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Spring Meet

May 19-20-21



Bring your engine and enjoy three days of running at SVLS. For additional fun we will have raffles on Saturday afternoon. We are asking members to donate a raffle item and the club will furnish the grand raffle prize plus several items. But since this is a fund raiser, we need good donated items. As done at previous meets, for parking your train

please bring your train cone (number & name) to reserve a siding during the meet. Select a siding that will fit your train's length.



RV and Tent camping is available on first-come basis.

For more details see our web site: svlarm.org/meet-notice.php

Food: Friday sack lunch \$6.

Prices listed below are: Adult / Kid (12 and under)

Spaghetti dinner Friday night \$6 / \$5.

Breakfast Saturday or Sunday mornings \$6 / \$4.

Lunch on Saturday or Sunday \$6 / \$5.

Saturday dinner of BBQ Beef or Chicken, with several side dishes is \$15 / \$7.

Special meal ticket provides a \$6 savings for the 6 meals, Friday Spaghetti dinner, Saturday & Sunday servings and 3 drink tickets. The meal ticket: adult \$40 / kid \$25.

Buy your meal tickets or Saturday dinners only tickets [on-line](#) through PayPal or **RSVP** by calling Alison Berry (916) 983-9712 or E-mail: meet@svlarm.org

Saturday dinner must be purchased or RSVP by May 14th.

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

As always we will need help for setup on Thursday of tables & canopies, then during the meet, food service, bathroom cleaning, trash pickup, & then clean up and put everything away. Also we can use donations of goodies for the bake sale. Please let us know how you will help. Thanks! And it will be great to see you at the meet!



May 6th & 7th are public run days. Engineers, Conductors and Station Attendants will be needed so please come and help. Not qualified? Then come out get qualified or help with other activities.

The Rancho Cordova Rotary Club Charitable Foundation has established the "Hometown Hero Grant Program" to improve Rancho Cordova schools, parks, playgrounds, and programs to make life better for our residents.

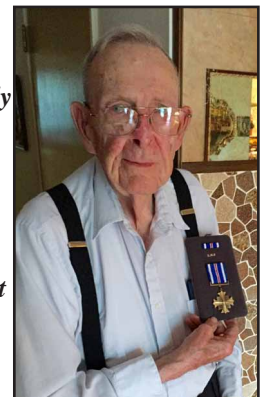
Our very own "Hometown Hero" **Lt. Col. Ken Willes (RET)** with the help of our Secretary Chris Donhost applied for this grant to purchase a sea-land container to become a garage for the club's tractor.

Ken described in the grant how he became acquainted with SVLS. "My family moved to Rancho Cordova in 1967 where I served the last 4 years of my 29 year career in the United States Air Force. Shortly after retirement from Mather in 1971, I learned about the young club that was just starting to take shape. My affiliation with SVLS has been a family affair. It is something my wife Nadine and I have shared with our children. One of my favorite pastimes has been giving school children rides on my train. Class field trips have always been a unique time to teach children about our railroad heritage, while sharing the awe and wonder of riding the rails. SVLS has provided me an opportunity to enjoy my passion for railroading, and simultaneously serve my local community."

On April 18 our club received notification that Rancho Cordova Rotary has awarded Lt. Col. Ken Willes (RET) the "Hometown Hero" grant of \$3500 for our tractor garage.

Congratulations and our thanks to the Rancho Cordova Rotary Club and the efforts of Ken and Chris.

Ken was active during three wars: WWII, Korean, and Vietnam. He proudly displays his Distinguished Flying Cross, which is for heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight. Ken was a Navigator on B24 aircraft during WWII and was awarded the Flying Cross for the longest flight under combat fire during the first daylight raid over Bangkok, Thailand. That mission was his 50th.





April Run Day Helpers

Harry Voss, Andy Berchielli, Paul Brink, Bill Floyd, Butch Floyd, Keith Berry, Paul Skidmore, Dave C., Kevin & Andrew Sach, Alison Berry, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Dennis Gramith, Tom &

Stacy Reese, Steve Milward, Ed Zeis, Phil Huntingdale Dave & Jaime Keiser, Peyton & Silas Roberts, Dennis, Heidi, Ryan Bowie, Colton Snell, Frank Presley, Aaron, Lisa, Cora, Will Hoerner

Have a neighbor or a friend who has an interest in Live Steam / Trains? Bring them out, show them our fun, give them a ride and invite them to join.

SVLSRM Calendar

- May 6 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- May 7 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- May 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- May 19-21 Pacific Regional Meet
- June 3 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- June 4 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- June 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- June 18 Fathers day (Sunday) to run his train - Members run day, Pot luck lunch, run your train all day.
- June 24,25 Portola Valley invite. contact Andy Berchielli.

Dates to reserve on your 2017 calendar:
 Fall meet Oct. 20, 21, & 22
 Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 16th.

Please volunteer to support the club events.
How will you support SVLSRM this month?

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.

Donors may deduct contributions to The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. to the fullest extent allowed by law as provided in Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Golden Spike is the published monthly by the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc., P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741. The SVLSRM track is located in Hagan Community Park, Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA. Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: editor@svlsrm.org. **The news letter deadline is 24th of each month. Member articles wanted.**



Party & Events Chairperson

By Andy Berchielli

Special Events. For the second year in a row we have been invited to attend a private meet to Portola Valley & Alpine Railroad along with GGLS. This private meet will be held on June 24 + 25. The RR is located in the beautiful hills of Portola Valley above Palo Alto. This hilly railroad is very scenic and they have been undertaking some major projects to extend the RR. Make plans to attend this special weekend. ***If you wish to attend please contact me*** so I can add you to the list. It is a guarded entrance and you must be registered to attend. There are a few RV spots available. Thanks! Contact Andy at: events@svlsrm.org



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlsrm.org for current information. If you have not looked for awhile then you will have missed news or for sale items that are not in the newsletter.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

Rancho Cordova Council Member Dan Skoglund passed away the morning of April 20, 2017. Dan was a great supporter of SVLS and provided donations over several years through the City Council.



Frank & Rob working on poles for the fence at the station.



Digger (Gordon named him) the groundhog came out to see what was going on.



Alex and Sawyer Wilde



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.02.07 Gondola Cars

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

3.04 Safety Chains

All trains running are required to have steel safety chains or cable (1/8" minimum thickness) connecting the locomotive and any car behind the engine, whether occupied or not. Draw bars are acceptable in place of chains or cables.

4.01.02 Qualifications/Restrictions of a "Private" Engineer

- 18 years of age or older.
- Member of SVLSRM or a visiting club member in good standing.
- Passenger restrictions: Only SVLSRM members and guests (and must include a Flagman).

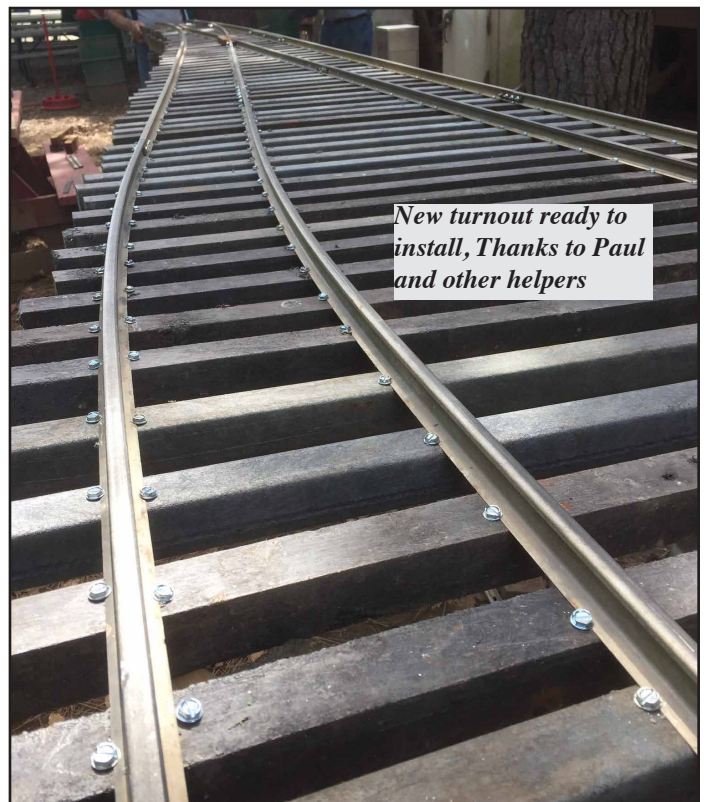
5.01.02 Length of Train

Trains carrying the general public shall not exceed one hundred (100) feet in length over all, exclusive of locomotive and tender or other motive power.



April Board Meeting Summary, by Chris Donhost

- Plans and logistics for Spring Meet discussed at great length
- Testing of the old hoist on hold- repairs needed prior to meet
- Replacement of UP 649 is tabled at this time.
- SVLS will participate in the park's "Kids Day" event
- Board agreed to limit the length of board meetings to 2-hours
- Motion approved to fund getting electrical to the SP caboose



New turnout ready to install, Thanks to Paul and other helpers

FOR SALE

4 flat car frames. There are 2 ea. 40 footers and 2 ea. 30 footers in 1.6" scale. 1" by 2" rectangular tubing down the center. 1/2" by 2" Channel sills, end sills, bolsters and side plates. \$50.00 each. Donald Yungling 916-482-6129



You can be on the rails in steam for only \$5000/offer. I am offering my complete, RTR train consisting of a 7.5" gauge INVICTA locomotive, tender, engineer riding car, and tool car. Loco has a propane fired steel boiler with copper tubes, axle driven feed pump backed up by a hand pump in the tender as well as a axle driven mechanical lubricator. The engine is a twin cylinder double acting with a bore and stroke of 1"x 2.2" There are hand operated mechanical brakes on the engineer's riding car. Tools for firing up and change out the propane tank, lubrication bottles, foot peg bar for tool car and misc fittings.

Contact Bill Cody at 775-674-6512, cell 775-233-1429 or email tosteamboatbill@sbcglobal.net
Engine is located in Reno, Nevada and can be delivered for a fee. To see and hear a video on the engine being fired and run on the bench, click on this [Video link](#)

Two RRSC 6 wheel pullman commonwealth 1/8 scale trucks - reconditioned. The pair \$2000 or best offer.
Call Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162



Trolley for Sale. Price \$1500 OBO, plus engine stand for sale.
Call: Clio Geyer (916) 645-9154



10 Years ago: WORK DAYS

At the writing of this report, installation of the donated container is being prepared for, and concrete support blocks have been poured, the embankment has been cut away, and the blocks for the retaining wall are soon to be installed. Workers on May first fixed a lubricator on the steamer, checked electrical circuitry on the RS 3, mowed lawns to get ready for the Meet, as well as container

prep. As I have mentioned before, the more we all contribute, the easier those needed jobs get. Please come out and help. We would like to count on you.

20 Years ago: Amandus gave update on the track. Oasis Yard is almost complete. He has been levelling. Has removed and replaced some old ties in places around the track. Ballast pile is going down. Vern gave update on new air horn installation on the UP. New headlights have been installed. In his spare time he has been helping with any mowing that needs to be done. Milon has the sprinklers fixed again. Air horn had acoustical problem with the sound bouncing off the cover. After putting some foam in front of them, solved the problem most of the time.

30 Years ago: "Sidelines - Reporter: Dennis Gramith"

Come out, come out where ever you are! Where did everybody go? I have been led to believe that there are in excess of 100 members in this club. Why is it that the same SMALL handful of people are still doing all the work for the rest of YOU??? The projects listed above by warren indicate that a very, very large amount of work has recently been put into the facilities for your club. What is not evident is that the major portion of the labor was supplied by less than 10 people. While there are different people coordination projects, in most cases the few people doing the work are working on more than one project. If you shinning face has not been seen at the work day recently,, perhaps it is time for you to re-evaluate what our fair share really is. While most of you will enjoy running and visiting at the Meet, please remember that a lot of work has been done to help make the meet a success and any help you can provide during the meet will be greatly appreciated. When you look at the major changes in your club's facility, please realize that most of these projects will still require a tremendous amount of labor to complete after the meet is history.

40 Years ago: The Board will be treated to an outdoor barbeque dinner at the home of Austin and Mary Knoff, Sacramento. All members are invited to the meeting at 8:00 P.M. If you have something to bring before the Board.

Annual Run Day at the EL Dorado & Southern. Sunday at Milon and Connie Thorley's. Just one year ago we celebrated the completion of this new railroad with a Golden Spike Ceremony. Bring your engine, cars and fuel and enjoy he ride over 1100 feet of 7 1/2" ga. track.

Water is limited to 96 gallons per day at the EL Dorado & Southern and all guests will use the chemical toilets outside the house and not add to the difficulties of our host and hostess.