

The GOLDEN SPIKE

Celebrating our 40th Anniversary

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We had a great turnout of members for our Saturday work day on the 21st. There was a lot of yard work, tree trimming, leaf raking, track work, and a great lunch shared by all.



Thanks to:

Ed and Don Yungling
Gordon and Barbara Moser
Rob and Warren Sharratt
Robert Darby
Kevin and Andrew Sach's
Bill Floyd
Mark Cundiff
Brandon Feickert
Bob Kownacki
Chris, Paul & Eli Donhost
Sherry Toutges w/Nicholes & Alisha
Dennis, Heidi, Maren, Ryan Bowies w/friend Cessy
Ross Crawford
Jack Slavin w/mom Shirley Jellison
Elena and Riley McFadden (friends of Jack Slavin)
Paul Skidmore
Bill Yoder



October 18, 19, 20

The SVLS Fall Meet is upon us and lots of work that has been done at the track so everyone can have good time running trains and seeing friends.

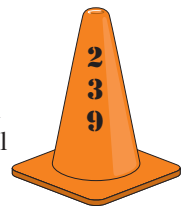
Bring your engine and enjoy three days of running. For additional fun we will have a Raffle on Saturday afternoon, Silent Auction during Saturday also.

Food will be great, Lunch from the Caboose, Drinks and snacks available. Friday night a great Spaghetti dinner & salad, bread and dessert all for only \$6. per person or family of 4 at \$20.

Breakfast on Saturday: Waffles, Sausage, Eggs and assorted Fruits - \$6. Sunday: Continental style \$5.

Saturday big dinner of BBQ Beef or Chicken, with beans, salad, & bread \$15. (1/2 price for children under 10). Reservations required by October 11. Please RSVP to Clio (916) 645-9154 or E-mail: vern78@onemain.com

As we did at the spring meet for parking your trains, please bring your train cone to reserve a siding during the meet. Select a siding that will fit your trains length. Hope to see you at the Fall Meet.



This meet is a party for our guests and the success of the party depends on everyone pitching in to help where you can. If you have any questions or suggestions (gratefully received) please contact: Bill Yoder (916) 652-7113

Tell your friends about the Meet, it is a great time to see many locomotives and the craftsmen that build them. Need an answer on how to build or run your engine, then ask as the knowledge is here.



GHOST TRAIN RIDES ON THE HAUNTED RAILROAD THROUGH THE ENCHANTED GRAVE YARD, BAT AND SPIDER TUNNELS, FLYING GHOSTS, JUMPING ZOMBIES, AND MANY OTHER SIGHTS TO SEE ALONG THE WAY.

OCT. 25 & 26 7 PM - 10 PM AND 27TH THROUGH THE 30TH. 7 PM - 9PM

SVLSRM Calendar

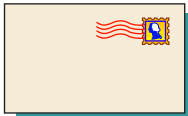
- Oct. 4 Setup Portable track at Colfax for special event.
- Oct. 5 & 6 Special running at Colfax Railroad Days.
Running 9 AM to 4 PM.
Help for a few hours then enjoy Railroad days.
- Oct. 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Oct. 18 Member meeting 7:00 PM at track for election nominees.
- Oct. 18 - 20 Fall Meet - 3 fun days of running trains.
- Oct. 21 - 24 Setup for Halloween event.
- Oct. 25 - 26 Halloween special runs. 7 PM - 10 PM
- Oct. 27 - 30 Halloween special runs. 7 PM - 9 PM

- Nov. 8 Setup portable track at RailFair - Roseville
- Nov. 9-10 Special running at RailFair - Roseville
- Nov. 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Nov. 15 or 16 Member meeting 7:00 PM * Election

- Dec. 7,8,14,15 Santa Run Noon to 4 PM - Pictures with Santa

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



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.



Please check the SVLS web site: www.svlstrm.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.

The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. is organized and operated exclusively for public benefit charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C.) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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Safety Rules Review

118. Visiting engineers, trainman, and their guests are to observe these rules and abide by them. Copies of these rules shall be made available to visiting engineers while they are operating on SVLSRM tracks. Visitors may purchase copies of these rules to keep.

203. Any engine about to back up must give the correct signal. All engines backing up shall run at reduced speeds.

310. The Board of Directors may restrict or suspend from duty any operating personnel who consistently violates safety rules.

412. Steam locomotives shall be operated so as to prevent anyone from being burned or having their clothing soiled by steam from cylinder cocks, exhaust, blow-down valves, whistles, or other emissions.



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.

Board of Directors - 2013

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

Well the regular run days for the year are behind us. Now it is time for the special runs. Bill Yoder will be heading up with a crew to Colfax October 5-6 for Colfax Railroad days. The end of the month October 25-30 we will be running the spook train at night. November 9-10 we have International Railfair in Roseville, we are looking for helpers to setup the Friday before, Saturday and Sunday people to help run and Sunday tear down. If you can help please email me what days you can help. I will also have a sign-up sheet on the registration table during the Fall Meet. Also at the last board meeting we have decided to lower the speed of trains during public run day to 5 MPH. This is first to allow for safety, and to let our guests enjoy the scenery we have created along the track.

How many of you have noticed on the bottom of the newsletter that the club has been looking for a band saw. If someone has an old band saw that works, that they are not using or has one that they willing the to let the club borrow to use on site. We have a few projects where on could be used this winter. A horizontal-vertical type is what we are looking for to allow for mitered cuts. Contact me if you can help out with this.

During the last run day, the GP-40 went down with a missing pin in the driveline to the front truck. In trying to repair the missing pin, I noticed the driveshaft on the truck itself was bent. A new driveshaft has been ordered and we are currently waiting for its delivery so it can be replaced. See you on the rails.



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.

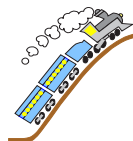
As you read through this news letter you will see that we have lots of club activity these next three months with taking our portable track and some of our trains to show off our hobby at other events and special events here at Hagan park.

Chris Donhost is chairperson of the Election committee as elections will be in November. When you are called to be nominated to serve a position on the board, please consider it as a way to support your club.

Adam Kessler has volunteered to complete the term of treasurer as Lois Clifton had resigned and now is living in Nevada. She is also recovering from a heart operation and we wish her complete recovery and hope to see her at the track again.

Please make an effort to support your club and the hobby. I know we are all busy but do something for the club. See you at the meet.

Keep it steaming!



10 Years ago: At the September meeting show & tell we had several steam engine boilers and fire boxes shown as work in progress from Matt Mason, Chris Donhost, & Dale King showing his completed welding. John Bailie showed new gears and photos of his milling setup to make them. Dave Mattox showed a coupler bracket to be used on Vern Geyer new trolley.

Thanks ALL for sharing your hard work!



SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Use C-clamps or a rod through the drivers when your engine or cars are sitting on the steaming bay racks.



20 Years ago: The vandalized trestle has been taken apart and is being reconstructed with stronger material. Milton is coordinating this project. Chris Morgan told about his trip to Train Mountain and the awesome layout and track. He said you cannot imagine the scale or quality without seeing it. Dale King, Milton Thorley, and Keith Berry have formed an ad hoc committee under the Board direction to create policies and procedures for engineer certifications and re-certification. Vern Geyer and Gordon Moser did an excellent job in removing the weeds out in the meadow along the right of way.

30 Years ago: "MAKING STEAM" at the time of this bulletin, Warren Sharratt had cut up over 500 new ties. This represents a little less than half the tie material that he has to work with. We appreciate the tremendous work that goes into the cutting of ties. Our heart-felt Thanks to Warren. Thanks to Marilyn Drewes, the picnic tables (all the tables) have been painted. Thank You, Marilyn! Also a special big thank you, to Superintendent Jimmy Durham and his crew (Amandus Drewes, Bob Lovell, and Scott Durham). They have straightened the inbound curve and did a beautiful job. A week later Jimmy was back out at the track to finish up the job with the help of Don Juergenson, Dennis Gramith and Scott Durham.

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



Railroad Supply American kit, with new copper boiler still in the crate. The model is mostly unfinished, only the chassis and front truck have been mostly completed. I believe that I have all of the drawings as well.
Asking \$8000.

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6' gondola built from a Mountain Car kit with added details from Precision Steel Car painted for Great Northern and two seats \$1350 obo



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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 2500 obo - at Sacramento.
Contact Gerald D. Thomas if you would like to see the equipment. samoht-4@att.net. or phone: 916-391-3395.



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