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Thanks

Those who attended our Meet in May saw our new shade cover made possible by the help of many. Special thanks goes to Intel as they provided a grant and manpower in support of this project. Justin Schade (of Intel) and his crew logged 151 hours on this project and other support work.

We are greatly appreciative of their work and support.



The Intel team under the new shade cover.



Prior work by Intel crew was to remove the old shade cover, they made quick work. Thanks.



The July members run day is moved to Sunday the 21st.

Join us, bring your train, bring something for pot-luck lunch. Enjoy the day at the track.



Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes

Our mainline track in the park was found with a big kink during a special run. At the next work day it was discovered that the track had been jerked by something driving over the track.

Thanks to the workday crew, track was realigned. Thanks to those who helped repair the damaged track at mile post #45 Paul Skidmore, Jack Freidman, Les Gregory, Nathaniel Hawkins, & Me.



Mainline after realignment. It had been more than a foot to the right of center line.

SVLSRM Calendar

July 4 Celebration, trains run 4 to 8 PM, Train crews needed
 July 6 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 July 7 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 July 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall.



Date Change please note:

July 21 Sunday - Members run day, bring your train and have fun. Potluck Lunch at Noon.

Aug. 7 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 Aug. 8 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 Aug. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall.
 Aug. 21 Members run day and Night, bring your train and have fun. This is our annual Hot-August-Nights run. Potluck Dinner.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Fall Meet: Oct. 18, 19, 20, 2013

Don't forget about work days, Contact a board member for information on needs.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

NOTE: The editor is missing 1993 news letters for the months of March, April, May, and June. If you have any of these please let me make a copy. Thanks.



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 then read on-line.

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MEMBERSHIP

by Clio Geyer

Welcome New Members:

Dennis and Heidi Bowie from Sacramento, CA.

Steven Millard and Vickie Costanza from Weimar, CA.

Jeff White from Sacramento, CA. Moved from youth membership to full membership.

Come see us as often as you can. Hope to see you soon.



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 did.



Please check the SVLS web site:

www.svlsrm.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

Presidents Report

By Bill Yoder

Gee, is it July already? We will be doing our July 4th public run this year from 4 PM to 8 PM and then watch the fireworks at the park. If you have not help out before then call Dale Fowlar as you will need a car pass to enter during this event. Then our normal public run on the first weekend of summer months is July 6 & 7 - please volunteer to help.

As noted on page one I want to again say thanks Intel for the grant and to Justin and the group of Intel workers for their efforts in our projects.

As you read the news letter I hope you realize the effort that people make to continue to maintain and improved the club facilities. Yes, this is where I add our project list is longer than the list of volunteers, so if you were here at the meet you noticed many improvements - were you one of those that helped? If not, then there is still time to volunteer this year.

We provide rides to the public each month and we need crews for that, and if you are not helping, please do. Please help either at the station, Conductor, or Engineer. Oh you're not qualified? Then take the tests (which are online) and bring them to the track and get qualified. The donations received during public runs help provide operating and maintenance expense. Also our special runs (birthday parties and other parties) provide additional income and again this requires volunteers. Clio has been the coordinator for these events and will be retiring from this position at the end of the year. *Please read her article on this page.* If you will help please call Clio or me. Thanks.

Lois Clifton has moved to Nevada and thus has resigned from being treasurer after many years of being on the board. She has agreed to continue until we appoint an interim treasurer. Lois is a great supporter of SVLS and has been very active since the 90's working as caboose chairperson and Treasurer for the last 10 years. The club owes Lois a big thanks for the time and efforts she has put into making this club a place for all to have fun enjoying the live steam hobby. Thanks Lois !

While we have been able to put in steel rail replace worn sections of rail and bad ties each year, we are now only left with about 400 feet of track to use. Both rail and tie material need to be bought to continue maintenance of the railroad. The cost of these materials keep going up. We also have a cost of the news letter that is being printed and mailed each month to members and associates. The newsletter printed cost is about \$20 a year per person, which for an associate who pays \$30 only leaves \$10 in support of projects. Likewise from regular members 1/3 of their dues pays for mailed news letters. Now if more people elected to read it / print it on line, we would make more money available for projects. Regular members have a great place to run trains when they want for only \$5 a month. Where else can you have as much fun ?

Now let get creative and find a way to provide the income we
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Special Events Chairperson Retirement

After considerable thought, I have come to conclusion that this will be my last year for scheduling parties with the trains. This has been a long and interesting time for the last 15 years helping with the planning of parties and events at the track.

It has become more and more difficult to find people to help with these events. Most of the parties are scheduled for weekends, which is the time for others to plan their own schedules. As it is now there are only 3 or 4 people who are willing to come out on a weekend and run the train for a couple hours for a party.

When Vern and I took over this project it was fun. We both enjoyed seeing the fun others had at the park. It only took a few hours a week and when we needed to take some time off there were others who were willing to fill in. Now there are only a couple of people who are willing to do that. I thank them for giving of their time so that I am not required to be there all the time.

If there is anyone out there that would be willing to take on this project, please give me a call. I will be more that happy to go over the details of how the project works. If you do take it on, then you can make whatever changes you feel necessary so that it works for you.

Again, I will be calling 2013 my final year for scheduling parties at SVLSRM.

Clio Geyer



Intel crew volunteers providing needed maintenance on our trestle.



SVLS was the subject of local artist Heather McCray. This painting is hanging in the hallway of Rancho Cordova City Hall, as a result of the Community Council Local artist project. It is for sale by the artist, price \$145. You may call Heather McCray at (916) 730-4477.

This and other paintings can be seen at the “Our Town” Exhibit at City Hall, open weekdays from 8:30-5 p.m.



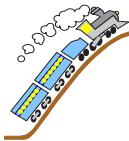
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need to maintain and improve our facilities. Improvements wanted are: More steaming bays usable for steamers, track sidings/stubs for parking trains, bidirectional train running, improved signal system, better and more storage facilities for our trains, yard equipment, and supplies, member train storage facilities, trestles repaired or replaced, irrigation system completed, permanent station shade cover, needed maintenance of buildings (painting/fixing), restoration of SP caboose, improved security system (alarms, fencing, lighting), and RV electrical.

Easiest solution is to have more members and active members, or the dues could be raised. I am open to suggestions so please give me a call or Email me - thanks.

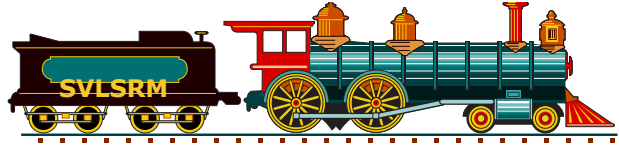
Don't forget Public run days which are the first weekend of each month through September. We are planning to take our portable track and trains to Tahoe in August in celebration of “150 years of Railroad History”, and to Colfax in October for their railroad days celebrations (2 days). These events give us more exposure and a chance to raise money too. It is fun, so join us.

They say “it takes a village to raise a child.” It also takes many members to keep our club advancing. There are many projects that need to be done; please ask me what you can do to help.



Keep it steaming!

Special run schedule



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

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
June 30, 2013	11-1PM	Safran Party	25	Diesel
July 4, 2013	4-8PM	Public Run/ Fireworks	?	
July 13, 2013	11-1PM	Child Rec'v Home (Berchielli)	?	Diesel
July 27, 2013	10-Noon	Hyvoben Party	25	Diesel
July 28, 2013	10:30-1:30	Lomack Party	25	Diesel
Aug. 11, 2013	11-1:00 PM	Coles Party	25	Diesel
Aug. 18, 2013	12-2 PM	Verner Party	25	Diesel
Sept. 22, 2013	10-Noon	Munz Party	25	Diesel
Sept. 28, 2013	2-4PM	Everett Party	25	Diesel

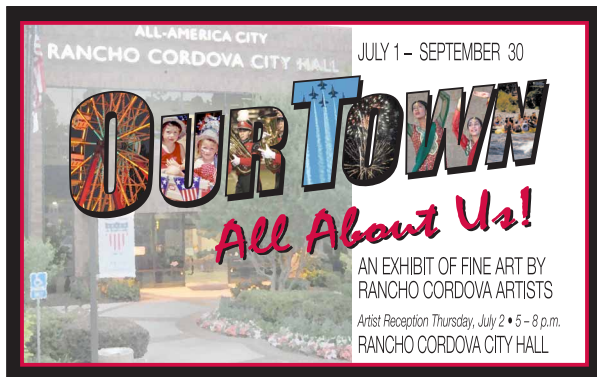


YOU'RE INVITED

The Pacific Northwest Live Steamers are celebrating their 59th Year. We are invited to join them for their “Founders Day” on July 20th and 21st and their Train Fest Meet September 14th and 15th.

See their web site: www.pnls.org for more details.





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.

231. Any member wishing to use any SVLSRM owned rail equipment at the facility must make this request to the Trainmaster (Article IV Section 11.) The member must report to the Trainmaster any damage or operational problems that occurred while in their care at the time of the equipment return. The member must return the equipment to the location from where it was issued.

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.

401. Wheel dimensions (gauge, back-to-back, tread width, flange depth and thickness) must conform to I.B.L.S. standards to operate on SVLSRM track. The Board of Directors or safety committee may demand a check of any equipment before the equipment is allowed on the SVLSRM track. This applies to member's equipment and non-member's equipment.



10 Years ago: The official greeter for the second ramble was Jack Friedman who jumped in the evening before and made sure the troops were bedded down. The actual Ramble day shaped up to be a surprise “diesel” day. Hood and cowl units of many descriptions were unloaded one after the other. Trailing the engines was some of the finest rolling stock I have ever seen. Dale King was right at home among the burbling procession. Things went along in a very orderly fashion until the bright idea was proposed to run “bidirectional.” This is where it really got fun. They handed out CB radios to each of the crews, held a pow wow, and started running. A dispatcher and a couple of switch tenders were assigned to avoid cornfield meets and there you had it! An afternoon of light confusion and ear to ear grins. At one point Dale King had to help unravel what appeared to be the railroad equivalent of a double slip knot near Reverso Station, but everyone came up all smiles. And so it went with only a short pause for lunch. If you ever get a chance to make a ramble ... GO!

20 Years ago: - From the Yardmaster: Short report for this month! We kept up on the mowing battle again on the 12th of June. Curtis Bonville and 5 of the sheriff's crew helped me. The next two weeks I was on vacation, getting a much needed break. On July 2nd, Vern Geyer (new member) and I mowed as much as we could before the 4th of July weekend. There was a good turnout on the 3rd, which ended with the traditional fireworks. The 4th found fewer people in the park, so it was a slower day for revenue. -- Gordon Moser, Yardmaster.

30 Years ago: Our first annual “GGLS Day” at our track was a tremendous success. Many of our friends from Golden Gate Live Steamers showed up to help us celebrate a very pleasant day of railroading, visiting and dining on a delicious combined pot luck.

On July 2, our work party consisted of: Bob Weaver, Ben Jennings, Bob, Mark and Robbie Lovell, and Dennis and Judy Gramith. The Colonel, Ken Willes (confined to a reclined position because of a back injury) came out to cheer us on. Though few in number, the crew managed to mow the entire interior and hill, as well as trimming and general clean up.

July 4th found the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers represented by two diesel locomotives: Warren Wagner's powerful S.P. Cow and Calf and the club engine. These two non-steamers pulled over 700 passengers. The crews shut down from 4 to 7 for a delicious B. B. Q. and a much enjoyed rest.

40 Years ago: SVLS become a Railroad with 2000 feet of track. *Editor request: I am missing any news letters or notes from 1973; if you have info please share. Thanks Bill*

FOR SALE

1" scale, 4.75" gauge train consisting of : Maxitrack 0-4-0 side rod diesel (new transistor throttle, professionally rebuilt motor, battery) , 2- Scale RR Supply gondolas (50" long with SKF sprung, roller bearing trucks, 1 painted, 1 aluminum) , 1- Little Engines Box Car painted red w/ fixed doors, 1- Little Engines old style caboose (32" long w/ hand rails, SKF sprung, roller bearing trucks, red w/ brown roof), approximate 260' aluminum track w/ plastic ties. Asking \$2,750 at Sacramento. Contact Gerald D. Thomas if you would like to see the equipment. samoht-4@att.net. or phone: 916-849-9211



An Andy Clarici original one of a kind. Hall Scott car with trailer car 7.5" gauge, roughly 2" scale. Includes 5' x 10' trailer with custom cover. Also includes spare engine. Asking \$10,000 (or best offer) for all. Located in Sacramento area. Contact: Lois Clifton 916-722-8514



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.

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

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SVLS needs a bandsaw. If you have one that you would donate it would be very much appreciated.