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Registration will be Friday 3-6 and Saturday 9-1 Please sign in.

RV Area is reserved for RV parking; there will be no camping in the RV area unless you are with the RV. All trailers will be parked outside The RV along the fence line behind the RV's. All tent camping will be on the Oasis grass area.

Breakfast will be served Saturday and Sunday 8-10.

Saturday Breakfast \$6

Waffles, Sausage/Bacon, Assorted Fruit, & Whip Cream

Sunday Breakfast \$5

Continental Style-(Sweet breads, Cereal, etc)

Lunch both Saturday & Sunday serve from 12-2.

Cheeseburgers or Hot Dogs, Potato, Macaroni Salad or Chips \$7.
Corn Bread & Chili \$5.

Friday night dinner is spaghetti dinner of Pasta, Meat Sauce or Marinara Sauce, Garlic bread Green Salad \$6. Please bring a dessert to share but If you can't bring a dessert a donation will be appreciated.

Saturday night dinner includes tri-tip and chicken breast, green beans, ranch beans, rice, rolls and butter and sheet cake.

Early bird special: Call Lois Clifton 916-722-8514 to RSVP for dinner by Saturday, Oct. 13th at 6 p.m.
Dinner will be \$11 - family of 4 will be \$40.

After Oct. 13:

Adults - ages 13 & over \$13.50

Children - ages 6-12 \$7

Kids 5 & under - free

Call Lois Clifton (916) 722-8514

*For more information about our Fall Meet contact:
Lois Clifton (916) 722-8514*



This Halloween the Ghost train will be running four nights. We will be setting up the Halloween props and decorations the last week of October and your help is needed.

We have creatures that jump towards the train, several displays like the Mad Scientist workshop, Hobo camp, flying ghost line, several inflatable items along with talking skull, the bat tunnel, spider tunnel and other spooky stuff.

We are looking for other ideas that can scare or entertain our riding public.

So come out and help, you are all welcome. Call Dennis or Andy to help.



A **THANK YOU** TO THOSE WHO HELP WITH PARTIES

I would like to thank the following people for coming out to help with parties for the month of September.

Barbara & Gordon Moser
Wayne Harmer & sister Sherie
Ed Zeis
Dennis Gramith

Don't know what I would do without your help.

If there are others that would like to come out and meet people at parties and run the trains for a couple of hours, it would be greatly appreciated. The party people are great and the kids really enjoy the train rides. They even share their food and drinks with us!

If you are interested, please give me a call at 916-645-9154

Thanks again,
Clio Geyer

SVLSRM Calendar

See Special run schedule on page 4 and please come help.

- Oct. 5 Setup portable track at Colfax for Railroad Days
- Oct. 6 Run train at Colfax Railroad Days 9 to 4
- Oct. 7 Run train at Colfax Railroad Days 9 to 4
- Oct. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30, Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Oct. 13 WORK DAY - lets all help get track ready for our Fall meet. 9 am to ?
- Oct. 19-21 Fall Meet. Join us for 3 days of fun.
- Oct. 26, 27 and 30, 31 Halloween train run, 7 to 10 PM

- Nov. 9 Setup portable track at Roseville Railfair
- Nov. 10 Run train at Roseville Railfair
- Nov. 11 Run train at Roseville Railfair
- Nov. 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Nov. 16 Annual Membership Meeting (Elections) Hagan Park meeting room #2

- Dec. 21 Annual membership potluck dinner - 6:30

Mark your 2012 Calendar as dates have changed

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 for current information on SVLSRM activities.

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MEMBERSHIP

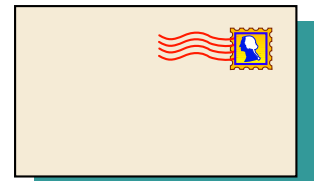
Welcome New Members

Michael and Francis Evans from Anderson, CA
 Edwin and Diane Forsberg from Elk Grove, CA
 Shirley Jellison and Stan Slavin from Sacramento, CA
 Eric and Christie Westman from Orangevale, CA

We are sad to report that Steve Kennedy, age 56, suddenly died Aug. 20th. Steve, and father-in-law Frank Bartholomew, both joined SVLS this year. Steve was a Mail Carrier from Fair Oaks. They just ran trains here on Sunday, July 29th and brought a group of kids from Elk Grove and Mariposa. Both Steve and Frank were on the Train Mt. Triennial Committee.

Steve is survived by his wife, Julie, his younger brother Michael, and the 21 foster children he parented.

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.



Board of Directors - 2012

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM



Our annual General Membership meeting and election is in November. Nominations will be accepted at the October members meeting. This will be at 7:00 PM Friday Oct. 19th during the Fall meet. Election is for four positions: Vice-President, Treasure, Yardmaster, and Track Superintendent.



ELECTION

With the proposed by-law change we will also vote for two board members at large positions.



Have you wanted to help YOUR club by participating in its operations? The following wonderful positions are up on the Board of Directors for your pleasure: Treasurer, Track Superintendent, VP, Yardmaster and possible two board members at large. Remember, these positions don't mean you do the work, just be the point person for information and coordination of work.

If interested, contact me to express your willingness to have a little fun and help out the railroad.

Matt Mason
2012 Board Nomination Committee Chair



Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes



Fall is here and the track crew will be working on getting ready for our Fall Meet. Now that the cooler weather has arrived, Paul Skidmore has been busy machining frogs for the expansion of the Oasis yard and will be leading the crew building the switches. I want to thank Gorden Moser for spending one of his vacation days replacing ties and leveling track.

A Special Thanks goes to Scott Foremen for the donation of Oliver Tractor.

Bill Yoder supplied the trailer to make the move possible. Paul Skidmore helped gather up spare parts, and I towed the tractor to the track. We are working on getting it ready for duty this winter.



Thank You to all involved.

Yard Masters Report

By Andy Berchielli

October will be a busy month for the club. First weekend is Colfax RR days, then Fall Meet, and the last week is Halloween.



Here is a list of volunteer jobs needed for Halloween.

- 1: Tickets booth
 - sales 2: Station help
 - 3: Engineers
 - 4: Conductors
 - 5: Prop setup + construction.
- We have jobs for all involved so come give a hand. We would like to build a new entrance and add a tunnel for more track-side events. Any other track-side events you may have in mind contact me 752-6697.



I plan on being there on Sundays and a few other days leading up to the first run night. The more hands the better. See you at the track! Thanks



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach



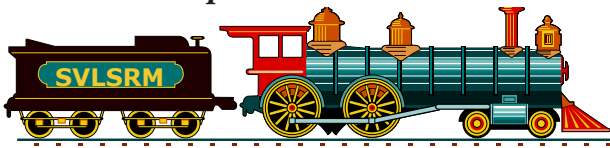
Well, the tank car has now been painted. I want to say Thank You to Jeff White and Andrew Sach for painting the tank for me. I have also added some lettering to it and a few other modifications.



I am still working on getting a propane tank to be installed near the track, just working on a few items to get the permit, so I can start work on getting it ready for the tank.

Our regular running season is now over with, but we still have some special runs that we will need help with. If you can come at and help please let me know. We will also be taking the portable track to Colfax at the beginning of the month and will need help with that. At the end of the month we will be holding our spook train and need volunteers. Next month we will be taking the portable track to the international rail fair. During the meet I will be available all day Friday and most mornings if anybody needs a hydro done on their boilers.

Special run schedule



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

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
Oct. 13	?	Peter Haggerty Memorial	100	Steam
Oct. 14	11-1	Correia Party	25	Diesel



Help is needed with our party events. Please help support your club. Call Clío for info. (916) 645-9154



International Railfair 2012

It's that time of the year again folks. We can use all the help you can give us. The Railfair at Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville, will be November 9, 10, & 11. Anyone willing to volunteer please contact Kevin Sach (916) 541-5718 or E-mail: chicopacific9@yahoo.com



1992 Working on the Railroad: Amandas Drewes, Pam Hall, Dennis Gramith, Paul Moser



10 Years ago: I am pleased to see the progress Matt Mason has made on the one inch scale yard. This will be a welcome addition and I would like to thank Matt for a Job well done.

The new bathroom roof is completed. Finishing touches are being done and the building will be ready for the Fall Meet. I would like to thank Lee Frechette, Pete Arney, Gordon Moser, Paul Clifton, Hans Feickert and myself for the effort, expertise, and time that was required. -- Dale Fowler

Matt Mason, Keith / Gloria Berry, Don Jurgensen, and Dave / Pat Mattox took a stationary exhibit to the Placerville Harvest Festival. Matt reports that our exhibit was well received. He noted that this was a much different crowd than the Railfairs where we usually appear and that there was a great deal of curiosity about the hobby expressed by the public.

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

30 Years ago: "Making Steam" The last bulletin commented on the hot weather endured by the crew on the August work day. The September work day found an eager crew of 20 people working in soggy weather that varied from partly cloudy to heavy down-pours. By 8:00 AM, the wet but undaunted, Jimmy Durham and son Scott were attacking the tall grass with both mowers. Many more showed up and this is almost a record turnout for a nice sunny day, but unbelievable for a wet rainy day! A great day for railroading! The park was not at all crowded, but we did manage to keep our trains full of passengers all day.

Safety Rules Review



108. The use of gondola cars will not be permitted for carrying the general public.

223. No one under the influence of alcohol or narcotics shall operate any equipment within the SVLSRM facility, nor shall any such person be a part of the crew of any equipment operating within the facility.

301. The chief concern of all operating personnel shall be the safety of visitors, guests, and members of the organization.

414. All locomotives shall be equipped with a whistle, horn, or sounding device for sounding locomotive signals. Such sounding device shall be powerful enough to be heard distinctly for at least 150 feet.



We need your HELP!

Colfax Railroad Days Oct. 5 - 7 – We will need help picking up the track and supplies and transporting to the Colfax. Then there will be set up, take down and returning equipment back to Rancho. Engineers, Conductors, Station Master and help selling tickets.

Fall Meet – Oct. 19-21

- 1) We will need lots of baked goods for the bake sale.
- 2) Help in the caboose, setting up, preparing food, working the register. Selling soda, water, soft goods.
- 3) Setting up covers, moving tables, setting up barbeque
- 4) Helping Darrell, Andy, and Dennis with their projects.

Halloween – Oct. 26, 27 & 30, 31 We will need your help to set up, take down, conductors, station master, engineers, other help in the station and out along the track. Help selling goodies at the station. Come and enjoy the fun, dress up in your favorite costume if you want.

Railfair – Nov. 9 - 11 Is in Roseville at the Placer Fairgrounds. We will need help picking up the track and supplies and transporting to the fairgrounds. Then there will be set up, take down and returning equipment back to Rancho. Engineers, Conductors, Station Master and help selling tickets.

Christmas Tree event in Rancho Cordova. Nov. 24 & 25 We will be taking portable track to this event on 24th and run on the 25. Help will be needed for setup and take down and running.

Santa Run - Dec. 1, 2 & 8, 9 We will need lots of baked goods for two weekends, candy canes, Engineers, Station Master and Conductors. Help setting up and taking down decorations and backdrop. I am looking for suggestions to improve our event. There will be more information in the November Newsletter.

You can contact me at my email loisjune1@gmail.com, or my phone numbers are home (916) 722-8514 or my cell (916) 761-9171.



Presidents Report

By Bill Yoder

It is time to play with our trains. I am looking forward to this Fall Meet and I hope you will be there too.

As you read through this news letter you will see that we have lots of club activity these next three months with taking our portable track and some of our trains to show off our hobby at other events and special events here at Hagan park.

Colfax Railroad Days will have lots to offer (besides us) as UP is bringing some of its snow removal equipment for showing,

2012 Attractions:

- *Union Pacific snow clearing equipment
- *Mountain Quarries RR Steam Locomotive
- *Motor Car Rides on UP Spur Track
- *Railroad Film Fest
- *Sacramento Valley Live Steamers
- *Modular Railroad Layouts
- *Railroadiana Vendors
- *Railroad Art Show
- *Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Show
- *Railroad Memorabilia Raffle and Auction

The end of the month is our Halloween Ghost Train run. This will take a lot of effort by many. Please make it a success by giving your time to make it a success.

November has Railfair in Roseville which we have been doing for many years and a good way to get more people interested in this hobby.

November membership meeting Nov. 16th is our annual election meeting. As Matt said "Have you wanted to help YOUR club by participating in its operations?" So now this is your chance. Why let just a few of us have all the fun of guiding and working to improve our club.

We will also be amending the bylaws as presented at the September membership meeting. Changes are adding two new board members as "members at large", removing the six month probation period for new members, and bringing bylaws reporting current with state requirements.



This railroad requires teamwork to make it a great place to run trains. While we have a good team that works hard we don't have enough people on the team. While everyone enjoys running their trains on the club rails we need all members to work on the rails and other projects that need to be done. Please make time in your schedule to help, you will be glad you do.

FOR SALE



4-8-0 Lehigh Valley Champion which ran many hours there at the park. Selling the whole train, the support cart it sits on, a passenger car and caboose along with some track. Train is coal fired but has sat covered for many years. Plus some various train items. Asking \$25,000 for everything.

Austin Knoff - 916-485-4070.



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

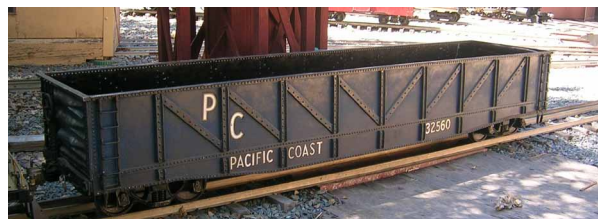
This locomotive was built by Mr. Terry Taylor in 1972. It features an axel pump and a hand pump. There is also the necessary plumbing for an injector. The locomotive is fired up on a regular basis at the Golden Gate Live Steamers. It holds 3 gallons of fuel oil and about 10 gallons of water if I recall 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

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



Check our web site FOR SALE page for pictures and more details. <http://www.svlarm.org/>