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Christmas Tree event in Rancho Cordova Dec. 1.

We will be taking portable track to this event on Sat. Nov. 30th, Train running on Dec. 1 4:30-7:30, then cleanup and take track home on Dec. 2. Join us.

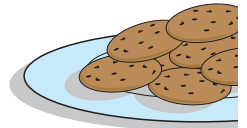


Santa Run - Dec. 7, 8, & 14, 15

It is that time of year again, Santa is coming to town we will be doing our Santa Train the first two weekends in December.

We will need a good supply of cookies to give to the kids. Please donate, Call Barbara Moser to donate - (916) 645-3425.

We will be setting up on Friday Dec. 6th. Come on out and get in the spirit of the season.



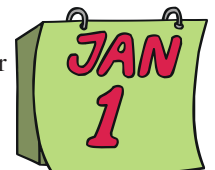
D E C E M B E R is our annual *Christmas Pot Luck*. Bring your favorite hot dish, dessert, drink, salad, etc. to share with everyone. Call Barbara Moser to coordinate (916) 645-3425.

Keeping the fun please bring your favorite "White Elephant" item for the gift exchange. We have had some great ones in the past and they just keep showing up.

If you live near, or far, please mark your calendars for Saturday **December 21, at 6:30 PM.** and join us. Due to schedules & room conflicts we are having the event at a **new location:** Riverview Community Center, 10700 Ambassador Dr., Rancho Cordova in their Multipurpose room. Take McGregor Dr. from Coloma road to Ambassador then turn right drive 1 block plus and community center is on your right.

NEW YEARS DAY 2014

Let's start the New Year with a lot of steam, or smelly diesel and bring out your locomotive, rolling stock and enjoy a members run day on January 1, 2014.



Bring food to share (potluck) for lunch.



Mark your calendar for Wednesday January 1. Running starts at 10 AM. with lunch about 1 PM.



There was a good turnout of help for the Railfair in Roseville. Thanks to the extra help from the Bowie kids setup went fast. The crew loaded the train down to let Richard see if he could make it up the grade with the steamer. Event was successful.

SVLSRM Calendar

- Nov. 30 Setup for Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree event.
- Dec. 1 Run train at Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree event.
- Dec. 2 Remove track and take back to club from event.
- Dec. 7,8,14,15 Santa Run Noon to 4 PM - Pictures with Santa
- Dec. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Dec. 21 Members Christmas dinner party ** New Location:
Riverview Community Center, 10700 Ambassador Dr., Rancho
Cordova in their Multipurpose room.
- Jan. 1 2014 Member run day & pot luck lunch.
- Jan. 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Jan. 18 Work Day, help needed for track work and more.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



If you have Fall Meet photos that you would share we need them for our files and web site.
Please email: editor@svlsrm.org

Please send files that are high resolution or at least 2 meg or larger. Thanks - Editor

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Member articles wanted.



It's Membership Renewal Time!

The forms for renewing your membership will be mailed for those that have not renewed. Please check the information for accuracy or needed changes and submit, along with your dues payment, as soon as possible. Only those members who have renewed by the end of February will be included in next year's directory, so please be prompt!

Send to: SVLSRM P.O. Box 273
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

We look forward to seeing all of you at the track during the coming year!

* The year your dues are paid through is printed on your news letter envelope.

ELECTION results: Four board positions were filled at the members meeting Nov. 15th. Elected for two year terms (2014-2015).

Board member at large: Gordon Moser
Trainmaster: Kevin Sach
Secretary: Heidi Bowie
President: Bill Yoder

Please welcome them and give them your support as they and the other board members are trying to make this club even greater.

Board of Directors - 2013

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

Well another year of the International Railfair has come and gone. This year was a challenge when we arrived the fairgrounds had rented are normal operating are to some with RV's so we had to find and relocate to a new area. Special thanks to Gil Beaird, who took the time to mark the lay out twice. Once the track was down from the Friday crew, who did so at a quick pace since we were behind schedule from the location delay. On Saturday and Sunday the engineers had a real challenge to work as they had to skillfully climb a roughly 5% grade with a train full of passengers. The steamer put on a great show while working on that hill. I want to thank all those who helped with railfair: Butch Floyd, Andy Bercheilli, Dale Fowler, Bill Floyd, Steven Milward, Richard & Amy Lutrel, Robert Forren, Dean Sheets, Barbra & Gordon Moser, Dennis & Heidi Bowie, Clio Geyer, Bill Yoder, Ed Zeis, Andrew Sach, & Anne Sach.

As I am writing this we have the Rancho Cordova tree lighting this coming weekend. Then the following two weekends after that we will have our Santa Run trains. We will be needing as much help as we can get as this is a busy event.

As for the riding cars to be built this winter, I have evaluated the three sets of cars and have decided which cars will be taken apart. The reason for taking the old cars apart is to force us to complete the new cars. For the cars that we will be building, look at the plans that are on the website as Riding Car 2006. If you can help out, please drop me an e-mail letting me know you can help. I plan to work on them Saturdays starting in January. See you on the rails.



President's Report

By Bill Yoder

We have been very busy this year with many events at the track and away. The meets just keep getting bigger and better I think the thanks goes to those making improvements to our railroad.

Please come to the December dinner (Dec. 21) and enjoy the company of your fellow members. Friendship has always been great, great food, and bring that odd item you have saved the whole year too.

Plan for 2014 is to replace more mainline track, add sidings, and general facility improvements. The club needs *everyone* to help.

I hope your holidays are enjoyable. Take care.



SHOP TALK

Prepping aluminum detail parts for paint

By Dale Fowler with consultant Kevin Sach



I was in the shop the other day preparing to paint some aluminum hand rails from one of the live steam suppliers when it dawned on me that I really didn't know what I was doing. That probably comes as no surprise to anyone who knows me... Not that I didn't know what I was doing, but that I realized that I didn't know. So, I sought out Kevin Sach, our own SVLS Train Master and professional metal painter.

It occurred to me that others might benefit from what he told me. So here it is.

Kevin recommends giving your small aluminum parts initial cleaning using acetone and a brush or rag depending on the texture of the surface. (Texture meaning smooth extruded aluminum vs. rough cast aluminum.) The acetone is used to degrease as well as clean the surface.

After initial cleaning, scuff the surface thoroughly using a "scotchbrite" pad which removes the soapy oxidation (which is the enemy of paint retention) and puts minute scratches on the surface for the purpose of adhesion. Afterward, he says, rinse the part clean with fresh acetone.

Do not wait long! Oxidation begins to form again right away on aluminum. As soon as the acetone on the part has dried and the part is wiped clean, spray the part lightly with "etching primer." Etching primer can be found in spray can form at the usual auto supply, hardware and home improvement stores. The primer actually contains a small amount of acid which "burns" itself chemically into the bright metal surface, creating its own surface on which to cling.

Let the primer dry then apply your color coat.

Kevin says that on larger surface areas, clean off grease, oil or other contaminants and then sand with 220 grit sandpaper on a D/A sander (orbital). If the work area is to have rivets, it is a good idea to pre-sand the area. After rivets are applied and it is ready for paint prep, hand sand the area again and use a Scotch-Brite pad around the rivets.

Alternate ways to prep aluminum would be to use Alodine which comes in yellow or clear. This creates a thin film that paint will stick to. Another product is Aluminum prep 33, which etches the aluminum similar to the etching primer so you can apply paint right on top of it. Although paint can still be scratched off with reasonable effort.

Here's wishing you happy painting!



FOR SALE



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 **\$7,500** (or best offer) for all. Contact: Lois Clifton 916-722-8514



For Sale – 1/8th scale locomotive, Runs on 7 ½ or 7 ¼ gauge track, 4-4-0 American Kit, American Kit purchased from Railroad Supply Company, with Copper boiler still in the crate.

The model is mostly unfinished, only the chassis and front truck have been completed. All parts and drawings included. Below are the specifications of the completed locomotive.

\$8,000 OBO does not include any shipping charges
Save money and arrange to pickup in the Sacramento area.

47 TRACK PANELS for sale. Panels are 12 foot in length with aluminum rail, priced at \$30 per panel.

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Doug Fulton – 530-637-5653
email: doug_fulton@sierrasbest.net



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.



FOR SALE 7.5" gauge, 1.5" scale 0-4-0 INVICTA locomotive, tender and two riding cars. Steel propane fired boiler feeding 1.375" x 2.22" cylinders sleeved down to 1". Direction control is by a slip eccentric set-up. Six inch diameter drivers. Boiler make-up water supplied by an axle pump backed up by a hand pump in the tender. Manual brakes on the first riding car. The tender only holds about one gallon of water so I built a three gallon water tank in the first riding car along with a pump and battery so I can refill the tender on the fly. Complete - Ready to Run. I transport this train on its tie down board in my Prius automobile. Board is included.

Asking \$7,000 - Reasonable cash offers considered.
Contact Bill Cody - Home (775) 674-6512 or Cell 775-233-1429 for additional information/pictures.





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