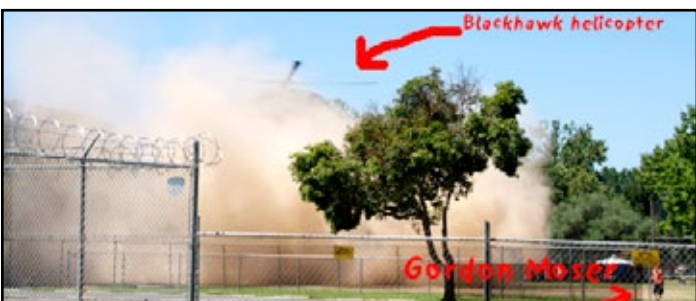
I would like to thank Ed Zeis, Gordon and Barbara Moser for coming out to help with parties at the park. I don't know what I would do without them. It would be nice if some of the other members who live nearby would be willing to come out on a Saturday or Sunday to help. The parties are really fun. They are mostly for children and they just love to ride on the train!

- August Schedule:
- Tue. 8/2 from 5-7 – Diesel (this one is pending)
 - Sun. 8/14 from 10-Noon – Diesel
 - Sat. 8/27 from 3-5 – Diesel
 - Sun, 8/28 from 10-Noon – Diesel

If any would like to come out and help, most parties provide food and drinks for the helpers. Give me a call if you would be willing to help with any of the above. It would be nice to see some more help, new faces, and I'm sure Ed, Gordon & Barbara would too.



California Army National Guard held their Family day at Hagan Park on July 10th. We provided a couple of hours of train rides to the families. They had many activities including a Blackhawk helicopter landing in the ball field.



SVLSRM Calendar

Aug. 6-7 Public run days - Noon to 4 PM
 Aug. 9 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
 Aug. 20 **Hot August Run - All Day & Night Saturday.**
Pot luck dinner.

Sept. 3-4 Public run days - Noon to 4 PM
 Sept. 13 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
 Sept. 16-18 Fall Meet

Oct. 1-2 Public run days - Noon to 4 PM
 Oct. Halloween runs - dates being planned.

Mark your 2011 Calendar
Hot August Run - All Day & Night Saturday Aug. 20
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 Tuesday work days, 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

New members:

Sherry and Wayne Toutges of Folsom
 Welcome aboard!

Dale Jay Dennis
 Membership Chair



Editor request: This is your newsletter. I am sure you would like to see more news and train related information. I welcome any and all articles and news from the members. Please contact me if you have anything to add to the SPIKE. Deadline is 4 days after Membership meeting.

Got a project you would like to show off that is too big to bring to the meeting for show and tell? Then give the editor a call/email and we'll take pictures for a feature.

Bill Yoder

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Bill Yoder

Our last Membership meeting was held on Sunday the 17th and we made it a member run day along with a pot luck lunch and a short meeting. 16 members were present and 5 engines were running on the rails. We had a good time.



Next month we will have Hot August Run (day/night) and a pot luck dinner on Saturday August 20th. Bring your train and your family!!

September is getting here quickly it seems and we will have our Fall meet September 16-17-18.

From the July Board meeting: • We will be taking our track and trains to Travis AFB July 30 & 31 and to Colfax Railroad days Oct. 1 & 2 - setup will be the day before. Please help.

• The board approved \$3000 for Halloween to add new track events.

Run dates for Halloween are not finalized. • We need someone to be the chairperson for our Fall Meet.

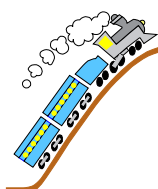
I am looking for a couple more members to be on the planning committee. The committee's task: to approve projects, prioritize them and plan them as needed for long term. If you would like to help - as this is your club - then call Bill Yoder.

We also have several projects that have been stuck due to lack of people power, so if you want to help please call.

Any questions or need something to do then call me.

Special Thanks to Barbara, Gordon, Andy, Pete, Ed, and Lee for running trains for the National Guard family day. Karle with Christine help got the steamer fixed so it could be used too.

Keep it steaming....



Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes

Work is progressing on the yard at Midway North with the installation of 4 of the switches. Paul Skidmore will be leading the assembly of the fifth and final switch and all the spurs should be finished by the end of August. Starting the first of September, the track crew will start preparing the track for the fall meet and the Halloween run. Don't forget about Hot August Night Run and Camp Out. .See You At The Track!





FOURTH OF JULY – by Clio Geyer

Well the Fourth is over!! As most of you should know the Board decided to try a new schedule this year for Public Runs. That means that our presence was there for the 2nd, 3rd as well as the 4th. Thank goodness for the Mosers. Without their help I'm not sure just how well the weekend would of

gone. Gordon got the gator out, after putting air in the tires, put up the station, checked the restrooms for supplies, hauled away all the garbage, etc. Barbara made sure that there was food for all who came out to help. She provided sandwiches for all three days, no matter the heat. Then they stayed late each day and evening to be sure everything was put away and locked up.

Those that came out to help with the public runs: Ed Zeis, Karle Mahler, Christine Mahler, Mary Mahler, Richard & Amy Lutrel, Andy Berchielli, Isabella Berchielli, Vern Geyer, Frank Dolloso & Son, Brad & Linda Jones, Ross Crawford, Marilyn Drewes, Kevin Sach, Andrew Sach and Tiphani Sach, Mark and Carson Wentz. Vern and I brought out over 100 lbs of ice to help keep drinks cold. It will be really nice if we can get the icemaker fixed soon.

Monday was a really busy day and evening. We would like to thank Brad and Linda Jones for providing corn, French bread, salad and apple pie for our dinner Monday evening. All that was to go with the spaghetti that Barbara fixed. Then Marilyn brought out two pineapple upside down cakes.



We had 3 bus loads of people come in from the NMRA convention in town. We found out that the majority of them had not had dinner, and were expecting us to have something for them. Their brochures indicated there would be BBQ. We did the best we could for them. We served drinks and chips. We told them that they could have what was left of the salad and desserts. If we had been aware they would be wanting dinner we would have been better prepared and had dinner for them.

The fireworks were great! The trains were out by where they were being shot off and some people got sparks and ashes on their clothes (including holes) on Sunday night, but I didn't hear of anything about it happening again on Monday.

YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli



Summer is here and my task involve mowing and watering. There are no major yard projects scheduled however, we do need to move the mulch pile off the concrete pad before Halloween. I suggest adding more mulch around the memorial area since it appears a little thin. Thanks to all those who help out in any way they can. Enjoy a day at the track!



HALLOWEEN – by Clio Geyer

Well Halloween is approaching. It won't be long before we will be manning the station, running Terror Train, and trying to give people a nice and maybe scary trackside ride.

This year Pete and Betty Arney have agreed to once again do the trackside events. Their only stipulation is that they will require more help than last year to help keep everything up and running. This means setting up each night and taking down to store every night after closing. We are looking for volunteers to work with Pete and Betty. It would be nice if some of our "young" people would like to come out and help scare. By "young" I mean our teen age group. I know there are quite a few that fall into that category and if their parents are willing, we would love to have them help this year.

If you would like to help and need to know the schedule, please call Pete or Betty at 916-988-2000. They would like to get as many names as possible so that the crew can cover more events. You can also go to: www.hauntedhaganexpress.com for more information. This web site will be updated on a regular basis.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help run the public. We are not sure yet our schedule of run nights, but will have more information as we get things scheduled. Last year we had a lot of folks come out and play that we had not seen for quite awhile. It was nice to have their help and I think they enjoyed it. At least that is the rumor I have heard.

SO...please keep the end of October available for us. It would be greatly appreciated.





10 Years ago: We have continued to plant trees this month, under the careful guidance of Yardmaster Gordon Moser, having placed some dozen or so in the ground. Now the battle is to keep them watered. Anyone visiting the track site is asked to water at least one tree. Let's keep 'em growing. A lot of mowing, tree trimming and general cleanup work has been done this month.

Thanks to Gordon Moser, Hans Feickert, Lee Frechette, Jack Rockett, Dave Errol, Don Yungling, Ed Yungling and Dale Fowlar.

One much needed project was taken care of single-handedly by Dave Arrol who had gotten wind that the Board was intending a clean up of the roundhouse. One day he just showed up and started in. I bet it took a couple of days or more to accomplish. Anyway the place looks great, is much safer, and YOU can even find stuff! Way to go Dave!!!

20 Years ago: We need to place our rail order immediately. Ed Spall has proposed a challenge to other members. Ed is donation \$100 for additional rail for the club - he is challenging other club members to do the same. Several other members have already agreed to donate \$100. The expansion area will take a lot of rail so every \$\$ will help to purchase more rail.

Making Steam: That's the way gang! Our regular run day in July was well supported - four steam engines plus a diesel. Spall, Wagner, Roscoe, McQuirk and Hindsley showed up and all did yeoman service pulling the public. Also, the club SP-40 was back in service again after a major rebuild of its gear boxes and axles. The receipts in the donation box reflected our increased activity. Milon Thorley, Vice-President (Since the Chief is back, the Tender will be quiet for awhile).

30 Years ago: The club engine is presently in the hands of Don Juergenson for the addition of a cab and external details. Our EE says it will be ready for revenue service at the Fall Meet. It will then be stored in the roundhouse accessible for work trains as well as passenger trains. A leveling ring to maintain the horizontal alignment of the turntable is being prepared by Ed Yungling. It has been needed for a long time. Got to it, Ed!

Bill Fisher's "Betsy" is featured in an article by Bill in the July Live Steam magazine. AS we've come to expect from Bill, the article is a pleasure to read, even if you have no plans for a "Betsy" of your own. Bill's reconstruction is so amazingly life-like in detail that it is difficult to believe that all he had to work from were a few photographs!

A visit to Castro Point and the several steam locomotives operated there on weekends by the Pacific Coast Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is one of the bus trips being investigated as a club "project" by the board of directors.

The meet that met in the middle. On July 9 Charlie Meinershagen came down from Redding to test his new Plum Cove box engine. We also had Gene Heiman from LA who brought his engine and two cars and he and his son Mark rode our rails. Mark said "We really enjoyed seeing the wildlife around your layout and I was really surprised by the total length of track your group has managed to fit into your space. It did not feel repetitive, and every section of track afforded a different view in plants, features and terrain. It is a very nice layout."



Special run schedule



Please help by volunteering your time. Call Clio to help.

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
July 30	10:30 - 2:30	Johnson Party	25	Diesel
July 31	10-Noon	Rosenthal Party	25	Diesel
Aug. 14	10-Noon	Mohr Party	25	Diesel
Aug. 27	3-5 PM	Carr Party	25	Diesel
Aug. 28	10- Noon	Toalges Party	25	Diesel
Sept. 10	11-1	Canavera Party	?	Diesel
Sept. 24	Noon-2	Bratchar Party	25	Diesel
Sept. 25	2-4	Domico Party	25	Diesel

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Safety Rules Review

105. The engineer and conductor are the final authority as to who may or may not ride on their train.

205 Any engine following another train must keep at least seventy-five (75) feet behind the train ahead.

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.

419. All steam boilers shall be equipped with a 1/8th inch NPT pipefitting or fittings sufficient to join either male or female 1/8th NPT pipefittings for purposes of hydrostatic boiler checks.



August Members Meeting is Saturday August 20 at the track.

This will be a Members Run day so bring your train. Bring Food for a pot luck Dinner at 6:30. There will be members meeting at 7:30.



Darrell showed off his new caboose at our last run day. This was custom built by Bob Silva. Great work!