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THANK YOU – THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!!!

I would like to thank the Moser's, Gordon & Barbara as well as Ed Zeis for coming to my aid this last month. There were a number of parties as well as the annual Bike Run from a Folsom school. These three covered 2 Run Days, 4 Birthdays and the school run.

In July we have the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July to run the public from 4 to 8 both days. I really need more helpers on these events. You also can enjoy the fireworks those nights. There are passes for those who want to be there that allow you to come in on Ambassador instead of the main gate. If interested call Lois Clifton.

There are also 3 Birthday parties scheduled. I just need someone who can Engineer the train and a helper as Conductor. These are all diesel runs. I know that there are more than 3 or 4 people out there that can do these jobs and it would be nice to have some new faces. It is really easy, just show up and get the engine out with cars, check the track, and give rides for 2 hours. Most parties are for little kids and can be a lot of fun. Why not give it a try?

Give me a call if you can help. Gordon and Barbara will be gone for a few weeks in July so I am short-handed for helpers.

Clio Geyer - ph: 916-645-9154



The Train Mountain south bound Ramble will be here July 10th. This Southbound Ramble is a bit different this year as it does venture North for a few days with the Northbound Ramble then heads South to eventually end up in Joshua Tree. It is a pretty intense schedule.

There are 3 locos from Australia confirmed on the southbound ramble.

Please drop by and welcome them.



Next member run day is July 21.

Hot August run day & night is August 18.



## Presidents Report

*By Bill Yoder*

Well I think Summer is here now, and the year is half gone or is it half coming. How is your project list working? Mine is longer than it was at the first of the year.

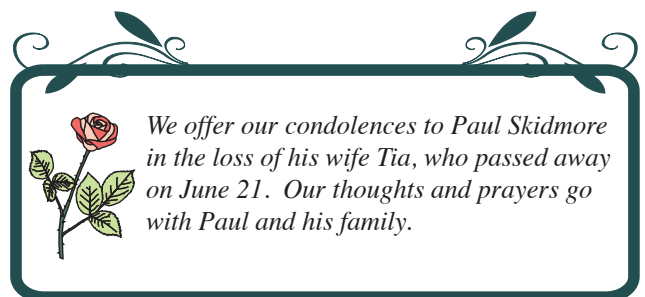
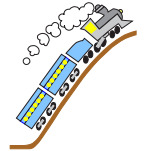
We have several fun events in July as noted by other articles here and we can always use help in running the trains.

The member run days (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) of each month have varied in attendance - those that do come out are having a great day of running either their engine or the club's engines. If you have not learned how to run the Diesels or the Steamer, then please make an effort to be at the next members run day. We will have our Annual August run on the 18th with BBQ and night run.

Our Fall meet is Sept. 21, 22, & 23 so mark your calendar.

The Track crew has been busy this month building track panels that will be used for our Winter track projects (when mainline is out of service). Andy and helpers are keeping the grounds green and adding automated sprinklers to reduce people needed. Special thanks goes to those helping with public and special event train rides. If you have time we have many projects that can be worked on, please give me a call.

Keep it steaming.



*We offer our condolences to Paul Skidmore in the loss of his wife Tia, who passed away on June 21. Our thoughts and prayers go with Paul and his family.*

## SVLSRM Calendar

See Special run schedule on page 3 and please come help.

- July 3 & 4 Public rides for 4th celebrations,  
Trains run 4 to 8 PM. Food available.
- July 7 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- July 8 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- July 10 The Train Mountain south bound Ramble visit.  
Board Meeting at 6:30, Community Board Room  
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- July 21 Members run day at our track, run all day
  
- Aug. 4 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- Aug. 5 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- Aug. 14 Board Meeting at 6:30, Community Board Room  
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Aug. 18 *Hot August Run - All Day & Night Saturday.*  
*Pot luck dinner.*

**\*Mark your 2012 Calendar\***

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**Don't forget about work days,** Contact a board member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM web site <http://www.svlsrcm.org>.

*How will you support SVLSRM this month?*



Please check the SVLS web site: [www.svlsrcm.org](http://www.svlsrcm.org) for current information on SVLSRM activities.

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## MEMBERSHIP

by Amy Lutrel

### Welcome New Members

Michael and Janna Wolohan, Elk Grove.

Did you know we have the SPIKE news letters available from 2003 on the SVLSRM web site?

Older news letters can be scanned if there is an interest to have them on-line. Comments?

Save SVLSRM some money and read the newsletters on-line. Tell us that you don't need the mailed copy, we will notify you by E-mail so you can read it on-line.

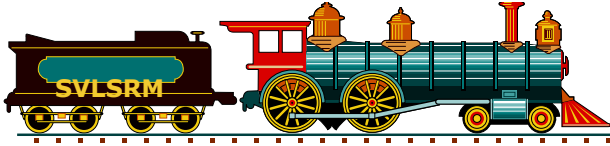


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**Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM**

**Special run schedule**



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

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
June 30, 2012	2-4PM	Patterson Party	25	Diesel
July 3 & 4, 2012	4-8 PM	Public Run	?????	?????
July 14, 2012	10-Noon	Heeb Party	25	Diesel
July 21, 2012	Noon - ???	Member Meeting & Run Day	?????	?????
July 22, 2012	10-Noon	Toutges Party (Member)	?????	Diesel
July 28, 2012	11-1 PM	Bainer Party	25	Diesel
Aug. 1, 2012	10-Noon	YMCA Summer Camp	????	Diesel
Aug. 18, 2012	Noon-????	Member Meeting & Run Day	?????	?????
Aug. 25, 2012	2-4 PM	Cuevas Party	25	Diesel



**YARD MASTERS REPORT**

By Andy Berchielli



The memorial water project is now hooked up to the timer. That makes five stations on the timer now. It's nice to see the irrigation finally taken shape. The rest of the facility is still watered by our hoses and sprinkler assemblies. I would like to thank Wayne Harmer, Adam & Sabastion Kessler, and Lee for helping with the watering needs. It would not be possible without their help to keep the park green and healthy. Thank you guys!

Speaking of healthy, we now have two new fawns in our area. One is about a month old and the other is about two weeks old. We also have three does, a pheasant, a turkey with several babies, and the peacock. It's nice to see that these animals feel safe on our grounds. Enjoy the 4th of July events!



**Train Masters Report**

By Kevin Sach



The 4th of July is upon us, the park will be busy with people celebrating Independence Day on the 3rd and 4th and to watch the Fireworks that will grace the sky at nighttime. This year we have been asked to run at a later time which is 5-8 pm to avoid the heat. With the later run time and more people in the park, I would like to try and run with two conductors on the trains. One conductor will be placed in the back of the train while the second conductor will be sitting behind the engineer facing backwards to help keep an eye on the passengers. If you are in town and are willing to help out I encourage you to come out and help, **please contact Lois for gate pass**. I know several members will just be returning exhausted from the Triennial up at Train Mountain.

I have noticed several new members at the track lately who are just getting into the hobby. I have also over heard people saying that we don't build anything anymore. Who would be interested in trying to build flat cars as a group project this upcoming winter? If interested drop me an e-mail soon, so I can try and get prices together and work out a schedule. I would like to keep the group small to allow maximum work time for each person.

See you on the rails



*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/e-mail and we'll take pictures for a feature.*



**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!*



Now here is a sign I had not seen before. Makes you wonder what kind of machine goes on this road. Could it be a steam engine that needs no track?

This is in Wausau, Wisconsin.

- Bill

Photos below from Spring Meet 2012





**10 Years ago:** For quite a little while Milon Thorley has been expressing an interest in placing a flag pole in the vicinity of Ol' Gus' grave. If you were at the Spring meet you know where that is. Well it looks like Milon is going get his flag pole thanks to one donated by Caboose Chairman Paul Clifton, who has been saving this thing for a number of years for "just the right occasion."

Don Yungling, a long time member of SVLS, recently had an article published in the March/April 2002 issue of Live Steam. It tells the story of the cab-forward and its recent upgrades along with information about Rod Danley's Western Pacific 257 class 2-8-8-2, which along with the cab-forward was at our 2002 Spring Meet. Don's story continues the saga of his building his 4-8-4 GS-1, and their construction history. Ed Yungling has also recently been published in a "Down Under" magazine.

**20 Years ago:** In the last month we have laid approximately 625 feet of new track in the expansion area bringing the total so far this year to nearly 1800 feet. This just about doubles the amount of track what we started with in January. We expect to lay about 1000 feet more before the fall meet.

Milon Thorley and Bob Lovel have been working on the two new bridges that will cross the dry creek at the north and south ends of the expansion area. The board has approved a girder deck bridge for the southern crossing and a curved wooden trestle for the northern crossing. - Doug Fulton, Superintendent

**\*\* I am missing Sept. Through Dec. of 1992 news letters. If you have a copy please share with us.**

**30 Years ago:** Father's Day we had a good crowd of our members and their families, having a terrific time railroading, barbecuing, and socializing. Passengers were hauled by Darrel McWhirk's engine and a very able assist from the "Little club engine that could". Also on the scene were: the Danley Allegheny, Al Shelley's fire starter (with a new ash pan), and Bob Bonswor with his newly acquired equipment. July 3 and 4 once again found a bunch of people having a good time eating riding and talking followed by the best seats in the park for a beautiful fireworks display complete with toasting the marshmallows. During the weekend run, passenger traffic was handled by Ed Spall's "Jolly Green Giant, Warren Wagner's cow and calf, the Christianson's "Mighty blue", Darrel McWhirk's Rutland 10 wheeler, Ken Willes' hard working switcher, the club's engine and on display was Cliff Gnevo's Mogul which should be in service in the very near future. Hang in there Cliff! Unfortunately, once again we had equipment damaged by intentional acts of vandalism. This time it was the tracks. This is in addition to the damage vandals bestowed on the linkage for the passenger station switch. Maybe we need a Bengal Tiger for a "watch dog"?



## Safety Rules Review

117. No pets of any kind shall be allowed to run free within the facility. All pets shall be confined on a leash not over six (6) feet in length, or inside the owners car, (as per park rules). The owner of such pets shall be responsible for immediately cleaning up any manure or other disagreeable mess caused by such pet. Any violation of this rule may result in both pet and owner being asked to leave the facility. Animals may not ride on public passenger trains.

216. Trainman should use hand signals whenever practical. Several trainmen in the same area using whistles can easily be mistaken for one another. The use of hand signals makes it necessary for the engineer to see the signal intended for him, eliminating possible error and danger of mistaking another trainman's whistle for that of his own.

### 306. STATIONMASTER:

A. Qualifications: any member of SVLSRM who demonstrates to the examining committee that he has the knowledge, judgment, and ability to supervise passengers and scale railroad trains competently and safely and who passes the qualifications test will be qualified as Stationmaster.

B. Responsibilities: the Stationmaster shall have a whistle (police type preferred) and a red flag or light in his possession at all times while acting as a Stationmaster. He shall supervise the loading and unloading of all passengers at the passenger station. He shall discretely refuse passage to oversize passengers who obviously cannot fit or sit comfortably and safely inside passenger hauling car seats. He shall make certain that all passengers have been told and understand the safety instructions before the train leaves the station. He shall work in close cooperation with other operating personnel to keep passenger-hauling trains moving without congestion on the mainline.

411. Steam boilers burning solid fuel shall have an ash pan constructed and installed to prevent dropping burning ashes of fuel along the right-of way while the locomotive is in operation.



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

**FOR SALE**



Allen Consolidation Steam engine and Tender  
Coal burner  
\$15,000 includes about 500 pounds of coal (in 50 lb. bags)  
Call Wayne Thorley 530-295-5518



FOR SALE - 7.5" gauge 4+4 Beam Engine built by Bill Conner in 2000. Propane fired 12" diameter vertical steel boiler with 306 3/8" diameter copper fire tubes. Engine is a 2x2.75" double acting twin driving eight 4.375" diameter wheels through a 20% overdrive. More than enough power to haul a train with 11 preschool children and 11 adults and enough speed to run away and hide. Four chime whistle, lights for night running, pneumatic brakes on engine and tender and a working sander. Carries 13 gallons of water and 12 gallons of propane. Reason for sale - Engine runs fine, I'm running out of steam.

Asking \$12,000/reasonable offers considered. Suggest pick-up from Reno, NV area or I can deliver, Western US only, for \$1.25/mile, one way, in advance, non refundable. Contact me at [steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net) or (775) 674-6512 for additional details.



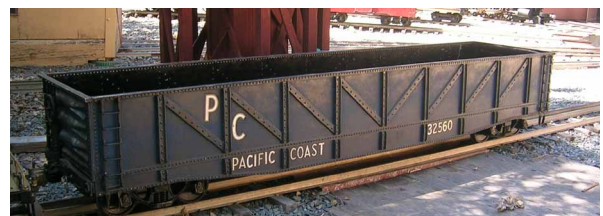
Freelance 7.5" Gauge 0-4-0, 7.5" Gauge, 1.5" Scale, Oil Fired, 2" Winton Cylinders

This locomotive was built by Mr. Terry Taylor in 1972. It features an axel pump and a hand pump. There is also the necessary plumbing for an injector. The locomotive is fired up on a regular basis at the Golden Gate Live Steamers. It holds 3 gallons of fuel oil and about 10 gallons of water if I recall correctly. It was weighed in at just about 350 lbs. It has hauled the club public train with a total of 22 passengers on board.

The locomotive is very complete with detail. I have had this locomotive for 2 1/2 years and it has been an interesting journey through the ups and downs of locomotive ownership. It's all part of the fun. I am selling my locomotive because I'm ready for a bit of change and I would like someone else to enjoy my locomotive as much as I did!

\$12,000 OBO  
David Waterman [steamfreak22@gmail.com](mailto:steamfreak22@gmail.com)

FOR SALE: 1 1/2-inch scale detailed gondola car with Winton's fully sprung Bettendorf trucks. Over 6-feet long and made from aluminum/steel castings and plate. Perfect for hauling a family around the track or at your home railroad. Car is perfect for mounting a propane tank for propane fired locomotives while seating 1-2 passengers. Gondola may be viewed at GGLS most Sundays-please call to schedule. Asking \$1100 - will consider reasonable offers. Michael B. Smith (415) 558-4536





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